

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

Chinese streets are not often more than eight feet wide.

Greek infantrymen were always trained in stone throwing.

Two million barrels of beer are made annually in Milwaukee.

Nearly 900,000 grown English people can neither read nor write.

The hourly rate of water falling over Niagara Falls is 100,000,000 tons.

Fashion plates came into use during the last quarter of the eighteenth century.

Several thousands of hair pins in many styles have been recovered from Pompeii.

In the reign of Louis XIV the hats of the ladies were two feet high and four wide.

Pockets in ladies dresses first appeared in England during the reign of Edward III.

Place 500 earths like ours side by side, yet Saturn's outermost ring could easily inclose them.

Muffs were first used by doctors to keep their fingers soft and were adopted by ladies about 1550.

The highest bridge in the world is at Garabit, France. It is 413 feet above the water and 1,800 feet long.

The Dead Sea is nothing more than a small but very old salt lake now in an advanced stage of evaporation.

The College of Pharmacy of New York has the most complete herbarium in the United States. It embraces over 60,000 specimens.

Black patches shaped like stars, crescents, horseshoes, and even like coaches and horses, were worn by the ladies of the court of Anne.

The famous Bank of Venice began business in 1192, lasted 600 years, and might have existed to this day but for the invasion of Napoleon.

Emigration is slowly decreasing in Ireland. The numbers for the last four years (1888-1891) are 78,684, 70,477, 61,313, and 59,623 respectively.

Pliny mentions wines made of honey and six-year-old rain water; of honey, sea salt and vinegar; of honey and myrtle seed; of palms, dates, figs, wormwood and snails.

Today France has only 38,000,000 inhabitants to Germany's 50,000,000, yet the French army is 25,000,000 larger on a peace footing and 340,000 larger on a war footing than German.

A freight car 36 feet long has been built of steel in Manchester for the Mexican Railway Company. It is said to be no heavier than a 34 foot wooden car and will hold nearly three times as much.

There are chicken factories in New England that are turning out thousands of motherless chickens every week more successfully than by the old method. In the incubator art leaves nature in the rear.

Three-quarters of a second is the time occupied by the fall of the knife in the guillotine. The knife is weighted by 120 pounds of lead, falls nine feet, and cuts through flesh and bone as easily as through a bar of soap.

The estimated wealth of the United States, that is, the value of all lands, buildings, railways, etc., is put at \$64,000,000,000. The amount of money of all kinds is estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury to be \$2,108,130,092.

No President of the United States was born in New York city, but two of the twenty-three died there. One president, one ex-president and one occupant of presidential office during the period of four years for which his opponent was elected survive the contests of more than a century.

The Bellerophon, on board which Napoleon surrendered to Capt. Maitland on July 15, 1815, was built in a private shipyard at Frindsbury, on the Medway, in 1783. She was used as a hulk in the latter part of 1815; in 1825 she was renamed the Captivity, and in 1831 she was broken up.

The United States contains 70,000 lawyers, 11,000 of whom are in New York city, making the proportion here about one to every 160 of the population. France with a population of 40,000,000, has but 6,000 lawyers, and Germany has only 7,000 out of a population of 50,000,000.

The obtaining of tortoise shell involves intense cruelty to the tortoise. When the creature is caught it is fastened down to the ground and covered round the shell with leaves and grass, which are set alight. The heat forces the scales of the shell to separate, and they are then cut off with a knife. The poor reptile is then released to grow fresh scales.

An eminent authority has it that the death rate of the world is calculated to be 67 per minute, 4,030 per hour, 96,720 per day, while the rate of births, slightly exceeding the death rate, is calculated to be 70 per minute, 4,100 per hour, 100,800 per day, 36,742,000 a year. The estimated increase per annum is therefore a little over 1,500,000.

According to the Earl of Yarborough, fox hunting does not seem to have lost any of the popular hold upon the English aristocracy, that it had 100 or 150 years ago. According to this Earl, more than \$25,000,000 are spent each year in Great Britain upon this sport. There are 330 packs of hounds in the United Kingdom and more than 100,000 horses trained to follow them. These \$25,000,000 do not include the cost of carriage horses, cover hacks and other incidental expenses involved in the chase.

A recent census bulletin gives the relative number of males and females in the United States in 1870, 1880 and 1890. From this bulletin it appears that the proportion of females to males has been decreasing since 1870. In 1880 there were

1,257 fewer females to each 100,000 males than in 1870, and in 1890 there were 1,964 fewer to each 100,000 than in 1880. The last census has disclosed the startling fact that, while there are 32,067,880 males in the United States, the females number only 30,554,370. In other words, if everybody married there would be of necessity 4,720 bachelors out of every 100,000 men.

"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"Your sealskin sash is rather short, is it not?" "Yes; when I got it my husband was short."

