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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Were Julius Caesar and Cleopatra married?—L. A. M. Not to each other. Which is the shortest day in the year, and has it a distinguishing name?—F. P. H. Dec. 21. The period is known as the winter solstice. Is La Paz or Sucre the capital of Bolivia?—Land Sprink. Sucre, also called Chuquisaca, is the capital. La Paz is the largest city of the country. What was the age of Fanny Davenport, the actress, when she died, and when did she die?—Dido. She was born April 10, 1859, and died Sept. 26, 1898.

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Supporting shipment is made of \$1,000,000 gold by a New York banking house to England, is the amount sufficient to be equivalent to the value of \$1,000,000 or coin?—W. R. P. It may be either.

A bet B that the Harvard eleven would not meet with defeat during the football season of 1899. Because the game between Harvard and Yale B contends that the bet is off. How about it?—S. S. S. The tie does not affect the bet as you would it.

How shall I proceed to take an impression in plaster of Paris?—L. W. K. Mix the powder with water until it is workable consistency, and make your impression quickly. The mold will harden as it dries.

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What metal or material is platinum? What is it made of, from what, and what is used for and what value is in it?—W. P. G. Platinum is a steel-gray metal that is heavier than gold, a little softer than iron, and that is found in the native state mixed with iron, copper and other metals. It is used in dentistry, for jewelry, in the manufacture of various electrical appliances, by chemists and formerly it was coined in Russia, where most of it is mined. Its price varies greatly, but it is never low, its an ounce being common.

Please distinguish between an anarchist, a socialist, a communist and a nihilist. 2. When and where did Theodore O'Hara, the famous Southern poet, die, and what were the circumstances of his death?—T. R. An anarchist is a malcontent respecting all existing institutions. His political ideal is the absence of all formal government, and he would use violence to destroy the present social and civil order of affairs. A nihilist is a Russian anarchist. A socialist aims to secure the reconstruction of society and an increase and more equal distribution of wealth and through public collective ownership of land and capital, and like management of all industries. His motto is: "Everyone according to his needs." A communist would have all property held as a common trust and the profits of all labor applied for the common good. The communism of 1870 in France, however, was extreme socialism bordering

on anarchy. 2. He died of fever at Gerrystown, Ala., June 6, 1867. After the war he engaged in business at Columbus, Ga., later returning to the plantation where he died.

Please let me know the law on the roads, whether a driver has the right to haul heavy loads on free gravel or whether it means gravel and mud roads, when the road is soft.

Under a provision of the Indiana road law any one who wilfully injures or damages any public road is subject to fine or imprisonment. This provision seems to apply to roads of all classes. Whether heavy hauling would come under the head of wilful injury is doubtful and is a matter for courts to decide.

What was the immediate cause of the outbreak between the Americans and the Filipinos? Who fired the first shot?—A. Reader. Certain Filipinos, with Aguinaldo as their leader, demanded an independent government. This was as early as July following the Dewey victory. The United States authorities could not officially treat with them until after the treaty with Spain was ratified, and this was not done for several months. By that time the Filipinos were in active rebellion and have since refused to listen to any overtures for peace.

What is a newspaper clipping bureau and what people are its patrons?—City. A bureau where are received and read a very large number of newspapers and other periodicals, and which clips for each client all articles of any sort he desires saved for him. An example is the case of a famous New Yorker, who pays about \$50 a week for the bureau's service, his clippings including every reference to himself and to the vast railroad interests with which he is associated. He is a wholesale customer, of course, but players, musicians, authors and many others subscribe, in order to learn at little trouble, what is printed about them and their work.

Does our government get any land in Porto Rico, and are there any Spanish grants of land there as in our Territories? 2. Is there any prairie land there, or is it all timbered? 3. What is the price of land and cattle there? 4. Where can a history of the island be got? 5. What is the distance from Key West to Porto Rico? 6. What is the population and are all Catholics?—J. T. We think that no public land suitable for agriculture passed to the United States. There so-called crown lands that had been seized for taxes, but the retiring Spanish officials managed to have most of these transferred to appear as of private ownership. 2. There is nothing that could be styled prairie, and much timber. 3. The best sugar land is worth \$50 an acre, and there is much land that is cheaper. Draught oxen fetch from \$2.50 to \$300 the pair, and good beef brings 6 1/2 cents per pound. 4. At a book shop. 5. About 1,200 miles. 6. The population is between 800,000 and 900,000, of which about 200,000 are blacks. Under Spain the Catholic was the official religion, but others were tolerated. Porto Rico is not a new country, and is one of the most densely populated districts in the world. Nor is it a poor man's country.

What is the exact length of a sidereal day? 2. Who had command of the British army at the beginning of the revolutionary war?—L. The sidereal day consists of 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4 seconds of mean solar time. 2. Sir William Howe.

What was the "Annus Mirabilis" of English history, and by what English poet was it sung? 2. What was the Bastille?—C. B. A. The year 1666. The poem is Dryden's. 2. A Parisian fortress, which was a prison and destroyed by a mob in July, 1793.