

FACTS IN FEW LINES

Spain controls the Cuban shoe market.

The constitution of Mexico forbids monopolies.

India exported \$40,000,000 worth of cotton last year.

On many railways cement ties are displacing wooden ties.

In firing the ordinary rifle only 43 per cent of the powder explodes.

Ninety per cent of the wealth of the United States is held by 10 per cent of the people.

More than \$1,000,000 worth is taken out of the copper mines at Butte, Mont., every week.

One factory at St. Etienne, France, made last year 269 cannon to be used against halibut.

Each of Germany's eight colonies except Samoa receives a subsidy greater than the revenue it yields.

The rule of the czar extends over twice as much contiguous territory as any other power in the world.

Not more than 2,500 persons in Paris have a capital of as much as \$200,000, and nearly one-third of those are foreigners.

The people of the United States consumed during last year 1,498,910,394 gallons of coffee and 1,381,875,437 gallons of beer.

Seventy-nine per cent of the population of the United States were born within the state or territory of their present residence.

Professor Braun of the University of Strassburg has undertaken to heat a room in Munich by a flash light in Nuremberg, 100 miles distant.

The researches of the last few years have furnished us with the lost constitution of Aristotle, fragments of Sappho, Isocrates and Hyperides.

The number of deaths each year in London 150 years ago was 51 per thousand. In 1820 it was 29 per thousand, and it now is about 18 per thousand.

The recently appointed board on the national trophy rifle contests recommends that the school children throughout the United States be given small arms practice.

The tenant under the contemplated Irish land bill will pay annual purchase installments for sixty-three years, which are 20 per cent less average than he now pays annual rent.

Israel Smith, Jr., leader of the famous Thirty-third Massachusetts regiment, now a resident of New Bedford, Mass., has in his possession a drum that was used in the battle of Bunker Hill.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Corinne McCallis of Hazelton, Pa., being the twenty-third child born to the couple. Mrs. McCallis is forty-one years old and was married at the age of seventeen years.

In Lynn, Mass., 24,000,000 pairs of shoes were made last year, in Brockton 17,000,000 pairs and in Haverhill 12,000,000 pairs. These three cities, therefore, turned out enough shoes to supply one pair for two-thirds of the population of the country.

The cries of sea birds, especially sea gulls, are very valuable as fog signals. The birds cluster together on the cliffs and coast, and their cries warn boatmen that they are near land. Some years ago in the Isle of Man there was a fine for shooting such birds.

There are few more striking facts than the growing importance of the Puget sound customs districts. In the past year all the customs districts of the United States showed a decline of exports of grain and grain products except the Pacific coast ports, the shipments from Puget sound ports increasing 45 per cent.

Natal proper, which is less than half the size of the Orange River colony, has 50 per cent more railways. Southern Rhodesia is somewhat larger than the Transvaal, but has only one-eighth of its revenue and one-twentieth of its white population, yet it has more railways than the Transvaal and nearly twice its mileage.

The total number of arrests by the New York police during last year was 145,936, an increase of 12,187 over the year 1901. The Tenderloin surpassed all other precincts, with a total of 7,404; 3,835 were charged with intoxication, while 27,835 people were accused of disorderly conduct and 9,230 of assault and battery.

One of the interesting exhibits that may be seen in the horticultural department at the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis next year will be the fruits fresh from North America. The managers of fruit farms of the late Cecil Rhodes at Cape Town have announced their intention of placing fresh fruits on exhibition each week. Even in London this feat has never been undertaken.

The new English licensing act empowers the magistrate to reduce the number of licenses in districts they deem to be oversupplied. In most districts the saloon organization determines which members shall retire, and the others join in compensating them for so doing. The license holders of Birmingham offered to surrender fifty licenses before February, 1904, provided it would not cost their society over \$250,000. The justice accepted the offer.

POWER OF IMAGINATION.

The Story of a Dinner at Which Alligator Was Not Served.

The distinguished geologist Dr. Buckland one day gave a dinner after dissecting a Mississippi alligator, having asked a good many of the most distinguished of his classes to dine with him. His house and all his establishment were in good style and taste. His guests congregated. The dinner table showed splendidly with glass, china and plate, and the meal commenced with excellent soup.

"How do you like the soup?" asked the doctor after having finished his own plate, addressing a famous gourmand of the day.

"Very good, indeed," answered the other. "Turtle, is it not? I only ask because I do not find any green fat."

The doctor shook his head.

"I think it has somewhat of a musky taste," said another; "not unpleasant, but peculiar."

"All alligators have," replied Buckland, "the cayman peculiarly so. The fellow whom I dissected this morning and whom you have just been eating."

There was a general rout of the whole guests. Every one turned pale. Half a dozen started up from the table. Two or three of them ran out of the room and vomited, and only those who had stout stomachs remained to the close of an excellent entertainment.

"See what imagination is," said Buckland. "If I had told them it was turtle or terrapin or bird's nest soup, salt water amphibia or fresh, or the gluten of a fish from the maw of a sea bird, they would have pronounced it excellent and their digestion been none the worse. Such is prejudice."

"But was it really an alligator?" asked a lady.

"As good a calf's head as ever wore a coronet," answered Buckland.

The Man and His Cane.

Next to the woman who jabs us with her umbrella comes the man with the cane which he flourishes in a manner that menaces our faces. I happened to follow two young men this armed into an office building, says the Brooklyn Eagle. On the way to the elevator they gesticulated so violently with their canes that I deemed it prudent to keep out of their reach. While waiting for the elevator to come down they tapped and poked around with their sticks until one of them ran his through the grillwork surrounding the elevator shaft. Just then the elevator came down lickety swizzle and, catching the inner end of the cane, yanked the outer end up so suddenly that it hit its owner a resounding whack under the chin. Then it broke the cane in two.

Of course I was very sorry for the young man, but even sorrow cannot always make us forget that an elevator, properly interpreted, may carry a young man up to heights of wisdom.

Dragging Pains

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