

Democratic Watchman

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The Age of Quarters.

How to Bet on the Dates and Win in the Long Run.

"Have you any quarters?" said one who was sitting next?
"Yes, four. Do you want to borrow them?"
"No. But what will you bet that I cannot guess the dates on them?"
"I don't know what your trick is, but for a flyer I will bet the coins themselves."

"Done. I will name these dates: 1863, 1864 and two of 1876. Am I right?"
"Let me see. One is 1854; this is 1877; this is 1887; this is 1876, and this is 1853. You guessed three correctly and missed one, so you owe me a quarter and I owe you 75 cents. Now explain your trick."

"It's no trick. The fancy look me a few weeks ago to examine the dates on coins, and I found that almost every quarter bears one of these dates, with an occasional 1857, 1857, 1853, 1878. I suppose more of them were coined in those years. During the weeks I have been interested in the subject I have seen one 1861, but not a single quarter bearing date in the sixties or in the seventies, except as I have mentioned. If one wanted to bet as we have just done he could be a sure winner in the long run."

I witnessed this transaction, and it interested me so that I looked the matter up. In the report of the director of the mint I found a full explanation. In that is a table giving the coinage in different denominations for each year since the organization of the mints. The coinage of quarters has fluctuated in a most remarkable way. Beginning with 1850 for three years the coinage averaged about \$40,000 a year. Then in 1853 it jumped up to \$3,000,000. Then it dropped to \$744,250 in 1855. In 1856 it was \$1,816,000; in 1857, \$2,411,000, and in 1858, \$1,842,000. Then it dropped again, never rising to \$400,000, and in war times averaging only \$5,000 or \$6,000, except in 1861, when it was \$1,213,650. In 1875 it was \$1,074,375; in 1876, \$4,454,287.50; in 1877, \$2,727,927.50. Then began the coinage of silver dollars by the millions, and the production of subsidiary coins dropped way off. For the past ten or 15 years the coinage of quarters has averaged only \$3,000 or \$4,000.

Just examine the dates on the quarters that come into your possession and see how they bear out these statistics. For instance, in 1886 there were only 1,371,510 in quarters coined, and there are a thousand chances to one against a coin of this date coming into your hands.

Jocko's Recreation.

A few pedestrians who were out for a morning stroll witnessed a brief but bloody battle through the windows of the Market street bird store Sunday morning.

Among the denizens of the place is a monkey called Jocko, who has a propensity for mischief that led him into disgrace before. On the morning in question Jocko determined to go on a lark. He succeeded in picking the lock of his cage, and once free turned his attention to his feathered companions. It took him but a few minutes to unlock a dozen of the various cages in the room and soon a funny procession of monkeys and parrots were strutting about.

In a few minutes trouble began to brew. One of the parrots, in a spirit of mischief probably, bit Jocko, and a lively battle ensued. Polly soon found that she was getting the worst of it and made a run for her cage, minus her tail feathers and part of a wing. Jocko, who was then thoroughly aroused, sailed in for a general massacre, and in a short time had the floor to himself, save for Minnie, a nightingale, who was too dazed to escape. With one blow the bird was stretched lifeless on the floor. The monkey then offered battle to a big stuffed owl which had been gazing solemnly upon the scene, and receiving no answer to his challenge threw the bird off its pedestal.

Jocko's Waterloo was awaiting him, however. A huge vampire bat, which had been watching the battle, jumped down from his perch, and Jocko started for him. The contest was brief. The sharp beak and talons of the bat buried the monkey like a flash in the monkey's flesh, and Jocko was glad to make his escape with the blood flowing from a dozen wounds. At this juncture the proprietor appeared and hostilities ceased.

Errors in Geography.

"The publishers of school maps," says a teacher in the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, "are responsible for more errors than any other class of people on the planet. They use some times half a dozen different scales of sizes in a single book, and it is impossible for children to get a correct idea of the relative size of different countries because of their lack of uniformity in the scale. In an atlas for school use all the maps should be on the same scale, otherwise most incorrect ideas will be formed. I recently asked a bright boy who had just finished the study of geography and laid it by because he knew all about it, how large he supposed Arabia was. He reflected a moment, and then with some confidence, replied that Arabia was about the size of Massachusetts. I suggested the possibility of his being mistaken, when he got his atlas and showed me that Arabia and Massachusetts were the same size, that is, on the map. He opened his eyes when I explained to him the mysteries of the scale, and that instead of being a mere speck Arabia was as long as from St. Paul to New Orleans, as wide as from St. Louis to New York, and contains more than one-third as many square miles as the United States. He had been misled by the maps, as his teacher probably had also, and thousands of other people besides. A uniform scale would prevent many false ideas, and if a national series of text-books is ever adopted the atlases should have that feature prominent."

