THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

A crocodile takes eighty seconds to turn

Italy produces more wine than any country in Europe.

Shields were not used in England after the reign of Henry VII.

Some of the stars move with a velocity of nearly fifty miles a second.

One-seventh of the land surface of the globe is controlled by Russia.

Nearly 4,000,000 tons of ice have been harvested on the Hudson River this season. The Romans had saucepans, gridirons,

colanders, dripping pans and toasting forks. A monster sewing-machine weighing 31/4 tons, is in use in Leeds. It sews cotton belting.

A laundry in England owned by woman and employing only women earned \$25,000

The Mexican State of Tabasco shipped 500,000 lizard skins to the United States

last year. At Norwich, England, a thirty-five ton weight stone has been quarried. It is the

largest on record. The Paris hot water fountains for the use of the poor supply eight quarts of heated water for one cent.

Four-fifths of the engines now working in the world have been constructed during the last twenty-five years.

The liqueurs of two centuries ago were, without exception, invented and manufactured in the monasteries.

A gigantic tortoise, two centuries old, can be seen in a court of the artillery barracks at Port Louis, France.

The population of many South Sea islands manufacture their entire suits from the products of the palm trees.

Three factories in America that make the albumen paper used in photography use over 3,000,000 eggs every year.

In 1186 the Pope prohibited the cross-bow as barbarous, and threatened crossbowmen with excommunication. Napoleon prohibited the use of the mus-

tache to all the infantry in his armies except grenadiers of the Old Guard. The largest barometer yet made has been

put in working order at St. Jacques tower in Paris. It is 41 feet 5 inches high. Somebody claims that an electric plant has been discovered in India, which will

influence a magnetic needle 20 feet distant. The militia of the United States aggregates 112,496 men. Every State and Territory in the Union has an organized militia

except the Territory of Utah. She Lord Mayor of London's badge of office contains diamonds of the value of £120,000, and the temporary owner has to give a bond for it before he is sworn in.

In 1504 ale was sold in England at threepence per gallon, and it was about 20 years after that hops were introduced. When the word "beer" was first used is uncer-

In the jewel house of the Tower of London there is a book bound throughout in gold, even to the wires in the hinges. Its clasp is two rubies set at opposite ends of four golden links.

The Chinese value an old pair of boots which have been worn by an upright magistrate, and the custom of wishing a friend a "happy foot" is still observed in many European countries.

The water lily is said to be largely used in some parts of India as food. The fruit of some species that grow plentifully in the lakes of Cashmere is rich in starch, and has much the flavor of a chestnut.

Modern men-of-war being built of iron are so highly magnetic that special arrangements have to be made to render the ship's compass independent of the local attraction, so that she may be steered correctly.

The colored globes seen in the chemist's shop windows originated in the retorts and jars of various drugs, remedies, and mixtures with which the old apothecaries and alchemists surrounded themselves. The Moors of Arabia and Spain were the first to introduce them.

In the small hotels in Russia each visitor is expected to find his own bedclothing. The rooms mostly contain wooden benches, which act as seats and beds, and on which there is a covering of straw. The bedclothing of poor travellers generally consists of but rugs and wraps.

One of the best purchases ever made by the British Museum authorities is probably the Elgin Marbles, which Dr. Murray, their keeper, values now at upwards of half a million sterling, or over fifteen times their cost. Yet the story goes that the Greeks gave most of them to Lord Elgin in exchange for a timepiece.

In the famous cellars of the Hotel de Ville, at Bremen, there are a dozen cases of holy wine which has been preserved for 250 years. If the cost of maintaining the cellar payment of rent, interest upon the original value of the wine and other incidental charges are considered, a bottle of this choice wine has cost \$2,000,000, each glassful \$270,000, and a single drop could not be sold without loss under \$20.

It is said that the history of the Kohinor diamond may be traced back to remote antiquity, for it is mentioned in the songs of the Vedas as having formed part of the treasures of an old Indian chief. Probably it has been known for 5,000 years. Most of all the celebrated crown jewels of Europe have been derived from India, but during the past two centuries the Brazilian stones replaced those of the Deccan mines, until in turn the Cape diamonds were intro-

During the middle Ages, when astrology was in fashion, a character very much like our R. was the sign of Jupiter, the preserver of health. The physicians then being equally devoted to the science of medicine and of astrology, invariably began their prescriptions with the following words: "In the name of Jupiter take the following doses in the order set down here-inafter." In the course of time this formula was abbreviated, until at present only the letter R remains to teach us that medical art was once associated with the science of the stars.

