

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

The first rope was made in 1641.  
There are 240,000 varieties of insects.  
Geese in migrating often travel over 6000 miles.

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

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

Great Britain received about 10,057,600 letters from the United States last year.

In all the wars in which Britain has taken part she has won 82 per cent of the battles.

The pulsation of an infant is from 130 to 140 beats a minute; of an old man 75 to 80.

The first newspaper printed by steam in England was the Times of the 28th November, 1814.

The empire of Morocco is the most important State that is absolutely without a newspaper.

The most perfect echo is at Killarney, Ireland. It repeats a cornet note nearly 20 minutes.

The most remarkable springs in the world are in California; they produce sulphuric acid and ink.

The celebrated Johannisberger wine all comes from one comparatively small vineyard, which is guarded with jealous care.

Financial statisticians estimate that the amount of money held by the various London banks is not far short of £230,000,000.

One-cent pieces are being introduced in Oakland, Cal., for the first time. The smallest legal tender formerly used was five-cent pieces.

The average depth of the ocean is 12,000 feet, and were its whole volume spread equally over the surface of the earth, the water would be two miles deep.

A diver has discovered that fishes in tropical seas, when frightened, dart in different directions, each fish concealing itself in submarine vegetation of a color nearest its own.

The oldest ruins in the world are probably the rock-cut temples of Ipsambul or Abou Sambul, in Nubia, on the left bank of the Nile. They are over four thousand years old.

It is estimated by the United States War Department that if any foreign Power should tackle that country it would be confronted by the enormous total of 7,000,000 fighting men.

The Mikado, desirous of improving the physique of the Japanese, has recommended them to adopt a meat diet, in the place of the fish and rice fare, on which they are believed to have deteriorated.

In London there are some 11,500 licensed cabs, and about 15,500 drivers and 3,000 cab proprietors. Of the latter, 2,500 drive the cabs they own. The number of horses engaged in the work is 28,000.

The sap of the cow tree, as its name implies, resembles milk both in look and taste and is very wholesome and nourishing; the tree grows in Venezuela, and frequently attains a height of from 120 to 125 feet.

Where the telephone wires are overlaid the spread of transmission is at a rate of about 10,000 miles a second; where the wires are through cables under the sea, the speed is more than 6,000 miles a second.

The longest single telegraph wire span in the world is that across the River Kistnah, between Bezorah and Setaannaz, India. Stretched from one mountain to another, the wire is more than 6,000 feet in length.

Three miles an hour is about the average speed of the Gulf Stream. At certain places, however, it attains a speed of fifty-one miles an hour, the extraordinary rapidity of the current giving the surface the appearance of a sheet of fire.

In some sections of the Southern States of America the graves of negroes are decorated with the medicine bottles used by the deceased during their last illnesses. The surviving relatives, when visiting the graves, often discuss the effects of the various remedies.

A dog's tailor flourishes in Paris. This tailor is a woman, and in her reception rooms Prince Bow-wow has rugs, water bowls, and biscuit jars, to refresh him during the trying-on processes. Here are the daintiest water-color pattern books to choose from, and anything from seal skin to chamois is provided.

It is said that Frenchmen have been drinking orchid tea for the past fifty years, and that the consumption of this delicacy has been largely increasing of late. The orchid used for the purpose is one of the handsomest and most expensive varieties, the angustifolium, which is found in the forests of Bourbon and Mauritius. The commercial value of the plant lies in the fragrance of its leaves.

The duckbill of Australia is perhaps the most curious animal in the world. It gave a complete surprise to the naturalists who at first studied the forms of the southern colony, and even yet the wonder as to its phenomenal nature has not ceased. It is a tur-covered little creature with the bill of a duck and its fore feet strongly webbed for swimming, while its hind pair are equipped for burrowing. In shape it resembles the otter, has a tail like a fox and is at home on land and in water. It lays eggs and gives milk and rears its young in a burrow in the ground, generally in the banks of a stream or pond. Naturalists were so puzzled over it that they called it the ornithorhynchus paradoxus.

In the Caucasus Mountains there are many wild, barbarian tribes of people, whose rough ways would make the heart of a civilized mother stand still with fear if her child were to be treated as the people of the Caucasus treat their children everyday. The first plaything given to a Caucasian baby is a dagger. This is presented to him as soon as he can walk. For an hour or two each day his mother spends her time teaching him how to use the weapon, so that he may some day become an expert. He is taught to stab so that it makes no splash and is trained to hurl his dagger at a mark again and again, until he cannot miss his aim. And all this is done during the time that other boys are spinning tops and studying a spelling book. When the Caucasian boy grows up he knows just one thing—how to use a dagger.

## "She Looketh Well"

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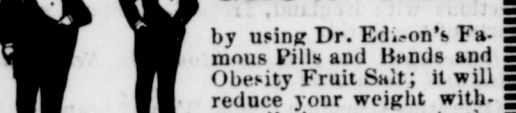
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The heiress—Am I the only girl in the whole wide world you love? He—No dear, but you are the only girl I know who could afford to marry me.

