

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Each salmon, it is estimated, produces about 20,000,000 eggs.

The best marksmen are usually those with gray or blue eyes.

Sixteen ounces of gold are sufficient to gild a wire that would encircle the earth.

It is estimated that there were 19,573 papers published in the United States and Canada last year.

It is said that the city of Pittsburg now stands on ground once given in exchange for a violin.

A dollar loaned for 100 years and compounded at 24 per cent. will amount in that time to \$2,551,799,404.

The largest tomb in the world is the Pyramid of Cheops—461 feet high and covering 13 acres of ground.

The highest railroad in the United States is the Denver and Rio Grande, at Marshall Pass—10,855 feet above the sea.

The care of the forests in Germany supports 200,000 families and involves an annual expenditure of \$40,000,000.

Gold can be beaten 1200 times thinner than ordinary printing paper; one ounce can be made to cover 1460 square feet.

Not over a quarter of the houses in Paris are lighted by gas, but there are over 175,000 incandescent electric lamps in use there.

Sir John Herschel says that if a solid cylinder of ice, forty-five miles in diameter and 200,000 miles long, were plunged end first into the sun, it would melt in a second of time.

During 1892, 4,062 miles of new railway were laid in the United States, 400 miles less than the total of 1891. The total mileage is now 175,663, Washington State showing the largest amount of new railway.

The oldest arm chair in the world is the throne once used by Queen Hatia, who flourished in Egypt 1600 B. C. It is made of ebony, beautifully carved, and is so hardened with age as to appear to be made of black marble.

Ants have brains larger in proportion to the size of their bodies than any other living creatures. They are endowed with a high quality of instinct, display reasoning ability and good judgment, and possess powers of reflection and calculation.

The most expensive fur is that of the black fox of Kamtschatka, the skin of which, when dressed, becomes a very attractive blue. A single skin is worth as much as \$1,000. A pelisse worn by Emperor Nicholas, lined with the fur of the black fox, cost \$10,000.

The pearl shells found on the coast of Western Australia are principally used for the manufacture of buttons. The shells fetch from £20 to £40 per ton, according to the quality and market value. Mother-of-pearl in Australia is subject to an export duty of £2 per ton.

To remove moths from carpets wring out a crash towel and spread it smoothly on the carpet wherever moths are suspected or detected. Then iron it dry with a hot iron, repeating it necessary. The hot steam will penetrate the carpet (not injuring the color at all) and kill both worms and eggs.

The telephone has lately been arranged for the use of divers. A sheet of copper is used in place of one of the glasses in the helmet, and to this a telephone is fixed, so that the diver, when at the bottom of the sea, has only to slightly turn his head in order to report what he sees or to receive instructions from above.

Cows and other ruminating animals have several stomachs. Into the first of them the food passes as it is eaten. When the animal has finished its search for food, it forces a part of the food from the first stomach back into the mouth, and chews it leisurely a second time. This portion of the food is the animal's cud. Almost always the cud is vegetable matter, though when a cow has "lost her cud" the artificial cud provided by the owner contains some animal matter, as a rule.

A solution of gutta-percha for shoe-makers is made by taking pieces of waste gutta-percha, first prepared by soaking in boiling water till soft, they are then cut into small pieces and then placed in a vessel and covered with coal-tar oil. The whole is then tightly covered to prevent evaporation, and allowed to stand twenty-four hours. It is then melted by standing in hot water till perfectly fluid, and must be well stirred. Before using, it must be warmed as before by standing in hot water.

Bullet-proof uniforms were known long ago to the Chinese. They were made of leather and wool in the north, and paper and cotton-cloth in the south of China. Thirty thicknesses of alternate calico and paper will resist a pistol bullet, or one from a rifle at a distance of 100 yards. A spearman who thrusts his weapon into a man clad in this kind of garment can neither wound his enemy nor extract his weapon, and if the enemy is an archer, or is armed with a long sword or javelin, he is likely to lose his life for his mischance.

Fewer limbs are amputated nowadays than was the case ten years ago. Such at any rate is the result of the large experience gained at the University College Hospital. Surgical operations have increased by 50 per cent., but they have become more conservative, and every new application of surgical science is devoted to saving limbs and other parts which in 1883 there would have been no option but to cut off. At the same time the mortality has greatly decreased, owing to improved methods of operating and better sanitation and nursing. In 1875-76 no less than 13 per cent. of all operations performed were amputations, but the proportion has since gradually dropped to a little more than 2 per cent.

In England 130,000 velocipedes are turned out annually. In Coventry 15,000 workmen are employed in the business. In France, where the machine first appeared, its use was limited through prejudice; people laughed at it. Now there is an army of 300,000 proprietary wheelmen in that country, without counting the immense number of amateurs who hire machines. In 1892 the Paris police authorities issued 12,000 licenses to wheelmen; now the number of velocipedists is estimated at something over 30,000. In 1892-3, 60,000 machines were sold, and it is believed that at least one half of them are in the city alone.

