

# THINGS WORTH KNOWING

There are no heathens now to be found in the group of Fijian Islands.

It used to be a superstition that coral became pale when those who wore it were ill.

Professor Max Muller estimates the number of Buddhists in the world to be 450,000.

The population of India is believed to have increased in ten years from 255,000,000 to 285,000,000.

Two hundred thousand families, it has been calculated, are living in London on £1 a week.

Napoleon in his will left a handsome legacy to a wretch named Chatillon, who had attempted to assassinate Wellington.

The loss of life on board British vessels at sea or in rivers or harbors in 1889-90 amounted to 4,207, of whom nearly one-third were drowned.

"An it please the pigs!" is, with a small change, the old Roman Catholic ejaculation, "An it please the pig!" which is the box in which the Host was carried.

The shortest space of time noted by the turkman's watch is a quarter of a second—an interval so brief that the eye can hardly observe, the mind can hardly appreciate it.

According to Linnaeus, the progeny of three female flies (each gives birth to 20,000 young, and a third generation is produced in a few days) would devour the carcass of a horse with greater speed than a lion could.

Oats originated in North Africa, onions in Egypt, parsley in Sardinia, peaches in Persia, peas in Egypt, potatoes in America, rye in Siberia, spinach in Arabia, sun-flower in Peru, tobacco in America, and Walnut in Persia.

The duel is the survival of the trial by ordeal. Rowland Yorke supposed to have brought it to England in 1587, but earlier than that it was not unusual to see a glove hung over the altar in church as a challenge to anyone who would take it down.

As everyone knows a billion is a million millions. Allowing that so many as 200, which is an outside number, could be counted in a minute, it would, excluding the 366th day in leap year, take one person 9,512 years before the task of counting a billion would be completed.

In the third century the Macedonians employed artificial flies in the capture of fish with hooks, and Hesiod, Cicero, and others among the ancient poets sounded the praises of fish. Strabo, Virgil, and even the early christian fathers make many references to the fish living in the seas in their times.

When first hatched, says an authority, the larva of the silk worm moth weighs 1-100th of a grain, but before it passes, in the course of the comparatively short season, into the pupa or second stage of insect, it attains, by eating, a weight of 95 grains, which is an increase of 9500 over its original weight.

If parents are tall, the children tend to be tall, but the offspring of parents of unequal height most frequently follow the shorter. Excessive tallness is very rarely perpetuated; even if both the parents are above the average, the height of the offspring is usually only a third of the excess reached by the parents.

From Mars the earth appears much the same as Venus does to us, but on Venus she shines with a lustre exceeding the most brilliant of the stars. But, unlike Venus—which is to us a morning and evening star—the earth is to Venus a night star, and shines upon her with a brilliancy much greater than that of Venus at the period of its greatest luminosity.

The title kaiser is a corruption of the name Caesar. Caesar was the family name of the first five Roman emperors, and was afterwards adopted as a title by their successors. It was also used, by way of distinction, for the intended or presumptive heir of the empire. The title under the corrupted form of kaiser is borne by the emperors of Germany, Austria, and as czar by the sovereigns of Russia.

Superstition has it that a mole on the left side of a man denotes danger and struggling; on a woman, sorrow. A mole on the upper lip shows happiness in marriage. A mole on the breast shows affection, loyalty, strength and courage, and will gain honor. A mole on the right cheek shows the party to be much beloved, and will come into great fortune. A mole on the left shoulder, sorrow and labor. A mole on the forehead of a man or woman denotes they shall grow rich, being beloved of their friends and neighbors. A mole on the eyebrows of a man denotes inconsistency; but if on a woman it shows she will have a good husband. A mole on the neck shows a man to be prudent in his actions; but if on a woman it betokens weak judgment, apt to believe the worst of her husband.

It is said that insanity is one of the scourges of Newfoundland, where intermarriage obtains.

One-fourth of the street railways of the United States are being operated wholly or in part by electricity.

If the actual coast-line of Norway was measured, the strand-line would probably measure upwards of 3000 miles long.

It is said that one in every five of the population of London does die or is destined to die in an hospital, workhouse, or a pauper lunatic asylum.

With a registered tonnage of over a million and a quarter, and a seafaring population of over 47,000 men, Canada ranks fourth among the maritime nations of the world.

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It is not definitely known who brought the first wheat seed to America. When this continent was discovered the only cereal that grew here was maize. Wheat was introduced into Britain by the Romans, and it can be traced back for nearly 4,000 years.

