

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

A Leech has three jaws, which form a triangle.

One-third of the crime in England takes place in London.

The United States has about 1,700 different and distinct railways.

It is a curious fact that there has never been a Duke or Lord of London.

Wine is frequently used instead of water in Spain in mixing shoe blacking.

An average of 26,000 letters are posted without addresses in Great Britain every day.

The roll of paper, as used in the newspaper printing press, is from four to six miles long.

Six millions of dead letters are said to be annually torn up and sold for waste paper in Washington.

In New Zealand one may take 100 pounds of trout in a day with minnow, or 80 pounds with a fly.

The barking of a dog on the earth can be distinctly heard by balloonists at an elevation of four miles.

The earliest library was that of Nebuchadnezzar. Every book was a brick engraved with cuneiform characters.

The present year will have 53 Sundays, instead of the usual 52. Eighteen hundred and ninety-three came in on a Sunday and will go out on a Sunday.

The largest bell in the world is in the Kremlin, Moscow. Its height is 21 feet 4 1/2 inches; its circumference 67 feet 4 inches; its weight is estimated at 443,772 hundredweights.

The expression "cool as a cucumber" is found to be scientifically correct. Even when grown in hothouses the cucumber is some degrees lower in temperature than the surrounding atmosphere.

The Chinese are shown by statistics to be longer lived than any other nation, which fact is attributable to their abstemious habits and their remarkable freedom from phthisis, or pulmonary consumption.

All the suitors for a girl's hand in Borneo are expected to be generous in their presents to her. These presents are never returned. Therefore the wily female defers as long as possible a positive selection of the happy man.

Between 1792 and 1815, 4,500,000 Frenchmen went to battle, and one-half of them were killed or died of wounds and diseases contracted in the field. War has cost France in this century, not far from 6,000,000 lives.

The Osage Indians are said to be the richest community in the world. They are but 670 in number, but they have \$2,000,000 deposited to their credit in the Treasury at Washington, and they own 1,470,000 acres of the best land in Oklahoma.

The late Dr. Agnew, of Philadelphia, said that catarrh affections were almost unknown among the Quakeresses whom he attended, and he ascribed it to the fact that the Quaker bonnet protects the back of the head and the nape of the neck from cold air.

The advocates of nursing as a profession for women have a serious statement to meet in the figures of Prof. Tyndall, who claims that an ordinary woman of 58 is in every way in better physical condition than a hospital nurse of 25. The sacrifice made by a woman entering the profession is virtually half a life, according to his belief.

One of the rubies in the Imperial Crown of England has a peculiar history. It was presented by Peter the Great to King William in return for the gift of the Royal Transport ship. Peter took the stone, which was in its rough state, and valued at £10,000, to Windsor castle in his waistcoat pocket, wrapped in a piece of brown paper.

It is difficult to obtain from an elephant's tusk a perfect slab of ivory more than six inches in diameter, as the upper end of the tusk, which is the thickest, is hollow, and the material is coarser than that in the solid part of the tusk. Every part of the tusk is put to use. Even the chips and sawdust are converted into ivory-black by burning.

Year by year China teas are disappearing from the London market, and the best kinds are very difficult to procure. Russia, which has the most cultivated taste for tea of all countries, still prefers China, but in England the popular demand is for Indian teas, which have supplied about half the bulk of the home consumption. Ceylon teas are making extraordinary headway.

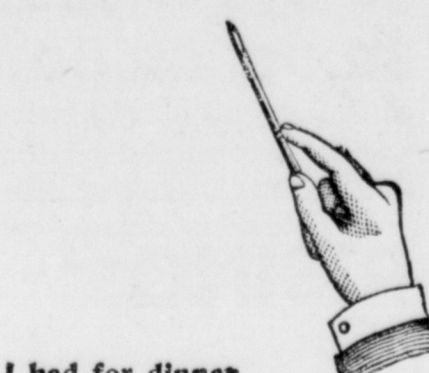
According to a German authority, taking the mean of many accounts, a man of fifty years of age has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500 days, walked 800 days, amused himself 4,000 days, was eating 1,500 days, was sick 500 days, etc. He ate 17,000lb. of bread, 16,000lb. of meat, 4,600lb. of vegetables, eggs, and fish; and drank 7,000 gallons of liquid, viz: water, tea, coffee, beer, wine, etc. altogether.

Infancy ceases and adult life begins, so far as legal status is concerned, at the same age for both men and women, viz, on the completion of the twentieth year. Money left by will to infants is not payable to them until they are twenty-one years old, except where the will provides, as it generally does, that in the case of women the property shall pass to them on their marriage, if it occurs before twenty-one.

The oyster at the commencement of its career is so small that 2,000,000 would only occupy a cubic inch. In six months each separate oyster is large enough to cover half a crown, and in twelve months a crown piece. It bears its age upon its back, and it is as easy to tell the age of an oyster by looking at its shell as it is that of a horse by looking at its teeth. One or two million oysters are produced from a single parent.

