### THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

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Catharine de Medici imported muffs into France from Italy.

Shoes with heels six inches high were worn at the court of Louis XIV.

In 1800 the shipping entering the Mersey was 400,000 tons per annum. It is now 10,000,000 tons.

On the bank of the river Naha, between Bingen and Coblentz, there is an echo capable of repeating a sentence seventeen different times.

The lighthouse tower at Cape Hatteras is 189 feet high from-its base to the centre of the lantern. It is the tallest lighthouse tower in existence.

Marriages are not allowed in Bavaria unless the authorities are convinced the persons wishing to marry have the means to support a wife and family.

It is no unusual thing for a turtle to lay as many as one hundred and twenty-five eggs, although from sixty to one hundred eggs is a more usual "lay."

In France there is an unwritten but immutable law that a painting shall not be exhibited without the artist's consent, no matter what the wishes of the owner may be.

The orange was originally a pear-shaped fruit about the size of the common wild cherry. Its evolution is believed by naturalists to be due to twelve hundred years of cultivation.

Of the total number of 109,000 locomotive engines which are at present running on the earth's surface, Europe claims 63,-000, America, 40,000, Asia, 3,300 Australia, 2,000, and Africa, 700.

The baya bird of India ingeniously illuminates its nest. It catches fire-flies, and, without killing them, with moist clay sticks them to its nest. On a dark night the baya's nest is like a bright beacon.

It is generally supposed that the oyster is an exceptionally nutritious article of food, but chemical analysis shows that the nutritive value of a quart of solid oyster meats is equal only to that of two-thirds of a pound of bread.

During the times of George I. and II., the wedding-ring, though placed upon the usual finger at the time of marriage, was sometimes worn on the thumb, in which position it is often seen on the portraits of titled ladies in those days.

The larger portion of the walnuts consumed in England are of foreign growth, and average in quantity about 250,000 bushels. The bulk of these come from France and Belgium, and small quantities

### PROGRESS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893.

#### "PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

#### What's in a name. It depends upon who spells it.

horses? Broke: No, by slow ones. The world may owe us a living, but no collection agency will accept the claim.

"He asked me to marry him, but I hardly know what to do. They say he is a fool." "He is."

Ethel (musingly)-Why should he want to marry me, I wonder? Clarissa-Upon my word, I cannot imagine.

All things come to those who wait. The particular thing for which they are waiting is generally the last to make its appearance.

There is one valuable thing about those fashion plates in the weekly papers. They are useful in showing women how not to dress.

In five minutes a woman can clean up a man's room in such a way that it will take him five weeks to find out where she put things.

"What do you use this sign 'Back in five minutes,' tor?" "Oh. I put that up on the office door when I go off for half a day or so."

Johnny (knowingly): What a lovely disposition your sister has, hasn't she Yes, just now. But this is her ball-room disposition, you know.

Old Lady-I hope, my boy, that you do not sell papers on Sunday. Small newsboy (sadly)-No, mum, I ain't big enough to carry a Sunday edition yet.

Tailor-I made the pistol pocket only half pint size, Colonel. Col. Blood-You may keep the trousers, sir. I do not carry bottles of water in my pockets.

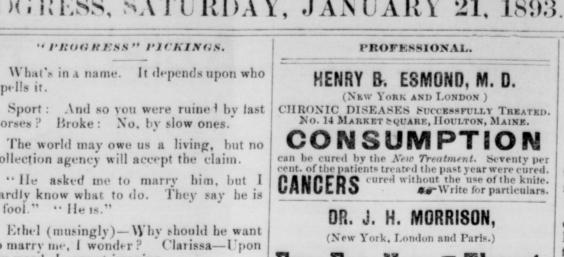
"Did you see ' Rescued from the Deep: Or. He Had to Dive for It' last night?" "Yes." "What part does old Driggs play ?" " The tank, as usual."

"I am troubled with insomnia, doctor. What should I do for it?" When you go to bed think it is time to get up, and I guess you'll want to go to sleep."

She-Why is it when doctors get ill they never attend to their own cases? He-I don't know, but I should say it was because they can't charge themselves for it.

Bliffers-I wonder if Diggs has much and Plush goods in stock made specially money behind him? Spatts-He had the for the Holiday trade. other day when I saw hlm-he was leaning against the Bank of New Brunswick.

"I see that 1,800 girls were graduated from the Boston cooking school last year." early.



