

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

There are 13,000 kinds of postage stamps.

About 95,000 Americans visit Europe every year.

The black diamond is so hard that it cannot be polished.

Emerald is now one of the rarest of precious stones.

The best opals are obtained from Hungary and Honduras.

Black, pink and golden pearls are more valuable than white.

Some mahogany trees in Honduras are worth from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

A girl is considered of marriageable age at 12 in Switzerland, Spain, Greece, Hungary and Portugal.

The Pullman cars are all named by one of Mr. Pullman's daughters.

Refuse hops, hitherto thrown away in breweries, are now converted into a good article of paper by a foreign chemist.

The carrying capacity of the cables between Australia and Europe is from 72,000 to 100,000 words a day.

The Czar receives no salary from the government, but has an income of something approaching two and a half millions sterling a year from his estates.

It is generally believed that coal was first discovered in America in the State of Illinois by the early French explorers some time between the years 1673 and 1680.

In China they tie a red cord around a baby's wrist so that it may grow up quiet and obedient.

The hottest place in the United States, according to the 1893 meteorological reports, is Bagdad, Ariz., where the mercury often stands as high as 140 in the shade for a week at a time.

The reason why red infuriates animals of the ox family is because red is the complementary color of green, and the eyes of cattle being long fixed on herbage while feeding, when they espy anything red it impresses their sight with greatly increased intensity.

The number of horses and mules possessed by the British army is about 27,000. Of these rather more than 12,000 are with the European troops in India, and the remainder at home, in Egypt, and at the Cape.

It is generally supposed that the Brooklyn bridge has the longest single span (1,565 feet) in the world, but there are several much longer, two in the bridge in the Firth of the Forth are each 1,700 in length and that over the Oxis has a span of 2,004 feet.

The secret codes used by the United States state department are the most carefully guarded of all the nation's secrets. One of them is called the "sphinx," it is so guarded. This was devised by a New Yorker, now in the state department, and is as susceptible to changes as the combination lock of a safe.

The phrase, "mad as a hatter," has no reference to that respectable artist who designs the crowning article of civilized male attire, but relates back to the Anglo-Saxon word "madder" (an adder or viper).

They began to have dressmakers' bills over 2,800 years before Christ. One of these bills, on a Chaldean tablet, has just been discovered.

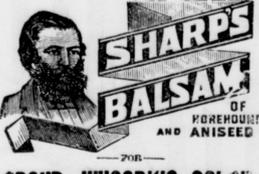
Venice owes the accumulation of great wealth to one of her natives named Joquin. It was in the year 1656 that he observed that the scales of a fish called the bleakfish possessed the property of giving a milky hue to water.

The real Blarney stone is situated at the northern angle of Blarney Castle, about twenty feet below the summit, and bears the inscription "Cormack MacCarthy fortis me fieri fecit, 1446."

As a matter of fact, thunder and lightning occur simultaneously; the interval observed between the phenomena being due to the fact that sound only travels at the rate of 1,100 feet per second, while the passage of light is almost instantaneous.

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MONEY IN OLD SERMONS.

Though it took some time for people to find out the fact. A few years ago, two Englishmen, who had left executors under the will of a friend, found a scrap of paper among his notes on which was written, "Seven Hundred Pounds in Till."

The singularity of the circumstance occasioned the executors frequently to converse about it, and at last they recollected that among the books sold was a folio edition of Tillotson's sermons.

Without hesitation the applicant paid the price that was asked, and on carefully examining the leaves was delighted to discover, singly dispersed in various places, bank-notes to the specified amount of seven hundred pounds!

No less remarkable than this is the fact that a gentleman in Cambridge, reading in the bookseller's catalogue of this edition to be sold, had written, desiring that it might be sent for his inspection, which was done; but the books not answering the gentleman's expectations, had been returned, and had remained in the bookseller's shop until the time of this remarkable discovery.

A Camel in Granite. One of the most curious rock formations in the world is to be seen in Arizona. It is a short distance east of the stage road between Tucson and Oracle, and stands on a knoll several feet above the surrounding sand hills.

The Electric Headlight Works Well. The electric headlight is now used on many railroads, and W. B. Sparks, who is interested in a Southern road, says that his company has found it a very profitable investment.

Meaning of Perspiration. As a rule, the surface of the skin does not appear moist to the eye, but moisture is always being given off in the form of what is called "insensible" perspiration.

Diagnosed the Damage. A story is told of two Irishmen who were caught asleep one night in the loft of a burning building.

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Mrs. Childs, widow of the late George W. Childs, will probably make her home in New York.

"I have lost my last old friend," were Mrs. Grant's words on hearing of George W. Child's death.

John Jacob Astor's new 90-foot yacht will be propelled by electricity, and will mark an era in boat-building.

Giovanni P. Morisini, the late Jay Gould's partner, although a millionaire, neither drinks nor smokes and lives as regular a life as a busy man consistently can do.

President Cleveland drinks his breakfast coffee from a cup that is worth \$100. The china set of which it is a part was made to order for the White House at a cost of \$5,000.

Mme. Schliemann is fulfilling the promise made to her late husband, and is now personally superintending the work of excavations at Troy, for which his name is so famous.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward's new book will be published in England and America early in April. It is the history of a woman whose name it bears and deals with the social problems of modern life.

Queen Natalie of Servia has received a large addition to her private fortune through a bequest from her aunt, the Princess Yekaterina Nicolaievna Murisi.

For the delectation of the Prince of Wales the Duke of Teck keeps a special brand of imperial Russian cigars, which are very large and very strong.

Mme. Carnot is one of the most popular women in France. She has made a success of the once-dreaded balls at the Elysee Palace.

Professor Garner is by no means a pioneer in the investigation of the Simian language. Lady Burton records in her husband's biography that the late Sir Richard had forty monkeys which sat down daily with him at dinner.

The late Sir Andrew Clark, when accused of "abusing his eyes" by writing hard during the railway journey from London to Holyhead, said: "I am using my eyes not abusing them."

One of the most notable of Salvation Army workers in America is Miss Van Norden, daughter of Mr. Warden Van Norden, the broker, banker, and millionaire, of New York.

The "Grand Old Man" of the French Chamber of Deputies is M. Pierre Blanc. At eighty-seven he is still hale and vigorous, with a great capacity for work.

The habits of the Queen are very simple and regular. Years ago it was customary for her to rise at seven in the summer and eight in the winter; now she generally stays in bed until nine, having cocoa and toast before getting up.

Prince Esterhazy, who died recently at his palace in Vienna, in his 77th year, was the head of the great Hungarian family of Esterhazy von Galantha, and he owned enormous estates in Hungary and Austria.

Lord Charles Russell, who was eighty-seven the other day, is one of the very few men still living—and the number has been diminished by Sir Harry Verney's death—who sat in the House of Commons when it assembled in the old St. Stephen's Chapel, destroyed in the fire of 1834.

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