In England, during the last seven years, there have been collected the names of two hundred and sixty-five persons who died or were found living in England at one hundred years of age or over. The list for 1892 comprises forty-five persons, twenty-three women and twenty-two men. It is observed that a majority of these centenarians were inmates of workhouses. A few were aged persons who were dependent on their relatives, and had presumably ceased to take an active interest in the affairs of life. But most of them were residents of charitable institutions, to which they had been consigned to end their days in quiet.

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"How did you happen to marry him?  
Were you in love with him?" "Oh, no;  
but another girl was."

She—I'll cause a panic in a moment.  
When the crush is the greatest I'm going to  
shout— He—Fire? She—No; supper.

He—Ah, if I might linger by your side  
for ever I should be another man! She—  
How funny! It is another man that does  
linger there.

Getthere—Did you ever attend any of  
Miss Budd's 'at-homes? De Bore (sadly)  
—No, but I've attended a good many of  
her not-at-homes.

Facetious Person (about to enter street-  
car on wet day)—Is the Noah's Ark quite  
full? Passenger—All but the donkey;  
step in, sir, please.

Jasper—Women have very poor memor-  
ies. Jumpup—Nonsense! You step on  
a woman's train at a ball and see how long  
she will remember it.

Mrs. Wobbles—I shall never forget,  
dear, how idiotic you looked when you  
proposed to me. Mr. Wobbles—(with em-  
phasis)—I was idiotic.

"Jimmie's wife has run away and left  
him. He says he will never forgive her."  
"Neither will anyone else. She ought to  
have taken him along."

Customer—Waiter, this plate is quite  
cold! Waiter—Yes, sir; but the chop is  
'ot, sir, which I think you'll find it'll warm  
up the plate nicely, sir!

Young Wife—Before we were married,  
Clarence, you never smoked in my presence.  
Young Husband—I know it, my dear, and  
you never wore curl-papers in mine.

Gilgal—If you want anything well done,  
do it yourself is a good rule. Mullins—I  
know a better one. If you want anything  
well done, tell the waiter to bring it rare.

Writing a letter is, to many people, an  
irksome task; but it isn't half so irksome as  
it is to hear a lawyer reading your letter  
about five years afterwards in open court.

Husband—Well, my dear, there's one  
advantage in being poor. Wife—I'd like  
to know what it is? Husband—We don't  
have to pay \$10,000 a year for house rent.

Baxter—Every time I pass Gamby's  
store, I always see him standing at the  
door. Well, he does that to influence  
trade. He wants to see every passer buy.

Mrs. Kindie—I presume you have rather  
a hard time of it. Tramp—Yes, mum, but  
every cloud has a silver lining, mum. I'm  
not worried to death by autograph hunters  
mum.

"Hair's very thin, sir." "It was thinner  
than that thirty years ago." "Indeed, sir,  
you surprise me. Why, you don't look  
more than thirty now, sir." "Thirty yes-  
terday."

Johnnie—Mamma, this book says knowl-  
edge is power. Mamma—And it is, my  
child. Johnnie—No, mamma, it isn't. I  
know there is a pie in the pantry, but I  
can't get it.

Cholly (throwing away a half-smoked  
cigarette)—I wonder why the last half of  
a cigarette isn't fit to smoke. The Major  
—Perhaps for the same reason that the  
first half isn't.

She—So she reached Paris yesterday?  
How wonderful it is that the news can be  
sent so safely over the ocean cable through  
so many miles of salt water. He—Yes—  
and be so fresh.

"Riches takes unto themselves wings,  
and fly away," said the teacher. "What  
kind of riches is meant?" And the smart  
bad boy at the foot of the class said: "They  
must be ostriches."

Old Gravelly: "If you do not care to  
be my wife, perhaps the prospect of being  
a rich young widow might tempt you."  
Minnie: "Oh, Mr. Gravelly! If I were  
only sure that I could trust you."

Cholly Dudekin—My head feels vey  
light; I'm afraid my mind's wandering  
Al McWadister—Well don't worry, about  
that, dear boy, it's not strong enough to  
wander very far, don't cher know?

Irene (at the charity bazaar)—How  
nicely you handle the tambourine, Laura!  
You would make a capital minstrel. Laura  
—So would you, dear. You could take  
the part of Bones so—so naturally.

Von Blumer—You haven't another  
cigar like the one you gave me the other  
day, have you? Willierly—Yes; here's  
one. Von Blumer—Thanks, old man.  
I'm trying to break my boy from smoking.

As William bent over her fair face he  
whispered: "Darling, if I should ask you  
in French if I might kiss you, what would  
you answer?" She, summoning her scanty  
knowledge of French, replied: "Billet  
doux!"

