

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Chinese gardeners are the most expert fruit growers in the world.

A photograph of Mont Blanc has been taken at a distance of fifty-six miles.

The world's annual output of coal has, it is estimated, reached a total of 405,000,000 tons.

It is estimated that about 250,000,000 bricks are used monthly in the United Kingdom.

The Krupp works at Essen, Germany, recently turned out a gun that can propel a ball fifteen miles.

It is said that every day there hangs over London a vast smoke cloud that is estimated to weigh 300 tons.

The 40,000,000 British people are calculated to consume yearly food amounting in value to £300,000,000.

More land lies non-productive in Great Britain and Ireland than is comprised in the entire kingdom of Belgium.

Within thirty years over twenty thousand lives have been lost by shipwreck and drowning on the coast of England.

The highest viaduct in the world is in Bolivia, over the river Lea. It is 9,833 feet above sea level, and 4,008 above the river.

A Pennsylvania inventor has devised a pair of eyeglasses with a mirror, mounted so as to reflect objects in the rear of the wearer.

It is asserted that the 800 men who work in the Paris sewers are as healthy as any other 800 Parisians, and that they are especially free from infectious diseases.

Excluding those lost at sea, probably upwards of 6,000 lives are lost annually in the inland waters and upon the immediate coasts of the United Kingdom and its adjacent islands.

In many countries the rainbow is spoken of as being a great pump or siphon tube, drawing water from the earth by mechanical means.

It is a strange fact that while paper is being used for dozens of purposes formerly monopolized by wood, or even a harder material, such as car wheels, boxes, barrels, tubs, pails, etc., wood is rapidly driving other ingredients to the wall in the manufacture of nearly all the cheaper grades of paper.

It is computed that all the locomotives in the United States, would, if coupled together, make a train 300 miles long.

The passenger cars would make another train of about the same length, and if all the cars of every variety in the country were coupled behind the engines, the result would be a train just about 7,000 miles long.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Makes the hair soft and glossy.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for nearly five years, and my hair is moist, glossy, and in an excellent state of preservation."

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Prevents hair from falling out.

"A number of years ago, by recommendation of a friend, I began to use Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop the hair from falling out and prevent its turning gray."

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Restores hair after fevers.

"Over a year ago I had a severe fever, and when I recovered my hair began to fall out, and what little remained turned gray."

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Prevents hair from turning gray.

"My hair was rapidly turning gray and falling out; one bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor has remedied the trouble, and my hair is now its original color and fullness."

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by Druggists and Perfumers.

Portrait of John A. Kimball and advertisement for Groder's Syrup, curing ailments like neuralgia, chronic dyspepsia, and rheumatism.

OVERWORKED BRAINS. Ministers, students and others suffering from nervous debility, mental worry, sleeplessness, loss of energy and loss of nerve power.

PERRIN'S COUGH CURE advertisement featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'Sole Cure for Coughs and Croup'.

HUMPHREYS' This PRECIOUS OINTMENT is the triumph of scientific medicine.

WITCH HAZEL OIL For Burns, Scalds and Ulceration and Contractions of the Skin.

CURES PILES. A fog has a beneficial effect in partially purifying the atmosphere.

"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"The doctors have given McDunkin up." "Poor fellow! Is he as ill as that?"

"What you need," said the doctor, "is change." "Yes," said the patient, "I'll need lots of it to meet your bill."

"So she favors his suit?" "Well, I can hardly say it is his suit; but she is certainly in love with his overcoat; it is trimmed with real beaver."

"I see they are trying to abolish Fast day in Massachusetts. What is the reason?" "Well, the fact is, as a fast day it has become altogether too fast."

"Oh, for the age of chivalry?" sighed Chappelle. "Why so?" queried Hickley. "The knights used to wear tin trousers and they never bagged at the knee."

"He—But couldn't you learn to love me, Ida?" "She—No, I don't think I could, George. He (reaching for his hat)—It is as I feared! You are too old to learn!"

"First Doctor.—I hear that you treated my neighbor for abnormal typhus. Was it a bad case?" "Second Ditto.—A very bad case; the man didn't pay his bill."

"Resident.—Healthy? I should say it was. Why, there's only been one death in ten years. Visitor.—Who was it died?" "Resident.—Dr. Barker died of starvation."

