

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Two millions of postal cards are daily used in the United States.

There are over seventy miles of tunnels cut in the solid rock of Gibraltar.

Eighty-five per cent. of the people who are lame are affected on the left side.

The world consumes 3,000,000,000 lbs. of paper a year, and is supplied by 4,500 paper mills.

Jerusalem is still supplied with water from Solomon's pools through an aqueduct built by the crusaders.

The whole number of males in the United States is 32,067,880, and the whole number of females 30,554,380.

In making champagne the grapes are squeezed six times, each pressure making wine of a different quality.

When a child dies in Greenland, the native parents bury a living dog with it, the dog to be used by the child as a guide to the other world.

Grasshoppers and locusts are very well provided with the necessary machinery for eating much and often. They have saw-like jaws and gizzards too, the latter being fitted out with horny teeth.

Gutta Percha was first introduced into Europe from Malacca in 1843. The annual consumption now amounts to 4,000,000 pounds, and the East India trees which supply the demand are diminishing at an alarming rate.

The deaths of forty-five centenarians were reported in England last year, twenty-two men and twenty-three women. In 1891, according to this record, forty-eight centenarians died, and thirty-six in each of the three preceding years.

It has been discovered that the name of the woman who invented starch (for starch is, as might naturally be expected, the invention of a woman) was Mrs. Dinghen van der Plasse. She was the daughter of a knight of Flanders, and lived in the sixteenth century.

There has been a large increase in the number of divorces granted in Scotland in late years. Between 1864 and 1874 the average number was thirty-five a year, which increased to fifty-nine between 1874 and 1880. Last year 127 divorce decrees were granted there, as against 109 in 1891 and eighty-nine in 1890. Of last year's decrease sixty-eight were obtained by husbands and fifty-nine by wives.

There was an excess of 10,000 deaths over births in France during 1891. There has been an almost uninterrupted decrease in the number of births each year since 1881, and the prevention of an actual decline in the total population is attributed to the influx of immigrants. There were 285,000 marriages in 1891, the greatest number since 1884, and 5,752 divorces were granted during the year. The figures are from the returns just issued.

Probably the smallest painting ever made was the work of the wife of a Flemish artist. It depicted a mill with the sails bent, the miller mounting the stairs with a sack of grain on his back. Upon the terrace where the mill stood was a cart and horse, and in the road leading to it several peasants were shown. The picture was beautifully finished, yet it was so amazingly small that its surface could be covered with a grain of corn.

It is generally supposed to be a sign of wet weather when snails go about without their shells. One species of snail never takes its walks abroad except when rain is at hand. Some climb trees two days before a downfall, settling upon the upper side of the leaves if a storm is to be of short duration, but taking shelter on the under side if it is to last some time. Still other snails turn yellow before rain, and blue when it is over.

The late Duke of Sutherland was perhaps the largest landlord in Great Britain. His total holdings, spreading over four counties, approached 1,250,000 acres (a million acres being in Sutherland). It was not particularly rich land, its rental in much better times than these averaging only 2s 11d. per acre. But fifteen years ago, when a return of the rental on the large estate was made, the Sutherland property was returned at a total of £129,000.

In almost all cases of poisoning, emetics are highly useful, and of these the most prompt is common mustard, a teaspoonful of which, stirred up in a tumbler of warm water, may be given every five or ten minutes, until free vomiting can be obtained. Emetics and warm demulcent drinks, such as milk and water, flax-seed tea, salt water, &c., should be administered without delay. The subsequent management of the case will of course be left to a physician.

Russian merchants do very little advertising, principally because the great majority of the humbler classes cannot read. And this is not to be wondered at, as there are thirty-six letters in the Russian alphabet, which seem to have the combined difficulties of the Greek, Chinese, and Arabian characters. The signs on the stores in Russia are mostly pictorial. For instance, the dairy signs are cows; the tea signs, Chinamen sipping tea; a barber's sign, a bare-headed man shaving another, &c.

During 1891 about 450 more persons were killed by wild beasts in India than during the preceding year. The number killed in 1890, however, was very low; still the figures for 1891 are about 250 in excess of the mean. The yearly average of persons killed by wild beasts in India is between 2,500 and 3,000. The mortality from snake bites is much greater, varying from 21,000 to 22,000 annually. In one district of Bengal, Hazaribagh, no fewer than 205 deaths were due in 1891 to a single brood of man-eating tigers.

Fishing for sponges in the Mediterranean is done chiefly by divers, though inferior kinds are got with a trawl. The finest divers are the Greeks, who go for the purpose all over the Mediterranean in their boats. The industry is very arduous and even dangerous. An average hand can manage twenty fathoms (one hundred and twenty feet,) but it takes an exceptionally good man to go down thirty fathoms (one hundred and eighty feet,) and thirty-three fathoms is the limit. The pressure of the water at this depth is so great that, in spite of the protection afforded by the dress, some two or three per cent. of the sponge-fishers die annually from the direct effects of the strain.

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When a mother tells her boy he is getting to be just like his father, he knows very well it is not intended as a compliment.

