

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Nearly 100 different machines have been invented for boring rock.

A race horse clears from twenty to twenty-four feet at a bound.

Nearly all the shoemaking business in Calfornia is done by Chinamen.

Apples were worth from one to two shillings each in the reign of Henry VII.

In Great Britain the yearly loss in wages through ill-health is said to be £11,000,-000.

One hundred cubic feet of wall requires a cord of stone, three buckets of lime aud a cubic yard of sand.

The direct light of the sun is about 600,000 times more intense than that of the full moon.

At the siege of Jerusalem the Romans had a catapult that threw a stone weighing 170 pounds a distance of 500 yards.

England received about 10,057,600 letters from the United States last year, Germany received 5,858,040 letters, and France 1,884,040.

The value of the ceramic treasures which adorn Buckingham palace and the private apartments at Windsor considerably exceed £200,000.

The fleeces of ten goats and the work of several men for halt a year are required to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and a half wide.

Records show that the greatest day's run of an ocean steamship was 515 miles. The steamer had previously been known to make 500 miles per day for three days in succession.

The Prussian army contains but one officer raised from its ranks. This is Colonel Lademann, who was promoted for acts of bravery in the Schleswig-Holstein campaign of 1864.

From statistics covering the last thirtytwo years it is computed that the average life of women in France has been 38years, and of men.36 years. During last year however, the average rose to 40 years for both sexes.

Advocating greater simplicity of life among the wealthier classes of society, Dean Lefroy remarked recently that a hundred and twenty-seven thousand pounds a year are spent in Great Britain upon perfumed spirits from abroad.

Andre Gaertner, founder of the Mechanical museum at Dresden, who was born in 1654, is said to be the inventer of the elevator. In 1717, having become infirm, he made a machine which enabled him to go up and



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"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"That's a fine baby of yours, Mawson." 'Yes. You ought to hear him at night. He cries like twins."

Buver-Is this suit all wool. Mozinsky, -I vont lie to you, my triend, for it is not. De buttons are made of silgk.

A man never realizes how much furniture he owns until he tries to walk rapidly through his house in the dark.

Roosters are a good deal like men. A rooster never gives notice of finding a worm until after he has swallowed it.

Criticus (looking at a picture of the impressionist school)—If that's high art, then I'm an idiot. Cynicus—Well, that is high art.

" Dear wife, there's a hole in my stocking." "Is that so? Darling, give me half a dollar and I'll go and get you a new pair."

Mother-So you wish my daughter for your wife. He (gallantly)-Partly that, madam, and partly that you may be my mother-in-law

Diner-Look here, waiter ! There's a pin in this soup. Suppose I had swallowed it? Waiter-It wouldn't have hurt you, sir. It's a safety pin, sir !

Gwendoline-And you really love your husband? Clare-Wildly. Gwendoline -And he loves you? Clare-Passionately. Gwendoline-Just like a novel, isn't

Little Johnnie-I guess sis has accepted Mr. Newcomer. Little Sister --- Why ? Little Johnnie-He hasn't given me any candy for a week, and yesterday he kicked the dog.

" Ab, John," she said, just before the marriage, "I fear I am not worthy of you. You are such a good man." "Never mind, Martha, I'll change all that after the wedding.

First Boy-Whenever there's a picture of two lovers, there's always a lot of little boys around with wings. Wot's they for? Second Boy—I guess they is her little brothers what's dead.

Patient-You haven't sent me any bill yet, doctor. Are you not atraid to let it run so long? Doctor (cheerfully)-No, I'm not atraid. I'm sure to get it out of the estate, you know.

Johnson-What became of that man who had twenty-seven medals for saving people from drowning? Dock Worker—He tell in one day when he had them all on, and PRINCE WILLIAM STREET. the weight of 'em sunk him.

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Mrs. DeWitt Talmage makes her husband's pastoral and social engagements, and all his lecturing interests are in her hands.

A portrait of the Empress of Germany is to be hung in every barrack-room of the empire, by order of the emperor, that none may fail to recognize her.

Jay Gould's personal estate, estimated at seventy millions, was left to his children in such a way that the state tax will amount to \$750,000 annually. It was left in trust.

Amongst the shoes possessed by the Princess of Wales-and she collects boots and shoes of all periods worn by famous persons-the pair which she treasures most are those once worn by Mary Queen of Scots.

The Queen of Roumania, as is well known, exhibits a deep interest in the culture of the people. As a scholar her Majesty has almost a European reputation, and her poems are much admired in England.

A very choice assortment of English, Ulrike von Levetzo, whom Goethe ad-French, and American Perfumes in stock, mired when he was 70 and she 17, and selected especially for the season. Call wished to marry, reached her 90th birthday last week at her castle of Trzielitz, in Bohemia. She is the subject of Goethe's " Trilogy of Passion."

