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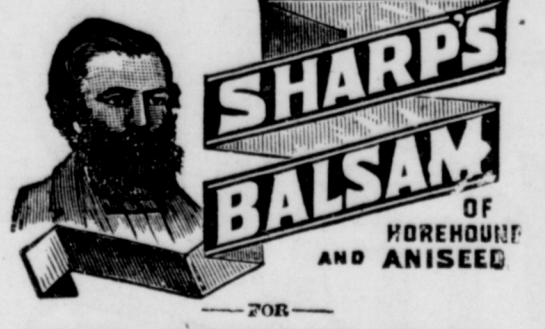
The Cunard line of steamers employs 10,000 men. The British have £100,000,000 invested in the United States railways. A chestnut tree 2,000 years old stands at the foot of Mount Etna. In appearance an uncut diamond somewhat resembles a piece of fine gum arabic. In proportion to its size the horse has a smaller stomach than any other quadruped. In France 67 per cent. of the people live on rye bread, only 33 per cent. on wheat bread. One hundred years ago the United States imports aggregated \$31,000,000; to-day, \$866,361,421. A single sponge has been found on the coast of Florida, with a circumference of five feet six inches. The Hoosac Tunnel, Mass., is the longest in the United States—length, 4 3/4 miles; cost, \$14,000,000. Egyptians use the same primitive kind of plough that their ancestors worked with two thousand years ago. The making of lucifer matches is a State monopoly in France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Roumania and Servia. More incandescent lights are supplied by one illuminating company in New York than are used in the whole city of London. A small mouth, according to a celebrated professor of physiognomy, shows great decision of character and not a little cowardice. The first iron ship was launched about sixty years ago; now the carrying power of the world's iron shipping exceeds 46,000,000 tons. The greatest depth recorded of Lake Michigan is 870 feet, or about one-sixth of a mile. The mean depth is about 325 feet, or one-sixteenth of a mile. The people upon the two continents of North and South America, without the Arctic regions, are less than 122,000,000 in number, or only eight to the square mile. Within the past century 443,000 patents have been issued in the United States, and seven-eighths of the business of this nation is done by the use of these inventions. Posters took their name from the fact that in former times the footways of London streets were separated from the drives by a line of posts on which advertisements were displayed. Peking, China, has an estimated population of 1,300,000 and 15,000 police. The signals of the police of Peking are made by yelling from station to station until the news reaches headquarters. The stations are within ear-shot of each other. The Matabele have a singular marriage custom. The husband does not buy his wife, who therefore remains the property of her father, and when children are born of the marriage, their own father has to buy them from their mother's father. Rattlesnake oil is believed to be a remedy for rheumatism. In Connecticut there are several persons who make a living as rattlesnake hunters. Armed with a long pole, which has a keen knife at the end, they bring it down on the reptile, and dexterously decapitate it. It is estimated that since the building of the famous Tower of Babel there have been 1,500 distant languages and 3,500 colloquial, or 5,000 different forms of speech. At the present time 600 of the primary languages are dead, leaving 900 spoken all over the earth, with 2,500 colloquials. The Bank of England note is not of the same thickness all through. The paper is thicker in the left-hand corner to enable it to take a better and sharper impression of the vignette there, and it is also considerably thicker in the dark shadows of the centre letters and under the figures at the ends. Counterfeit notes are invariably of one thickness. The depth to which the sun's rays penetrate water has been recently determined by the aid of photography. It has been found that at a depth of 553ft. the darkness was to all intents and purposes the same as that on a clear but moonless night. Sensitized plates exposed at this depth for a considerable length of time gave no evidence of light action. Gutta-percha is no longer obtained by cutting down the trees producing it—a most wasteful and unsatisfactory proceeding, but hitherto unavoidable. M. Rigole claims to have invented a process for extracting the material from leaves and prunings, so that in the case of the silk obtained primarily from mulberry leaves, the trees themselves will no longer be considered to be sacrificed. A plantation near Singapore is about to be worked on the new method. The largest lobster ever caught weighed twenty-three pounds. One of that weight was caught in September, 1885, by Mr. J. D. Barnes, zoologist of Central Park. Usually the lobster weighs from one to eight pounds, or nine pounds. Another lobster of the same weight (twenty-three pounds) and measuring more than three feet in length was caught in 1891 at Moose Point, near Belfast in, Maine. The largest lobster ever caught in Europe weighed twelve pounds. The German army now has trained war dogs. On the march each dog is led by his master, and is required to carry a large pack on his back. Dogs of a dark color are preferred because they are less visible to the enemy. The training is pursued on the general principle that the dog would be treated very cruelly by an enemy, so that the creature is taught to creep round the foe unnoticed and to give distinct warning of a hostile approach without bringing itself into notice. The owl is hated by all birds. Where one is discovered by other day-loving species they subject it to the direst persecutions. Owls could scarcely live as a day-loving bird under the present order of things. It would be driven from the earth; and supposing it took on gradually its thieving habits for a living, it has had to love darkness rather than light because of these evil deeds. At any rate, the naked fact seems to be that night-working creatures can generally see well in the daylight when they want to.

