

# SCRAPBOOK

## for 1881

### January 13

A light was seen in Marius, on the moon, by A. Stanley Williams, the astronomer, according to the *English Mechanic*.

### May 4

Illuminated object seen in Eudoxus, on the moon, by Trouvelot.

### June 11

In *The Cruise of the Bacchante* the two sons of the then Prince of Wales, write of "a strange light, as if of a phantom vessel all aglow." This appearance was seen at four o'clock on the morning of June 11, when the *Bacchante* was sailing between Melbourne and Sydney. Twelve other members of the crew also witnessed this occurrence.

### September 27

Colonel Markwick in South Africa sees an object moving rapidly near the moon. (*Journal of Liverpool Astronomical Society*.)

### Late October

The *Scientific American* reported the fall of a strange substance in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and also in other towns. This substance was referred to as "cobwebs." The webs were whitish coloured, very strong and light. The magazine's editor commented that there was no mention in any of the reports of spiders.

"Flying Saucer Review" turns over another page in our Scrapbook, to emphasise to our readers that flying saucers are nothing new. They have been visiting this planet for a very long time. The only difference is that they are calling upon us in much greater numbers in these critical times than hitherto.

There is more than a striking similarity here to the Angel Hair phenomena reported in recent years from different parts of the world. (See "The Phenomena of Angel Hair," by Professor Charles A. Maney, *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, Vol. 2, No. 6.—Ed.)

### December 13

Luminous object seen moving in various directions near Cherbourg, France.

### December 16

Three custom house guards, at Laredo, Spain, saw something resembling a balloon in the sky that night. They climbed a mountain to see it more clearly, but it shot out sparks and disappeared. The next day it was reported from Bilbao, Spain.

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## FLYING SAUCER REVIEW GETS THE NEWS!

The London *Daily Herald* on May 27, writing about the Wardle sighting in Lancashire, England, quoted from the special on-the-spot report sent to *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* by Dr. Clifford Thornton, published in our last issue.

The article in *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* had stated that "an Air Ministry investigator visited Wardle on April 17. He called on several witnesses and

questioned them. They were told to keep his visit quiet." This was after an official explanation for the sighting had been given in the House of Commons in March by Mr. Charles Orr-Ewing, the British Under-Secretary for Air.

The *Daily Herald* stated that an Air Ministry spokesman said to them: "It is quite true that an official went up to Wardle in April to investigate."