She (hintingly)—The fire is going out. He—Well, I hope it will bring some coal back with it.

"Have you selected your winter quarters yet?" "Miggs—No; every quarter I had went on the election."

"Goitard is a little wild, isn't he?" "Wild! I should so. Why even the clock in this room is fast."

"Do you study grammar?" asked a strange lady of a little boy she met on the train. "No'm," he replied; "she's dead."

Briggs—How do you like my new coat? I got it at the misfit parlor. Griggs—First rate. It's one of the best misfits I ever saw.

Little girl—Why do the flies bite so today? Mother—It's going to rain. Little girl—Well they might know 'tain't my fault.

It was in the school of design. Professor—What you have just drawn there looks more like a cow than a horse. Pupil—It is a cow, sir.

"How old is your grandfather, Hyson?" "I don't know, but he must be quite old. He was a grown up man as far back as I can remember."

Kitty Winslow—I don't see why it should be so hard for a young man to say "no." Tom De Witt—No; you girls seem to find it easy enough.

Snobley—I'm going to a fancy dress ball next week. Suggest a costume for me.—Jarley—Why not go as a gentleman of the nineteenth century.

"You live on Beacon street, do you not, Miss Emerson?" "No, Mr. Hawkins. I live in a house that is situated at one side of that thoroughfare."

"Are there too many doctors?" asks an exchange. "No, there are not half enough, but there are too many pretending to be doctors who are not."

"Did your wife say yes the first time you proposed to her, Mr. Henpeck?" "Yes, she snapped at me at once and she has been snapping at me ever since."

"How do you keep your collars so bright and clean these dusty days?" "They're made of celluloid, and I polish them up with tooth powder twice a day."

Jaggs—How was it that you represented yourself as being a poor man?—Snaggs—That was only in an advertisement for some money I lost in the street.

"Few men have more trouble in life than the man who keeps hens." "There one man has more trouble." "Who is he?" "The man who lives next door to him."

Balbriggan—I say, old man, what are you putting those toothpicks down your back for? Flanelly—Just getting in training to wear my winter flannels, old fellow.

"How fortunate I was not to have been born a tree!" said the dramatist. "Whatever you were born," replied the oak under which he stood, "you are sure to dialogue."

"Women," quoth Jones, "are the salad of life, at once a boon and a blessing." "In one way they're salad indeed," replied Brown, "they take so much time in their dressing."

Boston Girl—What a blow the ancient myths have had in the past few years! Nobody believes in William Tell these days. Chicago Girl—I should say not. And how is Ben Butler now?

"I'm going to have that last painting of mine framed," said young Daub, the artist. "Don't you think it would be a good idea to have a glass put over it?" "Yes, replied the stranger, "a smoked one."

Young Callow—How strange it is, darling, that you should love me? Prunella—Oh, I don't know. A phrenologist once told me I was naturally affectionate, that I had to have something to love.

Minister—Mr. Hardsense, I didn't see you put anything on the plate this morning when I made an appeal to the congregation to think of the heathen in Central Africa. Mr. Hardsense—Well, I thought of them.

Brooklyn Eagle: The wretch! "Mary Jane, you say you had no company in the kitchen last night. I would have sworn"—"Oh, mum!" "I mean, I'm sure I heard a kiss there." "Sure it was only the boss, mum."

Steele—I hear, you have broken off with Dolly Varden. Penn—Yes She made me spend too much money on my clothes. Steele—How so Penn—She was so fastidious that she wouldn't sit on the same pair of trousers twice.

Boswell—I find that I have omitted to make a note of your very felicitous definition of a picnic. Will you oblige me by repeating it? The Doctor—Sir, with pleasure. A picnic is the cupidity of several, and the misery of all.

Temperance enthusiast.—O, my friend, strive to cast aside this evil habit. Why do you not struggle with drink?—Confirmed Inebriate—Never have no call to, gov'ner. I can always get it down easy enough without struggling.

A paterfamilias was complaining to a friend of the conduct of his son. "You ought to take him severely to task." "I?" the father replied; "what is the use? He listens to none but fools—do me the favor of speaking to him yourself."

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Mme. Carnot, wife of the French president, smokes cigarettes.

Queen Victoria is quite a successful farmer and has taken 447 prizes at English cattle shows.

Paul B. du Chailu says that while he was in Africa he had 22,000 opportunities to marry and declined them all.

W. T. Wandrey, who died in Quincy, Ill., the other day in the poorhouse, was the last of Blucher's drummer boys at Waterloo.

Thomas Nelson, the recently deceased publisher of Edinburgh, left \$500,000 for the erection and equipment of five working-men's clubs.

A blind man who should hear the strong voice and the quick, firm step of Edward Everett Hale would never suspect that he was 70 years of age.

Mr. Gladstone's physician is putting still more restraints upon him, and insisting upon his adopting every means of economizing his failing strength.

