THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Bangs were first worn in the court of

Corsets have been worn on the waits of Egyptian mummies.

Greek women went barefoot indoors and wore sandals when walking abroad.

Stenography was first used in the French parliament about the year 1830, and one of the few official stenographers of that period still surviving is M. Lagache, who is now a Senator of France.

The art of paper-making has reached the point where it is possible to cut down a growing tree and convert it into paper suitable for printing purposes within the short space of 24 hours.

The Minister of a foreign country carries with him a little piece of his own country, so that his son is born in the country of his father and cannot claim to be a native born eitizen. He must be naturalized if he wishes to vote.

March 4 comes on a Sunday only three times in each century; it fell on a Sunday in 1821, 1849 and 1877; it will fall on a Sunday in 1917, and thereafter in 1945 and 1973. It comes on a Sunday one year after every seven leap years, except for the break in passing from century to century.

Among the various pieces of interesting information brought to light during the deliberations of the international monetary conference at Brussels, is the fact that there is at present no less than \$100,000,000 of counterfeit silver money in circulation in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

The American Bible Society prints the Bible in 213 languages and dialects, and there are more languages than that number. The Irish is most certainly a language: it is spoken in many parts of the Emerald Isle, in some parts to the exclusion of English; in the Arran Islands there is hardly a person who speaks English,

The death of Mr. Jay Gould recalls the fact that America possesses not only the greatest number of rich men, but also the riches of any on the globe. Here are the names of the ten wealthiest Americans, with the sums they are said to be worth :-W. D. Astor.....£30,000,000 Jay Gould......20,000,000 J. D. Rockfeller......18,000,000 John Jacob Astor......17,000,000 Cornelius Vanderbilt......16,000,000 W. K. Vanderbilt...........16,000.000 H. M. Flagler.....12,000,000 John I. Blair......10,000,000 Leland Stanford..... 10,000,000

The aggregate of United States currency, fractional and otherwise, estimated to have been destroyed and not likely to be presented for redemption, approximates by these figures more than \$14,600,000. A recent estimate prepared in the Treasury Department places the sum as high as \$20,-000,000. This money can only be taken out of the liabilities of the Government by Congressional enactment. This will probably be attempted in the near future. The investigations into the subject have shown that most of the money lost has been destroyed in railroad wrecks that caught fire, though no inconsiderable quantity has been destroyed by fires that occurred in country banks, Post Offices, and residences.

The term "Uncle Sam" dates from the year 1812, when Elbert Anderson was an army contractor at Troy. His barrels of beef were inspected by Samuel Wilson, generally known as "Uncle Sam" who marked the accepted barrels "E. A -U. S." A stranger asked a workman what the initials meant, the initials U.S. being strange as standing for United States. He was told that they meant "Elbert Anderson —Uncle Sam." The joke took; some of the workmen served in the army and took the saying with them, and from that careless remark came the pet nickname for the country. The name John Bull was applied to the Englishman by Dr. John Arbuthnot, generally known as "the witty Dr. Arbuthnot," who, in 1712, published a "History of John Bull," intended to ridicule the Duke of Marlborough. In this book John Bull is an Englishman, Nicholas Frog was a Dutchman, and Louis and Philip Baboon

were Frenchmen.

The area of the thirteen original states proper was 421,000 square miles. The outlying territory claimed by these States was 407,000 more, making a total area of \$28,000 square miles. This was acquired by the war of the revolution at an estimated cost of \$136,000,000, and by the treaty with Great Britain in 1783. In 1803 the Louisiana purchase was made from France at a cost of \$15,000,000. This purchase added to the United States an area of 1.171,-931 square miles. In 1819 we purchased Florida from Spain at a cost of \$6,500,000. This purchase added a further area of 59,-268 square miles. In 1845 we added further to our territory, by the purchase and annexation of Texas, to the extent of 379,133 square miles at a cost of \$10,000,000. In 1848 we further added to our territory by the first acquisition from Mexico to the extent of 545,783 square miles. The cost of this war with Mexico was estimated at \$100,000,000 and the cost of the cession was \$15,000,000 (treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo). In 1853 we made a further acquisition of territory from Mexico, known as the Gadsden purchase, of 45,535 square miles at a cost of \$10,000,000 and in 1867 we purchased the territory of Alaska from Russia, with an estimated area of 577,390 square miles, at a cost of \$7,200,000. Between the year 1784 and 1802 all the several States ceded to the United States the outlying territories severally claimed by them. These several acquisitions added to the original thirteen states constitute the whole present territory of the United States and in the aggregate make an area of 3,604,040 square miles. The estimated cost of the wars which ended in the acquisition y was \$235,193,703, and the cost of the purchase money paid for the various cessions of territory was \$64,900,-000, making an aggregate cost of the whole territory of the United States by war and treaty of \$300,093,703, about the present debt of Canada, or less than 3 per cent of the cost of the war of the rebellion when all the pensions shall have been paid to the endiers of that war. A most astonishing conclusion is reached by this contrast of figures; a conclusion that the year of the rebellion will have cost at least thirty-five times as much as it cost to acquire the whole error of the United States both by war and

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Teacher-Johnny, write a whole number. Johnny's slate shows a cipher. Teacher-What's that, Johnny? Johnny-That is the only number that has a hole right

The Retort Courteous .- A-"It seems to me that your ears are getting bigger and bigger every day." B-"Let me tell you something. My ears and your brain would make a first-rate donkey.'

