

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

A Minneapolis mill makes 15,300 barrels of flour a day.

Grape cultivation employs 2,800,000 persons in France.

The original Bell telephone patent expires in March, 1893.

Thirty-five millions of people die every year—few of these from old age.

It takes twenty-five seconds for the blood to make an entire trip of the system.

China has no telegraph poles. The people have a superstition against them.

Little camels, which are only 25 inches high, and weigh 50 pounds, are found in Persia.

Seals, when basking, place one of their number on guard to give the alarm in case of danger.

Church bells were made by Paulinus, an Italian bishop, to drive away demons, about 400 A. D.

There are forty-eight distinct diseases of the eye. No other organ of the human body has so many.

The color of the shark's egg is black, of leathery texture, thin, tough and in form similar to a hand barrow.

London's six principal railway lines carry annually over 200,000,000 people and the tramways about 150,000,000.

The daisy gets its name from "day's eye," because it unfolds its simple beauties at the "peep of day," and earlier than any other of Flora's tribe.

According to the census of 1890 the number of Free Masons in North America was placed at 673,643 and the number of Odd Fellows at 647,470.

At the widest part of the Isthmus of Panama the distance from sea to sea is about 114 miles; in the narrowest forty-seven and one-half miles.

The cocoon of a well-fed silk worm, it is said, will often yield a thread 1,000 yards long, and one has been produced which contained 1,295 yards.

The average rate of a sailing vessel in making a passage may be estimated at 100 nautical miles per day, and that of a steam vessel at 200 nautical miles per day.

The most powerful and heaviest gun in the world weighs 135 tons, is 40 feet in length and has a 13½ inch bore. Its range is eleven miles, with a projectile weighing 1,800 pounds.

The soil of Hayti is so fertile that three crops of corn are often raised in a year. The natives, however, are too indolent to avail themselves of these advantages, and they only work for enough to enable them to live.

A remarkable continuance of an inherited practice is that of migratory birds, which are said to cross the Mediterranean at a point proven to have been once the narrowest part of the sea, but which is far from being so now.

In China the cobbler roams from house to house, announcing his approach with a rattle. When called by those who need his services, he does his work at the homes of his patrons; and, if the job is a long one, boards with them until it is gone.

Time suspends his ravages in Egypt, where the smallest marks of a knife on a piece of wood remain at the close of two thousand years as distinct as on the day they were cut, and you can see after twice that interval where a chisel slipped upon a block of stone. The climate there is antiseptic, and a manuscript, if untouched by the spoiler, might last as long as that most indestructible of the works of men, an inscription on a papyrus.

The ruby is valued highest when it contains the least azure. The largest ruby that history speaks of belonged to Elizabeth of Austria, the wife of Charles IX. It was almost as big as a hen's egg. The virtues attributed to rubies are to banish sadness, to repress luxury and to drive away annoying thoughts. At the same time it symbolizes cruelty, anger and carnage, as well as boldness and bravery. A change in its color announces a calamity, but when the trouble is over it regains its primitive lustre.

Besides gases, a ton of coal will yield 1,500 pounds of coke, twenty gallons of ammonia water and 140 pounds of coal tar. Destruction of the tar gives us 6,919 pounds of pitch, 17 pounds of creosote, 14 pounds of heavy oils, 9.5 pounds of naphthalene, 613 pounds of naphthalene, 1.75 pounds of naphthalene, 2.25 pounds of alizarin, 2.04 pounds of solvent naphtha, 1.5 pounds of piceol, 1.2 pounds of urine, 1.1 pounds of aniline, 0.77 pounds of toluene, 0.46 pounds of antiracine and 0.9 pounds of toluene. From the last named product saccharine is obtained, which is 223 times sweeter than sugar.

The various governments of the world own together 880 cables, having a total length of 14,480 miles and containing 21,560 miles of conductors. The French government, which takes the lead as to length of cables, has 3,460 miles in fifty-four cables. As to number, the Norwegian government comes first with 255 cables, having a total length of 248 miles. Finally, as to the length of conductors, the English government comes first with 5,468 miles of conductors, divided among 115 cables, having a total length of 1,588 miles. Private companies to the number of 28 own 288 cables, having a length of 126,864 miles and containing 127,632 miles of conductors. The French companies, only two in number, the Compagnie Française du Telegraph de Paris a New York, and the Societe Française des Telegraphes Sous-Marins, have eighteen cables with a total

length of 7,249 nautical miles. The most important of the private companies is the Eastern Telegraph company, which operates 75 cables, with a total length of 25,347 miles. The total number of cables in the world is 1,168, with a total length of 140,344 miles, and 139,193 miles of conductors. This is not sufficient to reach to the moon, but would extend more than half way there.

"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

Silence is Golden.—"Least said soonest mended," said the doctor to the patient with a fractured jawbone.—Washington Star.

Friend (in drug store, 10 p. m.)—"Why are you hanging that city directory outside the door?" Night Clerk—"I want to get some sleep."