Mr. Micawber—I wish I knew some nice easy way to make money. Mrs. Micawber—Well, my dear, you might get your life insured, and then die.

Wife—When we go anywhere now we have to walk: before marriage you always called a carriage. Husband—That's the reason we have to walk now.

Tardy Arrival at a dinner party.—I'm afraid I am too late, dear Mrs. Jackey. Mrs. Jackey (effusively).—Oh, my dear, you could never come too late.

Mabel—Well, Uncle Abner, did you get to the opera early enough last night? Uncle Abner—Well, I should say so; not more'n half of 'em was dressed.

Miss Antique (school teacher)—What does w-h-i-t-e spell? (Class—no answer.) Miss Antique—What is the color of my skin? Class (in chorus).—Yellow.

"I hear that your next-door neighbors have a new organ. Do you know how many stops it has?—Only about three a day, and those are only for meals."

She—I made a great mistake in marrying you to reform you. He—Why, I'm a changed man. She—But your faults were the only things of interest about you.

"Three kinds of injuries figure prominently in trials now," remarked Mr. Corkle. "What are they?" asked Mr. Crackle. "Grand jury, common jury, and perjury."

Little Beth (in the country)—Grandpa, you must keep an awful lot of policemen out here. Grandpa—Wey, Beth? Oh, there's such a lot of grass to keep off.

St. Clair (as delicately as possible)—How much is your father worth? Geraldine—Oh, a little over two millions. St. Clair—Heavens! I love you more than I thought I did.

Wife (reproachfully)—You loved me, Henry, when we were married. Husband—Will, we live and learn. Do you think a man isn't likely to grow wiser in seven years?

The Wife—The night you were away, John, the baby cried for nearly seven hours. The husband—Why didn't you tell him I wasn't here? He would have stopped then.

More than half a century ago a good deacon, by the name of Day, had seven children—six daughters and one son. They were known as his six week days and one son Day.

"I tell you, Susan, that I will commit suicide if you don't have me," "Well, Thomas, as soon as you have given me that proof of your affection I will believe that you love me."

"Well," said Pat, chuckling, "I've just chatted this old railway company nicely." "How so?" "Why, I've taken a return ticket, and I've no intention of going back at all, at all."

Hostess—Miss Telfer has no partner for this waltz; you will not mind dancing with her instead of with me? He—(anxious to be very obliging)—On the contrary, I shall be delighted.

Girls, be very shy about marrying a man who can suppress a full-grown sneeze in church. It indicates a bull-headed amount of will-power which will interfere with your happiness some day.

"Pay as you go is my rule," said the man who was about to rent a house. "Excuse me," replied the real estate agent "but we can't wait for you to go. You'll have to pay in advance."

New Cook—I'm told the missus wants things in the high-toned, fashionable style. Sure, I'm afraid I won't suit for it's only plain cookin' I've done. Old Cook—It's aisy enough. Make every thing taste loike something else.

Count de Cosmopolis—Zen mademoiselle does not feel ze indifference for me? Miss Wealthful—No; I've been awfully interested in you since papa told me you were an adventurer. It's so jolly! Tell me about your escape and all that!

Estella—What a lovely ball! I never enjoyed myself so much in all my life. Gladys—Nor I. Estella—I danced every dance, and had a different partner each time. Gladys—I sat out every dance, and had the same partner all the evening.

"How long will it be before you get this work done?" asked a lady of a workman who was painting her house. "Well, I don't know, ma'am," said he. "The governor has gone to look for another job. If he gets it, it'll be done to-morrow; but if he don't, I'm afraid it will take next week."

Highwayman (to Mr. Levy, second-hand dealer in miscellaneous property) your money or your life. Mr. Levy—Mine friend, you cannot expect me to give you my money for nothings, and mine life won't do you no good. But I tell you vot I ill do—I will buy dot bistol off you at a fair price!

Poetry, a waxed moustache, mystery, long hair, and a sweet tender voice will often make a woman feel as if there was only a sheet of tissue paper between Heaven and herself; but it is the man with the wart on his nose and six figures in his bank balance who scoops her in and makes her happy ever afterwards.

The editor of the Tifton, Ga. Gazette scratched the following lines with his poetic pen: "Backward, turn backward, O time, in thy flight; give us July again just for one night; give us mosquitoes and give us the flies, but turn on some heat before every one dies! bring back our straw hats and good linen pants; give us a chance to live, give us a chance!"

"We can't stay at this hotel, Maria?" exclaimed Farmer Medderrass, after reading the rules tacked to his room door. "Why not, Nathan?" "Why, they have dinner from eleven to two. I kim to town on business, an' I can't afford to waste no three hours a day on dinner, to say nothin' 'bout breakfast an' supper. Gather up your traps an' we'll go somewhere else."

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## MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Empress of Russia's physician, when in attendance upon his august patient, receives £70 a day.

