China has twenty-seven American mer-

The first strike in America was the sailors' strike of New York in 1802.

The average weight of the brain to the body of a healthy man is 1 to 41; in idiots it is 1 to 144. There are about 300 lifeboats in the

United Kingdom, which are manned by 12,000 voluntary seamen.

Scientific authority asserts that a cubic inch of soil contains from 60,000 to 2,250,-000 minute organisms. England and Ireland together drank

42,000,000 gallons more beer than Germany last year. When the wind exerts a pressure of 1

the rate of 14 miles an hour. The results of 380 inquiries of principal vocalists as to their use of stimulants, showed

stainers. According to careful estimates three hours of hard study wear out the body more than a whole day of hard physical ex-

that 33.3 per cent. were practically ab-

exertion. Gold is so very tenacious that a piece of it is drawn into wire one-twentieth of an inch in diameter will sustain a weight of

500 pounds without breaking. Of 16,151 persons engaged in the Massachusetts fisheries, 10,588 are Americans, 3.388 hail from British North America, while 2,175 are of other nationalities.

It has been supposed that Swedes were the best carpenters of the nineteenth century, but it seems now, according to an authority, that Italians are pressing them

demonstrated that moles have eyes and that they can see as well as other animals

If all the locomotives in the United States were coupled together they would make a train 200 miles long. Add the passenger cars and we would have a train 7,000 miles long, carrying 1,500,000 pas-

covers more than a quarter of an acre and is twelve feet deep. Recently there was \$90,000,000 in silver stored there, an amount that weighed 4,000 tons and would load 165 freight cars.

At the birth of a child in lower Brittany the neighboring women take it in charge, wash it, crack its joints, and rub its head with oil to solder the cranium bones. It is then wrapped in a tight bundle, and its lips are anointed with brandy to make it a

The character "&" is a ligature combining the letters which compose the Latin word et-"and." In what is called the "Old Style," these letters are distinctly e, with the t formed on the tail of the curve of that letter.

The population of the world is about 1,500,000,000 people. One-fourth dies before the fifteenth year and the average duration of life is thirty-three years. Thirty-three millions and thirty-three thousand people die each year, making a banner. "When

cules beetle, a South American insect. It earth is round, and he intended to run sometimes attains a growth of six inches. around and attack the enemy from the It is said that it rasps the back from the tender branches of the mammæ tree till juice flows. This it drinks until it drops to the ground intoxicated.

The custom of having a Court poet-one whose duty it is to write to order, as it were-is at present confined to England, among civilised nations. In ancient times the custom was well-nigh universal. Every Court had its poet and painter, as well as its dwarf and buffoon.

Short sight is more common in town than amongst country folks, for the simple reason that townspeople have less need for long sight; they have fewer opportunities for exercising their sight on distant objects, and their occupations do not favor its development by training or selection.

It has been proved that Jewish lives are, on an average, nearly 50 per cent. more valuable than those of any other known people. They escape great epidemics more readily than the other races with whom they live. Notable examples of this were seen in the "black death" in 1348, and in found a gold dollar in the contribution wholesale and Retail.

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inals, 22,000 juvenile thieves. There are "It's only habit; he doesn't mean it. Its 100,000 fallen women and 500,000 drunk- the fault of his business, not of his heart.' ards. The annual cost of liquors is \$750,- "The fault of his business! What does he 000,000. Suicides last year numbered 2,- do?" "He is a newspaper critic." 297, and 2,157 were found dead. Ten thousand children died from violence or neglect. Over 100,000 people are absolutely homeless, and 100,000 are out of work. The workhouses shelter 190,000 and 3,000,000 people outside are so wretchedly poor that they are hardly civilized.

The mental disposition, and even the physical strength, is believed by many to be indicated by the hair. Black, curly, choly temperament; fair hair a sanguine inals. Yellow or red hair is rarely found remember now. It's a file I want."—New First-class, at among maniacs. Very red hair sometimes | York Press.

indicates a scrofulous disposition. All this is, of course, subject to so many exceptions that it is scarcely to be relied upon.

Death superstitions are rife in the West Indies. To the people there everything out of the ordinary is a "sign." In Cuba a person with a sore or wound of any kind will not look upon a dead person, fearing that the spot will become incurable. The rum used in washing a dead body is, however, regarded as a sure cure for all eye troubles. If the light from a candle or lamp falls on the face of the dead that death will shortly come to him or her who was carrying the light. Rain during a burial is considered an excellent "sign" throughout the islands. If one measures his own height with a rod which has been used in measuring a corpse for the coffin he himself will die within the year. A stroke with the hand of a corpse is believed pound to the square foot, it is blowing at | by the West Indian to be a sure cure for all pains and swellings.

