

A ton of gold is worth \$60,279,920.

Into the streets of Denver \$25,000, 000 in gold and silver coin are shoveled from the mountains every year.

There are 12,000,000 children in the public schools of the United States, 347,299 teachers are employed, and the schools cost annually about \$113,000,000.

The conduct of the various African explorers gives rise to the theory that it is impossible to visit the Dark Continent and return to civilization without the loss of one's good temper.

How great the provocation and how little the punishment to the man before he commits his crime. How little the provocation and how great the punishment after the crime is committed.

J. J. McFarlane, president of the defunct American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and who suddenly disappeared from that city, is reported to be living in luxury at Rio Janeiro.

The French vineyards have been ravaged by the phylloxera again, but that will not interfere with the supply of wine for America. Unfortunately for American consumers of French wine grapes are not dependent upon the make.

SWAN GUSTAFSON, a laborer in the Illinois Central gravel pits at Cherokee, Ill., has received news that a relative has died in Pennsylvania, leaving an estate valued at \$3,000,000, which is to be divided among six heirs, of whom Gustafson is one.

It is surprising what a number of American doctors discovered sure cures for consumption long before Koch ever thought of his. It was very courteous of them to withhold the information until the German physician had made his announcement.

REVIVALISTS at St. Louis have secured funds for the construction of a huge flatboat for mission work along the Mississippi. It is their purpose to start at St. Paul and float leisurely to New Orleans, preaching to the inhabitants of the valley.

LONDON to-day is five times as large as it was at the opening of the present century. From 900,000 at that time the population of London grew to 1,500,000 in 1830, and by 1855 it had increased to 2,500,000. Since 1855 it has more than doubled.

For five years Japan has had postal savings banks, and the depositors have increased from ten thousand the first year to nearly four hundred thousand at present, and the deposits from less than sixteen thousand dollars to more than twenty millions.

There are already indications that the people in whose characters flabby sentiment is a stronger element than good sense will try to make out that the late Sitting Bull was a hero and a much-abused man. They will hardly succeed in the attempt.

VENICE is one of the poorest cities in Italy. It has 140,000 inhabitants. Of these no less than 40,000 have their names inscribed on the books of the "Congregazione di Carita" as recipients of relief; that is to say, nearly one-fourth of the population are paupers.

PROBABLY the oldest house in the United States is a decaying stone dwelling that stands in Guilford, Conn. It was built in 1640 and is still occupied. In colonial times it did duty occasionally as a fort and was a place of refuge for settlers when King Philip was on the war-path.

A FIRM of German chemists have analyzed vanilla, the substance which gives to vanilla its pleasant taste, and by numerous experiments have found that this substance can be obtained cheaply from coniferin, which is found in great purity in the juice of the pine and fir trees.

MUCH of the confusion around a house is due to the boy getting ready to go to Sunday school. If every one does not wait on him promptly, he says no one takes any interest in his soul, but he finally arranges it so that he is too late, and remains away from Sunday school after all.

In England they give their football players \$15 to \$20 a week regular salary, with \$1,000 bonus at the end of the season if their conduct has been creditable. The plan of putting a premium up for good conduct has a wholesome effect. The plan might be tried on base-ball players.

The Brazilian Government has repeatedly offered a liberal reward for a plan resulting in the abatement of the vampire plague, which in the provinces of Matto Grosso and Entre-Rios makes stock raising almost impossible. As many as twenty of these winged blood-suckers often attack a cow in a single night.

GEN. BOOTH, of the Salvation Army, has a big contract on hand. He has accepted in trust 1,000,000 acres of land, and has already received \$300,000 of the large fund which he requires for his colonization scheme. He is sole trustee of the funds placed in his hands, which is good proof of his reputation and integrity.

A LEGAL light who is interested in the recent African horrors has called attention to a statute in force in England providing that "when any murderer shall be committed on land out of the United Kingdom the criminal may be tried and punished in any part of

England or Ireland where he may be apprehended."

Prof. Koch's breakfast, which he takes shortly after 9 o'clock, would hardly please the palate of an American. It is composed solely of an uninviting white soup into which he puts any amount of little squares of toasted bread. His dinner taken at 2, consists of one course of meat and vegetables, one light sweet dish, and to finish all, a plate of soup.

