

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

In Persia cutting the hair is a sign of mourning.

The notes of the Bank of England cost exactly one cent each.

An Egean piece of the year 700, B. C., is the oldest coin in the world.

The population of Russia, according to a recent census, is 124,000,000.

Great Britain has 11 universities, with 344 professors and 18,400 students.

The owl's wise look is the result of a physiological oddity—his eyes are fixed immovably in their sockets.

The average duration of marriages in England is 27 years; in France and Germany, 26; Sweden, 23; Norway, 24; Russia, 30.

Afghan chroniclers call their people Bani-Israel, the Arab for children of Israel and claim descent from Saul, the first Israelitish king.

In China the rolling of tea leaves is done by hand, but in India and Ceylon European planters prefer to employ machinery for the purpose.

The volume of British trade during 1893 may approximately be set down at 625 millions sterling, as against 650 millions sterling in 1892.

There are 311,000 blind persons in Europe, mostly from fevers; 75 per cent. would have kept their sight had they been properly treated.

In the jewel house on the Tower of London there is a book bound throughout in gold, even to the wires of the hinges. Its clasp is in two rubies set at opposite ends of four golden links.

There are several suggested differences between a fruit and a vegetable, though the dictionaries do not admit any. A fruit is the seed of the plant that bears it; a vegetable is some part of the plant itself—root, leaves, fruit. It is suggested that vegetables grow underground, and that, as a rule, they are cooked before they are eaten, but that fruit may be eaten without being cooked.

The American Bible society, which does not pretend to print its Bibles in all languages issues either the whole Bible or portions thereof in 242 languages and dialects. Of gibberishes or jargons there are few; the Climook jargon, the Pidgin English of China, the Hebrew-German jargon, are the most important, it not the only existing gibberishes. The Lingua Franca of the Middle Ages was a gibberish, but it is obsolete now.

A point has been in use for some time, which it is claimed, has an affinity for and becomes a part of the surface of metals, so that it cannot be removed unless the actual surface is attacked. It also effectively prevents the oxidation of the surface which it covers. It is claimed that by the use of this point the electrolysis of metals underground can be completely prevented. The point is turned out in three grades, and a coating of each is necessary to make the insulation of the metal pipe or cable perfect.

The French electrician, M. Trouve, it is said, applies an incandescent lamp to catching fish. A net is sunk in the water, with an electric lamp attached, and the fish collect to bask in its rays. Round the edge of the net is a pneumatic tire, which is silently inflated and rises to the surface while the fish are wondering whether the brilliant glass bulb is a new kind of luminous jelly fish. M. Trouve's ingenious idea seems hardly sportsmanlike, but it at least avoids frightening the fish and destroying the spawn—the chief drawback to net-fishing.

Ancaeus, King of the Leleges, in Samos, an island in the Grecian Archipelago, planted a vineyard, and so heavily did he oppress the slaves that one of them, it is said, propheesied to him that he would never live to taste the wine thereof. When the wine was made the King sent for his slave and said: "What do you think of the propheesy now?" The slave made answer: "There's many a sip 'twixt the cup and the lip." The words were scarcely uttered when Ancaeus was informed that a wild boar had broken into his vineyard and was laying it waste. Ancaeus, setting down the cup untasted, hastened to attack and drive out the boar, but he was killed in the encounter.

The traffic on the waterways of the United States is enormous. On the Great Lakes there is a fleet of 3,700 steam and sailing vessels, with a net registered tonnage of 1,250,000 tons. On the 16,000 miles of the navigable waters of the Mississippi and its tributaries, there were afloat in 1890, 7,445 craft of all kinds, with a registered tonnage of 3,400,000 tons. During the year this fleet carried 30,000,000 tons of freight, and 10,000,000 passengers. The Hudson River had in the same year 5,000,000 passengers and 15,000,000 tons of freight exclusive of 3,500,000 tons that passed from the State canals of New York by way of the Hudson River to tidewater.

It gives an impressive idea of what subterranean London is fast becoming says the London Daily News, to learn that on emerging from the river the new City & Waterloo line, will, in its passage up Queen Victoria street, run for a part of the way under the low level main sewer, which, in its turn, runs along beneath the District Underground railway. So that at this point in the city we shall have, first, a busy main thoroughfare, below that a steam railway, reaching its terminus at a depth of about 63 feet below the street, and here it will communicate with another line—the Central London—which will lie at a depth of 80 feet.

