sor Tyndall is said to have bee the first man to ever attempt to produce an artificial rainbow—this in 1883.

The largest needle factory in the world is in Redditch, Worcestershire. Over 70,000,000 needles are made weekly.

One mile of wire, such as is used in the nanufacture of hair springs for watches, would weigh less than half a pound.

Some species of fungi have neither roots, tems, leaves, flowers nor seeds, and derive heir nourishment through their pores.

Cherrapongee, in southwestern Assam, is the wettest place in the world, the average annual rainfall there being 610 inches. Some species of birds have exceptionally ong lives alloted to them. The raven has seen known to live 166 years' and the swan

The longest span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph in India, over 6,000 teet, and is stretched between two hills 1,200

Native Australians have their war boom rangs, their hunting boomerangs and their musement boomerangs—all differen

The South Sea Islands is the home of a worm which emerges from its hiding place only one day of a certain change of the moon in October.

Brazil produces on the average 360,000 ons of coffee per annum—that, is, about pur-fifths of the whole amount consumed

There is a remarkable "burning spring"in incoln County, Kentucky, which regularly verflows its banks every afternoon at halfpast 4 o, clock precisely.

In New-Mexico canons one may see natural stone pillars cut into fantastic forms by the sand blasts formed by the wind sucking up and down the narrow passes.

One of the oldest seats of learning in Europe, the University of Valladolid, celebrated recently its sixth centennial as an established university. In 1293 King Sancho IV. of Castile and Leon gave a charter to this school. But it had been in existence long before the Christian era.

Leaves of the talipot palm in Ceylon sometimes attain the length of 20 feet with a width of 18 teet. They are used by the natives in making tents. The leaves of the double cocoanut palm are often 30 feet long, while those of the Insja p Im on the banks of the rivers of Brazil area sometimes 50 feet long, and 10 to 12 feet wide.

Alaska is large enough to allow territory equal to the size of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Empire of Germany with its tempt-six states, the Republic of France with its eighty-six departments, the kingdom of Greece with its thirteen monarchies and the Republic of Switzerland with its twenty-two cantons to be carved out of it.

A very simple method of inducing sleep in cases of persistent insomnia, and one that has succeeded where many drugs have failed, is simply to administer a moderate amount of liquid food before the patient goes to bed. This diverts the blood from the brain to the abdominal organs, and takes away the cerebral excitement that precludes sleep. precludes sleep.

It is well known that sea water has a most beneficial effect upon the appearance of horses, imparting a satin gloss to their coats, a brightness to the eyes, and a generally refreshing appearance. It is no unusual thing at seaside resorts to see host-lers giving the animals in their charge the sea plunge as regularly as the most systematic bather on the beach.

A special feature of Java oranges is that they will keep from thirty to forty days, and, if properly packed, for even three months. New orange groves are continually being laid out, and now number some 400, against 200 some fifteen years ago. This industry has influenced the population of Java, which now contains 42,000 inhabitants, against 15,000 some twelve years ago.

A good extemporized apparatus for removing carbonic acid gas from a well is simply an opened-out umbrella let down and rapidly hauled up a number of times in succession. The person who made and reports this experiment states that the effect was to remove the gas in a few minutes from a well so foul as to instantly extinguish a candle previous to the use of the umbrella.

The so-called rice paper is not made from rice, as its name implies, but from the snow-white pith of a small tree which, so far as is known, growe only in Formosa, and belongs to a genus represented in the United States by the common sarsaparilla and the spikenard. The stems are transported to China and there the rice paper is made, which is used by native artists for water color drawings or dyed of various colors and made into artificial flowers.



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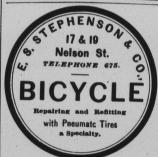
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My, but that's rank stuff," said he, as he sember in Leadville there was a wag kept saloon who did not try to disguise the quality of the liquor that passed over his sar, but rather made careful preparations or the effects that he knew it would because. It is said that a tenderloot bace came in and asked for a whiskey. He was passed a bottle and a glass. Then, to his surprise, the bartender placed a small whisk broom by the side of the bottle. Of course he was puzzled, but he poured out his drink and drank it slowly, unwilling

A Christiania newspaper which does not give itself up to the comic element relate; that a Dutch lawyer, named Nikolson, bequeathed the whole of his property to trustees, to be employed in the purchase o bicycles for the use of children attending school, while part of the money is to go towards paying a teacher to train the boys in

school, while part of the money is to go towards paying a teacher to train the boys in bicycle riding.

The validity of the will has been disputed by the sons of the testator, who refuse to acknowledge it, so that it is still a question of doubt whether the children will reap the benfit of the strange bequest. That the testator was sincere enough, and that he recognized in the wheel untold blessings which might have escaped the observation of minds of less acumen, the concluding portion of the will should go to prove. It says:

ays:—
"I have alwaya found a bicycle a capital protection against the importunity of those people who p-rsist in stopping your walk to spin a long yarn in the hot sun or in the biting east wind. My machine, unlike a horse never shied once; and in my drives I have had no need to intrust life and limb to the tender species of a coachman."

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The drink known as the cocktail was invented and named by Elizabeth Flanagan, the wite of an Irish soldier who died during the revolution. She then became a sutler and followed the troop of Virginnan horses which in 1779 wintered at Four Corners, between White plains and Tarrytown, Westchester County, N. Y. Betsy Flanagan set up a botel, which the American and French officers frequented. They would come in after a night at the card table for a "bracer," and Mistress Flanagan would provide them with a drink that made them feel as "fresh as cock's tail. In time the compound received the name by which it is now known.

