

Stuntmen Building Church.
The Salvation Army is building a large church in Cleveland, Ohio, for institutional work. Total cost will be about \$50,000. Already \$30,000 has been paid on the building and site. An appeal to John D. Rockefeller for assistance has brought forth the response that if by May 1, 1903, \$80,000 has been paid on the entire cost he will make the final payment of \$10,000.

Musical While Asleep.
Harvey Joyce of Tingley, Pa., occupies a sleeping room with John Richter. The latter is a violinist, but the former never plays when awake. The other night, while in a somnambulist state, Joyce took possession of Richter's violin, and played two tunes with musical skill. His roommate was aroused by the music and stared at him in wonder.

Kept Family Records.
Two New Jersey people celebrated their golden wedding recently, and the family record reads: "Cross words spoken by either husband or wife, none; number of times the kitchen fire has had to be built, 18,263; number of times Mr. Dixon has built it, 18,263." But are family records always to be depended on?

World's Largest Bean Field.
The present average yield of lima beans in Southern California is 22,000,000 pounds, which is about three-fourths of the total production of the world. One ranch in the bean country covers 1,500 acres. This is the largest bean field in the world, and it requires forty tons of seed beans to plant it.

Her Position.
A young lady applicant for a school out west, says a St. Louis humorist, was asked the question: "What is your position upon whipping children?" and her reply was: "My usual position is on a chair, with the child held firmly across my knees, face downward." She got the school.

Chancellor Opposes Football.
Chancellor Day of Syracuse university gives notice that unless the present dangers to life and limb are reformed out of football his conscience will force him to declare war upon the game and to ask the executive board to restrain the young Syracuseans from engaging in it.

A Kansas Editor Ruminates.
It is said that when a hungry Indian goes hunting he kills the first thing he sees, if it is only a crow. If he kills a duck he drops the crow and if he gets a deer he throws away the duck. Some girls are regular Indians, aren't they?—Lane New Leaf.

Modeled on Y. M. C. A.
The success of the Young Men's Christian association in Japan has called into existence a young men's Buddhist association, modeled on the same lines and aiming to inspire not only religious but patriotic sentiment in the minds of its members.

Buy Tennessee Timber Lands.
Mayor David S. Rose of Milwaukee is one of a party of northwestern capitalists who have just bought 30,000 acres of timber land in Tennessee, estimated to contain 1,000,000,000 feet of good pine lumber.

Remarkable Coincidence.
Queen Victoria was baptized, married and crowned by Archbishop Howley. It is remarkable that George III. was also baptized, married and crowned by one man—Archbishop Secker.

Sheep Sell Cheap.
A Sydney firm of meat preservers have purchased 12,000 sheep from from twelve to twenty-five cents each, the owners being unable to maintain them owing to the absence of fodder.

The "Mitchell" Carnation.
An Indianapolis florist has named a carnation after John Mitchell, leader of the miners. The flower is pure white and is said to have other distinctive qualities.

Made Things Even.
"You have accepted George! Why, you know very well that I don't approve of him." "That's all right, mamma. Neither does he approve of you."—Life.

Vanderbilt as Santa Claus.
W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will give each of the public schools of Little Neck, L. I., a fine Christmas tree, and will act as Santa Claus at one celebration.

Steel and Iron.
A quarter-inch bar of steel did not break till 8,332 pounds were put upon it; but a bar of iron of the same diameter bore 4,504 pounds only.

Water Supply of Great Cities.
Rome has a water supply of 200 million gallons a day. London only 160 millions and Paris ninety millions.

Winchester Once England's Capital.
In 827 Winchester and not London was proclaimed to be the capital of England, and so it remained for two centuries.

Status of Wagner.
Berlin's statue of Wagner is to be cut from a block of Pentelikon marble weighing thirty-eight tons.

European Buddhists.
There are now some six Europeans in the Buddhist priesthood in Burma.

Attentive Luncheon.
Recently a company of fifty Philadelphians had the novel experience of eating luncheon at the top of a brick chimney 275 feet high. The stack had just been completed and the luncheon was in celebration of that fact. An improvised elevator took the guests up the shaft of the chimney, which is eighteen feet in diameter and five feet from the top a platform was built on which the tables were placed.

Baden-Powell a Wit.
Gen. Baden-Powell, the popular English warrior, was at a luncheon recently where a celebrated physician was his fellow guest. The doctor was chaffing the soldier and said: "How do you feel after killing a man professionally?" The general replied in his characteristic silky tone: "Oh, I don't mind it much more than you do, I dare say."

