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A dollar loaned for a hundred years and compounded at 24 per cent. will amount in that time to \$2,551,799,404.

German farms occupy nearly 1,000,000 acres in Central America, on which over 20,000,000 coffee trees are planted.

The scent of an otter is conveyed to the pursuing hound while under water by the "chain" of bubbles which marks its devious course.

At Plulitz, near Dresden, is the largest cannelia in Europe. It is 160 years old, about fifty feet high and has forty thousand blossoms each season.

The agricultural returns of Great Britain for 1902 show that the total under crops and grass was 32,387,765 acres—a decrease of 29,480 compared with 1901.

The new commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Gen. Stewart, is but 54 years old. He enlisted while a boy and served over four years during the war of the rebellion.

Among the fotsam and jetsam thrown up on the beach at Rhossill, Glamorgan, recently, was the body of a full-grown lion, which has since been buried by the coast guard in what is known as Fox's cave.

Dr. Simon Newcomb, professor emeritus of mathematics and astronomy in Johns Hopkins University, has just had the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy conferred upon him by the Christiania University.

At the present day, on the best authorities, there are 250,000,000 Mussulmans in the world. The Christian population is put at 447,000,000, but the increase of Islam is more rapid than that of its sister religion.

The National Museum at Belgrade has come into possession of a collection of sixty-eight thousand Roman copper coins recently unearthed near a Servian village. The oldest of them belong in the time of Caracalla.

"You don't have much to say on public questions?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I am very much inclined to think that in modern affairs public questions are of less consequence than private understandings."

American pottery manufacturers are discussing a plan for the construction of a special building at the World's Fair appropriate in design and of ceramic materials, so far as possible, in which to install everything in the line of clay manufactures.

Upton Miller, a retired farmer, 70 years old, living at Mt. Morris, Ill., has made two articles of inlaid furniture, a bureau and a washstand, the first containing over 8,000 pieces of wood, the other over 5,000 pieces, which he intends to exhibit at the World's Fair.

The per capita debt of Boston is \$30 more than that of New York City. After New York, with a per capita debt of \$115, come Cincinnati with \$82, Baltimore with \$78, Pittsburgh with \$68, Buffalo with \$45, Philadelphia with \$48, Cleveland with \$31, St. Louis with \$33 and Chicago with \$10.

The Duke of Devonshire possesses as an heirloom Claude Lorraine's "Book of Truth," which is said to be one of the rarest and most valuable books in Europe. It is, at any rate, worth six times as much as the famous "Mazarin" Bible, the most costly book in the British Museum. The late duke refused \$100,000 for it.

A Paris searcher after facts has made the discovery that to Balzac belongs the honor of having invented the wood block pavement for streets. The first reference to it is found in that author's comedy, "Mercadet," which was played at the Francaise, in which Mercadet dilates on the advantages of such pavement, since with wooden blocks in the streets barricades are impossible.

A London justice has just made an important decision regarding dressmakers' disputes. He will not have dresses tried on in court, because "he had long since come to the conclusion that with ordinary dresses any lady could wear a dress to make it look as if it did not fit," and he was also perfectly satisfied that "any milliner or dressmaker could pull it about and make it fit when it did not do so."

Queen Wilhelmina's crown is very gorgeous. It is of dull gold, only the edges being polished. It consists of a crimson velvet cap inclosed in a circle set with sapphires and emeralds. The imperial arches terminate in sixteen points, eight of which are surmounted by large single pearls, and the other eight, bent toward the center and there crowned with the globe and cross, are set with nine pearls each, which are graduated in size, the smallest being placed at the top.

Vancouver uses the septic tank system for the disposal of its sewage. There are three tanks, located at different points in the city. One of these disposes of the sewage of a district having a population of 5,000 people. The American consul says: "The tanks are covered, as the bacteria work in the dark. On a recent visit, I found a scum between two and three inches thick over the surface of the tank; this scum, I was informed, is composed of the little microscopic insects which consume all the solid matter. The tanks had been in full operation for about eighteen months, only clear water had been discharged, and yet there was but a small layer, less than one-half of an inch thick, of ash, remaining at the bottom of the tanks."

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