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Human nature is strongly portrayed in thess places. Humor sometimes is found. Some horses are burdened with such strange, inappropriate names that it is a wonder they are able to run a mile. Public, famous, and historic names are drawn upon to designate the horse. Pet names, Indian names, and unpronounceable combinations of letters are called into service. The English dictionary is used, and sometimes it seems as though the owners had searched the Sanskrit of the Mahabharata to find some sort of appellation. Some ordinary names are funny under certain conditions, as when the announcer calls out: "Headlight leads." "Indiarubber in the stretch." The latter is an old joke with horsemen, but it never fails to arouse a laugh when those really leads. A very funny incident happened dur-ing the present season. Two horses with similar name were in one race. Stonenell and Stonemason were the two, and on one(Iforget which) were

"long odds," while the other was a "short horses." Stonenell, for example, was 8 to 5, while Stonemason was 20 to 1 to win. A young man at the pool-rooms but up four dollars on Stonemason, having a faint very faint, chance to win eighty dollars The race was run, Stonenell in the lead all the time, Stonemason not heard from. At the finish, however, the man called out, "Stonemason wins." The young man with the ticket was simply enraptured. With-out waiting for verification from the race track, he invited a friend out to celebrate the luck. While the young man was absent word was received over the wire that the operator had made a mistake, and that Stonenell had won. The change was made on the board, and the returns having been made straight, the tickets were paid. At this juncture the happy youth returned and looked up at the board, and nearly collapsed.

"What's the matter?

"Matter!" he cried. "Don't you see? Stonemason wasn't in it. I didn't think he would win: but after the race was announced, with Stonemason winner, I spent every single If so, do not send your mon- went forth broken in heart and

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BITS OF INFORMATION.

The pine tree is said to attain the age of 500 to 700 years. Palestine is about one-fourth as large

as the State of New York. The Australian dog and the Egyptian shepherd dog never bark.

Ten days per annum is the average amount of sickness in human life.

The Grand Army now has 7,568 posts, and an aggregate membership of 407,781.

A ballot-box was first used in Eng-land in the election of Aldermen of London in 1526. Chicago is a city of high livers.

People reside in fourteen and fifteenstory flats there. Man is a pore creature at best. The average human body is punctured with

7,000,000 of them. The dorking fowl is the only living bird that, in the adult condition, pos-

sesses a five-toed foot. "The cup that cheers but not inebriates" was sung by the English poet

Cowper in his "Task. The Desert of Sahara has almost exactly the same number of square miles

that the United States has. Calico is derived from Calicut, on the Malabar coast, and muslin from Moussoul, a city of Asiatic Turkey.

In 1841 each individual consumed thirteen ounces of tobacco; in 1891 he consumed twenty-six ounces.

Professor Huxley says that an oyster is a far more complicated piece of machinery than the finest Swiss watch.

The Japanese community in San Francisco, Cal., and neighborhood, numbers about twenty-five hundred. Customs differ widely. Some of the African tribes pull their fingers till

the joints crack as a form of saluta-In China wealthy people buy their coffins long before they need them, and exhibit them as ornamental pieces of

furniture. There are said to be eleven hundred and forty-two patent remedies for cholera in the list at the United States Pa-

Elevators were used 2,000 years ago in the Coliseum at Rome to bring up to the arena the wild beasts from the underground dens.

The British Isles comprise no fewer than 1,000 separate islands and islets, without counting mere jutting rocks or isolated pinnacles.

The only city in the world on the line of the equator is Quito, and there the sun rises and sets at the same hour all the year round-6 o'clock.

Blankets, it is said, were named after their first makers, three brothers of Bristol, England, named Edward, Edmund and Thomas Blanket. According to the new British postal

regulations, a foreign letter may be of any weight, but must not exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth. A medical authority states that the

voices of singers and actors can be much better preserved if used in theaters lighted with electricity rather than gas. The sun is 93,000,000 of miles from

the earth. How long would it take to go to the sun, traveling thirty miles an hour, night and day? Three hundred and fifty years. The greatest number of deaths from earthquake shock was at Yeddo, Japan,

in 1703, when 190,000 people it is estimated, lost their lives in the terrible seismic upheaval. In South Greenland the color of the

hair ribbon which a woman ties around her head denotes the social condition of the wearer-whether she be maid, wife or widow. As horse trainers can do a great

many wonderful things, why can they not train a fairly good horse to arch his neck on the road without the use of the barbarous check-rein?" The first Union flag was unfurled

January 1, 1776, over the camp at Cambridge, Mass. It had thirteen stripes of white and red and retained the British cross in one corner. The leading theologians of the world.

who have been figuring from scriptual and other data for some time, have come to the conclusion that Christ was erucified shortly after 9 o'clock on the morning of Friday, April 10th, A. D., The term "tabby cat" is derived from

Atab, a famous street in Bagdad, inhabited by the manufacturers of silken stuff called atibi or taffety. The stuff is woven with waved markings or watered silk resembling a "tabby" cat's

A cigar contains acetic, fomic, butyric, valerie and propionic acids, prussic acid, creesote, carbolic acid, am-monia, sulphuretted hydrogen pyridine, viridine, picoline and rubidine, to say nothing of cabagine and burdockie acid, says the Pittsburg Disputch.

Where the Money Is.

There are fifteen National banks in New York city which have deposits exceeding fifteen million dollars each, the largest amount being thirty-three million dollars in the National Park Bank, and the next largest amount wenty-five million in the Chemical National. Ten banks have over fifteen million dollars each loaned, the National Park having the largest amount, and the First National the second largest.

Engravings of Animals.

In former days, when gems were engraved with animals or reptiles, each had its own signification. A serpent indicated wisdom, and with its tail in had its own signification. A serpent indicated wisdom, and with its tail in its mouth-it symbolized eternity. The owl was reflection—not wisdom, as is commonly thought. Bacchus engraved on a gem was often accompanied by a parrot, representing the loquacious disposition of the inebriate. Women commonly wore stones engraved with scorpions, spiders or other poisonous things as a protection against like objection pions, spiders or other poisonous things as a protection against like objectionable oreatures.

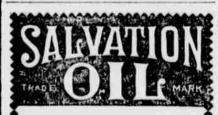


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