

**MISSING LINKS.**

Germany has 336 military bands. Cosmetics cost the fair American \$22,000,000 a year.

The great St. Paul's cathedral, in London, was built from taxes levied on coal.

Next to pork, the banana is said to be the most indigestible thing that a person can eat.

If London streets were put end to end they would reach from that city to St. Petersburg.

More than 25,000 persons have been divorced in the state of Connecticut since 1890.

The revenue collected from last year's ascents to the top of the Eiffel tower amounted to \$115,000.

The region about the Dead sea is one of the hottest places on the globe, and the sea is said to lose a million tons of water a day by evaporation.

A Philadelphia funeral team did service at a wedding a few days ago, and the dosing driver allowed the horse to carry the bride and groom into the cemetery.

The largest of barites is said to be the species known as the loggerhead, which grows to the enormous weight of 1,900 pounds. These are found in the sea.

The business of preparing shrimp for the Chinese market is assuming important proportions in California. The shrimp are taken in huge nets and boiled in great iron vats.

An umbrella company has been incorporated with a capital of \$5,000,000, and is to carry on business in all the states and territories of the United States and in foreign countries.

Above the length of 19 or 20 feet, snakes in the Philippine Islands increase greatly in bulk for every foot in length, so that a snake 19 feet long looks small besides one 22 feet long.

There are in London 990 common lodging houses which have nearly 60,000 inhabitants. In these warrens are about 9,500 women and girls, and of this number some 4,600 are under the age of 22.

The greatest enemy of suburban telephone and telegraph poles is the woodpecker, whose search for the numerous insects which inhabit the wood often leaves the pole literally honeycombed.

A small cabinet containing an alarm clock, a three-candle-power lamp, a medical coil and a gaslighter, all operated by electricity from four cells of dry battery, is among the novelties recently devised.

New Yorkers have formed a society, with branches in Philadelphia and other American cities, for the suppression of the "intolerable annoyance created by the frequent noisy clanging of inharmonious church bells."

In ancient times Greece possessed something like 7,500,000 acres of dense forest, and she was comparatively rich in timber until half a century ago. Many forests have now disappeared, and the result is seen both in the scarcity of the water supply and in various injurious climatic effects.

A brilliant young London surgeon has aroused the hostility of the profession by his outspoken denunciation of over-drugging and his advocacy of dietetic treatment of disease, and as a result his name was removed from the medical register. He has taken action to have his name restored.

Insects have recently destroyed whole forests in Powhatan County, Virginia, and among other trees the famous Pope's vine, a noted landmark in the old dominion. It stood for years on an eminence from which it was visible for twenty miles or more around, and towered high above all surrounding trees.

The Gila monster, *Heloderma horridum*, is the only species of known poisonous lizard in the world. It is a native of the Gila River country in Arizona, and has seldom or never been seen at any great distance from that stream. The Indians of Arizona believe the spittle, or saliva, and even the breath of the animal to be deadly poison.

South Africa has been scourged by a locust pest and considerable damage is still being wrought. A swarm of locusts crossed over one place in a column over six miles wide, clearing pretty much everything before them. The meadow crop in the Orange Free State has been destroyed by the locusts, causing a loss of over \$1,000,000.

Electricity has recently been applied to establish the state of a horse's foot. Usage is to put one pole of a battery in contact with the inside of a hoof the other pole in connection with the iron shoe. If the hoof has been pierced with a nail to the quick, the horse will feel the electric current and become irritated; in the other case, the current cannot pass through the foot.

It is reported from Santa Fe, N.M., that in excavating some Aztec ruins near Chaco canon Governor Prince has unearthed twenty stone idols of a different type from any before discovered. They are circular in shape, forming disks varying from six to fifteen inches in diameter, the upper half containing a deeply carved face and the lower half rudimentary arms in relief. The idols are believed to be at least 600 years old.

The government of Holland has a project on hand to drain the Zuider Zee. It is a vast lagoon of some seven hundred square miles superficial area and is useless on account of its shallowness for purposes of navigation, while as agricultural land it is estimated to be very valuable. The cost of the dam is estimated at \$3,673,000 and of the drainage at \$13,000,000. It is estimated that thirty years will be required to complete the work.

The Great Modern Civilization. The railroad is the great civilization of modern times, and recognizing this fact the Egyptian Government is now surveying a route for the extension of its railroad along the Nile as far south as Wady Halfa. It is estimated that it will cost \$4,000,000 to build a narrow-gauge road from Girgeh to Wady Halfa, which forms the present southern frontier of Egypt. When the road reaches Wady Halfa it will not be difficult to extend it farther south to Dongola. The establishment of rapid communication between Cairo and Upper Nubia would enable the Khedive to rapidly transport an Egyptian army to the frontiers of the Sudan, and all the British officers now in Egypt believe that as soon as such an improvement is carried out the Sudan will fall again into the hands of Egypt, and without a blow.

For Your Russet Shoes. There is a line of information that is worth dollars to the man who is continually having his russet shoes rubbed with various creams and dressings, and that will bring comfort to the man who dislikes the sticky polishes in use and whose shoes therefore present a suburban road appearance.

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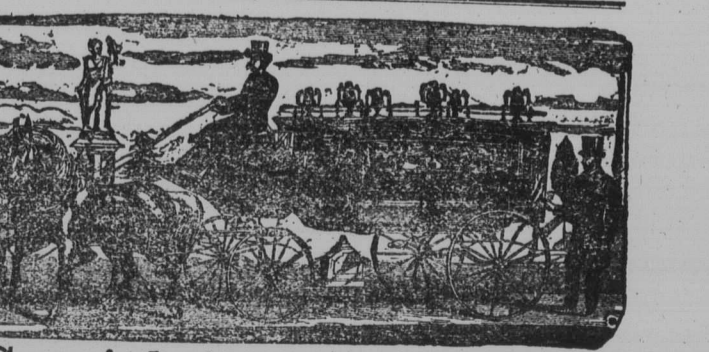
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