

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

The population of the earth doubles itself in 260 years.

The United States has thirty-seven thousand and telegraph operators.

A dealer in artificial limbs estimates that 300,000 Englishmen have lost one or both legs.

The cemeteries in London cover 2,000 acres, and the land they occupy represents a capital of \$10,000,000.

The yearly consumption of milk at the Hotel Metropole, London, is 75,000 quarts, and of water 20,000,000 gallons.

One small dose of strong alcohol shortens the time that food remains in the stomach by more than half an hour.

Within the last 30 years there have been on the British coasts 66,377 wrecks, with the fearful loss of 22,312 lives.

The youngest member of the British House of Commons is 22 years of age; its oldest is on the shady side of 90.

The smallest newspaper in the world is said to be *El Telegram*, published in Guadalajara, Mexico. It is four inches square.

The land in Germany devoted to the production of grain used in the manufacture of beer would support 50,000,000 people.

Photographs are taken under water. In this way it was found that daylight penetrated one thousand, five hundred and eighty feet in the Mediterranean, near Corsica.

The Irish language is dying out. Ten years ago 64,000 people spoke Irish only. In 1891 there were 38,000. In 1881 there were 886,000 who could speak Irish and English, and last year there were only 642,000.

The highest place in the world regularly inhabited is the Buddhist of Haine, in Tibet, which is 16,000 feet above the sea level. The highest uninhabited place in the Americas is at Galera, Peru, 15,635 feet above sea level.

Complete statistics of the great fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, have just been issued. The number of houses destroyed was 1,550, the number of families burned out 1,874, and the total number of persons burned out 10,234.

The number of incandescent lamps made in the United States is about 50,000 per day, or 15,000,000 per year, with an increase of about 3,000,000 per year. The average yearly profits from this industry are nearly \$3,750,000.

Macrocystis, a seaweed of the south Pacific, it is said, often grows to be 30 or 40 inches in diameter, and 1,000 to 2,000 feet in length. In no case does any of these have roots in the proper sense, their nourishment being absorbed from the water by all parts alike.

Only from 1598 to 1621 did Belgium constitute an independent state under the rule of Isabel, daughter of Philip II., and her husband, the archduke Albert. In the course of the 17th century, Spain had repeatedly to cede portions of Belgian territory to France. The peace of Utrecht in 1713 gave Belgium to Austria.

Last year only five deaths occurred on all the railways of the United Kingdom, while in the streets of London, 147 deaths and 5,784 personal injuries resulted from vehicles of some sort. This confirms the remark of Mr. Charles Francis Adams, who said that no safer place in the world could be found than in the express train on one of the main railways of England.

A scientific writer says that if the people on the star Sirius have telescopes powerful enough to distinguish objects on this planet, they are looking at it now, they are witnessing the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place over 1,800 years ago. Of course, the reason of this is that the light which the world reflects, travelling, as it does, at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, would take over eighteen centuries to reach the nearest fixed star.

By a law of Richard II. of England (1388), able-bodied beggars were punished and compelled to labor, and provision was made for the helpless. By an act of Henry VIII. (1530), licenses were given to impotent persons to beg within fixed limits, but unlicensed beggars were whipped, and all persons giving alms to such, forfeited ten times the amount given. In the reign of Elizabeth, beggars above the age of 14 were grievously whipped, burned through the ear with a hot iron, and for the third offence were put to death. This regulation was repealed in 1593.

In 1891 1,168 persons were killed on railways in the British Isles, according to the report of the British Board of Trade. Of these only 103 were passengers, and more than 400 were persons neither passengers nor employees, the number including trespassers and suicides. The total number of passenger trips, exclusive of those made on season tickets, was 845,463,668, which is 27,719,622 more than in 1890. Accurate returns of trips on season tickets would swell this list. But on the basis of these figures the proportion of passengers killed during the year was one in 8,208,386, and the proportion of injured one in 524,481.

In the early days of the Anglo Saxon and some of the Norman churches a stone bench running round the interior of the church, except on the east side, was the only sitting accommodation for visitors. About the year 1350 three-legged stools were introduced promiscuously over the church, and then followed wooden seats. In 1387 a decree was issued that none should call any seat his own, except noblemen and patrons, each entering and holding the one he first found. This decree was passed in order to avoid wrangling, which had become an intolerable nuisance. Toward the middle of the sixteenth century seats were more appropriated. In 1614 pews were, for the first time, baid

or cushioned, while the sides around were so high as to hide the occupants. This last device is said to have been resorted to by the Puritans in order to avoid being seen by the officers, who always reported those who did not bow when the name of Jesus was mentioned.

"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

The lazy laundress, as well as the flannel shirt, shrinks from washing.—Puck.

He—How much do you love me? She—Lots. He (anxiously)—Do you own the lots?—[Truth].

Do you believe knowledge is power? I do. That explains then why dudes are so frail.—N. Y. Sun.

