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The four great ocean routes employ 1100 steamships.

The output of the American manufacturing for the past year was \$7,215,000,000.

Every State and Territory in the Union has an organized militia except the Territory of Utah.

The number of foreigners who took up their residence in America last year was 548,427, of whom 118,273 came from Germany.

What was once the heart of the Wisconsin pine region is now importing thousands of feet of that timber from Washington State.

General Schkopp, of the German army, says: "If his majesty draws his sword it will never return to its scabbard until his last enemy is crushed, or he, with his people, is overthrown."

The increase of more than a million of sheep in this country during the past year is more than matched by the increased use of wool in producing woolen goods, which was 59,000,000 pounds.

The Chicago Mail estimates that the 3,000,000 people who are expected to visit Chicago during the World's Fair will expend while in that city not less than \$200,000,000. This is an average of over \$65 apiece.

The New York Sun figures that if six men were to start on successive days from six American cities, and travel in a straight line around the world to the point of starting, the Chicago man would probably claim to have made the quickest time, while the Ohio man, if there was one, would be the first to arrive home; but the distance traveled by all six, if added together, would fall 70,000 miles short of the railroad mileage of the United States, double tracks not counted.

Should the Sandwich Islands really become part of the United States they will be the most picturesque feature of the Republic, declares the Chicago Herald. They deserve the title "Flowery Kingdom" perhaps even better than Japan, since flowers bloom on the islands all the year round, and are peculiarly beloved by all the inhabitants. The foreign residents, and even transient visitors, catch the native fondness for flowers, and at times people of all sorts go about garlanded with abundant blossoms.

It occurred to the long-headed, public-spirited citizens of Pennsylvania that the time had come to devise measures for the preservation of the forests of that State. Accordingly they procured the introduction of a bill in the Legislature which provided for the appointment of a forestry commission whose duty it shall be "to examine and report on the condition of the slopes and summits of the State and the presence or absence of forests thereon, for the purpose of determining the influence on the stage of the water in the rivers, the amount of timber remaining standing and how the supply can be increased and maintained."

The American Library Association, which has the co-operation of nearly all the great libraries of the country, will make a notable exhibit at the World's Fair. It will include samples, models, and photographs showing articles and mechanical devices in actual use; printed matter, forms, blanks, constitutions, by-laws, rules for subscribers; accession departments and their management; catalogue, classification and reference departments; binding department, with samples of binding, temporary covers and receipts for restoring, mending and cleaning; shelf and building departments and an architectural exhibit showing plans, elevations, perspectives and models of the best library buildings. There will also be a model library of 5000 volumes, selected from lists prepared and sent in by the various libraries of the country.

It is related that a man who was writing a history of New York employed an expert to find out for him how many speculators in Wall street succeeded in the long run. After a laborious investigation the expert reported that the only single instance which he could discover was a man from Rhode Island, named Smith, who had actually won \$30,000 in a speculation in the street and carried the money away to speculate no more. It was the single bright instance in a long line of wrecks, adds the New Orleans Picayune, and was written down in the book to hand the name of Smith down to immortality. Unluckily for his reputation, however, hardly was the book published before Smith turned up on the street and put his \$30,000 into another speculation. He never heard of it again, and the sole instance of a successful speculator was ruthlessly destroyed.

England continues to increase her armed forces in Egypt, and France is herefore irate.

The Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, St. John the Divine, in New York City, will cost \$10,000,000.

Vegetarianism is making great progress in Berlin. The German capital now contains twenty vegetarian restaurants which are largely patronized by the working people, clerks and students.

In 1888 there were 43.94 square miles in Chicago. Now there are 184.70, and Rogers Park is soon to be annexed. The New York Recorder estimates that this will make as big an area as a Manhattan Island a hundred miles long.

The police force of New York City numbers 3966 men, including the rank and file. The police force of Chicago is about 2700. The area of New York City is forty-six square miles. The area of Chicago is four times as great.

A long-suffering London journalist, whose nerves were no longer able to bear the noise made by putting fuel on the fire from a coal-box, recently gave vent to an earnest prayer that some inventor might be mercifully disposed to provide a silent coal-box for domestic sufferers like himself. A response to this appeal is now recorded by the Chicago News Record in the shape of an ordinary coal-box lined with linoleum and falling on projecting rubbers, so that no slamming is possible. Even the shovel has its case lined with felt, and is, therefore, lifted out and replaced noiselessly.

The timber used in the construction of the Chicago Exhibition buildings is estimated to exceed 75,000,000 feet, which represents the wood from ten square miles of forest. All the buildings are covered with a composition of plaster, cement and hemp, and the amount of this work is equal to covering the wall of a four-story building fifteen miles in length. The electric lighting will require 5000 arc and 93,000 incandescent lamps, which is about ten times as much electric lighting as the Paris Exhibition was provided with. The electric lighting plant has cost over \$1,000,000.