Cholly-My birthday to-day, old chappie. Chappie—How old? Cholly—Getting so old, deah boy, I'm weally ashamed to tell. Chapi ie-I won't wepeat it. Cholly-Eighteen. Chappie-Gwacious!

Same Old Routine .- "Hello, Dinwiddie!" exclaimed Shingiss, when the two met on Fitth avenue. "I haven't seen you'in an age. What do you do for a living now?" "I breathe," replied Dinwiddie, languidly.

St. Chad's church clock, at Shrewsbury, which was made last century, has a longer pendulum than any other clock in Great Britain. Its pendulum is 22 feet long, and the ball 4 feet 3 inches in circumstances, and 200 pounds in weight.

Mae-"Why so pensive, Mabel?" Mabel-"Why, you know Jack and I are going to be married, and really I know so little about him." Mae—"Oh, well, it's easy enough to find out; I know at least a dozen girls he's engaged to."

"So friend Bushler was on top of Mont Blanc?" "Not at all." "But he said so." "True. Two months ago when he returned from Switzerland he said he had been at the foot of Mont Blanc. Since then he has gradually lied himself to the top."

On the day before the execution the keeper informed the doomed man that a early. visitor wishes to see him. "Do you know who he is?" asked the doomed man. "No!" "Well, just ask him if he wants to collect a bill, and if he does, tell him to call day after to-morrow."

First Boy .- "Do you know anyone wants a boy? I'm goin' to leave the place I'm in. Can't get any more afternoons off." Second Boy-"Why can't yeh?" "First Boy -"I've used up all th' excuses, 'cept asking tor a day off ter git married, an' I'm afraid that ud make 'em suspicious.'

"You inherited quite a nice little fortune," said the lawver. "Yes," replied the tortunate youth. "I suppose you will pay a lot of your debts now?" "I had thought of it, but I concluded to make no change in my manner of living. I don't want to be accused of vulgar display.

Merchant-"I shall advance your salary fifty dollars this year. You have been remarkably correct and careful for the past twelve months. Haven't made a single mistake, have you?" Bookkeeper-"Only one." Merchant—"What was that?"
Bookkeeper—"I thought I would get a
raise of a hundred at least."

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From statistics it is found that to every one hundred inhabitants, Spain consumes one hundred and 10 pounds of tobacco annually; Italy, one hundred and twentyeight; Great Britain, one hundred and thirty-eight; Russia, one hundred and eighty: Denmark, two hundred and twenty-four; Norway, two hundred and thirty, and Austria, two hundred and seventy-three.

"I dont't know what is the matter with my son. Since he went to the university he hasn't written to me once." "Why don't you do as I did? When I didn't hear from my Emil I wrote as follows: 'My dear boy, how are you? Inclosed you will find a \$20 bill.' But I took good care not to inclose the bill. The result was that he wrote by the next mail, complaining that the money had not reached

Head Waiter.—" Didn't you know any better than to put that tair, slim party with his hair combed straight back, smooth face, and white cravat at the same table with that man that has the bristling pompadour and the diamond shirt stud?" New Waiter-" No. They both look like gen-tlemen. What's the difference?" Head Waiter—" What's the difference? Don't you know how to size a man up? They'll be having a wrangle about opening the World's Fair on Sunday before they have been sitting there five—there, they're at it already, blame you!"

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"Even a statesman is picked up sometimes," remarked the Congressman to a crowd of listeners. "On one occasion I was going over my district to get posted, and in my rambles I ran across an old fellow away up on the head waters of a creek. He was hoeing corn in a field near the road, and I stopped to talk with him.

"Mornin," he responded, but never

stopped his hoeing.

Right nice looking field,' I remarked.

Might be wurs,' he replied still hoe-

"Excuse me,' I ventured, 'but I'm the member of Congress from this district.'
"Air you? he asked, still beeing. 'I

voted fer you.' " 'I,m much obliged, I'm sure,' I said.
'I'm up here now taking a look over the

still hoeing, 'ef you don't take nothin' else,' and he looked at me so suspicuously that I bade him good day and rode on."—Ex.