Maud—I don't see why they call this a light opera. There's nothing very light about it! Toto—The costumes are!

"Why did he go on the stage?" "Oh, his friends egged him on." "Why did he leave it?" "The public egged him off."—N. Y. Press.

Little women are fonder of money than tall ones. How do you make that out? They do not care to marry a man who is short.—N. Y. Press.

I suppose you were present at a great many engagements during the civil war? Old Veteran—Yes; but the girl I married I found up north.—Inter-Ocean.

Doctor—You are suffering from indigestion; what have you been eating? Patient—I can't tell, doctor, my wife has been doing the cooking.—Milwaukee Tribune.

Jack (sarcastically)—When your socks come from the laundry do you darn them yourself? Frank (promptly)—No; I generally use a stronger expression.—Truth.

The paragraphists make all kinds of fun about girls turning the lamp down low when their lovers come to see them. I never do it. No? No; I put it out.—N. Y. Press.

"He was going to marry a New York girl, a blue blood, but he changed his mind and married a Boston girl." "A blue blood, too?" "No, only a blue stocking."—N. Y. Press.

"He will never make a temperance lecturer." "Think not?" "Never." "Why not?" "He takes no pride in telling what a low down drunkard he used to be."—Cape Cod Item.

"Mary Dasher's uncle is dead. Did he leave anything?" "Nothing." "Then she will not go into mourning for him?" "Yes, part mourning. She is going to wear black suspenders."—N. Y. Press.

The statement that the Indians have no word for "love" in their language is more than paralleled by those foreign immigrants who don't seem to have any idea of soap in theirs.—Philadelphia Record.

Tapely—You are an orphan? Miss Somergurt—Yes. Tapely (much disturbed)—Well, whose consent must I ask in order to marry you? Miss Somergurt—Well, you might ask mine.—[Puck].

We'll start a prison paper," said one life convict to another. We will, and our motto shall be, "The pen is mightier than the sword." No; our motto shall be, "We have come to stay."—N. Y. Sun.

"There, I knew I'd forgotten something," remarked Jaggs, after his sixth drink. "Boggs told me to take whiskey and glycerine for my cold, and I declare I've forgotten all about the glycerine."—Phila. Record.

Woman (to herself)—It scares me half to death to drive this horse. I wonder what he'll do next. Horse (to himself)—That must be a woman driving or I wouldn't be jammed into everything on the road.—N. Y. Weekly.

Perdita—"Well, Jack and I are to be married at last, and we are so happy." Penelope—"Did you and Jack have any trouble in getting your father's consent?" Perdita—"No; but papa and I had an awful lot of trouble getting Jack's consent."—Truth.

Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, last Saturday was my birthday, and your forgot all about it. Mr. Chugwater—Why, Samantha, my dear, the time passes—h'm—so swiftly in your society that your birthdays—er—come round before I know it.—Chicago Tribune.

"I have been married now," boasted a prosy old fellow, "more than thirty years, and have never given my wife a cross word." "That's because you never dared, uncle," said a little nephew who lived with them. "If you had, auntie would have made you jump."

Miss Gasket (at 11.30 p. m.)—Do you know, Mr. Sappy, I am sure you would make an excellent editor of a new newspaper. Sappy (pleased)—Weally, now, Miss Gasket? Miss Gasket—Indeed, I do. Your motto seems to be, "I have come to stay."—Toledo Blade.

Mrs. Bronson—Oh, Tom, I saw the loveliest \$15 hat down town today. I couldn't help thinking how pretty it looked in the store window. Mr. Bronson—I'm glad it looked pretty in the store window, dear. It would be such a shame to take it away from there.—News-Record.

"What does this mean, daughter? Here is another lot of milliners' and dressmakers' bills. Don't you remember that I expressly ordered you not to contract any more debts without my knowledge?" "Certainly papa; but I haven't contracted any debts. On the contrary, I've expanded them."

"So you think your son's wife extravagant?" "Extravagant is no name for it. She won't have anything cooked over; she won't have a dress mended, always has a new one; she gives away what would keep a family, and now she has capped the climax of her extravagance." "In what way?" "She's just had twins."—Cape Cod Item.

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Queen Victoria's new dining room at Osborne cost \$100,000 and she paid for it herself.

Mr. Blaine has come down among the middle weights. He turns the scales at 162½ pounds.

Dr. Cranfil, the prohibition candidate for vice president, preaches as often as he delivers a political address.

Dr. Elmer Lee's irrigation treatment for cholera is being given a test in the hospitals of St. Petersburg. He is an Ohio man.

Carl Schurz, at the age of 32, wrote a letter of admonition and advice to Abraham Lincoln. He is still giving his advice to people.

William Dickey, of Maine, was sent to the legislature in 1842, and has been a member of every legislature since. He is now 81.

F. B. Millet, the famous artist, seems to be under 45. He has few lines in his face and not a gray hair in his closely trimmed black locks.

