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Soak a tablespoonful of powdered white gum arabic in two tablespoonfuls of warm water for half an hour; stand it over hot water and carefully stir until dissolved. Boil a cupful of sugar and half a cupful of water together until they spin a thread; pour, while hot, over the whites of two well beaten eggs, beating continuously; then add the gum arabic and beat until stiff and cold.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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On Your Face Is There to Warn You of Impure Blood.

Painful consequences may follow a neglect of this warning. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and it will purify your blood, cure all humors and eruptions, and make you feel better in every way. It will warm, nourish, strengthen and invigorate your whole body and prevent serious illness.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price $1.

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A Warm Time.

Visitor (in state prison) — What brought you here, my friend?

Convict—I got up a house-warmin', and—

Visitor—Why, that is not a crime!

Convict—But, you see, I happened to burn up part of the family at the same time.—N. Y. World.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior parter of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
{ SEAL } A. W. GLEASON,
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The largest workhouse in the world is at Liverpool, and it has accommodation for no fewer than 5,000 inmates. It is not, however, often filled.

When coming to San Francisco go to Brooklyn Hotel, 208-212 Bush street. American or European plan. Room and board $1.00 to $1.50 per day; rooms 50 cents to $1.00 per day; single meals 25 cents. Free coach. Chas. Montgomery.

A speck of gold weighing less than one-millionth part of a grain can be seen with the naked eye.

If you want the best wind mill, pumps, tanks, plows, wagons, bells of all sizes, boilers, engines, or general machinery, see or write JOHN POOLE, foot of Morrison street, Portland, Oregon.

It has been ascertained that one of the mountains in the moon is 36,000 feet high, while several are upward of 30,000 feet.

A Natural Error.

Mr. Gotham (angrily)—What do you mean, sir, by saying in your paper that while at Albany I spent my time among the saloons?

Editor—My dear sir, that was a printer's mistake. What I wrote was that you spent your time among the solons, meaning, of course, the members of the state legislature.

Mr. Gotham—Huh! That was a strange mistake for a printer to make.

Editor—Well, you see, sir, the printer used to live in Albany, and—er—I suppose it comes sort o' natural to him to get such words as solons and saloons mixed up.—N. Y. Weekly.

The most costly piece of railway line in the world is that between the Mansion House and Aldgate stations, in London, which required the expenditure of close upon $10,000,000 a mile.

False teeth for horses, which were suggested by the president of a French humane society a few years ago, have actually been invented, and are gaining favor with owners of large stables.

Wouldn't Eat His Own Kind.

She—If you had to take your choice, which would you rather do, eat donkey meat in Havana or dog meat in the Klondike?

He—Oh, think I'd take to the dogs. "There, I told Maud Ripley she was wrong when she said you had all the characteristics of a cannibal."—Chicago Evening News.

A Mathematical Demonstration.

Robinson—You don't consider it unlucky to have 13 people at table?

Jenkins—Not at all! Suppose some misfortunate did happen to one of the them—wouldn't the other 12 be deadlucky to escape?—Puck.

NO WOMAN IS EXEMPT.

Regularity is a matter of importance in every woman's life. Much pain is, however, endured in the belief that it is necessary and not alarming, when in truth it is all wrong and indicates derangement that may cause serious trouble.

Excessive monthly pain itself will unsettle the nerves and make women old before their time.

The foundation of woman's health is a perfectly normal and regular performance of nature's function. The statement we print from Miss GERTRUDE SIKES, of Eldred, Pa., is echoed in every city, town and hamlet in this country. Read what she says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel like a new person since following your advice, and think it is my duty to let the public know the good your remedies have done me. My troubles were painful menstruation and leucorrhœa. I was nervous and had spells of being confused. Before using your remedies I never had any faith in patent medicines. I now wish to say that I never had anything do me so much good for painful menstruation as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; also would say that your Sanative Wash has cured me of leucorrhœa. I hope these few words may help suffering women."

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometime past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.

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CONSUMPTION

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

A CHARACTER SKETCH OF THIS MIGHTY RULER.

His Peace Proposal Has Given to Him a Character that History Will Preserve Immortal—He Is Steadfast, Frank and Fearless.

