

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

A ton of steel makes 10,000 gross of pens.  
Eleven pounds of nails will lay 1,000 laths.  
Only one man in 203 is over six feet in height.

France drinks 4,558,000 bottles of champagne a year.

Swords were manufactured in England in the fifth century.

Brandy is an invention of the French, and has been known to the world for nearly 600 years.

At least 200,000 persons are employed by the 23,000 papers published in the United States.

The average at which men marry is 27.7 years, while the average age at which women marry is 25½ years.

The ocean cable, which has had a life of but little more than thirty years, now stretches over 120,250 miles.

A single mahogany tree in Honduras was recently cut into boards, which, when sold in the European market, realized over \$10,000.

The execution of some of the finest French tapestry is so slow that an artist cannot produce more than a quarter of a square yard in a year.

The woodpecker has a three-barbed tongue, like a Fijian spear, with which it draws out the worm which it has excited by its tapping.

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## "PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"How do you like my new hat, George?"  
"It is the dearest thing of the kind you ever had, love."

Brownleigh (visiting friends in the country) I don't often get such a good supper. Johnnie—Neither do we.

A—It is when a man is in trouble that he knows the value of a wife. B—Yes. He can put all his property in her name.

Mrs. Trooley—Do tell me, Mr. Kanvass, which is the greatest work of art? Mr. Kanvass—Selling the paintings, madam.

He—Aren't you pleased with the way my moustache is growing? She—Yes, indeed! I'm more tickled with it every time you call.

The expression "the long and the short of it" is never better understood than when a man longs for money when he is short of it.

"What is sweeter than a friend you can trust?" asked Gus De Smith. "To have a friend who will trust you," replied Kosciusko Jones.

A man sent five shillings to a London firm for "an easy way to get rid of old debts." In return he received the astonishing advice, "Pay them."

Miss—I don't want those men coming in downstairs. Bridget. Bridget—If you're jealous, ma'am, I can't help it. I ain't going to invite them upstairs.

Gilgal—If you want anything well done, do it yourself is a good rule. Mullins—I know a better one. If you want anything well done, tell the waiter to bring it underdone.

Some philosopher has observed that "To be a good conversationalist, one must needs be a good listener." This is especially true if the conversation is to be by telephone.

"I believe Rollingsstone is lazy. He seems to have an antipathy to setting down to anything." "That's perhaps the reason why he is always so tardy in setting up for anything."

"My dear," said a lady to a friend who was complaining of a servant, "you can't expect all the virtues for six shillings a week." "But I pay seven-and-six," was the practical response.

Clergyman (examining a Sunday-school class)—Now, can any of you tell me what are sins of omission? Small scholar—Please, sir, they're sins you ought to have committed and haven't.

Doctor—The fear about being buried alive, entertained by most people, is a foolish one. Patient—You think so? Doctor—Yes. The doctors do not permit anybody to be buried alive.

"Do you think, young man, that you could give my daughter all she asks for?" questioned papa, grimly. "I—aw—think so, sir," murmured the lover, bashfully. "She says she wants only me."

Friend of the family (to little Ella who has just returned from a holiday)—You do look well, child. Wherever did you get that rosy color on your cheeks for? Ella—From mamma's dressing table.

Wife of Commercial Traveller (to her husband who is rather cold to her)—John, the kisses you give me now are not up to the sample you gave me when you asked me to be yours. It isn't business.

"You wish me to be your wife? Why, I've known you only fifteen minutes!" "That is true, madame; but I wished to give one lady the opportunity of saying with truth: 'That is so sudden!'"

"Mother," said the newspaper writer's son, "I know why editors call themselves 'we.'" "Why?" "So that the man that doesn't like the article will think there are too many people for him to tackle."

Coroner—Is this man whom you found dead on the railroad track a total stranger? Mike (who has been told to be careful in his statements)—No, sir; his leg was gone entirely. He was a partial stranger, sir.

It is customary for members of the House of Commons, when rising to address the House, to commence, "Mr. Speaker, sir." One young member, who was rather nervous, began as follows: Mr. Speaker, dear sir.

Mrs. Vermont Browne—Why on earth don't you get your husband to cut off his whiskers? Mrs. Smith Jones—I wouldn't have him do it for the world. I want him to let them grow, and get them all out of his system.

And so on reflection, Mr. Fastboy, I have determined that it is best to terminate our engagement." But Clara, Clara! exclaimed the heart-broken man, wringing his hands, "won't you wait until I can find a substitute?"

Cook (on the day after her arrival)—Please, mum, I'm a bit fiery at times, and when I'm fiery I'm apt to be a bit rough spoken; but you needn't let that put you about—with a little present you can allus bring me round again.

Tailor—Married or unmarried? Customer—Married. Tailor (to cutter)—One pocket concealed in lining of vest. Customer—Eh! What's that? Tailor (explaining)—To hide your change, you know, at night. I'm married myself.

After an enthusiastic lover spends two hours' hard labor on a letter to his girl, and then mars its beauty by spilling a drop of ink on the letter, he first talks in a scientific manner for a few moments, and then draws a circle round the blot, and tells her it is a kiss.

Spendall—I gave you that five shillings as a friendly tip. Why do you hand four shillings back? Waiter—I like to keep everything on a business basis, sir. Gents won't so very friendly when they say money is apt to come 'round tryin' to borrow when they gets broke.

