

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Greek ladies had 137 different styles of dressing hair.

About a quarter of the people in Paris live in apartments.

There is more intoxication in Belgium than in any country in Europe.

Durable brick, formed of chipped granite and clay, is a recent Scottish invention.

Over 2,000,000,000 cigarettes are annually manufactured in the state of New York.

Some of the houses in Berlin are numbered with luminous figures, which are easily visible at night.

The Chinese, Malays, Siamese, New Zealanders, and the North American Indians, are beardless.

A recent estimate places the amount of standing timber in the state of Washington at 300,000,000 feet.

A recent invention is a cradle which rocks by clockwork mechanism and at the same time plays baby tunes.

The motion of the earth around the sun is 68,305 miles an hour; over 1,000 miles a minute or 19 miles a second.

The great anesthetic, chloroform, was discovered by Guthrie in 1831, and was first employed in surgical operations in 1847.

The number of fires in London has increased by 50 per cent. since 1882. 25 per cent. of the fires occur in uninsured premises.

The fleeces of ten goats and the work of several men for half a year are required to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and a half wide.

In 1841 persons in this country consumed 17½ oz. of coffee against 19½ oz. of tea. To-day they use only 12 oz. of coffee against 87 oz. of tea.

An average of three British seamen lose their lives every day by drowning, and three hundred British steamers and sailing vessels are lost at sea yearly.

A man's full mental power is not reached before the age of twenty-five, and the development of talent is most marked between the ages of thirty and forty-five years.

It seems that twenty-five per cent. of the women of England earn their own living, but one would scarcely believe that there are nearly 350 female blacksmiths in this country.

In the last 30 years English engineers have built 100,000 miles of railway, at a cost of £1,800,000,000 in various quarters of the globe, the capital being found in most cases by English companies.

The steam power of the world is placed at 49,000,000 horse power. This is equivalent to the working capacity of 1,000,000,000 men, which is more than double the total working population.

At Minoreca the fisherman simply dives to a depth of seventy feet with a weight in one hand to carry him down. With the other hand he picks up as many pearl oysters as he can carry and brings them up the boat.

The Chinese make what is called "chiwahi," or grass cloth, from the fibres of the common nettle. It is said to form a splendid cloth for tents, awnings, etc. When woven into betting for machinery it has twice the strength of leather.

There was formerly a duty on foreign eggs; but this was reduced on June 8, 1853, from 10½d. to 4d. per long hundred, and subsequently altered to 8d. per cubic foot. The duty was abolished in 1860, with a loss to the revenue of about £20,000 a year.

Although Costa Rica is only about half the size of New York State, its list of birds numbers 730 species. It is a country of forests and of all sorts of climates, from the torrid sea-coast to the climate found at an elevation of 15,100 feet, the top of the volcano Irazu, where ice forms.

Marriages are not easily arranged in Borneo. Parents require a number of different presents from each other; and, as there are usually two or three suitors for each girl, and the presents are not returned, it is obviously to the interests of the parents to delay the marriage as long as possible.

Sir Walter Scott's novels are almost as popular in Paris as are those of the eminent French novelists. Translations of his romances are to be found on bookstalls in considerable numbers, and the Paris Municipal Council has shown its appreciation of the author himself by naming a short street after him.

Railways were introduced into England on September 27, 1825; into Austria on September 30, 1828; into France, October 1, 1828; and into the United States, December 28, 1829. The first locomotive which ran in America was built at Stourbridge, (England), being intended for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

New Zealand dairy-farmers are rejoicing over the fact that their shipments of butter to this country during the past season proved more successful than in any previous year. The total quantity was 54,000 packages, averaging, it is believed, about half a hundredweight each. Australia sent 93,000 packages, making the total from Australasia 147,000 packages, as compared with 69,036 in 1890-91 and 51,470 in 1889-90.

Among the many differences between the alligator and crocodile there is this one:—The alligator never leaves fresh water, while the crocodile often goes to sea, and in the West Indies has sometimes been found many miles from land, but heading directly for an island possibly out of sight. How the creature knows the course to steer he is going, and it is believed he always gets to the place aimed at.

London is not the most over-crowded city of the country. Liverpool enjoys that enviable distinction. In the 38 great towns from which the Registrar-General receives weekly returns the average number of persons to the acre is 34. In Liverpool however there are 98 persons to the acre. In Plymouth there are 58. London comes third with 57. In no other town does the average reach 50; but Brighton, Bristol, Bolton, and Sunderland all have averages of more than 40 persons to the acre. The average for Manchester is exactly 40.

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Arabella: Are you really happy in your married life? We have lots of quarrels, and I always win.

Ebel:—Mr. Squibs made me an offer last night. Charissa—Indeed! Offer you a penny for your thoughts?