An admirable character sketch of Czar Nicholas II. of Russia is drawn by the English journalist, W. T. Stead, in the American Monthly. Nicholas II., says the writer, in stature does not resemble his father, who was a son of Anak. It is a mistake, however, to speak of him as if he were exceptionally slight. He is about the same height as Gen. Gordon, whom he resembles in other things besides the number of his inches. When he rides or sits the Emperor seems as tall as most men. When he stands he is a little taller than Lord Nelson or Napoleon Bonaparte. Good stuff, says the old adage, is often put up in little bundles, and the giant in popular legend is usually as dull as he is huge. In physique the Emperor is wiry and vigorous. One who sees him every day told me that physically Nicholas is a much healthier man than his father.

The first and most conspicuous characteristic of Alexander III. was the solidity of his mental temperament. He was by no means dull. But he was slow. He put his foot down like an elephant, and when he put it down he was not quick to take it up again. The characteristic of his son and successor is quite different. Alertness, exactness, lucidity, and definiteness are four ex-

THE CZAR NICHOLAS II.

cellent qualities in a man, and the Emperor has them all. With all this there is an absolute absence of anything even distantly approaching prigishness. Many years ago Mr. Gladstone described the present Emperor as a charming type of the best of our public school boys. He was frank, fearless, perfectly natural, and simplicity itself. Nicholas II. is no longer a boy. He has borne for several trying years the burden of one of the greatest empires in the world. But he is still as absolutely simple and unaffected as he was when Mr. Gladstone met him in Copenhagen fifteen years ago. There is still in him all the delightful schoolboy abandon of manner, a keen sense of humor, and a hearty, outspoken frankness in expressing his opinions which makes you feel that you are dealing with a man whose character is as transparent as crystal. Add to all this a modesty as admirable as it is rare, and it must be admitted that even if the net human product should fall short of being a great ruler, he has at least all the qualities which make men beloved by their fellows. The bright, clear blue eye, the quick sympathetic change of feature, the merry laugh, succeeded in a moment by an expression of noble gravity and of high resolve, the rapidity and grace of his movements, and even his curious little expressive shrug of the shoulders, are all glimpses of a character not often found unspoiled by power.

Those who know him best appear to love him most and naturally enough each one thinks his only fault is that he is too ready to sacrifice his own convenience and his own wishes to oblige others. A more dutiful son never sat on a throne. He is singularly happy in his marriage, and the Emperor of Russia will never lack one of the most intelligent and loyal of chancellors while his wife lives. As his parents before him set Europe an example of domestic unity and felicity, so Nicholas II. maintains the honorable and happy tradition. He is loyal in his friendships and slow to part with any of those who are in his own or were in his father's service.

Distinctions of His Reign.

So far his reign has been distinguished by three things. First, his frank recognition of the fact that until he found his feet and had acquired some experience in the business of governing it became him to serve his apprenticeship modestly and silently.

The second salient feature in his reign was marked by a significant blend of the two conflicting tendencies—the intuitive instinct which enabled him to divine the right thing to be done and the modest reluctance to impose his will upon the more experienced administrators who thwarted and crippled his policy. I refer to the generous initiative taken by the Czar in the direction of an amelioration of the harshness of the Polish regime as he inherited it from his father. In that he showed true insight and a keen sympathy with subjects who were suffering from undoubted grievances. But the forces of reaction and the jealousy of a dominant bureaucracy, aided perhaps by the somewhat unreasonable expectations of some of the Poles, checked the full realization of his designs. To some this may seem an admission that he was lacking in strength. It would be more just to recognize that he felt he was lacking in experience. He was young to the responsibilities of government. It was better to bide his time. Safely and slow—they stumble who run fast.

There is one thing about the peace rescript which no one can deny. It was splendidly audacious as well as magnificently ambitious. Wise it may be or foolish, but mean, petty or unworthy it was not. Will he have the nerve to stick to it? The resolution to put it through? The strength to overpower the immense forces which will be banked together to defeat his generous and most sensible design? That is the crux of the whole question. Let it never be forgotten that Nicholas was not only born in the purple, but that he has, as his sires and grandsires, as imperious a series of monarchs as ever swayed a scepter.

SCHOOLS IN THE ORIENT.

There Is Abundant Chance to Get an English Education There.

Throughout British territory, in the Orient, churches and schools are scattered about, and always are at headquarters, military or civil. All the subjects of her Majesty the Queen can enter the Christian churches and Christian Sunday schools if they wish. They are not the "destitute heathen" of the old-time phrase—"destitute of the means of grace;" and the "Eurasians"—Europe-Asians, hybrids—ambitious to be classed as "Europeans," crowd promptly into the Christian churches. Their main rush is for two, either the Protestant Episcopal or Methodist; first in preferment the Episcopal, the old established church of England, because there all officials go—the viceroy, the local governors and their families—whoever represents the ruling power; and the next the Methodist churches, which, as here, have the popularizing, drawing faculty, being zealous and energetic.

