

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

The Sultan of Lahore has \$10,000,000 in jewels.

Glass beads were mediums of exchange in the earliest ages.

An ordinary housefly has 8,000 eyes; the dragon fly 28,000 eyes.

A jelly fish of ten pounds when dried weighs about ten grains.

The United States government pays \$90,000,000 a year in salaries.

It requires 229,435 persons to handle the mails of the United States.

Ice made at zero temperature will last longer than that made at 16 or 28 degrees.

False teeth are now made from paper, and are said to wear well and last a lifetime.

The first post-office opened its doors in Paris in 1462; in England, in 1581; in America, in 1710.

Seven new planets, all small, the largest of the ninth magnitude, were discovered during January.

Ireland sends annually 40,000 tons of eggs—some 640,000,000 in round numbers—to England alone.

The Egyptians employed carayatic figures, afterward called carayitides, at least 2,500 years before Christ.

The various German fraternities of Freemasons were incorporated into one body by Jost Dotzinger in 1444.

The average weight of the Chinese brain is said to be heavier than the average weight of the brain of any other race.

The excavated temples near Bombay, in India, would require the labor of 40,000 men for forty years to complete.

In China wealthy people buy their coffins long before they need them, and exhibit them as ornamental pieces of furniture.

The number of lynchings in America for each of the ten years ending January 1, 1893, was 39, 55, 77, 73, 70, 72, 95, 100, 169, 236.

The ocean is more productive than the land. An acre of good fishing ground will yield more food than an acre on the best farm.

The old Greeks used beds supported on iron frames, while the Egyptians had couches shaped round like easy chairs with hollow backs and seats.

The heaviest salmon in 1891 by an angler from a British river was landed from the Warwick Hall water, in the Eden, a few days before the season closed. This fish weighed 56lbs.

The flag carried by Pizarro and his followers during the conquest of Peru will be a notable object in the Venezuelan exhibit at the World's Fair. The sword of Cortez will be exhibited from Mexico.

Scientists have discovered that the memory is stronger in summer than in winter. Among the worst foes of the memory are too much food, too much physical exercise, and, strangely enough, too much education.

Three places at least are known where green snow is found. One of these places is near Mount Hecla, Iceland, another fourteen miles east of the mouth of the Obi, and the third near Quito, South America.

The open spaces in London, without reckoning the dissolved burial grounds, extend to 5,449 acres. Besides, there are open spaces on its borders which bring up the total of parks accessible to Londoners to 22,000 acres.

The total population of the county of London in April, 1891, was 4,231,431, the increase in ten years being 397,237, or 10.36 per cent. The number of inhabited houses was 557,134, an increase on 1881 of 68,249, or 13.96 per cent.

Those who are fond of antiquities may at Amboston, in Derbyshire, see a loaf of bread which is six hundred years old. It was included in a grant of land from the crown in the reign of King John, and has remained in the Soar family ever since.

The smallest flowering plant is believed to be *Wolffia microscopica*, a native of India. It belongs to the duckweed family. It is almost microscopic in size, destitute of proper stem, leaves and roots, but having these organs merged in one.

The "life-tree" of Jamaica will continue to grow for months and years after it has been dug up and its roots exposed to the sun. Leaves severed from the limbs will remain perfectly green for weeks. The natives say that the tree can only be destroyed by fire.

Some one has estimated that twenty-two acres of land is needed to sustain a man on flesh, while that amount of land sown with wheat will feed 42 persons; sown with oats, 88; with potatoes, Indian corn, and rice 176 persons; and planted with bread-fruit trees, over 6,000 people could be fed.

In the course of a year, more than a dozen ponderous books are filled at Lloyd's with nothing but the names of ships, their captains, and the dates on which they touch and leave port. Every registered vessel in the world has its record in them, and the underwriters can easily turn to the name of any British or foreign ship, and tell approximately where she is at the moment.

There are about twenty-three street railway lines in New York. They are operated by seventeen companies, and have a total trackage of 268 miles. The number of cars in use is about 2,400, and the horses number 5,280. The cable system will probably take the place of horse cars. Horses have been used since November, 1832, when the New York and Harlem, now the Fourth and Madison Avenue line was opened to the public from Prince street to Harlem bridge.

