FACTS ABOUT PAPER.

Some Interesting Historical Notes Concerning Its Origin.

We have raked up the following facts from a few musty tomes, which we trust, will please numerous correspondents, and prove as interesting to them as it has been laborious for us to unearth them. It is not known when paper was first made from linen rags, nor to whom we owe the invention. Dr. Prideaux is of the opinion that linen paper was brought from the East, because many of the Oriental manuscripts are written upon it. Mabilon is of the opinion that the invention belongs to the twelfth century. One of the earliest specimens of paper from linen rags yet discovered is a document, with the seal preserved, bearing date A. D. 1239, signed by Adolphus, Count of Schaumburg. Casiri, however, asserts that there are in the Escurial a number of manuscripts, both upon cotton and linen paper, which were written prior to the thirteenth century. The invention was early introduced into England, for some acts in existence of John Cranden, Prior of Ely, made on linen paper, bear date in the fourteenth year of the reign of King Edward II., A. D. 1239; and in the Cottonian Library are said to be several writings on this kind of paper as early as the year 1335. Some twenty years ago Mr. Thomas Wright, in a note to the London *Athenæum*, wrote: "I have made a little discovery, which, I think, will be considered curious in the history of paper. I believe that the first traces of the use of paper in Western Europe are found toward the end of the twelfth century and we have no reason to suppose that it was in use in England until the thirteenth or the beginning of the fourteenth. It is understood to have been brought westward from Italy, where it was in use earlier; and I believe that our word paper—a corruption, of course, of papyrus—is considered to have been borrowed, with the article itself, from the French. I saw, years ago in Paris—I believe they belonged to the royal collection (it was in the time of Louis Phillippe)—a few of the earliest documents on paper known, belonging to Western Europe, in the period since the Romans, which interested me much. They consisted of receipts, or rather, bonds, for money borrowed from the Jews in the time of Cœur de Lion, given by chiefs who were starting for his crusade, and, if I remember well, the paper resembled much that of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, except that it was of a rather coarse texture. It would seem as if, in the West, its use at this early period was known principally among the Jews. Now I am just passing through the press an edition of a glossary of Latin and English—or, as we are accustomed to call it, Anglo-Saxon—words of, I think, not later than the middle of the tenth century. We may safely look upon it as the English of the days of Athelstan: and in the part of which I have just received the proof I find papyrus, paper. The word paper does not occur in Dr. Bosworth's, or any other Anglo-Saxon dictionary, but we have here evidence that it was in use in our language at a very early period and there cannot be a doubt that we derive it from the Anglo-Saxon and have not taken it from the French of the Middle Ages. But this fact leads us to another, namely, that our Anglo-Saxon forefathers, to have the word in an Anglo-Saxon form in their own language, must have been pretty well acquainted with paper itself, and no doubt they found the Roman paper in use on the island when they came. It is a fact, indeed, which opens to us several others, equally new, in the social history of our Anglo-Saxon forefathers. I need hardly add that paper probably never went entirely out of use in Western Europe after the Roman times, and a little research might still throw some curious light upon its history during the early Middle Ages. It certainly was not supposed before that it might be in use among the Anglo-Saxons."—*The Paper Mill.*

Religion of Our Presidents

While the Constitution expressly forbids the establishment of any religious test for office-holders, it is pleasant to record that all high officers of State have been church members. During the last campaign it was notable that four of the candidates were sons of ministers—viz, Grover Cleveland's father was a Presbyterian clergyman, Allen G. Thurman's father a Baptist minister, Levi P. Morton's father a Congregational preacher, and John A. Brooks is the son of a Methodist minister, and himself a preacher of the same denomination. The religious belief of the twenty-two Presidents who have ruled over the destinies of this nation have been as follows: Washington, Madison, Monroe, Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Buchanan and Arthur were Episcopalians; Jefferson, John Adams, John Q. Adams and Fillmore were Unitarians; Jackson, Polk and Lincoln were Presbyterians, as is also the present incumbent, President Cleveland. Van Buren was of the Dutch Reformed Church; Pierce a Trinitarian Congregationalist; Johnson, Grant and Hayes were Methodists, and Garfield attended the Church of the Christian Brethren.—*Golden Days.*

—A young man, of St. Helens, Ore., has had a touch of both kinds of fortune. He won $7,500 in a lottery, and immediately and properly started for Salem to see his sweetheart. He was so anxious to hurry to her that he could not wait for the train to pull up to the station but jumped from it while it was running at full speed, and broke his arm and banged himself up generally.

Too Old to Be Sweet.

"That cider is as sour as vinegar!" he said, as he stood back from the bar with deep disgust on his face.

"Yes," replied the barkeeper.

"Doesn't that sign read 'Sweet cider?'"