The Philadelphia Times says: The growth of many of the textile industries during 1892 was marked. The summary of new mills for 1892 shows a total of 273, with a combined list of employes of 31,500. In other words assuming that none of the new textile mills were erected to replace those destroyed by fire or abandoned for other causes, 31,500 new employes were set to work, and the productive textile capacity of the country was increased seven per cent. An examination of the statistics showing the textile growth of the year reveal some interesting facts, the first of which is that there were seventy-three new cotton mills employing 15,000 hands. The new cotton mills do not number one-half the total of new mills erected, but the mills were of greater capacity than in any other branch of the textile trade, thus absorbing one-half of the new labor employed. Massachusetts erected nineteen new cotton mills, employing 5775 hands. The next greatest increase was in the South, North Carolina building sixteen new mills, employing 1835 new hands, South Carolina eleven new mills, with 2040 employes, Georgia five new mills, with 940 hands, and Alabama four, with 740. New York and Pennsylvania built three new mills each. Connecticut two, and Illinois, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia each one. There were forty-nine new woolen and ninety-three new knitting mills erected, the first employing 2500 and the second 7500 new hands. Massachusetts leads with eight, Maine follows with seven and Pennsylvania third with six new woolen mills. The South does not figure much in the new woolen industry, Kentucky with three and Missouri with two mills being the only Southern States represented. Of the ninety-three new knitting mills Pennsylvania furnishes thirty-two, or more than one-third; New York, twenty, and the rest distributed among twenty-two other States. Silk figures fourth in the list of new plants to the extent of twenty-one new mills, the majority of which are in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with Paterson, N. J., as the center of the industry, both old and new. In the miscellaneous list are six new plush mills, six making shoddy, seven cotton hating, three linen, three lace, two upholstery and two gim and dress trimming (all four in Philadelphia), and a scattering list, including dyes, bleaching, jute, bagging and a few others. New England, Pennsylvania and the South seem to be the most prosperous manufacturing sections, if the erection of new plants for manufactures can be accepted as an index of prosperity.

HOME. The prince rides up to the palace gates And his eyes with tears are dim, For he thinks of the beggar maiden sweet Who may never wed with him. For home is where the heart is, In dwelling great or small, And there's many a splendid palace That's never a home at all. The woman comes to his little cot With a song when day is done, For his dearie is standing in the door And his children to meet him run. For home is where the heart is, In dwelling great or small, And there's many a stately mansion That's never a home at all. Could I but live with my own sweetheart In a hut with wadded floor, I'd be richer far than a loveless man With fame and a golden store. For home is where the heart is, In dwelling great or small, And a cottage lighted by love's light Is the dearest home of all. -George Horton.

CUPID IN THE KITCHEN.

BY MARY ELVE DALLAS. HE cook has given warning, and the chambermaid says that, where Susan goes she goes likewise," said Mrs. Montgomery, in a tone of despair. "And as I have just paid their wages they are packing to go. What wicked, wicked women. Not a word of warning."

"Why, mamma! what is the reason of this sudden desertion?" queried Emily, the only daughter of the house, aged eighteen—and she laughed. "Your papa found fault with the beef last Sunday. Ah—there is nothing to giggle over, I am sure," said the matron, dropping into a rocking chair. "A week at the intelligence office for me, while the house goes to wreck and ruin, and your papa loses his temper over the diners, for old Mrs. Chump, the only person I can send for, always ruins every dish she touches."

"And we cannot have Mrs. Chump this time, mamma," said Emily. "She is in bed with rheumatism. I met her little niece in the drug store buying medicines and lotions for her, and she said she was very bad."

"Don't fret, mamma, I'll do the work," said Emily. "I think it might be fun for awhile."

"Good-bye, mum and miss," said cook, looking in at the door. "Good-bye, and I wish you luck suiting yourself. I'm sure. No doubt there is them that might if they had the patience of Job; not else."

"Good-bye, ladies," said the chambermaid; "I'm sorry to leave you, but Susan and me goes the two of us together, always, and if she is insulted, I am likewise."

forlorn being in distress, maid or man—it made no matter which. Now he instantly bethought him what to do for this poor ash cart driver. "Come along," he said, taking the man by the arm and leading him into a drug store hard by. "I'll tell the doctor to see you, and empty the rest of the barrels for you—jolly fun for me, you know, and you'll keep your place, and all that."

Mr. Jack gasped, but he intended to finish his work of charity now that he had begun it. And, with varied results, new experiences to him, the young athlete emptied five barrels. On the sixth pavement he found none.