"Manager of Museum.—But you must not believe everything the india rubber man tells you. Circassian Girl.—You think not? Manager of Museum.—No; he stretches a good deal."

"Gazzam.—There's a married man paying marked attention to Mrs. Bloombumper. Mrs. Gazzam (shocked, but intensely interested).—You don't say so! Who is it?" "Gazzam.—Mr. Bloombumper."

"I made ten dollars this morning, pa." "That's right, my son. I'm glad to see that you recognize the advisability of being independent of parental assistance. How did you make it, my boy?" "Borrowed it from ma."

"Old Mr. Bentley (reading the paper)—I see that in a recent storm a ship loaded with passengers went ashore. Old Mrs. Bentley (placidly)—How fortunate! I can imagine how glad those passengers were to get on dry land."

"Irasible Old Gentleman (putting head out of four-wheeler that is crawling along at an unconscionable pace)—I say, cabby, we're not going to a funeral. Cabby (promptly)—No, and we ain't going to no bloomin' fire, either."

"Wife—There is no doubt about it, marriage does improve a man's politeness. Husband—How so? Wife—Well, you frequently get up and offer me your chair now. Before we were married you always wanted to keep hall."

"Doctor Bumps (a phrenologist)—This boy, ma'am, will never die in prison. Mrs. Gimlet—I'm sure we ought to be very thankful for that. Dr. Bumps—Yes; the bump of longevity is highly developed. He will live to serve out his time."

"Lady (to house girl)—You should take a lesson from the cook. You are slovenly, whereas she washes her face three or four times a day. House Girl.—No wonder, mum. The fellow who comes here to court her is a chimney-sweep."

"Peddler—Wouldn't you like some mottoes for your house, mum? It's very cheerful to a husband to see a nice motto on the wall when he comes home. Mrs. De Jagg—You might sell me one if you've got one that says 'Better Late Than Never.'"

"Guest—I'm glad that there is a rope here, in the case of a fire; but what's the idea of putting a Bible in the room in such a prominent position? Bell boy—Dat am intended for use, sah, in case de fire am too far advanced for you to make you' escape, sah."

BLEACHING PILLS advertisement for Bilious and Nervous Disorders. Includes a list of ailments like indigestion, dizziness, and skin issues.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

I have an elegant assortment of Leather and Plush goods in stock made specially for the Holiday trade.

GROCKETT'S DRUG STORE

HACKNOMORE Cures Colds, Coughs, Croup.

25c. and 50c. a bottle. T. B. BARKER & SONS, St. John, N.B. Sole agents.

JAMES S. MAY & SON, Merchant Tailors.

DOMVILLE BUILDING, PRINCE WILLIAM STREET. This SEASON'S GOODS are all Personally Selected in the Foreign Markets.

ANDREW PAULEY, CUSTOM TAILOR.

FOR THE PAST NINETEEN YEARS CUTTER WITH JAS. S. MAY & SON, begs leave to inform the citizens of Saint John, and the public generally, that he may now be found at his new store.

DAVID CONNELL, Livery and Boarding Stables, Sydney St.

HENRY B. ESMOND, M. D., CHRONIC DISEASES SUCCESSFULLY TREATED.

CONSUMPTION CANCERS

can be cured by the New Treatment. Seventy per cent. of the patients treated the past year were cured.

DR. J. H. MORRISON, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

HARRIS G. FENETY, L. L. B., BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

QUIGLEY & MULLIN, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES, ETC.

GORDON LIVINGSTON, GENERAL AGENT, CONVEYANCER, NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC.

DR. S. F. WILSON, Late Clinical Assistant, St. George's Hospital.

JOHN L. GARLETON, BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Sultan of Turkey has a weakness for champagne. He is growing exceedingly stout.

Lady Castel Stuart, who claimed to be the direct descendant of the royal Stuarts, died at Rome recently.

The largest taxpayer in Germany is Herr Krupp, of Essen, who pays £5,480 on an income of £219,000, and next comes Baron Wille de Rothschild, of Frankfurt-on-Main, with an income of £205,000 and a tax of £5,940.

The Emperor of Austria is supplied with a private newspaper, which he reads every day. This journal is made up of extracts, and the Emperor's strict orders are that nothing which concerns himself, whether it be disagreeable or not, shall be omitted.