"It does."

"Well, then?"

"That sign was put up two years ago. You don't suppose you can keep cider sweet for two years, do you?"—Detroit Free Press.

THE KAISER'S PALACE.

Where the German Imperial Family Spend the Winter Season.

The old palace, with its great dome, situated at the city end of the avenue Unter den Linden, has long been one of the most imposing edifices in Berlin, but for a very long time past it had ceased to be the town residence of the Prussian sovereigns. Neither the Emperor William I. nor the Emperor Frederick ever used it for that purpose.

During their reigns this edifice had been chiefly given up to the ceremonies of state—such as the reading of the speech from the throne on the opening of the Reichstag and Landtag—or balls and other festivals connected with royal marriages and other domestic events connected with the Hohenzollern family. There being no other palace in Berlin easily available for the accommodation of the family of William II., his Majesty determined to have part of the old palace renovated and refurnished for the purpose.

The new furniture and internal decorations are all on a magnificent scale, some half million marks having been spent on them within the past few weeks. The chief entrance is the portal near the Spree. A double flight of steps leads up to the first floor. From the landing here you pass through an ante-room in another apartment, where you find the aides-de-camp on duty in waiting. Next to this department is the hall of the standards, with an area of about seventy square meters, where all the flags of the Berlin garrison are kept. It is also known as the Star hall, from its white ceiling studded with stars.

Beyond this is the Emperor's working room, the walls of which are covered with costly brown leather, adorned with bouquets of flowers hung with many paintings, nearly all sea pieces, and mostly by Dutch artists. The only exceptions are a very fine portrait of Frederick the Great, and two other family portraits, by Honthorst. Then follow the audience and conference chamber and the library, the furniture of which latter is covered with red leather. The walls are lined with beautifully-carved open bookcases.

On one side of this room are two doors, one of which leads to the dining room and the other to the drawing room. The dining room is a large and splendid saloon, capable of comfortably accommodating a hundred persons. The ceiling is adorned with bright paintings, surrounded by rich gilt rococo ornamentation, similar to that about the splendid Gobelin tapestry that drapes the walls.—Berlin Cor. London Standard.

DAMAGE BY MOISTURE.

The Sweating of Goods in Iron Ships the Latest Peril of the Sea.

Genuine sea damage, *i. e.*, damage by actual contact with sea water to goods on board ship, has largely decreased since wood gave place to iron and steel in the building of ships, and sail to steam. Iron does not offer the opportunities which wood does to water to find its way into the holds of vessels. The consequence is that perishable cargoes are more safely carried than they were so far as sea damage is concerned. But there is an internal enemy to the soundness of cargo, as well as the external salt water, in the shape of condensed moisture arising from the goods themselves. And unfortunately the damages caused by this peril seem to be on the increase. Sometimes when cargo is improperly shipped damp and shut up in the hold of a vessel on a long voyage, it is to be expected that the moisture will evaporate and damage other goods on board. In such a case, of course, both merchant and captain are to blame, the merchant for tendering and the captain for receiving goods likely to damage others.

But sweat is not confined to goods shipped wet, rice, for instance, may be apparently perfectly dry when shipped, and yet may become very hot and emit a vapor while lying closely stowed in gunny bags in the hold. The vapor rises, and, coming into contact with the cold ceiling, condenses, and either falls onto the top tier of goods, causing damage, or runs down the internal sides of the ship, and unless the cargo be well dunnaged, damages the bottom tier. Rice is not the only article liable to sweat. Among others are skins, wheat, some nuts, and copra, which last are sun-dried broken kernels of the cocoanut. The number of ships reaching our ports which carry among their cargo one or more articles liable to emit a vapor is a considerable portion of the whole, and merchants and underwriters find, to their cost, increasing damages from internal causes. In some cases merchants have gone on receiving damaged goods for a long time before they suspected the true cause of the wetting or mold, and underwriters have continued to settle claims as for sea damage without suspecting, or if suspecting, without being able to prove that the depreciated goods had not been in actual contact with sea water. It is, however, important to distinguish between the two causes of damage, for the reason that the one comes within the meaning of the expression "perils of the sea," while the other does not.—London Economist.

—An ingenuous youth began whistling in the class-room during lessons. It did not seem to strike him as any way improper, and he kept on whistling until the teacher called to him: "What are you doing? Whistling in class?" "Yes, ma'am. Didn't you know I could whistle?"—San Francisco Chronicle.

Opening His Heart.

Mr. Skinnphlint (to little relative whom he is showing about the city)—Well, Johnny, this looks as if it were about the right kind of a store. What do you think you would like for a present?

Johnny (timidly, but expectantly)—I—I ain't particular. Any thing you please, uncle.