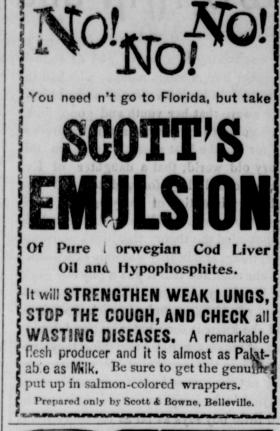
> Prof. Tyndall, in a letter dated Haselmere. January 12, writes: "I am steadily progressing towards convalescence, but I find this cold weather is very trying to lungs which have passed through such an ordeal as mine during the past year."

> W. D. Howells has for many years earned an annual income of about \$20,000 with his pen. The novelist is very fond of Italy, and would, it is believed, take up his residence in that country if his father-83 years of age--could undertake the journey.

Frithjof Nansen, the explorer, three years ago married Miss Eva Sars. Mme. Nansen last winter accompanied him on a long excursion on snowshoes through the mountains, during which the nights were passed in sleeping bags. Last week a child was born to Dr. Nansen.

Baron Ascento, a wealthy Spaniard, can only sleep in a railway carriage, the cabin of a steamer, or a coach in full motion. For the last four years he has never ceased travelling by night in order to obtain sleep; and during that period he has never spent a single night in a house.

Jeanne Eugenie Moreau, the child wonder of Paris, whose phenomenal memory " This cheese," said the guest to the This SEASON'S GOODS are all Personally has made her a highly-educated person at the age of five years, is a granddaughter of the Philippe Morean, who led the assault on the Bastille in 1789, and who was decorated therefore by Lafayette. Various celebrities have dropped one or more middle names. Mr. Edmund Gosse was christened Edmund William Gosse; Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson, Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson; Mr. Robert Buchanan, Robert Williams Buchanan; Mr. Henry Labouchere, Henry du Pre Labouchere.



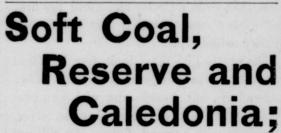


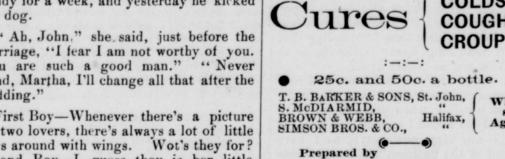
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Probably few people are aware that in the event of war being declared by England, it is the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to announce the fact from the steps of the Royal Exchange. On such occasions he is attended by the whole of the City functionaries.

Few persons are aware that the British government look after the graves of soldiers who have perished in foreign wars, and that £200 is paid yearly for maintaining the cemetery in the Crimea. The sum of £7 is also given for keeping the English graves in order at Suakim.

Collecting the bones of bisons killed on the prairies of the north-west in former years is now a profitable industry, carried on by Indians and halfbreeds tor the most part. The bones are transported to the settled districts and transformed into phosphates for the use of the farmers.

An electrician says that the day 1s not so far off when electrical fireworks will supersede those now used. He declares that for a comparatively moderate outlay he could arrange an electrical display that would last for many years, and could be repeated as often as desired. It would comprize all the modern pyrotechnical effects.

The inhabitants of the Marian Islands, which were discovered as late as 1551, had no idea of fire or its uses. Their astonishment knew no bounds when they saw it applied to wood, most of them supposing it to be some kind of an animal which the sailors had brought with them and which must be fed on wood. To this day they designate it by a term which signifies "wood eater.'

About the year 1783, a Bristol plumber named Watts dreamed that he was out in a shower of molden lead. He observed that the metal came down in spherical drops, and atterwards, to find whether it would be so, he went to the top of a church and poured melted metal into a vessel of water below. To his great delight he found that the lead had gathered into beautifully-formed globular balls, and he at once took out a patent.

All the Czars of Russia have been crowned in the Kremlin in Moscow, and in the treasury there are the thrones of all the emperors of the past and the historic jewels and the choicest plate now owned by the Russian crown. There are £120,000,000 worth of gold and silver and precious stones in that treasury, and there are basins of gold there which are as big as a baby's bath tub, and two card tables of solid silver, which are worth a king's ransom.

Coffee is more generally consumed by the people of Brazil than by any other peo-ple in the world. The coffee fields of Brazil cover 2,000,000 acres, with 800,000,000 trees, each tree averaging about one pound per annum. The industry there employs 800,000 hands. The consumption of coffee in Brazil averages yearly 14 lbs. per inhabitant; in Belgium and Holland, 11 lbs.; in the United States 7 lbs.; in Germany, 5 lbs.; in Great Britain, very little over half a pound.

