

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

The first idea of a pneumatic tube was due to Denis Papin, in 1637.

Three thousand marriages are performed every day all over the world.

It is said that 1,000 rose trees are required to supply two ounces of otto of roses.

The greatest depth of the Mediterranean Sea is a little more than two and one-quarter miles.

In the eleventh century both English and French dandies covered their arms with bracelets.

The largest single fortification in the world is Fortress Monroe. It has already cost over \$3,000,000.

The Irish spend \$11 per capita, the Scotch \$15.14 per capita and the English \$19.16 for liquors annually.

The best "kid" gloves are not made of kid, but of the skins of young colts. The cheapest kid gloves are made of lamb and rat skins.

There are no undertakers in Japan, and when a person dies it is the custom for his nearest relatives to put him in a coffin and bury him.

Certain coconut trees in India, almost entirely lifeless, have been revived and made to bear abundantly by placing salt at their roots.

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

The largest sheep ranch in the world is in Texas. It contains upwards of 400,000 acres, and yearly pastures from 1,000,000 to 1,600,000 sheep.

Wines produced in years when comets are visible are said to be superior in flavour to the vintage of other years, and consequently command higher prices.

A singular custom prevails in Madagascar. The Prime Minister is always expected to marry the Queen of the country. The present Premier has been married to three of the Sovereigns, and has outlived them all.

The proportion of under-age marriages in England is steadily on the decline. In the year 1874 they stood at eighty-four in 1,000 for men, and 226 in 1,000 for women. Last year the figures stood at fifty-nine for the males and 190 for females.

In London alone there are more than 900 common lodging-houses, accommodating 30,000 persons nightly at charges varying from fourpence per night, with nothing to pay on Sundays by "regulars," to sixpence for the privilege of occupying a cubicle.

Coal that is kept in a dry and airy place will burn much longer than that which is kept in a close cellar with no ventilation. When coal is kept in an airless place it gets rid of its gas, and the absence of this renders it less powerful and more wasteful when burned.

The winding, cleaning, oiling, etc., of the clocks of Paris cost the city 41,000 francs (\$8,200) a year, or a tax of 2 centimes a head. The immense timepiece in the Palais de Justice dates from the time of Charles V., and has been kept going for five centuries.

One shunter in every fifteen employed on the railways of the United Kingdom in 1891 sustained injury, and one in every 160 was killed, or 6.25 per 1,000 per year. One goods guard out of every nineteen was injured, and one in every 179 was killed or 5.6 per 1,000 per year.

A traveller claims to have discovered that the waltz was the creation of neither a German nor a Swiss, but of the ostriches of Africa. He asserts that every morning at sunrise these amiable birds assemble in groups and begin a regular and graceful movement, which is none other than the waltz.

An ounce of pure gold is worth \$20.64; therefore a ton of pure gold, which contains 24,000 ounces, is worth \$495,360. Over two tons are to be exhibited in the World's Fair in a pile—\$1,000,000. It will be guarded by a trap which, when a spring is touched by an attendant, will drop the gold in a forty-foot tank of water.

In 1892 there were 650 million passengers by steamships, of whom 240 people were lost, or one in every 2,708,333. The fatalities on railways were much higher. Out of 530 million passengers carried, 293 individuals were killed. Sea-going is safer than railways or any form of vehicular travel, and also than pedestrian locomotion in great cities.

The first successful submarine cable laid was that between Dover and Calais in 1851. The cable that has had the longest existence is probably that laid from Orfordness to Holland in 1853. Six years later it was taken up, and relaid between the Isle of Man and St. Bees, doing duty till 1885. In the year 1886 it was laid down between the Uist and Harris in the Hebrides, and it is said to be as good as ever.

The wealth of Paris is so boundless that the rubbish and refuse of the city are worth millions. There are more than 50,000 persons who earn a living by picking up what others throw away. Twenty thousand women and children exist by sifting and sorting the gatherings of the pickers, who collect every day in the year about 1,200 tons of merchandise, which they sell to the wholesale rag-dealers for some 70,000 francs.

Rivers wear away from the earth and carry down to the sea an immense quantity of matter, and all rivers contain some suspended material in process of transport, the amount varying at different times and in different places. Professor Geikie has estimated the amount of sediment carried to the sea by the Thames in a year at 1,865,903 cubic feet; while it is estimated that the Mississippi deposits in the sea in a year solid matter weighing 812,500,000,000 lbs.

The banana seems to be as poor an article of food as the potato, which it greatly resembles, containing 1.71 per cent. of albuminoids, whilst the potato contains the same proportion. Man under normal conditions requires 4.2oz of flesh-forming substances daily, in order to obtain which from bananas he would have to consume 15lb. of the fruit, containing nine pints of water. Bananas, then, are unsuited to man's diet, although a delicious accessory to more nitrogenous food.

GOOD Food = Digestion = Complexion

are all intimately connected—practically inseparable. Though the fact is often ignored, it is nevertheless true that a good complexion is an impossibility without good digestion, which in turn depends on good food.

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"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

"The latest thing out,"—the young man with a latch-key.

