

Topics of the Times

The railways of the world carry over 40,000,000 passengers weekly.

Blind men in Japan carry a whistle which they blow to warn passers-by.

Two thousand Latter Day Saints missionaries are said to be in England just now.

Ninety-five thousand tons of American apples are imported into England every year.

A swordfish was captured by a New London (Conn.) skipper which weighed 600 pounds.

Taking it year in and year out, the coldest hour of each twenty-four is 5 o'clock in the morning.

The average walking pace of a healthy man or woman is said to be seventy-five steps a minute.

Rats are fond of sunflower seeds. A trap baited with these seeds seldom fails to catch the rodents.

They say there are about 200 different shapes and varieties of tooth pulling forceps on the market.

In the United States there are 419 different species of trees; and nineteen of them, when perfectly seasoned, will sink in water.

The prison population of India, large as it is, is only 38 per 100,000 inhabitants, or less than half the proportion that prevails in Great Britain.

Twenty new paper making machines are to be added to the New England Mills this year, each machine having a capacity of fifteen tons daily.

A Buda-Pesth journal notes the fact that 32,000 season tickets were sold for the millennium exposition in that city, while at the last Paris exposition only 19,000 were sold.

The wool clip of Robert Taylor, of Casper, Wyo., for the present year is 150,000 pounds. Mr. Taylor is believed to be the largest individual wool grower in the United States.

Paris congresses have received a blow by a law just passed in the chamber of deputies, punishing by a maximum of a year's imprisonment and \$100 fine the suppression or opening of private letters.

The Microbiological institute at Madrid has published statistics that show that only 10 per cent of diphtheria patients treated with the serum died, whereas previously (from 1882 to 1891) the mortality had been 80 per cent.

A pencil drawing, partly colored, of George, prince of Wales, 1798, by Richard Cosway, the miniaturist, brought \$420 in London recently; another of George in 1772 brought \$550, while one of Caroline of Brunswick, his princess, brought \$435.

A man in Germany recently bought 1,000 cigars and had them insured against fire. Then he smoked them, and demanded the amount of the policy from the insurance company. The company refusing to pay it, he brought suit and got a verdict.

Only a week before the passage in the lords of the deceased wife's sister bill a divorce case was thrown out of court by Sir Francis Jenue without any inquiry as to where the marriage had taken place, on the admission that the wife in the case was the sister of her husband's first wife.

At Marlborough house there is more ceremony, socially speaking, than at Sandringham. A number of servants herald your arrival or departure, and there are usually two servants standing outside of your room door when you are staying in the house and a man behind the chair of every guest at meal time.

The day on the moon is a fortnight in length. During that period the temperature on the illuminated side probably rises to 220 degrees Fahrenheit, and during the period of darkness the heat probably radiates so freely that the temperature falls to 300 degrees below the zero of the Fahrenheit scale. The night is, of course, of equal length.

"Marmaduke" in London Truth asks if it is not time that the custom of burying murderers in unconsecrated ground should cease? "When the criminal has paid the extreme penalty of the law, it is ludicrous for the State to pretend that it can in any way affect him in the next world; while, even if it were in its power, it would be abominable to do so."

The total amount paid out for all kinds of pensions in the United Kingdom for the year ending March, 1892, was £1,588,862. Then pensions for the civil list amounted to £2,161,687; for the army, £3,714,673; for the navy, £1,742,812, and for the survivors of former distinguished naval and military men, £28,720. The whole number of recipients of all classes is 162,040.

Important improvements in Roentgen photography are announced from Berlin. The most interesting is a simple method of photographing the stomach and intestines. It is only necessary for the patient to drink some harmless solution of mineral salt, such as lime water, which is as impenetrable as bone to X rays, and excellent results are obtained.

Belfort, the eastern gate of France, and Rambervillers, in the Vosges Mountains, have just received the cross of the Legion of Honor, which will be emblazoned on the town arms, in honor of the gallant resistance they made to the Germans twenty-five years ago. Altogether, nine towns in France now have the cross of the Legion of Honor on their coat of arms.

The mosaic work with which the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral is paved was made by the female convicts at Working prison. The quarries of the Isle of Portland, in Dorsetshire, supplied the materials for St. Paul's Cath-

edral, and for all the most splendid buildings in London. About 70,000 tons of Portland stone are now exported annually from these quarries.

