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England controls 600,000,000 people throughout the world.

The statistics on tobacco show that Maine uses less of the weed than any other State in the Union.

According to an estimate in Bradstreet's, the total number of strikes last year was 338, involving 340,851 laborers.

One hundred and twenty-seven pension bills were passed by the United States Senate one day recently in ninety minutes.

It is stated that at least 1,000,000 tons of commercial fertilizers are now annually used in this country, at a cost to buyers of \$30,930,000.

In the United States there is one minister to 700 people; in China, one ordained missionary to 1,000,000. Of the 300,000,000 of Africa, 140,000,000 have not been touched by a Christian teacher.

Miss Eliza Garner, of Charleston, S. C., who announced that she would be a candidate for the office of County School Commissioner, is the first lady in the South, so far as is known, to run for office.

The only Senator who now habitually wears one of the little black skull caps that were so common among the Senators a few years ago is Senator Edmunds, whose head is so bald as to be very sensitive to the draughts about the corridors of the Senate Chamber.

General Boulanger, the idol of the French populace, is now just fifty years old. He is noted for his grace and gallantry, and more than any other Frenchman is the especial hero of the ladies.

Camden, N. J., comes to the front with a co-operative burial company that issues certificates all the way from \$30 to \$100 that will enable their holders to be put away as plainly or as stylishly as they choose.

An English physician, who has investigated the characteristics and surroundings of centenarians, says he found that the average qualities were a good family history, a well made frame, of average stature, spare rather than stout, robust, with good health, appetite and digestion, capable of exertion, good sleepers, of placid temperament and good intelligence, with little need for and little consumption of alcohol and animal food.

Embalmers, geese, turkeys with painted legs, and diseased chickens, instead of healthy, untaunted poultry, are sold extensively in the Paris markets. A market porter recently died from blood-poison from the bite of an insect which was batten on some turkeys.

A SONG OF MAXTIME.

As fades the night with morning light, So winter comes away; And in his place with sunny face, There shineth the sun of May.

WOMEN OF GRIT.

We were well into the Gulf of Bengal, bound for Madras, when one morning, just as night was fading into dawn, I thought I heard a voice hailing us from the surface of the sea.

A WOMAN REPULSES PIRATES.

In the fall of 1857, having been paid off at Cape Town for an Amazon, as you which had been condemned, I shipped aboard the bark Rescue, Captain Moore, bound to several ports in Madagascar and return.

Valuable Coins and Coin Collectors.

Said a noted coin collector recently, in conversation with a New York Sun reporter: "Do you know that, strange as it may seem, the oldest coins are not the rarest, and are the least in demand by numismatians?"

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A SONG.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear; There is ever a something sings away; There's the song of the lark when the skies are clear, And the song of the thrush when the skies are gray.

The sunshine showers across the grain, And the bluebird trills in the orchard tree, And in and out, when the eaves drip rain, The swallows are twittering cozily.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear, In the midnight black or the midday blue; The robin pipes when the sun is here, And the cricket chirrup the whole night through.

The buds may blow and the fruit may grow, And the autumn leaves drop crisp and dry, But whether the sun, or the rain, or the snow, There is ever a song somewhere, my dear.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Always comes out on top—hair. No thorough fare—An oatmeal dinner. A copper trust—getting credit for a cent.

Money is an enigma that everybody must give up. A chess tournament is always played on the square.

The canned article that goes the quickest is a dog's tail. A dentist will file your teeth but not for ready reference.

When a man claims the earth it is time to unearth his claim. Something that should be looked into—a pretty girl's eyes.

It is unfortunate that a little money doesn't go a long way. If thirty-two is the freezing-point, what is the freezing-point? Two in the shade.

A good many women who have married dry goods clerks have got two yards of distaste as a premium.

He—"Do you believe in high license, Fannib?" She—"What kind of license? Marriage license?" He changed the subject.

"Who is that man?" "He's the servant of old Smith, the undertaker." "Ah! then he's the valet of the shadow of death."—Town Topics.

A Pittsburg man calls his wife by the beautiful title "Virtue," because she is her own reward. She does all the housework and gets no wages.—Graphic.

"One swallow does not make a summer," but it may have occurred to you that one grasshopper makes more than a dozen springs.—Norristown Herald.

I like spring better than the fall, Said Robinson to Brown, Brown said of our is peculiar, In spring it's taken down.—Boston Gazette.

Mr. Aggie to Mr. Stoutman, who was running after a horse car—"Why, old boy, I thought you were too lazy to run."

Mr. S.—"Easily explained, laziness runs in our family."

A warrant was recently issued in a North Carolina town for the arrest of a man for committing an assault "with a deadly weapon, to wit, a certain vicious and large bull dog."

The West Chester News suggests that a man can hardly trust a signal service report that predicts calm weather when he has to hold his hat on with both hands while he reads it.

The candidate's boomlet now bawlingly boometh, And bawlingly buzzeth the beggarly bee; In the bulge of his bonnet it busily hummeth, A song like the sob of the sad-sounding sea.—Chicago Tribune.

A Congressman, on receiving his hat from the cloak-room, asked the waiter how he knew it was his hat, and was promptly answered: "I didn't know it was your hat; I only know it wuz the hat you gub to me."

Daughter—"Mamma, wouldn't it be just lovely if we only had necks like a giraffe?" Mamma—"Why, my child? What advantage would it be to us?" Daughter—"We could taste our ice cream so much longer."—Tid-Bits.

Mamie—"Mamma, can't I go over to Kitty's house and play awhile?" Mamma (hesitatingly)—"I don't know, dear. I—yes, you can go for just a little while."

Mamie (demurely)—"Thank you, mamma, I've been."—Drake's Magazine.

Which I rise to remark, And my language is plain, That for ways that are dark And for tricks that are vain, This climber of ours is peculiar.—Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.

Tramp (piteously)—"Please help a poor old cripple." Kind Old Gent (handing him some money)—"Bless me, why, of course. How are you crippled, my poor fellow?" Tramp (pocketing the money)—"Financially crippled, sir."—The Sun.

You have a very sour look this morning," remarked a cucumber to his neighbor, a dyspeptic strawberry. "Yes," was the tart reply; "one is necessarily unpleasantly affected when compelled to associate with such a seedy party as you."

"Candiflower by any other name 'will smell as sweet," shouted an onion near by, with a peel of laughter.—New York Sun.

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"How should it be eaten?" "If oatmeal is eaten in excess of the needs of the body for proper nutrition it overloads and taxes the system. It must not be eaten partially cooked. Flour, corn meal, rice and other approved articles of wholesome diet are not healthy if half cooked. If an excess of sugar or other sweets is used it will disagree with many people, causing indigestion. If eaten with an excess of cream it will not be healthy for some persons whose stomachs are too delicate to stand a rich food. Oatmeal is a healthy food when not used for over-feeding, when sufficiently cooked and when used with an excess of cream or sweets. Oatmeal should be eaten without any sweets, using a little milk or cream, a little butter, and seasoned with salt or Scotch dog.

An electric dog cart is one of the latest novelties.