Sub-editor—"Here is an article favoring a simplified spelling of the English language." Editor—"Who wrote it?" Sub-editor—"A man named Smythe."

Gallant drummer (on the porch of backwoods store)—"Can I help you to alight, Miss?" Miss Lyddy Greene (who has just ridden up)—"No, thank ye, sir. I don't smoke."

Miss Elderby—"You have never met my elder sister, have you?" Cleverton—"Why, no, Miss Elderby. I didn't suppose it was possible that you had an elder sister."

Mr. Baggie—"Confound that tailor! These trousers are a mile too long." Mrs. Baggie—"How much shall I turn them up?" Mr. Baggie—"About half an inch."—Puck.

"Hans, you mustn't go in bathing today, as you have the stomach ache." "Oh, that won't make any difference, pa; I can swim on my back, you know."—Youth's Companion.

The quickest way to learn a woman's feelings toward you is to slyly kiss her. If she gives you a little slap you've got her; if she half kills you you haven't.—New York Herald.

Something New—Merchant—"What's the matter with your writing this morning—new pen?" Book-keeper—"No, sir." "New ink?" "No, sir." "What, then?" "Neuralgia."

Successful lawyer—"Always remember one thing, young man—There's plenty of room at the top." Student—"But I want to be a lawyer. I'm not studying for a hotel clerk."—Good News.

At St. Anne's Sunday-school, in Lowell, in answer to the question, "What is the greatest church festival?" an orphan of six years promptly responded, "The strawberry festival."—Boston Traveler.

Magistrate—"I seem to know your face?" Prisoner—"Yus, we boys together." Magistrate—"Nonsense!" Prisoner—"Yus, we wus. We're both about the same age, so we must have been boys together."

My wife is a kind and considerate woman. "I am glad to hear it." "She never calls me a fool, as some wives call their husbands." "No?" "No, she never goes further than to say, 'John, I believe you're half a fool.'"

The schoolboy was showing his teacher some apples he had bought. "Them ain't no good," he said, throwing out a couple. "Gracious me, Fred," she exclaimed, "whose grammar do you use?" "Johnnie Wilkines," he answered innocently; "mine's all tored up."

"No, mamma," said the young man sadly, yet firmly. "She may be bright, highly educated, and even a good cook. But I cannot bring myself to love a woman who appears on the street—though she is merely going to the grocery—with only one suspender."—Indianapolis Journal.

No Hope.—Mrs. Spinks—"I can't pay you. I haven't a cent. But perhaps my husband will have some money when he gets home. I believe he's gone to a horse-race." Grocer (weeping)—"Alas! madam, you are mistaken. It wasn't a horse-race he went to. It was a church fair."

Employer—"You took a day off to go a fishing yesterday? Employee—Yes, sir. Employer—"Catch anything?" Employee—"Nothing, sir. Employer (making a powerful effort to appear calm)—"Come up to my house this evening. I want to have a talk with you about taking you into partnership. The Power of Money.—A clergyman who preached a vigorous sermon on "The Power of Money," gave a practical illustration of his text, a few Sundays later, by announcing that he had accepted a call to another church, where his salary would be \$500 more a year.—Norristown Herald.

Perhaps one of the best cases of absent-mindedness occurred at a picture gallery, when an old gentleman, looking at the portraits, happened to pass a mirror which reflected his own image. He stopped, looked puzzled, and said: "Hum—um—very strange; but that face seems familiar to me. Perhaps I'm mistaken."

"Have you fixed up my will?" said the sick man to Lawyer Quillips. "Yes." "Everything as tight as you can make it?" "Entirely so." "Well, now, I want to ask you something—not professionally, but as a plain, every-day man. Who do you honestly think stands the best show for getting the property?"—Washington Star.

A Sale Cure.—Lady (to the chemist): "I have a corn from which I suffer dreadfully; can you recommend anything that will cure it?" Chemist: "Certainly, madam. See, here you have an excellent preparation which will make your corn disappear in a very short time. I have a customer who has used this lotion for the last forty years, and he never tries anything else."

Landlord—"Here's a telegram just arrived for you, Mr. Rural." Mr. Rural—"Don't say! Must be from Mary; she's got lonesome and wants me back again." Landlord—"Perhaps so. Open it and see." Mr. Rural (opening dispatch). "Say landlord! There's a bunco game. Sary's name is signed to it but I know her writin' too well to be deceived by any such forgery as that."—Boston Commercial.

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Mrs. Ballington Booth is said to receive but \$7 per week for her services to the Salvation army.

In one of Gladstone's own elections his friends are said to have expended \$240,000 in his behalf. An average English election costs \$25,000.

Archbishop Galimberti, the papal nuncio at Vienna, who is to be made a cardinal in September, is more a diplomat and a politician than a priest.

Richard Harding Davis, whose "Gallagher" is in its twenty-second thousand, was educated at Lehigh and Johns Hopkins universities. He is 28 years old.

