THINGS WORTH KNOWING

In Norway persons who have not been vaccinated are not allowed to vote at any

France is the only European country which has to-day fewer able-bodied men than it had thirty years ago.

The "literary lady" thrives in Paris, where there are 2,133 of her profession, of whom 1.211 are novel writers.

An electrical engineer wants to throw advertisements by electric light against the falling sheet of water at Niagara Falls.

The net amount of property upon which legacy and succession duties were paid in the United Kingdom last year was £241,-

Single eye-glasses are prohibited in the German army. Even if a soldier has one good eye, yet needs glasses. he must perforce cover both eyes with them.

The points of the compass may be told from trees, the moss growing thickest on the north side, and where exposed to the sun the limbs are largest on the south side.

The diamond is not among the earliest gems known to man. It has not been found in the ruins of Nineveh, in the Etruscan sepulchres, nor in the tombs of the

The British scientific expedition to the Philippine islands is said to have discovered 2,500 feet above sea level, on the sides of the extinct volcano Apo, a flower five feet and a half in diameter.

The destructiveness of the new Gatling gun must be understood when it is stated that it fires 3,129 shots a minute. When operated by an electric motor, it fires 5,000 in the same space of time.

M. Worth, the famous dressmaker of Paris, keeps a regular force of about fitty persons, besides the employes of the dressmaking department, numbering from 200 to 700 girls, according to the season.

In some parts of Mexico, the party in power maintain their positions by throwing into jail their political opponents on the eve of an election. When the election is decided, the distranchised are released.

The assayer who examined the aerolite that fell on the farm of Lawrence Freeman, near Bath, S. D., on the afternoon of Aug. 29, 1892, reports that the principal minerals it contains are gold, silver, nickel and co-

Long-legged birds have short tails. A bird's tail serves as a rudder during the act of flight. When birds are provided with long legs, these are stretched directly behind when the bird is flying, and so act as

The number of gallons of water in the Pacific is 200,000,000,000,000, an amount which would take 1,000,000 years to pass over the Falls of Niagara; and yet, it it was put into a sphere, the whole of the Pacific would only measure 726 miles across.

There are 22,000,000 soldiers under arms in Europe. It they were to march in a street parade, files of ten abreast, it would take the line of 2,000 miles 100 days to pass a given point at fair marching speed. In Indian file they would reach round the

The longest reach of railway without a curve is claimed by travellers to be that of the new Argentine Pacific Railway, from Buenos Ayres to the foot of the Andes. For 211 miles it is without a curve, and has no cutting or embankment deeper than two or

French postal orders are to be cashed at the residences of persons to whom they are made payable. Hence the postmen to be intrusted with this service will at times have considerable sums of money in their possession, and the post-office authorities are considering the advisability of arming

For the seventeenth year in succession the vicar of St. Mary's, Kilburn, has received from a "mysterious philanthropist" a gift of £100, which has been placed in the church box rolled up in a piece of paper, and containing the request that "this sum shall be devoted to charitable

Ten years ago the output of coal from the Indian mines was under 1,000.000 tons. At the last reckoning, made in 1892, it was over 2,500,000 tons. In a corresponding degree the importation of Welsh and English coal has dropped from 737,000 tons to 648,000 in the course of the last twelve

Among the Turks bath-money forms an item in every marriage contract, the hus. band engaging to allow his wife a certain sum for bathing purposes. If it be withheld, she has only to go before the cadi, and turn her slipper upside down. It the complaint be not then redressed, it is ground for divorce.

The young women of Festiniog, Wales, have founded a society in which they pledge themselves not to get into debt, or imbibe intoxicating drinks, nor "take notice of any young man if he does not pay for everything as he receives it, who uses low language, or is not an abstainer from tobacco and intoxicating drinks.

The little toe is disappearing from the human toot. At a recent meeting of the French Academy of Science it was demonstrated that in the last two centuries the average size of that toe has decreased so much that instead of three joints it has most frequently only two, and that, in addition, the nerves and muscles controlling it are slowly becoming useless.

A scientific writer says that night is the time which nature utilises for the growth of plants and animals; children, too, grow more rapidly during the night. In the daymore rapidly during the night. In the daytime the system is kept busy disposing of
the waste consequent on activity, but while
asleep the system is free to extend its

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sleep. The Welsh in America claim that they are in number as many as their countrymen in Wales, and they also declare that one of their ancestors forestalled Columbus in the discovery of America by 272 years. They base their assertions on historical traditions and the manuscripts of old Welsh bards on the one hand, and on the prevalence of Welsh in many of the languages of the Indians, both of South and North America, on the other.