Perfection.
"Can you tell me anything about Mr. Blank, Mr. Richard Blank?" asked a visitor of a resident in Tidewater, Va. "I mean, of course, about his standing and financial responsibility." "Mr. Blank, sub, is a perfect gentleman, sub, a perfect gentleman, sub," and here he paused, until he gently whispered, "but short o' cash."

Antipodean Pearl Fishing.
The pearl fisheries of West Australia employ 2,505 men, of whom 110 are Englishmen. The average yield per boat per season is placed at \$625 for pearls and \$3,375 for pearl shell. At last year's prices the average revenue per boat was \$4,200, the average expenditure \$2,600, making the average net profit \$1,600.

Will Give Official Interview.
In order to get rid of the swarms of reporters and kodak fiends who daily beset him Pierpont Morgan has decided to receive one newspaper man every afternoon and give him any news that is to be given out, under pledge that the recipient shall share his information with the others.

Doctors Make Mistakes.
Repeated mistakes of diagnosis were made by doctors during the recent outbreak of bubonic plague, the disease being often described as influenza, enteric fever and malaria, states a local government board report, according to the London Daily Mail.

New Idea in Russia.
It is reported that the Russian minister of the interior is considering a project for nationalizing the medical profession, so that all doctors and chemists would be state officials. A commission has been appointed to collect information on the subject.

Judge's Busy Day.
Judge Shay, presiding in the criminal court at Pottsville, Pa., is one day last week tried forty-seven persons and sent every one of them to jail, that being the biggest day's work ever done by one judge in Pennsylvania.

House a Gigantic Scrapbook.
From garret to basement in the large house of a Leeds (England) mineral water manufacturer is a gigantic scrapbook, every notable theatrical poster of the last twenty years being pasted on the walls.

The Gulf Stream.
The gulf stream is 200 fathoms deep off Cape Florida. Near Cape Hatteras the depth is only half as great, the stream appearing to have run uphill, with an ascent of 10 inches to the mile.

Honduras Has No Market.
Honduras, since 1900, has had no market for her cattle. In the past she has depended on Guatemala, but financial conditions in that republic have closed the market.

Cost Falls on Venice.
As the Italian government declines to contribute, the whole cost of reconstructing the fallen campanile of St. Mark's will be borne by the Venice municipality.

The First Ice Cream.
The first ice cream ever sold as a regular article of commerce was shipped by a Boston merchant named Tudor, in 1805. He sent a load to Martinique.

Figures that Stagger.
The solar system is travelling towards the constellation Hercules at fully 20,000 miles an hour. It will take a million years to get there.

Swim With Eyes Above Water.
Garfish, sunfish, basking shark and dolphins all have the habit of swimming with their eyes above the surface of the water.

Church Buried by Sand.
Zuydcoote, near Dunkirk, was overwhelmed by sand in 1777. Only the church steeple can now be seen.

Smallest Flowering Plant.
The smallest flowering plant is a kind of Indian duckweed known as Wolffia microscopica. Each plant has two flowers.

Two Days From Land.
During a voyage from Manila to Australia, the ship is out of sight of land for two days only.

Old Standby the Best.
The cold key is one of the best remedies for stopping nosebleed.

British Minister a Sportsman.
Sir Michael Herbert, the new ambassador from England to this country, is quite a democrat in manner and habit. Already he has been voted a good fellow by the pleasant people in the capital. Sir Michael is an enthusiastic sportsman, knows how to pick a winner at the Benning's track, is a good cross-country rider, strong in golf and tennis and a capital wing shot.

Famous Newspaper Artist.
Melton Prior, who will represent the Illustrated London News as special artist at the coronation durbar in India, has been through twenty-one military campaigns for that publication, beginning with the Ashantee war of 1873 and ending with the recent campaign in South Africa. He was in Ladysmith during the siege of that place.

Editor Rosewater's Vitriolic Pen.
The journalistic mercenaries who hire themselves out periodically to beslobber potboiler politicians and tattooed candidates and pour envenomed slime upon the heads of men of standing and character will have another respite from their efforts to be-fog and mislead gullible voters of this city.—Omaha Bee.

Record to be Proud Of.
Prof. Zephania Hopper has been teaching mathematics in the central high school of Philadelphia for forty-eight years, in some instances to three generations of the same family. He is seventy-eight years old, and is not believed to have missed a session of his class in the last two decades.

Inventor of the "High Ball."
"Twas a civil engineer, not a bartender, who drew the plans for and constructed the first "high ball," viz., Edward Everett Walker, an American, who is now building a railroad in Sweden. It is to be hoped that his tracks do not have as many reverse curves as his drinks.

