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Antonello the Gondolier.

It is just half a century since I closed the eyes of my good father—the best gondolier, the most honest Venetian of his time. ...

opened her dainty figure, and wide, open pantaloons of Eastern cut fell over little slippers prettily worked in flowers. ...

"What are you thinking of, Excellenza?" said I, warningly. "For the Madonna's sake, give up the thought. Your body and soul are at stake. ...

great red stork strode quickly up, and a few whispered words from the elf, to his elf, in assent, and flew crowing into the open air. ...

power led by the doctor. "Cousin!" now exclaimed, "you can save me yet; you will be surprised at the slight effect which your blood will produce. ...

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Three thousand marriages are performed every day all over the world.

Possums are the only animals that make a more elaborate toilet than cats.

Strawberries four inches in diameter have been grown in Oregon, near Colville.

Free drawing schools for girls were first organized in France by Rosa Bonheur.

Thousands of illuminated Scripture texts are circulated in Uganda, Africa.

The temperature of the planet Neptune is estimated to be 900 degrees below zero.

The newer popular diversions in the line of athletics is that of walking backward.

In China they believe that women by clinging to vegetarianism will become men on judgment day.

Among the wealthy classes of Japan, the cow is considered unclean to ride a horse faster than a cow.

Among the curious things they dig out of the ground in Jasper County, Missouri, are prehistoric butterflies.

A four-year-old boy at San Jose, Cal., thrashed his father because he ordered him to bring in some hay.

Don't go into the woods with a dull axe. Don't go into the woods with a dull saw, unsharpened mind.

In Germany married men wear wedding rings, a custom which many writers have advocated in other countries.

In Corfu, sheets of paper past for money; one sheet buys one quart of rice, or twenty sheets a piece of hemp cloth.

The largest whale ever captured was the prize of a New London, Conn., whaler in 1824. It yielded 108 barrels of oil.

Among the Zulus the mother-in-law is considered the most powerful person in the family, but she must, like all, pretend to do so, when ever she sees him.

The first oil well was discovered in Wayne County, Kentucky, in 1829, thirty years before the discovery of oil in Pennsylvania.

The extreme western boundary of the United States, the island of Alton, is as far west as San Francisco as that city is west of Bangor.

Charles D. Young of Denver, Col., has built a perfect miniature locomotive, which is but five feet long and weighs but 235 pounds.

A woman in Paris recently committed suicide by applying leeches all over her body, dying from exhaustion of the capillary system.

A shower of frogs came from the clouds during a rain storm in Mexico. Mr. A. Farmer says that over 10,000 living frogs fell on his land.

There is a village on the Northern Pacific railroad which has fifty-four inhabitants and two churches, both Presbyterian.

Dr. A. P. Peabody, chaplain of Harvard college, graduated from that institution in 1823, three years before Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Weeds are mathematicians. They multiply rapidly. If you work, they multiply; if you do not work, they multiply; if you are comfortable and they multiply your profits.

Accidental navigation is not yet an accomplished fact, but aerial architecture, or building castles in the air, entails the powers of many madmen.

Mrs. Flora C. Woodward Tibbets, of Chicago, but formerly of Kentucky, has been sworn in as a practicing attorney before the Court of Appeals at Frankfort.

Louise Michel, the famous socialist agitator, was one of the first of her kind to be put in prison for her work, and she died in prison.

London has only 47 churches for its population of 5,474,000. Chicago has nearly if not quite that many churches for a population of 1,533,760.

During the past year, in the field covered by the North India conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, 3,000 converts were reported. It is not what nature intended it should be.

Light is the spider's web that a pound weight if it will reach about the world, at 40 m. leaves enough to reach from New York to San Francisco.

The weeds on the monitor Monadnock, N. H., had a total yield of 1,000 bushels of hay in 1891.

Miss Martha D. B. says she has been the only woman regularly employed by Tiffany & Co., New York City.

Countess Brazza of Savignone, after having been celebrated African traveler, has founded three schools for teaching leprosy to little girls out of the school and working hours.

Dr. George S. Burroughs, professor of biblical literature at Amherst, has accepted the presidency of Washburn college, Indiana. He is a graduate of Princeton, class of '73.

The wife of China's great statesman, Li Hung Chang, died a few years ago. Her physicians for a long time were Dr. Howard, an American lady, and a French doctor, the latter being a member of the Foreign Missionary society in Tientsin.

A new dish appeared lately on the menu of Swiss table d'hotes which puzzled every one who read only its name—Aronia. Those who raised a brow were asked to find and old friend—Irish stew.

A mother at Belmont to Joseph Groves, who lives at A. B. Ver Falls, Ind., lost her two kittens, but she immediately adopted two young rats, which she is tenderly rearing. Pussy and bunnies are well contented.

A Boston dentist advertised hypnosis as a local anesthetic in a paper read before the New England Dental Society and hypnotized a patient there and then as an object lesson in the practice, performing a delicate cutting without cutting from the patient any material out of his teeth. The paper was unaccompanied by drawings.

Mrs. Henry Norman (Miss Marie) Dowd is writing a preface to a volume on women's adventures.

Libraries are the war-hubs of literature when men, properly informed, might bring forth something for ornament, much for curiosity and more for use.

The Methodist Mission at Sierra Leone has been conducted for several months by Miss Alice Harris, an Iowa physician.