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## INTERESTING FACTS

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Skins of wild animals cured, constituted one of the earliest forms of currency known and while employed in the most ancient times are still used in some parts of the world. In America the Hudson Bay Fur Company used beaver skins in trading with the Indians. In the days of Abraham, live stock was used as a medium of exchange. Today in Lapland and some portions of Norway and Sweden, the wealth of a person is measured in reindeer. The Eskimos measure their wealth in dogs.

Benjamin West who painted many famous Indian pictures, was one of the earliest American painters. He succeeded Sir Joshua Reynolds as president of the Royal Academy in London.

Tapestry is a decorated stuff produced by weaving colored threads into warp threads in a manner that differs from shuttle weaving.

The Barrymore family has been famous on the stage for the last two generations.

The following months are named for Roman emperors—July for Julius Caesar and August for the emperor Augustus.

Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt as she turned back, against God's wishes, to look at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Daniel was thrown into a lion's den because he prayed to God and not to King Darius.

The Marines fought in many sea actions of the Revolution and lost forty-nine of their number in the battle between John Paul Jones' frigate, *Bon Homme Richard*, and the *Serapis*, in 1779.

The seven wonders of the ancient world are the Pyramids of Egypt and the Sphinx, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Temple of Diana, the Statue of Jupiter Olympus, the Tomb of Mausolus, the Pharos of Alexandria and the Colossus of Rhodes.

The Bridge of Sighs is the bridge connecting the palace of the Doge with the state prison in Venice. It was so called because prisoners once having crossed it from the Judgment Hall were never seen again, and it was supposed that many of them were dropped through a trap door into the dark and deep waters of the canal flowing beneath. It was built in 1589.

The Rialto a bridge at Venice is a single marble arch 98 1-2 feet long and was completed in 1591.

A steeple-chase is a race on horseback across a tract of country in which fences, ditches, and other obstacles are to be leaped. Originally it is said to have been run to see which rider could reach some conspicuous object first, such as a church steeple.

Sir Joshua Reynolds excelled as a painter of children's portraits.

The front and back of a boat are known respectively as the bow and stern. The starboard is that side of the vessel on the right hand of one when facing the bow. The companionway is the stairway leading from the deck to the cabins. The "Blue Peter" is a light blue flag which is raised indicating that the ship is ready to sail.

The first to make pottery were the Chinese.

Topsy the, "eboney lump of mischief" in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "was never born but just growed."

"Huckleberry Finn" was Tom Sawyer's "partner in crime."

The little girl who followed a rabbit down a hole and met with great adventures was "Alice in wonderland."

The two obelisks, one in Central Park, N. Y., and the other on the Themes Embankment, London, are called Cleopatra's Needles.

The Nile river in Egypt flows over six cataracts before it reaches the sea.

Dingres are wild dogs of Australia of fox-like aspect. They are sometimes domesticated.

Huskies are Indian sledge dogs, used for drawing sleds over the ice and snow.

A beagle hound is a small short-coated hound formerly, kept in packs for hunting hares.

The dog frequently used for racing is the Whippet, a cross between a terrier and a greyhound.

Sheep dogs, airdales, and police dogs are good watch dogs.

Two famous dog books are: "Rob and His Friends," and "Bob, son of Battle."

General Custer and his division of two hundred sixty men were suddenly surrounded by the Sioux Indians and killed.

Since 1841 twenty-two steamships have left port and never been heard from again. The latest of these vanishing ships was the U. S. S. *Cyclops*, a Collier, which left Barbadoes, West Indies, on March 4, 1928, and has never been heard from since. She had a crew

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