THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Queen Victoria's crown is worth \$1,200-

England's Attorney General gets \$35,-

There are forty-seven Chinese temples

in America. Seven Bank of England notes are heavier

than one sovereign. Of the natives in India, about 2,000,000

can now read English. The tail of the beaver gave the hint for

the trowel of the mason. In small towns in Germany only chim-

ney sweeps wear plug hats.

638 feet above the level of the sea.

There is a railroad in Peru that is 15,-

While Scotland has sixty-eight building societies, England has over 2,000.

One day recently 27 tons of flowers were received in London from the Scilly Isles a-

There are five printing presses in Iceland. Ten newspapers and eight magazines are published.

The fees in Great Britain for letters patent for titles are: Duke, £350; Marquis, £300; Earl, £250; Viscount, £200; Baron. £150; Baronet, £100.

Fifty years ago the income of the labouring population of England was £500,000,000. or about £20 per head; it is now between £1,400,000,000 and £1,500,000,000, or £37 per head.

The consumption of tea in England during 1892 reached the highest point ever touched since its use has been generally diffused among the masses, the total quantity used being 207,000,000lb.

It is computed that the death-rate of the world is sixty-seven a minute; and this seemingly light percentage of gain is sufficient to give a net increase of population each year of almost 1,200,000 souls.

The origin of the phrase "mind your P's and Q's" is said to have been a call of attention in the old English ale-houses to the pints and quarts being scored down to the unconscious or reckless beer-drinker.

When the English were Roman Catholics, they universally drank the Pope's health. in a full glass, every day after dinner, repeating the words Au bon Pere (" To the good Father,") hence the origin of "A

Extraordinary qualities are possessed by the river Tinto, in Spain. It hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed; and it a stone falls in the stream and alights upon another in a few months they unite and become one stone. Fish cannot live in its waters.

A writer in a German paper has obtained statistics which show that the number of suicides throughout the world is 180,000 yearly. These figures, the writer observes, have been of steady growth. The greatest number of suicides happen in June; the fewest in September.

The origin of the expression "Yankee Doodle," as applied to America and Americans, seems to be from the Persian; for their compound word Yanki-doniah, means "inhabitants of a new world," and Mr. Layard, in his "Nineveh," mentions this as the Persian for "America."

It the number of persons daily entering the city of London were dispatched from any given station by train, as many as 1.977 trains, each conveying 600 persons. would be required for the purpose. If the trains were all joined together in a continuous line, they would extend 221 miles.

In China a traveller wishing for a passport is compelled to have the palm of his hand brushed over with fine oil-paint; he then presses his hand on thin damp paper, which retains an impression of the lines. This is used to prevent transference of the passport, as the lines of no two hands are

There are at present something like 70,000 public gas jets in London; their average power is that of 16 candles—that is to say, the total is equal to 11,400,000. Where these all clustered together and placed at a height of 2,000 teet, the resulting light could be seen for a distance of more than 100 miles.

It is frequently asked how much mustard should be given if it is desired to make a patient sick in case of croup or poisoning. A tablespoonful of ground mustard to a tumbler of warm water is the rule. Salt is almost as efficacious as mustard if the latter is not at hand. It the first tumbler has no effect, give more and tickle the back of the throat with a feather.

"Shagreen," known to cabinet-makers as a rough skin for smoothing and polishing wood, is only a bit of shark's skin, which is covered with small, pointed, ca!cified papillae. It is also often used for covering sword-hilts, affording from its roughness a firm grasp. In India and China the fins of sharks, dried. are an important article of trade, and are valuable tor making gelatine.

The use of the word "cradle" note the knite and rack by which grain is cut, is very ancient. The" Century Dictionary" gives no date for the word, but quotes from Thomas Tusser, who died in 1580. Tusser wrote "A Hundredth Good Pointes of Husbandrie," which was printed in 1557, expanded in 1570, and in 1573 further expanded into ' Five Hundredth Good Pointes of Good Husbandrie United to as Many of Good Witerie."

How water, commonly called sap, necessary to the life of a tree, passes from the roots to the topmost leaf and evaporates is a problem not yet solved by botanists It is known that the ascent is made chiefly in cavities in the sap-wood only, the heart and bark serving other purposes. That is the extent of our knowledge of the matter. Beyond is mere conjecture, and every theory yet advanced has failed to stand the test of experiment.

A French statistician, who has been studying the military and other records, has found that in 1610 the average height of a man in Europe was 5ft. 9in.; in 1820 it was 5ft. 5in. and a fraction. At the present time it is 5ft. 33/4 in. It is easy to deduce from these figures a rate of regular and gradual decline in human stature. The calculation shows that by the year 4000 A. D. the stature of the average man will be reduced to 15in.

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to overhear me. · Does he write to you regularly since you became engaged?" · No; sometimes I only get one letter a day."

A paper has an article on "How to help per ple to help themselves." A good way is to leave your front door open.