Alfred (rapturously)—Now, darling, please name the happy day. Minnie (blushing)—Three weeks from next Thursday. Alfred. Norah (through the keyhole)—If you please, miss, that's my regular day out. You'll have to get married in the early part of the week.

John Henry had a visitor at dinner the other day, and during a pause in the conversation the *enfant terrible* spoke up. "I wish I was you." "Do you, my little boy? And why do you wish you were me?" "Cos you don't get your ear pinched when you eat vittles with your knife."

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## MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Queen Margarita of Italy poses a coral necklace which she always wears, day and night.

Dr. Wielobeky, president of the Society for the Study of Inebriety in London, is 100 years old.

Rudyard Kipling's father is a man of great ability and holds an important position as art director of an Indian museum.

Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse, is 72 years old. She takes her baptismal name from the Italian city in which she was born.

Princess May of Teck is a believer in palmistry, and while away evenings in reading the lines upon the hands of her friends.

The sole descendant of Columbus is Don Christobel Colony Portugal, Duke of Yragua, Grandee of Spain and Marquis de la Jamaica.

Mrs. Mary H. C. Tanner, the only surviving child of Theodore Hook, is living in England, a poor and neglected widow. She is 73 years of age.

Mrs. Custer attended her husband in his camp life for twenty years, moving from fort to fort, but she says he never confided his military plans to her.

Tennyson left a personal estate to the value of about \$250,000. Browning's amounted to about \$80,000 and Matthew Arnold's to only \$5,000.

Nikita, ruler of the Montenegrins, is said to drive a thrifty bargain with such of his people as need loans, the interest being anywhere from 18 to 30 per cent.

The annual allowance of the Crown Prince of Roumania is almost two and a half times as large a sum as the salary of the President of the United States.

The oldest judge on the English bench is Judge Bayley, who is ninety years of age, and has presided at the Westminster county court since about the middle of the present century.

The Czar of Russia possesses the most curious collection of gloves in the world. Whenever he shoots an animal—he it a bear or a rabbit—he always has a pair of gloves made out of its skin. He has an immense number.

Wilson MacDonald, the sculptor, whose Hancock statue is soon to grace the upper end of New York, is modeling a statue of James G. Blaine. It will be thirty inches high, and will be finished in bronze, terra cotta or any metal desired.

Mlle. Gleichen, daughter of the late Count Gleichen, is following in her father's footsteps in her love of sculpture, and the young lady is engaged upon a statue of the Queen, which is intended for the Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Montreal.

The late Justice Lamar of the U. S. supreme court, had a most remarkable memory. He could repeat word for word the speeches of great orators which he had read, and passages from authors unknown to others than students like himself.

One of the oldest officers in Her Majesty's navy is Sir Lewis Tobias Jones, who, on Christmas eve, attained the age of 93. Sir Lewis, who entered the service at a very early age, "smelt powder" at the battle of Algiers in 1816, where he was rather severely wounded.

Robert Browning was apparently aware of the obscurity of some of his work, for he says, of "Ferreter's Fancies," in a characteristic letter recently on sale in London: "I hope and believe that one or two careful readings of the poem will make its sense clear enough."

Mr. Gladstone smokes occasionally, but very little. He will accept a cigar once in a great while from dear friends, while their guest, and take just a few whiffs of smoke. Sometimes it is even asserted, he is seen with a cigarette between his fingers, but he was never seen smoking one.

The teapot which the Princess of Wales invariably uses every day at Sandringham is exceedingly curious, and is said to be of a stout Dutchman sitting astride a barrel of wine. The old man's cap serves for a lid, and a gold tap in the barrel lets out the favorite five o'clock beverage.

Riaz Pasha, the new Egyptian Premier and minister of the Interior, for many years has been a prominent figure in public affairs in the land of the Pharaohs. He is of Jewish origin, and his first important office was that of minister of public instruction, to which post he was appointed twenty years ago.

It is said that the home life of novelist Rider Haggard and his family is a model of simplicity and genuineness. The day opens with family prayers, which are read with gentle reverence by the master of the house, in the large square entrance hall, to which assemble not only the family and visitors, but all the servants.

Alphonse Daudet told an interviewer recently that he had a great admiration for the English people as well as a great antipathy to them. "When I find myself in a railway carriage with an Englishman," said he, "I feel as if I could—like this" (here the author struck out violently with both fists, as if pummeling a body). "Yes, I feel that I could give him this and this," said the author, as he struck imaginary blows in the air. "He rasps my nerves."

Before the Queen grew so lame as to require the use of a stick, her habit was to stand for awhile after dinner in the gallery at Windsor; but directly she enters the drawing-room a chair is now brought, and her Majesty immediately sits down. Simple though this fact may seem, it has made a great difference to the Court, for it is the custom now for those who are near the Queen, or who may be speaking to her, to sit down as well, which consequently makes the conversation much less formal than hitherto.

The Sultan of Turkey has a great liking for a delicacy known in Turkey as "Rahat," and keeps in his palace a man exclusively occupied with the manufacture of it for him and his household. "Rahat" is also a great favorite with the Sultan's wives, who indulge plentifully in this luxury. The different flavours given to this preparation are obtained from the juice of pressed flowers, such as roses, violets, and others, and a special hand-press is employed for this purpose. "Turkish delight" is the popular name for "Rahat."

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