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The state woods of Germany cover 10,000,000 acres and give employment to 100,000 persons.

New Zealand's population at the close of last year was estimated at 1,020,000, the death rate being only 9.57 a thousand.

The Royal Academy of England was founded in 1768. The building, in London, in the Renaissance style was erected by Smirke in 1868-69.

Dean Ramsay tells of an old lady of Edinburgh who ordered her maid to call upon the doctor every morning and report the latest particulars as to her mistress' health, always carefully adding her compliments. At last one day the girl arrrived with, "Miss S——'s compliments, and she de'ed last night at aicht o'clock."

The idea that the wedding ring should be worn on the third finger of the left hand because "a nerve connects this finger with the heart," is, says the writer of an article in Woman's Life, of Roman origin, but, oddly enough, is not continued on the continent as in England, for in France, Belgium and Germany, and most other European nations, the "engagement ring" finger is the third finger of the left hand, while the "wedding ring" finger is the third finger of the right hand.

Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago's health commissioner, does not believe in having smoking cars on elevated railroads or in permitting the use of tobacco on the front platforms of street cars. He has written letters to the presidents of the companies, suggesting that as smoking is conducive to expectoration, and as spitting is prejudicial to public health and a violation of the city ordinances as well, the easiest way to get rid of the spitting evil will be by abolishing smoking on public conveyances.

George F. Parker, in his reminiscences of Mr. Cleveland in McClure's Magazine, tells of the enormous number of gifts sent to a President. After his first term Mr. Cleveland insisted on going through his vast collection, and in describing the incident Mr. Parker says: "Upon unlocking the disused room into which perhaps ten or twelve thousand separate articles had been cast, we might well have thought ourselves in a photographic warehouse. There must certainly have been between six and seven thousand photographs."

A business communication in Arabic recently reached a Manchester firm, and when translated by a Syrian interpreter proved to contain a request for the price of coppering two "water sheep" of certain given dimensions. The translator was confident of his version, but admitted that he had not known what "water sheep" could be. For the moment even the heads of the firm were puzzled, until it struck some one that this was the nearest synonym in the vocabulary of a pastoral people for "hydraulic rams." — Manchester Guardian.

The corner stone of the Washington Monument was laid by President Polk, July 4, 1848, and December 6, 1884, the cap stone was set in position. The foundations are 126½ feet square and 36 feet 8 inches deep. The base of the monument is 55 feet 1½ inches square, and the walls 15 feet ¼ inch thick. At the 500-foot mark, where the pyramidal top begins, the shaft is 34 feet 5½ inches square and the walls are 18 inches thick. The monument is made of blocks of marble 2 feet thick, and it is said there are over 18,000 of them. The height above the ground is 555 feet.

Revelations concerning the double career of the Russian terrorist police agent, Azeff, recall a story told of Louis XVIII, King of France, and Fouche, who had been at one time Napoleon's minister of police. After the Bourbon restoration the King asked Fouche whether he had set spies over him during the empire. Fouche admitted that he had. "Who was the spy?" the King asked, and he was informed that it had been the Comte de Blacas. "How much did he get?" continued the King. "Two hundred thousand francs a year, your majesty." "Ah, well," said Louis, "he was honest, then, after all—I had half."

The experiment of holding services in the open air, instead of inside the church, is being attempted by one of the Congregational church ministers at Bendigo. The parson in question, according to an Australian paper just to hand, having in mind the badly ventilated condition of many churches and the fact that the congregations are not always composed of those who are in the best of health, has decided that if his people are agreeable the Sunday evening services shall be conducted for the remainder of the warm weather in the open air. There are, no doubt, many people in this country who would like to see this experiment tried over here on hot Sunday evenings.—Westminster Gazette.

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