

# THINGS WORTH KNOWING

Arab horses seldom exceed 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  hands.

Witches were hung in England as late as 1716 and in Scotland until 1722.

The term "cab" is the popular short-clipping of the French words *cabriolet de place*.

Africa is now completely encircled by submarine cables, which make up altogether a length of 17,000 miles.

It is estimated that 2,213,365 men bore arms in the Northern armies during the civil war in the United States.

The population of Belgium amounted on the last day of December to 6,147,041. Brussels has about 500,000 inhabitants.

Brussels as a metropolis has about 400,000 people, while the commune of Brussels, the "municipal corporation," has only 160,000.

The breve was the shortest of the three notes used in ancient music; it is the longest of the notes used now, and rarely appears but in chants, etc. It is, of course, as long as two semibreves.

Gold coin is shipped abroad in five gallons, iron bound, oaken kegs. Each keg holds ten bags, each bag contains \$5000, so that the value of a keg is \$50,000. Gold from the other side usually comes in boxes.

Last year more than 125,000 paupers were supported or relieved in New York State at a cost to the public of over \$3,000,000. The majority of these were foreign born, and the principal causes of their pauperism were sickness, indigence and destitution, intemperance, lunacy, vagrancy, old age, idleness, and lameness.

The largest picture galleries in the world are at Berlin, Dresden, Florence, Madrid, Munich, Versailles, the Louvre at Paris, St. Petersburg, and Vienna. Of valuable pictures, it is probable that there are more in the private collections of England than in the galleries of any continental country. The London National gallery was founded in 1824; the present building was opened in 1838.

Iconoclasts is the name that was used to designate those in the church, from the eighth century downward, who have been opposed to the use of sacred images—that is, of statues, pictures, and other representations of sacred objects; or, at least, to the paying of religious honor or reverence to such representations. The iconoclast movement had its commencement in the eastern church.

The official census of France shows a total population of 38,095,150, an increase since the last census of 208,584.

Every working man in Japan wears on his cap and on his back an inscription giving his business and his employer's name.

Pennsylvania makes 52 out of every 100 tons of rolled iron in the United States, and 60 out of every 100 tons of steel rails.

Observations made for some time past at Berlin, Potsdam, Prague, and other cities of Europe, have shown that their geographical latitudes have decreased by 2-10 of a second. It is supposed that the axis of the earth has shifted by that much in space.

At the commencement of 1887 the banking indebtedness of South Australia was of a crushing character, the ratio of advances to deposits being 179 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. But the indebtedness has since been reduced by over 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  millions sterling, and the ratio has fallen to 118.9 per cent.

The census bulletin relating to gold and silver mining show that the industry is both better paid and more productive than any that has thus far been reported in the bulletins. The average earnings of all persons employed were \$725, and the average output per man \$1,723 a year.

There are 484 women exhibitors at the French Salon, 165 painters in oil, 190 sculptors, 77 designers, and 52 engravers. It is stated that there are 1800 professional women painters, sculptors, and engravers in Paris, exclusive of those who live by painting fans, menus, sachets, etc.

The area of British Guiana considerably exceeds 100,000 square miles, and, when its limits are determined, will probably be found to be about equal to the area of the British Isles. Of this area only about 150 square miles, the area of the Isle of Wight, is beneficially occupied. The population is under 300,000.

While in 1877 there were sent to Great Britain 11,523 cattle and 13,120 sheep, there were imported in 1890, from the states, 294,391 cattle and 384,646 sheep, while from Canada came 83,538 cattle and 121,309 sheep. In 1877 the trade was confined to Glasgow, Liverpool, and Southampton. Now London, Bristol, Cardiff, Hull, Aberdeen, and Dundee have ships expressly built for the carriage of cattle from particular American ports, and many chartered vessels—"tramps"—go out on chance of finding freight where it may be found.

The catacombs of Rome contain the remains of about 6,000,000 human beings, and those of Paris about 3,000,000. The latter were formerly stone quarries.

Peersesses of Great Britain, Scotland, or Ireland, by birth, marriage or creation, are free from arrest or imprisonment on civil process; and in the very improbable event of a peersess being charged with a criminal offence, she would be tried by the House of Lords.