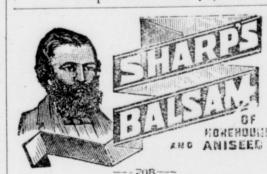
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A French statistician has been studying the average heights of men at different periods of the world's history, and has reached some alarming conclusions. The recorded facts extend over nearly three

It is found that in 1610 the average height of men in Europe was over 5 feet 6 inches. In 1790 it was 5 feet 6 inches. In 1820 it was 5 feet 5 inches and a fraction. At the present time it is 5 feet 334 inches. It is easy to deduce from these figures a rate of regular and gradual decline in human stature, and then apply this, working backward and forward to the past and to the future. By this calculation it is determined that the stature of the first man attained the surprising average of 16 feet 9 inches. The race had already deteriorated in the days of Og and Goliath was quite a degenerate offspring of the giants. Coming down to later time, we find that at the beginning of our era the average height of man was 9 teet, and in the time of Charlemagne it was 8 feet 8 inches. But the most astonishing result of this authority's study comes from the application of the same law of diminution. It is conclusively shown that in 4000 A. D. the height of the average-man will be but 15 inches, and in a tew thousand more the end of the world will come, for men will get so short that there will be nothing left of them.

The Way He Waited.

She was one of these young women who are never ready when called for, and the young man who that night was to take her to the theatre knew it. She didn't live far from the theatre and was slower than usual. "I'll be down in a minute," she called

to him from the head of the stairs. "It's time we were there," he replied, and as she sang out "all right," he walked out of the house and to the theatre. When the first act closed he hurried back. When he had been seated a minute or two she came down stairs all in a flutter. He was smiling all over and perfectly composed. "I hurried just as tast as I could," she exclaimed, "and it was too bad to keep

you waiting." "Oh, that's all right," he laughed, so pleasantly that she almost fell on his neck. "You are the nicest man in the world, and have a perfectly lovely temper," she twittered.

"Don't mention it," he replied cheerily. "We'd better be going now," he continued as he got up to go, "if we want to see the last two acts. I've just seen the first and it's splendid."

Then she wanted to know what he meant, but he didn't tell her until after the play

The Recent Panic. A broker in conversation claimed that the way he met his running expenses during the recnt panic was a practical exemplification of the old story of the minister and the woodchuck. In the days of itinerant clergymen, commonly known as circuit riders, a gentleman of the cloth was making for a neighbouring town. On nearing his journey's end, he was somewhat shocked to see the son of one of his devout followers, spade in hand, steadtastly digging beside a stone wall. He accosted him with: "My son, are you not ashamed to be working on the Lord's day?" The youth, too busy in his task to observe the questioner, replied: Dunno. Parson's comin' to our house today, and it's this woodchuck or no

The parson, at once dismounted, so the story goes, and joined forces with the digger, to the ultimate discomfiture of the woodchuck and to the inward satisfaction,

at least. of the preacher. "So it was," said the broker, "that the banks had to carry us, with our customres. during the past few months; not from any particular regard for us, at the time, but with a view to future results.

Taught Him a Lesson.

When you get an illegible letter from a friend, don't lose your temper and write him a scathing rebuke. Just sit down in a good humour and concoct one like this of Mr. T. B. Aldrich to Professor E. S.

" My Dear Morse,-It was very pleasant to me to get a letter from you the other day. Perhaps I should have felt pleasanter if I had been able to decipher it. I do'nt think I mastered anything beyond the date-which I knew-and the signaturewhich I guessed at. There is a singular and perpetual charm in a letter of yours: it never grows old; it never loses its novelty. One can say to one's self every morning:

Here's that letter of Morse's. I haven't read it yet. I think I'll take another shy at it to-day, and maybe I shall be able in the course of a few years to make out what he means by those t's that look like w's, and those that have no eyebrows.' Other letters are read and thrown away, but yours are kept for ever-unread. One of them will last a reasonable man a lifetime. - Admiringly yours. T. B. ALDRICH."

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT. Cardinal Gibbons, whom English speak-

ing Roman Catholics want to be the next Pope, is a sturdy democrat, as becomes one of such lowly origin as he himself is. He has Irish blocd in his veins.

