

# THINGS WORTH KNOWING

In 1665 there were 68,800 deaths in London in 33 weeks.

In London an average of 57,511 letters a day are mailed.

The 23,000 newspapers in America employ 200,000 men.

The French order of the Legion of Honor now has 45,000 members.

There are 119,000,000 old copper U. S. cents lying under somewhere.

The total number of families in the United States in 1890 was 12,690,152.

In 1611, 200,000 persons died of cholera in Constantinople, millions in Asia Minor.

Cleveland polled 635,757 votes and Harrison 648,759 in New York state in 1888.

In Saxony about 70 per cent. of the working-men earn less than \$150 per year.

There will be standing room for 35,000 people besides 100,000 seats at the World's Fair.

Of the public school teachers in the United States more than 65 per cent. are women.

The linen manufactured yearly in England could be wrapped round the earth seven times.

The highest inhabited place in America is at Galera, in Peru, which is 15,635 feet above the sea level.

The Dismal Swamp of Virginia embraces an area of 1,500 square miles, very little of which is of any use at all to man.

A collection of butterflies was recently sold in Vienna for \$5,000, the purchaser being Lord Rothschild of London.

A tablespoonful of powdered alum sprinkled in a barrel of water will precipitate all impure matter to the bottom.

One hundred and eighty-four million pounds of tea is consumed per annum in the United Kingdom, being five pounds per inhabitant.

Rolfe has counted the lines Shakespeare's great characters speak. Hamlet has 1,569 lines. Iago, 1,117, Othello 338 and Lear 770.

A pair of gloves passes through about 200 hands from the moment the skinleaves the dressers until the gloves are purchased by the intending wearer.

A peck or more of lime left in a cellar in an open keg will absorb an immense amount of moisture, which otherwise might form in mold on the walls.

A law was passed in England in 1750 to the effect that at parties "ladies must not get drunk on any pretext whatever, and gentlemen not before 9 o'clock."

At Aix-la-Chapelle there is a newspaper museum founded by Oscar von Forckenbeck, which contains files of specimens of more than 17,000 different newspapers.

A good disinfectant is made by dissolving half a dram of nitrate of lead in a pint of boiling water, then dissolve two drams of common salt in eight or ten quarts of water.

The first ice cream vendors in England were Neapolitan peasantry of the poorest type, but the vendors now come from all parts of Italy, many being natives of the most remote country districts.

In the British Patent office, where of all places in the world one would expect to find things ordinarily well "up to date," the steel pen is unknown, and the antediluvian goose quill absolute and supreme.

There is a population of 80,000 in Iceland, yet the only military force employed consists of two policemen, stationed at the capital, Reykjavik, and the only two lawyers in the island are the state's attorney and another, who is prepared to defend any one who may be put on trial.

An old almanac for 1813 gives the following as the rates of postage prevailing at that time: "For every single letter by land, for 40 miles, 8 cents; 90 miles, 10 cents; 150 miles, 12 1/2 cents; 300 miles, 17 cents; 500 miles, 20 cents, and for more than 500 miles, 25 cents. No allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double the said rates; every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce at the rate of four single letters each ounce. Every ship letter originally received at an office for delivery, 6 cents. Magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet; over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 do., 1 1/2 cents per sheet; over 100 miles, 2 cents per sheet."

The impurities of town air have been investigated at Manchester, Eng. The following conclusions are drawn: In clear, breezy weather the amount of sulphurous acid is less than one milligram (.0154 of a grain avoirdupois) per 100 cubic feet of air. It rises rapidly just before storms, and during fogs lorty or fifty times this amount has been observed. In open spaces and less densely populated areas there is a marked diminution in the amount of impurities in the air. An increase in amount of sulphurous acid is accompanied by at least as large an increase in the organic impurities in the air. Smoke, by promoting the formation of fogs and preventing the free diffusion into the upstrum of the air, the committee regards as the principal cause of the impure state of the atmosphere in large towns.

The most marvellous of clocks has been built by a Black Forest maker and sold for \$4,000. Besides doing everything that most clocks do in the matter of time and calendar, it shows the time in Berlin, St. Petersburg, Madeira, Shanghai, Calcutta, Montreal, San Francisco, Melbourne, and Greenwich. Every evening at eight a young man invites the company to vespers in an electrically illuminated chapel, where a young woman plays the "Maiden's Prayer." On New Year's eve two trumpeters announce the flight of the old year and the advent of the new. In May a

cockoo comes out; in June, a quail; in October a pheasant appears to be shot down by a typical British sportsman, who proceeds to bag his game. At daybreak sun rises and some bells play a German air entitled "Phebus A wakes." On the night of the full moon they play another German air entitled "Sweet and Tranquil Luna."

## "PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

Mamma has sent baby a new mug, said Mrs. Yungepapp. Is it as red as the one he has now? asked the happy father.—Ind. Journal.