Mr. Skinnphlint (with great heartiness, to clerk)—Young fellow, a cent's worth of your best chewing gum.—Chicago Tribune.

WOMAN'S CHIEF GLORY.

Some of the Latest Approved Methods of Dressing the Hair.

As the carefully nursed hands and finger-nails give evidence of neatness and refinement, so to the keen observer a woman's crowning glory and the manner in dressing it form a medium by means of which the general characteristics of the woman may be known. Fortunately for them the unnatural chignon, heavy braids and long curls in which the fair belles of but recent date were wont to dress their hair have gone the way of all things mundane, happily not to return for many a day. With the present style of dressing the hair there is a possibility of the society dame, whose "glory" is but little, making a stylish appearance without the "crowning" help of some shorn lamb. The Grecian knot, undeniably the most beautiful style of hair dress, is only for those whose clear-cut and handsome features can challenge comparison with the classic Greek beauty. Less trying and very becoming is the simple knot worn on the top of the head, as shown in one of the illustrated heads, the others giving front and back view of a style suitable for a ball or other full dress occasions. The wavy hair which is necessary in this style can be produced by art, and it may therefore be worn by all to whom it is becoming, which is first, last and all the time the main object of all artistic hair dressing. Flowers, usually the great assistants in matters of dress, are not worn in the hair at all, but exceedingly handsome jewelry, which takes the form of diamond studded arrows, crescents, stars and bandeaux set with precious stones for the married ladies, while the single belles affect a more simple style, such as plain gold or silver bandeaux and novelty pins, which usually, according to the taste of the wearer, are either indicative of the prevailing fashionable whims or of artistic tendency. Bohemian garnets make exceedingly dressy jewels for the hair, and a bandeau of these nicely colored brilliants would be wonderfully becoming to blondes, while one of golden amber would be strikingly effective in the dark hair of a piquante brunette. The same tendency which leads to the empire styles and those of older periods for models in dress is also discernible in the jewelry now worn. Old family jewels, considered unworthy of notice for many a year and retained more from a spirit of piety than for their beauty or value, adorn the neck and arms of the fair belles in the ball-room and excite the admiration of those who can not boast of such an antique heritage. But man's imitative genius conquers this "old-time" foe and these old family relics may be obtained from all jewelers who count fashionable society their customers; and so perfect are these imitation relics that only the practiced eye of the antiquary could detect any difference between them and the genuine antique jewels. A most important accessory to the evening dress is the fan, and the varieties are many and handsome. The greatest favorite as being most stylish is the one of feathers, which, when attached to the waist by means of handsome ribbons, which, harmonizing in color, form a most attractive addition to the skirt of the costume. Very appropriate for the theaters are the gauze fans with gold and silver spangles. Hand-painted fans are always very elegant, the mounting being very fine, of yellow tortoise-shell, with rose diamonds, of bronze with inlaid enamel or of carved ivory, which form a beautiful setting to the artist's work. It would not be advisable to trust such a delicate and costly piece of handicraft to the care of an ardent admirer, who, under the spell of the winning possessor, would forget the frailty of the possession and thus endanger its existence. This warning is for the debutante, the older belles, having grown wise through experience, need it not.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Queer Cure for Pneumonia.

Attention has lately been directed to the benefit derivable, in cases of pneumonia, where there is great embarrassment of breathing from accumulated secretion in the bronchial tubes, by inverting the patient and having him cough violently while in such position. It is easily accomplished by a strong assistant standing on the patient's bed, seizing the sick man's ankles, turning him face downward and then lifting his feet four or five feet above the level of the mattress. If the patient, with his face over the edges of the bed and his legs thus held aloft, will cough vigorously two or three times he will get rid of much expectoration that exhaustive efforts at coughing failed to dislodge when not thus aided. Life has been saved by repeated performances of this maneuver in pneumonia accompanied with great cyanosis, due to inundation of the bronchial tubes with mucous secretion. It, of course, will have no effect on the exudus in the vesicles. In a similar way gravity is of value in emptying the lungs of mucus during etherization.—

—Germany has tobacco fields sufficient to cover an area of 1,984,304 acres.

—The Queen of Portugal is known among her subjects by the title of "Angel of Pity."

—Something over $12,000,000 is the annual income of the Czar of Russia from the public domains.

—The Czar of Russia recently picked up 700 pounds of steel in Petershoff gun factory. The workers cheered.

—Joan of Arc's home in Domremy, France, is to be converted into a museum, in which relics of her career will be the most interesting features.

—The Russian Empire, with a population nearly double that of the United States, contains but four cities having more than 200,000 inhabitants—St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw and Odessa.

—The widow of a Brahmin near Cawnpore recently burned herself to death upon the funeral pyre of her husband. She mounted the pyre unnoticed after the departure of the funeral party.

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