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Briefly Told

In Juneau, Alaska, there are nine single men to every single woman.

China had what seems to have been a serious influenza epidemic in 1841.

White House news indicates only four official dishes have been broken since 1918.

The average expenditure of Yale undergraduates is estimated at \$1,800 for each of the four years in college.

Rheims Cathedral has been architecturally restored and resumed religious service on Ascension Day, May 26.

More copper has been produced in the world in the past 20 years than in almost 7,000 years previously.

Chemicals may be manufactured from peach stones if the experiments of a Pennsylvania scientist prove successful.

If a human being could jump with agility in proportion to a grasshopper he could clear the Flatiron Building, in New York City.

A Chicago department store has established a silence room, fitted with steamer chairs and chaise longue, for its exhausted women patrons.

Because of the prevailing superstition regarding the number 13, all No. 13 berths on sleeping cars of an English railway will be No. 13-A.

Because of the inequality of their strides lost persons invariably impossible to anyone without guide-walk in circles; a straight course is a landmark.

The Shwe Dagon Pagoda, located at Rangoon and gold-plated from top to bottom is the largest in Burma. It cost \$5,000,000 and covers ten to fifteen acres.

The French midnettes, or working girls, derive their name from mid (noon), because at midday they emerge by thousands from the shops and factories.

Portland cement, an artificial product, is so named because of its color resemblance to stone obtained from the Isle of Portland on the coast of Dorset, England.

Chinese soldiers, looting an American mission, found some interesting white checks, and other smudged open with their rifle butts. The chests proved to be hives of honey bees.

A cyclone recently destroyed Tamatave, a Madagascar port, and it may never be rebuilt, for more than one hundred cyclones have swept the city during the last century and tidal waves are frequent.

In Saki, Japan, the city of the little birds, two-thirds of all the householders, keep canaries, finches, Java sparrows, sky-larks, and other singers. Some of the feathered pets are valued as high as \$2,500 a pair.

The Phunol Pool of Kenfig, the largest fresh-water lake in South Wales, has moved nearly half a mile toward Kenfig Hill in the last ten years. At this rate it will reach less than forty years for it to reach the nearest fillage.

The shark industry has been developed to a point where little of the fish is wasted. The liver, which is 96 per cent oil, is used in soap mixing, the flesh and the dorsal and tail fins are used as food, and the hide fins made into leather.

A workman engaged in tearing down the Southern Pacific Station at Oakland, California, discovered, when he attempted to kick an old tin can, that it contained 400 five-dollar gold pieces. The most recent date on any coin was 1886.

An experiment has been undertaken at the cemetery of San Jose in Spain for the installation of tiny telephones in each casket. These are to be connected to an alarm bell in the porter's lodge, thus providing against the possibility of anyone being buried alive.

So numerous have been the demands on Minneapolis firemen to come to the rescue of foolish cats that have climbed poles and high trees and refused to come down that the firemen have called a halt and will rescue no more from precarious positions.

A London school, started primarily to teach languages, now finds most of its pupils among American tourists who are anxious to acquire an English accent within a short time. A close second in popularity is a course in 'curing' accents.

A 22-story Chicago office building just completed is unusual in that the 21 upper stories extend westward 10 feet farther than the ground floor. The explanation is this: Originally a cow pasture, the property when sold carried a deed providing for a 10 foot runway along its west end for the convenience of the former owner's cow. Failing to break the clause, lawyers refer to the \$2,000,000 building as a monument to a cow.

Crude Water Heaters Used by Old Romans

Even so generally used and useful a thing as hot water in generous quantities is a development of very modern times. For thousands of years primitive, laborious methods were the only means for having hot water. This condition was but little improved up to less than a generation ago.

The first water heater known dates back some 2,000 years. This was the "siburnus" of the Romans, a crude bronze kettle with a handle for swinging over an open fire. The "foculus," an apparently later device, was a metal container into which hot stones were put to heat the water surrounding them. This seems to have been the best water heater the early Romans were able to devise.

During the Elizabethan age in England the people were notoriously unwashed. Perhaps it was because the tankettle was their only source of hot water supply. In 1800, when gas for fuel and light became a public utility, the desire and need for hot water became easier to fill. With the development of the gas stove, hot water began to flow more freely.

East Credited With Idea of Gunpowder

Gunpowder was made in the Middle Ages much as it is now, except that the processes were not so refined, and the product cruder and weaker. Gunpowder is a mixture consisting of potassium nitrate, sulphur and charcoal. The origin of it is involved in considerable uncertainty, but it is believed to have been discovered in the ancient East.

As far as Europe is concerned, Roger Bacon, the Thirteenth-century alchemist and philosopher, is sometimes spoken of as its inventor. At any rate he set down the formula in this fashion in 1270:

"Mix together saltpetre with lurs op cum ure and sulphur, and you will make thunder and lightning, if you know the mode of mixing." The four seemingly meaningless words in the middle are simply a transposition of the letters of carbonium pulvere or charcoal.

Morocco a Safe Country

The days of roughing it, exploration, freedom of action, are gone—as far as Morocco is concerned. Fifteen years ago a man could take a pack outfit and a bunch of natives and go wherever fancy led. No more; the French and Spanish are in control, says Adventure Magazine.

