

SOME CURIOUS FACTS

Among freaks of nature in trees, there stands conspicuous one known as the Asiatic star tree. It is enormously tall, growing to a height of from sixty to eighty feet, while from the ground up to a distance of about forty feet the trunk is perfectly bare. From that point there spring a number of tangled limbs, which shoot out clusters of long, pointed leaves, and it is these, grouped together, that emit at night a clear phosphorescent light. This gives the tree a spectral appearance, and is very deceiving to travelers, who frequently mistake the glow for an illuminated window of a house. The light is not brilliant, but is of sufficient strength to allow of a newspaper being read by it. It does not flicker, but glows steadily from sunset to daybreak.

Eagles have been noticed flying at a height of 6000 feet, and storks and buzzards at 2000 feet. A lark will rise to the same height, and so will crows. As a rule, however, birds do not fly at a greater height than 1000 feet.

Babylon was probably the first city to attain a population of 1,00,000. The area of the city was 225 square miles.

Trades unions are no new invention. Accurate records of their existence in Roman times have been dug up in Pompeii.

The greatest mystery of medical science is the exact use of a thyroid gland, which is the seat of the disease known as goitre.

There are five capital offenses under British law—murder, high treason, piracy, arson in the port of London and attempts to destroy public arsenals.

The king of Spain is the only monarch who does not sign his name to documents

and edicts. His signature is simply "Yo, el Rey"—"I, the King."

The most mixed population in the world is probably that of British Guiana. There is admixture of French, Dutch, Spanish, British, coolie and Indian blood.

In the Turkish navy the crew and officers of a warship form a regiment, and the officers hold the same rank as on land. The captain is lieutenant colonel, and so on.

The eucalyptus sheds its bark instead of its leaves. Like cholera, influenza always travels from east to west.

At Kingston, Jamaica, all the coaling of ships is performed by women.—Ex.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football season has just began for the huskies in the different departments. Tomorrow the blacksmiths and farmers will come together. Mr. Mann expects his brawny men to "hammer" and "batter" the 'agriculturists' in a manner to "forge" out the largest score. Mr. Swartz feels confident that his men will do some great "plowing" through the "smiths' heavy line and "sow" some gridiron skill that will "reap" victory for them.

The Smithies out-weigh the farmers by several pounds and have several first team stars in their line-up. Quealpalma, Minesinger, Mason, French, "Jug" are the main "irons in the fire" for the blacksmiths. "Jug" is a good man and will no doubt "spill" a few "seeds" by the wayside. Smoker, Wilson, Sorler, Clark, G. Williams and Shaw are the strong "implements" for the hayseeds. Clark will handle the kicking department. He thoroughly understands "kicking" as he is a worker among the horses on the farm. The blacksmiths will depend on their "heavy striking," while their opponents expect to win by "fast driving."