Tribute to Newspapers.
Roland B. Molineux pays a mournful tribute to the efficacy of newspaper advertising. "So many pictures of me have been printed," he says, "that I can't get into a street car or be subjected to the gaze of a street crowd for five minutes without being recognized."

An Ancient Bank Note.
The latest curiosity at the British museum is a Chinese bank note of the fourteenth century, which was discovered in the ruins of a statue of Buddha at Peking. It is worth noting that paper money was not introduced into Europe till the seventeenth century.

Culture in Gotham.
William C. Whitney ventures his reputation for truthfulness and common sense on the statement that "the horse show has come to be the greatest feature of New York life." Which the same appears to be just a trifle rough on average New York life.

New York Tenement Houses.
The law in New York allows tenement houses a height of eighty-five feet—seven stories and a basement—when the two first floors are fireproof, and 150 feet—twelve stories—when fireproof throughout.

English Coal Fields.
The eastern division of the South Wales coal fields will probably be completely exhausted in forty-two years. The Denbighshire and Flintshire fields may last two and a half centuries.

Liquor in Russia.
The spirits monopoly has been extended throughout the greater part of Central Asia and the Northern Caucasus. All efforts to introduce local option in European Russia have failed.

Wholesale Bird Destruction.
The precise number of birds estimated by the British consul in Venezuela to have been killed last year to provide agrettes for ladies' hats was 1,538,738.

England's Forests.
The New forest in Hampshire is the largest English forest, containing 60,000 acres. The Forest of Dean was 22,500 acres and Windsor forest 14,000.

Castles on the Rhine.
From the mouth to the source of the Rhine 725 castles, formerly the homes of warlike chiefs, are to be found overlooking its waters.

Fastidiousness of the Pig.
Of 575 plants, a goat was found to eat 449 and refuse 126. A pig, on the other hand, would only eat 72 out of 243 offered to it.

England's Oldest Port.
Falmouth is probably the oldest port in England. It was used by the Phoenicians at least 2,500 years ago.

Chinese Girls at Telephones.
Chinese girls are being employed in San Francisco as telephone operators for the accommodation of Chinese merchants.

French or Portuguese.
One in every 200 of the population of India belongs either to the French or Portuguese colonies.

Wood-Pigeon Muris Crops.
Wood-pigeons do more harm to British crops than any other birds.

Allison the Senior Senator.
The retirement from the United States senate in March next of John F. Jones of Nevada will leave William Boyd Allison of Iowa the senior senator in unbroken length of service. He first took his seat in that body March 4, 1873, and by subsequent elections has served continuously ever since. Immediately previously to that he served four terms continuously in the national house of representatives.

For Monument to Gen. Stuart.
The committee of the J. E. B. Stuart Monument association has decided that the monument to the confederate general shall be an equestrian one of bronze on a granite base. The monument is to be set up in Richmond, Va., and the association still lacks \$12,000 of the amount desired for the purpose. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee is president of the association.

Short on Theology.
In the trial of a Bible case in Topeka the attorneys had occasion to read the Lord's prayer. They sent for a Bible. Then they sent for a preacher to tell them in what part of the gospels to find the prayer. A Boston lawyer would have known enough to have called a minister to the stand in the first place.

J. Pierr's Finish.
Wouldn't it be too bad if, after all these big schemes he has worked out so successfully, Mr. Morgan should stick fast in a London tube? It has often been said that every man has his limitations. Perhaps J. Pierr's finish is at the small end of a hole underground. Who knows?—Los Angeles Times.

A Jewel of a Servant.
When the hired girl who set the plates for a little dinner in Lawrence, Kan., read in the local papers that "covers were laid" for fifteen guests, she entered an indignant denial, saying that only two of the whole party got so bad that they had to go to bed. That servant is a jewel.

Would Please Napoleon.
Napoleon, if he were alive, would be gratified to learn that the population of France, which decreased 25,983 in 1900, increased 72,298 in 1901, and all the more so because the increase last year was due more to an increase in the number of births than to a lowering of the death rate.

Owes Position to Accident.
Alard Sheek, military attache of the German embassy in Washington, is said to owe his appointment to his close resemblance to President Roosevelt, the German emperor himself having remarked this and suggested the brilliant young officer for the billet.

Discovered Gigantic Glacier.
Rev. James Outram, a noted Scottish mountain climber, who has been visiting unexplored districts of the Rocky mountains in British Columbia, says he discovered on Mount Columbia a gigantic glacier covering 200 square miles.