There were two Iron Hands. One was Goetz von Berlichingen, who lost his hand at the siege of Landshut and had an iron one to replace it. The other was De Tonti, one of the explorers of the Mississippi, who had an iron hand to replace one he had lost.

The oldest church in Europe is said by some who are discussing the question to be St. Martin's, Canterbury, which was built as a church before the end of the fourth century. St. Mary-in-the-Castle, Dover, was built about this time, but for nearly two hundred years it was used as a garrison fuel depot.

In private firms in Massachusetts each of 257,656 employees, including both sexes and all ages, receives an average of \$362.23 for annual earnings in return for his labor, while each of 12,558 partners in private firms, with an average investment of \$10,701, receives an average net profit of \$517 in return for his money investment and his labor.

Brazil was discovered on the 26th of January, 1500, by the Spaniards under Pinzon, one of the companions of Columbus. In the same year the Portuguese fitted out an expedition to follow up the successful discoveries of Vasco de Gama in the east and finally took possession of the country in 1640. In 1822 the prince regent of Portugal was declared emperor, and in 1825 the independence of Brazil was acknowledged by Portugal. In 1831 the emperor abdicated in favor of his son, Dom Pedro II. The latest tabulated reports give the population of Brazil as 12,922,000. The pure whites compose about 35 per cent. of the total population; 35 per cent. are mulattoes, 25 per cent. full negroes, and the remainder are aboriginal Indians.

Arab horses were imported to England at a very early period, but not in such numbers as to affect any decided improvement in the native breed until the reign of James I. This monarch established a racing-stable, and installed therein some fine Arabian stallions. Charles I. continued the same policy, and the royal stud which he left at Tutbury, consisted chiefly of Arab-bred horses. Soon after his execution it was seized by order of parliament; but, happily, the change in dynasty did not interfere with the conduct of the stud. Cromwell, as is well known, had a sharp eye for a horse, and the best of the king's lot were soon "chosen" for the Lord Protector. Charles II., again, had no less a passion for horses, and almost the first order that he issued, after landing in England, was one to the effect that the Tutbury nags should be returned to the royal stables.

The stock of paid notes in the Bank of England for five years is about 77,745,000 in number, and they fill 13,400 boxes, which, if placed side by side, would reach two and one-third miles. If the notes were placed in a pile they would reach to a height of five and two-thirds miles, or if joined end to end would form a ribbon 12,455 miles long. Their original value was over £1,750,626,600, and their weight over ninety and two-thirds tons.

The art of silkmaking and embroidery is so ancient that many of the finest features are lost to modern times. When it is considered that America last year imported silk fabrics whose value was over \$21,000,000 more, and on the same paid a duty of \$19,000,000, the annual consumption of silk appears startling. But this is only half of the amount actually consumed, for the importation of raw silk in 1889, free of duty, was valued at nearly \$20,000,000, which, being manufactured into fabrics and sold at the enhanced price, duty added, makes the total annual consumption of silk manufactures in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000.

There is a yearly influx of 800,000 foreigners into the land of the Czar. Between 1872 and 1882, 9,458,132 natives of foreign lands came into Russia, and 8,025,198 emigrated again, thus 1,432,934 foreigners remained in the country those ten years. Between 1875 and 1881, 2,209,675 foreigners came to Russia for a lengthy sojourn, and 1,868,218 left the country. Of the immigrants during the ten years, 4,871,574 were Germans, 1,305,133 Austrians, 255,207 Persians, 122,771 Frenchmen, 70,387 Turks, 41,878 Roumanians, Bulgarians and Serbs, 20,691, Englishmen, 17,359 Italians, 14,885 Greeks, and 120,638 persons of various other nationalities. Among the foreigners who emigrated from Russia, were 3,465,390 Germans, 1,049,574 Austrians, 102,703 Frenchmen, while the emigration of Englishmen, Persians, and persons of other nationalities were almost equal to their immigration.

