

Ten per cent of the population of India

There are only 40,000 Hawaiians left; fifty years ago there were 80,000.

An average of tour persons die daily in England from delirium tremens.

The Chinese reckon this to be year

7,910,341.

The density of the population in England is close on 480 to the square mile.

The average rate of public speaking is

one hundred and twenty words per minute. The Mohawk Indians will not permit so much as a blade of grass to grow upon the

graves of their companions. In Prussia it has been found that the average duration of a Jewish life is five years longer than that of a christian.

Among the Malay tribes it is considered are as fine as a shark's teeth.

Freckles are a result of fatty matter secreted below the cuticle, and when exturn brown; and acne the result of sluggish

The uplands of Central Asia are the native land of the horse and the ass, of the ox and buffalo, the sheep and goat, from which the domesticated varieties appear to have derived their origin.

Florida is honeycombed by underground streams. When these are obstructed from any cause the water works its way to the surface, making the great swamps which are characteristic of the state.

The yak, with its coat of long hair is, to the inhabitants of the highlands of Thibet what the reindeer is to the tribes of the Northern Siberian plains—an important means of support and locomotion.

The funeral urn and drapery date from the time when bodies were cremated. The ashes were gathered into the drapery and placed in the urn. Inscriptions were on the urn as we now cut them on grave-

upon by the hen; and the best flavor of all is supposed to belong to those eggs

That the natives of New Zealand are not dying out so fast as is currently believed is shown by the census returns, which give 41,312 as the total of the Maori population, or a decrease of 120 for the

There are more women in British India (124,000,000) than there are men, women, and children in Great Britain, France, and Germany put together, with the populations of several minor European States

7,905, embracing 3,276 Englishmen, 1,161 Americans, 596 Germans and 557 French.

The growth of the nail is more rapid in children than adults, and slowest in the aged. It goes on more rapidly in summer than in winter, so that the nail that requires 132 days to renew itself in winter would do the same work in 116 days in the sum-

On the plains between the Rocky mountains and the Missouri river, in 1865, there were about 165,000 Pawness, Sioux, Cheyennes, Kiowas, and Arapahoes. They are all gone now, and have been replaced by twice or thrice as many white men and

Carpet weaving in Persia is done exclusively by women of all ages. The only share that the men take in the work is that to them the merchants give out the designs, the colors, and money required for the weaving. The men also see to the purchase of the wool, etc., and afterwards deliver the carpets to the merchants.

The tanning of elephant's hides is a new American industry. The method used is like that adopted with cows' hides, but the bath is stronger, and the time of exposure about six months. When taken from the vat the leather is one and a half inch thick, and is made into small articles, such as

From the records of Yale college during the past eight years it is shown that the non-smokers were 20 per cent. taller than the smokers, 25 per. cent. heavier, and had 66 per cent. more lung capacity. In the last graduating class at Amherst college the non-smokers have gained in weight 24 per cent. over the smokers; in height, 37 per cent.; in chest girth, 24 per cent.; and in lung capacity 8-37 hundredths cubic

inches. furnished information in regard to the ages of trees. They assign to the pine tree 500 and 700 years as the maximum, 425 years to the silver fir, 275 years to the larch, 245 years to the red beech, 210 to the aspen,

The English language contains forty-one distinct sounds.

The entire coast-line of the globe is about 136,000 miles,

All the world over at least 35,000,000 people die every year. Twenty words per minute is the average

rate at which longhand is written. The largest university is that of Oxford, England. It consists of twenty-five col-

leges and five halls. building in the world. It can accommo-

date 60,000 people. The sun's distance is from 110 to 113 times his diameter, the former at January 1, and the latter at July 1. The moon's distance differs in a month between 109

and 116 times.

In China sheep are usually kept in flocks the proper thing not only to blacken the of from 500 to 2,000. The wool is generally teeth, but to file down the points till they sheared, but in some parts it is combed from the backs of the sheep with wide combs and twisted into balls. Sometimes it is twisted into ropes and made up into coils in the interior for transportation to posed to the air and sunshine, causes it to the coast. The bales weigh about 150 pounds. The bulk of what is commercially known as China wool comes from Mongolia. The principal uses to which wool is put in China are the manufacture of a coarse felt, which is converted into shoes and hats, and a still coarser felt used for packing around bales of furs transported from the North.

> EXPERIENCES OF MADMEN. What Happens When Minds Run Riot, and Men Act Strange.

