

American factories produce 35,000 watches every week.

Six thousand Chinese coins go to make one English sovereign.

Java has more thunder storms than any other region in the world.

The Chinese gardeners are the most ex-

pert fruit growers in the world. Under French law the nationality of the

child follows that of the father. In 1854 an Act was passed in England

A brain specialist says that nearly a quarter of all the cases of insanity are

hereditary. The city of Paris has 87,655 trees in its streets, and each tree represents a cost to

the city of 175fr. The phrase God's Acre, is from the German Gottersack, meaning God's field or

The thickness of the human hair varies from the 250th to the 600th part of an inch. Blonde hair is the finest, and red the coars-

tood's acre-a burying ground.

The speed of the fastest railway is not much more than half that of the golden eagle's flight. The bird often makes 140 miles an hour.

The law says when certain specified days of the month "shall fall upon Sunday the public holiday."

The region about the Dead Sea is one of the hottest places on the globe, and the sea is said to loose a million tons of water a day by evaporation.

According to the "Shipping World Year Book" 17,708 vessels were entered, and 16,909 cleared at the port of Liverpool during the year 1890, the last of which figures are obtainable.

Juries of twelve men are not universal but nearly so. In Scotland the number is fifteen. In this state juries in minor courts are composed of six persons. There has been much speculation with but little result as to why twelve was so uniformly selected as the number. The most generally accepted theory is that the primitive peoples among whom the system originate were accustomed to count by dozens instead of by tens.

The earliest known gravestone is that over the reputed place of Eve's burial, and known as Eve's Tomb, which is situated about a quarter of a mile from the western to Christian and Mussulman alike. The Arabic name of Eve is "Sittæa Hawwa," i. e., the mother of mankind. The grave is 370ft. in length, the outline is marked by two parallel walls about 3ft. 6in. in height, and 8it. apart. Two date palms are planted at the foot of the grave, which lies toward Mecca. Over the centre of the grave a small dome-shaped mosque has been erected in which pilgrims offer up their prayers. In the centre of the mosque is a dark-colored oblong stone, supposed to rest on the body of our common ancestress. It is said to have been erected more than five thousand years ago, and is kissed by thousands of pilgrims every year. The stone is worn smooth, and is curtained off | Eagle. to partially hide it from the visitor's gaze.

The shamrock became the national emblem of Ireland in A. D., 433, when St. Patrick, a distinguished missionary of the fifth century, commonly known as the Apostle of Ireland, according to the legend, selected the shamrock to prove to the Irish the doctrine of the Trinity. In the county of Down, in the south of Dabriada, he converted a chief named Dichu, who bestowed upon him the first christian church that St. Patrick possessed. It was called Sabhall (Saul) or the barn, and it is still a church called by the same name. St. Patrick then set out to Tara, in the county Meath, which was at that period the central point of meeting for all the tribes of Ireland. There he preached to the King of Tara, Laoghaire, and it was at that place in A. D. 433 that St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. M. Bicheno, in a learned paper in the journal of the royal institution, tried to show that the original shamrock sorry to hear from your schoolmistress you was the wood-sorrel.

The industries in which eggs are now employed comprise an important and widely divergent range - calico printing, photography, gilding, clarifying various liquors, bookbinding, etc. A large business, according to Bradstreet, has sprung up in the preparation of photographic paper with salted albumen, and one establishment alone is said to have used more than two million eggs in six months for this purpose. Many attempts have been made to find a vegetable or animal substitute for albumen, but in vain: thus, a her husband and three children. The prize of large amount, offered thirty years | youngest, a little ten-year-old, was appointago by an English society, for the discovery of a material or process of replacing albumen in calico printing, still re- sion, and this was the form it took: "Dear mains untaken. Nor are the yolks used in manufacturing, wholly wasted, they also are employed in the arts, and a manufacturer in Vienna some time since commenced the business, on a commercial

The seven bibles of the world are the Pitikes of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of come handy in writin' up your obituary. the Chinese, the Three Vedas of the Hinseventh century, A. D. It is com- slammed down the window.

of sublime thoughts from both the old and new testaments, with frequent, almost literal, quotations from the Talmud. The Buddist's Tri-Pitikes were composed in the sixth century before Christ. Its teachings are pure and sublime; its aspirations lotty and extreme. The word "king," as used in connection with the sacred work of the Chinese, simply means "web of cloth." From this it is presumed that they were originally written on fine rolls of cloth. The Vedas are the most ancient works in the language of the Hindoos, but they do not, according to the best commentaries, ante-date the twelth prohibiting the use of dogs as beasts of century before the opening of the Christian era. The Zendavesta of the Persians contains the sayings of Zoroaster, who lived and worked in the twelth century B. C.

