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HOW THE MAN GOT IN THE MOON.

By MIRIAM B. LEVY.

One evening my cousins, boys, aged four and five respectively, were sitting by me in my window. Suddenly the elder of the two saw the moon rising, as he termed it, over the power house, some few blocks from home, but which can be seen from my window. Then he saw it travel and soon it was nearly overhead. "Oh," he exclaimed, "what a big moon, and how quick it moves; and there is the man in the moon," all said in the same breath. "Well," I said, "if there is a man in the moon, how did he get there?" "He went up in that balloon that used to take people in it," was the prompt reply. "Do you think so?" I asked his brother. "Oh, no," he said, "he put a ladder on a high house and climbed in."

Thus the first thread of thought was unraveled in my mind and I proceeded to investigate. The majority of answers were obtained for me by a teacher in a primary school, and no pupil had any help whatever or time to ask anyone. Their answers were spontaneous and they were quite unconscious why they wrote on such a subject, thinking it was a language lesson.

I have arranged my results according to sex, age and activity. The upper row of figures to the right of each mode of getting there is boys, the lower, girls.

Total number of girls, 249; boys, 306; grand total, 555.

Besides these 555 answers, 5 children said simply "I don't know." When I say "no ideas" I don't mean they answered "I don't know," but they talked about everything but the right thing and arrived at no conclusion in the end.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESPONDING.

	Age.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	To.
Flew in.....				1	3	5	—	3	3	3			18
				—	1	7	7	5	2	1			23
Jumped in.....				1	5	3	1	2					12
				1	2	1	2	2					8
Climbed in.....	1			1	2	4	3	1	1				13
	1			—	—	10	2	1	1				14
Ran in.....					1	1				1			3
Walked in.....					1	1	2		1				5
By electricity.....						1	2		1	2	1		7
						—	—		—	—	—		—
Grew in.....					3	2	4	1	2				12
					6	8	—	—	—				14
Went up in a balloon.....		1	—	1	1	6	13	8	3	3			35
		—	1	1	10	14	4	5	2				37
Went up in a tower.....	1			1	—	—							2
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						5
Went up in a wagon.....	1				1	—	—						2
	—		1		2	4	1						8
Because he was bad.....					—	4	1	2	1				8
					2	2	—	2	—				6
Born there.....					—	15	5	1	1		1		23
					2	3	3	1	—				9
God put him there.....	1	—	—	2	3	10	4	1	11				31
	—	1	1	1	5	6	7	4	1				26
When he died he went there.....		—		1	1	—	2	2					6
		1		—	2	4	1	—					8
He is an angel.....		—		—	1	1	—	—	1				3
		1		1	1	1		1	1				6
He is God.....	1				1	—	3						5
	1				2	1	—						4
No ideas whatever.....				2	13	9	7	5	11	4	12		63
				2	8	14	7	8	2	2	3		46
Think there is no man.....				—	3	3	11	6	6	2			31
				2	6	3	2	2	2	—			17
Scientific explanation.....					3	3	12	7	4	6			35
					—	4	3	4	3	1			15