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FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

The Romans considered it disgraceful to be dunned.

Pilots were anciently called lodemen from lode-star, the polar star.

It is said that dwarfs die of premature old age and giants of exhaustion.

On account of the scarcity of wood in India the people burn manure for fuel.

Hindoo pickpockets "crib" with their toes while they stand with folded arms in a crowd.

The Egyptians placed a mummy at their festal boards to remind them of immortality.

The ivory of the walrus is covered with enamel so hard as to strike fire with flint or steel.

Probably 100,000 is an underestimate of the number of eggs shed annually by the herring.

The Chinese divide the day into twelve parts or two hours' each. The Italians reckon the twenty-four hours round.

A man may travel 11,500 miles in an almost straight line in Russia, 7,500 by steam, 2,600 by rail, and the remaining 3,200 on horseback.

Between the years 1783 and 1857 six great earthquakes took place in Naples, which lost thereby 1,500 inhabitants per year of that period.

Grecian doors opened outward, so that a person leaving the house knocked first within, lest he should open the door in the face of a passer-by.

Morocco bindings for books came into use in 1494, being introduced by Grolier, who was the treasurer and ambassador of the king of France.

The classical ancients had white walls on purpose for inscriptions in red chalk—like our handbills—of which the gates of Pompeii show instances.

In the seventh century Paulus Aynet defined sugar as "the Indian salt in color and form like common salt, but in taste and sweetness like honey."

The art of iron smelting was known in England during the time of the Roman occupation, and working in steel was practiced there before the Norman conquest.

There is an exhibition in Savannah, Georgia, an ingenious piece of workmanship. It is a large fac simile of the coat-of-arms of Georgia, constructed entirely of canceled postage stamps.

A Florida man who owns 150,000 cattle is a recluse, and lives in a shanty which has neither fireplace nor chimney. He seldom sees men, and hides his money in cans. His surplus cattle he sells in Cuba.

As an instance of the thoroughness with which musketry practice is taught in the German army may be mentioned a device which has been introduced with good results. The better to accustom the men to interferences with sight in a battle, clouds of smoke are produced by burning fruze and wet grass, or by other means between the marksman and his aim.

"Dien et mon droit" (God and my right) is the motto of the royal family of England. It was first assumed by Richard I, to intimate that he held his sovereignty from God alone. It seems to have been dropped among the immediate successors of that prince, but was revived by Edward III., when he first claimed the crown of France. Since, in the reign of Elizabeth, William II., and Anne, it has formed the royal motto of England.

An Energetic Girl.

There is a young girl in Kansas who will make a model wife for some young man if he should ever take a notion to bow her head beneath the yoke of matrimony. Her name is Jenny Henry, and she lives on Ash Creek in the State named. A Kansas paper says she came to that place several years ago with barely enough means to sustain herself after entering the land. She went to work by the week and the money she earned was invested in improvements on the land until now, at which time she has about thirty acres under cultivation, a comfortable house, well furnished, and other valuable improvements. She will soon have a deed to one of the best tracts of land in the country.

Cocunut growing is becoming an important industry in Florida. Charles Maloney has a plantation of several thousand trees on Stock Island; J. V. Harris, of Key West, has about 7,000 trees, E. O. Lock about 10,000, and Lieutenant-Governor Bethel is having an extensive grove of cocunut trees planted.

We can, without hesitation, say that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has given the best satisfaction. We have sold an immense amount of it during the past winter. WALLACE, HILTON & CO., Druggists, Lock Haven, Pa.

An Execution in Persia.

This practice, which was adopted partly from the exigencies arising out of the conquest of the multitudes of China by a mere handful of Tartar soldiers, was continued, and became an integral portion of the Manchu system of government, and the result has tended to confirm the wisdom of the founders of the present dynasty. The popular views on the subject of the pigtails have not yet been ascertained with any degree of certainty; but it may be remarked that all the insurrections of the last twenty years have put forward, as one of their features, the intention to renew this practice, which has there been represented as a badge of conquest. There now, however, seems more chance than ever of its perpetuation.—London Globe.

The execution of a Persian marauder, which recently took place at Teheran, is described by the Armenian journal *Mchak* as being very "brilliant." This journal says: "Early in the morning a large crowd filled the parade ground, and about twelve o'clock the condemned man was led out in great pomp to the sound of trumpets. Upon a large platform in the middle of the square was placed a cannon with its muzzle raised upward. After Djalel Agha had recited a brief prayer, the executioner and his assistants attached him securely to the mouth of the cannon, and then applied a match to the touch-hole as coolly as if they were lighting their pipes. The explosion followed instantaneously, and the body of Djalel Agha, blown into a thousand pieces, was hurled into the air. Of all his bones only one rib was found whole, and this was given up to his wives, who had been present at the execution. In a short time this will be looked upon as a sacred relic."

(Albany (N.Y.) Daily Press and Knickerbocker.]

Abandoned.

We perceive by one of our Massachusetts exchanges that Dr. Lorenzo Waite, of Westfield, an eminent physician of Berkshire county, strongly indorses St. Jacobs Oil. With it he cured a case of Sciatica that resisted all regular professional treatment, and that had in fact been abandoned as incurable.

The Baptist Home Missionary Society wants to raise \$500,000 as a jubilee offering to mark its semi-centennial year. Some of the rich Baptists favor the project.

[La Fayette (Ind.) Sunday Times.]

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Between "drouth," and "drought," the press of the country appears to have no particular way of spelling that which indicates a dry spell.

Lady Beautifiers.

Ladies, you cannot make fair skin, rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes with all the cosmetics of France, or beautifiers of the world, while in poor health, and nothing will give you such good health, strength and beauty as Hop Bitters. A trial is certain proof. See another column.

The cotton factories in the South have, since the war, paid an average dividend of 22 1/2 per cent.

A GRAND STEEPLE CHASE.

As if there were not sufficient excitement at the usual horse-race, these meetings on the turf nearly always close with a grand steeple chase. This kind of race combines all the excitement of the regular race, with the super-added element of danger which seems to give further zest to the sport. Horses, and good ones at that, often receive severe injuries, which render them practically useless for long periods. At least this was the state of affairs until owners and breeders of fine stock began to freely use St. Jacobs Oil, the Great German Remedy for man and beast. This invaluable article to horsemen has so grown into favor on account of its phenomenal efficacy in diseases of domestic animals, especially the horse, that it would be difficult indeed to discover a horseman unacquainted with its magical potency. The Philadelphia



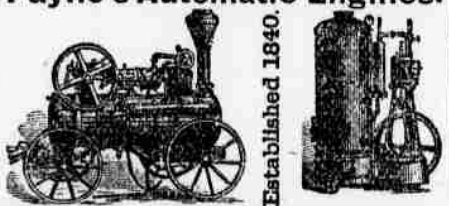
Easy Hour, in a recent issue says: "But one of the most important developments concerning ST. JACOBS OIL is the discovery that it has properties which are beneficial to the animal as well as to the human species. It has, of late, been in active demand among livery men and others for use on horses suffering from sprains or abrasions. The most prominent instance known of in this connection, is that related by Mr. David Walton, a well-known friend, who keeps a livery stable at 1245 North Twelfth street. Mr. Walton states that he was boarding a valuable horse belonging to Benjamin McClurg, also a resident of North Twelfth street. A few weeks ago the animal slipped and badly sprained his leg, making him very lame. Mr. Walton used two bottles of St. Jacobs Oil on the animal and found within less than one week, that there was no need for any more, for the animal was as well as ever."

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