

Hits of Information.
The phrase "To row up Salt river" has its origin in the fact that there is a small stream of that name in Kentucky, the message of which is made difficult and laborious by the abundance of shallows and bars. The real application of the phrase is to the person who has the task of propelling the boat up the stream, but in political usage it is to those who are rowed up.

Artemesia married her own brother Mausoleus, King of Caria, 377 B. C. At his death she drank, in liquor, his ashes, after his body had been burned, and erected to his memory a monument, one of the wonders of the world, termed Mausoleum. She invited all the literary men of her age, and offered a reward to him who composed the best verses upon her husband. The prize was adjudged to Theopompus. The statue of Mausoleus among the antiquities brought from Halicarnassus in 1857, and placed in the British museum.

The custom of crowning the poets originated among the Greeks and was adopted by the Romans during the empire. It was revived in the sixteenth century by the Emperor of Germany, who invented the title of poet laureate. The French had royal poets but no laureates. The title existed in Spain, but little is known of those who bore it. The tradition concerning the laureates of England is that Edward III., in 1307, emulating the crowning of Petrarch at Rome, in 1311, granted the office to Geoffrey, with a yearly pension. In 1630 the laureateship was transferred to the office of the laureate in the "patent" office. From that time there has been a regular succession of laureates.

Nominating conventions date back to 1831. In September of that year the Anti-Masons nominated at Baltimore Wm. W. Miller for Governor, also at Baltimore, the National Republican nominated Clay and Sergeant, and in March, 1832, the Democratic National convention, which also met at Baltimore, nominated the renomination of Jackson already made by his friends in the New York legislature, and placed Van Buren on the ticket as Vice-President. Jackson, therefore, was the first President nominated by such a convention. In 1828 the candidates on both sides were nominated by the legislature or by State legislatures, the system of congressional caucuses having been abandoned and the national conventions not yet introduced. In 1834 Crawford's friends had tried to revive the congressional caucus system, but the result was a "scrub race." There was no opposition to Monroe in 1820. Before that time the nominations were made by congressional caucuses.

How a "Lady-Killer" was Served.
On one of the excursion steamers running from Boston a young man made himself objectionably familiar to a lady whom he supposed to be alone. For a little while the lady tolerated his attentions and he was deluded into the idea that he had made a conquest. But his inward sense of victory was of short duration. She was only waiting for her husband to come. On his arrival she signalled to him to review the steamer which was going on. He calmly surveyed the situation for a few moments, then made up his mind what to do. Being a somewhat muscular show-dealer, wearing a No. 11 boot, he quickly slipped in and administered to him a powerful kick. This sent the youth bodily upward to the roof of the cabin in which the ceremony took place, and brought his forehead in contact with a plate of tin. The young man had never before dreamed of being hung such a high forehead. When he descended it was amid the mirth of his fellow-excursionists and with a conspicuous wound which he will probably never forget for life. The talker said that on such occasions he is lavish in his entertainments.

A Terrific Volcanic Eruption.
The Central American volcano Fuego, in the State of Antigua, Guatemala, has after many years of repose and apparent rest, in which there was little to determine its character as a volcano except occasional emissions of smoke and odd rumbling noises from within, burst into an angry and terrific eruption. As seen from the deck of the Pacific Mail steamer Wilmington by the officer on watch, at a distance, as the crew flies, of nearly fifty miles, the spectacle was magnificent. From the highest peak of the volcano a column of smoke and ash, as high as the mountain, was hurled up into the air to a height, as it was estimated, of from 400 to 500 feet. The surrounding country to the east and south was illuminated by the tremendous glare of the flames, while to the north and westward the clouds of dust and smoke which accompanied the configuration obscured the whole country.

