

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

The city of London covers 697 square miles.

Only one-half of all who are born reach the age of 17 years.

Strips of mulberry bark serve as money in some of the small towns of China.

The lava from Mount Etna has killed most of the fish in the little lake near.

It is said that blacksmiths' tools generally are those used three hundred years ago.

The saloons of London, it set side by side, would reach a distance of seventy-five miles.

The greatest weight on record of the trunk of an Indian elephant was that of one killed by the late Sir Victor Brooke. It scaled 90 lbs.

Old shoe throwing is done for many purposes. In Ireland the election of a person to almost any office is concluded by throwing an old shoe over his head.

In 1846 the population of Ireland was estimated to be a little over 8,000,000. According to the last census returns the numbers had fallen to 4,706,162.

According to the British Medical Journal, the people of Paris, in 1891, consumed 4,615 tons of meat, of horses, donkeys and mules. All but one-third was sold in sausage.

The address of any person in St. Petersburg can be procured in a few hours, for a postage stamp. The policemen have blanks for this purpose that are to be filled out and posted.

Russia has two kinds of sunflower. There are seven hundred thousand acres under cultivation. The seeds of one kind are crushed for oil and this industry is one of enormous proportions.

During a waltz of ordinary length the dancer travels about three-quarters of a mile. The girl who dances every dance will traverse a distance of from ten to fifteen miles in the course of the evening.

The new Mormon temple at Salt Lake City will be opened April 6, 1893. It has been in course of erection for forty years, has cost \$2,500,000 and will be, without doubt, the biggest architectural nightmare in the country.

In Switzerland accident insurance policies can be procured with a railway ticket by paying two cents, which insures for five hundred dollars for a day and a half, in case of serious accident, and one thousand dollars in case of death.

The "pace" or stride of the British infantry is 30 inches. The slow or parade march consists of 75 such paces to the minute; the quick march rises to 110; while the double, as its name denotes, consists of 150 paces to the minute, or a little over 4 1/4 miles in the hour.

Alaska covers an area of 575,000 square miles and has 25,000 miles of coast line. The population is probably about 30,000, of which all but 5,000 are native Indians. The United States Government derives a large revenue from its vast fisheries and fur trade alone is worth \$300,000 a year.

The derivation of the term 'troy weight' is uncertain. It is supposed to have reference to the monish name given to London, of Troy—Novant. It was in 1828 that a standard troy pound in brass brought from England was declared by Act of Congress the legal standard of the United States Mint.

The originator of the theory that the earth is round was probably Thales of Miletus about 640 B.C. He not only taught that the earth was globular in form, but of the five zones, some of the principle circles of the sphere, the capacity of the moon and the true course of the lunar eclipses.

Snake poison is a transparent fluid, of a yellowish colour, and of about the same consistency as human saliva. It is most easily examined by irritating the opoidian and caused it to bite the rim of a saucer, thus depositing the secretion in the receptacle. After having been dried, it becomes very beautifully crystallized.

All the car works and locomotive shops in the country are busy trying to fill the orders for 1,500 new passenger coaches and 400 new locomotives to be delivered to roads centering at Chicago by May 1, 1893. It is estimated that the outlay for additional rolling stock and motive power by the Chicago roads alone will not fall short of \$7,000,000.

A San Francisco firm is about to attempt the revival of whaling in the Antarctic Ocean, which has not been carried on for as many as twenty-five years. A quarter of a century ago, the catches of sperm and right whales used to be excellent there, and many of the whalers are now of the opinion that the southern seas will again afford a profitable field for operations.

Waterloo Station, London, boasts one of the largest signal boxes in the world. In order to control the number of trains which pass in and out of the station, 18,000 distinct lever motions and 20,000 electrical signals are required. The shunting movements alone in the course of four hours number 173, the actual cause and time of each shunt being duly reported.

The festival of roses is an annual celebration in some of the rural parts of France. It consists in crowning with roses the best-behaved maiden of the town or village. The ceremony takes place in a church, whither she is conducted with great pomp by the villagers. Festivals of this description are usually celebrated in France in June. The Persians have also an annual festival of roses, which consists of bands of youths parading the streets with music, and offering roses to all they meet, for which they receive a trifling gratuity.

There are more than 500 different kinds of humming birds known to naturalists. The family are entirely confined to the

American continents, and reach their greatest perfection and beauty in the tropical countries. Only 17 kinds have been found within the United States; at least half of them are resident of other countries. The principal enemy of the South American humming bird is the collector who obtains them for milinery purposes. Four years ago 400,000 small birds, principally humming birds, were sold in one week in London, and at one sale 12,000 skins were sold at auction to satisfy the demands of the votaries of fashion.