"Bronkey, I hear you are going to start housekeeping?" "Yes, Darlinggor." "What have you got towards it?" "A wife."

Mrs. Talker—It's a dreadful thing to be disappointed in love. Mr. Talker—It's not as bad as being disappointed in marriage.

Booze—There's another advance in whisky. Ooze—That's nothing. Booze Nothing? Ooze—Whisky always gets to the head.

"I notice that you are fond of your tippie. Is the champagne you drink extra dry?" "It must be, for every morning I find that I am extra dry."

Judge—Prisoner, do you acknowledge your guilt? Prisoner—No, my lord. The speech for the defence has convinced even me of my innocence.

Hostess—Will you have a piece of pie, George? George—Yes'm; but please make it double size, because ma told me not to ask for two pieces.

Waiter (obsequiously)—Well, sir, how do you find the oysters, sir? Customer (struggling with a plate of soup)—Don't know. Haven't come across any yet.

A little five-year old, after shopping with her mother at leading drapery establishments, said: "Seems to me that there are a good many boys named 'Cash.'"

Teacher—What is the principal part of a knife? For instance, why does your father carry a knife in his pocket? Young Hopful—Please, sir, because of the cork-screw.

"He has been drinking hard for nearly a month. I should think he would begin to see snakes." "He drinks Irish whisky only, and there are no snakes in Ireland, you know."

Mrs. A.—Your daughter has been studying painting, has she not? Mrs. B.—Yes. You should see some of the sunsets she paints. There never was anything like them.

Jolly Bachelor—I found my first gray hair to-day. Miss Antique—Indeed! Is it a sign of age? J. B.—I don't know. I found it where your head rested on my coat last night.

Auntie—So you took your first dancing lesson to-day. Did you find it difficult? Wee Nephew—No, auntie. It's easy 'nough. All you have to do is to keep wiping your feet.

Beggar Woman—Can yer assist me, kind lady? Me poor husband can't get out and about. Lady—What's the matter with your husband? Beggar Woman—He's in prison, kind lady.

"The newspaper paragraphists speak of wives finding letters in their husbands' pockets. I never found a letter in my husband's pocket." "You never gave him one to mail then."

The average person speaks about 120 words a minute. This estimate is considerably short of that required when a box-lid falls on a speaker's head while he is hunting for his collar-stud.

"Little Willy—What's a sinecure, papa?" His father—A sinecure, my son, is a position that someone else puts you into, and for which you draw the salary, while a third man does the work.

Dr. Swing—So you read my book entitled 'How to Cure Sleeplessness.' What do you think of it? Miss Flight—Oh, it worked like a charm. I went to sleep before I had read five pages.

Host—Take a little whisky before you go, Jones? Jones (after helping himself)—Thanks. May I pour you out some? Host—Please—not too much—just about half what you've given yourself.

Freddy—No, you don't catch me shamming illness to stay home from school and get all dosed up with castor oil and such stuff. Johnny—Oh I'm all right on that. We're homopaths at our house.

At the reception. Brown (to Theodore, sitting by himself, twirling his moustache)—You seem to be enjoying yourself, old boy. Theodore—Enjoying myself hugely, but hang me if I'm enjoying any of these people.

Miss Wing—So you are financially embarrassed again, are you, Cousin George? I notice you continue to wear patent leather shoes, all the same. Cousin George—Oh, yes; but—but, you see, the patent has expired.

"Please give me a nickel to buy a dinner with," said the tattered little boy. "I am so hungry." "What can you get for five cents?" asked the old lady, giving him the money. "Pie, ma'am," said he, with a grateful smile.

"Did you ever see a ghost?" "Once." "Were you scared?" "Was I scared? Was I? My false teeth were in a glass, on a table three feet away from the bed, and they actually rattled so loud that they woke the neighbors."

Irate Father—I am ashamed to see you laugh at your brother's having been spanked. Young Son—Can't help it, pop. Johnnie knew it was coming and punched tactics through his pants and then put 'em on inside out by mistake.

An Example. Kind old Gentleman (assisting boy to get heavily loaded barrow up the gutter)—"I don't see how you manage to get that barrow up the gutter alone." Bright youth—"I don't. Dere's always some jay a-standin' around as takes it up for me."

Mr. Green (who has been listening to Mrs. Brown's account of a trip around the coast)—And how did you like it Mrs. Brown? Mrs. Brown—Well I didn't see much of the scenery, but the cabin was very comfortable and the stewardess a most sympathetic woman.

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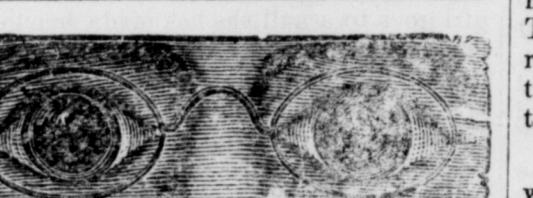
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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Duke of Westminster is said to give away about £60,000 in charity every year.

