

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Secret of Civic Cleanliness.

It costs Paris annually over \$1,100,000 to keep her well-deserved reputation of being the cleanest of all great cities.

An Interesting Antiquity.

A copy of the first dictionary, made by Chinese scholars B. C. 1109, is said to be still preserved among the archives of the Celestials.

Rome's Water Supply.

The people of Rome get their supply of water, which is remarkably pure, from the Apennines through an aqueduct that was constructed two thousand years ago.

The Largest Copper Mine.

The largest copper producing mine in the world is the Calumet and Hecla, Houghton Co., Mich. It has a capital stock of \$2,500,000, and in the last twenty years has paid its stockholders \$37,850,000. Two thousand men are employed at a pay roll of \$200,000 a month.

Expended in Charity.

It is estimated that in the United States the annual expenditure for public charitable institutions is fully \$125,000,000, and not less than \$500,000,000 is invested in buildings and equipments for carrying on the work of these institutions. In this estimate no account is taken of penitentiaries and jails.

An Artificial Stone.

The largest artificial stone in the world forms the base of the Bartholdi statue of liberty on Bedloe's island, New York harbor. This immense stone was made from broken trap rock, sand and American cement. Five hundred carloads of sand and over 20,000 barrels of cement were used in manufacturing the monster.

Work Done by Bees.

Bees must, in order to collect a pound of clover honey, deprive 62,000 clover blossoms of their nectar. To do this the 62,000 flowers must be visited by an aggregate of 3,750,000 bees; or, in other words, to collect his pound of honey one bee must make 3,750,000 trips from and to the hive. As bees are known to fly for miles in quest of suitable fields of operation, it is clear that a single ounce of honey represents millions of miles of travel.

A Great Locomotive.

What is said to be the largest locomotive in the world has just been finished by the New York Central road. The driving-wheels are 7 feet 3 inches in diameter, 4 in number, and on each rests a weight of 10 tons. Exclusive of the tender, the engine weighs 120,000 pounds and altogether its length is 60 feet. Ordinary locomotives have driving-wheels of about 5 feet in diameter, so those of this new locomotive are nearly half as large again. The average weight of locomotives is from 50,000 to 70,000 pounds, so this latest creation is nearly twice as heavy as the ordinary, and, altogether, is truly a monster.

The Queen's Working Room.

While she is staying at Balmoral the Queen does her official work in a very large sitting room, seated at a huge writing table plentifully littered with papers, letters and telegrams, and adorned with several family photographs. On Her Majesty's right hand stands

another table loaded with dispatch boxes, and on yet another is a large silver salver, on which she places documents as she has done with them. When this is full it is carried off to Sir Henry Ponsonby, who arranges its contents and packs them up for despatch. One of the most prominent objects in the room is a large easel bearing an excellent portrait of the Prince Consort.

A Huge Magnet.

A party of hunters desiring to rest, laid their guns on a flat rock near Iron-ton, Missouri. Instantly the guns moved from the rock and leaped toward a huge boulder some few feet distant. The boulder proved to be magnetic iron ore.

Queer Wood.

The Falkland islands produce no trees, but they do produce wood in a very remarkable shape. You will see, scattered here and there, singular blocks of what looks like weather-beaten, mossy gray stones of various size. But if you attempt to roll over one of these rounded boulders you will find yourself unable to accomplish it. In fact, the stone is tied down to the ground—tied down by roots, or, in other words, it is not a stone, but a block of living wood.

Books Bound With Human Skins.

Extravagance in binding has frequently furnished an opening for display of fantastic tricks and fads. In a bookseller's catalogue at hand as I write is an advertisement of a Latin copy of Apulein's "Golden Ass" bound in the skin of a Jerusalem ass, the leather being still unshaired. A book of Jeffery Hudson, the noted dwarf, was bound in the silk waistcoat of Charles I, the dwarf's patron saint. A de luxe edition of Fox's historical works, specially fitted up for Edwards, the philosopher, was bound throughout in fox skins, 47 pelts of these little animals being required to complete the job. O'Connell, who so delighted in the possession of a first edition of Bacon's works had the entire set rebound in pig skin, and always referred to them as his "Bacon rine" books. During the French Revolution, "when death stalked through the land and murder lurked in every dark corner," some of the philosophers who had become hardened with their nightly revels, "where skulls were used as drinking cups," carried their love of the gruesome and the horrible so far as to rebind whole libraries in human skin. The writer of this "note" once had the pleasure of handling a copy of a murderer's confession which was bound in the tanned skin of the murderer himself.

Her Bones Snap Like Glass.

There is a peculiar case near Barbourville, W. Va., which is attracting the attention of the medical fraternity of that whole section of country. It is a case of general bone breaking, without any apparent cause. Mrs. Kelly, wife of Peter Kelly, a well known citizen, is the victim of this peculiar disease, which the local physicians and surgeons, for want of a better name, call fragilitas osium.

Mrs. Kelly, who is a delicate lady, was just getting around after a long and serious illness, when, a few nights ago, she got out of bed and started down stairs to get a drink of water.

When but a few steps down one of the bones of her right leg broke with a pecu-

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liar glass-like snap, without having come in contact with anything and from no apparent cause. She called her husband and he picked her up and started back toward the bedroom with her, when the bones of both her arms broke in several places with the same peculiar snap heard and felt by the woman when the first fracture occurred. Mrs. Kelly was carried to her bedroom and laid on her bed, when the bones of her left leg broke in the same manner. A surgeon was immediately sent for. He set the broken limbs and bandaged them. Mrs. Kelly said that she felt no pain when any of the fractures occurred, and that the setting and bandaging of her broken limbs occasioned her not the slightest discomfort.

The disease is a strange one, and the outcome is awaited with a great deal of curiosity and interest. The physicians say the bone breaking is caused by a deficiency of animal and a super-abundance of mineral matter in the bones. They say the bones will knit very rapidly, but that the disease is difficult to cure.

Buttons and Combs Made of Blood.

There is a large factory at a small town near Chicago employing about one hundred to one hundred and fifty workers, which is wholly given over to the manufacture of useful articles from waste animal blood. At certain seasons of the year this unique factory uses from 10,000 to 15,000 gallons of fresh blood per day. It is first converted into thin sheets by evaporation and certain chemical processes, and afterwards worked up into a variety of useful articles, such as combs, buttons, earrings, belt clasps, bracelets, and many more articles of like nature. Tons of these articles are sent to all parts of the world from this Sucker State manufactory.

An ice yacht has been known to travel a mile in one minute and ten seconds. There is a refreshing coolness in remembering such a thing.

—Look over Meyer & Kyle's big stock of wall paper—just received. This paper was bought 'way down and will be sold correspondingly low.