A man never realizes what perfect idiots women are until he hears his girl laughing at some other fellow's jokes.

"Was the Charity ball a success?" "Oh, my, yes. Our deficit was only forty dollars and the Charity Society will have to pay it."

"I don't think he is much of a partisan; I never hear him shouting for his party." "No; but you should hear him run down the other side."

People who wonder why men's hair turns grey before their whiskers should remember that there is about twenty years difference in their respective ages.

"My husband has to work very hard, said Mrs. Storcler. Mine hasn't, said Mrs. Softsnap. Is he in business for himself? Yes; he's an office holder."

Mother—What did you mean by coming into the house, tracking your mud all over the carpets? Hopeful—'Twasn't my fault. I didn't want ter come in."

"Well, I see old Mithomer has died at last." "Yes; it was a sad loss to me." "I didn't know you were a friend of his." "No I was his doctor!"

Isaacstein—Moses, you 'tink about dis 'rory dot de latians vos von off der lost tribes of our beebles? Wittehauser—Nein, nein; dey sell de land too cheap."

Miss A—Some people's faces always betray their feelings, but, fortunately, I am not so constituted. Mrs. B—Yes, I have seen you faint without even changing color."

Judge Duffy—You have been convicted of stealing this lady's handkerchief. What have you to say in your defence? Doomed Man—I had a bad cold in my head, your honor."

They say women are timid creatures; and yet considering what kind of men they oftentimes take for husbands one might suspect them of being brave even unto rashness.

Tailor—You promised me faithfully yesterday morning that you would call in and settle for that suit last night if it rained pitchforks. Customer—Yes, I know, but it didn't rain pitchforks."

"I see that Snaggs is preparing an article entitled, 'Curiosities of Orthography.' Where did he obtain the material for such a paper?" "Why man he has been the employer of seven typewriters."

The man who should invent a machine so that people could drop a penny in the slot and pick out a name for a baby would surely make a fortune—it would take so many tries to get a name to suit."

"Oh, oh!" exclaimed Mrs. B., crazed with toothache, "why can't people be born without any teeth?" "If you will recollect a moment, my dear," replied Mr. B., "you will be convinced that such is the fact."

"So you want a railway position?" mused the superintendent. "Do you think you could give an intelligent account of an accident?" "Yes, sir, I'm sure I could." "Then I think we have no place for you."

"Yes, sir; she is a very remarkable woman." "So I have heard." "Very remarkable. Why, sir, that woman can take up a novel and read it through without ever looking over to the end to see how it comes out."

He was a countryman, and he walked along a busy thoroughfare and read a sign over the door of a manufacturing establishment, "Cast Iron Sinks." It made him mad. He said that any tool ought to know that.

Pretty Wife: "I knew you'd like this new hat, darling. It is becoming, and nothing could be simpler, could it?" Darling (thoughtfully): "Nothing, except the man who has to pay three guineas for it."

Medical Student—Do you know, Miss Fanny, that the action of the human heart is sufficiently strong to lift every twenty-four hours one hundred and twenty pounds. She (blushing)—Really? Why, that's just my weight."

"Do you think of me after I go to night? he asked tenderly. "I haven't time," she replied. "You stay so late that I have to go to bed immediately after you go. I should be glad to think about you if you gave me a chance."

Nearly every man has the collecting fever at least one time in his life. It may be coins, or it may be foreign stamps; but the very worst form of the disease is that which comes when he is vainly trying to collect money enough to pay his bills.

"Whew! Coming up these stairs takes the wind out of me," remarks a gentleman, who climbs to our editorial rooms to give advice gratis. "So glad," says the editor, shaking him by the hand; and the gentleman thinks the editor is delighted to see him.

A Gilt-Edged Risk.—Life Insurance President (in astonishment)—"What under the sun ever made you take a risk on this man's life? Why, he swears that he has been a confirmed invalid for five years!" Superintendent—"One of our best risks, sir. Confirmed invalids never die of anything but old age."

A school inspector, having a few minutes to spare after examining the school, put a few questions to the lower form boys, on the common objects in the schoolroom. "What is the use of that map?" he asked, pointing to one stretched across the corner of the room; and half a dozen shrill voices answered in measured articulations. "Please, sir, it's to hide master's bicycle!"

Young Wife (affectionately)—We can live more economically, I know. To begin with, you can stop smoking, resign from your club, give no more wine suppers and never treat any one. Young husband (tightly)—Certainly, to be sure. In fact, of course. And what will you do, dear? Young Wife (triumphantly)—I? Oh, I'll mend all my gloves myself."

Ethel—Yes, George sends me flowers, candies and other things to show his regard for me. I must cost him a deal of money. Does Henry send such gifts to you? Clarissa—No. Ethel—How mean of him! Clarissa—Not at all. You see my case is entirely different from yours. Henry intends to marry me and saves his money, instead of throwing it away on trifles."

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Mikado of Japan will send his eldest son, Yoshi Hoti, to see the Chicago Exposition. The prince is only 14 years old.