A Japanese soldier has invented a gun which enables the possessor to send "a cloud of blinding dust" into the eyes of a foe at a distance of twelve feet.

The Empress of China never travels without taking her three thousand dresses, which are contained in six hundred boxes, each taking two or more coolies to carry.

The Shah of Persia has left Teheran for his annual sojourn at his summer palace, accompanied by a retinue of 300 wives and regiments of infantry, cavalry and artillery.

Dr. Blyden, the Liberian minister to England, is six feet high, of coal black complexion and intelligent appearance. He became minister for the black republic in 1892.

One of the largest ranches in the world is owned by a woman, Mrs. Richard King. It lies about forty-five miles south of Corpus Christi, Texas, and contains 700,000 acres.

Henry M. Stanley has become so angered by the flippant allusions in the American newspapers to his late canvass that he declares he will never set foot in the United States again.

Gounod, the composer, is an eccentric individual, and will only work at his own time and to order. It is said that he has twelve unfinished operas lying in his manuscript drawer.

Eugene Kelly, the New York banker to whom the Pope has given the honorary appointment of "Guardian of the Cope and Sword," landed from Ireland with \$3. Ten million is now about his size. He is 69.

The youthful Emperor of Annam is only 12 years old, and an inveterate cigarette smoker. He is a studious and serious little boy, with a lingering fondness for the childish toys that the French government sent him for amusement.

President Harrison receives his salary in monthly installments. On or about the 26th of each month the Treasurer of the United States sends to the White House, sometimes by messenger, and on other occasions by mail, a check for \$4,166.66.

M. Deibler, the noted French executioner who guillotined Ravachol, as he has all other condemned murderers in France for many years, has been turned out of his house by his scared landlord, who is very much afraid the Anarchists will blow up his property and M. Deibler at the same time.

Mrs. Frank Leslie says that her ideal of a perfect holiday is not rest from work, but change of work, on the principle of the plantation dandy, who said he would leave off work and go to sawing wood. She finds a greater rest in change of work than in utter idleness, which, to her, is the most fatiguing condition in life.

The new train for the use of the Imperial Russian Family consists of fourteen carriages. The saloon is divided into two and upholstered in red silk. The dining-room is in carved oak. The Empress's bedroom is in turquoise blue silk, and the bed is slung hammock-wise, in order to obviate shaking. The ornamentation is in mosaic of precious woods.

The Chicago World's Fair will be opened next May by the Marquis de Veragua, a descendant of Columbus. As, however, the marquis is too old to travel to Chicago, he will, at a certain hour on the opening day, press an electric button in Madrid, placed in communication by cable with the World's Fair, and by this means will set the machinery in motion in Chicago.

Only one instance is recorded in which a lady has changed her name three times in one day is on record. Mrs. Croft, son of Sir A. D. Croft, was married at Weigh Hill, Hants, to the eldest daughter of Mr. Marsh, at one time M. P. for Salisbury. The same day the old baronet died suddenly and his son succeeded him. Thus the lady was in the morning Miss Marsh, in the afternoon Mrs. Croft and at night Lady Croft.

The will of Mr. Frank Clarke Hills, of Kent, England, was proved a few days ago, and disposes of a personal estate of a value of more than ten \$10,000,000. The amount is the largest on record in England since the death of Mr. Morgan, the banker, two years ago. It is much larger than the estate of the late W. H. Smith. Mr. Hills made his money in the manufacture of chemicals and was comparatively an unknown man.

A very peculiar form of etiquette prevails at the vice-regal drawing-rooms held by the lord-lieutenant of Ireland in Dublin. It is the lord-lieutenant's privilege to kiss ladies presented to him—a practice introduced by George IV. when he visited Ireland in 1821, and maintained by every viceroy since that date. One lady, and one only, the widowed Marchioness of Drogheda, has invariably declined the honor. Other ladies have objected, but under a mild protest have submitted to the regulation kiss. Lord Zetland is said to put plenty of vigor into his salutations.

Nearly all the members of the royal family have their photograph albums, amongst the most elaborate of these being those possessed by the Empress Frederick of Germany, Princess Beatrice, and Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne). But perhaps the most interesting of all the royal albums is the one belonging to the queen. It is of the old-fashioned scrap-book pattern, and contains many beautiful little sketches by the queen herself and the prince consort. There are also many little contributions and mementoes from many eminent people of thirty and forty years ago. Not the least interesting part of the contents is a piece of the lace which decorated the queen's wedding cake.

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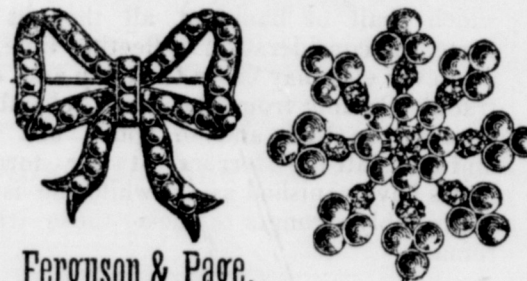
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