One of the most remarkable buildings from the acoustic point of view is the beehived-shaped Temple in Salt Lake City.

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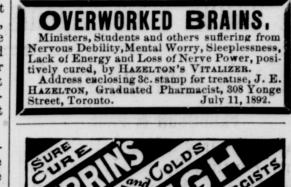
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the better, sir," was the reply; "cheese is different from any other kind of food, the worse it smells the better it is."

Mother-I cannot let you go out this weather. It is a mother's duty to care for her children in all seasons of the year. Fannie-That's all right in summer, but in winter you ought to let them slide.

Churchwarden Smith - Mr. Jones are you aware that you put a counterfeit coin in the contribution box this morning? Mr. Jones-Yes; I owe the heathen a grudge for roasting a missionary uncle of mine.

Drill Sergeant-I say, Smith, have you any idea of how slow and stupid you are ! Private Smith-I don't know. D. S.-Ot course you don't; but let me tell you that an Egyptian mummy is frisky compared with you.

Reporter (interviewing an aged negress) -And they tell me, Aunty, you are 110 years old. Now, how does it happen that you have lived that long ? Aunt Sheba-Don't know zac'ly, but spect it's bekase I nebeh died sah.

"Has Sarah's young man gone ?" asked the father, shouting down stairs. "No," said the young brother, " and he won't be gone for four hours." "Why not ? "Because she has just stepped outside to bid him goodnight."

Small Son-Vy you lets dot gustomer beat you down fifty zents on dose pants? Father-Dot's all right, mine son. I left dose price marks on pehind, and he vill do us ten tollars' worth of advertising, bevore he gets to Broadway.

Husband—What do you do when you hit your thumb with a hammer ? You can't swear. Wife-No, but I can think with all my might and main, what a perfectly horrid, mean, inconsiderate, selfish brute you are not to drive the nails yourself.

Objecting Parent-Yes; I know how it is with you young people. You'd get along so long as the sea is calm and it is smooth sailing ; but what would you do in case of a squall? Practical Suitor-Well, it the worst comes to the worst, we can employ a nurse.

"Your honor and gentlemen of the jury acknowledge the reference of counsel of the other side to my grey hair. My hair is grey, and it will continue to be grey as long as I live. The hair of that gentleman is black, and will continue to be black as long as he dyes."

Knowit-My cook is a treasure. Wanttoknow-You're in better luck than most people, then. Knowit-It wasn't till lately. You see, she had a row with the grocer, and to revenge herself she is very saving with the groceries. The bill is only half what it used to be,

Complaining Husband--My dear, I should think you would he more careful when buying things for me. Now, these expensive slippers you brought from Paris are alto-gether too small. I can never wear them. Cheerful Wife—Well, they'll do to spank Tommy with, dear.

"You may talk all you like about women being the weaker sex," said Mrs. Snipps, "but the women of this country did something last year that men could never do."

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When Dr. Nansen sets out for the Arctic regions he will carry several phonographs with him. One will be entirely filled with his favourite songs as sung by his wife, while another will contain a charming collection of "baby's cries" as uttered at all times and seasons by the explorer's only

Miss Louise Aldrich Blake of England has achieved the highest distinction as a student in medicine ever won by a woman. She has taken a "double first" in the examinations at the London University, not by special cramming, but by systematic, persevering work throughout the entire course.

Mme. Brochard, sub-superintendent of the Lenon Hospital, has received the ribbon of the Legion of Honor for faithful service during the cholera epidemic. She is such a diffident woman that she could not at first be persuaded to wear the insignia openly, but concealed the red ribbon beneath a fold of her dress, insisting that she had no bet-ter right than those around her to be singled out for the honor.

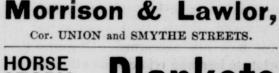
Leading London papers state that they are authorized to deny statements recently circulated alleging that Mr. Ruskin is in a weak mental condition, and that he suffers from delusions that his life is threatened. Ruskin is in better health at present than he has been for some years past, both mentally and bodily. He no longer works, but he walks every day, and takes a great in-terest in everything around him.

Major General Sir George Stewart White, who is to succeed Lord Roberts as commander in chief in India, has been thirtyeight years in the British army, most of that time having been spent in that country. In 1886 he was sent into Burmah to command the army of occupation, 30,000 strong; and his management of the per-plexing questions, military and political, for four years, elicited high praise from the Viceroy.

August Strindberg, the Danish poet, is famous for his hatred of women. This aversion seems to be uncontrollable at times, and often leads the author into difficulty. Not long ago, he happened to meet a lady at the house of a friend, and, taking hold of her, threw her from the verandah. The poor woman, who was injured, brought an action against the ungallant writer. He was condemned to pay the plaintiff very heavy damages, as well as the costs of the proceedings.

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