It is a wonder any of us ever accomplish anything. Until noon each day, we think what lots of work we intended to do to-day. Afternoon, we stop hoping for to-day, and spoil the rest of the day's work in hoping and planning for to-morrow. Not one man in ten does more than half a day's work each day, and yet we complain and worry every day that we work so hard.

Men are laziest in the morning, and can do their best work three or four hours after they get up. The women, on the contrary, can do better work the first three or four hours after getting up than they can do at any other hour of the day. If anything happens to interfere with the first part of the woman's day, the whole day is lost to her as far as work is concerned.

How many good reasons a man can advance to show why he is not popular! He will say that men do not understand him; that he is reserved, and somewhat conservative. He will sometimes go so far as to say that in point of intellect he is a trifle the superior of most men who dislike him, and that, therefore, they cannot appreciate him.

The deepest lake in the world is Lake Baikal, in Siberia. Its area of over 9,000 square miles makes it about equal to Lake Erie in superficial extent; its enormous depth of between 4,000 and 4,500 feet makes its volume of waters almost equal to that of Lake Superior. Although its surface is 1,350 feet above sea level, its bottom averages over 3,000 feet below the same level.

For youthful vim in old age Benjamin Cepen, of Eastport, Me., certainly stands without a peer. In his seventy-fifth year, he is able to out-skate any man, young or old, in the town. Every afternoon and evening he can be seen on the ice, and the American eagle he cuts on the glassy surface is done in thirty seconds and is perfect in outline. He beats ex-Vice President Hamlin in the matter of agility.

A FLOWER has been discovered in South America which is only visible when the wind blows. The shrub belongs to the cactus family, and is about three feet high. The stem is covered with dead, warty looking lumps in calm weather; these lumps, however, need but a slight breeze to make them unfold large flowers of a creamy white, which close and appear as dead as soon as the wind subsides.

Mrs. Stanley is seeing America as no other English woman ever did before. In Buffalo the regular boarders of the hotel where Mrs. Stanley and her mother stayed quietly fitted up their apartment before their arrival with the costliest and most beautiful articles of furniture from their own rooms. For three days Dorothy and her mother simply marveled at the Oriental magnificence of American hotel life.

SEVERAL interesting stories as to how Sitting Bull came to get his name are on the rounds. The most plausible account relates that while but a boy the chieftain killed a half-grown buffalo and dragged the carcass many miles to his father's tepee. There he sank down exhausted, the head and fore legs of his prey hanging over his shoulders. The Indians, as is their custom, named him on the spur of the moment and the title clung to him throughout life.

A PHILANTHROPIC woman of Pittsburg has established a home for tramps. Her idea is to give the wandering gentry a place of refuge when they come to town and to endeavor to assist and reform them. No work will be exacted of them other than that of keeping the home clean. If they are also required to keep themselves clean the philanthropic lady will discover that her peripatetic friends will hunt some other boarding-house with all haste. They will not submit to indignities and hard labor at the same time for any home that can be offered them.

In order to expose an impostor, who claims to be his brother, Mr. Richard Mansfield, the actor, recently sent a note to a Cleveland lawyer, saying: "I have no relatives in this country. My father, whose name was Maurice Mansfield, is dead, as is my mother, whose maiden name was Emma Rudersdorf. The family comprises now only my two brothers, my sister and myself. My brother Felix, the eldest, resides with his family in Clifton, near Bristol, England. My sister, Margaret, is married, and lives in France. My younger brother is also married and lives in Milan, Italy."

TWO FRENCHMEN, M. Besancon and M. Hermite, will attack the north pole by balloon in 1892. At Spitzbergen they will fill their balloon with 45,000 feet of gas, and start when the wind blows the right way. They will go no higher above the ground than is needed to clear obstacles or to get the benefit of favorable air currents, and will often keep an anchor dragging. In their car will be, besides a month's provisions,

which is all they expect to need, eight dogs, a sledge, a canoe, and their scientific instruments; and they will carry as large a reserve as possible of hydrogen gas in bags.