"What a beautiful manner he has," she thought; "he must be some one in reduced circumstances."

"I call in that capacity," said Jack. "Then if it is not too much trouble, the ash can stands in this little place under the front steps," said Emily.

"No trouble whatever," said Jack, diving into the place indicated. "I'll bring it back when it is emptied."

"What an elegant girl to be a cook," Jack said to himself. "It is kind of you," said Emily, "so stupid of me. But I did not know about the dampers; I never made a fire before, but the servants have taken French leave."

"Oh!" said Jack to himself. "The young lady of the house doing amateur kitchen housework. I might have known it. And she thinks me the ashman," and he sighed. "Good-day," he said, bowing.

"My first ash-cart, as this was your first fire," he said. "The driver was ill, and I took his place. It has been great fun, though rather dirty work. May I introduce myself?"

nor to Jack, and these two were both young and liked sweet things, and Jack declared that he had never had so delightful a lunch before. It was a romance—which is different from a flirtation—that little episode, and it always remained in the memory of those two young people as the sweetest moment of their lives.

Rose diamonds are liable to explode. Some of the stars move with a velocity of nearly fifty miles a second. There are estimated to be over six hundred deposits of iron ore in the State of Missouri.

The origin of the geyser at Sonoma, Cal., is supposed to be a volcanic crater filled by a landslide. The moon gives out heat enough to affect the thermometer and make a difference of two or three degrees.

Professor C. S. Sargent, of the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, has returned from Japan, where he has been making a study of the botany of the islands. It is not an easy matter to freeze out trichinae. After subjection to a temperature of twenty-five degrees below zero for two hours they again became active when exposed to light and heat.

The British and Foreign Bible Society since 1804 has printed and distributed 127,855,581 volumes of the Scriptures; the National Bible Society of Scotland, has distributed 12,710,390 copies; the Prussian Bible Society, 4,965,450 copies, and a hundred other Bible societies have for generations been swelling the total annual output.

The American Bible Society has printed the Bible in the following tongues: English, Welsh, French, French Basque, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Dutch, German, Polish, Hungarian, Bohemian, Italian, Bulgarian, Estonian, Russian, Armenian, Mayan, Arabic.

A kind-hearted Giant's Embargo. A number of anecdotes have been told of late of the famous old Kennebec lumberman, Bodfish, whose stentorian voice resembled reverberating thunder and could be heard distinctly from Kendall's Mill, a distance of two miles.

Test For the Purity of Milk. Whether it is worth while to know exactly the degree to which one's milk seller is watering his milk is an open question which each must decide for himself. For those who do not consider that ignorance is always bliss a simple way of setting at rest any doubts as to the purity of the milkman's stock in trade is provided in a new gustometer.

THE BOOK OF ALL BOOKS.

NOTHING THAT'S PRINTED CIRCULATES LIKE THE BIBLE. Millions of Copies Going Out Into All Parts of the World in Almost Every Known Tongue. SINCE 1804 the Bible societies alone, here and abroad, have distributed over 230,000,000 copies of the book.

The American Bible Society, which is set to the largest distributor of Bibles in the world, during the seventy six years of its existence has issued over 55,000,000 copies of all or a portion of the Bible. The exact number is 55,531,908 the headquarters of the society and its presses are in the Bible House, in this city.

At Beirut, 6000 Bibles, 5000 Testaments, and 22,000 portions in Arabic. At Constantinople, 5000 Bibles in Bulgarian, 5000 portions in Koorish, 4000 Testaments in ancient Armenian, 5000 Testaments and 3000 portions in modern Armenian, 5000 Testaments and 2500 portions in Turkish.

At Bangkok, 39,500 portions in Siamese, and 2000 copies of the Gospel of Matthew in the Laos language. At Bremen, 8000 Bibles and 10,500 Testaments in German.

At the China Agency 189,398 volumes, partly in Shanghai and partly at Foo-chow, including 1400 Mandarin Bibles, 5790 Testaments, and 156,000 portions in Mandarin, 21,960 portions in Soo-chow colloquial, and 1348 Bibles and 2900 Testaments in Foo-chow colloquial.

Enoch L. Fancher is President of the American Bible Society. There are auxiliary societies in almost every State and Territory in the Union. The society is unsectarian and sells all its publications at cost. It receives from subscriptions and spends annually about \$500,000 in printing the Scriptures, and through colporteurs and in every way in its power it energetically circulates the Bible all over the earth.