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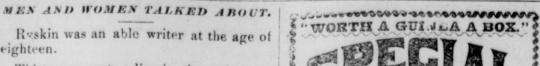
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Princess Galitzen, a member of one of the oldest aristocratic families of Russia, is now a stablemaid in a French circus.

Charles and Alfred Tennyson received one hundred dollars for "Poems of Two Brothers." The manuscript is now worth five thousand.

The last man wounded in the civil war by a Confederate bullet was Sargeant Crockett of the Sixty-second United States Colored Infantry.

One of the most prosperous inventors of the day is George Westinghouse, whose wondertul brake has brought him in a fortune of \$20,000,000.

One of the last official acts of the Emperor of Germany before the dawn of the new year was to sign the death sentence of a woman convicted of murder.

The wife of M. Clemenceau, the "hero of a hundred duels," is an American woman. She has been separated from her husband for a number of years.

Emperor William has received from the Sultan of Turkey an oriental set of furniture made of pearl and ebony. To the Empress he sent two vases of enamel and silver.

Count Gege Primoli, the young Duc De Morny of France, and "Lennie," Duke of Newcastle (in England), are said to be the most expert amateur photographers in Europe.

It is said that Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward gives a month to a short story, composing carefully, revising twice at least, and reading the manuscript aloud, the better to test the style.

The late King Louis II. of Bavaria encumbered the royal property to such an extent that it will require a payment of  $\pounds 150$  a day during eighteen years before his debts are paid off.

The heir to the Austrian throne, when he becomes Emperor, will govern nine countries, bear eighteen titles as dukes, one as archduke, two as grand duke, and also thirty-three other titles.

Mile. Bonheur's house at Fontainebleau is fairly alive with pets; sheep, horses, goats and dogs; creatures with pedigrees and without them; creatures famous for beauty or remarkable for their rarity.

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Roumania is perhaps the highest-taxed country in the world. Every bottle of foreign wine has to pay a shilling duty. There is a tax even on female servants; there is a tax on one's door-plate; there is a tax which doctors must pay yearly for the privilege of exercising their profession.

Russia still has many odd and curious marriage customs. One is for the bride and bridegroom to race rapidly down the aisle as soon as the bridal procession enters the church, because of the belief that whichever places a foot first on the cloth in front of the altar will be master in the household.

There is a little patch of about 30,000 square miles in North-Western Texas known as the " Pan Hardle," which at one time was fit only for grazing. Within the last three or four years about 5,000,000 bushels of wheat have been harvested there, and it promises to be a great wheat and fruit country.

The custom of setting several glasses before each person for the different wines that are to be served, belongs to the nineteenth century. In the eighteenth century the glass was dipped at each new wine into small earthenware vessels filled with water which were placed upon the table within reach of the guests.

About 250,000 canaries are raised every year in Germany, and besides the 100,000 birds that are sent to America the English market takes about 50,000; the next best customers being Brazil, China, the Argentine Republic, and Austria, to which countries salesmen are sent with large numbers of birds every year.

When, as sometimes happens, one is forced to wear an uncomfortably tight shoe. it may be of value to know that folded cloth wet in hot water laid over the pinching point will often speedily afford relief. Change the cloth several times to keep up the heat, which shortly stretches the shoe and shapes it to the foot.

In Homer's days the Greeks were purely flesh-eaters; but a few centuries before Christ we find the Athenians such thorough fish-eaters that, instead of the morning meal or mid-day meal as we do, they spoke of their mid-day fish or evening fish, just as the North German speaks of his mid-day bread or his evening bread.

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"To tie a cravat in the latest style is a greater art than to find a collar button," says an expert. This is true. To find a collar button is not art at all. It is luck.

Adoring one (in lavendar kids and a blue scarf): Oh, how I wish I were that book you clasp so lovingly! She: How I wish you were, so that I could shut you up.

Her Father--Is there any chance of promotion in vour business or increase in vour salary? Suitor-Is there? Why my position is next to the lowest in the establishment!

Butcher-1 need a boy about your size, and will give you \$3.00 a week. Applicant -Will I have a chance to rise? Yes, I want you to be here at four o'clock every morning.

Merchant: I always give the preference to a married clerk. Friend : Why is that? Merchant: Because I find that they are not in such a hurry to get home of an evening as the others are.

"Your eyes are awfully red, Jennie." "Yes, I was up most of the night." "What doing ?" "I had let the diary I started on New Year's fall behind, and I was writing it up to date.'

