THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

There are 13,846 juveniles in the reformatories of the United States.

It is estimated that there are 210,000 acres of orchards in Great Britain.

Two hundred dogs are annually doomed to death in the University of Buffalo for physiological experiments.

A ruby of the best quality and more than three carats is worth more than a diamond of the same size and weight.

There are 27,000 places for the sale of liquor in Paris, but the police have little trouble with those who patronise them.

Geologists consider kerosene to be animal oil. Hence what we burn in lamps is the remains of long extinct monsters of the

A newspaper may be sent from any part of the United States to Stanley Falls, Africa, 1000 miles beyond Stanleypool, for

The largest cut stones in the world are in the temple of the Sun at Baalbec. Many are more than 60 feet long, 20 feet broad and of unknown depth. The most expensive fur is the skin of the

black fox of Kamschatka. These animals are scarce and hard to kill, and a single skin sells for about \$1000. Edinburgh has 22,000 cows, while Dub-

stands third with a cow population of 8,000, Glasgow having 2,000 cows. San Francisco has one saloon to every 93 persons. Albany is second on the list

with one to every 110 persons, and New

lin comes next with 11,000, and London

Orleans one to every 121 persons. The largest bell in the world is in the Kremlin, Moscow. Its height is 21 feet, 41% inches; its circumference is 67 feet, 4 inches. Its weight is estimated at 443,772

pounds. An illustrated Eskimo paper, published at Godthaab, a Danish colony on the west coast of Greenland, claims the distinction of being the most northern newspaper in the world.

It will scarcely be believed that wheat is sold in the United Kingdom under nearly 200 different systems of weight. There is almost as much diversity in regard to barlev and oats.

It is said to cost less to send the product of an acre of wheat from the State of Dakota to England than it does to manure an acre of land in England so that it can grow good wheat.

The current year is the centennial of the cotton-gin. Eli Whitney invented it in 1793. It is said to have done more toward the making of the South than any other one thing except the cotton.

The gates and bars which still survive in some of the English thoroughtares as an unasserted claim of certain landholders to right in the streets, are to be abolished. the House of Lords finally sanctioning a bill promoted by the County Council. These gates number fitty-nine.

Hawking is a favorite pastime in Persia, and every man of standing has his talcons and his falconers. No man, in fact, who loves the pleasures of the chase in that country is regarded as a good sportsman if he does not keep his partridge hawks and at least a pair of fleet greyhounds.

An explosive, which seems destined to take the place of powder in the German artillery, has been successfully tried. It explodes neither by a blow, a shock, nor a spark, but by the introduction of a fresh substance. The explosion is almost smokeless, and produces very little detonation.

A singular illustration of the persistence with which the Japanese adhere to their family vocations is seen in an announcement in a Japanese newspaper that a celebrated dancing master was to hold a service in honor of the 1,000th anniversary of the death of his ancestor, who was the first of the family to take up the profession.

The smallest British constituency that now returns a member to Parliament is Kilkenny, which has 1,806 voters. A large number of small boroughs were disfranchised when the last redistribution act was passed, including Youghal, which at the general election of 1880 returned Sir Joseph McKenna by 133 votes against 120 polled by his opponent.

Messrs. J. R. Parkington & Co., of London, state that the total quantity of champagne forwarded from the champagne districts for the year ending March 31st last amounted to 21,088,213 bottles. Stocks in casks and bottles equal 1,002,-572 hectolitres (about 125,321,600 bottles), or somewhat exceeding five years' supply at the present rate of consumption.

As regards hospitals, the teeming millions of London can count upon only one bed per 1,000-a proportion which is unique among the large towns of Great Britain. Glasgow, Newcastle, Wolverhampton, each have  $3\frac{1}{2}$  beds per 1000; Edinburgh,  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ; Dublin,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; while Nor wich, Belfast, Brighton, Liverpool, Manchester and Bristol have each an average of 21/2 beds per 1,000.

Euclid, who is sometimes called the father of mathematics, taught this subject in the famous school at Alexandria. Being asked one day by the King of Egypt (Ptolmy Soter) whether he could not teach him the science in a shorter way, Euclid answered in words that have been memorable ever since: "Sire, there is no royal road to learning." Not many scraps of conversation have lived, as this reply has, for nearly 2,200 years.

It is a law of good society in China that young widows never marry again. Widowhood is therefore held in the highest esteem, and the older the widow grows the more agreeable does her position become with the people. Should she reach fifty years she may, by applying to the Emperor, get a sum of money with which to buy a tablet on which is engraved the sum of her virtues. The tablet is placed over the principal entrance to her house.

During the past century the London city corporation has expended on twenty-eight separate occasions something like £30,000 upon gifts to Royalty. This is exclusive of the grant of £2,500 which has just been voted for a marriage present to the Duke of York and Princess May. All the sons of the Queen are citizens by patrimony. The marriage presentation to the Princess of Wales thirty years ago was a diamond necklace and carriage which cost £10,000.

