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ters with those engaged, and desperate fights were the result. The assistance of Parliament has been often sought in order to put a stop to smuggling. It was formerly a common thing for a smuggler to be sentenced to several years' service in the navy as a punishment for his offenses. The law even now is somewhat severe, but the penalties inflicted do not appear to be sufficiently heavy to put an end to the illicit practices.

New York received 717,399,540 eggs last year. A Nottingham bass singer is said to go down to B flat. A French physician reports an attack of gout in a boy of fifteen. A mocking bird in Albany, N. Y., whistles "Boulanger's March."

The longest street in Paris is the Rue de Valenciennes, 4,000 metres long. Bald-headed Indians are becoming numerous since the adoption of hats and caps by the race. In Maryland no man can become Governor until he has been a resident of the State for ten years.

Birds' nests of the edible sort bring their weight in silver for the tables of rich Chinese mandarins. The railroad bridges of this country if placed continuously would reach from New York to Liverpool. The latest English word in Paris is "struggle for living," meaning one who has to struggle for a living.

A boy who was playing on the beach near Liverpool, England, was engulfed and smothered in a hole of his own digging. The most northern electric light in the world is at Heronsand, Sweden, on the Gulf of Bothnia, about the 62d degree of latitude. Light is needed there at 2.30 p. m.

Excavations made in Tzintzuntun, in Yucatan, Mexico, in search of treasure, are said to have revealed a magnificent palace which is an archaeological wonder. In England it has become quite common to eat pepper on strawberries. Some think that it improves their flavor and others believe it renders them more healthful.

Candidate Harrison has been presented with a piece of the curtain under which Christopher Columbus walked when he called on Ferdinand and Isabella, after discovering America. As a test of his memory a gentleman at Athens, Ga., read through an article a column and a half in length in a newspaper he had not previously seen, and then repeated it without an error.

Photography on a small scale and with amateur equipments is now a favorite pastime with Englishmen of leisure. Even the Peers have taken up the craze and carry their cameras with them. Colonel Fremantle, of England, kept a regiment of volunteers man-carrying for two hours in a drizzling rain, and finally the signs of mutiny became so manifest that the inspection was brought to a close.

Jack Williams, a Maltese sailor, has been breaking all records on the Mississippi river by swimming twenty-five miles with his arms strapped by his side and his legs bound together. It took him eight hours to do it. Kentucky claims to have the largest man in the world, one Hansen Craig, who weighs 725 pounds. He is an abnormal expansion of avoirdupois. His mother weighed but 122 pounds and his father but 115. Strange to say for a Kentucky man, he "never touches a drop."

In China, a tendency to go straight to the highest authority is corrected by the bamboo. A law prescribes that if a complaint is made to a superior official which should have been originally addressed to an inferior one, the complainant shall receive fifty blows with the bamboo. A barber in London recently made a wager that he could shave sixty men in sixty minutes. The bet was accepted, the men were lathered, and the razors stopped and opened, ready for use. At the end of the fifty-ninth minute the sixty men had all been shaved, and the barber was complacently counting his gold. This, it is said, breaks the record.

The latest projected feat in civil engineering is to connect England and France by a bridge, 23 miles in length, over which trains can run, and thus do away with the terrors of the English channel. Another project is to connect England and France by a tunnel, running from Dover to Calais. It is found there is a submarine strata of chalk, through which a tunnel could be cut, and this plan is urged. Either achievement would be one great in civil engineering.

After removing an old structure from its place in order to make place for a new one in one of the principal avenues in Jersey City, the parties interested had a dispute and the contractor abandoned the work, leaving the old structure right in the middle of the street. A week has elapsed, and neither side can be induced by the authorities to remove the house, which has attached—the better word, perhaps, is provoked—more attention than any other house on that street.

The bridesmaid and the usher have gone out of fashion for the present. Stylish weddings this fall will be so conducted that the bride and groom shall have no rivals for the attention of on-lookers.

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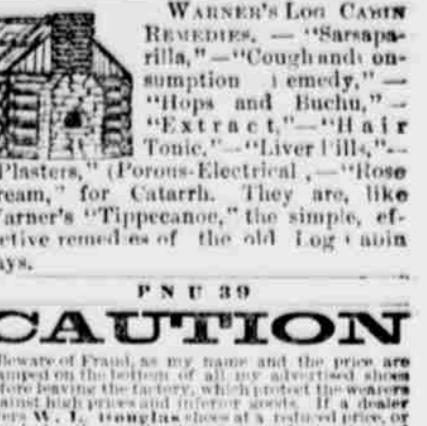
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