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Frank—My dear Rose, I dreamt of you last night. Rose (vivaciously)—Indeed! And what dress did I have on?

Mrs. Ritter—What kind of ammunition do they use in these magazine guns? Mr. R.—Poetry, I guess. All mine has been fired.

He—Speaking of presence of mind, I remember being in a panic once when I lost my wife completely. She—Oh, was that the way?

Barber—How would you like to have your hair cut, sir? Customer—With scissors, sir! Did ye s'pose I wanted it done with a scythe?

Cholly—Fweddly, we can't get through this crowd. Fweddly—Wait a minute, Cholly. Here comes a lady with a parasol. We will follow her.

"Miss Smiley is going to travel under an assumed name." "You surprise me!" "Yes; she is going to be married next week and start on her honeymoon."

"Please give me a few pennies to buy something to eat with," said the beggar. "To eat with?" ejaculated the Bostonian; "what's the matter with your mouth?"

Little Mabel—Aren't you afraid of my big dog? Very thin uncle—No, my little girl; he would not make much of a meal of me. Little Mabel—Oh, but he likes bones best.

Mr. Dude—I was thinking how much I resemble your carpet—always at your feet, you know. Miss Sully—You are very much like my carpet. I am going to shake it soon.

A musical dictionary defines a shout to be "an unpleasant noise produced by overstraining the throat, for which great singers are well paid, and small children well punished."

Mr. Williams—Children and fools always tell the truth. Mrs. Williams—But you are no child. Mr. Williams—Then I am a fool, eh? Mrs. Williams—Oh, no; far from it.

Mrs. Binks—"That woman we just passed is the nicest neighbor I ever had. Friend—Neighbor? Why she didn't as much as glance at you. Mrs. Binks—That's what I like about her.

First Store Boy—How do you like your new place? Second Store Boy—Don't like it. I don't do things right, they'll get another boy, and if I do things right, they'll keep me down 'em.

Mrs. Jackson—I don't think that the boy is a counterpart of you by any means; he frequently exhibits traits of my character. Mr. Jackson—Yes, and I have noticed that a spanking always follows.

Tommy—Did you do much fighting during the war, pa? Pa—I did my share of it, Tommy. Tommy—Did you make the enemy run? Pa—You're right, I did, Tommy. Tommy—Did they catch you, pa?

Dentist—No, I've no objection to your sitting in my office during my extracting hours, but why do you want to do such a peculiar thing? Young Man—I've been delegated by our class to get points for a college yell.

Aunt Hilda—Well, it do beat all! These city people are the worst gadders I ever heard of. Mrs. Meadow—You have a niece there, haven't you? Aunt Hilda—Yes, and her card says she's never at home "excepting Thursdays."

Loving Husband—Goodbye, darling. Should I be prevented from coming home to supper, I will send you a note by a messenger boy. Trusting Wife—Not at all necessary, dear; I have already taken it out of your coat pocket.

"I say, Cholly," said Chappie, "I should think it would make you tiarled to sit heah in the gymnasium and watch your man swing Indian clubs." "It does, deah boy, it does. I do it toh hawh an houah evvy morning. It's the way I take me exheicise."

Old Lady—Oh, I always get so nervous on a railroad. Don't you think we're goin' at an awful rate? Mr. Illuck—Y-e-s, but you needn't worry, mum; there won't be an accident. How do you know there won't? 'Cause I've got an accident insurance ticket.

"I am determined not to marry until I can find a lady who, as my wife, will make a good impression on society." "That's all very well, but suppose the lady whom you select is equally determined not to marry until she finds a man who possesses the same qualification?"

Benevolent Gentleman—My little boy, have you no better way to spend this beautiful Sabbath afternoon than by standing in front of the gate idling away your time? Boy—I ain't idling away my time. There's a chump inside with my sister who is paying me a quarter an hour to watch for pop.

A poor old woman who had just seen the ocean for the first time was asked by her son—"What do you think of the sea?" "Think?" replied the old dame after a long pause. "I don't think, Jim; I can only thank Providence for having shown me something of which there seems to be enough and to spare."

"Gracious, Gladys, whose picture is this? I never saw such a homely man." "It's Tom; but, really, it doesn't do him justice." "Oh, of course not; I never saw a picture of a girl's sweetheart that did."

"But, Eleanor, dear, you misunderstand me. I mean that Tom is ten times homelier than that!"

"Augustus," said Angelina to her lover, "you know that father has recently invested in an American silver mine, and is going there at once, and I cannot leave mother alone. So I ask you, dear Augustus, how long would you wait for me?" "Wait for you, my darling?" exclaimed Augustus, "I will wait for you until I learn how the silver mine turns out."

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