## FACTS AND FIGURES.

—Although Canton, China, has a population of 1,500,000 there is not a newspaper in the place.

—Lake Superior covers an area of 31,000 square miles; Lake Michigan 23,000 square miles.—*Detroit Post.*

—The steamship charges for taking cattle from this country to England are now $7.25 per head.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—The navy of this great and glorious country numbers less than 100 vessels, but we have 1,000 officers and ought to feel safe on that account.—*Chicago Journal.*

—During the decade from 1870 to 1880 the population of the United States increased from 38,000,000 to 50,400,000. A like percentage of increase since 1880, a period of four years, would give a present population of 66,000,000 of people.—*N. Y. Examiner.*

—The largest cotton plantation in Alabama is that of Messrs. Roberts & Salter, at Union Springs—900 acres—containing twenty-five miles of ditches, employing or supporting a population of 800 persons, and producing 900 bales of cotton, beside 95,000 bushels of corn.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

—Within the past six months about $3,000,000 have been invested in purchasing stock ranches in Montana by Eastern capitalists. This money mainly came from New York City. During a visit and talk among the capitalists, it was found there was great disposition to invest money in Western lands, and especially in the cattle business.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—A writer in the *American Agriculturist* makes the following estimate of the cost of starting a sheep ranch in the Northwest: One thousand sheep, at $2, $2,000; twenty pure Merino rams, $500; sheds and buildings, $500; expenses, first year, for two herders, and other help, $1,000; horses, wagons, etc., $500; reserve fund, $500. The probable income and increase is 3,500 pounds of wool, $700; and 700 lambs.

—Wisconsin is the leading cranberry State. Michigan is second. The average yield of a marsh is 150 to 200 bushels to the acre. The picking season lasts two weeks, and three bushels is a good day's work. Seventy-five cents a bushel is the picker's pay. The Wisconsin crop is nearly all shipped to Chicago commission houses, at $2.75 to $3 a bushel. A well-managed marsh containing 400 acres of vines will yield about $50,000, and with a very large crop the sum can be nearly doubled. The entire crop of the United States is consumed at home. Englishmen don't take kindly to the fruit, and a ship load sent to London a few years ago could not be sold for the cost of carrying.—*Chicago Herald.*

## WIT AND WISDOM.

—Character is not the thing a man puts on when he goes to mingle with his fellows; it is that essential thing in which he stands undressed under the Eye that sees all things.

—A Philidelphia girl fainted right in front of an ice-cream saloon, and has gone clean back on her lover because he had her carrid to a drug store across the street instead of into the saloon.—*St. Paul Herald.*

—A Louisville man has turned out some sort of an electrical invention by which a man can lie in bed and fish. There is no demand for such a contraption, for anybody knows that a man who will fish can lie anywhere.—*Merchant Traveler.*

—A teacher asked a bright little girl the other day what country was opposite to us on the globe. "I don't know, sir," was the reply. "Well, now, pursued the teacher, "if I were to bore a hole through the earth and you were to go in at this end where would you come out?" "Out of the hole, sir," said the pupil in triumph.—*N. Y. World.*

—"And now that you have graduated from college, Tom, what do you expect to do?" asked his pretty cousin. "I shall study law," he replied gravely. "But isn't that profession very much overcrowded, Tom?" "Possibly it is, but it is not my fault. In this world we must all look out for number one. As I said, I shall study law, and those who are already in the profession must take their chance."—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

—Never teach false morality. How exquisitely absurd to tell a girl that beauty is of no value, dress of no use! Beauty is of value; her whole prospects and happiness in life may often depend upon a new gown or a becoming bonnet, and if she has five grains of common sense she will find this out. The great thing is to teach her their just value, and that there must be something better under the bonnet than a pretty face for real happiness. But never sacrifice truth.—*Sydney Smith.*

—Harry James—"Well, sir, you see I am here with the manuscript on time. My new American novel is done." Publisher—"Thanks for your promptness. I see the manuscript is very legibly written, too. I'm glad of—but look here, you have Chicago located in Wisconsin." Henry James—"So I have. What a beastly fluke. Chicago is in New Jersey, of course." Publisher—"And you make the hero start from San Francisco, call on the heroine at Boston the same evening and get back to his bachelor den in San Francisco at eleven o'clock that night." Henry James—"Ah, I forgot that the Americans go to bed early. Make it ten o'clock."—*Philadelphia Call.*

## Scandinavians for House Servants.

The difficulty in obtaining good, steady, trustworthy household servants is no less in England than in America. In the hope of finding relief a number of English families have begun the importation of Norwegian girls for domestic service. Those who have accepted places give much satisfaction. They are spoken of as giantesses in size, the possessors of hands and feet modeled upon nature's broadest plan, and showing great good nature. They can't speak a word of English, but seem willing to learn, and are wonderfully patient on washing days with children and pug dogs. This description accords with the experience of the employers of the Scandinavian servant girls in the West, especially in Minnesota, where they are largely employed in domestic service, and are highly appreciated for their industry and other good qualities.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

## A Time for Everything.

My son, it isn't so much the manner in which, as the time at which, you approach a man. Now, this blessed, or rather t'othered morning, I have a cold, and a distracting one. I weep at the nose; my bones ache, the cinders and dust of twelve hundred miles of continuous railway travel fill my eyes and ears and my entire system. I open my mouth to breathe because my nose is utterly useless as a breathing thing, and consequently I snore even while I waken. I am feeling too wretchedly cross and generally miserable for anything.

