

POOR DOCUMENT

THE WORLD OVER.

The Spirit of the Press of all Countries.

A Synoptic History of the Times.

Itemized and Arranged for every-day convenience.

The rice crop of Japan is 5,000,000 tons. A good-sized whale yields about one ton of whalebone.

San Marino, the smallest republic in the world, has a population of only 3,500.

The carpets annually manufactured in Philadelphia are worth over £10,000,000.

The United States has a lower percentage of blind people than any other country in the world.

Eight thousand tons of gold have been mined throughout the world during the present century.

In London alone 3,000,000 letters are posted every day, and on an average 2,500,000 are delivered.

A Hungarian inventor claims to be able to make from wood pulp a fabric suitable for durable clothing.

Twelve million pounds worth of leather is required every year to provide boots and shoes for the inhabitants of Great Britain.

Single eye-glasses are prohibited in the German Army. Even if a soldier has one good eye, yet needs glasses he must perform cover both eyes with them.

During in Russia has become so common that the government has been compelled to decree a severe code of punishment. Killing an antagonist will involve six years in prison.

Such a thing as a British soldier signing his accounts with a cross, so much it, twelve years ago, is unknown. Every man is compelled to go to school until he passes an examination and obtains a certificate.

The stomach of an ostrich that died lately at the Clifton Zoological Gardens contained several miscellaneous trifles such as pencil-cases and pocket-handkerchiefs. It also attempted to digest a prayer-book.

A German physiologist has found that a small amount of alcohol is contained in the milk of drunken mothers, so that the children of such women may be imbibers of spirits from earliest infancy. Possibly this may have something to do with hereditary tastes for stimulants.

When a Chinese girl is married her attendants are always the oldest and ugliest women to be found in the neighborhood who are paid to act as dolls to her beauty. Some exceptionally ugly old women make their living by acting as professional attendants at weddings.

The War Office has been compelled to resort to a strange method in order to obtain recruits. It has directed all sergeants and football matches and sporting assemblies generally, and by the circulation of leaflets and conversation, to inspire a desire for a military life.

American women are yearly growing more independent. The statistics show that over 3,000,000 women are earning independent incomes in that country. There are some 2,500 practising medicine, 6,000 managing post-offices, 275 preaching the Gospel, and in New York City alone 27,000 of them are supporting their husbands.

Bessie Bonehill, the music-hall singer, has a two-year-old son, and the two-year-old son has a bank account of £125. In one of her most popular songs she makes up as a ragged newsboy, and enthusiasts in the audience often toss coins on to the stage for her. These she has carefully banked for the boy, and hence the £125.

A gentleman of Denver and a young lady of West Virginia met on a railroad train one day lately, and by the time they reached Chicago they had been made man and wife. But even that speed record has been broken. A lady was granted a divorce in Tacoma (Wash.) last month within three minutes after she filed her petition.

In Achantee partridges are tied hand and foot to stakes driven in the ground near a large ant-hill. The ants are then irritated by sticks thrust into the entrance of their dwellings, a guard is set at a respectful distance to prevent rescue, and the prisoner is left to be eaten alive. In forty-eight hours nothing is left but a nastily-cleaned skeleton.

The city of Cork still observes the ancient custom of throwing the dart. It is performed once in three years by the mayor, to show the mayor's jurisdiction over the harbor as admiral of the port. The mayor in his robes after making a short speech, advances to the prow of the vessel and casts into the sea the dart, which is made of mahogany tipped and feathered with bronze.

On the African shore, near the Gulf of Aden and connecting the Lake of Assa with the main ocean, may be found one of the most wonderful rivers in the world. This natural curiosity in the shape of a river does not flow to but from the ocean toward the inland. The surface of Lake Assa is nearly seven hundred feet below the sea level, and it is fed altogether by this paradoxical river, the latter being about twenty-two miles in length.

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Faust and Chemist

I want some concentrated lye, he slowly announced as he entered the chemist's shop.

You mean concentrated lye? suggested the proprietor, as he repressed a smile.