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"Is your wife of a sunny disposition?" 'Yes she makes it pretty warm for me

'Why do they call their daughter Olive'?" "Because a liking for her has to be acquired." He—Do you believe that love can exist without jealousy? She—Not in any affair

in which I take part. Harry-Does she know you love her! Fred-She can't help knowing it Why,

she told me she had \$20,000 a year. Teacher-What is the meaning of selfcontrol? Boy-It's wen a teacher get's mad, and feels like giving a boy a black mark, and doesn't.

Doctor (at tea)—Have you been regular in taking your meals? Patient—I cannot say that I have, but I have been very regular in getting rid of them.

Peddler-Is you mother in? Boy-Yes, but she's got three callers, and they've got to talking 'bout servant girls. Guess you'd better come around next week.

Borker-Spoodle has married a girl who

knows halt-a-dozen languages. Nagger-Poor fellow, I pity him! My wife only knows one language, and I find that one too "How is it that your sister is so much

more skillful in using her left hand than you?', "Gracious! Don't you see the diamond engagement ring she wears on that A traveller in Switzerland found on a

menu of the hotel a dish called Ariostu. The name piqued his curiosty, and he risked a trial of the delicacy. It was an old friend -lrish stew. Perdita-If you continue much longer to

play poker with my father, I won't marry you. Jack Dashing-It your father continues to play poker much longer with me I won't need to. Resident-Think of starting in this neigh-

borhood, eh? Seems to me you are rather young for a tamily physician. Young doctor-Y-e-s, but-er-I shall only doctor children at first. A Western paper says that as soon as a

man begins to "spend more money in charity than on tobacco, Satan gets uneasy." The same is true, probably, of the tobacc) dealers. Irate old gentleman from the country-

I shall never call on those young ladies again. Sympathizing friend-And why Irate old gentleman-They did not ask me to remove my hat. Indignant Mother-And so he kissed you three times? Now, what did you say to

him? Artless Daughter-Why, I said,

"Dont! Stop!" She did, only it sounded like "Don't stop!" Jack-Imitation is the sincerest flattery. Tom-I don't believe it. I saw Bob kiss Mabel the other night, and when he saw me doing the same a little later he didn't seem

at all flattered, I assure you. "They are going to be married? Why I didn't know they were engaged." "Well, you see, there are so many engagements broken nowadays that they wouldn't get engaged-just simply married."

When Mrs. Parvenu was poor they used to say she was a great talker, but since she became rich it is different." "Indeed! What do they say now?" "They say she is a brilliant conversationalist."

"Why do you buy your groceries from Jones? He is a bad man and dishonest. It is a disgrace to be seen in his store." "I know it; but, to tell the truth, he owes me \$26, and I need the money.'

"Why do they say that Smith is so clever? He has been drunk all the time for thirty years past," "That's just the reason. No one has ever had a chance to find out what a fool he really is.'

Benefactor-How is your husband this winter, my dear woman? Poor Woman-I am sorry to say, sir, he is confined to his room. Benefactor-Could I see him. Poor Woman-Possibly, sir, it you applied at the county prison.

Gentleman (travelling by coach) Driver, you don't seem to get along this journey so quick as you did some ten or twelve years ago. Driver-Well, sir, I sometimes think s) myself, but I don't see the season: the horses are the same.

Roonev-Say, Pat, ye're a bit of a scholard, kin ye tell me who it was ordered the sun to sthand still? Noonan-I dunno. Some sun of a gun of a conthractor who wanted to git a big day's work out of the laborin' man ye kin bet.

"You never sit and talk to me as you did before we were married," sighed the young wife. "No," replied the husband, who was a dry goods clerk "The boss told me to stop praising the goods as soon as the bargain was struck."

"Speaking of eccentricities," said Proppleton, "my father is an example. He has not cut his hair for the last half-dozen vears." "Indeed? His hair must be very long by this time " "Oh, no! The old gentleman was bald before then."

Mamma (reprovingly, Sunday)-You told me you were going to play church. Little Dick—Yes'm. Mamma—Then I'd like to know what all this loud laughing is about. Little Dick-Ob, that's all right. That's Dot and me. We're the choir.

Commercial Traveller (to country shopkeeper)-How's business, Mr. Sharpe! Shopkeeper-Can't complain. Just made \$5. Traveller-How was that? Shopkeeper-Man wanted to get trusted for a pair of boots and I didn't let him have 'em! His secretary (hopefully)-Sir, I have

married your daughter. (After a pause, bitterly) I suppose you have no further use for me? Himself-Your week is not out until 6 o'clock. You may sit down and draw a new will for me leaving all my Diseases of Women etc., London, England. draw a new will for me, leaving all my property to the church.

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT

Her Majesty has immense cellars of very fine wine at Windsor Castle.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge of England will probably visit this country during the World's Fair. The King of Greece receives the smallest

income of any European Sovereign, his salary only amounting to £40,000. Emile Zola says that from his deathbed

if there were a vacancy in the French Academy he would offer himself as a candi-Alfred Tennyson Dickens, a son of the novelist, lives near Melbourne, and Edward

Bulwer Lytton Dickens, a brother, is set-

tled in a colony of New South Wales.