Well: about half an hour ago cometh to my lair my sister, who places the morning mail upon my desk. Six letters. On such a morning as this. Well, thank heaven, letters are easily disposed of. Visitors I might not be able to evade, letters—ha, ha! With savage joy I tore every last one of them into more fragments than there were words in all six of them, and jammed them into the waste basket. "That's the way to answer letters," I said, grimly, "why can't people have some sense about writing letters, and not pester a fellow when he wants to sneeze?"

Now, that was all wrong, I am willing to admit, even now. Not that I am already penitent, oh, bless you, no. I am glad I did it. I wish there had been more of them to tear up. I am going to tear up a lot that came yesterday, but there won't be much pleasure in that, because I have read them. But this morning's mail I never opened and will never know anything about it. August 16 is my cross day, and don't you forget it. But to-morrow I will be sorry for it. Everybody is penitent to-morrow. Every time I get awfully cross I order my hair-shirt aired and the robe of sackcloth hung out in the back yard convenient to the ash heap. I know I will have acres of mourning to do during the ensuing twenty-four hours. 'Twas ever thus: "The good that I would do I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Yea, verily, I will sit up at night and go out of my way to do it.

Be careful then, my son, when you approach a man. Don't worry so much about your manner, if you are dead certain that you have struck the right time. Don't depend so much upon your fascinating ways as upon the man's receptive mood. Never ask a favor of a man who is on the point of answering his mail with a match. Don't talk your Dakota land scheme to a hungry man. Never try to borrow money of a man who has just missed the last car and has to walk home. Don't try to sell tickets for the fair and ice-cream festival to the man who is despondent with some new kind of dyspepsia. Don't read your petition to him while he is being shaved. Don't try to explain the nature of the securities you offer by talking to him through transom of the bath-room while he is taking a tub. Don't describe your recommendations, qualifications and indorsements for the place while he is running for the ferry and you are vainly trying to keep near him. Don't knock at his door after he has gone to bed and tell him not to get up, you'll just talk through the key-hole. Don't approach a man at these times, and—

"You didn't suppose anybody ever did approach a man on matters of business under such circumstances?"

Oh, foolish boy, you have much to learn; all these things are done by various classes of fools every day. Why, worse than that. There are people who write letters to a fellow when they might know he would be in an ill humor by the time they reached him.

I wish I knew who those letters were from, anyhow. What, ho, without there! If that hair saint is aired, bring it here.—*Burdette, in Brooklyn Eagle.*

## Nourishing Food.

Peas, beans, lentils, vetches and all the seeds belonging to that class used as vegetables, contain rich nourishing matter, in the same proportion as the best grains. The special nourishing azotic matter found in grains, as gluten in the cereals, albumen in the egg, casein in milk, musculin in meat, differs in those seeds, according to the kind, from 24 to 31 per cent.; the fecula and its derivations, the dextrine and glucinum, from 49 to 59 per cent.; the fat phosphorated in one part from 2 to 2.8; the mineral matter from 2.1 to 3.5; the cellular matter forming the weft of the seed is similar in its chemical composition to the fecular and dextrine, from 1 to 3.5; and lastly, the water from 10 to 15 per cent. These seeds are therefore very nourishing food. It will be of great value to know that the juice of these seeds, when cooked, contains the same rich aliment. It is only necessary to take care that peas, beans, lentils, etc., are not put into boiling water, as that would cause them to harden instead of soften, and prevent a solution of the vegetable. The water must contain as little lime as possible, and the vegetable must be put into it before it commences to heat. Legumens are especially valuable on account of the peculiarity of having the richest phosphoric parts of all substances in the group of albumens which form for mankind the complete aliment for the constitution, as well as for the nervous system. Especially is such food nourishing to the brain. Comparing grains with legumens, we find that the former contains 15 per cent. of the albuminous azotic substances, similar in their constituent parts and nourishing qualities to the albuminous fibrin, casein, musculin and legumen. The principal albuminous substance of grain is gluten; called also fibrin of gluten, or vegetable fibrin, in the same way as the legumen has been called vegetable casein. The gluten in the cereals represents the legumen of peas, beans, lentils and other seeds of the same vegetable kind. These two substances are considered to be of the same nourishing value, except that the legumen is richer in phosphorus than the gluten. The grain contains 60 per cent. of fecula, 7 of gluten, 1.2 of fat—of which one part is phosphorus, similar to the legumens—1.6 of mineral matter, 1.7 of cellular matter, and 14 per cent. of water. Thus we see that the proportion of nourishing matter in the leguminous seeds is from 24 to 31 per cent., while the nourishing substances of grain do not exceed 15 per cent.—*American Miller.*

—The price of coffee is kept up by the increased use brought about by the cholera scare.