Painter a Confirmed Bachelor.
John S. Sargent, the American portrait painter, who is coming to this country to do a picture of President Roosevelt, is so much of a bachelor that he bars the opposite sex even in the matter of domestic science.

Cullom's Early Ambition.
It was the ambition of Shelby M. Cullom's early youth to become a dry goods clerk and perhaps eventually to own a store. He sought a clerkship but failed to get it, and then went in for the study of law.

Left Too Suddenly.
Mrs. Jones—Do your cooks stay with you long? Mrs. Brown—Well, no. I tried to get a snap-shot at the last one with my camera, but she was too quick for the instrument.—Judge.

Brandy For Statesmen.
It is a custom in the Belgian parliament, when a member is making a long speech, to be supplied with brandy as a beverage, at the expense of the government.

Or Even Got Along.
When the time comes for a man to pay a debt, he begins to see many ways in which he could have gotten along without contracting it.—Aitchison Globe.

The Speech of Monkeys.
After fourteen years' study of the monkey race, Prof. Garner has come to the conclusion that their vocabulary is not large enough to hurt.

Finest Rock Crystal Ball.
The finest rock crystal ball in the world is in the Boston Fine Arts museum. It measures seven and a fourth inches in diameter.

Mersey Ahead of the Thames.
The exports from the Mersey exceed the value of those shipped from the Thames by nearly \$150,000,000.

England Well Watered.
Including rivers and canals, it is estimated that no part of England is more than fifteen miles from water communication.

Bushels of Truth.
One generation makes money, the next burns it, and the next lives by sifting the ashes.—Puck.

Varieties of Cotton.
Of the 400 known varieties of cotton, 400 are Asiatic, 200 African.

Talking Through the Body.
To talk through a human body—or a row of human bodies, for the matter of that—is one of the wierdest of the electrician's feats. If a telephone wire be severed and the two ends be held by a person, one in each hand, but far apart, it is quite possible for two individuals to carry on a conversation through the body of a medium as readily and as distinctly as if the line had been properly connected.

Perfume and Drunkenness.
A storekeeper named Gert Senyman of Harrismith, South Africa, has been fined \$50 and costs for selling to a native a bottle of perfume, containing more than 60 per cent of pure spirits. The evidence showed that the native drank the perfume, and was discovered shortly afterward hopelessly intoxicated lying in the gutter.

To Strong to Resist.
"Now won't you let me call you darling and let me feel the loving tendrils of your rosy lips to mine, while the stars of twilight shine?" writes an ardent lover down in Texas, who never dreamed that his letter would get into print. But what girl with a spark of romance in her soul could resist such a poetical appeal?

Homeopathy in Germany.
The Wurzburg university of Bavaria is about to establish a chair of homeopathy, the first in Germany. The choice of Wurzburg is remarkable, as it is from this university that the strongest opponents of homeopathy have come. The Bavarian government has promised the necessary funds.

Genuine "Flying Wedge."
Who has not seen the V-shaped flocks of geese honking along overhead? They fly in V-shape because the arrangement permits each bird to follow with the least resistance. When the goose in the lead becomes fatigued he takes his place in the rear, each bird in its turn leading the flock.

Telling Wind-Up.
After wheezing along for forty minutes the other night an orator in Brooklyn, N. Y. made this telling finish to his address: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, I thank you heartily for the kindness you have shown me and hope we may meet on some previous occasion."

Professors to Be Retired.
Beginning with June next year Cornell university is to relieve all its professors who reach the age of seventy during any calendar year. The retired professors will serve as special lecturers in their respective departments at a salary of \$1,500 a year.

Women Like the Automobile.
A dealer in motor cars states that ladies invariably take kindly to this mode of traveling after a single trial, and that even women whose nerves have made them failures as cyclists, at once begin to enjoy the new pastime.

Smallpox Statistics.
Port Said has 35,000 natives and 12,000 Europeans; yet while only 18 natives died of smallpox in 1900, there were 38 deaths among the whites. Vaccination is strictly enforced by law on the natives.

Atmospheric Pressure.
The atmospheric pressure upon the surface of an ordinary man is 32,400 pounds. The ordinary rise and fall of the barometer increases or decreases his pressure by about a ton and a quarter.

Resembles the Magpie.
The vizacha of the South American pampas has exactly the same trick of collecting bright objects that we know so well in the magpie. The vizacha is a badger-like animal.

Dinner in Tricks.
A trick is like a cheap firecracker—when it seems to have done its work and lost its vitality it is apt to explode and hurt the man who set it off.—Saturday Evening Post.