A Bombay newspaper declares that the castor oil plant affords a means of protection against mosquitoes. In Egypt it is planted about houses to drive the insects away. In towns a better plan is to have the young plants in pots and bring them into the house for a day or two at a time, but the palma Christi is a sun-loving plant, and therefore must not be kept too long in the shade.

The heads of the naval and military departments in England were so impressed with the wholesomeness and superior nutriment of cocoa that they in 1845 judiciously directed that it should be served out twice or three a week to regiments of the line, and to the seamen on board of Her Majesty's ships, and this wise regulation evinced its salutary effects in the improved health and condition of the men.

Germany has made some bold experiments at railroad speed on the line between Berlin and Gorliz. The best performance was sixty-five and three-quarters miles, which was twelve miles better than the highest speed of the fastest German train, the Berlin-Hamburg lightning express, which does 177 1/2 in three and one-half hours. Ordinary German express trains make forty-three and one-half miles an hour.

As the result of the existence of a cattle trust in Belgium the humbler classes of the population there are forced to purchase horse flesh as a substitute for beef. The Antwerp correspondent of a London journal says that for some time past the importation of cattle into Belgium from the United States and Canada "has been prohibited owing to the detection, alleged or real, of a single case of pleuro-pneumonia."

From an artesian well 188 feet deep, recently bored at San Marcos, Texas, there were expelled more than a dozen specimens of a remarkable brachiopod, together with numerous crustaceans. From the "American Naturalist" it appears that the crustaceans comprise numerous shrimps (one new species, paleomonetes arturium), a lesser number of isopods of a new genus (cirolanides) and a very few amphipods. All the species are white, blind and have unusually long, slender feet and antennae.

Jennie Woodward, a 5-year-old girl, living near Kingston, N. Y., has a big black cat which is her constant companion. The girl and cat were playing in the yard, when the cat began to watch a crevice in a stone wall. The child's curiosity was aroused. As she drew near to peer into the crevice a large rattlesnake darted out toward the child. The next instant the cat had sprung to the rescue, seized the snake and crushed its spine. The snake measured six feet and three inches.

So seriously has the city of London taken the custom of the buttonhole bouquets worn by stockbrokers that it has actually given the women who sell flowers recognition. The flower girls, as they are all gallantly called, are permitted by the regulations to set down their baskets and sell their flowers around the iron railings opposite the Royal Exchange. They are among the most respected stall holders in the city. They are uniformly polite, as they may well be, since they may be said to be on speaking terms with all the youth and gallantry of Threadneedle street and Throgmorton avenue, and they are very skilled in the making of boutonnières.

The Armenian relief fund has beaten the record among the various efforts to relieve extraordinary distress. The amount forwarded to Constantinople already reaches \$715,000. Of this \$255,000 represents the relief fund proper, collected by the Duke of Westminster's committee from England and Ireland. America has sent direct to Constantinople \$250,000. Scotland, whose interests in afflicted Armenia is very keen, has sent \$50,000, and France has sent as much as Scotland. Germany, Switzerland and the British colonies have sent contributions, too, though Germany with its \$15,000 is some distance behind France; while the Armenians themselves scattered throughout Europe have collected \$80,000.

Is This Marriage Legal?
An odd case has come up in San Francisco with regard to the legality of a certain marriage. Two Californians, an uncle and a niece, wishing to marry, found that the State law forbade it within such relationship. Therefore, after consulting lawyers they went aboard a tug which carried them out to sea beyond the jurisdiction of the State, and there they were made man and wife. According to California law the legality of a marriage depends upon the law of the place where the marriage is contracted. It now remains to be determined whether any statute of the United States covers the case, since, if the vessel was of American register, the marriage took place within the jurisdiction of the United States.—Buffalo Courier.

Not His Fault.
The mendicant stood before the wayfarer with outstretched hands. "Please, sir," he said, "I have seen better days." "Well, that's no affair of mine," said the wayfarer. "Make your complaint to the clerk of the weather if you don't like this kind of a day."—Amusing Journal.

He Did.
"Are you still fussing with your next-door neighbor about that tree?" "Yes; it kills the grass on my side of the fence."

"Why don't you bury the hatcher?" "Just what I'm going to do to-night—in the tree."—Washington Times.

Mrs. Casey—Joost see little Mary makin' love to little Mofkey. Mrs. Kerrigan—God help the poor men when she grows oop. She makes love like a wilder already.—Puck.

See Water For City Streets.