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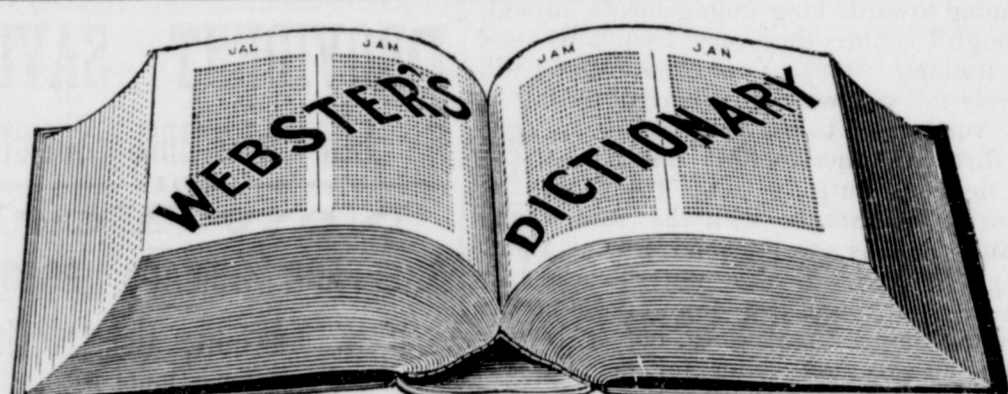
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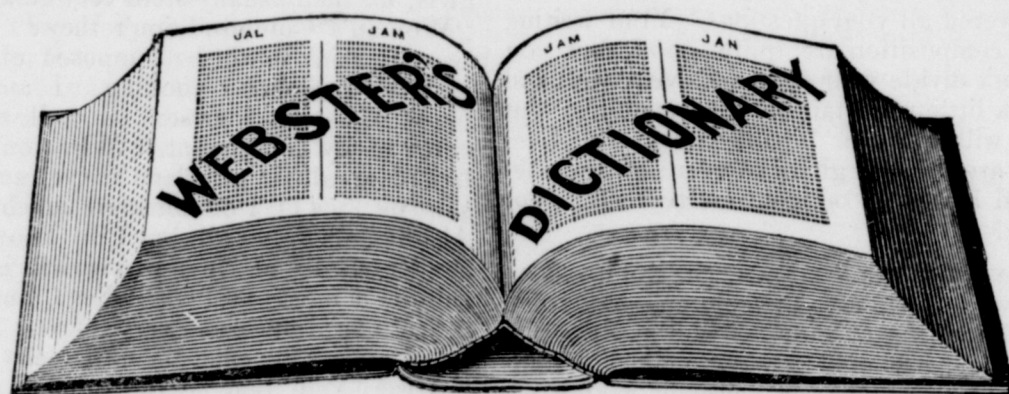
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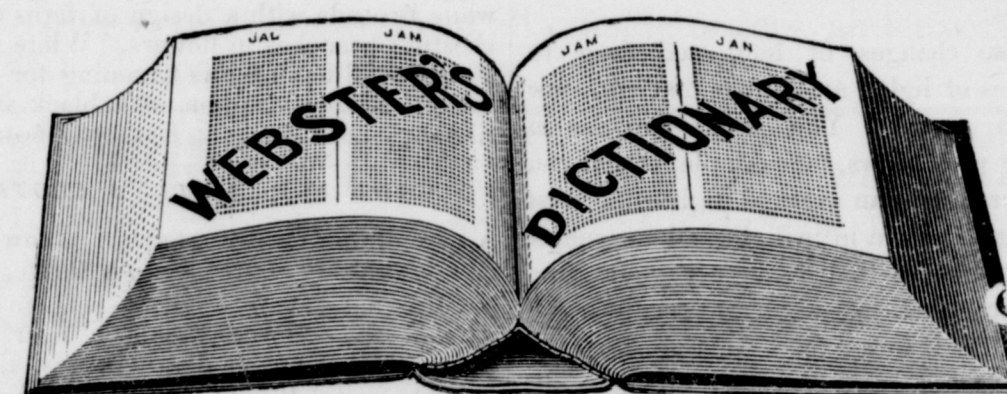
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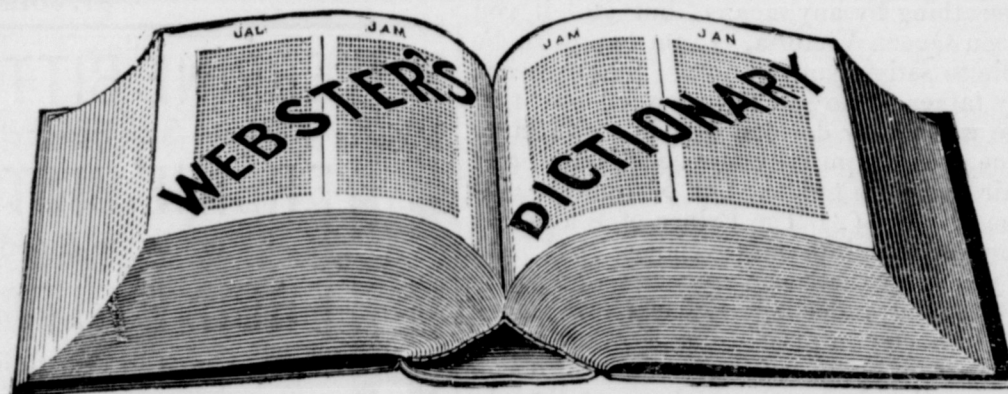