There is no doubt that some of the most brilliant planets, such as Venus and Jupiter, are capable of casting distinct shadows, as may be seen any fine morning in the tropics. Not long ago M. L. Guioi observed that Jupiter threw a distinct shadow of his watch upon a wall, and that he was able to read a newspaper by the light. M. Moysé also finds that Mars is able to cast a shadow, but a much fainter one than Jupiter. He was also able to count the number of words in a newspaper placed in the light of the planet entering by a window; but he could not read them.

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"Our friendship must never die," he said.  
"It must be kept green forever." "Then we must be careful that it does not ripen into love," she replied.

He (after three hours)—I don't think that it is exactly proper for me to wear a sack coat. She (glancing at the clock)—It will be in a few minutes.

A farmer forwarded a letter to a town, inscribed: "To any respectable attorney." The postmaster returned it, endorsed: "Not known here."

"Was Rome founded by Romeo?" inquired a pupil of the teacher. "No, my son," replied the wise man; "it was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."

The Old Wife—Have you induced your husband to give up cigarette smoking yet? The Young Wife—Oh, my, yes. He only inhales them now. We compromised on that.

Mrs. Gotham (wife of a clubman)—Why do you live in such an isolated neighborhood? Mrs. Suburb—I live here because my husband is afraid to leave me alone evenings.

"Yes, her death is a great loss to us. She was one of the brightest lights of the sewing circle." "She was?" "Yes; she knew the private affairs of almost every family in town."

Photographer—Your son ordered this likeness from me. Father—It is certainly very much like him. Has he paid for it. Photographer—Not yet. Father—That is still more like him.

Annie—Why did you refuse Mr. Specie? I am sure the presents and flowers he has sent you show him to be in love with you. Belle—I was afraid he had spent all his money on me already.

"Who is that cross-looking old man in the corner?" asked the fair visitor who was looking through the "Plunger" offices. "That," replied the editor, "is the man who writes our smart-child jokes."

"What is that terrible noise?" asked one Russian nobleman of another. "It sounds as if some one was riveting a boiler." "Yes," was the reply, "the Czar's valet is getting him ready for bed."

Husband (irritably) Can't you remember where I said I left my glasses at breakfast this morning? Wife, I'm sorry dear, I really can't. Husband (peevishly) That just shows the forgetfulness of you women!

Father—but you have no means and no prospects. If I give my daughter to you, what is to become of her? Suitor Well, sir, you are a wealthy man, and you are surely not going to let your daughter starve.

"Good morning, Uncle Charles! Did you sleep well? I'm afraid your bed was rather hard and uneven; but—" "Oh, it was all right, thanks. I got up now and then during the night and rested a bit, you know."

Policeman—Well, my little dear, if you can't tell me your mother's name, or where she lives, how are we to find her? Little Girl (while out shopping)—Jes' put me in a store window, an' mamma'll be sure to see me.

"I saw a picture of Solomon to-day, and it represented him as being bald-headed." "Well, what of that?" "I thought that he was a type of many beauties." "Yes, but you must remember that he had seven hundred wives."

"You may say what you like, mother, George no longer loves me." "But, child, how did you get that silly notion into your head?" "Oh, very simply, and only too quickly. When he takes me home nowadays he always chooses the shortest road!"

Fashionable mother (languidly)—Well, Sarah, how is baby to-day? Maid—He cut his teeth this morning, ma'am. Fashionable mother (still more languidly)—That was very negligent of you, Sarah. You ought not to let a young baby play with a knife.

In an advertisement by a railway company of some uncalled for goods, the letter "I" had dropped from the word "lawful," and it read: "People to whom these packages are directed are requested to come forward and pay the awful charges on the same."

She—As we are to be married in June, don't you think you ought to begin to economize? He—Oh, I've begun already. That very thought occurred to me this evening as I was coming here. She—What did you do? He—Passed the candy store without stopping.

Young Bob (enthusiastically)—Matrimony is the thing for you! Why, you bachelors don't know anything about comfort, companionship, and the long-trying years of comradeship—Friend—How long have you been married? Bob—Nearly three weeks.

