

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

It is said that 32,000 varieties of goods are manufactured from wool.

The diamond in a sufficient heat will burn like a piece of charcoal.

Every gem known in the lapidary has been found in the United States.

The island of Ceylon is the most remarkable gem deposit in the world.

Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag on June 14, 1777.

Four thousand million postage stamps were issued by the United States in 1893.

The tomato is a native of South America, and takes its name from a Spanish word.

The leaves of a tree in Dutch Guiana are so rough that they are used as sand-paper.

It is said that people eat 20 per cent. more bread when the weather is cold than when it is mild.

The wedding ring is worn on the left hand because, in symbolism, the right hand is authority, the left obedience.

The marriage statistics of every country show that widowers are more prone to marry maidens than to take widows.

There are fifty-two canals in the United States having a total length of 4,468 miles. China alone exceeds America in its canal mileage.

Parsley is entirely effectual in removing the odor of onions after a meal. The green sprigs should be eaten as celery is with the onions.

The felt inside a piano often suffers from moths. To prevent their ravages put a lump of camphor in the piano during the summer months.

In France, large quantities of charcoal are made from sawwood. Twenty tons of fresh, or four tons of dry sawed produce one ton of charcoal.

The peach was at one time a poisonous almond. Its fruit parts were used to poison arrows, and for that purpose it was introduced into Persia.

United States postal cards were first issued May 1, 1873. The first year's sales were 91,079,000, while last year over five hundred millions were sold.

The shark is the swimmer of the fish tribe over long distances, and finds no difficulty in keeping up with the swiftest vessel swimming and playing round them, and even on the lookout for morsels, small or large.

The violet is the most expensive of all flower perfumes, and the smallness of the flower, but it furnishes the most exquisite fragrance, and is justly sought for with avidity. Large farms are devoted to its cultivation at Nice and Florence.

A lake of boiling mud two miles in circumference exists in the island of Java, near Solo. Masses of soft mud continually rise and fall, and huge mud bubbles explode like balloons, with reports like guns, at the rate of three a minute.

The smallest book in the world is said to be a New Testament. It was printed with type of very small size, which could be used but once, as it was found to be impossible to distribute them after the impression had been printed. The page is an inch long by three-quarters of an inch thick.

On an island off the Mosquito Coast, Nicaragua, Central America, there is a species of ape very closely resembling the African gorilla, both in size and in its sunny disposition. How it came there is only a matter of conjecture—for it departs unduly from the characteristics of the American monkey tribe.

Twenty-eight miles of sweat-glands in our skins are discharging 26oz. of water per day, and leaving upon the outer surface of the skin a full ounce of solid matter. These are aided by the oil-glands of the hair, which facilitate the adherence of external dirt. Hence the refreshing qualities of the morning tub, and hence the necessity for grease absorbing alkalies in soap.

The phrase "A hair of the dog that bit you," though now confined to a symbolic and alcoholic interpretation, has an accurately canine origin. In the Caucasus it is still common for any one who is bitten by a dog to lay a handful of hair taken from the same animal's coat upon the wound before cauterizing and bandaging it. In some mystic way the hair is supposed to prevent untoward consequences.

Experiments made by scientists show that the resistance of the atmosphere to the motion of a high-speed train often amounts to half the total resistance which the locomotive must overcome. Two engines, of which the resistance was measured repeatedly and found to be nineteen pounds per ton at thirty-seven miles per hour, were coupled together and again tried. In the second trial the resistance fell to fourteen pounds per ton, the second engine being shielded from atmospheric resistance by the first.

With moderate care and good usage a horse's life may be prolonged to twenty-five, thirty-five or forty years. An English gentleman had three horses which died in his possession at the ages of 35, 37 and 39 years respectively. The oldest was in a carriage the very day he died, strong and vigorous, but was carried off by a spasmodic colic, to which he was subject. A horse in use at a riding school in Wollville lived to be forty years old, and barge horse of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation Company is declared to have been in his 62nd year when he died.