Rev. Theo. Logy: The congregation at Churchville called me. Deacon Jones (absently)—What did you hold.

A Finnish woman in Minnesota has given birth to six children at one time. The father hopes that this will finish the family.

Dowell—Do you think the love of money is the root of all evil? Hardup—No; I think the want of money the root of all evil.

Maud—How do you like my new street dress? Mabel—Street dress! It looks as if you would do the serpentine dance in a high wind.

First Clothier—You're a fool to call that suit the Rip Van Winkle. Second Clothier—What would you call it?—The never Rip Van Winkle, man.

A Maine sea captain has written home to his wife that while his vessel was waiting for a cargo at Genoa he made a flying trip to Rome and visited the "currycombs."

"Stumble seems to be gaining strength very rapidly since his illness." "Have you seen him?" "No, but his wife says he is now able to hold his temper for a little time."

Mrs. Brady (proudly)—Our Mary Ann has a panny. Mrs. McNally (a rival)—Och! Yez needn't think yez can droive me trim th' neighborhood wid her outlandish n'ies.

Nippen—I tell you revolutions never go backward! Tuck—That's all both. The r volving years have brought this old dress coat of mine into fashion seven times since I first got it.

Jings—There was supposed to be about 420,000,000 Christians in the world. Bings—There may be, but when any scandal attaches itself to your name it is mighty hard to believe it.

Mr. Honeymoon—did you see that button on that coat, darling? Mrs. Honeymoon—No, sweetheart. I couldn't find the button, but I sewed up the buttonhole. Is that all right?

"And weren't you glad when the villain was killed?" "No, I wasn't. But I would have been glad if all the others had been killed. The villain was the only good actor in the piece."

Mother—Now you have broken my cup. You deserve a whipping; come here. Tommy—No; I won't come. Mother—Come, Fritz, till I whip you, and then you shall have a slice of cake.

Mrs. Newbride (holding on hat)—Oh, this dreadful wind! What will become of my lovely new quilts? Mr. Newbride (sarcastically)—They will still remain on the goose, my dear.

"I wish I were an ostrich," said Hicks, angrily, as he tried to eat one of his wife's biscuits, and couldn't. "I wish you were," returned Mrs. Hicks. "I'd get a few leathers for my hat."

Mistress—Bridget, bring me a cut glass dish for these grapes. Bridget—Shure, marm, there's not av him I could cut, but I hit won a whack wid the hammer; that has fixed it all right fur yez.

First Quindunc—Did the town authorities take any appropriate action on the death of Scruggs the millionaire? Second Quindunc—Yes: they had the fire bell ring while the funeral was going on.

The Husband: You're not economical. The Wife: Well, if you don't call a woman economical who saves her wedding dress for a possible second marriage I'd like to know what you think economy is.

"Faith, an' it's there nothin' to kape cholera off?" "Indeed there is. Sure, an' ye'll be safe if ye take a few drops of acid a day—carbolic acid or sulphuric acid. I disremember which, but I suppose ayther will do."

Dashaway—I left my silk handkerchief here last night, Miss Summit, and I thought I would call and get it. Miss Summit—Yes, Mr. Dashaway; I was afraid you might call, so I just sent it to you by messenger boy.

"I took the pledge against swearing last New Year's day." "Indeed? And how do you get along?" "Very well, but the crucial test is approaching." "How?"

"I am going to take a pious plaster off my back tonight."

Estelle—He is a perfect brute. He almost fractured my skull. Murilla—How? Estelle—I agreed to give him a kiss for every shooting star I saw, and they were scarce he gave me a whack on the head that made me see about a million.

He (after being accepted)—And what kind of a ring am I to buy for you my darling? She—Well, I like the one I wore last year ever so much. I will give you Charlie's address. Perhaps you will be able to buy the ticket from him at a bargain.

"You say that you like Jennie," one lady writes to another in an endearing little note from the country, "because she never speaks ill of the absent; but perhaps the reason you're never able to say that, is because you've never been present when you're absent!"

Excited Lady (on the beach)—Why isn't something done to that ship in distress? Why don't some of you—Coast guard (hurriedly)—We have sent the crew ashore to make ashore, mum. Excited Lady—Good gracious! Were they waiting for a formal invitation?

Jack: I hope you'll consent to a marriage between myself and your daughter Alice. Quiverful: Can't do it, young man. Weddings are too confoundedly expensive. No, sir, I refuse my consent, but, of course—if you and Alice should take it into their heads to elope—

Little Johnny—I guess I'll get rid of that dog I found. He's too much of a fighter. He's always burnin' other dogs. Fond Mother: My little scrub does not like to see the poor dogs hurt I know.

Little Johnny—No'm 'cause some of the other dogs is owned by bigger boys than I am.

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