There, as here, the Roman Catholic churches get more people than any other church. Their pictures of saints and angels and the Madonna and the Savior, their dressed statues and their processional celebrations the non-educated can get hold of at once, as a story; and a story with points of resemblance to their inherited faith. Christianity's heroes and heroines march well into line with sacred biography which they before were familiar with. Their old-time heroes and heroines were very grotesque, but, for all that, sacred; sacred somewhat. That whole people is grotesque. Their art is grotesque. We are different. But we are not symmetrical. In fact, we also are grotesque.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

THE SAGACIOUS HERO.

He Insisted on Certain Conditions Before Manifesting His Bravery.

"No," declared the Captain, "I positively decline to lead my company up that hill."

"Sir," exclaimed the Colonel, "do you know that what you are saying is rank insubordination?"

"Call it insubordination or what you will," the Captain returned, "but I refuse to go."

The Colonel was furious. The company that he had detached for the purpose of storming the hill and capturing the fort on top of it was the only one that could be spared, and unless his plans as arranged were executed the whole campaign would fail. Not only that, but his little army would in all probability be cut off from the main body and wiped out of existence.

It was a critical moment. The Captain could be court martialed and shot for his refusal to obey orders, but what of it? Every man was needed. To court martial and shoot the obstinate Captain would not be to take the hill and the fort. He was the only man who could do it with the force at his command.

What was to be done? The Colonel gnawed his mustache and thought hard. At last he decided to appeal to the Captain instead of ordering him.

"Think, man, think of the glory that you will win if you do this thing," he urged.

"I know all about that," the Captain replied.

"Well, for heaven's sake, don't you want to be a hero? Think of it! The entire nation will applaud you!"

"I realize that, and I am anxious to become a hero; but I positively refuse to do it until you drive all these correspondents back and keep them off the field. I propose, if I do this business, to retain the sole magazine rights on it. I'm not going to do a heroic thing and then let somebody else get $500 a page for writing it up!"

So the hill was taken, and the farseeing Captain is now living in luxury and winning new laurels with his pen.—Cleveland Leader.

DARING PICTURE HUNTERS.

Risking a Life for the Purpose of Getting a Snap Shot.

The English brothers, R. and C. Kearton, have made a particular study of photographing insects, birds and small animals in their native haunts.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC PHOTOGRAPHER.

Often in order to secure the best results, they have risked their lives for some striking snap shot. The illustration shows one of their attempts to photograph a sea bird in its home by the waves.

Preferred the Professions.

Says a writer in the Manchester Guardian:

"A lady of my acquaintance who is a proprietress in County Galway is in the habit of receiving her own rents. One day, when a tenant farmer had pleaded long and unsuccessfully for an abatement, he exclaimed as he handed over the money:

"'Well, my lady, all I can say is that if I had my time over again it's not a tenant farmer I'd be. I'd follow one of the learned professions.'

"The proprietress gently replied that even in the learned professions there were losses as well as gains, and, perhaps, he would have found professional life as precarious as farming.

"'Ah, my lady, but how can that be?' replied the son of St. Patrick. 'If you're a lawyer—win or lose, you're paid. If you're a doctor—kill or cure, you're paid. If you're a priest—heaven or hell, you're paid.'"

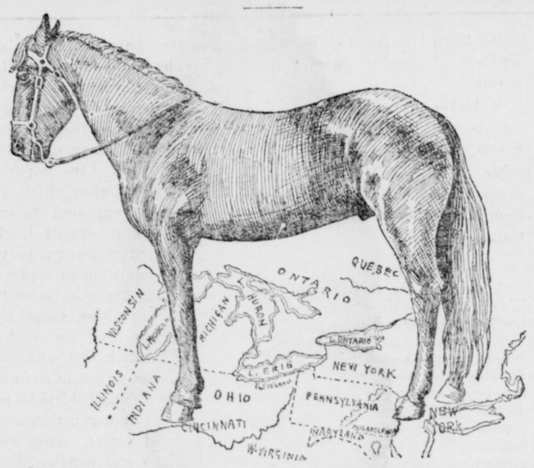
Ages of Animals.