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The story is told on a short voyage the ship ran short of water, and at last the captain decided to put into Goree, on the west coast of Africa. As they neared the Cape Verd Islands, however, and got into what are known to sailors as the horse latitudes, the wind fell calm, and the vessel drifted idly on the water. As day after day passed with no signs of wind, the captain became impatient. The surface of the ocean was as smooth as a mirror, and as the long, heavy swells came from the regions of the trade winds, the vessel rolled and tossed about like a cork upon the water. The square sails were set, to prevent their being worn out in flapping against the mast. The stay-sails were all set and the sheets hauled taut, which eased her somewhat in her rolling. By this time the water had run so short that the captain felt obliged to adopt some plan to avoid all unnecessary drinking. Calling a youngster to his side, he said, "Boy, bring me a new tin dipper from the slop chest." He did so. Then the captain had all hands called aft. "Men," he said, "I have always dreaded to put my crew on short allowance, but the time has come when something must be done to save what little water we have left."

With that he took a piece of spun yarn from his pocket, and tied it to the handle of the dipper. Then turning to the boy, he said, "Take this to the masthead and tie it there. "Now," said he addressing the men, "you can have all the water you want to drink, but you must go to the top of the mast and get the dipper; and after drinking all you need, you must carry the dipper back and tie it to the mast again. Under no conditions will one of you pass the dipper to another. Every man must get the dipper for himself. In case of sickness I will send the boy aloft for the sick man. This rule will apply to all on board, myself included."

At first the matter was regarded as a joke on the captain's part, but as the day wore on, and each man made his trip aloft after the dipper, the novelty wore off. It was soon found, however, that the captain's plan of saving water was a pretty effectual one. The ship's scuttle butt, which had formerly been replenished from the casks every other day, now ran a week without re-filling. The ship was becalmed just sixty days. Then the trade wind set in, and she proceeded to Goree and refilled the casks. But the memory of the trips made aloft after that dipper, and the spirit in which Captain Higgins performed his part of the contract, left an impression on everyone's mind which remains to this day. Where the Color Came From. The color of the skin in the various races of man has never as yet been scientifically accounted for, although numerous mythological stories have been told and senseless theories advanced as reasons for the remarkable variations in hue. Nor have we any certain data concerning the color of the cuticle of the primate man, the original "lord of creation." A pretty African legend is that he was as black as the proverbial ace of spades and that the present pale color of the Caucasian race is the result of the scare God gave Adam at the time of the fall. It is proper to state here that the same legend says that the present black race are descendants of one of Adam's sons that was born and left Eden before the great change in color overtook our first parents. The Chinese believe that the original man was a creature half god and half man, and that his color came about as the result of bathing in a river of liquid gold. The Mussulmans, the American Indians and several Oriental tribes and nations account for their prevailing red or copper color by telling the story of the great being creating the first pair from red kaolin, the common fire clay of the potter shops. Like a Dandy on Horseback. When the German Emperor goes hunting he arranges himself in such gorgeousness that the game ought to be proud to fall before so magnificent a conqueror. His hunting costume was designed by himself, and he is said to be so much taken with it that he omits no opportunity of wearing it. It consists of a bluish grey tunic with a short cloak of the same material, both garments having green facings and broad epaulettes. The emperor has round his waist a broad belt of green leather from which he hangs a huge hunting knife, the handle mounted with the imperial crown of gold. He wears very high lacquered boots, gold spurs, and a Tyrolean hat of grey felt, edged with green and adorned with an enormous plume of feathers, which quivers at every step. Champion Postage Stamp Rank. A certain Don Juan Cardillas, in Monte Video, who has been collecting the blue postage-stamps of five centimes with the figure of General Santos, issued in Uruguay in 1883, for a long time, and had purchased about 100,000 of these stamps for the sum of 15,000 francs, lately called together all the members of the society of postage-stamp collectors, and asked them whether they knew of a means of making postage-stamps rare. On their replying that they knew of none, he struck a match and set on fire all the stamps he had collected, which he kept in a wire basket. How Very Thoughtful She Was. She had called at her husband's office and she told him that in case he got home first he would find the key where she had hidden it in the porch. He did get home first, and he found this notice in his wife's handwriting in a conspicuous place on the front door. "Dear Fred: I have hidden the key so that no one can find it but you. It is under the left lower corner of the door-mat. Asthma Sufferers. Who have in vain tried every other means of relief should try "Schiffmann's Asthma Cure." No waiting for results. Its action is immediate, direct and certain, as a single trial proves. Send to Dr. R. Schiffmann, St. Paul, Minn., for a free trial package, but ask your druggist first. The best jokes told about ourselves are those we never hear.