The man who wrote the following in confinement in an asylum was not altogether bereft of reason, if his moral sense was sadly elevated:

"The man whom I stabbed," he says, 'richly deserved it. He behaved to me with great violence and cruelty. He tied me down, handcuffed me, and confined my threw many spears, they failed to hit him. hands much higher than my head with a leather throng; he stretched me on a bed of torture. After some days he released Canada lacks only 237,000 square miles | communicating this to him, he came to me to be as large as the whole continent of in a furious passion, threw me down, business, he came to terms and paid the Europe; it is nearly 30 times as large as dragged me through the courtyard, thumped fine which I had demanded. Then I made Great Britain and Ireland, and is 500,000 me on the breast, and confined men in a dark the chief a present, he made me one, and square miles larger than the United States. and damp cell. Not liking this situa- we were good friends again, and there was tion, I was induced to play the hypocrite. In China an egg is the more appre- I pretended extreme sorrow for having ciated according as it has been well sat threatened him, and, by an affectation of repentance, prevailed on him to release me. For several days I paid him great atwhich are just about to produce a tention, and lent him every assistance; he seemed much pleased with the flattery, and became very friendly in his behaviour towards me. Going one day into the kitchen, where his wife was busied, I saw a knife. This was too great a temptation to be resisted. I concealed it, and carried it about for some time afterwards. The same friendly intercourse was maintained between us; but, as he was one day unlocking the garden door, I seized the opportunity, and plunged the knife up to the hilt

Dr. Forbes Winslow has collected, in his "Obscure Diseases of the Brain," a number of strange "contessions," one of which we Of the 474 foreign merchants in China may quote. The lunatic was a lady, and she only 27 are Americans. Of the others tells the doctor that, as she reached the acme 290 are Englishmen, 72 Germans and 20 of her malady, she used to talk aloud to her-French. The foreign residents number | self-a thing she had never done in her life before. She says: "This was irresistible. I ejaculated the most toolish remarks, and at times, too, with wonderful volubility of speech. · · · For several days I succeeded by strong efforts of thought, in checking this ridiculous inclination; but I awoke one night in an excited state from a troublesome dream, and I then began to vociferate a number of most incoherent expressions-'You shall do it!' 'No, you shan't;' 'He is like Satan;' 'Why don't you say the devil?' 'Ah! Ah! Ah!' 'It is beautiful;' 'No he-devils;' 'I can't be saved; 'You have no hope; 'Suicide;' 'Poison; 'Hang yourself;' 'They are after you," and so on. She afterwards fancied she was in the bottomless pit, tormented by evil spirits, who surrounded her on all

Here is an experience which we give from

the pen of the sufferer. He says:-"I awoke one night, as I thought, out of a frightful dream. I felt much alarm, and yet I knew not why. I got out of bed, and sat in a chair in a state of extreme mental and muscular agitation. On the following morning I first began to hear voices speaking to me occasionally. The words they uttered were of comfort and consolation; then texts of scripture were repeated verses from hymns that were familiar to me; favourite pieces of poetry. In about a week the character of the voices changed. pocket-books, satchels, and card-cases. They then gave expression to the most Floor-rugs are also made of it, but their foul, coarse, and abusive epithets. I was price is very high. A cigar-case costs from some shown abominable sins, and the most repulsive in the assembly hall of the institution. The and morally degrading crimes. At other visitors were conducted to different parts periods I was told I had better cut my of the buildings, and were loud in their throat, hang myself, take prussic acid and thus save myself from some dreadparticular instructions were given to me how I could best destroy myself without detection—where I could procure the fatal Miller Bros. of this city, who are the sole poison." This continued for four years, agents. Their pianofortes are particularly and developed into a belief that an assassin fine in tone and are giving every satisfacentered the narrator's room every night, tion. These musical receptions given by and plunged a dagger, covered with blood, the pupils of the school for the blind are Some German scientists have recently at his heart. The idea of the assassin gave very entertaining and all interested in the place to another, in which priests and other education of the blind should not fail to persons appeared; and this, again, gave take advantage of an opportunity to visit place to a conviction that the victim of it | the institution. The large increase in the all was dead. He absolutely refused to eat | number of pupils was most noticeable. food, and to keep him alive it was neces-200 to the birch, 170 to the ash, and 145 to sary to force food into his stomach for more alder, and 130 to the elm. The heart of than sixteen months! He got better in the the oak begins to rot at about the age of end, but never regained the power of mind 300 years. The holly oak alone escapes he formerly possessed. "If I attempt to this law, it is said, and there is in existense near Aschaffenburg, Germany, a tree of this kind which has attained the age of 410 to put it aside in about ten or fifteen minutes."—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

ATTACKED BY SAVAGES.

The Experiences of a Yachtman in the South Sea Islands.

In dealing with the natives of the South Sea Islands one must be considerate, kindly and cautious, but at the same time quick to resent dishonesty, as otherwise these wild people will make themselves most unpleasant, to say the least. An Australian, who was cruising about these islands in a small vacht, found it necessary to make some repairs to his boat, and took advantage of a friendly harbor for that purpose. He purchased a bit of land with a small house upon it from the chief, and work was immediately begun.