Joseph Chamberlain and his son Austen are both members of Parliament, and look so much alike that it is impossible to tell them apart.

Jay Gould's collection of annual passes for 1881 is to be exhibited at Chicago. There are about 115 or 120 of them, but only half a dozen or so show signs of use.

Miss Florence Nightingale will be 73 years old next month. She is living with Sir Harry Verney, her brother-in-law, in his beautiful home in Derbyshire, England.

Eleanora Duse, the actress, is extremely superstitious, one of her notions being that ill-luck is sure to follow if any other person sits upon a seat intended for her use on the stage.

The Earl De La Warr is seriously ill at Tunbridge Wells, England. It is not generally known that the State, river and bay of Delaware were named after an ancestor of the ailing nobleman.

Lady Ripon, wife of the Colonial Secretary, was once a lady of the bedchamber to the Princess of Wales. One of the ancestors of the Marquess was known in his day as "Prosperity Robinson."

The Empress of Austria is reputed to be the best royal housekeeper in Europe. Everything in the Austrian palace is under her own personal care. She orders cooks, butlers, laundry-maids, and is constantly inventing something new in cookery.

Mrs. F. Marion Crawford, whose father died the other day, is a beautiful woman. She is tall and fair of complexion. Her eyes are black and her hair golden. She has rare literary taste and her criticisms are of great value to her talented husband.

It is not often that the Czar decorates a ballet-dancer. He did so recently in the case of Mlle. Marie Ogoleit, upon whom he conferred a gold medal, to be worn with the ribbon of St. Vladimir, for having saved the life of a peasant girl who tried to drown herself.

Among the ladies of the Washington diplomatic corps no one is more popular than little Mme. Tateno, wife of the Japanese minister. She is petite and pretty. Her face becomes radiant when her interest is excited. She speaks English, but not fluently.

Mrs. John A. Logan, widow of the ex-Senator and General, is 55 years old, but looks no older than she did ten years ago. She is one of the most striking looking women in Washington and still retains her hold upon the affections of the G. A. R. veterans.

Mrs. Winfield Scott Hancock, widow of the famous general, is slightly above medium height, of fine physique and great facial beauty. Her wonderful golden-red hair is beginning to be streaked with silver. She inherited a large fortune from her father, a wealthy St. Louis merchant.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of the famous cavalry general, is one of the most charming women imaginable. Her face is fresh in color and is charmingly framed with wavy white hair. She is a friend of young folks and among her youthful acquaintances no more popular woman lives.

Herr Krupp the other day received a communication informing him that his vast establishments were to be burnt down. He called his thousands of workmen together, read them the letter, and said: "If any one of you has made this threat, let him execute it; but I warn you that I shall not rebuild. I am now rich enough to live without working."

The price which Baron Hirsch paid for the rental of Lord Walsingham's celebrated manor, Merton Hall, in Suffolk, a few seasons ago, is wholly without parallel. For eight weeks' rent he paid 4,000 guineas, being at the rate of 500 guineas a week. As, however, he did not reside there more than a month, each week of his stay probably cost him 1,000 guineas for rent alone.

A strange avenue of trees is owned by the Duke of Argyll, and it is year by year growing longer. Each of the trees in this avenue has been planted by some notable person, and a brass plate is fastened to the iron fencing surrounding the trees signifying by whom it was planted. Whenever any remarkable guest visits Inveraray Castle he is invited by the Duke to plant a tree in this avenue, which is situated on the banks of Loch Fyne.

George Ohnet's master piece, "The Iron Master," was written as a distraction on his honeymoon. The M. S., on being completed, was refused by every publisher in Paris, and would have been prematurely destroyed but for the strong faith of Madame Ohnet in her husband's honey-moon-book. The disappointed author was about to put the manuscript in the fire when she arrested his hand and persuaded him to publish at it his own cost.

The Emperor of Russia is a hearty eater. At breakfast, tea, eggs, ham and beef must be placed on his table. At luncheon, which is eaten at eleven o'clock, the Czar takes bouillon, with eggs, mutton chops and cold game. At this meal he drinks three cups of strong coffee. At two o'clock he eats a dish of milk and rice. Dinner served at six o'clock, is a hearty meal, after the French pattern. Before going to bed he stills the pangs of hunger with tea or coffee.

The Princess Christian recently enjoyed the novel experience of being locked out of the rooms she usually occupies in Buckingham Palace when she visits town. It appears that the letter which her Royal Highness wrote notifying her intention of coming to London on a certain day miscarried, and consequently, on her arrival, Princess Christian found the suite of rooms closed, and no one to receive her. Her Royal Highness had to seek a temporary domicile in another part of the Palace.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson is regarded as one of the wits of the House of Commons, but of late years he has not been so prominent in debate as he was in his younger days. Here is a specimen of Sir Wilfrid's humor. A very rich man who was of most thrifty habits had been elected to Parliament, but, although a week had passed after the election, he had not arrived at Westminster. "It is strange," said a fellow member to Sir Wilfrid, "that — doesn't turn up." "Not at all," was the reply; "he's waiting for an excursion train."

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