

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

The greatest depth of the ocean, as far as sounded, is 25,720 feet.

Twenty-eight varieties of the lemon grow in Italy; in France, eleven.

In the fifth century before Christ, refined copper was deemed as precious as gold.

Over 1000 series of Greek coins, issued by independent cities, are known to exist.

In Great Britain and Ireland 145,000 persons are committed to prison every year for drunkenness.

What is believed to be the highest tree in the world is at Dandenong, in Australia, where a gum tree is now growing at a computed height of 450 ft.

An ingenious individual has calculated that during the course of every year railway servants of Great Britain get no less than £300,000 in tips from the public.

Cast iron melts at 3,479 degrees Fahrenheit, copper at 2,548 degrees, gold at 2,590 degrees, silver at 2,233 degrees, lead at 617 degrees and cast tin at 442 degrees.

The growth of the Argentine Republic since 1861 has been remarkable. In that year the population was placed at 1,350,000, while at present it is said to be 4,000,000.

Many of the South Sea Islanders believe that Paradise can be inherited only by persons of perfect physical forms. Where this prevails a man will die rather than submit to amputation.

The total coal product of Great Britain in 1892, as well as its value, was as follows:—England and Wales 154,483,067 tons, valued at £58,205,845; Scotland 27,191,923 tons, valued at £7,794,613; Ireland 141,884 tons, valued at £49,993, or a total of 181,816,874 tons valued at £66,050,456.

By a simple invention, just adopted, every lighthouse will be able to identify itself hereafter by flashing out its number. This will relieve mariners from the necessity of remembering many combinations of colors and also from uncertainty in ascertaining whether a light seen dimly through the fog is white or red.

The Russian soldier is more heavily burdened than any other. A foot soldier of the Czar carries over 68 lbs. The weights borne by the foot soldiers of the other principal European nations are as follows: French, 62 lbs.; British, 62 lbs.; German, 61; Swiss, 59 lbs.; Italian, 53 lbs.; Austrian, 47 lbs.

Norwegians are excellent cooks, especially of fish, which by the way, are never bought dead but are kept alive in anchored cages in the water of the fjord. The vendor of fish dips his net into the water for each customer, who chooses what he likes, and carries home his purchase, still alive, in a large covered tin dish.

Among the household servants of the Queen there are at least two who have been in her service for forty years. A police officer who invariably accompanied the Court to Balmoral, Osborne and Windsor, has just retired, having been engaged thirty-nine years in that duty. It was singular that the only place at which he wore uniform was Osborne.

The dissemination of disease by flies, writes Surgeon-General Sir William Moore, has been regarded among us with too much indifference, in indeed it has not been altogether ignored. Sir William Moore has had exceptional opportunities of observing the extent of this evil in Eastern countries. Regarding this, he cites a number of striking facts, together with a list of some of the diseases which are known to be spread by flies.

In 1837 Chicago had a population of 4,170 souls. In 1892 the population was estimated by competent authorities at 1,130,000. The area of the city in 1837 was 10-70 square miles; today it is placed at 181-70 square miles. Practically destroyed by fire in 1871, Chicago possesses today a larger number of public and private edifices and a greater mileage of broad well-made and handsome streets than any city in the whole world.

A floating island about 30 miles long and broad, covered with trees from 30 ft. to 40 ft. high, which is supposed to be a detached fragment of the coast South America, held together by the roots of its trees, has been met with in the Atlantic several times since last year. It was first sighted on the 28th of July, 1892, in lat. 39 deg. N., long. 65 deg. W., and the last time on the 19th of September, having travelled 1,075 miles nearer Europe.

The English professional classes, who head the list as the tallest of adult males, attain the high average of 5 ft. 9 1/4 in. Next on the list come the males of all classes of the United States, and a minute fraction behind them come the English of all classes. Hence we may conclude that, taken right through, the English and American races are approximately of the same height. Most European nations average for the adult 5 ft. 6 in.; but the Austrians, Spaniards, and Portuguese just fall short of this standard.

The value of ozone as a purifier and its manufacture by an electric process have been very thoroughly gone into recently. Experiments have been carried on for over a year and a half in one of the large laboratories, which have embraced testing ozone as an exterminator of every conceivable sort of insect, germ and microbe, as well as determining the exact cost of manufacturing it electrically on a large scale. The results as given out are on the whole very satisfactory, and seem to show that by the use of electricity ozone will shortly become a comparatively cheap commercial product.