Interesting Odds and Ends.

Scraps Picked Up Here and There Which Contain Worlds of Information for All.

Berlin's debt is \$56,000,000. Monticarlo will not be sold. The greatest depth of the ocean is 27,930 feet. Chicago will adopt double-decked cable cars.

The first glass water-gauge was used by James Watt in 1780. Harvard has 425 academic freshmen this year, and Yale but 264. Three sons of the great author of "Pickwick" are still living.

The Colorado Canon is 15 miles wide at the top and 6,000 feet deep. Novels constitute one nine-tenth of all the books read in this country.

Squashes weighing 250 to 300 pounds are common in Southern California. Soundings to the depth of 26,700 feet have been made on the Coast of Africa.

To neglect a farm in ancient Italy was an offense cognizable by the censor. Julia Ward Howe says that the society of good people is always good society.

Persian carpets are made with intricate designs so that the evil eye may be bewildered. A Missouri farmer has killed himself because his wife wouldn't make bread to suit him.

Mails are still carried by dogs and sledges in winter in the northern part of Michigan. During the past year the water of the great lakes has been lower than at any time in 29 years.

Spokane Falls, Wash., is taking steps to build a mineral palace out of ores from the mining camps. A solution of bi-chloride of mercury is about the best material for taking indelible ink out of linen.

Count Tolstoi has concluded that all of his works shall henceforth be free to be published or translated. The Texas Fat Men's Club charges a cent a pound for initiation. No man under 250 pounds is accepted.

At Treptow lovers jumped in the river together. The man called for help and was rescued. The girl died. Dr. Granville says that the spread of tetanosis has done incalculable harm to the average human organism.

The pupils of some of the Nebraska high schools conduct daily papers, which they edit and print for distribution. Sixty-three students are now said to be working their way through Yale College and paying all their expenses.

A hussar who tried to swim across the River Oder in his uniform, on a bet, was drowned in the middle of the river. Eton, or the collection of schools which constitutes what is popularly known as Eton, has 1,000 scholars.

The largest bay in the world is Hudson Bay, which measures 850 miles north and south by 600 miles in width. Little Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, will begin her reign August 31, 1898, when she will have attained the age of 18.

Michigan raises twice as many peaches as Delaware, and Illinois produces much more whisky than Kentucky. A bear visited the office of the City Engineer of Kalispell, Mont., last week. He was killed by a shot from a small revolver.

Sixty thousand bushels of potatoes have been allowed to rot in one district of California because it would not pay to dig them. Railroad cars in England now are seldom heated. At intervals porters bring tin boxes full of heat for passengers to put their feet on.

Taking the officers holding honorary rank into account there are 2,050 generals in the British army, or nearly one for every 100 soldiers. In Kansas the other day a Justice of the Peace being unable to decide a case, allowed the lawyers to settle it with a game of checkers.

A British Columbia Indian caught a sturgeon that weighed 856 pounds, a few years ago. The fish measured 12 feet 6 inches in length. Secretary Foster's portrait has just been painted for the Treasury Department by Miss Blanche F. King, a young Washington artist.

Mr. McKinley is said to be superstitious enough to carry around with him the left hind foot of a rabbit caught in a graveyard at midnight. It is said that in familiar and confidential conversation Mr. Blaine never says "the President" nor "General Harrison," but simply "B. H."

The lake which has the highest elevation of any one in the world is Green Lake, Col. Its surface is 10,252 feet above the level of the sea. To obtain a dark finish on oak and ash, inclose in a box or closet with some saucers or plates of strong ammonia. The fumes will darken the wood.