An eye-witness says: "The first grand column of fire rose at about 50 feet in height, and expanded like an umbrella, the sparks cascading like those from a brilliant rocket. The pulsations of flame during the first two hours of the eruption were about fifty seconds apart, and the eruption continued for less than half an hour after the eruption began, two strong streams of lava were seen making their way slowly down the mountain, one southward, toward the city of Antigua, and the other westward, toward the city of San Marcos. The lava moved along, consuming everything combustible in their track, destroying the forests and licking up the small streams which they encountered, great volumes of steam and smoke rose from their descending tracks. Under the lava stream, the lava streams could be seen moving toward the valleys below, while above, the red flames and their attendant smoke and dust shot upward into the air. A river, the Gunculua, which rises on the eastern slope of the mountain, had a sudden and remarkable accession of water of a considerably increased temperature, probably from the breaking out of hot springs in the mountain side, or a possible flow of water from some of the openings in the crater itself."

What the Navies of the World Cost.
The naval expenditure of the chief maritime States is as follows: England, £10,589,933; France, £7,252,839; United States, \$4,700,000; Russia, \$3,559,368; Germany, \$2,286,830; Italy, \$1,772,075; Austria, \$1,645,260. The English expenditure is about one-third higher than that of France, and more than double that of any other power. But the object proposed to be insured by it differs considerably in the several countries. If chief object of keeping up a naval force is the protection of maritime commerce we should find that to protect every 100 tons of merchant shipping sailing under the national flag costs annually: In France, \$78; in Russia, \$28; in Germany, \$24; in Italy, \$18; in United States, \$17; in England, \$15. To protect every \$1,000 worth of sea-borne imports and exports takes in Russia, about \$35; in Austria, \$20; in France, \$20; in Italy, \$20; in Germany, \$20; in United States, \$21; in England, \$17. In none of the above cases has the trade of colonial dependencies other than with the mother country been taken into account, or the figures for England would fall relatively lower.—*Pitt Mail Gazette.*

The water in Philadelphia is so bad that the *Times*, of that city, says: "Every person who takes a bath is obliged to take another to wash the mud off."

A Peculiar Place.
Near Wellesey, Mass., lives a gentleman named Baker, whose eccentricity is known to nearly everybody. He has expended much money upon his private grounds, putting upon them nearly everything that will amuse because of its oddity. A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press recently visited the place, and describes some of the things he saw, as follows:

From the windows of the stable, as you approach, are seen protruding horse heads, but on a close examination they prove to be only very clever wooden imitations of horses. But most curious, and at the same time most characteristic, are the denizens of the stables, and the grove. In the former, which is not a den, but a rocky strip of land along the lake, the trees are trained into fantastic forms, and are made to resemble the heads of men and animals in ridiculous positions. In every rock you see some startling face or form. Upon the brow of a hill stands, as a warning to those who fill high their bumpers, a huge representation of a man whose body is a hoghead, to which are attached legs, arms and legs, and which is painted to represent a man fairly bursting under his accumulated weight of flesh. Sometimes the figures are placed upon the figures. In one place is a man whose whisky bottle ten feet high, made of beer bottles strung upon wires; this is labeled: "The last of the spirits."

We were walking along by the greenhouses, admiring the flowers and beautiful lawns, when the crowd of people suddenly appeared. Mr. Baker up to one of the young ladies of the party, he seized her by the arm, and, exclaiming in gruff tones: "What are you walking in the grove for? You don't walk there, where you don't? You walk her over on the carefully trimmed grass. A few years ago, some South Carolina company came on to Boston to attend a celebration there. Mr. Baker entertained them at the Boston Pressed one day, and one of the exercises which, from his position as host, he insisted upon, was that the officers from the North and the South should shake hands across a small cannon that stood on the terrace. The project of reconciliation was performed with all proper ceremony, and to his entire satisfaction."

In the grove his fancy has been given full play. This is a place of practical jokes, the pastures full of springs and traps to startle the unsuspecting visitor. As you cross a dark chasm on a narrow bridge, suddenly there springs upon you from behind the rocks a savage looking negro, with a club brandished above his head, and it is only after you have got down scrambling (if you are a woman) that you perceive that the man is standing too still for a would-be assailant, and then, upon investigation, you discover that it is a wooden figure called into view by your foot, having crept unawares a secret spring in the flooring. "The demoniacal cures bloom every ten minutes on sunny days," is a notice which stares at you from the side of a rock, and the ordinary-looking cures on the plants. Naturally, you sit down on the seat before it to await the phenomenon, but with your weight the seat sinks, and you find yourself prostrated before the red devil, which has suddenly sprung upon your head. Again, as you are leaving a tent stored with curiosities which have been taking your attention, the ground suddenly sinks beneath you, and you find yourself pitching about upon a spring-suspended platform which has been deftly hidden from view. Mr. Baker's ambition seems to have been to make people laugh, and he has succeeded. It has been his custom to introduce his guests from Boston to spend the day with him, and it is said that on such occasions he is lavish in his entertainments.

