

IS IT POSSIBLE?

[Tabl.] Ten weary, footsore travelers, All in a wooden pligh, Sleight as a way-side inn One dark and stormy night. "Nine beds--no more," the landlord said, "Have I to offer you; To each of eight a single room, But the ninth must serve for two."

FACTS ABOUT DRUMMERS.

Small Fortunes Packed Away in Sample Bags. (Chicago News.) A small man, dushily dressed, walked nervously to one of the clerks at the Grand Pacific, and he inquired if his trunk had come. He was a New York drummer.

The Forests of the Gulf Stream.

[Philadelphia Times.] "Human knowledge lies on the surface," said Prof. Rothrock, in his new lecture on the "Forests of the Sea." "We know next to nothing with certainty concerning the interior of the earth we inhabit. What wonder, then, that the sea, ever changing in its surface, should withhold her secrets from us?"

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THE CHOLERA GERM.

Some Curious Information Given by Dr. Koch. (Chicago Tribune.) Some very interesting details concerning the recently discovered cholera germ are contained in the sixth cholera report which the leader of the German scientific commission, Dr. Koch, has just sent home from Calcutta. The commission, after examining the corpses of twenty-two cholera patients at Calcutta, is satisfied that a special kind of bacteria, known as the comma bacillus, is always present in the intestines of cholera patients. As the vegetation of these bacteria cannot be the result of cholera, Dr. Koch believes that they are its cause.

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Many other facts confirm this supposition. Their presence is confined to the intestines, which are the seat of the disease, none being held in the stomach. They increased and multiplied on the clothes soiled with cholera ejections, which had been damp for twenty-four hours. A similar increase was observable when the ejections were spread on the damp surface of linen paper, and especially on damp earth. After twenty-four hours the thin layer of mucus had in all cases been changed into a dense mass of cholera germs.

Chinese Magic.

[Chicago Times.] A gentleman who has lived among the Chinese tells, as an illustration of their abilities as magicians, an incident that took place under his own eyes, and in his own room, where, apparently, there was no room for deception. The magician was taken from the waist upward, and his magical instrument seemed to be a strip of white cloth twisted about his loins. Taking a dish of uncooked rice, the juggler dived it with his mysterious girdle, squatted before it and began his incantations, which continued half an hour.

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A Homesick Actress.

[Cor. Boston Herald.] Mary Anderson's cordial reception in London was a foregone conclusion; she may not command the unreserved admiration of the critics, but she will certainly have the allegiance of the English public. For some weeks before her debut Miss Anderson was in a state of great nervous tension, not to say despondency. She felt that the crucial test was at hand, having an exaggerated idea of the temper of the London public, who, on the contrary, are never insensible to youth, beauty, and her many advantages, and are quite willing to concede something to an actress of several years' experience. She was so "homesick" in the good old-fashioned way that she cried herself to sleep every night; but matters improved with the arrival of other members of her family to join her brother "Joe" and the young lady who had accompanied her abroad as a companion.

A Swedish Drinking Custom.

[Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.] You take wine with your neighbor in this country in a peculiar fashion. It is not enough that you should bow and place your glass to your lips. You must also, after having sipped the wine, bow again, or rather you must retain the glass in your hand and slightly bending over it, look for a moment, straight in the eyes of him or her with whom you are drinking. That is the custom, and a very pretty one it is, particularly when the eyes into which it is your duty to gaze have that depth of liquid brightness which nature has bestowed upon so many maids and matrons in this northern land.

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An Anecdote of Jenny Lind.

[Paul Mall Butiget.] As an illustration of the constant anxiety of artists concerning their powers, Mrs. Reeves tells how one famous prima donna refused to sit down at all on a day when she was to sing. "No, she would walk about the room, talking, perhaps, singing perhaps, sometimes even busy with her needle and thread, but never sitting down the live-long day until the performance was over." "Why, I remember well enough how one day on the morning of a performance Jenny Lind (Mme. Goldschmidt), Mr. Reeves, Mr. Otto Goldschmidt and myself were in the room, and through the morning Jenny Lind and my husband were never still, pacing one past the other, with music in hand, singing and practicing, and intent on the work before them. "Why, Jenny," said Mr. Goldschmidt, "you must have sung those songs many times; surely there is no need for all this." "But the remembrance was in vain. "You are a fine musician," said Mme. Goldschmidt, in her quiet, decisive manner to her husband, "but Mr. Reeves and I are singers and we know what is best for us. Leave us alone. Suppose you had called to see Jenny Lind on a day when she was singing. She would probably come into the room with a bundle of music in her hand, put it on a chair and sit down on it; talk away pleasantly enough for a few minutes, become abstracted, rise, take up the music, turn to a passage in one of the pieces, and hum it over. Having satisfied herself of her correctness, she would replace it and sit down again as calmly as possible and resume the conversation at the point it was left off.

Golden Opportunities Lost.

[Wall Street News.] "Let's see," he remarked to a dealer on Chatham street, "haven't you a brother in the clothing business in Cincinnati?" "Ooastly. My brudder Moses vhas dere." "And how is he doing?" "Bad--werry bad. Moses vhas not der man to see opportunities."

Fruit Via St. Gothard.

[New York Times.] Commerce quickly sees the best way to effect her purpose. Since the St. Gothard tunnel was finished much of the Italian trade has been diverted into the hands of the Belgians, Germans and Hollanders. Through the tunnel and without breaking bulk early fruits may be taken from all parts of Italy to the principal seaports of the continent on the German ocean, and from such places as Antwerp and Rotterdam swift steamers convey the precious but perishable produce with all speed to London and other English cities, where a ready market is obtained. An active trade is never, and never can be, one-sided. The Italians are now receiving from the north of Europe articles they hardly dreamed of obtaining a few years ago.

Poetry Aptly Defined.

[The Congregationalist.] The opening of a flower is poetry, so is the sunrise, the rainbow, the tinkle of a rivulet, the rush of the ocean tides, the love in your heart for your home, your friends, your God; these are anything to you, you care for poetry, there is poetry in you.

New York Sun: "Are the sails on the ship of state made from the presidential canvass?" asks a young statesman from Brooklyn.