Besides the golden eagle, the great auk, the dodo, the white whale and other items of creation which have vanished or are threatening to vanish from the world it is encouraging to hear of one really noxious inhabitant—the alligator. Florida hunters claim to have accounted for over two millions five hundred thousand of these pests, and when it is considered how slowly they grow, there seems a reasonable chance of their extermination, at any rate in the haunts of men. At one year old the infant alligator is twelve inches long. He is fifteen before he doubles that length; and he does not attain his maximum development till the age of 50. His period of life is not fixed, but it is certainly greater than that of man.

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IT WAS KINDNESS WON HIM. The Horse Had a Great Deal More Sense Than His Master. The crowd had gathered about a horse and buggy in the middle of the street. The horse had balked. "The string around his ear," said one of the bystanders. "It gives him something else to think of. I never knew it to fail."

A string was produced and wound tightly around one of the animal's ears. It had no effect. "Blindfold him," suggested another. A bandage was tied over his eyes and an effort made to start him. Same result. "Back him." "He won't back," said the exasperated owner. "I tried that." "Try him with an ear of corn." The ear of corn failed to move the obstinate horse. "I'll see if I can persuade him some other way," said the exasperated owner of the animal. He took a whip and belabored the beast with it till somebody threatened to have him arrested. Then he kicked him a while. All in vain. Finally a benevolent-looking old gentleman forced his way through the crowd and said: "I have seen a great many balky horses started by building a fire under them. Can you get some straw or shavings?" A boy was sent to a neighboring furniture store for some excelsior. It was placed on the ground under the horse and a lighted match touched to it. As the first feeble flame rose from it and the smoke began to curl about his legs the horse unbent a little. He turned his head, took a calm survey of the situation and when the combustible stuff burst into a big blaze he moved forward about six feet, in full possession of his faculties and without any unnecessary haste, and stopped again. And the elegant buggy was damaged \$25 worth by the flames before it occurred to anybody to scatter the blazing stuff. And then an old colored man in a faded suit of second-hand clothes and a hat with half the brim gone, went out and spoke kindly to the high-spirited animal, rubbed his nose, patted him on the neck, climbed into the damaged buggy and said: "Git along, sonny." And the horse moved off at a brisk trot, with his head high in the air.—Chicago Tribune.

AN AFRICAN TRAVELLER. Restored to Health by the Use of Hawker's Balsam.

The following is copied from the Manchester, England, Times: Capt. John Lawrence Walsh, who has temporarily returned from Assinie and Grand Bassam, Africa, writes under date of Feb. 2nd, 1894: "I have much pleasure in certifying that I was entirely cured of a severe attack of bronchitis by one bottle of Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry. I had just arrived from Africa, and the change to an English climate caused me to contract a terrible cold, ending in bronchitis. I lost my voice for several days, but have been completely restored by using one bottle. I can recommend it highly." This testimony is of great value, showing as it does how colds resulting from change of climate or sudden change of the weather in any particular locality may be quickly cured. Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry is equally efficacious in all throat and lung troubles. It is particularly valuable in families where there are children, for the little ones love it and it relieves a cough or cold at once. No household can afford to be without this greatest of remedies for these troubles. Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry is manufactured by the Hawker Medicine Co., of St. John, N. B., Canada, and is sold by all druggists at twenty-five and fifty cents a bottle.

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What the Eye Indicates. The long, almond-shaped eye, with thick eyelids covering nearly half of the pupil, when taken in connection with the full brow, is indicative of genius, and is often found in artists, literary and scientific men. It is the eye of talent or impressibility. The large, open, transparent eye, of whatever color, is indicative of elegance, of taste, of refinement, of wit and intelligence. Weakly marked eyebrows indicate a feeble constitution, and a tendency to melancholia. Deep-sunken eyes are selfish; while eyes in which the whole iris shows indicate erraticism, it not lunacy. Round eyes are indicative of innocence; strongly protuberant eyes of weakness of both mind and body. Eyes small and close together typically cunning, while those far apart and open are indicative of frankness. Sharp angles turning down at the corners of the eye are seen in persons of acute judgment and penetration. Well-opened, steady eyes belong to the sincere; wide, staring eyes to the impertinent.

She Was Equipped. He—Then if you are willing we will be married at once. But we will not live in the close crowded city; I will purchase a little farm, and we will live on it and be as happy as turtle doves. She—And I shall be a farmer's wife? He—Yes, my darling. She—How delightful! And what do you think, John? You won't have to buy a milking stool for me, for I've got one already.

He (in surprise)—You have? She (all animation)—Oh, yes, the prettiest you ever saw—decorated with handsome plush and cherry-colored ribbons.

Good News in Hard Times. One gets valuable information these hard times from the fashion columns. It will be seen that the hand painted finger bows are no longer fashionable. This will be tidings of comfort and joy to the society ladies of the First and Fifth wards and Limerick. The plain unwashed finger bows takes the place of the chic and expensive article, with bright hued bugs and butterflies cavorting over its surface. For this relief much thanks.—Ex.

