

Miscellaneous.

The coconut tree is the most valuable of plants.

Uncle Sam's egg crop is worth \$100,000,000 annually.

There 37,000 women engaged in farming in the United States.

In Brazil a couple may be married by drinking brandy together.

It is estimated that New York has no less than 10,000 opium smokers.

In the East Indies there are spiders so large that they feed on small birds.

The national banks of New York at present hold nearly \$100,000,000 in gold.

The first city built was, according to Hebrew tradition, in B. C. 3769, by Cain.

The juice of walnuts will stain the complexion a dark brown without injury to the skin.

Canada's divorces for the past twenty years have just been figured up, and they amount to only 116.

An elephant's sense of smell is so delicate that it can scent a human being at a distance of 1,000 yards.

A combination of gas stove manufacturers has been incorporated in Illinois with a capital stock of \$8,500,000.

The first known instance of the use of coal was in England in the year 850. It was then called "fossil fuel."

It is said that an American physician in Tokio is doing a great business by taking the slant out of the Japanese eye.

It has been figured out that a man who shaves regularly until he is 80 has cut off about thirty five feet of hair from his face.

There are 1,400 men in the New York fire department. The apparatus consists of ninety-one engines, thirty-eight trucks and three fire-tugs.

In order to elope with her sweetheart Helen Witten, who lives near Paintsville, Ky., chloroformed her parents and four children. She got away.

A resident of Indiana sold his vote for \$1 last spring and is now suing his purchasers for \$300 and costs. This is permissible under the Indiana law.

Husband and wife as law partners is something unknown in Great Britain. There are no less than twenty-one such firms in the United States.

Prof. Bell firmly believes that it will be possible some day to see from Washington to New York as easily as one can convey the sound of the voice that distance.

American visitors are very numerous, this season, in the West of Ireland.

Dr. M. O'Driscoll has been elected Dispensary Officer for the Union Hill district.

Rev. Father Higgins, Professor of St. Jarlath's, Tuam, has been changed to the curacy of Annadown.

The potato blight has again made its appearance, in an aggravated form, along the Western coast and in the mountain districts.

On July 24th, Mr. Clancey, City Marshal, made the necessary declaration before a magistrate at the Police Court on his installation into office as City Marshal of Dublin.

The directors of the Great Northern Railway have elected to a seat at the Board of Directors Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan, of Edenfels, Omagh, in place of the late Mr. Thomas P. Cairnes.

Sir Henry Lynch Blowe has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the county Mayo. The Lord Chancellor has also appointed Jas. Faulkner, Esq. The Grove, Castlebar, a magistrate for the county.

On July 24th Wm. Leary of Ballinamona-beg was exercising a horse on the road, when the animal became intractable, backed into the ditch and rolled over its rider. The man's leg was fractured, and he was subsequently conveyed to the County Infirmary for treatment.

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In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation, and a list of references of each member of the same, and further, an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$5,000.00 must accompany the tender. This accepted cheque must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in offer submitted. The accepted cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

The Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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J. H. HALDENSON,
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Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 4th August, 1904.

One Hundred and Twenty.

There died in Trikala, in Thessaly, recently, a Greek priest aged one hundred and twenty—according to the records. In this long period he had never left the village in which he was born. He ascribed his long life and vigor to the simple way in which he lived. Until a few years ago he slept, Summer and Winter, in the open air, drank no wine or alcoholic liquors except at Communion, and smoked no tobacco. For a short time he used snuff, but gave it up, as it did not agree with him. Meat he seldom ate in the course of the year. His nourishment consisted chiefly of fruits, nuts, vegetables and bread. He always rose from his simple bed—which was invariably turned towards the east—before the sun was up, and only priestly duties could induce him to break the habit of retiring at nine o'clock. Throughout his life, it is said, he was never sick and never used medicine.

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