"Does Highly get much salary?" "I'm afraid not. His wife gets most of it, I believe."—Nast's Weekly.

She—Who played the principal part in the operetta at the Van Ogdens' last night? He—The orchestra.—Kate Field's Washington.

Felicia Joy—Don't you think I look plump in this gown? Mina Anne Pugsley—Yes, indeed! Where did you get it made—at an upholsterer's?—Puck.

It was the young lady who was singing, "I hear no too," that stopped long enough to scream when someone in the back of the hall yelled "Mice!"—Tid Bits.

He—Miss Giggles has such pretty teeth! Just like pearls. She—Why not? Did you ever see a mouth that resembled an oyster more than hers?—Ind. Journal.

"The bald-headed man is easily amused." "Do you think so?" "Yes. It tickles him to have a fly creeping around the bald spot on his head."—N. Y. Press.

"I feel discouraged," said the young M. D., whose practice was slow in coming. "You must have patience." "Yes, I know. If I had patients I wouldn't be discouraged."

Briggs—I hear you proposed to Miss Moneybags the other night. Griggs—Yes. "How did you come out with your suit?" "I saved most of it."—Clothier and Furnisher.

First Friend—Heard old Smithson's going to be married for the fourth time. Most cost him something for licenses? Second Ditto—Think he ought to apply for a season ticket!—Pick-Me-Up.

Larkin (to his wife)—Did you hear of the Rev. Dr. Thirdly's fall? Mrs. Larkin—Dear me, no! What has he done. Larkin—He has fallen heir to \$50,000 by the death of an uncle.—Truth.

Proud Mother—Yes, my love, it was on this very spot, twenty-one years ago, your father proposed to me. Fair Daughter (carried away with interest)—And did you accept him, mamma?—Tid Bits.

Mr. Editor—Where's Tommy? Mrs. E.—Out in the woodshed filing a saw. Mr. E.—What's he doing that for? Mrs. E.—I don't know. I presume he is filing it for future reference.—Detroit Free Press.

"What's the price of them opera glasses?" he asked, as he entered the optician's. "Three pound ten, sir," said the polite assistant. "Well, I've only got one eye. Can't you knock off 50 per cent?"—Tid Bits.

Yabsley—Don't you know that the opal is an unlucky stone? Mudge—I guess not. This one has been my constant companion for five years. Yabsley—Yes; that is where its hard luck comes in.—Ind. Journal.

Wooden—Young Leaflets takes things pretty easy, doesn't he? Waggy—Well, I should say he did! He came to see me the other night and he took a box of my 15 cent cigars so easy I never knew it until he was gone.—Boston Courier.

"Well, I wonder what will be the sensation of the week?" queried the telegraph editor. "If I may be permitted to speak," ventured the horse editor, "it is likely that the sensation of the week will continue to be that tired feeling."—Ind. Journal.

Kodakfiend—Say, Biggs, I would like to come up and take your house; it would make a charming picture. Biggs—You are a little late in asking, or you might. Kodakfiend—What, has some one else taken it? Biggs—Yes; the sheriff.—Wash. Post.

Mr. Whitewash—See yer; yo' sold me these yer pants las' night lo' plum color an' dey's green. Herr Jacob—Ach! I haf a petter head 'an you; I peen older! Don't you know dot plums is always green first! Wait until they gets ripe!—New York Press.

Employer—Mr. Redink, you got off yesterday afternoon under the plea of being sick. I saw you afterward going to the races, and you didn't appear to be at all sick. Employee—You ought to have seen me after the second race; I was sick enough then.—Puck.

Bingo—I've got to go to a club dinner tonight, my dear. Mrs. Bingo—But you are not going to put on your dress suit, are you? Bingo—Certainly I am! Why not? Mrs. Bingo—Just think how it will look, dear, to be walking along the street tomorrow morning in broad daylight with a dress suit on.—Clothier and Furnisher.

Clerk (of furnishing store)—Is there anything else, madam, that you would like to get for your husband today? Mrs. Bingo—No, I believe not. By the way, when you send the package home, be sure and have the pajamas done up separately. If you don't he will get the idea in his head they are for him.—Clothier and Furnisher.

"Is there a smoking car on this train?" she asked as she placed a dainty patent leather boot on the step of the car. "Yes, miss," answered the brakeman, who wondered if such a vision of ribbons and laces and lilies and roses was in the habit of flirting with the cigarette. "I'm glad of it," she said; "there isn't likely to be any but nice men in the other cars."—N. Y. Press.

## MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The most happily named man in England is Mr. Tankful Joy, a Hampshire cricketer.

General Lew Wallace has finished his new novel, but of its name and nature nothing has been announced.

Lord Donington, of Donington Park, Leicestershire, Eng., has become a convert to the Roman catholic faith.

Mrs. Guild, an American sculptor, has recently completed a bust of Gladstone, which is highly commended by the critics.

Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme court has become, since he began to wear the judicial ermine, a chronic invalid.

