

In the year 1880, in the State of Georgia, a child was born without any bones and lived for eleven years without getting much larger than when it was born.

Dr. Bell, of Tennessee, gives an account of a woman 71 years of age who shed her bones. When she shed one a new one was always there to replace it. Do you believe this yarn?

On the banks of the River Purus, in South America, is a peculiar tribe of people, men, women, and children, whose skins are spotted black and white. Perhaps, but not at all likely.

A Manchester man, named Hopkins, is said to have made stockings or socks of his own hair.

The greatest amount of wheat ever threshed in a day by steam power was eighty-six thousand and sixty-eight pounds, or $38\frac{1}{2}$ tons in a day of eight hours.

The largest water-wheel in the world is at Laxey, in the Isle of Man. It is $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter, 6 feet broad, and 217 feet in circumference, being equivalent to a steam engine of 200 horse-power.

The largest magnet ever made weighed 1,000 pounds, and had a lifting power of from 30 to 50 tons, or somewhat more than the quantity of soap we make daily.

The highest price recorded as given for a wild animal for exhibition was \$10,000, given by the late P. T. Barnum, for the celebrated elephant, Jumbo.

The celebrated Rev. Wm. Dodd, L.L.B., who was hanged at Tyburn, 1777, preached his own funeral sermon in prison prior to his execution before a large crowd, many of whom were personal friends.

The biggest ball ever fired from a cannon was 1 foot in length, and weighed 2,000 pounds.

There are 1,500 million cigarettes smoked throughout the United Kingdom every year.

In one of the Canary Islands there is a tree of the laurel family that runs down occasionally in the early morning quite a copious shower of tears or water-drops from its tufted foliage.

The snake cucumber, while comparatively small in diameter, attains the extraordinary length of several feet. One exhibited at the Los Angeles fair was seven feet long, and coiled like a serpent.

In the construction of a copper kettle made at St. Louis for a firm of brewers, between seven and eight thousand pounds of copper were used.

The largest candles made are used for religious purposes, some of them being as heavy as 60 pounds in weight, and 14 feet in length.

The largest tuning fork ever manufactured was made in Hanan; it weighs 72 lbs., and gives 14 double oscillations a second.

The greatest amount of heat ever registered was on the 28th day of July, 1885, when it rose to 162 degrees, in Sierra Leone.

The Sultan of Turkey possesses some of the most costly palaces in the world, the cost of one of them was £700,000, or \$3,500,000.

Spruce beer is made by boiling the shoots, bark, and cones of the fir.