Inman Liner Broken Up.
The once famous Inman liner City of Rome has been sold to the ship-breakers for a trifle over £17,000. She was built in 1881 at a cost of over £300,000.

Dresses of Paper.
Dresses made of paper are worn in some parts of Japan, costing so little that when they get torn their owner does not bother about mending them.

Stumped the Professor.
A Brown university student once had the audacity to ask Prof. Caswell whether his name would not be as well without the C.

Pretty Near Perpetual Motion.
Herr Noll of Berlingen, in Germany, has made a clock warranted to go 9,000 years without winding.

Much Leather Worn Out.
It is calculated that every day nearly 2,500 pounds of shoe leather is worn from the soles of London's foot-passengers.

Vaccination for Distemper.
Vaccination against distemper is to be tried in the case of a pack of hounds in North Wales.

Perfume of the Magnolia.
The magnolia has a more powerful perfume than any other flower.

Secretary Shaw a Hard Worker.
A young clerk in the treasury department went in to bid Secretary Shaw good-by the other afternoon, saying he was going on his vacation. "How long?" asked Mr. Shaw. "Thirty days," was the clerk's reply. "Great Scott!" exclaimed the secretary. "Thirty days! Why, I've only had three days' real loafing time in twenty-five years. Good-by. Hope you have a good time."

Reform in Italian Prisons.
In accordance with the law for the abolition of chains in Italian prisons, which came into force recently, the chains have been struck off from 266 prisoners in the Ancona gaol. The ceremony is said to have been accompanied by most moving scenes, many prisoners sobbing loudly for sheer happiness at the relief from their burden.

Spoiled Postal Cards.
Postal cards which have been spoiled and not sent through the mails if entire are now redeemed at all post-offices under the sliding scale of valuations by which the postmaster will pay 7 cents for 10 cards, 18 cents for 25 cards, 37 cents for 50 cards, 75 cents for 100 cards. The cards are to be wrapped in bundles of 25.

Was the Chief Entertainer.
"Brags was telling me at the political mass meeting last night that his grandfather died very suddenly on the platform at a great public gathering." "Did he have the nerve to tell you that?" "Yes; wasn't it true?" "Oh, yes; executions, I believe, were public in those days when his grandfather died."

Right of the Soldier.
When the nation was burying the body of Mr. Lincoln at Springfield a citizen touched a soldier and said: "Sir, you are standing in front of me." The soldier replied, "I have been for four years." This gave the soldier the right to stand anywhere.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Overworked His "Best Man."
It is generally supposed that the services of a best man at a wedding end with the close of the ceremony and the departure of the happy pair, but it seems not. Bridegroom of two months has just utilized his best man again, this time to serve divorce papers on the bride.

Married at Advanced Age.
Prof. T. J. Ellingwood, 73 years old, private secretary to the late Henry Ward Beecher for twenty-five years, was married at Worcester recently to Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jennings, widow of Henry C. Jennings of Worcester, a friendship of many years.

Cultivation of Tea.
More than 524,000 acres of land, the Indian possessions of Great Britain are devoted to the cultivation of tea, nine-tenths of the area being in Assam and Bengal. Production is officially estimated at 191,250,000 pounds.

Where Mosquitoes Breed.
Ricefields are such great breeding places of mosquitoes that the Italian government passed a law as long ago as 1866 regulating the distance from dwellings at which the cultivation of rice is permissible.

Successful Hunting Trip.
"So you had a successful hunting trip?" "Eminently successful. We didn't bring back any game, but no body was shot by any of the other members of the party."—Washington Star.

Just Punishment.
Fred Smith, a St. Louis coal dealer, who delivered a short-weight load of coal to a patron, has been fined \$500 in the police court of that city, the maximum penalty prescribed by law.

German Inspection of Meat.
On April 1, 1903, Germany's new meat inspection law goes into effect, necessitating the erection of many new buildings for use as inspection stations, etc.

Poor Year for Champagne.
This year must be marked with a black stone in the calendar of champagne lovers, for 1902 will be one of the very worst champagne years on record.

Most Murderous Battle.
The battle of Tours, A. D., is said to have been the most murderous on record. Three hundred and fifty thousand men in all were killed.

All Colors.
A man feels blue with trouble, red with rage, white with fear, yellow with envy and green with jealousy.—Baltimore American.

Average of Rainfall.
The average amount of rain falls south of the equator 60 inches; north it is about 30.

Indictment of Whisky.
Judge Wofford says "the men who go to the from his court go because of use of whisky."

Peculiarity of the Temperature.
The temperature of the body is extraordinary than 113 degrees.

Training Boys.
There are 5,500 navy, including 4,000