### "PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"Johnny, are you teaching that parrot to swear?" "No'm. I'm just telling it what it mus'n't say."-Washington Star.

when Gabriel blew the last trump. "Ring his coffin had been lowered into the grave, off, please, and I'll call you up."—Chicago the scythe was carefully laid on it. News Record.

Terrible Intant-Toto (to benevolent old gentleman with a bald head)-"Say, monsieur, is it true that you comb your head with a razor?"-Le Figaro.

Skidds-Why did you leave your new boarding house? Didn't Mrs. Small promise to treat you like one of the family? Gasket-Yes. That's why I left.

Bagley-Does your wife always have the last word? Bailey-No; not always. Monday next following shall be deemed a Bagley-How do you manage it? Bailey -Easily enough. I'm not married.

Out of Sight-Miss Blossom-"I didn't see you at the Barclay ball." Miss Budd-"It was probably because I was surrounded by men all the time."-Brooklyn Life.

Laura all "a trimble"-Lost her bathing gear; Found it in her thimble-"Well! I do declare!"

-Atlanta Constitution. Hostess: "Won't you sing something, Mr. Greene?" Mr. G.: "There are so many strangers here I---" Hostess: "Never mind them; they'll be gone before you get half through."

thought for a time that I might lose my temper sometimes got the better of him, mind." Young Woman (greatly interest- but upon one occasion, at least, his wit ed): "And did you, Mr. de Jay?"

Agent-"Here, sir, is a book that should be in every family. It contains a receipt for everything, sir-everything l' Cholly -"Give me three copies. If it has a receipt for my tailor's bill, I'll take five."-Harper's Bazar.

Dr. Killum-"You are in too much of a hurry to get out, my dear fellow. I must gate of Jeddah, and is an object of interest keep you in check." Stingicus-"Keep me in checks, eh! Glad to hear it. I've been doing that for you long enough .--New York Tribune.

Magistrate: "You've stolen no less than twenty-five umbrellas! Six months' hard Prisoner (aggrievedly): "Six months! That's too much, guv'nor. I think you ought to make a reduction for me takin' a quantity!

Grammar in St. Louis-Mother-"What have you been at, Daisy?" Daisy-"I ain't been doin' nothin', maw." Mother-"How often have I told you to sound your i-n-g-s? 'I ain't been doing nothing" is what you should have said."-Brooklyn

The Wrong Man .- Deacon Bloodfoot-The number of saloons in New York is | Tom Moore, and that started me to the simply appalling. Why, if you should walk up Broadway from Union square to again. I wrote a drama in 1886, which Twenty-third street, how many dram shops do you think you would pass? Dick Rounder-None.-Puck.

yours the other day. Second Lawyer- for him, and the Wreck of the Grosvenor Yes. My client wouldn't pay for a suit of was my response. However, that was reclothes because they didn't fit, and the tailor sued him for the amount. First Lawyer-How did it come out? Second Lawyer-I got the suit.

"If I were to ask you to marry me, what would you say?" "Why, Mr. Jonesby," she faltered, "really this is so sudden." "I thought so," he answered: "that's about what they all say. Much obliged." And then he said it was time for him to go .-Washington Evening Star.

The Unintentional.—The minister's wife (to industrial scholar): "Eliza Jane, I'm are not diligent at your needlework. You know who it is finds work for idle hands to do?" Eliza Jane (intensely anxious to propitiate): "Yes'm; please'm, you do!"

A quaint minister once said, "Now, brethren, I propose to throw this hymnbook at the man who has been thinking of something other than the sermon." made the necessary gesture, as though he would hurl the book, and, curiously enough, every man in the congregation ducked his

A birthday gift was given to a wife by ed to make the speech of presentation. She did it after much preparation for the occamamma, this gift is presented to you by your three children and your one husband."

Angry Subscriber-Is the editor in? Office Boy-Yes, sir. Angry Subscriber
-Well, I've come to kill him. I am going scale, of solidifying them, thus adapting to tear out his heart and use it for a tennis them to easy conveyance and convenient ball. U-g-gh! Office Boy-All right, sir. female domestic servant. One day an old But before you go and meet de editor will lady walked into the South-Western railyou kindly leave de principal facts in your | way company's office, and asked whether Koran of the Mohammedans, the Tri- life, and so fort', wid me? Dy're apt to there was not an issue of some sort of guar-

Wife (from the window, at 1 a. m., to "Quite safe?" said she. "Oh, yes, old doos, the Zendavesta of the Persians, the Eddas of the Scandinavians and the Bible of the christians. The Eddas is the most —"Let me in, M'ria. Just come from wages in it?" "Well," she said, "if you recent and cannot really be called more than a semi-sacred work. It was given to the world some time during the fourteenth the meeting of the labor union. Been the good enough to give me £60,to the meeting of the labor union. Been to the meeting of the labor union. Been to good enough to give me £60,to the world some time during the fourteenth to give me £60,the world some time for the fourteenth to give me £60,the world some time for the fourteenth to give me £60,the world some time for the fourt century of our era. The Koran is the next on the doorstep and consider what you'll under her dress, containing notes to that most ancient, dating from about the do about the recent lock-out." And she amount, and presented the pocket to the

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Cardinal Manning did not leave property enough to pay his funeral expenses. These amounted to \$2,100; and to meet them a subscription was started among his relatives and intimate friends.