PROGRESS PICKINGS.

Friend-What became of that young man you were engaged to last summer? Miss Catchem (innocently)-Which one?

"Well, congratulate me, old fellow, I am a father." "Good! Boy or girl?" "By Jove! So excited I forgot to ask." Kitty Winslow-They say you can tell

a girl's character by the way she holds her hands. Tom DeWitt-H'm; I can tell more about it by the way I hold her hands. First cockroach—"I wish I knew what to do this afternoon." Second cockroach-

powder."-Judge. Merchant-"What kind of cider is that?" Farmer- "Tramp cider." "Merchant-"What do you call it that for?" Farmer

-"It never works." New Boarder-" Landlady, do you call these buns spinsters?" Landlady-"No. close for the first place in carpentry Why?" New Boarder-"Nothing; only they seem to be so very old made.'

Gay bachelor-"Do you think there is take its place in the waste heap of shat- anything in the theory that married men married life has been most happy, and she tered similes. A German naturalist had live longer than unmarried ones?" Henpecked friend (wearily)-"Oh, I don't ligence. know-seems longer."-Life.

"I believe that boy is training himself to be a policeman," said the woman who keeps the apple stand. "What makes you think so?" asked her friend. "Because he hooks an apple ever time he pasess." "What is the matter, dearest?" "Some,

The great treasury vault at Washington what is it, sweetheart?" "My d—doll baby got away fwom me and bwoked a plate out in the pantwy."

"I think it would not be a bad idea if part of your paper were devoted to the fair sex." "Why, great snakes, madam!" responded the editor of the Plunkville Bugle, "the whole staff is afflicted that The Humane Girl. -George-"Either

you must marry me or put me out of my misery." Ethel-"Must I choose?" George-"You must." Ethel (with a sigh) "Well, where is the ax?"-New York

nection and you will have to wait at this Gladstone, who succeeded him, was a tory station six hours." Old lady (who is a of the most partician type, and his gigantic visible, being in the form of a small Greek | little nervous on the railroad)-"Well, I'm | son, the present Baronet, keeps up his posafe for six hours anyway."-New York Weekly.

Another burglar, who must have been a stranger in these diggins, broke into our room last night, but all we got out of him was seventy-five cents. Some of these burglars ain't worth robbing !-Bilville

"When he saw the enemy coming he turned and ran. I call that cowardice." Drunkenness is the failing of the Her- "Not at all. He remembered that the rear."—Harper's Bazar.

Our New Cashier. - Cashier - "I'm sorry, sir, but you will have to be identified before I can pay this check." Patron "But it is drawn to bearer." Cashier-"I know that, sir; but how do I know that you are he?"-Harper's Bazar. "Well, John," said his employer; "how

do you feel after your vacation?" 'Like a new man, sir." 'Well, it's a good thing, John. I've been thinking I'd try a new man at your work; but perhaps you'll do." -Puck. "It is singular that Johnson should

marry such a useless woman as he has got. They say she can't as much as sew a button on his coat, Where did he become acquainted with her?" "He was introduced to her by his sister, who got acquainted with her at the sewing circle.

"Your husband is always finding fault with your cooking, your household management, your dresses, and, in fact, every-In Great Britain there are 700,000 crim- thing, I wonder you can live with him.

> Mrs. McBride-George, dear, when we were married, only a year ago, you said I should help you carry your burdens. Mc-Bride-Yes, love. Mrs. McBride-Then why didn't you let me help you yesterday? McBride-I don't understand you, love. Mrs. McBride-Why, papa says he saw you with a heavy load on, and you never

let me help you with it. "John," said a loving wife, "I wish you and stiff hair are said to indicate a melan- would sing two or three lines of a song for public generally, that he may now be foundat his me." "What on earth do you want me to new store, or phlegmatic temperament; and red hair do that for?" "There is something I want either a very cunning or a very good char- you to bring home and I've forgotten what acter. Hence, it is said, we meet in pris- it is, but I think I'll remember it if you ons with many red-haired women and black haired men; rarely with fair-haired crimplied, and the charming wife said: "I

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT. When Edison, the inventor of the tele-

phone, first entered Boston, he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches in the depth of Edison is at work on a phonograph for

the use of blind children that shall do away with the raised letter books hitherto used in their instruction.

