



Heligoland is gradually sinking into the sea.

Italy produces annually 70,000,000 gallons of olive oil, the market value of which is £24,000,000.

Some naturalists who cruise about the Highland lochs use glass-bottomed boats in studying aquatic life.

Only one-third of the world's population use bread as a daily article of food. Fully one-half of the people of the world subsist chiefly on rice.

The tolling of church bells on the occasion of a burial is based on the old pagan custom of banging gongs when a body was to be interred, in order to scare away the bad spirit.

The United States has a long coast line to defend. It measures 5,715 miles, embracing 2,349 miles on the Atlantic ocean, 1,556 on the Gulf of Mexico, and 1,810 on the Pacific ocean.

Hereafter the women of Russia must do without corsets. The Russian minister of public instruction has issued a decree absolutely prohibiting the use of the corset, on the grounds of public health.

Spectacles are being made of gelatoid (formaldehyd gelatin) for the protection of the eyes in mechanical work, as in grinding metals and the like. It is nearly unbreakable when struck by flying particles.—[Med. Scient.]

The most northern postoffice in the world has recently been established by the Norwegian government on the island of Spitzbergen. The office is established for the convenience of excursionists who go there during the summer months.

There is a popular notion that milk is soured by thunder. It probably originated in the fact that milk often becomes sour immediately after a thunder storm. However, it is not the sound, but the general state of the atmosphere, that is to blame. The milk sours because it is warm. The moist, oppressive atmosphere that immediately precedes a thunder storm encourages the activity of germs in the milk, and they multiply very rapidly. The same condition normally exists in the stomach. It is moist and warm, the temperature being 100 deg. F., so that milk, when retained there, sours very quickly. If milk is taken alone, it passes out of the stomach in about an hour, but if eaten with vegetables or fruit, it is obliged to remain in the stomach with them, and often creates no small disturbance.—[Good Health.]

Sailors are so superstitious that they do not like to trust themselves on a ship which has a corpse on board. The shipping agents therefore enter such freight on their manifests as "statuary."

Mr. David Boyle, the curator of the Ontario Archaeological Museum, is in receipt of an exceedingly curious survival from prehistoric times in the shape of a good-sized lump of "bog-butter." In Ireland in the very old times the art of butter making was known, but the preservative effects of salt were as yet undiscovered. Nevertheless, the people of that age possessed some means of preserving it, burial in a bog being part of the process. Firkins of it were frequently left there for safekeeping, and from time to time these relics of prehistoric housekeeping are unearthed. The keg of which this is a portion was dug up recently (this year) in a bog near Dunlavin, County Kildare. The staves are said to have been round it, but to have fallen off on removal. It lay in a peasant's garden, and the dogs fed on it for a time. Mrs. Hopkins, of Blackhall Castle, Kildare, County Kildare, got it then, and I got this fragment from her. I melted a piece, and it seems decidedly butterish.—[Toronto Globe.]

The Lord will Provide.

The editor of a Georgia newspaper the other week published this note: "During our absence from the office on Wednesday evening last, some evil-minded person, thinking that we were seated at our desk, fired a load of buckshot through our window. But, as a kind, protecting Providence would have it, the entire load was received by a stranger who was waiting for our return. There is no trace of the assassin, and at this writing the stranger who so fortunately filled our place at the time is too weak to talk. Thus is another midnight assassin foiled. The Lord will provide."

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