There are now 27,786 Irishmen in the British army. In 1860 there were 60,000 and in 1870 44,000. Romanion mothers tie red ribbons around the ankles of their children to preserve them from harm, while Esthonian mothers attach bits of asafætida to the necks of their offension.

The railroads in the United States employ an army of 689,912, of which 135,580 are "trainmen," 31,896 "switchmen," "flagmen" and "watchers," and 522,436 are classified as "other workmen."

Britain has 31 ironclads, 69 cruisers (some of them more effective than battle-ships), 15 torpedo and despatch cruisers, 150 torpedo-boats (these include the new ships under the naval defence scheme).

The Hindoos have a cocoanut festival very year at the end of August to mark he beginning of the end of the monsoon. Juring the festival athetic contests take lace and wandering minstrels recite their also and reader.

Electric roads cost less than cable or horse car roads. The average cost of the electric roads a mile, including equipment and roadway is \$46,697, while the horse car and cable roads, cost respectively \$71, \$87, and \$250,096. and cable roads, cost respectively \$71, and \$350,326.

The chances for loss of life in railroad accidents in the United States are one person killed for every ten million carried. Statisticians claim that more people are killed every year by falling out of windows than there are in railroad accidents.

A locomotive was constructed by George Stephenson in 1814, and travelled at the rate of six miles an hour. This does not appear to have been the first. In 1811 Mr. Blenkinsop, of Leeds, constructed a locomotive, for which he took out a patent. His engines began running on the railway extending from the Middleton Collieries to Leeds, a distance of about three miles and a half, on the 12th of August, 1812.

Few people know the real color of gold, as the metal is seldom seen except heavily alloyed, which renders it redder in color than when in its pure state. The gold found in the Ural Mountains is the reddest of all in its natural state; Australian gold is redder than that of California, while gold obtained from the placers is redder than that obtained from the quartz. What causes these different colors is one of the mysteries of metallurgy.

Greek marriages are usually celebrated on a Sunday.

Nearly a quarter of all cases of insanity are hereditary.

The floating population of the Thames numbers 300,000 souls.

The Jewish population of Russia is estimated at about 5,000,000.

It has been computed that of the 38,000 square miles of Iceland, only 15,000 are pasture land.

During the reign of Edward I. of England rum was sold only as a medicine in apothecaries' shops.

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Spwained his cain." "Howwible!"—Puck. "They tell me you are a happy father."
"Yes." "Are you setting up the cigars?"
"No. I'm sitting up nights."—Kate Field's Washington.

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Earl of Dudley is perhaps the most interesting man to the insurance companies in England. His life is insured for \$6,000,000.

The Polish Count Graborki is a fireman on a Pan Handle locomotive. He is a man-ly and well-educated young fellow, with an excellent record of service in the German army, and he is thoroughly content with his situation.

The physicians of Pope Leo XIII. are announced as expressing the opinion that their patient cannot live much longer than six months. Then the time approaches when the Vatican may have a new policy toward the Quirinal.

Mrs. Russell Sage has proven herself a pluckier woman than her husband was a man by choking a wretch who got into her house to demand \$2,500 to prevent him from shooting Mr. Sage. When she had choked him she thrust him out in the street.

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The day of youthful prodigies is evidently not over. In Berlin the 12-year old cellist, Jean Gerardy, who created a great sensation in London a year ago, appeared recently with signal success. In Milan, on the other hand, a little girl of the same age, Bianca Panteo, has caused quite a stir in musical circles by her remarkable performance on the violin. She will be heard in Austria and Germany during the coming months.

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Banks—"Who do you suppose originated the expression, "As full as a goat?" "Anks—"Oh. some fellow who had been working the expression, "As full as a goat?" "Are you sup his will as a goat?" "Are you setting guest)—Sir. daughter of the Duchess of Fire is of more immediate interest to the English people, because thereby they have now four generations of royalty upon British soil. Lady Alexander Duff, though denied the style of Princess, is third in descent from Her Majesty and some day will be the grand-daughter to the Duchess of Fire is of more immediate interest to the English people, because thereby they have now four generations of royalty upon British soil. Lady Alexander Duff, though denied the style of Princess, is third in descent from Her Majesty and some day will be the grand-daughter to a king. There is a great controversy going on in London now as to who is the most beautiful woman in society. There are Lady Dudley and the Princess of Wales, who dely the light of time and reign queens of beauty forever. The Duchess of Leinster dinner caller. Mrs. Cumso—Indeed! She invariable to the safety of the self-will woman in society. There are Lady Dudley and the Princess of Wales, who dely the fift of the will woman in society.

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royal yachts the incomes voted to the family are enormous. The Prince of Wales has over \$500,000 and the princess \$50,000 and \$125,000, the daughters \$30,000 each, the Duke of Cambridge, the Queen's cousin, \$60,000, and his two sisters \$25,000 and \$15,000 repectively, and \$500,000 was voted to the Empress Frederick of Germany when she was married. The Lord Chamberlain, Lord Steward, and Master of Buck Hounds get \$28,500 per year each, seven Lords in Waiting get \$3,500 each for a few weeks each year "in attendance." The Ladies of the Bedchamber have \$2,500 a year each.

The Custom of celebrating wedding anniversaries with peculiar gifts dates back to the medieval Germans, among whom, if a married couple lived to celebrate the 25th

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The majority of well-read physicians now believe that Consumption is a germ disease. In other words, instead of being in the constitution itself it is caused by innustration words, instead of being in the constitution itself it is caused by innumerable small creatures living in the lungs having no business there and eating them away as caterpillars do the leaves of trees.

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which have been gnawed off and destroyed. These little bacilli, as the germs are called, are too small to be seen with the naked eye, but they are very much naked eye, but they are very much aiive just the same, and enter the body in our food, in the air we breathe, and through the pores of the skin. Thence they get into the blood and finally arrive at the lungs where they fasten and increase with frightful rapidity. Then German Syrup comes in, loosens them, kills them, expells them, heals the places they leave, and so nourish and soothe that, in a short time consumptives become germ-proof and well. tives become germ-proof and well.

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