

Interesting Facts.

The New Glasgow municipal telephone service has underground wires 16,500 miles in length. It provides for 20,000 subscribers.

General Wood, Military Governor of Cuba, reports that natives will assume the government of the island by the first of next May.

The world's greatest single crop is potatoes. The average annual supply is 4,000,000,000 bushels, equalling in bulk the combined wheat and corn crops.

Norway, Ireland, and Spain have more blind people in proportion to population than other European countries. Spain has 216 per 100,000, Norway, 208, Ireland, 111.

The Sultan of Turkey has six sons and seven daughters, who are kept in the securest seclusion, the former never leaving the grounds of the house in which they were born.

It is said that the cost of the Chicago Exposition was \$18,000,000, that of Paris \$9,000,000, that of Buffalo \$10,000,000, while that of St. Louis will be not less than \$30,000,000.

Great Britain has just launched the largest battleship in the world. The "King Alfred" is 500 feet long and is 71 feet in the beam—a hundred feet longer than Admiral Schley's "Brooklyn."

In every State and Territory prize-fights are now forbidden by law. Not one of the fighters is a successful "star" in any theatre, and nearly all of them have lost money in the keeping of bar-rooms.

The Royal Humane Society reports a larger per cent. than ever before of nobly heroic persons. Last year it rewarded 756 British heroes and heroines who risked their own lives to save others from death by drowning or starving.

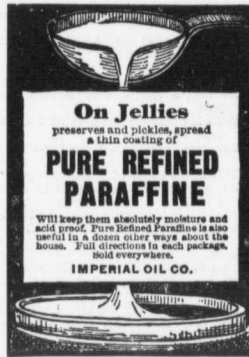
The longest bridge in the world is the Lion Bridge, near Sangang, in China. It extends 5 1/4 miles over an arm of the Yellow Sea, and is supported by 300 huge stone arches. The roadway is 70 feet above the water, and is enclosed in an iron network.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is so well satisfied of the commercial as well as moral value of the Young Men's Christian Association, that it has just appropriated \$35,000 for the erection of the Railroad Men's Branch Association at Piteaira, Pennsylvania.

Japan's ceaseless efforts to keep peace with the great nations are bearing fruit continually. A native firm, under native supervision and with native workmen, has started to build railroad locomotives. The first one produced meets all requirements and cost much less than the imported article.

A woman has offered the New York public library a remarkable gift. It consists of 1,000 menus, each from a different hotel or restaurant. Some are from Hungary, China, Japan, and Russia. The donor stipulates that the menus are to be kept sealed until 1950, as it is her desire that the coming generation may see what their ancestors ate.

At Rouen, France, a bridge crosses the Seine that combines the features of both ferry-boat and bridge. Tall iron towers on either bank support strong cables from which is suspended a car. This car runs close to the water of the river, and carries waggons and foot passengers. It is driven by electricity at a much faster gait than one can walk, and people much prefer this easy way of crossing to using the suspension bridge a few blocks away.



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