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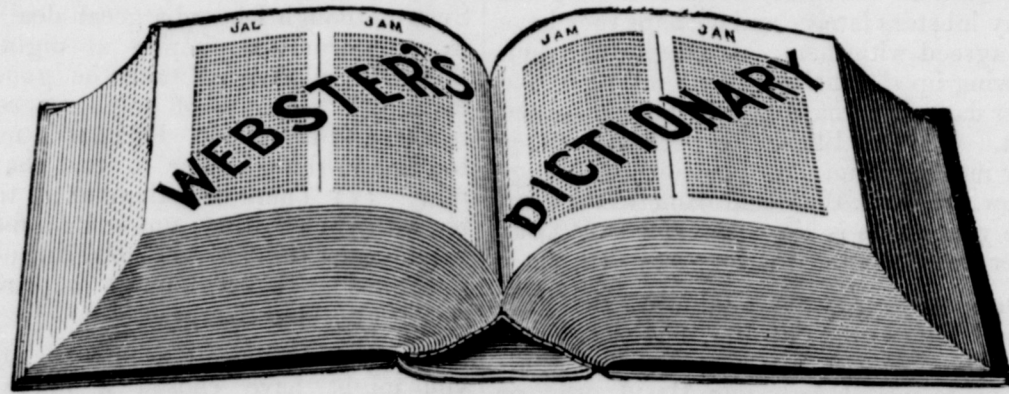


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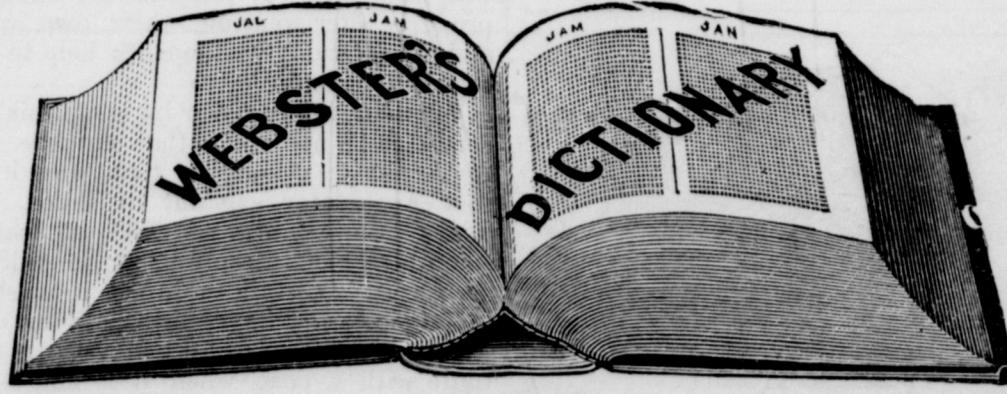
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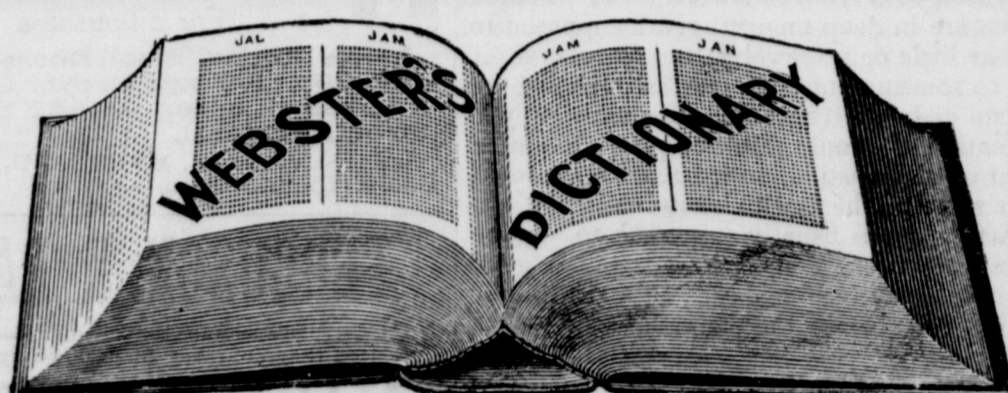