Farm, Garden and Household.
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The Flemings and Germans have adopted the word August as another name for harvest. Thus "oogstmaand" is harvest month; the German "August wagen" is harvest wagon, and the Dutch "oogsten" means to gather corn from the field. The Spaniards apply the verb "agostar" and the Italians use the verb "agostare" for harvest, and the French use the phrase "faire l'Aut" for the same thing. The Anglo-Saxons named August the weed month, and the old Germans called it "wein-koch," the wine press month. August is represented in myth by a bearded man, with disheveled, flying hair, holding in his mouth with both hands a drinking horn, and at his side are a bundle of peacock's feathers, some melons, and a second drinking horn.

The Old Red Cent.
The old red cent is rapidly passing away, out of the United States currency, and will not be long before it will be known only as a numismatic collection. Its history is a matter of sufficient interest for preservation. The cent was first proposed by Robert Morris, the great financier of the Revolution, and was named by Jefferson two years after. It began to make its appearance from the mint in 1793. It bore the head of Washington on one side and thirteen links on the other. The French revolution soon created a rage for French coin in America, which put on the cent, instead of the head of Washington, the head of the goddess of liberty—a French liberty—with flowing locks. The chain on the reverse was a symbol of the French republic. But the French liberty was short-lived, and so was her portrait on the cent. The next day or figure succeeding this—the staid, classic dame, with a fillet around her hair—came into fashion about thirty or forty years ago, and her finely-chiseled, Grecian features have been but slightly altered in the lapse of time.

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Cows as Milk Producers.
The advice is frequently given to take good care of the cow, and a good cow is excellent. No class of animals require more care, and if it were possible for every farmer to attend to his cows, no doubt they would receive better care than they do now. And yet it is an uncommon thing to find a man who keeps but one cow neglecting to milk her till after eight o'clock at night. In fact in such cases the hours for milking are any time from five in the morning till nine at night. Cows do not have their care unless they are milked regularly and at least twice a day. They would give more milk if milked three times a day if it should be performed at regular hours. When the cow's bag becomes full it is painful to her and she becomes uneasy, on which account there is a loss of milk, and inflammation is induced by the pressure of the milk upon the teats and the healthy functions of the bag are seriously interfered with. The manner in which the cows are milked is of great importance. The advice to milk clean is universal, and all say that they will give down her milk to any milk, and while there are few who admit that they are indifferent milkers, there are really very few good ones. One great reason why there are so few good milkers is that they are very few who like to milk, and it is a matter of doubt whether persons can excel in any occupation for which they have no taste. Their endeavors to excel will, to say the least, be very feeble.