How to Write to Royalty

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The paper on which letters to Queen Victoria are written must not be folded. No communication which bears evidence of having been creased will ever fall into Her Majesty's own hands. The proper method is to write on thick, glossy white paper, and to despatch the missive in an envelope which fits it. Any folded communication never reaches the Queen, for the simple reason that she won't look at it. All such letters are opened by the Mistress of the Robes, and as a rule their contents never get beyond her; or, if the letter is of importance it is returned to the writer with the directions how to forward it.

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Try It on the Hotel Clerk.

One of the easiest and most trustworthy modes of determining whether a supposed diamond is genuine or false is as follows: Pierce a hole in a card with a needle or pin, and then look at it, using the stone as a lens. If the supposed diamond is genuine you will see but one hole: if false two will appear. With an imitation stone you may also see the lines on the skin of your finger; with the true gem you cannot.

The One They Wanted. There is a story of an eccentric nobleman who amused himself by constructing an elaborate mausoleum for his own remains, and who, when the edifice was erected, asked the architect: "Is anything now wanted to complete your design?" "Only your lordship's corpse," was the unexpected answer.

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A few weeks ago the governor of New Zealand was compelled to pay a fine of five shillings because his coachman drove too fast.

E. T. Reed, who succeeds Harry Fur ness as the illustrator of Punch, five year ago was an unknown artist. He is said to be exceedingly clever.

The Czarowitz is said to be dis

marry. He wants to renounce the suctoo the thrown in favour of his your other, the Grand Duke Michael.

Queen Victoria has inspected a numbe of villas in the neighborhood of Florence with a view of purchasing one, which he majesty intends to present to Princess

The millionaire of the United States navy is said to be commodore George E. Perkins in the army the wealthiest man is Genera Nelson B. Sweitzer, who is also a tamou Professor Ibrahim Hakki Bey, the Turk-ish commissioner to the world's fair, has returned to Constantinople so American-zed that his friends are atraid he may get into trouble.

Miss Ella Hepworth Dixon, the laughter of Hepworth Dixon, who is naking a name for herself in the literary world of London, is also an artist of more

han ordinary ability. Prince Constantin Wiasesky, of Russia, is an indefatigable traveller. He has just returned to Paris after a trip of 43,000 kilometers across Asia and is ready to start on a teur through Africa.

Mr. Gladstone has received vast numbers of letters, the bulk of them from members of the working classes, and not a few accompanied by personal gifts, which the ex-premier is earnestly besought to accept.

The Princess Beatrice closely follows all the topical songs, and after dinner at Balmoral the queen frequently listens to a medley of popular airs played by the princess, who in all theatrical matters is thoroughly an experience of the property of the pr ughly up to date.

The Prince of Wales is the owner of one of the worst slum districts in Loudon. He refuses to purify it. There are sixteen other slums, and the city council estimates that to renovate and purify them would cost \$10,000,000.

William Astor Chanler, the African explorer, has arrived at Zanzibar after his second expedition. His expedition was fairly successful. He will contribute a report of his exploration to the New York Geographical Society.

Mrs. Claudia Herrara, who died in San Francisco the other day at end the of 120 years, was born in Rial de Jesus Maria, Mexico. She moved to San Francisco when she was 75 years of age, and since then until recently was an active worker.

At Freshwater, on the lale of Wight, a great granite cross in one stone is to be erected in memory of Tennyson. It will be a cross like the Irish crosses at Iona and elsewhere in Ireland and Scotland. It will stand on the highest part of the town.

Mrs. Anna W. Williams, whose profile graces the silver dollar, is a teacher of kindergarten philosophy in the Philadelphia normal school. She is also a lecturer of considerable popularity, and has written many papers on Froebel and his doctrines.

Mr. Jenkins, the almost forgotten author of "Ginx's Baby," has been chosen by the Dundee conservatives to run for the parliamentary representation of their city. He represented Dundee in the 1874-80 parliament, and it was then that his book, which attracted a great deal of attention, appeared.

peared.

The Empress Frederick has induced two Berlin societies of amateur photographers to co-operate in bringing about an international exhibition of photographs by amateurs in 1895. Her majesty has undertaken to be a patroness, and has requested Princess Henry to act as her substitute on the committee.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward says that before she finished her first novel she was seized with writers' cramp and that every word of the novel had to be dictated to a shorthand

page twenty times before she is satisfied with the result.

Thomas H. Benton, for thirty years United States senator from Missouri, would not allow the word "Hon." to be prefixed to the pamphlet copies of his speeches which he sent to his constituents and other persons. The title page reads: "Speech of Mr. Benton, of Missouri." There was but one Benton.

Wee Hun Peunk, once a millionaire Chinese miner in Arizona, who was last beard in South Africa, whither he went with his pretty American wite to make another fortune, has succeeded in buying an interest in the Kagasji diamond mine. It is said that Barney Barnato, the diamond king, is his partner.

The Duchess de Pomar is creating quite a sensation in Paris by a series of lectures at her residence. Owing to the growing interest in these lectures on christianity and mysticism the duchess restricts the admission to her house to bearers of personal invitations. To avoid the interruptions by late arrivals the doors of themansion are closed precisely at 3 o'clock."

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