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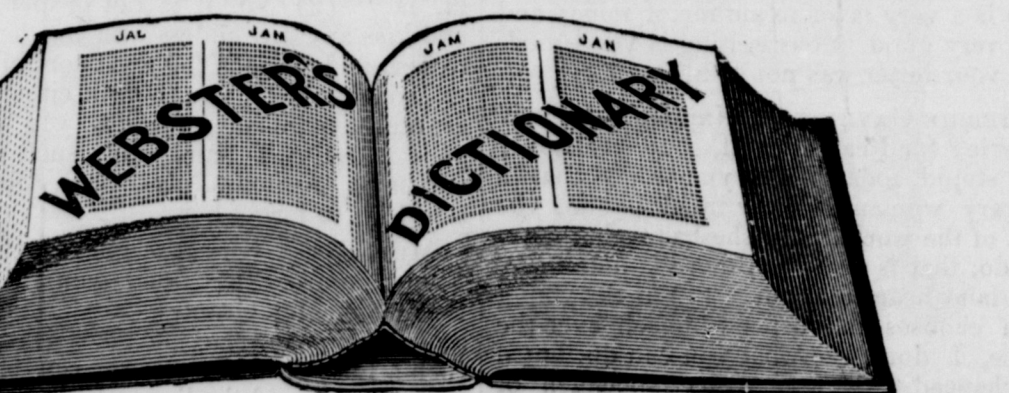


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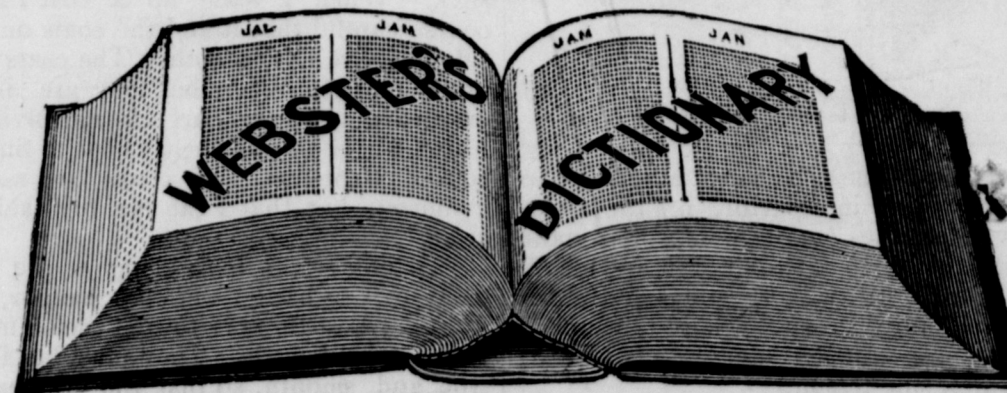
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