Miss Ella Ewing, of Scotland county, Mo., is a bouncing beauty of eighteen summers. Her height is eight feet two inches, and she is still growing.

Ouida, who has long been the apostle of the erratic in art, says that "anybody capable of accepting Mary Anderson as a tragic actress is incapable of knowing good from bad."

The Empress Frederick of Germany was only 19 when she bore the heir to the German throne; Princess Christian was 21, the late Princess Alice was 25, and Princess Beatrice 28.

Mary A. Dickens, daughter of Charles Dickens, jr., who was for a time on the stage, is now in literature, and contributes to the journal that her father edits, and which her illustrious grandfather once carried on.

Mme. Alphonse Daudet is a writer of talent and has frequently assisted her husband in his work. When Daudet fell dangerously ill as he was writing "Les Rois en Exil" he commissioned his wife, in case of his death, to finish the book.

The beautiful and daring wife of Lieutenant Peary, who braved the rigors and perils of a winter in the Arctic regions and who is the civilized woman who has been nearer the North Pole than has any other of her sex and culture, is only 23 years of age.

The various appellations already given to Tennyson are: "The Poet of Luxury," "The Poet of Romanticism," "The Poet of Fendalism," "The Poet of Idealism," "The Poet of Langour," "The Poet of Love," "The Poet of the Aristocracy" and "The Poet of Classicism."

Jeanne Eugenie Moreau, the child wonder of Paris, whose phenomenal memory has made her a highly educated person at the age of 5 years, is a granddaughter of the Philippe Moreau who led the assault on the Bastille in 1789, and who was decorated therefor by Lafayette.

Mrs. Barnett still mourns for her little son, whose prototype peeps from the pages of "Lord Fauntleroy." One who knows her said recently: "Her mother love is really sublime. She knew her children with her heart. The tenderness and faith between Fauntleroy and his mother existed in her own life."

The ex-Empress Eugenie has, from time to time, received presents of enormous value. For instance, on the occasion of one visit that she paid to Constantinople, it is said the gifts represented over one hundred thousand pounds in value. The Sultan gave her everything she admired, without even her expressing any wish to possess it.

There is a little story of Professor Huxley. During a walking tour he once missed his way owing to the darkness of the night. He walked on for some distance, and meeting with no other person of whom he could make inquiries, he suddenly stopped, took a handful of earth from the road, lit a match, and said, triumphantly, "Uxbridge!"

The Queen will present to Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of her marriage this month to Prince Ferdinand, the heir apparent to the throne of Roumania, a pleasure barge, fashioned in the form of a swan. The neck and head form the prow, which is eighteen feet in height. The body forms the cabin, and the feet are employed in propelling the beautiful craft.

Miss Catherine Drexel, known as Mother Catherine in her religious life, is devoting her time to the education of colored children and Indians and is having erected two buildings at the cost of \$150,000 near her home at Torresdale, a few miles from Philadelphia. These institutions are the protector for colored children and the mother house of the order of the Sisters of the Holy Sacrament. Miss Drexel personally superintends the work, visiting these institutions several times a week.

Queen Victoria, when a girl, was passionately fond of climbing walls and trees. One day at Malvern she climbed a tall apple tree, and was unable to get down. A young man named Davis, a gardener, was attracted by her cries, got a ladder, and brought her down in safety. Deeply grateful, she opened her purse and presented him with a guinea. Davis nicely framed it, and ever since has been proud to tell the tale, and show the piece of gold that the Queen gave him so many years ago.

The Duke of Buccleuch, who is just 61, is almost as agreeable a person to Her Majesty as is the Duchess. The duke has the two-fold distinction of being the wealthiest man in the kingdom whose wealth comes not from ground-rents or breweries, or stockjobbing, and also of possessing more titles than any other living British subject. In him are centred two dukedoms, Buccleuch and Queensberry; one marquise, Dumfriesshire; four earldoms, one viscounty, and four baronies—altogether, twelve different dignities. He is possessed of estates valued at over £200,000 a year.

The life of General Wolsley was, on one occasion, saved by Prince Victor of Hohenlohe, known as count Gleichen. It was in the Crimea when young Wolsley, badly wounded, was passed by the doctor as dead. Undisturbed by the doctor's remarks, Prince Victor tried to extract a jagged piece of stone which was sticking in the wound, and the Prince succeeded in restoring Wolsley, for, after a little brandy had been poured down his throat, and more asseverations from the Army doctor that he was dead, he sat up and exclaimed: "No more dead than you are, you fool!"

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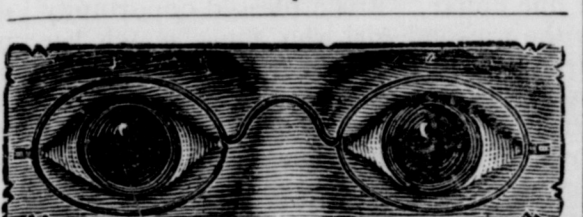
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