

LONDON THE GREAT

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD'S METROPOLIS.

Residents in London who are interested in their place of residence, its complicated social problems, and its vast population, to which so many foreign nations make contributions...

Nearly two hundred pages of facts for Londoners are set forth in effective contrast, and learn much of the bustling city. It is no mean city, or rather administrative county. It comprises:

Seventy-four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-nine statute acres. Fifty-eight Parliamentary constituencies. Twenty-eight metropolitan boroughs, excluding, of course, the City...

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On an average each of the 1,019,516 families in the county of London—not "Greater London" to which the figures do not apply—number rather over 4.4 persons each, while the males are shown to exceed the females by over a quarter of a million, and this disproportion is on the increase...

Included in these million-odd households are rather less than a similar number of children of from three to fourteen years of age—968,007, of whom 481,090 are boys and 486,916 girls. Moreover, in spite of all the disadvantages to health of "mean streets" London is again shown not to be a bad place in which to live...

The number of persons seventy-five years old and upward is 52,679 and of these 18,776 are males and 33,903 females. At the extreme ages the excess of females is still more marked, and of those who claim to be aged one hundred years and upward nineteen are females and five males. London shows a proud of its twenty-four centenarians. As to the place of births of London's millions, the Registrar-General records:

Of the 4,536,541 persons enumerated in the county of London, 3,046,580 were born in London; 35,421 were born in Wales and Monmouth, being an increase of 4,129 since 1891; 56,605 in Scotland, an increase of 3,215; 60,211 in Ireland, an increase of 6,254; and 38,350 an increase of foreign birth dependencies. Persons of foreign birth numbered 161,222, and of these 20,224 were British subjects, 5,621 were naturalized British subjects, and 135,377 were foreigners, an increase in the case of

English women ever get to vote. You can depend upon it. Their party emblem, without doubt, will be a fancy bonnet.

About the ...House

MUFFINS AND ROLLS.

Every housewife delights in the making of hot breads. The southern cook, above all others, is famous for these delicacies, which are utilized as a breakfast, luncheon and supper dish.

Delicious Parker House Rolls—To make rolls that will literally melt in the mouth and are both delicate and toothsome, scald one pint of milk, add to it one heaping tablespoonful of butter and an even teaspoonful of salt...

Southern Egg Bread—Few northerners know or appreciate this delicious breakfast dish. To be made at its best the genuine southern meal should be used, but even if that is not to be obtained the bread is exceedingly tempting and worth the trial.

MINORS AS WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS. The Registrar-General has the satisfaction of recording that there were 730,082 households on the night of the census with both their heads, while he prints some interesting figures as to the marriage state of London's population:

Of the males, 1,292,594 are unmarried, 777,363 are married and 72,128 are widowed. Of the females, 1,403,842 are unmarried, 793,097 are married and 197,517 are widowed.

LONDON'S AFFLICTED. London has its due proportion of those who are crippled by loss of sight or hearing. Of the former there are 3,556, which marks a slight decrease since 1891. A tendency which is more marked in the case of the deaf and dumb, and who number 2,057.

INCREASE OF WOMEN WORKERS. Details of the methods by which the people of London make—or do not make—their living are of interest, and it appears that 82.8 per cent. of the males over ten years old attempt to earn a subsistence, and no less than 38.4 of the females; in the latter case there is an increase of 1 per cent. which is hardly surprising in view of the invasion of the business world by women.

USEFUL HINTS. Nice napkins for the children's lunch basket can be made from the least worn portions of old linen tablecloths.

AN ACCOMPLISHED VILLAIN. C. W. Goodrich, who takes the part of James Stetson, the villain, or one of them, in the sensational melodrama "Cadenza's Daughter," at the Toronto Opera House next week, is remembered for his portrayal of "Kidnapped in New York" last season.

with a soft sponge or cloth, will remove them. Celery leaves and parsley may be dried and used for flavoring soups, et cetera.

CHEATING CHILDREN OUT OF JOY. A writer alludes to the habit of painting the future too brightly to children and falling to try stress upon the joys which are theirs alone.