Among the Anglo-Saxons every portion of the human body had a recognized monetary value, and anyone injuring the person of another had to pay his victim the legal price of the damage done. The parts of the face were more highly valued than those of the other portions of the body, showing how much importance was attached by our Saxon ancestors to their personal appearance. If a man in those days knocked out one of the front teeth of his neighbor, he had to pay him 6s. as compensation, but if he destroyed his beard he had to hand over no less than 20s. He might, however, break his countryman's thighbone for 12s. and his ribs for 3s. apiece. He was allowed, of course, to smash up the members of an outlaw or of an enemy of his country gratis.

Scrofula

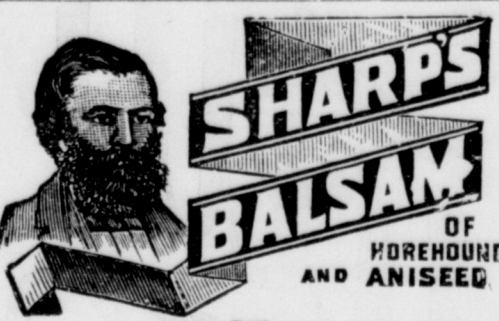
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THE CAT CAME IN.

Is it the Reincarnation of the Old Musician, Who Didn't Come Back.

"Hants? Why of course I believe in them," said Wes Hearn to a group of congenial Bohemians crowded around the lunch counter about midnight. There's a hant now," and he pointed to a big black cat which stealthily made its way in the door and under a table, out of the shadow of which his eyes glowed red and green. "That cat is a hant and a mascot all in one."

"One stormy night about four years ago he came in here, and he's never been away since. There used to be an old musician who visited us steady for years. He used to come in hollow-eyed and haggard. He never said a word, but laid down his money, got his brace—Old Tom gin—always the same, and went on his way. The time the cat came in the night man noticed that the old musician hadn't appeared. It was a stormy night too, just about this time. The wind howled and moaned and the lightning flashed in red ribbons, while the thunder cracked like the guns of battle and reverberated in a boom that made all the dishes in the house rattle. It was a bad night, too dismal by far for people to be out in. Everybody was sitting around the stove talking. Just as the clock was striking 12, Mr. Frazee expressed wonder that the old man—meaning the musician—hadn't come in. At that moment the big black cat came in and took his place by the stove, and never uttered a meow, and he's never been away since, and more than that, he never sleeps. If that cat should go to sleep I believe the house would fall down. Once in a while he gets a little bit sick, and then everything goes wrong."

"But the strange part of the story is that the old musician never came back. Two days later he was pulled out of the river, dead. He must have jumped in the same night that cat came. I believe the spirit of that old man is in that cat. What makes me believe so is that as soon as a band passes that door, playing, that cat makes for the river as fast as he can tear. He goes away the moment any music is heard, and he doesn't tarry when he starts. What he goes to the river for I don't know. Perhaps it was music that drove the old man crazy. I've heard some music that would drive anybody so."

Hot Potatoes in London.

Among the coldest of cold places on a Winter's night are the streets of London. Naturally, anything warm is welcomed with great cordiality by Winter-evening wayfarers. Roast chestnuts and hot pies stand high in public favor, and the cry of "Baked taters, all hot," has a peculiarly inviting sound, while the warm, friendly steam of the can seems to invite all to draw near and share its delicious contents.

The simplest form of a potato-can—which is really more like a box than a can—is the plain, unpainted tin one, not unlike that used by the street pie-man. The central portion of it is devoted to keeping the potatoes hot, while the compartment on one side is allotted to salt, and one on the other side to butter. There is usually a pepper-box of good dimensions standing on the top of the can. A small valve lets out the steam, and at the same time acts as a guide to the traveler in search of a hot potato.

