

ing purposes in 1826. The first lucifer match was made in 1829. The first iron steamship was built in 1830. Telescopes were invented in 1560.

INTERESTING FACTS.—The tomb of Edward I., who died in 1301, was opened Jan. 2, 1770, after 463 years had elapsed. His body was almost perfect. *Canute (the Dane)*, who crossed over to England in 1017, was found 1779, by workmen who repaired Winchester Cathedral, where his body had reposed nearly 750 years, perfectly fresh. In 1569, three Roman soldiers, fully equipped with warlike implements, were dug out of a bed of peat in Ireland, where they had probably lain 1,500 years. Their bodies were perfectly fresh and plump. In the reign of James II. of England, after the fall of the Church of Astley, in Warwickshire, there was taken up the corpse of Thomas Gray, Marquis of Dorset, who was buried the 10th of October, 1530, in the twenty-second year of Henry VII.; and although it had lain there seventy-eight years, the eyes, hair, flesh, nails and joints remained as though it had been newly buried. Robert Braybrook, who was consecrated Bishop of London in 1331, and who died in 1404, and was buried in St. Paul's was taken out of his tomb, after the great fire in 1666, during the repairs of the cathedral, and although he had lain there no less than 262 years, his body was found firm as to skin, hair, joints and nails. The Convent de St. Domingo was lately demolished in search of treasure supposed to be concealed there, and the body of Prince Rodriguez taken out, who had been buried alive in 1565, exactly as when placed 250 years before. His daughter, 2 years and 6 months old, was lying at her father's feet, and as perfectly preserved as himself. The position of his hands shows that he was suspended by the body and neck till he died. Marks of the cord and of the burning iron are deeply recorded on various parts of the body. His hair and beard are firm, his skin natural in hue and texture, without the least trace of decomposition in any part.

PERSONAL PECULIARITIES.—About forty years ago I had a lad in my employ who had the habit when unexpectedly spoken to of pricking up his ears in so de-

cisive a manner as to remind one of the ears of Puss or of Tray when suddenly called. Marie Louise, the second wife of the great Napoleon, was in the habit of amusing the ladies of her court at their private soirees by turning her ears almost completely round, and in a manner closing them up. She did this by a peculiar motion of the jaw, and she is said to have prided herself on the exploit not a little. A man I know well wore an enormous shock of raven hair, and would allow himself to be lifted by the hair from the ground by any one who was strong enough to do it, and to be swung to and fro like a pendulum, or to be dragged along the floor. The faculty of sleeping at will was one of the endowments of the first Napoleon, who it is said could sleep any length of time, long or short, and awake at the time, almost to a minute, he had resolved upon. Among the muscular movements not common, I have noticed several instances of persons who could throw back the four fingers of either hand until they stood quite perpendicular with the wrist. Other instances I have seen though but a few, of persons who can project the lower joint of the thumb almost into the hollow of the palm. In neither of these cases is the use or the ordinary symmetry of the hand affected. Of left handed people we have all seen many, and they abound among the working class; but of the artibandist or both-handed, that is, with persons who could do everything with either hand, as well with one as the other, I have known but one in the whole course of my life. This was an orphan boy who had no parental care, but had been left almost to himself from infancy. Quick, active and sharp witted, he had taught himself many things tolerably well, could draw fairly; could play the fiddle and flute, and wrote admirably and with unrivaled rapidity with either hand. There are many persons who, from causes they can never explain, have a repugnance, almost amounting to horror in some cases for certain animals. The French General Junot, who was as cool as a cucumber amidst a storm of bullets, and would face the cannon's mouth unmoved, would take to his heels at the sight of a live frog, and would not recover his equanimity for