

He is about to leave his ride. He glances at the bell, one, two, three and his voice has a slight tremor in it. "Oh ye gods! the bell is rung! I am upon Earth, where all is kindled fire. He passed round the bell, and said, "I didn't expect to see such a sight in particular any day."

The bell had rung twice,  
The third time it stopped.  
From the floor to  
the ceiling it was  
that the new  
new  
gracious.

Sticks,	1000
Sims,	1000
Snow,	1000
Spec.	1000
Spit,	1000
Sweat,	1000
Tide,	1000
Tire,	1000

THE METRIC SYSTEM.  
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The metric system of weights and measures, as first introduced by the French Academy in 1793, has been adopted by nearly every nation in Europe, and is now rapidly spreading over the globe. In 1795, the metric system was adopted by the French Assembly, and in 1801, by the British Parliament. In 1799, the metric system was adopted by the United States Congress. The last stone of the Washington Monument was the metric, which is a unit of length of the most cosmopolitan character, being the  $10,000,000$ th part of a meridian of the earth from pole to equator.

Decimal divisions only were used for all the other weights and measures and their subdivisions. This, besides forming a system which might be adopted by every nation of the world, without any mutual confusion, also facilitating vexatious calculations, as will be seen in the present article. From the

beginning, however, there was a strong opposition to the decimal system, and several attempts were made to introduce the metric system in England, but they were all unsuccessful.

In 1834, the metric system was introduced in France, and in 1840, in the United States. In 1843, the metric system was introduced in Germany, and in 1850, in Austria. A great number of countries have since adopted the metric system, and the metric system is now the most widely used system of weights and measures in the world.

The metric system is based upon the decimal system of weights and measures, and is therefore called the decimal system. It is based upon the meter, which is the standard unit of length.

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