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

M. Marinoni, the principal proprietor of the famous Parisian newspaper, Le Petit Journal; which has a daily circulation of nearly a million and a quarter copies, commenced lite as a factory lad.

Baron Hirsch has proved himself the most successful owner of racehorses in England by winning \$165,000 this season on La Fleche, Watercress, Windgall and other representatives of his stables.

The salary and emoluments of the Prince of Wales, supposed to be about \$200,000, would probably be enough for his private needs were he not put to so large an expense in performing royal and social obliga-tions which should be undertaken by his royal mother.

Mr. C. L. Collard, pianoforte maker,

has left £161,750 personally and a charming estate on the tringe of Exmoor. This is the greatest musical fortune left in England since the chief of Messrs. R. Cocks and Company died, eleven years ago, leaving £200,000. Every year a great many hero worship-

ing pilgrims go to the house in which Carlyle was born and try on the sage's old hat which is preserved as a relic of interest. Ot the thousands of visitors during the past tew years only thirty-four had heads large enough to fit the hat.

Madame Ribot (the wife of the recently summoned Premier of France who declined to form a Cabinet) is an American lady, who will shine as one of the brightest society stars at the Court of St. James if, as the French people anticipate, her husband shall become the French Minister to England.

There has been forwarded to Mr. Gladstone from Barmouth an album in commemoration of his visit to Snowdon and Barmouth. Engraved upon the large gold plate is a shield bearing the arms of Merioneth and the Welsh leek, and around the edge of the plate are the words, "Made of Welsh gold from Clogan Mines, Barmouth, North Wales."

Nathaniel S. Barry of Bristol, N. H., is the oldest living ex-Governor of a State in the United States. If he survives until September 1, 1895, he will be a centenarian. He was a boy of very humble parentage, became a tanner, as General Grant did, and in 1861 was elected Governor of New Hampshire. He is still a man of considerable physical and of unusual mental vigor, partly, he thinks, for the reason that he has not touched tobacco for thirty years nor spirituous liquors for more than sixty.

Perhaps the only woman who was ever uried like a warrior with the Stars and Stripes for a winding-sheet was the late Mrs. Cutler. She will be remembered for her bravery at the battle of Fort Donelson, when she snatched the colors of her husband's regiment from their fallen bearer and rushed through the smoke with the flag in one hand and sword in the other. After the war she made the care of veterans and their families the charge of her life. She is buried among the soldiers in Arlington cemetery.

Susan B. Anthony is of the opinion that we are on the verge of an era of unmarried women. Our civilization, she says. is changing. Daughters cannot be supported at home and there is nothing there to busy them. The women used to spin and weave, make carpets and soap, but now all that make carpets and soap, but now all that is done for them in the factories. Young duced rate. 19 to 23, N. S., King Square. men do not make enough money to support their wives, and there is such a craze for dissipation among them that the women would rather go into a store for almost nothing than to marry.

M. Brisson, the man of the hour in Paris, is fitty-seven years old and a native of Bourges. He is a prominent Freemason, and a mortal enemy of the Jesuits. Under the Empire he was an obscure lawyer, but worked his way to the front by his ardent advocacy of universal suffrage. He might never have "gone far" had it not been for Gambetta, whom he was one of the first politicians to appreciate, and who amply rewarded his discernment. By Gambetta's aid—his enemies say over his colleagues' shoulders—he reached the Presidency of the Chamber, and was talked of in connection with the Presidency of the Republic when a successor was wanted to le pere

Mr. Gould was very methodical in his habits. He usually rose about half-past six or seven, and took a short walk. Then he and his family breakfasted. He was a very light eater, seldom partaking of more than a cup of tea, a piece of toast, and a small bit of beefsteak. He owned a handsome town house, and an extensive country place on the banks of the Hudson river. To and from this place he journeyed daily to New York during the season in his steam yacht. Summer and winter, when not travelling, he went to his office every day except Sundays and legal holidays. He was rarely later than ten o'clock, and remained until three in the summer time and four in the winter.

Louis Kossuth is again reported to be dying, and his illness is this time of so grave a character as to make it unlikely that his feeble strength can combat it. The aged hero of Hungarian independence is past ninety, and for many years he has lived an exile in Turin. His home there has been in a mediæval palace, now in a state of dilapidation, and he has practically secluded himself among his books. He is the last survivor of the band of devoted men whom he led by the power of his oratory and enthusiasm to struggle to keep Hungary free. He was governor of the republic at the time it fell, in 1849, and visited America in 1851, to enlist sympathy for the Hungarian cause. In his prime Kossuth was one of the leading orators of Europe, and it has been said of him that he "was eloquent in four languages." In his old age he is of patriarchal appearance, with his flowing

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