Dr. Rappin, the distinguished specialist, of Nantes, is investigating the bacteriology of cards. He recommends people to be careful of contamination when playing cards, especially with consumptive persons.

In her long conversations with the leading members of Mr. Hare's Company at Balmoral recently, the ex-Empress Eugenie pathetically reminded them that three-andtwenty years had passed since she last witnessed a play.

Jewish ladies generally take a deep interest in social and philanthropic movements among their poorer co-religionists. Lady Rothschild is no exception to the rule, being a president of a Jewish work-people's club in Whitechapel. Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., is a slight,

dark man, with a very energetic method of

speech. Long before he entered Parliament, Mr. Russell had won his laurels as an orator on the temperance platform. The hon. member is, himself, the proprietor of a temperance hotel at Dublin. The daughter of the late Prof. Windscheid the famous German authority on Roman

law, has been graduated from the University of Heidelberg with the degree of Ph. D. Fraulein Windscheid is the first woman to be admitted to the old seat of learning with the privilege of taking her degree.

John Palmer, the inventor of the railway check system, died recently in a little town in Michigan. Many years ago he was a fiddler, and took charge of the hats and wraps of those who came to dancing parties. He gave numbered checks for them; and some railroad men who attended one of his dances appropriated the idea.

Mr. Holman Hunt, the painter of "The Light of the World," is making minute studies of the phosphorescence of the waves, and with that object he has recently been visiting Calais and various other places on the French coast where it abounds. The world will probably see the result of his observations in a new canvas.

Some time ago the Queen, while driving near Windsor, saw a blind man playing upon an accordion. He bore on his breast a placard inscribed: "Blind from inflammation." Her Majesty bestowed some money; and the grateful musician's label now reads: "Blind from inflammation assisted by her Majesty the Queen.!"

Those who question the power of women to achieve should ponder the record of Lady Henry Somerset, who has recently returned from a twenty-four days' trip to America, during which she travelled 8,000 miles, presided over the Wor.d's Convention of Temperance Women, and attended sixteen meetings, besides "doing" the World's

Miss Ormerod, who has done so much for the protection of crops and cattle against the ravages of insects, had her attention first drawn to the subject, when she, in conjunction with her sister, was managing her father's large agricultural estate. Miss Ormerod's researches have been greatly appreciated by the agricultural community.

The Prince of Wales dislikes toastmasters, and has more than once dispensed with their services. His Royal Highness does not care either for long menus or long speeches at public dinners, and although banquets which he attends usually begin an hour later than usual, they are sometimes over an hour earlier than is commonly the case.

Ladies are accused of travelling with ten times more luggage than there is any necessity for, but His Majesty the Czar is a greater offender in this respect. He took with bim in his recent visit to Denmark no fewer than 300 large trunks, twice the number used by the Princess of Wales and her daughters. The Imperial baggage filled tourteen railway vans.

Count Taaffe, the late Premier of Austria, is not only a count of the Austrian Empire, but a peer of Ireland. He is the descendant and representative o an old Irish family, and his title in the peerage is Viscount Taaffe of Corren and Baron of Ballymote. The Taaffes transplanted themselves to Austria in the last century, and attained rank, lands, and honors in the Kaiser's service.

Ignatz Jan Paderewski has but recently celebrated his thirty-third birthday, but he has been a musician for well-nigh thirty years; and into his short lifetime has been crammed much experience of life; much sorrow also, in which his genius has ripened. At eighteen he was Professor of Music to the Warsaw Conservatoire, next year he married, and after a brief period of wedded happiness was lett a widower, with a little

It was to the husband of Antoinette Sterling, Mr. MacKinlay, whose death recently occurred, that we owe the writing of "The Lost Chord." A musician and earnest student of poetry himself, Mr. MacKinlay was in the habit of suggesting to his wife the songs that she should sing. One day he happened to read the now famous poem, and showed it to his wife, saying, "If this were only set to appropriate music, what a fine song it would make

The Princess Youssoupoff, who has lately died, aged eighty-seven, was in a slight degree a counterpart of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. She was, when young, one of the prettiest women in Europe, and, moreover, had an immense fortune. Left a young widow, she refused the best offers, among which was a German sovereignty. However, when she was more than sixty she startled; keeper triumphant; prisoners Parlor and Bedroom made the acquaintance of M. Chauveau, the young secretary of the Duc de Bassano, and married him.

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