

**PAPER CONSUMED IN THE UNITED STATES** — If you can imagine a solid roll of paper 830 feet high, 377 feet in diameter and weighing 2,730,000 tons of 2,000 pounds, you have a fair idea of the amount of paper used up in the United States for newspapers, magazines, books and writing-paper. Such a shaft of paper would be about three times as high as the central tower of the Ottawa Parliament Buildings and its base would be wider than Varsity Oval.

**AROUND THE WORLD IN FORTY DAYS** — The details of the following flying trip around the world have been compiled by a Londoner:—"Leave New York Saturday by the 'Lusitania'; land at Plymouth the following Thursday, reaching London in time to catch the evening train for Berlin. Leaving Berlin Friday evening, the traveler reaches Moscow Sunday morning. He would be at Vladivostock, on the Pacific, the following Thursday week; and, leaving there on the next Saturday evening, would be landed at Tsuraga, Japan, on the Monday following. Taking train across to Yokohama, he would catch the Canadian Pacific steamer, sailing the same day, and reach Vancouver twelve days later. Then taking the Great Northern Limited to St. Paul, the Northwest Limited to Chicago, and the Twentieth Century Limited for New York, he would reach his starting point at 9.30 on Thursday morning, having taken less than forty days for this 20,000-mile journey."

**BACTERIA ON PAPER MONEY** — If I said to you: "Beware of paper-money! It is a carrier of numberless infectious diseases! Don't have anything to do with it!" would you hearken to my advice? I doubt it. You might refuse infected water, infected meat, infected clothing, but infected money? I am almost sure you would take the risk of touching it and even of putting it in your pocket. And yet Mr. Warren W. Hilditch, of the Sheffield laboratory of bacteriology at Yale, assures us that there is an average of 142,000 microbes on a soiled bill. In order to soften the terrifying effects of his assertion, he hastens to say that money bacteria are gentle little fellows that would not harm even a guinea pig inoculated with them.

**Aviation—**

On October 11 Mr. Wilbur Wright made a record aeroplane flight of 1 hour, 9 minutes, and 45 seconds, carrying as passengers Mr. Painleve of the French Institute. The French are getting very enthusiastic over his performances.

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