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Many Strange Tricks Are Played by These Terrible Storms, But They Do Not Trouble Those Parts of the North American Continent Where Mountains Are to Be Found to Break Their Force.

NEWS OF LANSDOWNE.

The Merchants Bank New Quarters Are Now Open.

Lansdowne, July 14.—L. O. L. No. 20 attended the celebration at Prescott on Monday. Out of town guests here are Mr. and Mrs. Latimer, Cincinnati, at Mr. and Mrs. H. Latimer's; Mrs. William McPherson and son, Seely's Bay, at D. G. Johnston's; Mrs. Thompson, Belleville, visiting friends; Master Harold Leggett, Smith's Falls, at Mrs. H. Leacock's; Mrs. L. D. Johnston at Miss Lena Johnston's; A. J. Watson, Kingston; Miss Laura Landon, Rochester, N.Y., visiting relatives; Mrs. Looey, Toronto, at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Warren's; Mrs. G. O. Redmond and daughter, Toronto, at Mrs. Dean's; Mrs. Thomas Leach and Mary, Wolfe Island, at Mrs. Henry Young's; Mrs. W. N. Bowen, Brockville, at Mrs. Wilfred Webster's; Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Seely's Bay, at Mrs. Gordon Landon's.

The man who wears a linen duster on a boat excursion may not be insane, but his ideas of the eternal fitness of things are seriously tangled.

Queer things about bills. Those that run the longest don't seem to get anywhere.

EXCEPTING a volcanic explosion of magnitude, the tornado is the most appalling of natural phenomena. No structure erected by human hands can resist it, and the only safeguard against it is a mountain range.

A son arrived Wednesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Earl. Frank Earl is laid up with Grippe.

Dr. Mackie has purchased of Robert Turkington his house and lot on Railroad avenue.

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The dreaded "funnel cloud" always travels northeastward. Therefore Eastern Canada is fairly safe, but the prairie provinces have not always enjoyed equal immunity. Regina suffered a few years ago, but on the whole they are more common in the United States than in this country.

A tornado presents to the eye the appearance of a mass of vapor from which is extended toward the ground a whirling appendage like an enormously magnified elephant's trunk. The latter, perhaps 1,000 feet in diameter, rotates with a motion contrary to the hands of a clock, traveling along at a rate of about thirty miles an hour, with a roaring noise that deafens, and sucking up everything in its path.

The notice it makes is a combined "w-o-o-o" and "wh-r-r-r-r" and has been compared to that of 1,000 express trains passing over a bridge. With a lifting, sucking movement the cloud draws things upward; its whirling motion tears them to little bits, and grinds them as if in a mill. Houses are lifted bodily off their foundations, and while in the air are torn to pieces.

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The track devastated by a tornado may be a few hundred feet to a mile wide. It is not necessarily continuous, for the funnel cloud may lift itself clear of the ground at intervals, then dip, and again rebound. Its arrival is accompanied by frightful crashes of thunder and lightning that set the whole sky aflame. Its departure is immediately followed by a deluge of rain.

There is no safe refuge to be found in the strongest building of brick or stone. On the contrary, such a structure, easily destroyed by the swoop of the tornado, is liable to bury people beneath its ruins. In the Louisville tornado, March 27, 1890, forty-four persons were killed by the collapse of the City Hall. On that occasion huge balls of fire rolled about the streets as a feature of the electrical display.

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The tornado that struck St. Louis in May, 1896, wiped out \$13,000,000 worth of property. After passing with destructive effect through several miles of buildings, it left the city with greater force than when it entered. Hence is obvious the futility of planting forests to the southwest of cities for a barrier against tornadoes. The trees would offer little more resistance than so many blades of grass.

The funnel cloud is no longer a mystery, though its terrors have been no whit diminished by knowledge of its significance as a phenomenon. It is nothing in the world but an exaggerated thunderstorm, engendered under like conditions, but owing its development to at least one feature that is happily exceptional.

On a warm day the air near the surface of the ground has a relatively high temperature. A flood of cold air, let us say, flows in above, occupying a higher level. This is an unstable arrangement, because the warm air, being lighter, would naturally be on top. An atmospheric fuss results, and we have what is called a thunderstorm, the warm air and cold air gradually commingling.

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The cold, descending, condenses the moisture in the lower stratum, and thus is formed a mass of vaporous air which assumes the shape of a monstrous balloon with a long neck extending toward the earth. This is the funnel cloud, which the vapor makes visible. The sudden condensation of moisture causes electrical discharges of appalling violence, hence the thunder and lightning.

The neck of the cloud is a hollow tube, inside of which is a high vacuum. Thus it sucks up whatever it comes across, emptying wells and ponds, and picking up houses and people. Revolving at a speed of at least 500 miles an hour, its destructive force is irresistible. More likely its speed of rotation is four times that, as may be judged from the fact that it will drive straws through inch planks, which would require the velocity of a rifle bullet.

The tornado's freaks are of endless variety. During the recent tornado in the west, a baby was carried out of a house by the funnel cloud and deposited unharmed across the street. It will twist iron girders and railroad rails into corkscrews; it has been known to pluck chickens without hurting them, to strip the trimming off a lady's dress as neatly as if done by hand, to drive a piece of scantling six inches square lengthwise through a hog, to hang buggies up in tall trees, to toss three-ton blocks of granite about as if they were pebbles, to transport a cow half a mile and set it down unharmed, and to take up a securely tacked carpet and carry it out of the house without tearing it.

Successful men have plenty of confidence in themselves and but little in a mule's heels and a woman's tongue.

Yes, Hazel, when some men have no better occupation they hunt up something for their wives to do.

How wonderfully developed must be the furniture mover's bump of destructiveness.

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