Pachaug Pond in Griswold is the prize pickerel pond of Connecticut. In one week this season 1,800 pounds of pickerel and perch were taken from it. The sun never sets on the soil of the United States. When it is 6 o'clock at Attoo Island, Alaska, it is 9.36 o'clock A. M. the next day on the eastern coast of Maine.

The Indians predict an unusually long and cold winter in the West. The fur and nails on rabbits' feet are much longer than usual and this is regarded as an unfailing token. The word knot, signifying a certain distance over water, is one-sixtieth of a mean degree of the earth's meridian, which in figures is 6,076,818 feet, 2025.6 yards, or 1 mile and 26.56 yards.

The great proportion of the government inspectors who examine pork for trichina through microscopes are women, they having been found to do the work much more satisfactorily than men.

A Great Sight.

The Great Southern Exposition opened in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on the first day of October. The Governor of North Carolina delivered the opening speech and welcoming address. Everything passed off in the best shape, and the many Northern people who have taken advantage of the low rate of fare, speak in the highest praise of the reception they are receiving. The show is a great one to the Northern visitor. Much interest is taken in the cotton ginning and packing, and there is a constant crowd around the turpentine and rosin still. Many strange and interesting sights are shown, and every day something new is presented to the visitors. The Exposition lasts during the months of October and November. Tickets can be bought at 229 Broadway, New York, and at Bay Line Steamers' wharf at Baltimore.

A great feature of the Exposition is the exhibit made by the negro race. It is worth going a thousand miles to see what the slaves of former years have accomplished in twenty odd years of freedom; and what is shown demonstrates the fact that all the work done for the colored people has not been done in vain. It is certainly an interesting feature to those who have aided in helping the colored people. The railroad rates are low, and every one should avail themselves of the opportunity to see the South and learn what the white and colored races are doing.

Bound to be Ready for War.

Never since Sedan have the French shown such activity and zeal in perfecting their military organization as at present. About 430 miles of track have been added to their strategical railways this year. Next year 300 miles more will be built. The work of increasing the strategical availability of the French railway system was planned by De Freycinet in 1879, and will be completed probably in 1903. At the great maneuvers recently a telephone and telegraph wagon, invented by Inspector Willot, was kept near the scene of operations, so that the newspaper reporters could send their dispatches directly from the field. The apparatus of the wagon is such that it can be connected quickly with any telephone or telegraph wire.

How Nations Sleep.

In the tropics men sleep in hammocks or on mats of grass. A peculiarity of the German bed is its shortness; besides that it frequently consists in part, of a large down pillow or upper mattress, which spreads over the person, and usually answers the purpose of all the other ordinary bed, clothing combined. In England the old four-poster bedstead is still the pride of the nation, but the iron or brass bedstead is fast becoming universal. The English beds are the largest beds of the world.

The ancient Greeks and Romans had their beds supported on frames, but not flat like ours. The Egyptians had a couch of a peculiar shape, more like an old-fashioned easy chair with hollow seat and back.

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Leave Bellefonte, 10.25 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 11.55 a. m., at Altoona, 9.20 a. m., at Pittsburg, 6.50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 5.20 p. m., arrive at Tyrone, 8.40 a. m., at Altoona, 7.50 a. m., at Philadelphia, 12.10 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 4.55 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 11.55 a. m., at Harrisburg, 9.20 a. m., at Philadelphia, 6.50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 5.20 p. m., arrive at Tyrone, 8.40 a. m., at Harrisburg, 10.00 p. m., at Philadelphia, 4.25 a. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 4.30 p. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 5.30 p. m.; Williamsport, 6.25 p. m., at Harrisburg, 9.45 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 9.32 a. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 11.00 a. m.; Williamsport, 12.20 p. m., at Harrisburg, 3.13 p. m., at Philadelphia at 6.50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 8.40 p. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 10.10 p. m.; Williamsport, 12.25 p. m., at Harrisburg, 3.13 p. m., at Philadelphia at 6.50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 6.30 a. m., arrive at Lewisburg, 9.20 a. m., at Harrisburg, 11.30 a. m., at Philadelphia, 3.15 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 2.00 p. m., arrive at Lewisburg, 4.45 a. m., at Harrisburg, 9.45 p. m., at Philadelphia at 4.25 a. m.

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Leave Tyrone, 7.25 a. m., arrive at Clearfield, 8.25 a. m.

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