It is no doubt true that we have so many indifferent cows because we have such a number of indifferent milkers. We fear that the number of good milkers will not be increased till the cows are milked by men who have a natural love for animals. No man will make an animal his patient study who has no love for it; but many owners of cattle have no particular liking for them except so far as they have money invested in them. Regularity is not cattle, it is money. The hired man does not engage himself to take care of the cattle because he has any particular liking for them, but simply for the money he obtains for his services. When a man and a cow are given to the animals be dependent upon these conditions. The proper feeding of domestic animals is quite important, and it is not to be taken for granted that the pastures; if they begin to fall thin other feed should be supplemented, either fodder corn or some of the green cereals. An extra good cow ought on no account to be forced to give milk beyond her normal quantity. If this is done it will be at the expense of her constitution as well as that of her progeny. It is a matter of doubt whether there is immediate profit in the production of milk to the extent of a cow's capacity. It takes a certain amount of feed to sustain life, and the next consideration as to feed is profit. Beyond a rational amount of food, even if the animal can digest it, there can be no profit. Again, no two cows will eat the same amount of food, while perhaps one cow prefers a little different feed from another; and to these points the feeder should pay a good deal of attention. See that they have enough, none seem too much, then if they prefer a finer, and another will eat a coarser grown hay, see that they are fed according to their preferences, and do not have the coarse hay fed to one which prefers fine and the fine to another which prefers the coarse. If the cows have to drink from any place other than brook or river, do not turn out more than two at a time. Many of our hired men expect a cow to drink like a horse, which they certainly do not do. If they do drink, they will drink immediately or not at all; but a cow will usually stand and look, wet her lips and sip a mouthful half a dozen times before she begins to drink in earnest. Some cows, however, will drink immediately. But in case of either cows or horses, proper care cannot be taken of them till their peculiarities are well understood; and whoever undertakes to make the most of his stock, should give some individual one a special study. If cows are watered out of a pail, it may be found that one animal will drink only from a certain pail, and if a change is made it will be instantly detected. Few cows will eat hay that is not well breathed upon. It is well to humor the animal in such cases, while studying to supply the proper quantity and quality of food.

Fertilizers on Potatoes.
Professor Lazenby, of the Cornell experiment station, Ithaca, N. Y., gives the result of a number of experiments he tried with fertilizers on potatoes, the best consisting of medium sized tubercles into halves, dropped a foot and a half apart in the row and covered five inches deep. The fertilizers were strewn along the furrows and well mixed with the soil before planting. With no manure, the product was at the rate of 139 bushels per acre; and with Stockbridge fertilizer only 135 bushels, probably a natural variation from one year to another. The manure gave 145 bushels, Peruvian guano 158, Lister's superphosphates 184, and ground bone 212. Farm-yard manure, spread along the bottom of the furrow and the seed dropped on it, gave only 103 bushels, but this was probably due to the fact that it was 207 bushels. This difference might have been owing to several causes—as the greater depth of the seed under the manure, more moisture and a wider spread of the manure.

Value of Hoisting.
An English farmer does not agree with those who say that one good wedding is worth two hoeings. He says, never weed any crop in which a hoe can be got between the plants, not so much for the sake of destroying the weeds as for the purpose of necessarily being the case if the hoeing be done well, as for increasing the porosity of the soil, to allow the water and air to penetrate freely through it. He adds: "I am well convinced, by long and close practice, that oftentimes there is more benefit derived by crops from keeping them well hoed than there is from the manure applied. Weeds or no weeds, I still keep stirring the soil, well knowing from practice the very beneficial effect it has."

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A Tragic Buffalo Hunt.
Couriers lately arrived at Fort Keogh, Montana, bringing the latest intelligence from the Crow Indians, who were then absent from the country of agency upon a grand buffalo hunt. The news brought in by the couriers was very exciting. They related that after riding over the mountains for two days the Crows came upon a fine herd of buffaloes in a narrow valley near by the Yellowstone. There were 400 Indians and 400 buffaloes. The Crows had been forced by fear of starvation to take to the chase, and the keen hunger they were suffering only sharpened their eagerness for a triumph with their old fellow nomads the noble bison. The game stamped down the valley in the direction of the Yellowstone. The chase was hotly followed, half a hundred buffaloes being the dust before the river was reached. One of the most vehement of the pursuers, who had distinguished himself for bravery in two or three fights with the Sioux, fell from his pony in the midst of the driving herd, and was trampled to death by the frantic beasts. The Yellowstone a roaring, rushing river even at the lowest tide, was booming with the regular summer freshet, the outpour of the melting snows in the high mountains. When the low river was reached the game made a bold stand, and for a time it seemed doubtful which held the mastery; but the incessant fusillade from 400 rifles, together with the desperate proximity of the formidable battalions of driving herds in the river, drove the animals to the brink of the roaring torrent. Beside themselves with the excitement of the moment the Indians urged their ponies into the stream, unwilling that even a blood should spoil their frenzied sport or cut them off from their game. 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