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The National debt of Great Britain amounts to rather more than \$100 for each inhabitant.

Out of the 200,000 people in Santiago, Chile, only 250 speak English, but they manage to support an English newspaper, known as the Chilean Times.

Since the United States Government was organized less than nine hundred people have served as United States Senators, while of these more than two hundred had previously been members of the House of Representatives.

The Melbourne (Australia) Argus says that the total amount of the public and private debts owing to Great Britain by the seven Australian colonies is \$1,575,000,000, and that the amount of interest paid last year was \$63,750,000.

The English Government in India collects about \$35,000,000 a year from the sale of opium. This is an interesting fact in connection with the psychology of recent arguments by English statesmen that the moderate consumption of opium is good for the health and morals.

When the new motor carriage comes into use the horse will receive another setback. It looks very much as if science were on the point of inventing our long useful equine servant completely out of sight.

Professor Wiley says that "one of the greatest discoveries of modern science" is the agency of microbes in enabling plants to absorb from the air the nitrogen which is the chief factor in their growth.

An idea of the extraordinary expansion in telegraph and telephone traffic is suggested in some figures on the single item of poles.

The recent increase in transportation facilities in American cities is really phenomenal. According to reliable statistics there are now in the United States 13,588 miles of street railroad tracks.

Lady Henry Somerset predicts changing destinies for women in the twentieth century, and the forecast is an uplifting one, the New York Tribune admits, whether it awaits fulfillment or not.

THE GIFTS.

Life, thou wast rich with promises; What dost thou give? What precious boon hast thou to show and say, "Take this and live?" For when the glory lay on far, blue hills, On rocks and trees, Thou saidst, "The beauty of the coming years Behold in these!"

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

It is such a little thing that it seems hardly worth the writing, yet it is one of the little things that make us glad. Besides, it is true. Mrs. Redd stood over her tub. It was wash-day. All days except Sundays were generally wash-days at the Redds.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

"O, sir, I hope you ain't mad at the liberty I took! I should be more'n willing that you used it. I thought it might kind of help you over a tight place." The minister rose from his chair and gently, almost reverently, took Mrs. Redd's hand with its big, fapping glove, in his.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Sulphate of zinc is used to render molasses pure amber color. The waters of North America are stocked with 1830 different varieties of fish. London's Philharmonic Society, the stronghold of the old high pitch in music, has finally adopted the French pitch, the diapason normal.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"The lamp is going out." She - "Yes. It hasn't been filled since you came." - Life. Little drops of margins - Falling day by day. Make colossal fortunes For the few, they say.

MILKING TIME.

Come, pretty Phyllis, you get late! The cows are crowding round the gates; An hour, or more, the sun has set; The stars are out; the grass is wet; The glow-worms shine; the beetles hum; The moon is near—come, Phyllis, come.

THE WIFE'S MITE.

"I read about it in my check book." - Washington Star. "What is the matter here?" asked a stranger of a small boy, as he noticed a large wedding party coming out of a church on Fifth avenue. "Nawthin' but the tial going out," was the reply. - Texas Siftings.