

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, 1888.

First Quarter, 1st day, 11h. 10m. A.M.
 Full Moon, 8th day, 2h. 29m. A.M.
 Last Quarter, 15th day, 2h. 11m. A.M.
 New Moon, 23th day, 7h. 14m. A.M.
 Perigee 7d. 8h. P.M. Apogee 19d. 8h. P.M.

D	M	of Noon	Moon's place at Noon	Signification of Signs.	Sun Rise	Sun Set
1	S	12	♄	44	Neck & Throat	7 10 51 18
2	S	26	♄	20		7 9 51 19
3	M	10	♃	21	Arms, Should'rs	7 8 52 20
4	T	24	♃	48		7 7 52 21
5	W	9	♂	35	Breast, Stomach	7 6 52 22
6	T	24	♂	38		7 5 52 24
7	F	9	♁	48	Heart & Back	7 4 52 25
8	S	24	♁	55		7 3 52 26
9	S	9	♃	50	Bowels & Belly	7 2 52 28
10	M	24	♃	26		7 0 52 29
11	T	8	♃	37	Reins & Loins	6 59 53 30
12	W	22	♃	22		6 58 53 32
13	T	6	♃	39	Secret Members	6 56 53 33
14	F	18	♃	30		6 55 53 34
15	S	1	♃	5	Hips & Thighs	6 54 53 35
16	S	13	♃	19		6 53 53 36
17	M	25	♃	22		6 51 53 37
18	T	7	♃	16	Knees & Hams	6 50 53 38
19	W	19	♃	5		6 49 53 39
20	T	0	♃	54	Legs & Ankles	6 47 54 41
21	F	12	♃	45		6 46 54 42
22	S	24	♃	40		6 44 54 43
23	S	6	♃	42	Feet & Toes	6 43 54 45
24	M	18	♃	53		6 41 54 46
25	T	1	♃	14	Head and Face	6 39 54 47
26	W	13	♃	46		6 37 54 48
27	T	26	♃	32		6 35 54 49
28	F	9	♃	32	Neck & Throat	6 36 54 49
29	S	22	♃	49		6 35 55 50

A CALCULATING BRIDEGROOM.

I've known some very mean men in my time. There was Deacon Overreach; now he was so mean he always carried a hen in his gig box when he traveled to pick up the oats his horse wasted in the manger, and lay an egg for his breakfast in the morning. And then there was Hugo Himmelman, who made his wife dig potatoes to pay for the marriage license. I must tell you that story of Hugo, for it is not a bad one, and good stories, like potatoes, ain't as plenty as they used to be when I was a boy. Hugo is a neighbor of mine, though considerably older than I be, and a mean neighbor he is, too. Well, when he was going to get married to Gretchen Gulp he goes down to Parson Rogers, at Digby, to get a license.

"Parson," said he, "what's the price of a license?"

"Six dollars," said he.

"Six dollars!" said Hugo, "that's a dreadful sight of money! Couldn't you take less?"

"No," said he; "that's what they cost me at the secretary's office at Halifax."

"Well, how much do you ax for publishin' in the church, then?"

"Nothing," said the parson.

"Well," said Hugo, "that's so cheap I can't expect to get any change back. I think I'll be published. How long does it take?"

"Three Sundays," said the parson.

"Three Sundays!" said Hugo; "well that's a long time, too. But three Sundays only make a fortnight after all; two for the covers and one for the inside like; and six dollars is a great amount of money for a poor man to throw away."

So off he went a-jogging toward home, feeling about as mean as a new sheared sheep—when all at once a bright thought came into his head, and back he went as fast as his horse would carry him.

"Parson," said he, "I've changed my mind. Here's the six dollars; I'll tie the knot to-night with my tongue that I cannot untie with my teeth."

"Why, what in natur' is the meaning of all this?"

"Why," said Hugo, "I've been a cipherin' it out in my head, and it's cheaper than publishin' after all. You see, sir, it's potato diggin' times; if I wait to be called in church, her father will have her work for nothing, and as hands are scarce and wages big, if I marry her to-night she can begin to dig our own to-morrow, and that will pay for the license and just seven shillings over; for there ain't a man in all Clements that can dig and carry as many bushels in a day as Gretchen can. And besides, fresh wives, like fresh servants, work like smoke at first, but they get saucy and lazy after a while."

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