Well, maybe I do. It does not-meg any difference. It's what I camphor, any way. What does it sulphur?

A shilling a can.

Then you can give me a can.

I never cinnamon who thought himself so witty as you do, said the chemist in a gingerly manner, feeling called upon to do a little punning himself.

Well, that's not bad, either, laughed the customer, with a sly, mischievous glance.

I amonia novice at the business though I've sads good many puns that other punsters got the credit of. However, I don't care a copper far as I am concerned, though they ought to be birded without gloves till they wouldn't know what was the matter with them. Perhaps I shouldn't myrrh-myrrh. I have had a pleasant time, and I shall hurry away.

It was too much for the chemist, and he collapsed.

Plain English.

The love of a good joke is not unknown even among those childlike and bland Celts who are crowding together in several parts of the Australian colonies.

A storekeeper wishing to secure extra trade by advertising his goods to the Chinese language, wrote a bargain with a celestial to paint a sign, expecting, of course, that it would be a very enticing one.

It did not answer his expectations, however, for the only prescriptive effect it had on the emigrants from the Flowery Land was to excite a grin at the broadest dimensions.

At length the puzzled storekeeper, by means of a considerable monetary investment, obtained a correct rendering in English of the announcement, and found, to his intense chagrin, that it read: Don't buy anything here; storekeeper a rogue.

How it Worked.

A Maine woman who had an irreligious husband kept driving at him until she finally got him to go to church. Now mark how she was rewarded. Instead of following the service he looked at the congregation, and noticed how much more handsomely dressed the other women were than his wife. The fact pricked him to the heart as no words of the minister could, and the next day he gave his wife a hundred dollars, and told her to go and buy some clothes.

A Talented Man.

Prince Bismarck was once pressed by a certain American official to recommend his son for a diplomatic place. He is a very remarkable fellow said the proud father. He speaks seven languages. Indeed! said Bismarck, who does not hold a very high opinion of linguistic acquirements. What a wonderful headwaiter he would make.

WORKED BY A RESE.

A Sailor's Plan to Recover His Former Position.

The Russian Admiral Avelane, according to report, is of French extraction. When a midshipman he was serving in a ship which cruised during the summer in the Baltic and among the crew was a man who had once been a captain, but had been degraded after grossly insulting a superior.

Avelane felt the utmost pity for the sailor and did everything in his power to render less intolerable. One day he told the ex-officer of his intention to throw himself into the sea when the next storm arose. You will jump in and save me, and then the Car will reward you by restoring your epaulettes, he added. Much affected, the man replied that un'happily he could not swim.

That does not matter, Avelane said. Plunge in all the same. I shall look after you, and every one will think you rescued me.

The programme was carried out. Avelane threw himself overboard in a terrific storm; the sailor followed, and was kept afloat by the officer whom he was supposed to be saving. A report of the affair was drawn up, and soon the man was reinstated to the rank of which he had been deprived.

This officer now one of the senior admirals in service, lately celebrated the jubilee of his entry into the Russian navy. Among his guests was Admiral Avelane, of whose valour and kindness he spoke in grateful terms, and a touching scene ensued.

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Alderman Valentine B. Dillon was elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The Duke of Leinster, who had been suffering from typhoid fever is dead.

Adrianoff, who assassinated Mayor Alexjeff of Moscow, on March 21 has been found insane and sent to an asylum.

From last January 1 the withdrawals from the French savings banks have exceeded the receipts by 208,000,000 francs.

A telegram from St. Petersburg says that the military party at Court have persuaded the Czar to consent to increase the Russian army in view of the recent additions to the German army.

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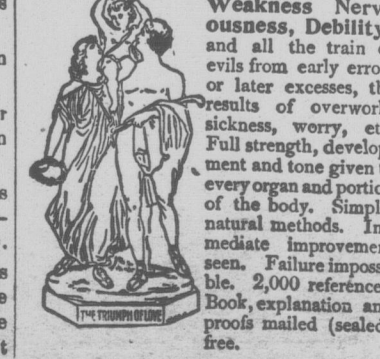
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