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## SOME BIG THINGS

The three biggest railroad kings --W. H. Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, and Russell Sage.

Master Walter, of Atlantic, Iowa, is not yet 4 years old, but he weighs nearly 400 pounds.

The greatest navy in the world is that of England. The most invisible one is the United States navy.

The biggest royal eater since the death of Emperor Maximinus is Cetywayo, king of the Zulus. He ate thirteen pounds of steak for a dinner.

The greatest cornet player is Levy; he measures fifty-six inches around the chest, and is said to have the largest lungs of any musician in the world.

The largest diamond cutting house is in Amsterdam, where they employ 400 men. The famous Kohinoor diamond was cut there. The cutters make from \$7 to \$12, and even \$14 a day.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's new locomotive Jumbo, has seven-foot driving wheels, and has drawn a train from Philadelphia to Jersey City, a distance of ninety miles, in eighty minutes.

Jumbo is the largest elephant in the civilized world. He is 11 feet 6 inches in height. The measurement of his ears when outspread is 15 feet, and he can reach upward 26 feet with his trunk.

Probably the biggest feet are those of a Chicago girl named Lizzie Mertz. They are said to measure 16½ inches each. It is reported that she once kicked a young man and fractured his spine.

The loftiest active volcano is Popocatepetl (smoking mountain), thirty-five miles southwest of Puebla, Mexico. It is 17,784 feet above the sea level, has a crater three miles in circumference and 1,000 feet deep.

Fortress Monroe is the largest single fortification in the world. It has already cost the government over \$3,000,000. The water battery is considered one of the finest military works in the world.

The longest span of wire is used for a telegraph in India over the river Kitnah, between Bezorah and Sectanagram. It is more than 6,000 feet long, and is stretched between two hills, each 1,200 feet high.

The largest university is Oxford, in Oxford, England. It consists of twenty-five colleges and five halls. Oxford was the seat of learning in the time of Edward the Confessor. It claims to have been founded by Alfred.

The largest ship is the Great Eastern. She is 680 feet long, 83 feet broad, and 60 feet deep, being 22,927 tons burden, 18,915 gross and 12,344 net register. She was built at Millwall, on the Thames, and was launched January 31, 1857.

The most extensive park is Deer Park, in the environs of Copenhagen, Denmark. The enclosure contains about 4,200 acres, and is divided by a small river. The largest pleasure grounds in this country is Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, which contains 2,740 acres.

The largest body of fresh water on the globe is Lake Superior. It is 400 miles long, 160 miles wide at its greatest breadth, and has an area of 32,000 square miles. Its mean depth is said to be 200 feet, and its greatest depth about 900 fathoms. Its surface is 635 feet above the sea.

The largest tunnel in the world is that of St. Gothard, on the line

of the railroad between Lucerne and Milan. The summit of the tunnel is 990 feet below the surface at the Audermatt, and 6,600 feet beneath the peak of Kastelhorn, of the St. Gothard group. The tunnel is 26½ feet wide, and 19 feet ten inches from the floor to the crown of the arched roof. It is 9½ miles long, 1½ miles longer than the Mt. Cenis tunnel.

The most extensive cavern is the Mammoth Cave, in Edmondson county, Ky. It is near Green river, six miles from Cave City, and about twenty-eight miles from Bowling Green. The cave consists of a succession of irregular chambers, some of which are large, situated on different levels. Some of these are traversed by navigable branches of the subterranean Echo river. Blind fish are found in its waters.

The largest trees are the mammoth trees of California. One of a grove in Tulare county, according to measurement made by members of the State Geological survey, was shown to be 376 feet high, 106 feet in circumference at base, and 72 feet at a point 12 feet above the ground. Some of the trees are 376 feet high and 34 feet in diameter. Some of the largest that have been felled indicate an age of from 2,000 to 2,500 years.

The largest inland sea is the Caspian, lying between Europe and Asia. Its greatest length is 760 miles, its greatest breadth 270 miles; and its area 180,000 square miles. Great Salt Lake in Utah, which may be properly termed an inland sea, is about 900 miles long, and has a varying breadth of 20 to 25 miles. Its surface is 4,200 feet above the sea, whereas the Caspian is 84 feet below the level of the ocean.