"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"I should call death an excellent mimic." "Why so?" "Because it takes so many people off."

Miss June—In selecting a husband, what would you do? Miss September—Take the first that offers.

"Did you see those river mice scampering up from the water?"—"Yes. They're trying to get away from the cat-fish."

Cumso—Well, McBride, is there as much billing and cooing as there was before marriage? McBride—The billing has increased largely.

"I've got a scheme," said Sellars. "What is it?"—"Why not feed sheep on the cotton plant and grow shoddy right on the animal."

Grocer—I am sorry, but our butter is just out. Landlady—Well, it's as strong as the last I got. I don't see that it needs any exercise.

Rowne de Bout—Patson Call is under a cloud just now. Upson Downes—Well, you may trust him to steal an umbrella before the storm breaks.

Mr. Ballyhoo (in his first open-back shirt).—"I hove it on, and I hove it bottomed; an' now will yez be tellin' me how to tur-r-n it round?"

"Is foot ball a gambling game?" Rusher—Well, Dodger lost \$25 in gold yesterday. "Why didn't he leave it at home?" "He couldn't; it was in his teeth."

"I don't care nothin' about being made a lord," said Mr. Hobbs; but if the government was a mind to make my wife a lady I wouldn't put nothin' in their way."

"Where ye goin', Johnny?"—"Don't bother me. I'm a relief expedition, I am. 'Are ye playin' North pole?"—"Naw; I'm goin' to the drug store for paragon."

McCrackle—Do you know what is the best thing out? McCrackle—No; what is it? McCrackle—I haven't decided whether it's an aching tooth or a conflagration.

See things.—Rowne de Bout—Doesn't drinking affect your sight?—Old Hennessey—I should say so! I often see more in a minute than other men do in a lifetime.

Miss Faire—I do not like compliments. Please speak truthfully of me, and in plain language.—Mr. Witte—But language that speaks truthfully of you cannot be plain.

A merchant spending the summer at a mountain resort received a telegram saying: "The store is on fire. What shall we do?" The answer came promptly: "Put it out."

De Jinks—The tailor said I could have the suit for \$35 cash or \$50 on credit. Bionex—Of course you studied economy? De Jinks—Certainly. I took it for \$50.

"Your boy's English is rather bad, Mrs. Moriarity," said the merchant to the office boy's mother. "True for you, Mister Smithers, it's Oirish all troo," replied the proud mother.

Zenobia—"Dia you see that horrible gown Miss Grottesque wears?" It's the color of green apples. Penelope—"No. It must be awful." Zenobia—"It is. Just to look at it will double you up."

"Life in this country," said the philosopher, "is a heap like going to the circus. Soon as a man gets to the front all the fellows on the back seats insist on him sitting down out of the way."

Miss Battery—Do they throw old shoes at wedding parties in Chicago when the bride is leaving? Miss Canokia—Well, I rather guess not! Do you suppose they want their carriages smashed?

First Speaker—I think my opponent knows more about things that are not so than any man I ever heard.—Opponent—Well I think the speaker knows less about things that are so than any man I ever saw.

Mrs. Snooper—I wonder if it is true, as Dr. Jacob says, that the baby of to-day has a better chance of life than the baby of fifty years ago? Snooper—Certainly it is. The baby of fifty years ago is half a century old now.

Mistress—Mary! Mary! I've just broken my handglass. You know how unlucky it is—Seven years' unhappiness!—Maid—Oh, that's nothin', ma'm; 'ow about me? I've just smashed the large glass in the drawing-room.

Mrs. Modish (after a shopping tour)—Oh, I have just struck the loveliest bargain! Mr. Modish (after a hard day on 'Change)—Why didn't you strike something that can strike back? Mrs. Modish—Wait till you get the bill.

Teacher—"Robert, this is an example in subtraction. Seven boys went down to the water to bathe, but two of them had been told not to go in the water. Now, can you tell me how many went in?"—Robert: "Yes, seven."

Mr. Figg—H'm! I see that the loss to the people of Hamburg from the late cholera epidemic will amount to 10,000,000 marks. Tommy—If they were to take the small pox they'd get more'n 10,000,000 marks, wouldn't they, paw.

Mrs. Plainfield (proudly): "And who would have thought that I should ever be the mother of a poet?"—Her neighbor (misunderstanding): "Oh, well, I wouldn't worry about that! He'll have better sense when he gets a little older."

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Mrs. Langtry draws designs for most of her costumes.

The Queen of Italy has founded an industrial school for women.

Prince Bismarck's wife is remarkable for her simple piety and her charities.