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Rudyard Kipling says he has by him a hundred new stories of India unpublished. M. Daudet is one of the few novelists who can lock their study doors and write for twenty-four consecutive hours. Mme. Schliemann is fulfilling the promise made to her late husband, and is personally superintending the excavations in Troy. Lord Tennyson is now very busy with his biography of his father, but the book will not be published before the autumn of next year. Now that Marshal McMahon is dead France has only one citizen who has been president, and that is Carnot the present occupant of the office. The Sultan of Turkey is a monomaniac on the subject of carriages. He has been steadily engaged in making a collection of such vehicles for the past twenty years, and now has nearly five hundred of all makes and kinds. Jules Verne is now sixty-six years old, has written sixty-six books, and sincerely hopes to finish out a round eighty before he lays down his pen. He said recently that the greatest regret of his life is that he has never taken any place in French literature. Mr. Ruskin does not like bicycles. "I do not only object," he says, "but I am prepared to spend all my best 'bad language' in reprobation of bi, tri, and four, five, or six or even seven cycles, and every other contrivance and invention for superseding human feet on God's ground. Prince Bismarck was once urged by an official of the Court to recommend his son for a diplomatic post. "He is a very remarkable fellow," said the proud father; "he speaks seven languages." "What a wonderful head water he would make," said Bismarck, who had not a very high opinion of linguistic acquisitions. A recent visitor to Samoa thus writes of her first meeting with Mr. R. L. Stevenson: "The day after we arrived we met a strange, tall, slight, white man, with long hair and dressed in a brown velvet coat, corduroy riding breeches, long boots, and a little white linen cap, riding a small and slender dun bay horse, with a long mane and tail. They made a picturesque pair. In the way of setting people at their ease Queen Victoria is known to be an adept. She greatly dislikes a visitor who is shy and colors or looks agitated when addressed. At the finish of the interview the Queen generally gives a small bow or offers her hand and then turns slightly to one side to save the very trying necessity of an entirely backward exit from her presence. The Czar is described as the largest eater among crowned heads, the Kaiser coming next. The latter is stated to have a mania for eating at extraordinary times, and, although dining copiously before going to the theatre, he generally insists on the dispatch from the imperial kitchens of a fully prepared supper, which he devours in one of the private rooms of the theatre between the acts. Guy de Maupassant's furniture has just been sold at Paris, and so great was the crowd of admirers of the popular novelist that the real buyers were unable to get into the salesroom at the hotel Drouot. The only article that was at all feverishly bid for was the white-handled razor with which he tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat, a stain on the handle giving it the value of a personal relic. The eight women colonels of the German army, who draw swords only semi-occasionally and their salaries regularly, are: The Empress of Germany; the Dowager Empress, wife of the late Frederick the Third; the Queen Frederick Charles of Prussia; the Princess Regent Sophia, and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands; the Duchess of Connaught; the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Edinburgh), sister of the Emperor of Russia; and Queen Victoria. Mr. Villiers is the oldest man in the British house of commons, being ninety-one, and looks on Mr. Gladstone as a perky sort of junior. The chief sign of age shown by Mr. Villiers is the bend in his figure. But in spite of ninety-one years, Mr. Villiers is by no means a recluse. Though he only attends the house of commons on grand occasions, he is a persistent club man, and delights in talking and hearing talk. He did the heavy quiet work of the anti-corn law movement, while the oratory and the agitation were undertaken by Bright and Cobden. The Marquis of Lorne has used to best advantage the infrequent opportunities hitherto afforded by the general mildness of the season for displaying the magnificent set of furs which are a memento of his Canadian governorship. Both the Marquis and the Princess Louise possess an enviable supply of warm fur clothing, although they cannot rival in this respect the magnificent Russian jacket belonging to the Princess of Wales. The Marquis of Lorne has been abroad on several occasions this winter engulfed in a vast fur-lined overcoat on days when most men were tempted rather to discard top-coats altogether. No member of the Hawarden household can for a moment compare with Mr. Gladstone in regularity and punctuality. Always in his library, his "Temple of Peace" by eight o'clock, he has, in his usual health, never been known since the year 1842 to fail to appear at church, three-quarters of a mile off, at half-past eight, for morning service. Nothing but illness has ever hindered him from regularly attending this service. This is only carrying out a principle which was exemplified in his earlier days by the daily prayers which he had with his two servants when a young man, he lodged in the Albany, in London. Professor Tyndall, though an Irishman, was a slow, deliberate speaker, with few of the graces of an orator; but his kindly earnestness always attracted and pleased his audience. The late professor once nearly fell a victim to his love of science. One day, during a visit to Freshwater with Sir John Lubbock's party, he was found missing. On search being made he was discovered "tree'd" on a cliff, whither he had climbed to obtain some fine geological specimens, and from which he could not descend without risk of breaking his neck. By the aid of a rope the unfortunate scientist was soon restored to his friends.

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