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT. Cardinal Vaughan is one of the handsomest men in England.

The fortune of Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony in Africa, is set at somewhere from \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000.

Queen Victoria's crown is worth \$1,200,000. It costs in interest \$36,000 a year for the headpiece which she never wears.

Sara Jeanette Duncan is the latest author to be announced. In May we are to have a two-volume up-to-date society novel from her pen.

The only one member of the British Royalty who does not pay postage on his letters is the Duke of Cambridge, exempted as Commander-in-chief.

Since 1871 there has been no loss on any of Ruskin's works. Between 1886 and 1892 the author received as his share of the profits about \$140,000.

W. D. Howells has enough literary work mapped out and contracted for the next year to assure him, with the royalties on his published books, an income of \$30,000.

The luxurious monarch, the Shah of Persia, whose habits were not considered too elegant when he last visited England, is expected to renew acquaintance with Britain next summer.

Frank Byrne, who was said to have been involved in the Phoenix Park (Dublin) tragedy, in which Lord Cavendish and Under-Secretary Burke lost their lives in 1882, died of heart disease in Providence recently.

Queen Victoria will return to Windsor on April 27. As an instance of royal luxury it may be mentioned that the first of this season's plovers' eggs sold in the city market were bought up by the Queen's purveyor, who paid for them half a guinea apiece.

Friday of last week was the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of Miss Emily L. Gerry, the daughter of the late Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Miss Gerry has lived for the last fifty years at her present home, New Haven, Conn.

It appears from some family reminiscences of Lord Rosebery recently published that the title Rosebery was borrowed from Yorkshire. The first lord married an heiress from Rosebery Topping, in the broad-acred shire, and when he was enabled he took the name of the place for his title.

The Princess of Wales having expressed a wish to have a copy of the music of "Twelfth Night," Mr. Daly had a special manuscript copy prepared, illustrated with photographs and original water color sketches. This copy her Royal Highness was, in the language of the English papers, "graciously pleased to accept." This, of course, was very nice of her.

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, has announced his purpose of making a campaign of four months duration in the United States and Canada next fall. He wants the army to raise a fund of \$250,000 this year to celebrate his fiftieth year of Christian life, and proposes that an International jubilee congress be held in London next July. He will use the money, if he gets it, to further the work of the army.

A fresh story of a princess comes from Vienna. Crown Princess Stephanie and her little daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, were on a country excursion and stopped to buy some milk and fruit at a country inn. Suddenly they remembered that they had no money in their pockets and, on learning this, the prudent landlady refused to trust them, although the Princess Elizabeth assured her, with flashing eyes, that they were "honest people."

Marion Crawford's father set out in life as a wood carver and by a curious freak of fate he designed the handsome mantels in the house of his future father-in-law, Mr. Ward, in Bond street. Later in life, when he was a sculptor in Rome, he met Miss Louisa Ward, wooed her and soon married her. The novelist was born abroad. Considering the good English he writes it seems strange that he was not permitted to learn his native tongue until he had thoroughly acquired French.

The Breckinridges of Kentucky have been equally distinguished in the church and in politics. They have usually been uncompromising Presbyterians, and they held to the older branch of the church when the Cumberland schism stirred the whole Presbyterian body in the southwest. Kentucky presbyterianism has been of a peculiarly aggressive and energetic type, and there are several names among the list of Kentucky ministers that hold the highest place of honor in the church.

In his younger days Henry Labouchere, when attached to the British Embassy at Rome, received instructions to make inquiries about Florence or some distant place. He wrote for expenses, but they were not allowed. However, Mr. Labouchere started. Nothing was heard of him for weeks. Eventually, in reply to many despatches sent out to ask how he was getting on, a letter arrived. "As expenses are not allowed, Mr. Labouchere is obliged to walk. He expects to reach his destination by the end of the year."

The following story must certainly be about the Empress Frederick, who as a child was literally a princess among naughty little girls. A little English princess was once carried on board a yacht by a sailor who, as he sat her down, said "There you are, my little lady!" The child, who did not like being carried, shook herself and said "I'm not a little lady; I'm a princess." Her mother said quietly, "You had better tell the kind sailor that you are not a little lady yet, though you hope to be one some day."

Henry George is at some pains to guard himself from intrusion, and to economize his time. The newspapers are read for him by a member of his family, and callers who are not urgent for a personal interview meet by proxy. He is seen occasionally at one of the few clubs he belongs to, and he always surprises his friends by his knowledge of current events, and even of some sorts of gossip, such, for example, as that which forever floats up and down Newspaper row touching the doings and intentions of editors and publishers.

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