Queen Victoria has not worn corsets for many years. Princess Beatrice follows her mother in this respect, and has also discarded the corset.

Thomas Nelson Page, the editor of *Harper's Monthly*, can tell from a man's speech what part of the country he hails from, or thinks he can.

The memento vandals have commenced already to despoil the grave of Whitier. So great has been the destruction of the flowers that a special policeman has been placed to guard the grave.

The German Emperor's money matters have steadily grown more harassing. He is said to be so deeply involved with money lenders that the court officials have difficulty in getting their salaries.

Miss Lottie Young, of North Hanover, Mass., rests her claim to fame upon the fact that she drove twenty-three nails in three minutes, and at the finish had two hands safe and sound to her credit.

The Kaiser's new daughter is a particularly welcome addition to his household, for the reason that, previous to her appearance on the scene, eighty-four years had elapsed since a queen of Prussia gave birth to a daughter.

The finest collection of fans in Europe is possessed by the Baroness James Rothschild; other fine collections are possessed by the Duchesse d'Aumale, ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, the Empress of Russia and formerly by the ex-Empress Eugenie.

The Shah of Persia, who has ten millions sterling stored in his palace, has been borrowing a sum from the State to defray the cost of his summer outing to the distant provinces of his empire. His suite comprises 10,000 people, including 300 wives.

The Sultan of Turkey has conferred upon Mrs. Elliot, daughter of Sir Clare Ford, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, the order of the Shekakat, second class. This decoration has been created by Sultan Abdul Hamid, and is bestowed on ladies of distinction.

Professor William James of Harvard does not conceal the fact that he is "the brother of Henry James, the novelist." But he is better known as an eminent scholar and suggestive writer. He says "orthodoxy is almost as much a matter of authority in science as it is in religion."

Ernest Renan, who died last week, did most of his writing at his country place. When he returned to Paris he would go over his big, plain handwriting, correct it, cut it here and there, and finally send it to the printer. The latter's labors were not done when it was "set up," for Renan would go over the proofs several times, and it is said the type of one of his essays had to be set up seventeen different times before he was satisfied with it. Renan was, in private life, a most peaceable and quiet man.

J. M. Barrie is not likely to suffer from excess of praise from the villagers of the now famous Thrums. One old lady, with energetic but quaint criticism, says of his "Little Minister": "It's of pale tone, but there's naethin' in't—mere havers about things twat's gaen on ilka day—and wha wants to waste their time readin' about sic like. Besides, what kens he about the sojers in Kinie. He's just been makin' up bits here and there out o' fat he's heard iher toulk tellin' He's no old enough to hae any mind o' sic things."

The English censor of books, the Anthony Comstock of the English stage, has this to say of Ibsen: "I have studied Ibsen's plays carefully, and all the characters appear to me morally deranged. The heroines are dissatisfied spinsters who look on marriage as a monopoly, or dissatisfied married women in a chronic state of rebellion against not only the conditions which nature has imposed on their sex, but against all the duties and obligations of mothers and wives; and as for the men, they are all rascals or imbeciles."

President and Mme. Carnot have recently been staying at Fontainebleau, and a correspondent has been supplying an account of how they spend their days. "Mme. Carnot entertains the guests, who come, some from Paris, but most from the town of Fontainebleau and the Department of Seine-et-Marne, or goes out for friendly shopping tours through the town, where as a girl she was educated, and where her mother lived. The president is up early, answers his letters till eleven, receives his callers till noon, when they are asked to stop to lunch, and then gets back to work till five. Then a short walk or drive in the grounds till dinner time, and after that coffee, billiards, and a cigar."

The president, the correspondent adds, hates fuss or ostentation. "When he drives into the park on his way home, he very often enters by a side gate, from a curious motive which does him credit. The road as it approaches the main entrance takes a sudden turn, so that the worthy janitor, a retired old soldier, has often the mortification of seeing his president drive through before he can find time to make the regulation salute. The Carnot family occupy the least stylish or historically famous wing of the palace—namely, that called after Louis XV. In an artistic structure, quite a contrast with the romantic elegance of the main building, to which the public have, as heretofore, free access."

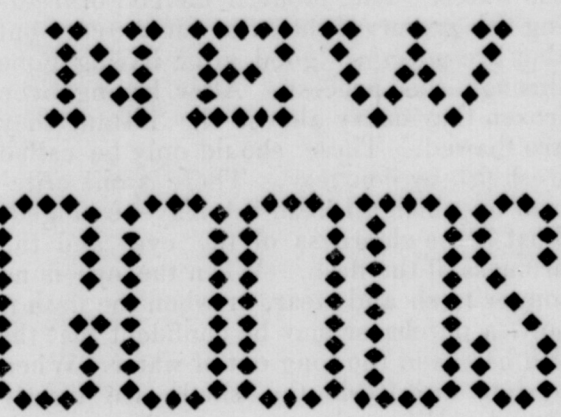
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