Cigarette Manufacturer .- How can we increase the sale of our cigarettes? Clerk -Why not put a life insurance policy in each box !" Cigarette Manufacturer (thoughtfully)- Too risky.

Doctor-Put out your tongue. Husband-I beg your pardon. Tell my wife to put out her tongue. Doctor-What do you mean, sir ? Husband-Because it is not my tongue that makes me sick.

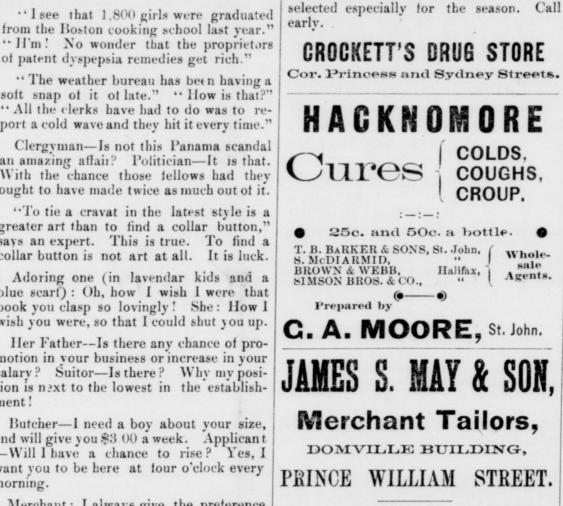
Mrs. Uneasy (weeping): Tom, dear, I don't know, but I believe my liver is out of order. Mr. Uneasy: Oh, well, never mind, as long as you have got a kind heart. I didn't marry you for your liver.

George-Suppose a fellow's best girl gets annoyed when you ask for a kiss. Henry— Take it without asking. George— Suppose she gets annoyed then P Henry— Then you've got some other fellow's girl."

What's the matter with Henpekt that he looks so poorly of late ?" "Homesick-ness, I guess." "Homesickness? Why, he is not away from home." " No: that's the reason. Mrs. Henpket makes him sick of it."

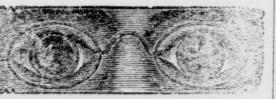
"And you want to marry my daughter? Why, sir, she is my only child." "Well, sir, if you will give her to me I will come here and live with you and you will have two children instead of one. What more could you ask ?"

Lawyer-It is reported you have frequently expressed yourself as opposed to capital punishment? Deacon Highsoul (drawn for jury daty)-I won't have no scruples in that man's case. He cheated



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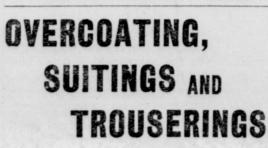
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and takes a long "constitutional !" before breaktast every morning. In the summer time she is frequently out of doors before 6, returning to breaktast at 8. By 9 she is at work with her pen.

A writer thinks it strange that women should desire to become writers when success in literature seems to mean a single life for a woman. Mary Wikins, Kate Field, Norah Perry, Edith Thomas, Sarah Orne Jewett, Lucy Larcom, Louise Imogen Guiney, Gail Hamilton, Octave Thanet, Grace King and Constance Fenimore Woolson are unmarried.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt is said to have the most imposing bed in New York. It For household use is more useful than pies, and it stands enthroned, as it were, on a raised platform in the centre of her rates. Apply at the office, room. This platform is two steps high. The bedstead is of rosewood, and the canopy used to be lined with an enormous plate-glass mirror. The mirror was taken

out a short time since, and is now replaced by the more conventional old-rose satin.

The Emperor of Germany has a very simple remedy for a cold, which he has found invariably successful. He goes to bed aud stays there for twenty-four hours, and rises at the end of that time quite well again. At a recent reception he told the President of the German Imperial Diet that he had caught a severe cold while staying at the house of the Hereditary Prince of Meingen, which was very draughty. He had quite cured himself by this simple

means.

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Alphonse Daudet, "the French Dickens," as he is sometimes termed, who is shortly to pay us a visit, is one of the most striking figures in the world of Paris. His fine head is enveloped in flowing locks of jet-black hair, which tall thickly on his shoulders. and the lower part of his face, the pallor of which is in striking contrast to his lustrous eyes, is likewise covered with luxuriant moustachios and beard-in short, an incarnation of the poet of romance. With all this outward display of Bohemianism, he has been happily "ranged" these many years, and he finds in Madame Daudet a constant and a valued helpmeet.

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