The Wite—Be careful, sir; I'm losing my temper The Husband—Go ahead and less it, and don't try to find it again.

.. Where is the man who keeps this restaurant?" said the disgusted patron. "He's gone out to lunch," replied the

Belle-When George met me it was a case of love at first sight. Lucelle-It must have been. I teel sure he never took

"Please, ma'am, there's a poor man at the door with wooden legs." "Why, Babette, what can we do with wooden legs? Tell him we don't want any.

Old gentleman-How am I to know that you are not marrying my daughter for my money? Suitor-and how am I to know that you won't tail inside of a year? A Seneca (Kan.) woman refused to

hadn't enough sense to do the voting for the family she doesn't want to live with him. Freddie-Ma, didn't the missionary say that the savages didn't wear any clothes?

register upon the plea that if her husband

Mother-Yes, my boy. Freddie-Then why did pa put a button in the missionary Sie (before the play) - "I know you don't like to keep the driver waiting, dear, so I will hurry all I can." He-"It isn't

Hojack-Have you anything in the shape of a gollar you could lend me? Tomdick -Yes; here. Hojack-But that's only a cent. Tomdick-Yes; but the shape is all

necessary, dearest, I have hired him by the

Jasper-Bighead is a strange man for a philosopher. Jumpuppe-Indeed! Jasper He said that all men are merely animals, and yet got angry when I called him a donkey.

Mistress-It appears to me that you are entertaining a good many male callers in the kitchen. New girl-Yes'm; but yez needn't be afraid, mum. I ain't going to marry none of 'em.

I suppose you have your lunch in that market-basket, said Hojack to Tomdik, as they met in the world's fair grounds No, repried foundick; in that basket I carry the money to pay for my lunch. Little Johnny-Sammy Slowgo is sick,

and the doctors say he can't live. Mother

-Mercy me! What's the matter with him? Lutle Johnny-I don't know, 'cept he has always been a very good boy. Facetious Lady (to Mrs. Touchy)-I didn't think very much of your husband.

Mrs. Touchy-And why not, pray? Facerious Lady-Because I have a husband of my own to think about-do you see? Mrs. Hicks-If you would only be a

good boy, you don't know how happy it would make me. Dick Hicks-For your sake, mother, I will try it; but I know by experience just how miserable I shall be. "Palette is in hard luck," said one artist

to another. "How?" "He painted a pic-ture of the grate in his room, and got it so natural and lite-like that a new servant he had threw a scuttleful of coal through it and Lady Vere-Oh, you will take me down

to supper, won't you, Mr. Blinks? Blinks -But pray tell me, Lady Vere, why I am so honored. Lady Vere-Well, you are the only man my husband isn't likely to be jealous of.

"Pa," said Johnny, "what is a promoter?" "My son," said the father, who had recently met a gentlemanly promoter of a wild-cat company, "a promoter is a man who promotes his own fortune by get-

Affable Stranger-I can't help thinking have seen your picture somewhere in the newspapers. Mr. Greatman - Oh, no doubt, no doubt. It's often been published. Stranger-Then I was not mistaken. What were you cured ot?

Papa-So you let the Maxberry girl get away with all the class honors, eh? I am almost ashamed of you. Sweet Girl Graduate—Oh, well, it I were as homely as she is, I should have gone in for that sort of thing myself.

Coroner-You seem to be certain that the deceased accidentally tell into the water. How do you know that this is not a case of suicide? Witness-He was a brither Scot, and had a wee bottle o' whisky on him wi' ne'er a nip ta'en oot.

Mrs. Witherby-Did you ask your mother if you could have two pieces of cake. Bobbie? Bobbie Bingo-Yes'm. Mrs. Witherby-And what did she say? Bobbie -She said I could it you offered them to me, and then she laughed.

Young Housekeeper (to a woman who brings her eggs)—I cannot understand why your eggs have been so small lately. Peasant-Nor I. But what can I do Young Housekeeper-Why don't you leave them a little longer in the nest?

Mrs. Bidder—Is your son who has gone to New York, a good worker? Mrs. Meakely-Oh, yes; he is very industrious. Why, in the last letter he sent home he said that on arriving in New York he met a man who worked him for all he was worth. But his wages must have been poor, for he sent home for more money.

Mr. Wayback-Some folks ain't got sense enough to come in when it rains. Did you see that long-haired chap with his arms full o' bundles? Mrs. Wayback-No; who? Mr. Wayback-Don't know; but he is down there at the old pond paintin' a picture of that tumble-down mill. He might know that mill wasn't built right. or it would'nt a' been allowed to go to rack and ruin. Now I s'pose he'll go off and put up one just like *, and lose every cent he's got.



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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Prince of Wales has presented Mme. Adelina Patti with a large portrait of himself, bearing his signature.

Oscar Wilde is giving sittings for his bust to Henry Teixerio da Mattos, the well known Dutch sculptor.

