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### Tantalum For Pen Nibs

The Germans utilize tantalum in the manufacture of pens. A difficulty in the case of steel pens is that they oxidize easily, the ink sticking to them. This fault is not to be found in the case of gold pens; but, on the other hand, these are too flexible to be entirely satisfactory. Moreover, in order to form a point suitable for writing purposes, the material of that part of the pen must be mixed with some hard metal like iridium, an operation that is at once expensive and complicated. This German pen is of tantalum and comes to the manufacturer in the form of a black powder. The pen that is made from this is reported to possess the tenacity of steel and the flexibility of gold.

### American Sponge Fisheries

While sponge fishing in the Americas is rather a modern industry, it produces more than two-thirds of the world's supply in weight. The fisheries of the Mediterranean now produce about one-half of the world's supply in value. Sponge fishing is believed to be most highly developed at Tarpon Springs, Florida, and Sabana, Cuba. As early as 1822 the inhabitants of Key West, Florida, learned from specimens thrown up on the beaches of the presence of several species of useful sponges. For some time they were limited to domestic use among the inhabitants, but not until 1849 was a cargo sent to New York.

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### PECULIAR NAMES

In the Somerset House Registers is evidence that Mineral Waters, Frosty Winter and Alfred Day Weeks once walked on English soil. A father in Hampshire County of the United States named his sons Primus, Secundus, Tertius and Quartus, but it was a Canadian, one Cumber, that was named Quintus, and newspapers in good faith often printed his name Q. Cumber.

There are fathers who, at their wife's end, give the name of a place to a child. Was Boston the real name or the nickname of the man that shot Lincoln's assassin? Was not Rudyard Kipling named after a place? Andrew Lang is one of his books mentions the children of a courier, who named them after places where he happened to be when he heard of their births. The names were St. Petersburg, Naples, Kattegat and Skagerrak (twins), and the only daughter was named Vienna.

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### NATIVES WALK ON STILTS

Means of Locomotion Used in South of France

In Landes, beyond Bayonne, in the south of France, men live on stilts. They shoot wild duck, snipe and woodcock on stilts and guard the big flocks of sheep. On stilts they trim the mulberry trees and tap the pines for a superior quality of turpentine. Boys and girls play tag on stilts, and in the evening loving couples stroll arm in arm on stilts.

Stilts are used because it is a scrub-wood land, as flat and boundless as the ocean. The wilderness of sandy soil, scrubwood and bushes, interspersed with pine forests, stretches on every hand, sparsely inhabited, without roads. Without stilts no one goes far from the house or well known home surroundings. Without stilts walking is difficult, the face is cut and scratched and all sense of direction is abolished.

The inhabitants have always walked on stilts to find their way. Walk twelve feet high and you dominate an ocean of greenery which seems to be at your feet. The shepherds can look down and watch their sheep at ease. Strayed lambs are followed up. The dogs themselves look up to the master for an indication.

From this land, where children are almost born on stilts, come forth these couples, trios or quartets of stilt dancers whose astonishing tricks amuse the cities and little watering places of the Basque country, the Pyrenees and the entire south of France. They can take up a good collection even among the poor villagers, who are familiar with the stilt dancing and therefore competent judges of its adepts. The musical accompaniment is generally an elderly man, beating a drum and playing a mouth organ fixed on iron brackets from his shoulders. Behind him stalk gravely a boy and girl, and sometimes a wiry mamma.

Standing a clear fifteen or twenty feet high, the stilts strapped to their ankles and knees—where they end—their hands and arms are free, and they use them effectively during the dance performance in theatrical gesticulations of exaggerated grace.

### GREAT PEAK DISAPPEARED

Oregon Once Had an Extremely High Mountain

The highest mountain in Oregon is Mount Hood, 11,225 feet above sea level. Compared with Mount Whitney, to the south in California, and Mount Rainier, to the north in Washington, each rising well above 14,000 feet, Mount Hood does not appear as a skyscraper. However, according to the geologists of the United States geological survey and other authorities, Oregon had at one time, probably before the dawn of life upon the earth, a great volcano which towered as far above Mount Hood as does Mount Rainier, possibly even several thousand feet higher.

This was the great Mount Mazama. But thousands of years ago this mountain disappeared into the bowels of the earth and all that is left to-day is the huge rim around Crater Lake. Crater Lake is the caldera of this extinct and collapsed volcano and is nearly six miles in diameter. The inside walls of the rim of the ancient mountain are in places nearly 4,000 feet high and almost perpendicular. The lake itself is in places 2,000 feet deep, and parts of the wall rise above its waters another 2,000 feet.

A restoration of the mountain in fancy, using as a basis the angles of the lower slopes, which still remain, shows that the apex could not have been far from 15,000 feet in height, so that Mount Mazama was one of the most lofty and majestic peaks in the United States.

