

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

The gold coins of Great Britain contain one-twelfth alloy.

The United States contain 194,000 square miles of coal fields.

The woman physician to the Queen of Corea gets over \$15,000 a year.

Condors have been killed in Peru with wings forty feet wide from tip to tip.

There are said to be 13,000 different kinds of postage stamps in the world.

Fansy leaves spread among furs and woollen articles will protect them from moths.

The kangaroo readily leaps from sixty to seventy feet. The longest recorded leap of a horse is thirty-seven feet.

The care of the forests in Germany supports 200,000 families, and involves an annual expenditure of £10,000,000.

Coaches were first used in England in 1580. An act was passed to prevent men from riding in coaches, as effeminate, 1601.

Quoits as a game is said to have originated with the Greeks, and to have been first played at the Olympic games 1453 B. C.

Among the recent inventions, it is said, is a cradle which works by clockwork mechanism and at the same time plays baby tunes.

To remove glass stoppers, a cloth is wet with hot water and applied to the neck. This will cause the glass to expand and the stopper may be removed, in a vial the warmth of the finger may be sufficient.

The consumption of tea in England during 1892 reached the highest point ever touched since its use has been generally diffused among the masses, the total quantity used being considerably more than 207,000,000 lbs.

The key of the Bastille, a cross handled arrangement seven inches long, of wrought-iron, is in a glass case at Mount Vernon, Washington's home. Lafayette sent it to Washington shortly after the fall of the Bastille, July 14, 1789.

The flags to be hoisted at one time in signalling at sea never exceed four. It is an interesting arithmetical fact that with eighteen variously colored flags, and never more than four at a time, no fewer than 78,642 signals can be given.

At the average rate of breathing, a man takes about fourteen pints of air per minute, and about 21 per cent. of this air consists of oxygen. Consequently, about three pints of oxygen per minute seem to be required in order to sustain life.

As a general rule, for the hatching of chickens 21 days are required; for partridges, 24 days; for the pheasants, 25 days; for Guinea hens, 25 days; for common ducks, 28 days; for pea fowls, 28 days; for Barbary ducks, 30 days; and for geese, 30 days.

There are 6,000 different kinds of intoxicants known, the greater number of which are unknown to the average drinker. Allowing a man to get loaded once a week on a different tippie, the contract of sampling each variety would require his attention for 115 years.

Scientists say that if the bed of the Pacific ocean could be seen it would disclose to view several mountains with truncated tops scattered over it. These mountains would be perfectly bare at their base, and all around their tops they would be covered with beautiful vegetation of coral polyp.

The smallest of the ten governments, or provinces of Southern Russia is more than twice the size of Wales, while the largest is little less in area than Scotland. The total area of the ten governments exceeds that of France or Spain, while the population is greater than that of Spain by about 4,000,000.

The belief that it is unlucky to marry in May arose out of a superstition held by the Roman pagans, by whom it was handed down to the early Christians, and had remained in full vigor till the present day. This superstition was referred to by Ovid when he said that the common people profess it to be unlucky to marry in the month of May.

The general impression about wrinkles is that they are caused by worry, but the truth is most of them come from laughing. To know how to laugh is just as important as to know when to do it. If you laugh with the side of your face, the skin will work loose in time, and wrinkles will work in exact accordance with the kind of laugh you have.

The phrase, "A hair from 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 anyone 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.

Kleptomania, according to a medical man, is not so rare a disorder of the nervous system as is naturally supposed. It is common enough. One of the best evidences of the disease is the brightness of color of the things stolen. A kleptomaniac seldom, if ever, steals money. Nothing excites the cupid of a diseased mind so much as color, and as a rule, it will be found that the goods taken by kleptomaniacs are bright or colored to a high degree.

The expression "without benefit of clergy" does not mean, as many persons imagine, that the person condemned to death "without benefit of clergy" was not allowed to see a clergyman before his execution. Benefit of clergy was a grace allowed in England to a person convicted of crime; on pleading it, and proving that he was a cleric, clerk or clergyman, by reading a verse from the Latin Bible, he was pardoned. The grace dated from 1164 and was abolished finally in 1827. It is said to have been due to a compromise between the church and the State. The church demanded that all clerics accused of crime should be tried by the ecclesiastical courts, the State that they should be tried by civil courts. Finally the church yielded so far, that upon a cleric's reading a verse in the Bible he was deemed to be a cleric, and was either pardoned or punished for a less offense than that of which he had been found guilty.



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Slice ham or tongue to almost paper thinness, and lay between buttered bread. Roast beef, ham and chicken should be chopped fine and seasoned before spreading, and a delicious variety is made by using thin slices of Hamburg loaf.