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doesn't account for their being called beds.' "That poor fellow was simply driven to his grave." "Well, why not? You

would you?" Mistress-Susan, the house is on fire! Susan-Well, mum, it's comfortin' to think that at last there's a fire in the 'ouse I 'aven't 'ad to light!

wouldn't compel a dead man to walk there,

Cora-Was it a love match? Mabel-Well, as her money paid his debts, and kept him out of jail, I should say it was rather a safety match.

A witty old divine says: "Angels can tell about how much religion you have by the amount of rain it takes to keep you at home from Divine service.'

Inquisitive stranger—(to Constable)—I understand that the measles broke out here recently. Constable (proudly)-Yes; but our head constable caught 'em.

"It looks as though my marriage with Miss Mullins will have to be postponed.' "What's the difficulty?" "She got married to young Jobunka, vesterday." There is not much satisfaction to be had

out of affliction. Just as you are beginning to enjoy it, some unlooked-for pleasure is sure to appear to spoil all your pain. First Friend-Oh - er-Jarvis, would

you mind pretending to pick a quarrel with me and just giving me a push, you know? I want to test the pluck of this big dog of

Author-Well, what do you think of my new drama? Friendly Critic-Splendid! The villian in particular is admirably portrayed. The very words he utters are

Maude-What shall we do if those horrid hoop-skirts really become fashionable again? Mamie-I suppose we shall wonder how we ever could have worn those horrid skimpy dresses.

"It's awful the way he wasted his time and his father's money at college " "How do you know he did?" She—He sat by me at the game of tootball and didn't know anything about it.

Mrs. Hyram Daly - Why Bridget, I (proudly)-Yis, mum. Me writin' has got me monny a place. Oi wroite all av me own ricommendations.

Visitor-Why, how big you are growing, Tommy! If you don't look out you will be getting taller than your father. Tommy -Won't that be jolly! Then pap'll have to wear my old trousers cut down for him.

Poet-I have here some verses I would like to submit. They are not perfect, I admit; perhaps they want fire. Editor-You are quite right sir; fire is what they want, but the waste basket will do just as

"Why, Clara, you look radiant. What has happened?" "I've just received an invitation to a wedding." "Well, there's nothing particular in that to go into raptures over." "Ah! but it happens to be

A broker, whose mind was full of stock quotations, was asked a few days since how old his father was. "Well," said he abstractedly, "the old gentleman is quoted at eighty, but there is every prospect he will reach par."

Judge—You are called to testify to this man's character for veracity. What do you know about it? Well, your Honor, he went fishing one day, and when he came went fishing one day, and when he came back he said he hadn't caught anything and that none got away.

Mrs. Spinkers-Do you think my daughter will ever make a pianist? Prof. Speeler-Vell, I nod know. Mrs. S .-Has she any of the qualities of a good musician? Prof.-Yah. Vun. Mrs. S .-That's encouraging. What is that. Prof. -Her hair ees long.

Householder (collaring burglar) — Hi! what are you doing in my house? Burglar -Why. I'm findin' out wot a bloomin' fraud yer arc! These 'ere spoons ain't silver at all; they're only plated. If I was a man in your position I should be ashamed to 'ave sich things in the 'ouse. Lemme go, or I'll send a par to the sassiety papers about it!

Gus Snobberly, accompanied by Charlie Clamwhopper, called on the Misses Bondclipper of Fifth avenue. While waiting in the parlor, they observed the photographs of the young ladies in the album. "How much the two sistahs wesemble each other,' remarked Charlie. "Yes, I dah say they were taken by the same photographer, don't

Mr. Black-Oh, Mr. Brigeham, I want to thank you so much for your sermon on 'Promptness and Prosperity,' last Sunday.
It did help me so much! Dr. Brigeham—
I am very pleased to have so ministered to your spiritual welfare. Mr. Black-Oh, don't mean that. But a number of my tenants in the congregation came up the next day and paid their back rents.

A gentleman in a restaurant got a fishbone across his throat, and was very nearly choked. A waiter rendered him a little assistance by loosening his collar and giving him a glass of water. When the gentleman received his bill he was disgusted to find that a shilling had been charged for this slight service. "What is the meaning of this, waiter?" he asked, angrily, pointing to the offending item. The waiter looked at it and replied: "Well, sir, choking's a hextra!"

Not so long ago a well-known Canon of Westminster was marrying two ot his servants, one of whom was his tootman. As it had been his custom whenever he answered a question, the footman saluted. The Canon whispered to him to tell him to dispense with the salute, and simply sayafter him. It was an unfortunate instruction, for when the question came, "W" thou have this woman to be thy wedded wite?" etc., the footman was obedient to the very letter, and said, "After you, sir."

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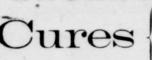
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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Mark Twain's eldest daughter, Miss Clara Clemens, not yet twenty, has written a clever and entertaining play of an allegorical character.

One of the peculiar features of the madness of the ill-fated ex-Empress Charlotte of Mexico is that she requires a fresh pair of pearl grey, two-button kid gloves on rising every morning throughout the year.