### Pearls in Britain

There was a day when Britain was famous for its pearls. A breastplate studded with them was dedicated to Venus by Caesar. As early as 1355, too, Scotch pearls were well known in Paris, and in the reign of Charles II, the Scotch pearl trade was flourishing. Even as late as 1865 Scotland produced pearls to the value of \$60,000. A Welsh pearl, presented to Charles II's Queen, found a place in the British crown. All these stones came from rivers, the oyster not being the only secretor of pearls.

### Sold by Auction

According to ancient custom, the market tolls at Chard, Somerset, were let by auction, the last bid before the sand in an hour glass ran down being accepted.

## DEATH ROLL FOR YEAR

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1	Mrs. Katie Britton	53
4	Frederick Fradsham	71
5	George T. Taylor	74
10	McDonald	1 day
10	Mrs. Lillian McDonnell	2)
11	Mrs. Catherine Foster	()
13	Mrs. Anna May Fairley	27
15	George A. Hoben	10 mos.
21	Michael O'Leary	89
23	William Young	60
24	Mrs. Anne Burnett	72
26	James McQueen	6 weeks
29	James Brown	80

### MAY

2	Marion E. Crawford	7 mos.
3	Mrs. Edith G. Chappell	24
5	Barbara R. Palmer	6 mos.
10	Malcolm Ross	77
16	James Steadman	95
18	Mrs. Harriet A. Weston	82
19	Phillip D. McKenzie	62
24	Edwin T. Wandless	2 days
24	Mrs. Mary Jane Bolster	38
4	Sadie Toner	—
30	Annie Rutter	63

### JUNE

2	Joshua McDonald	8
7	Alice H. Fleming	4 days
10	Robert H. Smith	3
11	Mrs. Caroline Smith	65
17	Sterling Briggs	9 mos.
21	Charles Yerxa	79

### JULY

18	Charles J. Coburn	71
19	G. Percy Gregory	33
19	John Footer	75
20	John Dow Beatty	28
23	Terrence Foster	68
27	Nikolas Arkagleake	19

### AUGUST

1	Mrs. Matilda Johnston	81
8	Tilley	1 day
16	John McDonald	—
17	Erland Theriault	18 mos.
23	Annie M. Wilson	38
30	Walter R. Clarke	6 mos.

### SEPTEMBER

2	T. Alfred Everett	72
3	Clinton Kitchen	22
10	Arthur Leo Gordon	13
12	Mrs. Mary Anna Bell	74
18	Everett Peters	79
20	John Lyons	65

### OCTOBER

1	Mrs. Annie E. Blackmer	66
10	Sadie Victoria Parsons	9 days
12	Jessie Elaine Allen	10
20	Mrs. Rachel Matthews	63
31	Mrs. Teresa Ashton	30

### NOVEMBER

4	Mrs. Marjorie McLaughlin	78
6	J. Wesley McLaughlin	80
7	Wm. H. Murdock	16 mos.
8	Mrs. Barbara Hughes	55
12	Mrs. Rebecca Graham	73
12	Mrs. Catherine Goodine	68
12	Martin Allen	37
16	Mrs. Susie Delong	28
18	Joseph E. Hanlon	58
21	Henry A. Williams	58
22	Queenie Eatman	12
22	Eber Stone	82
26	Patrick McClay	55
26	Mrs. Elizabeth Jarvis	82
28	Paul Joseph Doran	7 mos.
28	Mrs. Jane Brown	70
29	Mrs. Edith Higgins	24
29	W. Turney Whitehead	61

### DECEMBER

1	Mrs. Ella Hanlon	61
3	Patrick Burns	76
4	Sarah Jarvis	—
7	Kenneth McL. Green	72
8	Bertha Bonnell	70
8	Mrs. Charlotte Sharpe	72
9	Thomas J. Nickleous	5 weeks
14	Edward T. Fenety	3
14	Edward G. King	4 mos.
21	Joseph Patterson	67
22	Frederick G. Bishop	4 mos.
23	Ralph G. Haining	3
29	Mrs. Sarah Jane Howie	71

### LESSONS FROM FIRES

The National Fire Prevention Association in a report on fire losses, drew attention to the following points:—

Shingled roofs are a constant menace and should be abolished.

Unprotected steel construction has proved itself many times to be far inferior to average timber construction. Unless well protected in suitable manner to withstand the attack of fire, this type of construction invites disaster.

In every building two or more stairways, remotely located with respect to each other and enclosed in fireproof shafts, are essential for the escape of the occupants, as well as for the work of the fire department.

Elevators should be enclosed in brick or reinforced concrete shaft, walls to pierce all floors and extend at least three feet above roof. Approved automatic fire doors to be installed on one side of wall at all doorways to building.

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### Water Consumers

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City Hall December 17th A. D.

G. R. PERKINS

City Treasurer

### Births, Deaths, and Marriages York County

Physicians, Clergymen and others required by law to make returns of Births, Deaths and Marriages for York, are requested to send same in before the first day of January next, to the Division Registrars Office, Fredericton, 10th Dec. A. D. 1913.

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