According to some naturalists the length of life of animals is as follows:

The fox from 14 to 15 years.
The cat from 15 to 17 years.
The dog from 16 to 18 years.
The bear and wolf from 18 to 20 years.
The rhinoceros from 20 to 22 years.
The horse from 22 to 25 years.
The hen from 25 to 28 years.
The porpoise from 29 to 30 years.
The camel and crow 100 years.
The tortoise 110 years.
The eagle 120 years.
The elephant 400 years.
The whale 1,000 years.

We are always hearing of the desirability of being "in it." There is nothing to it. To be "in it," means late lunches, late hours, a bad stomach, poor work next day, and a dissatisfied employer. To be "in it" long eventually means to be out of a job.

IT WOULD REQUIRE A HORSE THIS SIZE TO RUN ALL THE CARS NOW PROPELLED BY ELECTRICITY



Gigantic as was the wooden horse of Ulysses in the siege of Troy, it dwindles to insignificance when compared with the size of the horse it would take to draw all the electric street railway cars now in use in the United States. It is calculated that 320,000 horses would be required to move the cars now propelled by electricity, making no allowance for the extra cars which would have to be run to equalize the present schedule were horses used. One horse, representing the combined height, length and bulk of the 320,000, would be so massive that he could plank the hoofs of his fore legs down in Cincinnati and slake his thirst in the Ohio river, while his hind legs rested on Manhattan Island, whence with his tail he could brush the flies off the Brooklyn bridge management. His back would be high up above the reach of clouds, higher than the air strata through which it is proposed by visionary electrical inventors to communicate the current generated by Niagara Falls to Paris to run the exhibition in 1900.

The illustration appears exaggerated, but it truly represents the condition of what is claimed to be the most important individual industry in this country. The amount of capital involved in the electric street railways is placed at about one and a half billions and it is increasing rapidly every month. Should the national government decide to buy all these roads it would take all the $325,000,000 of gold, the $120,000,000 of silver, the $400,000,000 of certificates, the $225,000,000 of national bank notes and $250,000,00 of United States treasury notes in circulation to pay for the purchase. A conservative estimate places the number of passengers carried in a year by the electric cars at 2,000,000,000, not including the passengers transferred from one line to another. That means two rides each year for every human being on earth. The steam roads of the United States carry only 535,000,000 passengers annually over 182,000 miles of track.

MRS. HENRY T. SLOANE.

The New York Society Leader Who Figures in a Domestic Scandal.

The report that Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Sloane are to resume their former relations, after a separation, and after rumors of divorce proceedings, has not stopped the tongues of the New York gossips. Mrs. Sloane's social prominence has made this sensation of more than local interest. The wife of the New York millionaire is one of the most accomplished, keen witted and beautiful women in the metropolis. She and Mrs. Ogden Mills have divided the honors and responsibility of ruling

MRS. HENRY T. SLOANE.

in female swelldom in New York, and at Newport. They have been bosom friends, though they quarreled once and by so doing created a sensation. It was at the famous Bradley Martin ball. In the afternoon Mrs. Sloane sent her hair dresser to Mrs. Mills' house, at the latter's request. Mrs. Mills detained the hair dresser so long that Mrs. Sloane could not get ready for the ball in time. She was late in reaching the Bradley Martins' and the quarrel with Mrs. Mills resulted. The following summer, however, their differences were settled, and the society queens thereafter took Ward McAllister's "400" and reduced the list of exclusives to "75."

Mrs. Sloane, before her marriage, was Miss Jessie A. Robbins, the daughter of the junior partner in a great drug firm. She had no prestige of ancestry, but her beauty and her wealth, together with her rare ability, won her social distinction of the highest kind. Her husband, a modest, quiet man, is engaged with his brother in the wholesale carpet business. He has not shared his wife's fondness for society, but has spent money lavishly for her enjoyment. Her home has always been little short of a palace; her gowns are of the most expensive sort, and number 100 or more; her diamonds and other jewels are the most magnificent in the city, and her whole life has been surrounded by luxury.

MARK TWAIN'S PET CATS.

Pretty Mousers that Basked in an Atmosphere of Fame.

You might not suspect the great humorist, Mark Twain, of being fond of cats and dogs. Though it would seem that his mind must be thronged with queer fancies and imaginary characters, always getting into laughable and difficult situations, Mark Twain yet has room for thoughts of friends belonging to the animal kingdom. He once owned four of the prettiest and daintiest mousers that ever basked in an atmosphere of fame.