The returns of the British army for the year 1890 show that the effective strength of the regular army at the end of the year was 210,860. The total enrolled in the auxiliary and reserve forces—army reserve, 60,233; militia, 113,162; yeomanry, 10,697; volunteers, 221,048.

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## FRENCH AFRAID OF WATER.

It's no Joke, but Absolutely Hard Work to Get the Liquid to Drink.

Much has been said in a facetious way about the difficulty travelers have in France getting a simple drink of water, and some personal experience of the kind is one of the stock anecdotes of every tourist. And yet, as a matter of fact, this difficulty can hardly be exaggerated.

In Normandy and Brittany Rhine wine cider, with a taste like poor Rhine wine but a complexion a shade darker, is the exclusive beverage of the people: wine is a luxury, as it is not made so far north; tea is practically unknown, and chocolate likewise is rarely found at all, and absolutely unobtainable after noon; and water, to end the list, would never be thought of in this connection.

We stopped at a fine copious spring by the roadside, and a native passing by hesitated in curiosity and surprise and hastened to warn us that water was injurious and that it would make us sick; and every time we inquired for water at a wayside cottage madame would refuse to give it to us and would respond with the inevitable cider.

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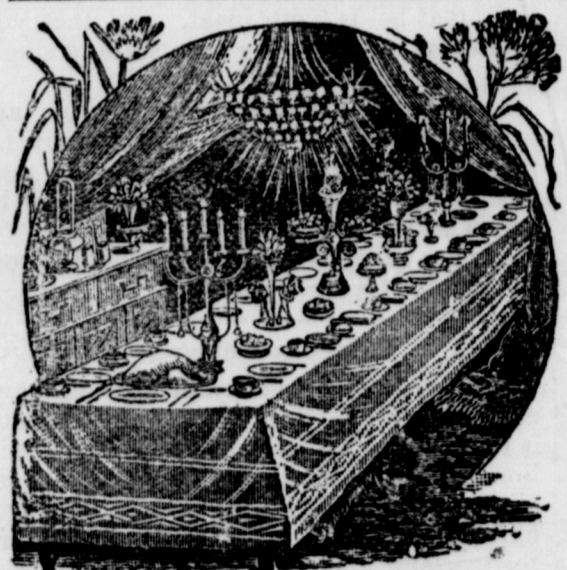
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Many estimates have been made of the rate at which the Niagara Falls are wearing back the precipice over which the river tumbles. The latest is a report made by Mr. Bogart, state engineer of New York. He comes to the conclusion, after comparing the survey made in 1842 and the results arrived at in 1890, that the annual recession of the American Fall had been 7-68 in., and at the Canadian or Horseshoe Fall 2 feet 6 in. During this period the crestline of the American fall has sunk from 1080 to 1060 feet, and that of the Canadian has risen from 2260 to 3010 feet, while the area of rock which has been carried away during these 48 years is 32,900 square feet at the American and 275,400 at the Canadian fall.

Persons born in spring have a more robust constitution than those born at any other seasons. Births and deaths occur more frequently at night than in the daytime.

North America is estimated to possess 187,425 miles of railway, or 21.54 miles per 10,000 inhabitants; South America to have 16,000 miles, or 5 miles per 10,000 inhabitants; while Europe has 141,000 miles, being at the rate of 4.06 per 10,000, Asia having 20,000 miles, or only a ratio of 1/4 mile per 10,000; Africa, with 6,000 miles of railroad, averaging 3.10 of a mile per 10,000 inhabitants; and Australia ranking nearly with Europe and South America, with 13,000 miles of railroad and a ratio of 3.42 miles per 10,000 inhabitants.

A coat of arms in medieval times was a coat bearing armorial insignia worn over the armor by warriors, so that they might be distinguished by their soldiers. The "coat of arms" as now understood is a complete and distinctive heraldic composition. This art took its rise about the time of William the Conqueror, and originated in the customs of the knights of the middle ages adopting a distinctive badge or color when they were engaged in warfare. After the crusades the knights who had distinguished themselves by their prowess adopted the badge which they had worn during the war.

bucket one of us rushed upon her and unceremoniously seized it, and in another minute we were drinking defiantly of the interdicted liquid. The woman was still standing in her tracks dazed and dumb-founded as we returned her bucket full to the brim, and in her absence of mind she refused the sons we offered her—the first case on record.—Paris Letter.

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