The Lord Mayor takes precedence of every other subject within the jurisdiction of the City of London; even the Prince of Wales.

Whenever Princess Christian is engaged in the work of visiting the sick poor she is unaccompanied, and insists on being addressed by the recipients of her bounty by the title of "ma'am."

Emperor William is credited with the intention to have only general officers of the army represent him as Ambassadors to foreign courts. Even the secretaries of legations are to be army officers exclusively.

As it is not the intention of the Vatican to establish a legation in the United States, Mgr. Satolli, the Apostolic delegate, will reside in New York and not in Washington. Mgr. Satolli's salary will be about \$6,000 a year.

Sixty-four pairs of shoes is rather a large order, but such a one was received not long since by a well-known London tradesman. The shoes were for the daughter of the Grand Duke Paul of Russia, a child less than four years old.

Earl de Grey is reckoned to be the best game shot in England. It is recorded that he killed 500 grouse on one day in Yorkshire, and on another occasion he shot 750 pheasants. In Wales his bag on one occasion numbered 950 rabbits.

The tallest man in the Prussian Army is 6 feet 7 3/4 inches high. The shortest one is the little son of the German Emperor. The Emperor is so delighted with the contrast that he has had a picture taken of them both, which now hangs in his study.

In every room used by the Queen, even in the dining room, there is always an inkstand for her Majesty's use in an emergency, provided with a fresh quill pen. But the Queen also uses, for continuous correspondence, as distinct from signatures, a steel pen of the ordinary pattern.

It is a question which queen is more proficient in the English language—the Queen of Italy, who makes a point of reading the best novels produced in this country, or the Queen of Roumania, who is herself an authoress of repute, writing under the nom de plume of "Carmen Sylva."

The Empress of Austria smokes two or three dozen cigarettes a day, and smokes everywhere she happens to be, except at State ceremonies. The Empress of Russia smokes, but only in her boudoir. Queen Margaret of Italy also smokes frequently, but, like her Russian Majesty, only in the privacy of her own apartments.

Lady Brooke possesses a Shakesperian garden at Warwick castle, for which she is gathering every flower and shrub mentioned in his plays. The Prince of Wales planted the first specimen. A worshipper of the late laureate, resident in the Isle of Wight, intends commencing next year a Tennysonian garden, with every tree and shrub mentioned by that poet in his works.

Alphonse Daudet finds work with the pen a refuge from bodily pain. He spends whole days at his desk, trying, in the ardour of composition, to distract his thoughts from the tortures inflicted upon him by the chronic rheumatism that has afflicted him for long years past. He is so near-sighted that he writes with his head bent down close to the paper, almost touching it with his nose.

Mr. G. L. Pullman, the inventor of the drawing-room car, has two homes, one in Chicago, the other on wheels. The latter is composed of several railway cars, designated by Mr. Pullman and built for him at enormous expense. There is a complete suite of rooms, provided with pretty well all the luxuries which even the possessor of forty million dollars could obtain in the finest hotel.

Baron Hirsch, one of the Prince of Wales' intimate friends, and whose horses are trained in the same stable at Kingsclere, under the eye of Lord Marcus Beresford, who also acts for his Royal Highness, made his fortune in financing the railways of the Turkish government. The Czar of Russia refused the offer of a million sterling from the baron, who wished to endow an institution for the Jews in Russia.

Count Edward Romero, one of the wealthiest men in Portugal, recently lost his life through a bet. He had wagered 20,000 fr. that he would perform a feat which was carried out by a lady rider at the circus, which consisted in tilling head over heels to the ground from the horse whilst it walked on its hind legs. The horse, however, fell backwards on the Count, who died after several hours of great agony.

The Princess of Wales is a frequent visitor to the studios of Sir Frederick Leighton, and on such visits Her Royal Highness usually stays to tea. On one of these occasions the Princess asked Sir Frederick, who is a bachelor, the reason he had never married. "Because," said Sir Frederick, I have not the leisure that a man should have to devote to a wife," and this is the reason that a President of the Royal Academy, with the most artistic home in England, is still an unmarried man.

Dr. Joseph Bell, of Edinburgh, whose remarkable personality suggested Mr. Conan Doyle's character, Sherlock Holmes, is one of the finest surgeons in the world. On one occasion, a man suffering from the effects of a serious accident was brought into the hospital. Amputation of the leg was absolutely necessary. Dr. Bell, surrounded by a class of students, performed the operation. The man was placed under chloroform, the leg cut off, bandaged, and the patient laid comfortably in bed by the eminent surgeon, unaided, all within the space of thirteen minutes.

Miss Florence Marryat, daughter of the famous writer, has always done literature her profession. She lives alone, attended by two servants, in a pretty little house at West Kensington, where she has a remarkable collection of "pets"—dogs, birds and flowers. Miss Marryat is reputed to be very kind to young authors, of whom she has a good number among her friends. She is ever ready to discuss a "character" or a plot with them. She has even been known to help the lame dog over the style by writing a chapter in a novel, which, somehow or other, the author found insuperable difficulty in writing.

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