Morocco is not, nor ever has been, dangerous to a foreigner who attends to his own business and doesn't act like a fool toward the natives. One can't insult a man in America without taking a chance of getting licked or killed for it. The same applies in Morocco and everywhere else. There has never been an "open season" on foreigners. All that wild news of the last 20 years has been European propaganda intended to warrant foreign control of the country.

Only a Dream

Hubby listened intently. His wife and her mother were talking. The latter was saying:

"You have indeed secured a splendid husband, and I think you ought to treat him with a little more tact and consideration. Don't always want to know where he is going, and if he comes home a little late be agreeable and wait until he explains before you begin asking a lot of awkward questions. He's just the sort to appreciate any generosity on your part. Be kind to him."

Hubby stirred uneasily, trying to hear more, when—he awoke.

Baci!

She had been turning over every article the weary salesman had placed before her on the counter, but nothing seemed to be exactly the thing she wanted.

"I am afraid there's nothing here to suit," she decided at last, and then, in a burst of confidence, whispered: "You see, tomorrow is my husband's birthday and I wanted to surprise him."

The weary man behind the counter gave her a scathing look.

"Well," he suggested in icy tones, "why not hide behind the armchair and yell 'Boo' at him?"

Blissful Beginning

Owing to the absence through illness of the woman who taught the senior girls' Bible class, the young assistant minister was asked to under-take the duties for the day.

He consented, but before beginning he said smilingly:

"Now, girls, I want to conduct your class just as your teacher does so you might tell me what she does first."

A short pause then the answer from a neat miss of sixteen: "Well she always kisses us all round!"

The hearing apparatus of an insect is often located in the legs.

Base Ball Notes During the Week

LOCALS WON A CORKING GOOD GAME FROM LANCASTER IRON WORKS' TEAM HERE SATURDAY

Mt. Joy out-hit the Lancaster Iron Works nine 11 to 6 here on Saturday afternoon to win by a 3-2 score. The run pushed over by Mt. Joy in the first inning proved to be the deciding factor of the game, since each team scored two later in the game. Hendrix was on the mound for the locals and was at his best, allowing the visitors but six scattered hits. Ellis socked one in the middle for a round trip which was a feature.

The score:

Mt. Joy	r	h	o	a	e
Bigler, rf	0	1	3	0	0
Ellis, 2b	1	2	3	5	1
Showalter, c	0	2	4	3	0
Alwine, cf	2	2	0	1	0
Weaver, 3b	0	1	0	3	0
Derr, ss	0	2	0	2	0
Zimmerman, lf	0	0	2	0	0
A. Myers, cf	0	1	2	0	0
Alexander, 1b	0	0	15	0	1
Hendrix, p	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	3	11	27	16	2

Iron Works

r	h	o	a	e
J. Hagen, rf	0	0	2	0
Phillips, 1b	0	0	5	0
Sternor, c	1	2	8	0
Yontz, 3b	0	2	2	1
Fiestor, 2b	0	0	2	0
Hess, lf	0	1	4	1
J. Hagen, rf	0	0	0	0
Simers, p	0	0	1	0
Totals	2	6	24	4

Old Timers Lost

But for a bad inning, the fourth, a collection of our Old Timers threw a score into the regular nine here last Friday evening. The final score was 7 to 4, the Regulars tallying six of these in the fourth inning. Zimmerman and Bigler poled three baggers.

Garber allowed the Old Timers but six hits while the Regulars collected eleven off Ellis' delivery.

The score:

Mt. Joy Regulars	r	h	o	a	e
Bigler, rf	1	1	1	1	0
Ellis, 2b	1	1	1	0	1
Alwine, c	1	0	6	0	0
R. Hendrix, 3b	0	2	0	1	2
Derr, ss	1	1	0	1	0
Schneider, 1b	1	2	5	0	0
Zimmerman, lf	1	1	0	0	0
J. Hendrix, rf	1	2	0	0	0
Garber, p	0	1	0	1	0
Total	7	11	15	4	3

Old Timers

r	h	o	a	e
Showalter, c	1	1	2	0
W. Ellis, p	2	2	0	1
Shock, 1b	1	1	5	0
O'Neil, 2b	0	1	0	1
G. Brown, 3b	0	1	0	1
Laskewitz, ss	0	0	2	1
H. Brown, rf	0	0	1	0
Brandt, cf	0	0	0	0
Diffenderfer, lf	0	0	2	0
Total	4	6	12	4

Two base hits, W. Ellis. Three base hits, Zimmerman, Bigler; Double plays, Bigler to Schneider; Base on balls: off Garber 11; W. Ellis 11; Struck out by Garber 15; W. Ellis 2.

Old Timers . . . 0 0 2 0-4
 Mt. Joy Regulars . . . 0 1 0 6 0-7

FORECASTS SMALLER WHEAT AND RYE CROPS

Smaller crops of both wheat and rye are forecasted for Pennsylvania by the May 1 report of the Federal State Co-operative Crop Reporting Service.

The production forecast for wheat is 18,302,000 bushels as compared to a crop of 23,400,000 last year.

The rye forecast is 1,201,000 bushels compared to a crop of 1,488,000 bushels in 1926.

The condition of wheat on May 1 was four points higher and rye three points higher than on the same date of a year ago.

Set Out Roses

For late setting out of roses it is well to use pot-grown plants. These may be planted without much disturbance of the roots.

Crocodile meat is liked by African natives, but most white travelers find it inedible.

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