HOW TO HANDLE A BABY. A baby should be lifted very carefully. The right hand of the nurse or mother should take hold of the clothing below the feet and the left hand and arm should be placed below the child's head and neck.

CARTING AN EMPEROR. The Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph, is a sporting individual, and as fond of a good joke as any of his subjects.

SLEEP IN SECTIONS. Sir James Crichton Brown, the expert on brain diseases, holds that insomnia is not attended with such disastrous consequences as is commonly supposed.

English toy-makers have once again asserted their position, and retain in their hands a large share of the toy trade, which a few years ago was almost entirely monopolized by Germany and Switzerland.

The Scotch form of "taking the bath" is coming more into general use in the English courts. There is a widespread belief throughout England that disease may be communi-

cated by "kissing the Bible" after repeating the oath. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has become an English landed proprietor. He has purchased, at over £100,000, the Dalham Hall estate, near Newmarket.

IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Record of Occurrences in the Land That is Supreme in the Commercial World.

An English jurymen was fined \$2 for refusing to view a dead body. The House of Lords comprises 500 peers.

The Speaker of the British House of Commons receives £5,000 a year. The inner basin of the Royal Dockyard at Woolwich is soon to be filled up.

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The new fish market and cooling stage at the Prince of Wales dock, London, which has been constructed at an outlay of £2,000,000 were formally opened by Mr. Griffith Thomas the mayor.

It is said that the oldest man in London is James McNally, of South Lambeth, who on Feb. 19 was 105. He was born in County Londonderry, and was all through the American civil war.

So far—according to the West End house agents—very few houses have been taken for the coronation season in London, and those that have been let have changed hands on very moderate terms.

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A woman with a child in her arms was knocked down by a locomotive on the level crossing at Northhalton. The train passed over the woman and the child, but neither of them was seriously hurt.

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The estimate of the cost of constructing the electric railway between Brighton and London is in round figures £7,338,403. The stations will cost £339,000, and accommodation, bridges and viaducts £1,128,361, while not less than £2,488,720 is to be spent upon tunnels.

A cargo of blue gum timber has arrived at Dover from Australia for the national harbor works. This timber has been chosen for piles because it will not float. Some of the sticks weigh as much as ten tons each, and they range between 100 and 200 feet in length.

A whale, measuring nearly twenty feet long, eight feet across the fins, and with a tail fifty-five inches wide has been captured at Redness, near Goole, on the Yorkshire Ouse, and between fifty and sixty miles inland from Spout Point. The carcass has been claimed by the customs as a royal fish.

The Duke of Roxburgh has been seen more in London since his return from his Colonial trip with the Prince and Princess of Wales than he has for a long time. He was one of the first to leave for South Africa after war was declared and remained there a considerable time.

A scandalous story reaches us, says the *Syren*, of the manner in which the sanitary inspection at the port of London is performed. Within the past few days a steamer arrived in the Thames, signalled "all well" and was allowed to proceed to her berth. When inspected later on it was found that the forecabin was occupied by a man suffering from smallpox.

Sir Charles W. Cayzer, M.P., was elected president of the Glasgow Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Association.

A demonstration in aid of the funds of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution took place at Lerwick, and was a great success.

The following stand in England as literary records: The largest circulation of any English novel in copyright is that of "East Lynne," of which the public have bought nearly half a million. The largest published work still in copyright is Tennyson's "Poems by Two Brothers," which dates from 1837. The largest amount ever given for serial rights in England is £7,900 (\$35,000), paid by Cornhill for George Eliot's "Romola." The largest cheque ever given to an English author is £20,000 (\$100,000), received by Lord Macaulay for his history.

The most expensive single volume lately issued is Morris' "Chaucer," published at £20 (\$100). The thickest single volume in print is the "Catalogue of Current Literature," which measures 104 inches across the back. The highest price given for a first edition is 545 guineas (\$2,860) for an uncut copy of the *Kilmarnock Burns*.

FOGGIER THAN LONDON. Equivalents of "fog" are given in the British Empire, according to a recent climatological report that exceeds London in cloudiness. Esquimaux is also the dampest place in the Empire, while Adelaide, in Australia, is the driest. Ceylon is the hottest and North-west Canada the coldest possession that the British flag floats over.