The ancient idea of flushing the sewers and gutters of city streets with sea water is being vigorously discussed in many places. In England it has come into such favor that a proposition is now put forward to supply the city of London with sea water. The water would be taken from the sea at a spot not far from Brighton remarkably free from pollution. It would be pumped into a reservoir of 10,000,000 gallons. Thence it would be forced into another reservoir, from which it would gravitate to London. The present consumption of water in London is 200,000,000 gallons a day, of which 40,000,000 gallons is used for municipal purposes. This might be saved for domestic purposes by the introduction of sea water. The cost of the project is put at \$2,250,000, and the sea water would be supplied by meter for public purposes at a fraction of the present cost of fresh water. One watering of the streets with sea water is said to be equal to two, or even three, with fresh water. It prevents the decomposition of street refuse, it is effective for flushing sewers, and particularly valuable for the extinction of fire. Of its value to health there is no doubt, and it would be easy to supply it to hospitals and to schools for swimming baths.

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The cartridges are brought to the front of the breech lock, when the latter is moved to the rear in opening the breech, and closing the breech places the cartridge in its proper position in the firing chamber. The recoil at firing drives the barrel and breech mechanism to the rear, the three friction rolls of the rear link strike against the curved butt and are forced downward, the middle joint of toggle is raised and the breech block recedes, taking with it an empty shell by means of the extractor, until the ejector strikes the shell from below and throws it out, and the surplus momentum of the recoiling parts is taken up by the recoil spring against which the friction rolls impinge.

As soon as the recoil, which is so eased as to be scarcely noticeable to the hand, is spent, the spring draws the toggle link forward and downward, the breech block pushes the upper cartridge into the barrel and the firing bolt is arrested and held cocked by the serr.

The safety piece prevents accidents when the arm is not in action, otherwise the pistol is always cocked and ready for service.

The pistol weighs two and three-quarter pounds, with a six-inch barrel, and two and four-fifths with a seven and a half inch barrel. The projectile weighs eighty-five grains and is projected by the cartridge at about 1,200 feet per second.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



Attorney Garrett McEnery recently appeared as counsel in a case before a justice of the peace at Suisun. McEnery found it necessary to make frequent objections to the evidence that the opposing counsel was attempting to introduce. The justice, whose first rule of evidence is "everything goes," looked first annoyed and then indignant. Finally he could contain himself no longer, and, as a ruling on one of Mr. McEnery's objections, roared: "Mr. McEnery, what kind of a lawyer are you, anyway?" "I am a patent lawyer," replied the attorney, facetiously. "Well, all I've got to say is that when the patent expires you will have a hard time getting it renewed. Go on with the case."—San Francisco Post.

NEWLY INVENTED MATCH GUN.

Good Thing for Bicycle Riders in Lighting Lanterns in a Storm. A bicycle lamp lighter or a match gun is one of the latest inventions. It



is worked on the same principle as an indelible pencil.

Silver at the Treasury.

There is a general misapprehension as to the nature of the silver certificate which could be easily corrected by a careful reading and consideration of the words it bears on its face. In the case of the \$5 note these are: "This certifies that there have been deposited in the Treasury of the United States five silver dollars, payable to the bearer on demand." It is nothing more, therefore, than a certificate of the fact that the silver has been deposited and that the bearer of the note may have it at any time he chooses to ask for it. There is nothing on the face of the note to justify the impression that it is to be redeemed in gold, for the assurance it bears is directly to the contrary.

Coax a Stubborn Horse.

Some horses will stubbornly refuse to take the bit. A boy with a Shetland pony hit upon a novel method of inducing a stubborn animal to allow of inserting the bit in its mouth. He kept a vial of molasses on a shelf in the stall, and rubbed a few drops on the bit every time he put the bridle on the pony. After a while the pony associated the molasses with the bit, and as horses are fond of sweets, he showed less reluctance as he was thus rewarded every time he submitted. Kindness conquered in his case, and the suggestion of a little molasses on the bit is one that may be followed.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

A woman is the engraver of medals in the royal mint at Stockholm, Sweden, and has been for many years.

It is said to be possible to draw platinum wires so fine that two of them could be inserted in the hollow of a human hair.

The most effective way to capture a whale is to spear it with an electrical harpoon, when it is once shocked into unconsciousness.

Prominent citizens of Charlestown, Mass., have urged that the Bunker Hill Monument should be illuminated with electricity.

A new globe, for all kinds of light, increases the illuminating power ten per cent. It is grooved vertically inside and horizontally outside.

Miss Agnes Adams, of Whitman College, won the highest honors at the first annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Washington.



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