## How Avarice Was Cured—An Italian Story.

In olden times there was a merchant of Genoa who had made a handsome fortune, but because of his niggardliness his name of Ermino de Grimaldi was almost forgotten, and men knew him best as Ermino the Miser. No one in that part of Italy had such riches, yet no one so grudged every penny he was forced to spend. You may be sure then that he kept his purse strings tightly drawn if any appeal for charity came his way—indeed, he had such a dread of the smallest outlay that he scarce afforded himself the commonest necessaries of life.

While, by a thousand mean economies, then, Ermino increased his possessions, he became more and more disliked and despised by his acquaintances. There arrived after a time at Genoa a French courtier by name Guillaume Boursier. He was of upright and honorable character, generous and affable in his dealings, and with a charming manner of address.

Men of his rank were then in the habit of occupying themselves very much in making peace when families were divided; in promoting suitable alliances, in binding people together in the bonds of friendship. They made it a habit to cultivate a cheerful manner, that, as they mixed with the world, they might enliven others of a more gloomy and morose nature, and give new hope to those who had lost heart and courage under pressure of misfortune.

Guillaume Boursier, therefore, was a welcome visitor to Genoa. He was honored and feted by men of all conditions, and thus he frequently had to hear of the failings of Ermino the Miser. It is needless to say that no invitation and no courtesy came to the gallant French gentleman from the avaricious merchant, yet Boursier had a great desire to meet with and talk to him. He therefore paid an unsought visit to Ermino, who, having at least kept some remains of good manners, received his guest politely. Encouraged by this favorable beginning, Boursier made himself as pleasant as he could, talking so ably about different subjects, that at last Ermino took him and one or two others to see a fine new mansion he had lately had erected. "Sir," said he, turning to the French courtier, "you have traveled much and seen, as it seems to me, everything there is to behold. Can you name to me one single thing which no living creature has seen, and which I can have painted for the ornament of my banqueting hall?"

There appeared to Boursier something so positively absurd in the question that he answered it in similar fashion. "If you were to order an artist to paint you a sneeze, that certainly is a thing which man has not seen, nor ever will see. Seriously, though," he continued, "if you really wish me to give you a suggestion, I should say paint something which I will indicate, but which, I am sure, is not known to you."

"You will be doing me a vast favor," replied Ermino. "Pray tell me what is the subject upon which I shall set an artist to work?"

"Well, then," replied Boursier, "let him execute a painting of liberality."

Ermino stood in silent shame, for he comprehended the reproof, and knew not what to say in his own extenuation. Then, with a rapid resolve to change his ways, and become as generous as other men, he cried: "Sir, I am glad you have given me such an answer. 'Tis true that hitherto I have not understood what liberality is; now I will have that virtue so set forth upon my walls that neither you nor any other person shall be able in future to address to me a like reproach."

It is said that from that day Ermino was a changed man. No man in Genoa could be more kind and charitable, no one was so open-hearted in hospitality to strangers; the poor blessed him, the rich respected him, and his old title of "miser" became a thing of the past.—*All the Year Round.*

## A St. Bernard's Long Swim.

Leo is a St. Bernard dog. He stands three feet high and weighs one hundred and ninety-six pounds. He is black and white and handsome, and is five years old. Commordore John W. Thorp, of the Harlem Yacht Club, who owns him, brags that he is the finest dog of his kind in New York. When Mr. Thorp was getting ready to move his family from the hotel at Oak Point, where they had been spending the summer, back to his residence in East Sixteenth street, his son Frank took Leo from Oak Point on the boat to his home in Harlem. The dog had made this trip several times by water but had never gone by the road. Frank locked Leo up in the house and returned to the Point. The next morning when Mr. Thorp visited his house Leo was gone. He had torn away with his paws the shutters on a window of the basement, but had found that iron bars prevented him from getting out that way, and had gone up stairs to the front parlor, where he had ripped off a window-shutter and jumped through the thick glass into the front yard, a distance of eighteen feet.

Some boys on the Harlem River, at One Hundred and Twenty-second street, wher the Oak Point boat lands, told Mr. Thorp that they had seen the dog there early that morning. Later the same morning Mr. Nagle, who was on his grounds at Oak Point, saw a dog swimming in-shore. He watched him and saw him come up dripping on the beach and fall over on the sand. He ran down to the water and found the dog was Leo. The animal was nearly dead from exhaustion, and had to be carried to the boat-house. When Mr. Thorp arrived from Harlem he found Leo so weak that he could hardly hold up his head.

Two young men who had been out rowing said they had seen the dog swimming out from the Bronx Kills into the Sound. Leo was covered with mud that he had got in climbing over the marshes on the sunken meadows opposite Port Morris. The distance Leo swam is over three miles. He has recovered his strength again, and is now in the water most of the time.—*N. Y. Sun.*

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