Bret Harte is in London and will probably never return to America. His hair is snowy white, but he still retains all his old fire. The author is only 53.

Emperor William is fond of shooting, but because of his withered arm he is not an accurate marksman. It is with the greatest difficulty that he can shoulder his

Mr. Parnell was a handsome man, with a fine figure, which he seemed to take pains to conceal in ill-fitting clothes. Occasionally he appeared in a coat that rhowed the marks of the tailor's skill, but as a rule he was poorly and even shabbily dressed.

The Czar of Russia and the Siamese King are among the monarchs who are alleged to ride bicycles. The Empress of Austria has a ladies' safety which she rides with almost as much skill as she does a horse, and the Princess of Wales moves about on a tricycle.

Emperor Wilhelm was very anxious to know, while visiting a certain corps, whether the officers had any nicknames for him. After being pressed, one of the young men modestly replied that because of the emperor's great enthusiasm about naval matters they usually alluded to him as "Gondola Willie."

Patti, in her Welsh castle. still keeps alive the almost obsolete custom of ringing a curfew bell. When the diva is ready to retire for the night she presses an electric button, and a gong rings through the castle, the signal, lights out, for the entire household. This is the curfew very much 'up to date."

A Quakeress, Betsey Ross, is said to have made the first flag of stars and stripes used in the United States army. She did "Come around to my five o'clock insect | the work in a little brick house still standing on Arch street, Philadelphia, and now there is talk of buying it and moving it, as well as William Penn's house, to Chicago for the World's Fair.

Mrs. Evans, the new Lady Mayoress, as her official designation goes, of London, was at one time a chambermaid in a country hotel in a small Kentish town, where her future husband, then a London alderman, used to spend his winters. Her

Wm. J. Florence, the actor, left, it is believed, a comfortable fortune to his widow. He was earning a salary of \$1,-500 weekly with Jefferson. The family home in Park avenue is free from all incumberances. He had an insurance of about \$15,000 on his life. The profits from the "Mighty Dollar" alone were supposed to be \$500,000.

The juicy Concord grape takes its name, from the town of Emerson and Thoreaue where it was originally cultivated and where Ephraim Bull, the man who first grew it for the table, is still living, a veteran of eighty-five years. Mr. Bull found the grape growing wild near Concord, in 1843, and after a series of experiments in improving and domesticating it, he succeeded in bringing to market the perfected grape as it is known to-day.

Mr. Gladstone's father lived in great state at Fasque, never driving out except in a carriage with four horses and outrid-Conductor-"We have missed the con- ers. Sir Thomas, the elder brother of Mr. sition on the same lines. Of course the conservatives never lose an opportunity of maliciously commenting on the fact that the wealth of the Gladstone family has been derived partly from the slave trade and partly from the production of whisky.

Prof. F. Nicholls Crouch, the composer of the music for "Kathleen Mavoureen," was born in London on July 31, 1808. He now lives in Baltimore and with the sole exception of being slightly deat, he bears no impress of old age. Until a few years ago his hair and thick, long moustache were jet black. A physical peculiarity is an ear with immense lower lobe clinging close to the side of the head. At the time he composed "Kathleen Mavourneen" (1835) he was a recluse in his chambers in Great Titchfield street. A lamentable marriage had terminated in disgrace and sep-

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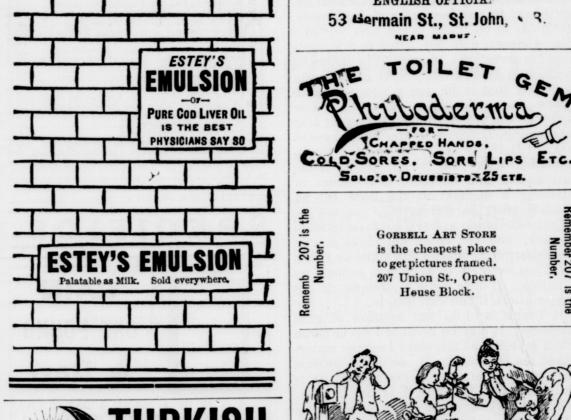
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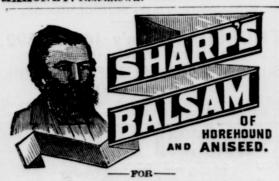
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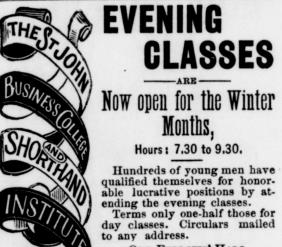


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