When Mark Twain lived at "Quarry Farm," a picturesque home high up on a southern New York mountain, overlooking many miles of landscape, he did most of his writing in a little eight-sided summer-house, which he called his "Pilot House," in memory of the days long ago when he was a pilot on the Mississippi River. * * * Cozily nestling in a great chair or snuggled comfortably upon an old lounge in this literary workshop, at almost any time of the day, could be found Mark Twain's pets. They were allowed there because they had the good manners to keep quiet while he worked. If they had presumed to jump upon the desk and put their little feet upon the manuscript or tip over the ink, they would not have been allowed to remain.

The cozy little Pilot House was very popular with these cats. It may have been because it was such a nice, sunny place, having windows upon all of its sides. Being upon the very tip-top of the great hill, it received the warmth of the first and last rays of the sun, of which these pets were quite as fond as was the humorist himself. Mark Twain knew that although cats are said to have nine lives, the time must come when even his pets and he would have to part, so one day he summoned Mr. Van Aken, the photographer. * * * A jealous dog did his best to prevent a photograph's being taken, but in vain; and two good views of them were obtained. Mark Twain himself thus sings the requiem of his pets:

"Hartford, Conn.

"I don't know as there is anything of continental or international interest to communicate about those cats. They had no history. They did not distinguish themselves in any way. They died early—on account of being overweighted with their names, it was thought—Sour Mash, Apollinaris, Zoroaster, Blatherskite—names given them, not in an unfriendly spirit, but merely to practice the children in large and difficult styles of pronunciation.

"It was a very happy idea—I mean for the children. Mark Twain."—St. Nicholas.

SOME PARSONS' WIVES.

Their Desire to Exercise Ecclesiastical Functions.

It appears from frequent stories in English religious journals that many ladies have an idea that residence in a parsonage confers upon them the right to exercise some ecclesiastical functions.

"My husband is away," said one woman to a parishioner, a retired civilian, who came to have his pension paper authenticated, "but my signature will do as well."

Before the poor man could object, the paper was taken from him and signed. Naturally the paymaster general refused to accept the signature, and much trouble ensued.

The Church Gazette mentions the case of a lady, who at Dorcas and other meetings whereat her husband is not present gives the apostolic benediction in the most approved style.

A lady who seems to be equal to "minor orders," at least, is Mrs. Creighton, the wife of the genial Bishop of London. There is a certain wicked legend, according to the London Outlook, that while at Peterborough Mrs. Creighton once wrote to a clergyman regretting that the Bishop could not come for a confirmation, but promising that she would come instead.

More authentic and vastly more probable is an amusing anecdote undoubtedly illustrative of the same lady's practical turn of mind and decided character.

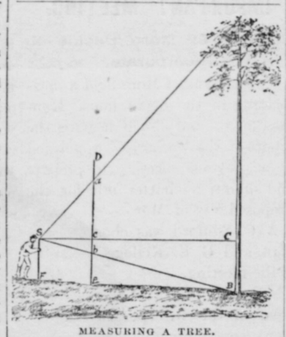
When Dr. Creighton had been offered the bishopric of London a lady met his daughter in a street of Peterborough. Being on terms of intimacy which justified the question, she asked if Dr. Creighton had decided to accept his appointment to the more important see.

"Well, I don't know," the young lady replied. "All I can say is that papa is in the study praying for guidance, and mamma is upstairs packing the trunks."

TO MEASURE A TREE.

Simple Rule for Estimating the Height of Standing Timber.

There are various methods employed in determining the height of a standing tree; of these the geometrical method may be recommended for its simplicity and sufficient accuracy. At some distance from the tree, where both top and base are readily visible, place a pole from four to five feet long (SF) perpendicularly in the ground; put in the ground another and longer pole (DE) at some distance from the first one, so that the poles and tree are situated in the same vertical plane. Sight from the top of the smaller pole the base and the top of the tree and note the points where your lines of vision intersect the longer pole; measure the distance between them; measure also the horizontal distance between the two poles. Multiply the first distance



MEASURING A TREE.

by the second and divide by the third, the result being the height of the tree.

For example, let the distance between the points where the lines of vision intersect be six feet, the distance between the pole and tree thirty feet, the distance between the poles two feet; then the height of the tree equals 6 multiplied by 30 divided by 2, giving 90 feet.

Punishing Opium Eaters.

The Chinese Government does all in its power to check the opium habit, the punishments common in the Chinese army for this habit being extreme. For the first offense the man may have his upper lip cut; for the second he may be decapitated. For the last sixty years an average of half a ton of opium has been sent to China from India every hour.