The largest empire in the world is that of Great Britain, comprising 8,557,658 square miles, more than a sixth part of the land of the globe, and embracing under its rule nearly a sixth part of the population of the world. In territorial extent the United States ranks third, containing 3,580,242 square miles, including Alaska; in population it ranks fourth with 50,000,000 people. Russia ranks second: 8,352,940 square miles.

The highest monolith is the obelisk at Karnak, Egypt. Karnak is on the bank of the Nile, near Luxor, and occupies a part of the site of ancient Thebes. The obelisk is ascribed to Hatsua, sister of Pharaoh Thothmes III, who reigned about 1600 B. C. Its whole length 122 feet, its weight 400 tons. Its height, without pedestal, is 108 feet and 10 inches. The height of the obelisk in Central Park, without pedestal, is 68 feet 11 inches; its weight about 168 tons.

The Chinese wall is the largest wall in the world. It was built by the first emperor of the Tain dynasty, about 229 B. C., as a protection against Tartars. It traverses the northern boundary of China, and is carried over the highest hills, through the deepest valleys, across rivers and every other natural obstacle. Its length is 1,250 miles. Including a parapet of 5 feet, the total height of the wall is 20 feet, thickness at the base 25 feet and at the top 15 feet. Towers or bastions occur at intervals of about 100 yards.

The largest library is the Bibliothéque National in Paris, founded by Louis XIV. It contains 1,400,000 volumes, 300,000 pamphlets, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts, and 150,000 coins and medals. The collection of engravings exceeds 1,300,000, contained in some 10,000 volumes.

The building which contains these treasures is situated on the Rue Richelieu. Its length is 340 feet, its breadth 130 feet. The largest library in New York, in respect of separate works, is the Astor. About 190,000 volumes are on its shelves.

Among the most remarkable natural echoes is that of Eagle's Nest, on the banks of Killarney, in Ireland, which repeats a bugle call until it seems to be sounded from a hundred instruments; and that on the Naha, between Biugen and Coblenz, which repeats a sound seventeen times. The most remarkable artificial echo known is that in the castle of Simonetta, about two miles from Milan. It is occasioned by the existence of two parallel walls of considerable length. It repeats the report of a pistol sixty times.

The largest bell in the world is the great bell of Moscow, at the foot of the Kremlin. Its circumference at the bottom is nearly 68 feet, and its height more than 21 feet. In its stoutest part it is 23 inches thick, and its weight has been computed to be 443,772 pounds. It has never been hung, and was probably cast on the spot where it now stands. A piece of the bell is broken off. The fracture is supposed to have been occasioned by water having been thrown upon it when heated by the building erected over it being on fire.

The big bridge across the Kinzua chasm on the Erie extension, 15 miles south of Bradford, Pa., was completed about three weeks ago, and trains will soon be running over it. The bridge is a symmetrical iron structure, and is the highest in the world, the center span being 301 feet in height, and the length of the structure is 2,000 feet. It was built by the Keystone Bridge company of Phoenixville, Pa. The completion of this bridge gives the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad direct communication to the coal field of western Pennsylvania.

The largest cathedral in the world is St. Peter's in Rome. From the laying of its foundation in 1450 until its dedication, one hundred and seventy years were consumed in its erection; and if we include the work done under Pius VI, three and a half centuries passed before it was complete, during which time forty-three Popes reigned. The dimensions of the church are: length of the interior, 613½ feet; of transept from wall to wall, 446½ feet; height of nave, 152½ feet; of side aisles, 47 feet; width of nave 77-89 feet; of side aisles, 33½ feet; circumference of pillars which support the dome, 253 feet. The height of the dome from the pavement to the base of the lantern is 405 feet to the top of the cross 448 feet. The dome is encircled and strengthened by six bands of iron. A stairway leads to the roof, broad and easy enough to allow a horse and team to ascend. The annual cost of keeping the church in repair is 30,000 scudi.

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