

GURIOUS FACTS.

The world contains at least four mountains composed of almost solid iron ore. One is the Iron Mountain of Missouri, another in Mexico, another in India, and a fourth in that region of Africa explored by Stanley, and there have been reports of such a mountain existing in Siberia.

The rarest and costliest gems, though not always esteemed the most beautiful, are pigeon's blood rubies, fire opals and diamonds that are pure, but shed a distinct glow of blue or pink. A very perfect pearl of generous size and lustrous skin, tinted a rarely beautiful golden green, was valued unset at \$1,750.

Interesting catacombs, with well preserved mural paintings, have been discovered at Kertch, in the Crimea, the ancient panticapeum. Although the vaulting shows that they must have been built after the Christian era, the subjects are pagan, representing Pluto, Demeter and Hermes.

Nine out of ten persons, if asked what is the most sensitive part of the body, will reply the tip of the tongue. This is a mistake. Those engaged in polishing billiard balls or any other substances that require a very high degree of smoothness invariably use the cheekbone as their touchstone for detecting any roughness.

A Belgian inventor has devised an immense lamp, such as has probably never been seen before. The lamp is composed of 3,000 pieces. It is six feet high, and measures three feet ten inches in diameter. It is fed with lard oil, and the consumption is very small, its light being so powerful that one may read by it at a distance of 600 feet.

The invention of the organ is very ancient, though it is agreed it was little used till the eighth century. It seems to have been borrowed from the Greeks. Vitruvius describes one in his tenth book. The Emperor Julian has an epigram in its praise. St. Jerome mentions one with twelve pairs of bellows, which might be heard a thousand paces or a mile; and another at Jerusalem, which might have been heard as far as the Mount of Olives.

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