In making cheese sandwiches or sandwiches of smoked fish or sardines, use if possible bread made from some form of the entire wheat flour. This will cut smoothly "without" spread with sauce, Tartare, and then with the cheese or sardine.

To make egg sandwiches, boil fresh eggs five minutes, plunge them into cold water and leave until cold; this will prevent any discoloration of the yolks which sometimes develops if left to cool otherwise.

To chop the egg, use a knife and plate, season with salt, pepper and a little mustard and serve on the buttered bread.

For matuturnum or lettuce sandwiches the flower or vegetable should be very fresh and crisp. Spread the bread with mayonnaise dressing instead of butter, and add finely torn lettuce leaves or a stem of nasturtium with leaves and flower just before serving.

The "premium sandwich" is made as follows: Break a fresh egg in a bowl and beat thoroughly, add one and one-half cups of a tablespoonful of salt, and a tablespoonful of butter.

Beat well and add lightly one and one-half cups of sifted flour mixed with one and one-half teaspoons of baking powder. Bake in roll-shaped gem pans.

When cool cut lengthwise with a sharp knife, spread with butter and cover with finely chopped roast beef and cover with finely chopped roast beef and cover with finely chopped roast beef.

Spread thinly with butter and cover with finely chopped roast beef and cover with finely chopped roast beef.

Salted. The mutton must not be overdone, but a trifle rare. As they are cut lay the two parts of each muffin next each other so that they may fit snugly together. —[N. Y. Paper.]

Length of Time for Sea Bath.

It is not wise to allow children to remain in the water over five minutes, and they should be at once taken to the bath-house, and not permitted to play in their wet bathing clothes on the beach, writes Dr. W. M. Fowler in the Ladies Home Journal.

Before entering the water always wet the head, and if the sun is very hot the head should be protected by a light straw bathing hat. If children are afraid of the water they should not be forced. The proper way is to get them gradually accustomed to it; have them dressed in their bathing clothes and let them play on the beach, when they will, of their own accord, go to the water's edge and gradually find their way in. Many children do not dread the water at all, and they may do much in allaying the fears of the more timid. Three or four sea baths a week are quite sufficient for even the most nervous child.

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then allowing him to resume his play in a warm spot. There is no advantage derived from taking an infant into the sea, and the practice which is frequently seen upon our beach of taking babies of only a few months old, screaming with terror, and dipping them time after time under the waves seems almost inhuman. It is neither necessary nor practicable to take children under two years of age in the surf; for these the heated salt water bath is an excellent substitute.

The temperature of the water of this bath should be between 75 and 85 degrees F., and should be followed, after the surf bath, by a thorough and vigorous rubbing with a coarse towel, especially in the region of the spine.

Sent Her His Heart.

A curious story is related of Herr Carl Brandt, the editor of the leading of the Belleville "Zeitung und Stern," the leading German paper in Southern Illinois, who recently died. In his will he bequeathed his heart to his wife in Germany, and directed that it be removed and sent to her.

Brandt was married in the Fatherland when a young man, but became estranged from his wife and went to America. He often said that, although separated from his wife, his heart was still true to her, and that he would return it to her after death.

The deceased had made a deposit with a Cincinnati bank to cover the expenses. As soon as notified of his friend's death, the Cincinnati bank telegraphed instructions and money for the removal of his friend's heart. The heart is now in process of preservation, and will shortly be shipped to the white-haired widow in Germany.

Differ in Height and Depth.

Appropos of lawyers abusing experts in the witness box in murder trials, the case is recalled where the lawyer looked quizzically at the doctor who was testifying, and said—

"Doctors sometimes make mistakes, don't they?"

"The same as lawyers," was the reply.

"But doctors' mistakes are buried six feet underground," said the lawyer.

"Yes," said the doctor, "and lawyers' mistakes sometimes swing six feet in the air."

And He Was Right.

Teacher (to new pupil)—What is your last name, my little man?

New Pupil—Tommy.

"What is your full name?"

"Tommy Tompkins."

"Then Tompkins is your last name?"

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MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Prince of Wales has seventeen brothers-in-law, sixteen uncles, sixty-seven cousins, and fifty-seven nephews.

The Empress of Austria, when she travels incognito, uses indifferently the three following names: "Mme. de Tola," "Mme. Nicholson," and "Miss Simpson."

Princess Louise, in the studies that have resulted in the production of the Queen's statue at Kensington, had the assistance of Miss Henrietta Montalba, a talented Canadian woman.