Street corners where an omnibus stops, or near places of amusement, are favorite spots for the vendors of this delicacy. Their season lasts from the latter part of September till about the end of March. It is said that three hundred people gain their livelihood in this way in the streets; and one thing is certain—they have mastered the art of roasting potatoes.

"If any one wishes to taste a roast potato in perfection," says a traveler, "let him eat it fresh from a steaming can, with salt and pepper, on a frosty night, and he will confess that he never ate anything better."

Have Changed With the Years.

The hours of dining and the time of retiring at night have, it would appear, been undergoing a constant change in England, as well as in other countries, in the course of the last few hundred years. The fashions of Edward IV.'s court rose with the lark, dispatched their dinner at 11 o'clock and shortly after 8 were wrapped in slumber. In the Northumberland House Book of 1512 it is set forth that the family rose at 6 in the morning, breakfasted at 7, dined at 10 and supped at 4 in the afternoon. The gates were all shut at 9 and no further ingress or egress permitted. In 1570 at the University of Oxford it was usual to dine at 11 o'clock and sup at 5 in the afternoon. The dinner hour, which was once so early as 10 o'clock, has gradually got later and later, until now it would be thought the excess of vulgarity in the fashionable world to sit down to table earlier than 6.30 o'clock, while others extend it to 9 or 10.

The Dimple Making Machine.

The woman who must have dimples or die has only to invest in the dimple-producing machine, which an English paper says has been invented by a woman with an eye for beauty and with a speculative turn of mind. She, of all others, ought to be rewarded with one or more of these fetching marks of beauty, providing she can endure the torture of her own device, which is a kind of mask arranged with screws and wooden points that press upon the cheek or chin where the dimples ought to be. This is worn at night, but just how long it must be applied to produce the desired impression is not said.

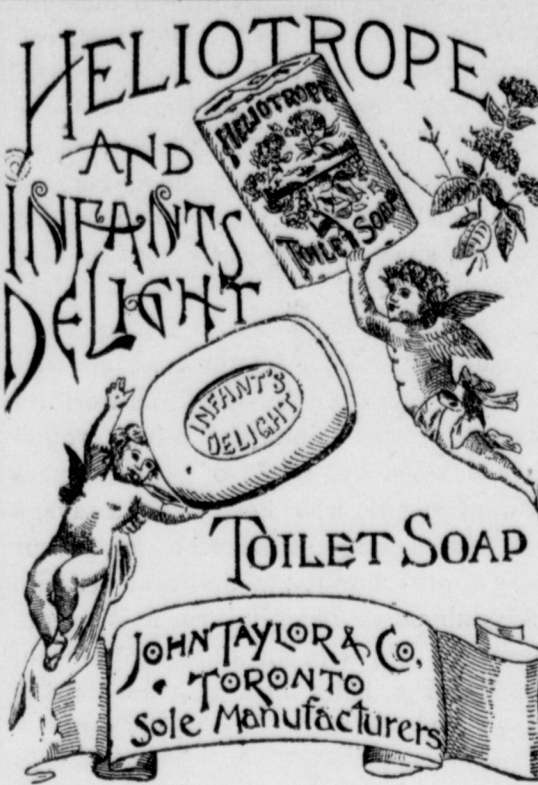
Themes for the Poets.

Will Carleton, the poet, has been analyzing last year's poetry crop in the States. The number of poems published, he says, amounted to 2,888,954. The following classification of subjects is amusing: Spring, 254,321; Despair, 99,371; Discontent, 10,864; Hope, 864; My Soul and I, 121,321; Your Soul and You, 8; Your Duty, 354; My Duty, 1.

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Queens favourite wall-paper has a bright blue ground sprinkled with white stars.

Emperor William does not care much for current literature, but he's an enthusiast about army reviews and magazine guns.

Col. Ingersoll has gone on a brief lecture tour south of the Potomac for the first time in his life, and there is some curiosity to see how the southern people will take to him.