One of Lord Salisbury's treasures at Hatfield House is a large quill pen. It is pointed out to visitors as the identical one with which the Earl of Beaconsfield appended his signature to the famous Berlin

Daudet, the French novelist, gained his wide knowledge of the world in the capacity of private secretary to a nobleman, with whom he travelled in various countries. The notebooks kept for the use and amusement of his employer have proved a great help to Daudet in writing fiction. Dr. Nansen, the Norwegian, who starts on his Polar expedition this month, has

and acclimatise himself Other members of the expedition have tried sleeping in the open air, covered with the wolves' skins which the party will take out with them. Mr. O. A. Jones, of Carnarvon, is the possessor of the smallest adult hand in the world. It measures, as nearly as possible, one inch, both in length and breath, each finger only measuring a quarter of an inch.

Mr. Jones is not a baby midget, but a

well-grown man of twenty-four years. His hand has been at its present size since his M. Zola spares no pains to study realism at first hand. He has lived for months in a building crowded by working people tenants, and he lately confessed he got six drenchings on the towers of Notre Dame, before writing the famous description of a Paris thunderstorm in his "Page d'Amour." He also makes minute sketches of the

places in which his characters' adventures

will occur. King Altonso of Spain recently received a severe lesson in kingly courtesy. While driving with his governess, an aged officer of high rank saluted the king with reverence, and the small boy, in acknowledgment, put out his tongue. A republican journal made capital of the incident, and the queenmother, in punishment, gave her son a vigorous whipping, that has since borne fruit in copious smiles and bows in public.

Mr. Ruskin, says his biographer, Mr. W. G. Collingwood, is no longer a rich man. The £260,000 he inherited from his parents has gone-chiefly in gifts and in attempts to do good. The sale of his books is his only income, and a great part of that the days of his wealth, he pledged himselt. Nevertheless, "he has sufficient for his wants, and need not now feel poverty in his

An amusing incident is said to have occurred recently when one of the Armours, the great beet and pork packers, of Chicago, was travelling in Spain. He was taken by a grandee of Madrid to see the national sport. When the bull came in he sank on his knees and reiused to move. Then the director called the toreador, and inquired the cause of the trouble, to which the toreador replied, "Ah! senor, ze bull 'ave seen ze great Armour of Chicago, sitting with your Excellency, and zere is no fight

Herbert Spencer was once advised by his physician to live for a while in a boardinghouse, in order that he might be rested mentally by the light, cheery, brainless conversation at the dinner table. He took the advice, but did not stay long. A lady who was accustomed to sit next to him at dinner was asked her opinion of the house, and spoke of it generally with favor. "But," she said, "there's a Mr. Spencer here who thinks he knows something about science and philosophy. I have to correct him every night."

Charlotte M. Yonge is somewhat inclined to stoutness, but not too much so for her height, which is considerably above the medium, and her appearance indicates abundant life and vigor. She does her work in a combined drawing-room and library on the second floor. At the south end of the room is the fireplace, and near a window looking out upon a stretch of turt surrounded by hedges, stands her writing-desk. The room has a low ceiling, and is well filled with books and comfortable but unpretending furniture.

The German Emperor has expressed strong disapproval of the tashionable or dandified modifications some officers have made in their uniforms. The General commanding the Third Army Corps has issued the following order on the subject: "His Majesty the Emperor has noticed with disapproval that officers sometimes wear garments which deviate from the regulations. I hereby forbid every extravagance in the matter of dress-tor example, fashionable caps, too high collars, too short overcoats without folds in the back, too short coats, ironed trousers, and pointed shoes."

Mr. Thomas Sexton, the orator of the Irish party, from about the age of fourteen till he was twenty-one, was a clerk in the offices of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company. He became known at Waterford by his able speeches in the local debating societies, and when he went to Duplin to seek his fortune on the Press a public dinner was given in his honor. In the House of Commons Mr. Sexton is admired, not only for his oratorical gift, but also for his wonderful mastery over figures. His business qualities, which distinguish him from many of his Home Rule collea-gues, were doubtless acquired in the capacity of clerk.

In a room of the house of Dr. Nanzen, the explorer, are an enormous number of letters tied up with blue ribbon. "Guess what these are," he said to a representative of "Temple Bar." The representative could not guess. Every shape and size and thickness of letter appeared to be there. "Well," said the doctor, "these are the applications from all parts of the world, and written in almost every language, to accompany the North Pole Evpedition. There are over a thousand of them. Ot course, I don't answer them-I couldn't, But I do read them, and their good wishes are very encouraging; though they have cost me a lot of money. for they are often under-stamped and I have to pay for them, because one never knows what may be in-

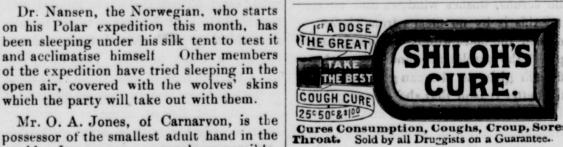
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