Mrs. Wills, who has just died in London, was the author of the remark that females who fought strenuously for women's rights were generally men's lefts.

Miss Kate Marsden is coming from England to the United States on a lecturing tour. Her object is to raise funds for the establishment and endowment of two leper colonies in Siberia.

Dr. Sigurd Ibsen, the son of the famous Norwegian writer, according to foreign papers, is soon to be married to the beautiful daughter of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, the great politician of Norway.

Henry II. of England is represented as wearing green boots, his spurs fastened with red leather straps, black leather gloves, with outside jewels on each finger and a star of gems on the back of each glove.

Mrs. Harrison's portrait, to be painted by an artist not yet selected, has been provided for by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, and will be sent to adorn the gallery in the White House.

It is stated on what professes to be good authority that the Prince of Wales intends to visit the Chicago exhibition during the coming summer, if all is well. The Prince will probably be accompanied by the Duke of York.

At the school of fine arts, Paris, the Jean Leclerc prize of 500 francs (architectural) was this year divided between Mr. Howard of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Mr. Arthur A. Stoughton of the School of Mines, Columbia college.

The Duke of Connaught, who will receive \$60,000 a year as commander in chief of the army, gets as much more from the civil list as a royal duke, and for acting as colonel of several regiments \$5,000 each. His elder brother, Duke of Edinburgh, does even better.

When Macaulay went to a barber, and, after an easy shave, asked what he had to pay, the shaver replied: "just what you generally give the man who shaves you, sir." "I generally give him," said the historian, "a couple of cuts on each cheek. I shave myself usually."

Lucy Booth, General Booth's youngest daughter, is about to go to India to be at the head of the work among the women of that dark land. Like all the women of the Salvation Army in India, she will go among the native women in their own costume and live in the same manner that they do.

Ex-Empress Frederick of Germany, as is well known, had great regard for the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, the chief physician of her husband during his fatal illness. As a testimonial of her regard she has contributed \$250 to a fund collected in London to build an additional wing to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat. The wing is to be named in honor of the dead physician.

The Empress of Austria has begun the study of the modern Greek language and literature. She has already made considerable progress, as she is clever and learns easily. While staying at Goedeoelo, in Hungary, Professor Rouppollos acted as her tutor. Her majesty speaks a number of modern languages, and likes to be able to use the tongue of the natives when travelling in a foreign country.

Four years ago, it is said, General Harrison went to bed on the night of election before he knew the result. The wife of General Hancock declared that the latter went to bed at 7 o'clock in the evening on election day, 1880, being to tired to await news. Next morning he awoke at dawn and asked if there were any definite tidings. Upon her reply: "Yes you are beaten," he turned over and went to sleep again.

Barrett Browning, now about 43 years of age and a resident of Venice, was in Christ church college, Oxford, at the same time as Allen Thorndike Rice, and the two had lodgings together for a time. Mr. Browning says that when he was only 5 years old he wrote verses which led Ruskin to declare that the child was destined to become a poet. Instead of adopting his father's and mother's art, however, Mr. Browning has become a painter.

Hanns Hirsch, the Hebrew philanthropist, is expected to make a visit in Philadelphia next summer when he comes to this country to attend the World's Fair. One of his personal friends in that city said: "He will spend a portion of his time here and in New York and will go into full consultation with the American trustees of his charitable funds in these cities. It is believed he has a grand plan for future charity in his race in this country, which will involve the expenditure of millions of dollars.

The new commander of the Pacific squadron, says an English paper, is to be Rear-Admiral Stephenson, C. B. He has been in the navy for nearly 40 years, and saw active service in the Crimea, in China and during the Indian mutiny. It was Captain Stephenson, as he then was, who was in command of the Heron gunboat on the Canadian lakes during the Fenian disturbances; and he had charge of her majesty's ship Discovery in the Arctic expedition of 1875-76. Rear-Admiral Stephenson was formerly a naval aide-de-camp to the queen, and has been an equester to the Prince of Wales since 1878.

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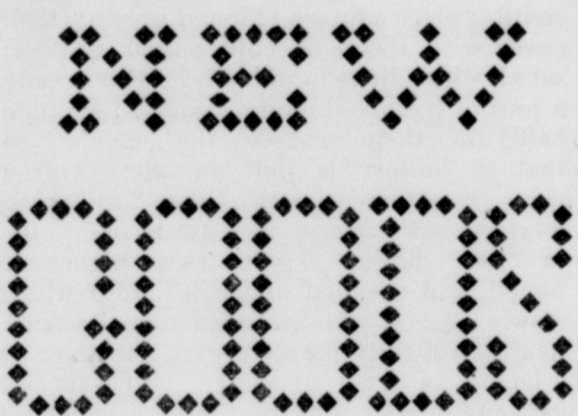
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