Suitor—Sir, you are undoubtedly aware  
of the object of my visit? Father—I be-  
lieve you desire to make my daughter hap-  
py. Do you really mean it? Suitor—Un-  
questionably. Father—Well, don't marry  
her, then.

Jinks, Jun.—Father, this new horse of  
yours is a treacherous animal. He'll kill  
me yet, or I'll kill him. Jinks, Sen.—I'll  
sell him, then, this very day. You've both  
cost me enough already without sinking any  
more in funerals.

Painter (to gentleman whose portrait he  
has just completed)—Well, sir, how does  
your portrait please you? Gentleman  
(after gazing at the picture for some time)  
—Say, you'd oblige me very much if you'd  
just change this picture into a landscape.

Mrs. Smith—And how is your neighbor?  
Mrs. Brown—She's well enough, I suppose.  
I haven't seen her so long for six weeks.  
Mrs. Smith—Why, I thought you were on  
the most friendly terms. Mrs. Brown—  
Well, we used to be; but we've exchanged  
servants.

Dinklebaum—Vat are you and Mees  
Cohen standing here so long for, listening  
to dot hant-ong? Cohen (taking him to  
one side)—S-s-s-h! Don't say a word!  
Mein daughter learns der latest music in  
dot vay, undt zaves der brice of music les-  
sons. See?

"What was that Dawson story you told  
the other day, Hicks?" "Why, I pleased  
Mrs. Dawson very much by asking her if  
she was herself or her daughter. Couldn't  
tell 'em apart." "Well, it's strange, but I  
worked the same scheme on the daughter,  
and she didn't like it a bit."

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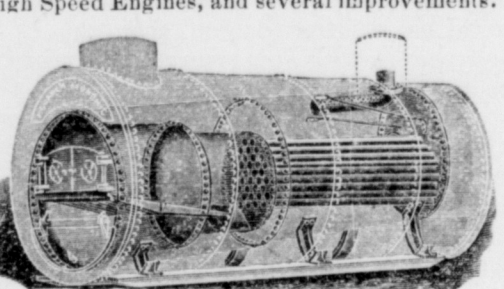
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Dr. Groux, a New York surgeon recently  
deceased, was so formed physically that he  
could control or stop the beating of his  
heart at will.

"The Silence of Dean Maitland" was  
written by Miss Tuttrell, a delicate girl,  
who was obliged to do most of the work  
upon her couch.

Elizabeth Reifsnnyder, who is in charge  
of the Margaret Williamson Hospital in  
Shanghai, China, is one of the first women  
physicians in that country.

Mrs. A. M. Mankly has bequeathed to  
the city of Washington, a large sum of  
money for the erection and maintenance of  
a home for destitute women, as a memorial  
to her mother.

Djevad Pasha, the grand vizier of  
Turkey, refuses to keep a harem. He has  
but one wife, who, ever since he married  
her, many years ago, has possessed his  
undivided affection.

The Dowager Queen Maria Pia of Por-  
tugal, who is a sister of the King of Italy,  
is a great sportswoman, and one of the best  
lady shots in Europe. She is also a fin-  
ished musician, a good artist, and an ex-  
cellent needlewoman.

The ex-Empress Eugénie is the only  
Royal personage who has made a balloon  
ascent besides Queen Christina of Sweden.  
Napoleon III. once said he should like to  
go up, but the report of an aide-de-camp,  
sent out as a scout, made him change his  
mind.

M. Pierre Loti, the French novelist, will  
not read a daily paper, scarcely ever writes  
a letter, refuses to see interviewers, and  
does his work in a room at the top of a  
tower which is to be reached only by a  
single ladder. He is said to read all the  
best fiction he can lay hands upon.

Dr. Scheele, the pathological expert in  
the Buchanan murder trial at New York,  
is a newly arrived German, who has fought  
twenty-six duels in the old country and al-  
ready wants to arrange for a twenty-seventh  
with one of the counsel whose manner has  
seemed to him lacking in courtesy.

Another woman playwright is to be  
added to the list, in which Miss Martha  
Morton and Miss Marguerite Warrington  
occupy such prominent places, in the per-  
son of Miss Emily Beauchamp, whose play,  
"Yes and No," has met with great success  
on the other side. Miss Beauchamp has  
written several comediettas, and is also a  
good stage writer.

The 4th of March was set arbitrarily by  
Congress as the day for Washington's in-  
auguration, but, owing to unavoidable de-  
lays, he did not take oath of office until  
April 30. It is a curious fact, however,  
that March 4 in presidential inauguration  
years has never yet fallen, and will not, at  
least for many years, fall on Sunday. This  
is owing to the intervention of leap year.

In New Orleans there is a woman whose  
tact and intellectual charms keep alive the  
traditions of the saloon. She lives in the  
old French quarter of the town in a typical  
old-fashioned Southern house, with