When a man marries he assumes a new relationship in which he will be unsatisfactory.

ELECTRICITY.

Hundreds Cured by It Where All Other Remedies Fail.

When we consider the inestimable blessing of health, and the horrors of wasting disease and impaired vitality, we must accord to Dr. Darrin the distinguished honor that belongs only to the noblest benefactors of our race. By this discovery he sends the life-currents of that great agent through the debilitated frame, he allays pain, restores the strength and florid bloom of glorious health, and the elasticity and joyousness of spirit that are lost when suffering from disease of the organs or derangement of the nervous centers. A few instances of cure we give as a proof positive of the superiority of electricity over other methods of cure:

Mr. Isaac Winters, Centralia, Wash.—Asthma of 18 years' standing; restored.

Joseph Moore, Portland, polyus in the nose, 15 years; cured.

Miss Lucy Moran, Monmouth, Or.—Cross eye, straightened in one minute with a slight operation.

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Miss Mamie McKean, Portland—Deafness and catarrh, 14 years' standing; cured.

E. E. Joslin, The Dalles, Or.—Discharging ear, 21 years; cured.

Dr. Darrin treats all curable private, chronic and nervous diseases, secret blood and skin diseases, sores and swellings, nervous debility, impotence and other weakness of manhood. He corrects the secret errors of youth and their terrible effects, loss of vitality, palpitation of the heart, loss of memory, despondency and other troubles of mind and body. Prevents consumption, heart disease, softening of the brain and spine, insanity and other afflictions caused by the errors, excesses and diseases of boys and men. He also cures diseases caused by mercury and other poisonous drugs used in the improper treatment of private diseases.

Office 255 Morrison street, Portland, Or. Hours, 10 to 12, 2 to 5, and 7 to 8, daily. Examination free and confidential, question blanks and circulars sent gratis to any address; patients cured at home. Belts and batteries furnished with full directions how to use them.

ENGLAND AND THE CONTINENT.

There are 5,400 square miles of coal fields in Great Britain.

About 2,000,000 quail are exported from Egypt to France every year.

There are now 27 royal families in Europe, which have about 400 members. Of these 27 families 18 are German.

It is a popular belief in England that a holly bush, planted near a dwelling protects the house from lightning.

The Mexicans are the most inordinate smokers in the world. Even women and children are habitual smokers.

The Paris Petit Journal declares that it is in a position to assert that up to the present moment no less a sum than 327,000,000 francs has been expended upon the Dreyfus agitation, a great deal of which, it affirms, has been supplied by England.

The oldest letter in the world is in the British museum. Although written over 30 centuries ago, the characters are still legible. Its author was Pankesa, a learned Egyptian, and it gives an interesting picture of life in Egypt during the reign of Rameses II.

Arm Chair of Solid Gold.

The shah of Persia owns the most valuable arm-chair in the world. It is of solid gold, inlaid with precious stones. At one time some of the stones were stolen from one of the legs of the chair, and the indignant shah ordered the arrest of a number of his servants and held the keeper of the furniture responsible for the loss, with the intimation that if the thief were not discovered the keeper would be beheaded. The culprit being eventually found, was forthwith beheaded and his head carried on a pole by the imperial body guard through the streets of Teheran.

Queen Victoria's favorite song is said to be "And Ye Shall Walk in Silk Attire."

Most Chinese mandarins pass the whole of their lives without taking a single yard of exercise. Under no circumstances whatever is a mandarin ever seen on foot in his own jurisdiction.

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and uncomfortable. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It rests and comforts; makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and is a certain cure for Chilblains, Sweating, damp or frosted feet. We have over thirty thousand testimonials. Try it *today*. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A recent Parisian law compels all the theaters to have in attendance a doctor or a surgeon during all the performances.

Trifling That Costs.

There is a way of trifling that costs a heap of money. Neglect rheumatism and it may put one on crutches, with loss of time and money. St. Jacobs Oil will cure it surely, right away.

A new system of sewers under construction in the city of Mexico has occasioned a contract for 10,000,000 brick being made with a native firm.

Feet Removed for One Dollar.

Occasionally you strike a gem of purest ray serene in a theater programme. This appeared in a chiropodists's advertisement in one of these sheets the other night:

Free! Ladies and gentlemen do not suffer. I will remove one corn free of charge, if you have more than one. Corns removed, 25 cents each—both feet $1. Instant relief guaranteed. Bring this ad. with you."

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