Lady Carlisle is training an entire staff of women gardeners, who, she hopes, will keep the grounds of her Yorkshire home in as perfect a condition as their male predecessors have done.

Ouida has uttered another plea in defence of her favorite—animals. It is called "The New Priethood," and is a protest against cruelty to animals, and especially against vivisection.

Mrs. George William Curtis has established a free scholarship fund in memory of her husband in the Staten Island Academy. It is the proceeds of the edition of "Prue and I," published last Christmas.

A curious hobby is that exhibited by the Princess Marie of Roumania, which takes the direction of collecting scent-bottles. She inherits this fancy from her grandmother, the late Empress of Russia, who left a collection of these pretty toys worth £4,000.

The Shah of Persia's favorite wife is named Anizeh Doulet. She was a woman of lowly origin but bright, intelligent and courageous. She has never tried to meddle with politics, but has made it her one object in life to please and attract her royal husband. Her income is \$60,000 a year.

Miss Edith Carrington has written a book called "Workers Without Wage," dealing with all kinds of animals, including the earwig. She has been asked by the English Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to write another book, which the society will publish officially.

Walter Besant, who has just crossed the ocean, and therefore ought to be an authority on the subject, says: "Next time, dear madam, that you see a seagull place a piece of ice in your mouth, and keep it there. When it is gone take another piece. After that lie down and go to sleep in peace."

Mrs. Arthur Stannard has resumed the editorship of Winter's Weekly, which was founded by her nearly three years ago. Another well-known English woman editor is the Countess of Aberdeen, who, with her daughter, Lady Marjorie Gordon, edits the child's paper, Wee Willie Winkie.

In his house at Amiens, Jules Verne, the author of "Round the World in Eighty Days," has a map on which is traced the course taken by his hero, Phineas Fogg, in traversing the globe. It was in looking at this map one day that the idea of the book first occurred to Jules Verne, and he is always careful to show it to any of his visitors.

Henrik Ibsen is thus described: He is a little man, sunk deep in a fur overcoat, with a quizzical face between the sides of the broad collar, and a sharp manner of speaking. He is one of the few whose conversation comes up to the expectations of his readers. He is ready to pour out a flood of talk upon the subjects of which he has treated.

A droll little story is told of Mr. W. S. Gilbert. He put up his horse one day at a small country inn, on the signboard of which was painted conspicuously the notice "Entertainment for man and beast."

When his lunch was brought he looked dissatisfied, and surprised the waiter by saying, "This is all very well so far, but where is the entertainment for the man?"

The Queen of Denmark is, after Queen Victoria, the most remarkable of European queens. Though she is nearly eighty, she still retains much of her youthful appearance and vigour. All her children are living, and every one of them has proved a credit to her. Her favourite child is the King of Greece, but her special affection for him, it is said, in no way lessens her fondness for the others.

The wealthy Russian Oil Kings, the Nobel Brothers, who have driven American oil out of Eastern Europe, have no lack of crude petroleum, for the firm itself is said to own fifty oil wells near Baku, and several are plugged down, not being wanted of present. One of these monster wells has suddenly spouted 300,000 gallons to the surface, and not long ago the great Broukha fountain rose to the height of 800 ft. and ejected the oil at the rate of 8,000 tons a day.

The Duke of Newcastle's speciality in amateur photography is to secure portraits of rare wild animals in their native surroundings. He is travelling in quest of these with Mr. Gambier Bolton, a member of the Royal Geographical Society, and well known as one of the most expert amateur photographers of animals in the world.

The two proceeded from the World's Fair to California, where one of their chief objects is to photograph the big sea-lions on the cliffs, stealing up to them from off shore on a tug.

Richard Harding Davis is a son of Rebecca Harding Davis and L. Clarke Davis. He is about 28 years old. He was graduated from Princeton, in 1887, and went to New York, where he became a reporter on the evening Sun. He did some good work there, but after a time left to devote himself to work of more purely literary quality. He has written principally short stories, which have been published in two volumes. He is now employed by Harper & Brothers, doing special work for their "Weekly."

The following is not a conundrum, although it does; at first sight, seem slightly mischievous. The father of Sir Arthur Hamilton Gordon, who has been made a peer, was married twice—first to a daughter and secondly to a widowed daughter-in-law of the first Marquis of Abercorn—though it is somewhat peculiar that a marriage of a similar kind was about the same time made by a member of the Rosebery family.

The present Earl of Rosebery's uncle in 1888 married the youngest sister of the second wife of his father—thus the fourth Earl of Aberdeen became the husband of his sister-in-law, and the Honorable Bouvier Primrose became the brother-in-law of his father.



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