

General Information.

Holland has 10,000 windmills, each of which drains 310 acres of land, at an average cost of 10d. an acre a year.

The atmosphere of Natal is so clear that it is sometimes possible to distinguish objects at a distance of twenty-five and even thirty miles.

In Tartary onions, leeks and garlic are regarded as perfumes. A Tartar lady will make herself agreeable by rubbing a piece of freshly-cut onion on her hands and over her countenance.

The rates at Letchworth (Garden City)—which has now a population of more than 5,000—are probably the lowest in the country, the recent half-yearly rate being 1s. in the pound.

In the Arctic regions people can converse when more than a mile apart, because the air, being cold and dense, is a very good conductor; and the smooth surface of the ice also favors the transmission of sound.

The glove-cutters of France earn big wages, some of them getting as much as £20 a week. So difficult is the art of cutting kid gloves that most of the principal cutters are known to the trade by name and fame.

Mrs. Jennie Bigford has just married her fourteenth husband at Council Bluffs, Ia. She was first married at the age of thirteen, and eleven of her husbands are still living, divorces having followed almost as quickly as the marriages.

The wealth of the Rothschilds at present is estimated at £400,000,000, and is believed to have doubled within the past twenty years. It is calculated that in seventy years more they will possess £15,000,000,000, an amount that can hardly be conceived.

To try one prisoner, a deaf-and-dumb man, who pleaded guilty, twenty-six justices, nineteen grand jurymen, and thirty-two common jurymen were summoned at Cararvon, Wales, Quarter Sessions, many of them having to travel a long distance by train.

An Annuity for a Dog.—Mr. Arthur Taylor Newbold, of the Springs, Bury, England, who has left an estate of close on £10,000, provides by his will an annuity of £26 for the benefit of his greyhound Wilfred II. "whom the trustees are directed not to part with either by sale, gift, or destruction, or otherwise, but shall personally see that he is well kept, housed, fed, and cared for until he shall die a natural death."

Hotel Owned and Managed by a Dwarf.—One of the strangest hotel staffs is that at White Plains, New York State. The hotel is run by dwarfs. The proprietor is Admiral Dot, a well-known character in the States. He is thirty-two years old and 2½ feet high. His wife is reputed to be the prettiest dwarf in the world, and actively assists him in the business. She is 31 inches high. The dining-room head waiter is short of his mistress' height by one inch. They all speak English and German.

A Million Labels a Day.—Messrs. Bass & Co., Ltd., the brewers, have recently placed what is probably the largest contract that the world has ever known for labels. The order is for the supply of the well-known red-triangle label which is supplied by Messrs. Bass to the bottlers who handle their Pale Ale. The order works out at rather more than one million labels a day for each working day of the year. It is handled by a staff of some eighty workpeople, who devote their whole time to this one contract.

Swiss Punishment.

In parts of Switzerland there is no capital punishment. But, after all, the criminal might prefer death to the seemingly lighter penalty, for life on the terms granted to a murderer in a Swiss prison is but a living death. He is condemned to silence. His cell is built below the level of the ground. It is ventilated, of course, but unlighted. He is forbidden to address the warden. Should he do so he gets no answer. For thirty minutes in every twenty-four hours he is taken to a high-walled courtyard for exercise in the presence of mute, armed janitors; then he returns to the silence and blackness of his cell. Reason does not last long under conditions such as these. Apparently there is no official desire that it should.

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