John W. Guiteau, brother of the murderer of President Garfield, lives quietly and unobtrusively in New York city. He is wealthy and has retired from business.

George Kennan is desirous of returning to Russia, but is regarded with such disfavour by the authorities of that country that he does not think it quite advisable to

Isadora Cousino of South America, from her coal mines alone is said to have an income of \$80,000 per month. She has been a widow for ten years. Mrs. Margaret Sunderland Cooper, a member of the London Society of Letters

The richest woman in the world, Donna

and Art, is, it is stated, the only woman to whom the American Humane Society has awarded its gold medal. Miss Eliza Sullivan Oakey of Saratoga is an enthusiastic vegetarian, and she has a

vegetarian cat. The cat was taken from its mother when a young kitten, and has never been permitted to eat meat. When ex-Secretary of the Navy Thompson, was chosen by President Hayes, Mrs. Hayes is said to have remarked: "Richard

Why he doesn't even know how to swim." The Princess of Wales has been down the deep Botallack Copper Mine, near Land's End, which is understood to be the most singularly situated mine in the world, being 44 ft. underneath the bottom of the

for Secretary of the Navy? How absurd!

It is said that a postman once asked Huxley for an autograph, confessing frankly that he did not know what the professor's business was, but explaining that he "had heard folk say as how he was something superior."

George W. Childs, the proprietor of the Philadelphia Ledger, is thoroughly domestic in his habits, and derives keen pleasure in enriching his collection of Dickens's MSS. and autograph letters of the presidents of the United States. Mr. Gordon McKay, the millionaire in-

recently gave \$2,000,000 to Harvard University, has spent much of his leisure time in buying old violins, of which he has one of the finest collections in the world. During the last six years the Duke of Portland has won £147,972 in stakes on the turt, and the Dowager Duchess of

ventor and manufacturer, of Boston, who

Montrose £79.465. Lord Calthorpe comes third, with £63,933, and the Duke of Westminister comes fourth, with £61,754. King Oscar of Sweden recently celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as a Doctor of Philosophy. As Duke of Osgothland, the University of Lund conferred that degree upon him a quarter of a century ago,

in recognition of the services he had rendered to literature and science. Mrs. Cleveland's private secretary at the White House will be a Mrs. Tuomey of Washington, who was employed by the late Mrs. Whitney during the first Cleveland administration. For \$2,000 a year Mrs.

Tuomey will attend to the vast social cor-respondence of the White House. General Lew Wallace, ex-governor, exminister to Turkey and author of "Ben Hur," is an artist as well as an author. Several years ago he painted a Cupid with purple wings that threw the art critics of Indianapolis into paroxysms of excitement.

The color, however, was not changed. The empress of Austria takes each day long walking excursions, in which she tires out her ladies in waiting, conversing all the way in modern Greek with a Greek professor. It is in study and exercise that the empress drives away the attacks of melancholia which have been of such frequent recurrence since the death of her son.

John Wanamaker is the son of a brickmaker, and has amassed, it is supposed, over \$10,000,000. He always dresses in black. His pet hobby is the cultivation of orchids. Very fine horses are in his stables but he owns no racehorse. He does not ride, shoot, smoke, or drink, but he drives for preference, a light four-wheeled waggon.

Russell Sage is going to build a new dormitory for the Troy Female Seminary, at Troy, N. Y. The seminary was founded by the late Emma B Willard, who was a very warm triend of Mr. Sage. Mrs. Sage was graduated from the seminary 46 years ago. She is now the president of the Emma B. Willard Association of New York.

John William Mackay, the Irish-American owner of the great silver Bonanzo mines, who was shot at in San Francisco, the other day, is unostentatious, although he frequently entertains notable people. He has a strong fancy for song birds, and in their Paris mansion the Mackays have a parrot which can talk in English, French, and Spanish.

The Grand Duke Alexis has a famous poodle named "Black," which has been awarded a medal by the French Humane Society for having rescued people from drowning on no fewer than three different occasions. The dog is just now much annoyed with his noble master for having adopted a handsome bulldog, recently presented to him by Count Potocki. The late Charles Davis, who was for

many years the Queen's huntsman, once received from his professional acquaintances a silver trophy, embodying a mounted effigy of himselt. This he bequeathed to his royal mistress, being sensitive of the honour of the Crown, and feeling that the trophy might otherwise fall into unworthy hands. When her Majesty heard that he had left some relatives in other than affluent circumstances, she gave instructions for the value of the presentation to be refunded to them on a generous scale.

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