No British sovereign has vetoed a Parliamentary bill during the past 185 years.

Mrs. Gladstone takes a deep interest in hospitals and is generous with her charities.

A first edition of Tennyson's poems was recently sold for \$550. This was before his death.

Mme. Carnot visits hospitals and showers down little acts of kindness upon all whom she encounters.

The Grand Duchess of Baden is at the head of a training school for servants and a cooking school.

Guy de Maupassant, the famous French story writer, is no longer confined in a lunatic asylum.

The Empress of China is having a silk factory built, in order to give work to many unemployed women and girls.

No such universal homage as was shown in Paris at Renan's funeral has been paid any other man, it is said, since Victor Hugo's death.

Sarah Bernhardt's latest eccentricity is the erection of a tomb for herself—ready for use when she shall require it—in the Pere le Chasse Cemetery, Paris.

Miss Longfellow, daughter of the poet, celebrates her birthday each year by giving a feast to a number of shop girls and then taking them for a long drive afterward.

The Emperor of Austria is a very charitable man. Upon one occasion, after a flood had laid waste many villages, he donated half a million from his private purse.

Mrs. Macbeth, an Englishwoman and the wife of a member of the Royal Academy, practices riding after fox hounds astride of her horse, clad in knee breeches, gaiters and a divided skirt.

Master Bayliss, of Coventry, England, is the youngest cyclist in the world. He is 2 1/2 years old and wheels around on a beautiful little tricycle weighing ten pounds. The child is already a fine rider.

The Empress Frederick has become a proverb in Germany for her generosity. She has many charities—a convalescent home for women, kindergartens, creches and a fresh air society for poor children.

Miss Chapman, the well known sculptor, has been commissioned to model the two Spanish bullocks Queen Victoria keeps in the park at Osborne. They have enormous horns and are considered remarkably beautiful creatures.

W. M. Conway, a daring English mountaineer, has succeeded in climbing to the top of one of the peaks of the Hindu Kush range, on the borders of Kashmir, to the height of 23,000 feet. This eclipses the best previous record.

The son of the King of Sweden, who some time since forfeited his right to the throne to marry Mlle. Munk, has been reconciled to his father. He and his wife live very happily together. Another proof that Swedish matches are among the best.

Miss Tate, daughter of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, devotes her whole time to the poor of London. There is no work, which she regards as too menial for her hands to do, provided it lifts a little of the burden from the poor, sick and aged.

A statue is to be erected at Bar-le-Duc, in France, to Ernest Michaux, who is supposed to have invented the velocipede, and thereby paved the way for the bicycle. Michaux was a blacksmith and constructed his first "wheel" in 1842, just a half a century ago.

Professor John Harvard Bilkes, designer of the Inman steamers City of Paris and City of New York, has been taking a glance at our new navy, and this has led him to observe that "with such vessels as are now in the service of the government the United States Navy need not take a back seat for any power on the globe."

The Earl of Dudley, like his eccentric father, is a believer in life insurance. The late Earl insured his life for a large amount—about \$4,000,000. But his present lordship, at the time of his marriage to Miss Gurney, the adopted daughter of the Duchess of Bedford, effected policies representing insurance of over \$5,000,000.

The Marquise de Blocqueville, who died a few days ago in Paris, was formerly one of the most beautiful women of her time, and like most French beauties had considerable political influence. The Marquise was a great favorite at the court of Louis Philippe and was the intimate friend of Queen Amelia and the Duchess of Orleans.

Mrs. Marshall Field, wife of the Chicago dry goods prince, has an almoner, who is also private secretary, to dispense her charity. Although provided with ready money, the almoner never bestows it. The needs of the family being known, they are relieved in various ways. Back rents are often cancelled, and sympathy as well as substantial aid rendered to careworn men and women.

When at home the well-known millionaire, Baron Maurice Hirsch, lives in true baronial style in his castle on the Danube in Moravia. There are a drawbridge, portcullis, and all the medieval accessories of a once impregnable fortress. Here he hunts and shoots to his heart's content, but he is very fond of his billiard room, which contains every conceivable game of chance or skill. Madame Hirsch, who speaks four languages fluently, is a model hostess, and the baron's hospitality is unbounded.

While Eugene Turpin, the inventor of melinite, has been confined for treason at Etampes, France, he has invented a balloon that can be guided by the aeronaut. He has also devised a new fuse for shells used at sea, and an apparatus for making inexpensive hydrogen gas for inflating balloons. Meantime Tobias F. Hudson, a prisoner in the Maryland penitentiary, has invented an improved socket for incandescent lamps and constructed a number of unique clocks, one of which, the warden says, keeps better time than the expensive French clock in the prison.

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