A camel has twice the carrying power of an ox. With an ordinary load of 400 lb. he can travel twelve or fourteen days without water, going forty miles a day. They are fit to work at five years old, but their strength begins to decline at twenty-five, although they usually live to forty. They are often fattened at thirty for the butcher, the flesh tasting like beef. The Tartars have herds of these animals, often 1,000 belonging to one family. They were numerous in antiquity, for the patriarch Job had 3,000. The Timbuctoo or Meharri breed is remarkable for speed, and used only for couriers, going 800 miles in eight days, with a meal of dates or grain at nightfall. Napoleon conveyed 1,500 infantry on camels across the desert from Cairo to St. Jean d'Arc.

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Precepts That Contain Much Instruction
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The following compilation of texts is credited to Rev. Dr. Pentecost:
Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again.—Luke 6: 30.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.—Prov. 3: 27.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not.—Prov. 27: 10.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers.—Heb. 13: 2.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love.—Rom. 12: 10.

Judge not.—Mat. 7: 1.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.—Col. 4: 6.

Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another.—Prov. 25: 9.

Honor thy father and thy mother.—Ex. 20: 12.

Rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man.—Lev. 19: 32.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind.—Lev. 19: 14.

Thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty.—Lev. 19: 15.

Put not forth thyself.—Prov. 25: 6.

Be not wise in your own conceits.—Rom. 12: 16.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.—Prov. 27: 2.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. 10: 31.

Eat so much as is sufficient for thee.—Prov. 25: 16.

Be content with such things as ye have.—Heb. 13: 5.

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.—Prov. 25: 17.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow.—Prov. 27: 1.

Not slothful in business.—Rom. 12: 11.

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.—Prov. 27: 23.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Eccl. 9: 10.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth.—Prov. 24: 17.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.—Prov. 8: 33.

Let all your things be done with charity.—1 Cor. 16: 14.

Mirth Amid the Tombs.

Many of the tombs of the ancient Egyptians in Upper Egypt are used as places of residence. The Copts, or members of the ancient native Christian Church of Egypt, of both sexes, visit three times a year the tombs of their relatives, for the purpose of feasting. They pass the night in them, the women in the upper and the men in the lower room; and in the morning they kill a sheep, and after themselves partaking of it give the remainder to the poor. The Persians, during the spring and summer, visit the white marble tomb of Mohammed Shemseddin Hafiz, who was born and buried at Shiraz, dying about 1389. They esteem him more than any of their poets, and venerate him almost to adoration, a most elegant copy of his works being kept upon his tomb for inspection of all who go there. The Persians, during their visits to this spot spend the time in smoking, playing at chess and other games, as well as reading his works. They also occasionally visit the tomb of another of their most famous poets, the Sheikh Moseleh Eddin Saadi, born at Shiraz in 1175, and buried near it after a life of 116 years. On his tomb is kept, for the inspection of all who visit it, a manuscript copy of his works most elegantly transcribed.

Enthroning a Bishop.

At the enthronement of the Bishop of Norwich, recently, some accident and quaint formalities were observed. A table was placed in the open air outside the cathedral, at which the Dean and Chapter were seated. The Archbishop of Canterbury's commission to install the Bishop was read. The Bishop then petitioned for installation; the Dean assented, and entered the cathedral. The doors being closed, his Lordship knocked thrice, and the Dean inquired:—

"What do you want?"

To which the right reverend prelate replied, "I, John, Lord Bishop of Norwich, elected, confirmed, and consecrated, do ask entrance into this Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Norwich."

Then the doors were thrown open, and the Bishop, attended by his Chancellor, Chaplains, Registrar, Proctors, and Apparitor, entered the cathedral, and the long procession passed up the nave singing "Forward be our Watchword!"

Why He Didn't Shoot.

A man, with a wife who has her own ways about doing things, catches her now and then.

"My dear," he said the other morning as he was dressing, "I think you were right when you told me last night that there were burglars in the house."

"Why?" she asked, nervously.

"Because all the money that was in my pockets when I went to bed is gone."

"Well," she said, with an I-told-you-so air, "if you had been brave and got up and shot the wretch you would have your money this morning."

"Possibly, my dear, possibly," he said, gingerly, "but I would have been a widower."

She laughed softly then and gave half of it back to him.

There is nobility without heraldry. Though I want the advantage of a noble birth, said Marius, yet my actions afford me a greater one; and they who upbraid me with it are guilty of an extreme injustice in not permitting me to value myself upon my own virtue as much as they value themselves upon the virtue of others.—Sallust.

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