How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! How is she become a widow! She that was great among the Nations and Princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

The verse in the Gilbert Island tongue is printed after the manner of poetry. The old King James version of the Scriptures treated the Lamentations as prose. The Gilbert Island word for Jeremiah is Ioremia, and the word for Lamentations is Balbaeti. The Book of the Prophet Esekiel becomes, in that language, Ana Bokel te Burabel Eteker. Iehovah is the way they pronounce Jehovah in the Gilbert Islands.

LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

Aye laugh and grow fat! Fall often a cheat! Proves more potent than poison; Laughter acts on the heart, Gives the blood a fresh start And a vigorous motion. Yes, laugh and grow fat! "Care, you know, 'killed the cat'— It will you sure let it; There's no surer relief For many a grief Than to laugh and forget it. Yes, laugh and grow fat! Though some sceptic harangue 'May scoff, wholesome laughter Doth body and soul, Mind and morals control; They are all better after. Then laugh and grow fat! Don't be grim and 'a' that; Why should features be lengthened? Just smile till you're heard, And I pledge you my word You'll be gladdened and strengthened.—Yonkers Statesman.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Dust-proof—A bank-book. In at the death—The heirs. A dog star—The prize stealer. Tough characters—Hieroglyphics.—Puck. The crinoline is coming with a hoop and a burrah.—Washington Star. "No, Maud, dear, Joan of Arc was not Noah's wife."—Philadelphia Record. The greatest part of a self-willed man's estate usually goes to the lawyers.—Troy Press. The newspaper man is the great writer of the people's wrongs.—Galveston News. The pen enables a young man to give his girl an inkling of his sentiments.—Texas Siftings. There is some hope that the fashion magnates will stave off the hoop-skirts.—Lowell Courier. To one traveling through the country milestones are pretty good signs of progress.—Troy Press. When you see a boy unable to behave himself you should lend a helping hand.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Every dog has his day, but the nights belong to the cats and the cubmen.—Kate Field's Washington. "Gee, that was a cold snap," as the bulldog remarked after biting the Boston girl.—Philadelphia Record. An Ohio philosopher proposes to abate kissing, but the average young man proposes with a view to keeping it up. "It is pretty hard to be shored to the wall this way," plaintively remarked the bill to the bill poster.—Washington Star. The mother who starts to get a sleepy boy out of bed these mornings may be said to have a routing time of it.—Philadelphia Times. Cliticus—"I wonder how it is that so few women suffer when they talk!" Witticus—"They haven't got time."—Brooklyn Life. Mrs. New Lee Wed—"You are a failure, John. You've never had any luck." Mr. New Lee Wed—"Yes, once; I was born single."—Brooklyn Life. "You needn't assume that I am holier than thou sir," growled the Rochester to the Schweitzer; "everybody knows you are not up to my tons."—Puck. "Why did Columbus forgive the mutineers?" asked the teacher. "Cause they was half sea over when they were kicked," said Johnnie.—Brooklyn Life. "I'm a 'Joah,'" said the archon, "With a most expressive wail; And I see by father's manner, 'I'm about to meet a whale."—Washington Star. "I think," murmured the handcuffed convict, "that I must be a poor pianist, for I have more bonds on hand than I can manage."—Baltimore American. The two most exciting periods in a woman's life are when she is listening to her first proposal and bidding on a basket of broken crockery at an auction.—Siftings. "Were you in perfect health when you were struck by the street car?" asked the lawyer. "No, sir," said the plaintiff. "I was a good deal run down."—Boston Commonwealth Bulletin. Mrs. Goodkind—"There's only one trouble about poor Mr. Careless. He's generous to a fault!" Mr. Graff—"Humph! It's a pity that he isn't generous to his family."—Black and White. In '97, Mrs. Row (to her maid of all work)—"Miss Mulloney, the fire is getting low; will you be kind enough to go to my room and bring me three pieces of coal from my jewel case."—Elmira Gazette. Making the Best of It: "Good morning, Uncle Charles. Did you sleep well? I'm afraid your bed was rather hard and uneven; but—" "Oh, it was all right, thanks. I got up now and then during the night and rested a bit, you know."—Punch. "Could you give me something to eat, ma'am?" humbly asked the tramp in the suburbs of Boston of the stern visaged woman who opened the kitchen door. "Yes," said the stern visaged woman, as she energetically closed the door in his face and locked it with a jerk. "I could."—Somerville Journal. One of the richest specimens of a neat Irish bull was perpetrated by the clever and witty but blundering Irish knight, Sir Richard Steele, when inviting an English nobleman to visit him. "If, sir," said he, "you ever come within a mile of my house, I hope you will stop there."—Insurance Economist. Aboriginal America, in the person of a Sioux squaw, is to show its class on dress at the World's Fair. She lives near San Diego, Cal., and has been at work for two years making this gown of deerkins embroidered with sixteen pounds of beads.