

An interesting spectacle, although not of any scientific value, will occur on August 29, about seven o'clock in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, when the moon and Jupiter are in conjunction. The moon will be in a gibbous phase, a few days after first quarter, and in the southeastern sky. A short distance below it, and equal to about four times its diameter will be the planet Jupiter. With a pair of binoculars these can both be seen in the same field, and to see the lunar mountains and Jupiter's moons at the same time will be a novel experience.

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TABLOID BOOK REVIEW

A MANUAL OF STYLE, WITH SPECIMENS OF TYPE. By the University of Chicago Press. Chicago, 1925. 391 pages, \$3.00

Including the nine introductory pages of title, table of contents, and so on, this book contains an even four hundred pages. At three dollars, that makes it exactly three-quarters of a cent a page. And for the person who writes, whether for profit or for pleasure (with more or less hope of eventual profit), no better bargain can be found. The careful and long-experienced editors of the University of Chicago Press, with aid from veteran copy and proof readers too, no doubt, have thought of every possible mistake an author can make, from the first rough-draft to the kind of type in the "blurb" on the cover-jacket, and have diligently prepared antidotes. If taken in time and according to directions, immunity against headaches, heartaches and loss of money is guaranteed. This is the eighth edition of the book since 1906, which should be recommendation enough in itself.

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THE PLEISTOCENE OF THE MIDDLE REGION OF NORTH AMERICA AND ITS VERTEBRATED ANIMALS. By Oliver P. Hay, Washington: The Carnegie Institution of Washington. Publication 322 A. 385 pages, 1924.

This volume needs no more recommendation than the simple statement that it is in existence. It is, of course, limited in its usefulness to geologists and paleontologists interested in recent history; but to these it is simply indispensable.

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On his silver wedding anniversary, May 10, the Emperor of Japan presented lacquered drinking bowls to nearly 20,000 persons who were over 90 years of age.

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The amount of clay dug up and sold in the United States last year was 3,676,720 short tons, of which two thirds was fire clay and less than one tenth kaolin.

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The number of first admissions to hospitals for mental disease in the United States annually is practically equal to the number of persons graduated from colleges and universities in a year.

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Among the famous men who have lived to a good old age are: Michael Angelo, 89 years; Voltaire, 84; Tennyson, 83; Gladstone, 89; Victor Hugo, 83; Goethe, 83; Titian, 99; Herbert Spencer, 83.

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