Mrs. Sangazure—Doctor, what do you think is the matter with me? Doctor—I'm inclined to think your blood is not pure. I'll have to give you something to purify it. Mrs. Sangazure (laughingly)—You are probably not aware that I belong to one of the oldest families in England!

"I'm very tired," said the lady at the head of the supper table one Sunday evening. "You should not be," said her minister, who had been asked in to the evening meal; "you haven't preached two sermons to-day." "No," said the lady, absent-mindedly, "but I listened to them."

Mrs. Bibbs—I declare you men can't write a letter unless you have a regular desk and office chair, and big blotting pad, and I don't know what all. Mr. Bibbs—Yes, and a woman may have a fifty guinea writing desk, with everything to match, and yet she'll sit down on a footstool and write on an old book.

"Can you give any evidence in regard to the character of the deceased?" said the judge. "Yes, my lord," replied the witness. "He was a man without blame, benevolent and respected by all men, pure in all his thoughts and—" "Where did you learn that?" "I copied it from his tombstone, my lord."

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## MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT

Han Quay, China's richest banker, is said to be worth the incredible sum of \$2,000,000,000.

Lord Wolseley has a sword, valued at \$10,000, which was presented to him by the Egyptians.

Zola has been an aspirant for a seat among the immortals of the French Academy four times.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes admitted the other day, to a lady who went to him for information on the point, that he did not know the name or the subject of his first poem.

Edison prefers women machinists for the delicate details of his electrical inventions. He says they have more fine sense about machinery in one minute than most of men in their whole lifetime.

James A. Bailey, the circus manager, began selling apples and peanuts, then became the owner of a side show, and went on until he is now the foremost man in his line of public amusement.

The Austrian emperor, in order to acknowledge a singular display of loyalty, accepted the sum of five florins, equal to about eight shillings, bequeathed to his Majesty by a poor Austrian peasant recently deceased.

The Queen of the Sandwich Islands has something of a name herself, but it is short and sweet in comparison with that of her daughter, the Princess Victoria Kaweku Kaiulani Lunailo Kalaninuihahpalapa. Think of annexing that!

Alphonse Daudet, the "French Dickens," is one of the most striking figures in the literary world of Paris. His fine head is enveloped by flowing locks of jet black hair, and as for the lower part of his face "he is bearded like the pard." Daudet is 53 years old.

Mr. Cleveland's check for 12 cents has been received by a Baltimore importer in payment of the duty on a pair of foreign gloves recently received from abroad for the president-elect. The importer intends to retain the document as a souvenir instead of cashing it.

Baron Nathaniel Rothschild of Vienna is about to start on a trip to Africa to last six months. He has chartered a steamer for the use of himself and family where possible. The Baron is an excellent amateur photographer, and proposes to bring back a number of photographs.

Henri Rochefort evinces his undying hatred of the Germans in various ways. The most pronounced and public is the keeping of a standing notice in the business office of his newspaper which is, in substance, this: "No advertisements accepted from Germans in any circumstances."

Mrs. "Buffalo Bill" is an amiable, domestic woman, very popular in the neighborhood of North Platte, where she lives. Her home, Scout's Rest, is a long, low building, four miles from the town, large and roomy, quite like an hotel, and it is surrounded by 3,000 acres of prairie land, magnificent stables, and fine pasture lands, where are kept many thousands of fine blooded horses and cattle.

Said General Sherman of Abraham Lincoln: "Of all the men I ever met, he seemed to possess more of the element of greatness, combined with goodness, than any other." Equally full are the words of the accomplished Grady, of Atlanta: "He stands as the first typical American, the first who comprehended within himself all the strength and gentleness, all the majesty and grace, of the Republic."

When the famous bull-fighter, Frascuelo, the idol of Madrid, died in that city not long ago, of a wound from the horns of a bull, he left behind him a trunk. This trunk was filled with letters—letters from ladies—love-letters from ladies. Senora Frascuelo, being of a thrifty temperament, and not jealous, disposed of the documents to a syndicate of blackmailers. These gentry realized a large sum from their speculation.

Mr. Ruskin is one of the few authors of the world able to determine the way in which their books shall be printed. It appears that he permits no deviation on the part