No man was fonder of birds than the late Sir Richard Owen, the great geologist. He used to call his blackbirds, thrushes, finches and pigeons his "feathered friends."

The Duc de Montpensier, who died suddenly a year or two since, was never known, after the age of ten, to purchase a pair of boots. The Duke's father, who insisted upon his son learning a trade, had him taught bootmaking, much to the boy's delight; and up to the last he made his own boots and slippers.

The Duke of Devonshire possesses as a heirloom Claude Lorraine's "Book of Truth," which is said to be one of the rarest and most valuable books in Europe. It is at any rate, worth six times as much as the famous "Mazarin" Bible, the most costly book in the British Museum.

A year or two ago the Hon. Frances Mary, eldest daughter of Viscount Monck, made a very suitable, if curious, marriage for the charming young lady, who is deaf and dumb, was wedded to the Rev. Richard Aslatt-Pearce, M. A., who is similarly afflicted. The reverend gentleman is missionary to the deaf and dumb in Haits and the Isle of Wight.

In London society one of the most striking figures is the Countess of Caithness, the widow of the fourteenth Earl of Caithness, who is also Duchess of Pomar in her own right. Her ladyship holds religious opinions which are as novel as they are interesting.

Miss Alice Cornwall, or "Mme. Midas," as she is called, the clever young woman speculator who is credited with being worth \$6,000,000, is reported to be about to open an office in Wall street, New York.

It is said that no man who has reached the age of Mr. Gladstone has ever before taken an active part in the government of this country. Lord Palmerston died in harness, but he died on the eve of his 82nd birthday. Chatham died at 70, Fox at 57, Pitt at 47, Canning at 58, and when Sir Robert Peel met with his fatal accident he was 62. Earl Russell attained the good old age of 86, but did not hold office after he was 74. Lord Beaconsfield died at 77.

The nonagenarian English baronet, Sir Harry Verney was recently to be seen disporting himself on the ice in the splendid park adjoining his residence, Claydon house. Considering his age, which is over ninety, he is very hale and hearty. At the servants' ball, held in Claydon house on Friday, 5th inst., the first dance was "Sir Roger de Coverley," in which the baronet took part. The dance lasted nearly three-quarters of an hour, and the baronet, apparently un-fatigued, went through all the figures.

The Ex-Empress Frederick of Germany once worked what has now become an almost famous piece of carpet. On it all her children knelt when they were confirmed. The present German Emperor, Prince Henry of Prussia, Princesses Charlotte, Sophia and Victoria, were all married when standing upon it. It served a sadder purpose when the coffin containing the remains of the late Emperor Frederick also rested upon it. It will be brought into use again when the Princess Margaret of Prussia is married.

William Black began life with the intention of becoming an artist, and made landscape painting his special study. But after some time he became convinced that he was not intended for an artist, and adopted literature as a profession, wherein he has attained so high a position.

Perhaps the best all-round amateur athlete in England is Mr. C. B. Fry. This gentleman, who has not yet attained his majority, achieved the rare distinction of a "triple blue" before he had been a year, having been selected to represent his university (Oxford) against Cambridge in cricket, football and athletics.

Mr. Fry was also played cricket for his country, and was one of the football team that represented England against Canada. Besides this, in the long jump at Oxford and Cambridge sports this year he cleared a distance of 23 feet 5 inches—a British record.

Scott's Emulsion advertisement featuring a fisherman carrying a large cod on his back.

SHILOH'S CURE advertisement for coughs, croup, and sore throats.

FRUIT TREES PLUM, PEAR, APPLE.

We offer a fine stock of PLUM, PEAR, APPLE, and other Fruit Trees, from one of the largest growers in America.

A. & J. HAY, DEALERS IN Diamonds, Fine Jewelry, American Watches.

Soft Coal, Reserve and Caledonia; HARD COAL, in all Sizes.

Morrison & Lawlor, HORSE STORM STABLE Blankets.

WORLD'S FAIR. Write for Cut and description of his celebrated Portable Forges.

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UPRIGHT Folding Beds.

S. B. FOSTER & SON, WIRE, STEEL AND IRON-CUT NAILS.

CORNELIUS GALLAGHER, St. Painter.

OVERCOATING, SUITINGS AND TROUSERINGS.

A. R. CAMPBELL, Merchant Tailor.

CAFÉ ROYAL, Domville Building.

WILLIAM CLARK.