Everything went well for a time, as the chief professed himself to be entirely satisfied and friendly. Soon, however, the workmen began to miss one small thing after another, and finally an irreparable loss was sustained, by the natives entering the house at night, and cutting the bellows of the forge through at the nozzle.

Hearing of this from the workmen, the gentleman decided to go ashore and demand satisfaction from the chief. The The Verona Amphitheatre is the largest only result of the interview seemed to be a loss of temper on one side, and a display of insolence upon the other, the chief show-

ing an offensive indifference. "After delivering my ultimatum," says the yachtsman, "I turned round, and found about fifty armed men coming out of the bush behind me. Hallo! thought I, this looks like fighting; so I began to back down to the beach, at the same time preparing a small revolver I had in my

"The old chief, meanwhile, had taken a tomahawk and spear from behind a tree, and made a rush tor me, and as he litted his tomahawk to strike, I fired full at his breast, but the revolver missed fire, and I only saved my skull by catching his arm as it fell, and giving him a trip at the same time, which enabled me to back away faster he could follow me.

"It was not safe to turn and run, as then could not see to ward off any spears they might throw; but as the chief was making for me the second time, one of the others threw a spear, which I avoided by knocking it off with my hand; however, it pierced it below the first finger.

Then the chief made another rush for me, and as he struck I fell backward over the root of a tree. Again I tried to fire the revolver, but it would not work.

"At that moment I heard a rushing noise in the leaves, and a howl from the chief. My old dog Rover had him by the leg, in which he made his teeth meet; but he did not stop long enough to let the man get a blow at him, and though the natives

"The dog's timely assistnace enabled me to get down to the beach and call H-, who jumped ashore with the muskets, when me. I gave him warning, for 1 told his the natives cleared off. I sent over for wife I would have justice of him. On her | Torrootooroo, their chief, who came over with his canoes, and when he saw I meant no more trouble."

MILLER BROS.' EXHIBIT.

It Contained the Best Pianos and Organs and Was Admired.

At the recent exhibition, says the Halifax Mail, Miller Bros. (Granville street) occupied a large space (nearly the whole of the south end gallery), and their show presented a fine appearance. It was all enclosed by a nice neat railing (of turned bannisters) and the place raised about eight inches, while all was covered by a nice carpet, the walls and ceiling being nicely papered, and suspended from the ceiling were three electric lights, and their whole place tastefully and richly draped and some nice paintings hung. They showed fifteen fine organs and pianos. The Karn organ in church and parlor styles, some of which were very fine in both appearance and tone, ranging in price from \$75 to \$450. Also some fine Karn pianos in mahogany, circassian, walnut and rosewood finish. The Evan Bros. piano in mahogany, walnut and rosewood finish; both of those makes of pianos are becoming very popular. Prices of pianos shown ranged from \$350 to \$600. Occasionally some very sweet music could be heard from their department. They also showed in a separate booth ten of the celebrated Raymond sewing machines in different styles of oak and walnut. Among them was a very fine cabinet machine, which attracted much attention, it being so simple to open and close and to operate; and when closed having the appearance of a writing desk. This machine has become of late years a general favorite with the public. This firm deserves credit for going to the trouble and expense they did in making so fine an exhibit. They received three diplomas on their organs and pianos. The highest award given, no prizes were offered. They have now been in business over twenty years and during that term have worked up a very large business in the lower provinces, which territory they control.

Those in attendance at the booths were Professor H. L. Lockwood, George Parker, J. H. Potter, A. Diack, J. H. Morse, Miss McKinnon, Miss Barrett.

The monthly concerts at the school for the blind have been resumed. The first of praises of the arrangement of the music rooms. Through the plate glass doors of punishment; and, strange to say, each of these rooms a pupil could be seen

> A Pair of "Slippers." The shoemaker sang, as he hammered away So merrily on his old lapstone, "My life is work, with but little play, But I always can call my soul my own."

"Not always," his wife exclaimed in glee,
As she gave his witty remark a flout;
"For the iron oft pierces your soul, you see,
And what can you do when your soul pegs out?"

"August, Flower"

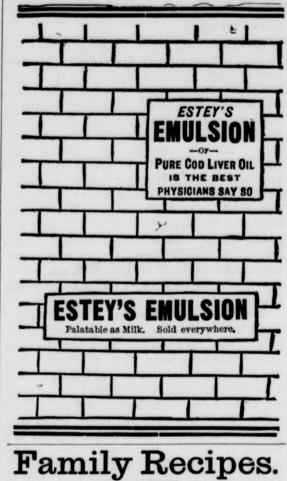
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