The late Gen. Alfred Howe Terry was more than six feet tall, and had light hair and blue eyes. His customary expression was quiet and gentle. He was scholarly in his tastes and versatile in his intellectual activities. Says one of his old comrades: "He had many literary tastes in common with mine, and had a select library in his tent to while away the tedium of the camp. Every evening he would send an orderly inviting us to his quarters, and we would read and discuss our favorites as we smoked, until far in the night. Those were royal times, and General Terry's friendship is something that I shall always prize."

SELF-CONCERN is probably the greatest power that actuates men. A stage hand at the theater imagines that Booth cannot act, and tries it himself. The people laugh, but he really believes that he is a great actor who is not appreciated. A man talks in public; the people do not appreciate him, although they appreciate good public speakers, and he imagines that there is a conspiracy to keep him down. A man writes a piece; he has no reason to imagine that it is good, but if it fails, he grumbles and growls because "luck" is against him. No man can succeed at anything until he can criticize himself fairly.

The rifle with which the regular and citizen soldiers of the country are equipped is much inferior to the rifles used by the soldiers of the chief countries of Europe and will be displaced by another pattern of modern power very soon. Experiments upon a new rifle are now making by the Government with gratifying success. Its caliber is thirty instead of forty-five and the velocity of its bullet is 2,200 feet per second, almost twice that of the present bullet, while its penetrative power is much greater. At a distance of 500 yards it will pass through sixteen inch pine boards one inch apart.

O'GORMAN MAHON, who introduced Parnell to Mrs. O'Shea, and who, but for the strenuous opposition of his doctor, would have challenged the Irish leader to a duel for his baseness, is eighty-seven years old, and in a feeble state of health corresponding to his extreme old age. He presents an example of virtue and gallantry not often seen in these degenerate days, and if he had lived in earlier classic times he would have adorned the age of chivalry when gallant knights scoured the country for the discovery and rescue of unfortunate ladies from the base designs of wicked and licentious lords and barons.

FRANCE already has a funded national debt of \$4,250,000,000, the greatest by far in the world, but all the same it is constantly piling up fresh obligations, and the floating debt having become inconveniently large, the Chamber of Deputies has just authorized the creation of a new loan to the amount of \$176,500,000. The elasticity of French finance is one of the marvels of the world. Every loan which the government issues is eagerly taken up, and although the new bonds or rentes are only to bear interest at three per cent, no one doubts that this new issue will be promptly subscribed for.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Bulletin says there is no need of going West or South to find a rough neighborhood. All one has to do is to travel on the horse cars as far as they will carry one up in the northern portion of Hudson County, New Jersey. Then let him or her take a walk straight out in any direction. The chances are that, if the pedestrian is a woman, she will be in danger of assault, particularly if it is after nightfall. If it be a man who is so venturesome as to stroll upon this Hounslow Heath, he will be robbed. The races attract thither a mob of the hardest characters that ever struck an outlying fringe of a great city. Some of the residents are socialists and anarchists, and there are many Poles, Italians and Hungarians, with whom regard for human life is very slight.

The Boston Record tells a story of a prominent man in that city who exhibited a plant to a friend and when asked what it was, replied, after a moment's hesitation, that it was "a rare specimen of the Encyclopedia Britannica." It is to be sincerely hoped that this is a pretty little fiction of some bright young man employed on the Record, but in view of the present state of Boston fiction one hardly dares to believe in the hope he struggles to entertain. Boston fiction can not be said to be bright, and the scintillating story of the Record is, we fear, too truthful. The fear leads one to speculate upon the probable cause of the degeneration of Boston brain, and the speculation leads to the remark that, in this day of Sabbatarianism and reform, when good people everywhere are struggling mightily to suppress evils such as drinking, smoking, or Sabbath recreation, some reformer should put his hand to the suppression of Howells and the Boston habit of intoxicating and weakening the brain by imbibing the intellectual drink which he places at the lip. Something must be done, and that quickly, ere our modern Athens follow Athens the ancient down the intellectual toboggan-slide and bury herself in the slush of barbarian stupidity.

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