Philatelists can now claim not only the Duke of Edinburgh as one of their most enthusiastic supporters, but also the Duke of York.

It is a curious fact that all four of the Australian colonies are now governed by Scotchmen—Lord Hopetoun, Lord Kintore, Lord Glasgow, and Sir Robert Duff.

Ex-Postmaster General John Wana-maker carries a greater life insurance than any other man in the United States. His insurance amounts to \$1,505,000 and he pays \$50,000 yearly in premiums.

Mr. F. W. Robinson, the author of "Grandmother's Money," and many other popular novels, is an inveterate chess-player, and finds much of his well-earned recreation in the pursuit of this ancient and absorbing pastime.

Woo Hun Penk is the richest Chinaman in Arizona, it is not in America. He was cook in a mining camp three years ago. Now he owns all of Salt Bacon mine and a half interest in the Pail of Soup lead. He is said to be worth \$300,000.

Jules Verne, who is about to bring out his 74th novel, is said to be a native of Warsaw, and the name by which he is known is the French equivalent for "beech," the initial syllable of his family patronymic. His real name is said to be Olchewitz.

It Charles Dickens were alive he would be about three years younger than Dr. Wendell Holmes. Gladstone is as old as Lincoln would be if alive, and older than Grant or Garfield would be. Mendelssohn, if living, would be eighty-four and Macaulay ninety-three.

The Prince of Wales takes a deep interest in the welfare of the agricultural laborer, and has had several conversations with Mr. Joseph Arch on the subject. Sandringham, by the way, is situated in the division of Norfolk which Mr. Arch represents in the House of Commons.

John Oliver Hobbes, who has lately jumped into a literary reputation, is to her friends Mrs. Craigie, a young lady who began her professional career three or four years ago as an art critic. She lives in London, and her writings have appeared in Cassell's "Unknown" library.

Everybody is welcome to attend the receptions held from time to time by the Lady Mayoresse at the Mansion House in Washington. They resemble in this respect the levees which take place at the White House in Washington. Some people, it has been observed, are given to an abuse of the privilege, and strain the civic hospitality almost to breaking point by outstaying their welcome.

Major-General Sir Francis De Winton, K. C. M. G., who is controller of the Duke of York's household, "engineered" the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, and in that capacity came into contact with the editors of certain London dailies for the sale to them of Mr. H. M. Stanley's descriptive letters. The gallant officer held a position, similar to the one he now holds, in the suite of the late Duke of Clarence.

Louis Kosuth is again reported to be dying, and his illness is this time of so grave a character as to make it unlikely that his feeble strength can combat with it. The aged hero of Hungarian independence is past ninety, and for many years he has lived in exile in Turin. His home there has been in a medieval palace, at present in a state of dilapidation, and he has practically secluded himself among his books.

Mrs. Emma E. Forsythe is an American woman who goes by the name of the White Queen. Her realm is an island in the Southern Pacific, called New Britain, whose chief industry is the sale of mother-of-pearl. Mrs. Forsythe was left a widow at the age of eighteen, and with very little money. She now owns 150,000 acres of fertile land, two steamers that ply between the island and the port, and she is preparing to close a contract for the building of four more vessels for the island trade.

Queen Victoria's fondness for domestic pets is indicated by the fact that in the grounds of the royal dairy there are two monuments erected by her majesty's order to the memory of two dogs which she once held dear. One of these canine favorites was a dachshund named Boy, which departed life in 1862; the other a Scottish terrier, Boz, once the property of the Duchess of Kent, and afterwards the Queen's favorite. Her majesty is nowadays especially interested in collies.

One of the most notable Jews in the United States is Solomon Schindler, rabbi of the Adeth Israel congregation of Boston. He was born in Silesia in 1842 and in 1871 came to this country, settling at first in Hoboken, N. J., where he was a rabbi of the congregation Adath Emum. He is one of the able contributors to the arena, a Boston publication, and is the author of several works which give evidence of his scholarly attainments. He is serving his second term as member of the Boston School Board.

Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia and her husband have amicably settled their differences and mutually retaken the marriage vows. The romantic version of the story sets forth that the queen on one of the regular visits which the authorities allow her to make to her son, met her husband through the intervention of the boy king, and immediately the allegiance of the deposed monarch for his early love returned. The beauty of this charming romance is rather dimmed by the rumor that the Russian government, desiring Queen Natalie's influence in Serbia, revived this early love with Russian gold.

Lady Dufferin, who comes of an old Irish family, the Rowan Hamiltons of County Down, is a woman with a remarkable variety of abilities and accomplishments, which have been developed probably by her changes of residence from Canada to St. Petersburg, Constantinople to Egypt and India, Rome to Paris, that her husband's occupations have brought about. She can ride, hunt, and shoot; her figure-skating excited admiration in Canada, and her acting became famous in India. In Calcutta, too, Lady Dufferin discovered a great talent for organization in creating and spreading the Association for supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India.

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