The first public appointment held by a woman in Ireland was bestowed recently on Miss Fleury, M. D. She was made clinical assistant to the Richmond Asylum.

Her Majesty is about to receive from Saxony a new cream-colored horse to reinforce her stud of these splendid animals. Latterly there has been a difficulty in keeping them up to their proper size.

Mrs. H. E. V. Stannard, popularly known as "John Strange Winter." has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, an honor previously conterred upon but one woman, Mrs. Napier Higgins.

The Duke of Bassano, who was Grand Chamberlain under Napoleon III., and tollowed the Emperor into exile, is still living, aged nearly 90, and one of the most devoted followers of ex-Empress Eugenie. Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page. just prior to

her recent marriage, presented to the Art Institute of Chicago the fine collection of masterpieces in oils collected by her first husband, Henry M. Field, which is valued at \$300,000. On the atternoon of her release from jail,

the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland was

waited on by a deputation of friends, who presented, through her secretary, £250, the amount of her fine, together with a piece of silver plate. Mrs. Stannard, the writer, who is best known by the name of John Strange

Winter, says she knows of one happy marriage that was the result of a proposal made on the fourth day after the couple met. It is her own. Only one man in the City of London outside the Tower possesses the password which enables him to answer the challenge

Mayor, and the password is given to him by authority of the Queen. Very fine old lace was formerly the pet passion of the ex-Empress Eugenie, and she used to be a great purchaser. Now-a-days the American ladies are the chi.f buyers; but the Princess of Wales has a tolerably

of the sentries at any time. It is the Lord

large collection of antique specimens. When Queen Victoria travels by rail she pays the companies 7s. 6d. per mile for herselt, and first-class fare for every one else in the royal train. This is supposed to make good the loss entailed by the temporary stoppage of traffic.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, who is visiting the World's Fair, will be a guest at a Fourth of July concert which is to be given on a roof garden in that city. Her famous Battle Hymn of the Republic" will be sung by young girls dressed as Goddesses of Liberty.

The Duke of York has a passion for white roses. An old variety has been discovered at Sandringham, and the blossoms are forwarded daily to London, H. R. H. wearing a bud every day. He has frequently sent a basket of white roses to Princess May during their engagement. It sounds somewhat odd that the young

King of Servia has appointed his mother Honorary Colonel of the Eleventh Infantry Regiment, but Queen Victoria occupies a similar post of honour in the German Army. If Queens are to be colonels at all, it seems only fitting that they should command infantry regiments. The Duke of Veragua, the direct lineal descendant of Christopher Columbus, draws

the perpetual pension of \$20,000 a year, which was charged upon the Cuban revenue, and was granted to the famous discoverer and his beirs forever. The Duke resides at Seville, and supplies the great Plaza de Toros there with the bulls. Charlotte M. Yonge, the novelist, takes thaliveliest interest in philanthropic move-

ments. Out of the profits of "The Heir ot Redelyffe" she furnished and provisioned a missionary ship, while the large sum which she received for the copy of "The Daisy Chain" was contributed to a fund for the erection of a missionary chapel.

Among the celebrities who usually reside in Florence are "Ouida," Salvini, Rossi. Salvini lives in a palace, owns a theatre, and holds his head as high as any Florentine noble. Rossi begins to look old, but Salvini has still a juvenile air about him, especially when he is seated behind his favorite white horse, which he drives daily.

The Maharanee of Mysore, who has lately died. was a remarkable woman. At the age of 10 she resolved to obtain the best possible education. She insisted on ness. joining her brother in his studies, and mastered Sanskrit, Canarese, and Marathi She could also paint, and was a tair musician. She was the fourth wite of the Maharajah, and was for some time virtually the ruler of Mysore.

Queen Vlctoria's most constant companions are Spot, a fox terrier, Roy, a black and tan collie, and a lovely little brown Spitz, called Marco. Her favorite dogs are collies, and she possesses a magnificent specimen in Darnley. Her favorite riding mare is Jessie, who, although now from old age past work, is invariably sent to the Castle for inspection, when Her Majesty is at Windsor.

When the Emperor William was a lieutenant in the infantry regiment of Guards at Potsdam fitteen years ago, he broke, by accident, the beer mug of a brother officer. The latter, who is now a post-official, has just received from the Emperor a glass with a silver lid, on which the Prussian coatof arms is engraved. His Majesty, being by chance reminded of the incident, sent the present with a message saying that it was in fulfilment of a promise he had made at the time, but which his military duties had caused him to torget.

When Lord Roberts takes his seat in the House of Lords' he will find himself in the uncommon position of being one of two peers with the same name. The other one, it is true, spells his name Robartes; but that is neither here nor there. The House of Lords has also an Earl of Mar and an Earl of Mar and Kellie, an Earl of Lindsay and an Earl ot Lindsey, an Earl of Longford and a Baron Langford, a Viscount Midleton and a Baron Middleton, a Baron Sudley and a Baron Sudeley, two Lords Howard, and two Lords Napier.

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