A peculiar taste of Her Majesty the Queen is to eat powdered cinnamon with nearly all kinds of food. A small silver dish, containing the spice and sugar, always figures on the royal table at every

Peeresses of Great Britain, Scotland or Ireland by birth, marriage or creation, are free from arrest or imprisonment on civil process; and in the event of a peeress being charged with a criminal offense she would be tried by the house of lords.

It is now stated that W. S. Gilbert, who wrote the librettos of Pinafore and The Mikado, is the real author of the air "Tara-ra Boom-de-ay." The music was adapted to its present use without his consent, it having originally been sold to an American

M. Dowling, of Minneapolis, wears \$600 worth of artificial legs and arms. His left arm and both legs are gone and all but the stump of his right thumb. Nevertheless he writes a good hand, gets about briskly, and does more business than many

The aged keeper of the Curtew Tower, Windsor Castle, who has just died, years ago expressed a desire that the scythe with which he was wont to mow the lawn might "Busy now," said the telephone girl be buried with him. Accordingly, after

Two years ago, when the Shah returned home from Europe, there was no newspapers in Persia, but he was so impressed with their value as agents in the spread of intelligence that he set about founding a few through a ministry of the press that he established. Now there are twelve.

The young king of Spain is already beginning to exhibit some very royal-and human-traits. When he can't get what he wants he flies into a rage, just like the dead and gone royaities that history tells us of. And though he is only 5 years of age, he is trying hard to raise a mustache.

A French mayor has just been re-elected who has filled his office exactly as many years as Queen Victoria has reigned over the British Empire, having been first appointed in 1837. This venerable municipal patriarch is Dr. Raybaud, of Ampas-in-the-Var. He is of the same age as Mr. Gladstone, and, if not the oldest mayor in the world by years, is almost certainly the oldest in the incumbency of his office.

It is perhaps not generally known that then he was a young man Bismarck was Gus de Jay .- "Y-a-a-s; I had a hard for some time an official reporter for one time, you know, with the tevah. It wa of the courts of justice. In those days his saved him from disgrace. This was when questioning a witness the latter made an impudent retort, whereupon Bismarck exclaimed angrily: "It you are not more respectful I shall kick you out of the room." Young man," said the judge, interrupting the proceedings. "I would have you understand that this is a dignified court of justice, and that if any kicking is to be done the court will do it." "Ah, you see," said Bismarck to the witness, "if you are not more respectful to me the court will kick you out of the room; so be careful-very careful, sir."

Mr. Clark Russell, in telling the story of his literary beginnings, says that his taste for writing first came to him at sea. It was on a voyage home from Sydney, and when abreast of the horn, that he was washing down the decks when a hen-coop was discovered to be missing. The captain told him to look for it, but he could not find it. The captain grew angry and Russell got saucy and was ordered below. "It was bread and water and irons and imprisonment, says Mr. Russell "for the rest of the voyage. Having nothing else to do. I took to reading writing of poetry. I did not go to sea was a gloomy tailure. Atter a while I wrote John Houldsworth, Chief Mate and that was my first nautical novel. A well-First Lawyer-That was a queer case of known publisher asked me to write a book jected by his reader with the remark that

it was merely a catalogue of ship furniture. Mr. Alfred Austin, the future poet laureate lives at a charming place some three miles from Ashford, Kent. He is one of the leader-writers for the Standard, and does much of his journalistic work at his country home. He receives his instructions from Mr. Mudford. the editor of the Standard, by a private wire, in the course of the forenoon, and later in the day sends his leading article over to Shoe Lane by train. As an illustration of the celerity with which his most finished literary efforts are composed it may be mentioned that when the Duke of Clarence died, that sad event was made known in Kent at halfpast nine in the morning, and by three o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Austin had telegraphed to the Times newspaper an "In Memoriam" poem, of about half a column in length, which attracted universal attention by its beauty of expression and depth of feeling. As an honorarium, the Times sent Mr. Austin a cheque for \$125, which, however, he declined to receive, preferring that his contribution should be purely

The father of the present Lord Dysart was a very eccentric peer. He seldom ever issued from his lodgings in Norfolk street, and used to carry on all communications with the outer world by means of a small slit in his door, through which communications to and fro were passed. Every day his lordship had sent to him the number of cabbages cut, peaches on the trees, of eggs laid and chickens hatched on his estates. He made his investments through an aged anteed stock? The clerk said there was. astonished clerk.

# August

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