

ITEMS INSTRUCTIVE AND INTERESTING.

Ten million pies were eaten in Chicago last year.

The baby King of Spain is to have his picture on postage stamps.

Hungarian red wine is used to make blonde hair copper brown.

Yankton, Dak., has an artesian well flowing 4,000 gallons a minute.

Over 1,000,000 miles of telegraph wire are in operation in the United States—enough to encircle the globe forty times.

The Scotch system of admitting voluntary patients into lunatic asylums is said to work very satisfactorily. Last year the number of such patients was fifty-five.

The largest inland sea is the Caspian, lying between Europe and Asia. Its greatest length is 700 miles, its greatest breadth 270 miles, and its area 156,000 square miles.

Samuel Coles, whose age, as attested by the parish register, was 105 years, died recently at Oandle, Northamptonshire, England. He used to drink two glasses of beer daily, but was not a smoker.

The smallest circular saw in the world now in actual use is a tiny disk less than the fourth of an inch in diameter, used in the Tiffany jewelry establishment for slitting gold pens. It is the thickness of a sheet of writing paper and revolves at the rate of 4,000 revolutions per minute. The high velocity keeps the saw rigid, notwithstanding its thinness.

The soul, says Dr. A. H. Stevens, of Philadelphia, is located in the corpus callosum, a little spongy body situated at the base of the brain, which has defied the efforts of physicians in their endeavors to ascertain its uses in the human anatomy. "The corpus callosum," said the doctor, "is the seat of the imperishable mind, and is the great reservoir and storehouse of electricity, which is abstracted from the blood in the arteries, and conveyed through the nerves up the spinal cord to the corpus callosum."

A negro woman employed on Mr. Joseph Middleton's farm, near Brazoria, Texas, was some time since pecked in the hand by an angry hen. She has now grown quite mad, and acts like a chicken, wandering about the woods and pecking at all who accost her. She makes a clucking noise, horribly like that of a hen, and sits by the hour scratching up earth with hands and feet. She pecks up her food, and her very face is assuming a sharp, bird-like aspect. She roosts all night in a tree and refuses to sleep under a roof.

There is something intensely weird in the recital of the cruise of the *Thetis*, which has been where no American vessel has ever been before, and where no vessel has been at all since. McClure discovered the northwest passage in 1851. On the south side of Herschel's island the crew of the ship came upon a deserted village, of which history furnishes no account. On the graves were laid guns of long-obsolete pattern, and birds had made their nests in the skeletons of the brave men who had given up their lives there. Who were these unrecorded heroes?

Francois Chaynot, of Cornwall Hollow, among the Cornwall mountains in Connecticut, has been searching for three years for iron ore on his farm. For the past year he has been employed in digging a tunnel about six feet square into the side of a mountain. He has gone in 350 feet. At the entrance he blasted for a long way through solid rock, then came a kind of clay of a yellow color, and next he found a red substance resembling ochre. He has a gravity track and car running the whole length of his queer mine, which he is working alone. Many springs have been found that gush forth pure cold water. Mr. Chaynot has now struck into stone containing large quantities of iron, and all his fluids are richer as he proceeds inward.

In 1844 Sergeant Malloy, who acted as police sergeant at the soldiers' home at Togus, Me., was shot while in the discharge of his duties. He owned a large Newfoundland dog, which was his inseparable companion, and was with him at the time of the shooting. The dog would have torn the murderer in pieces but for the interference of other inmates, and ever since the animal has displayed peculiar symptoms at the time of funerals. Whenever a burial is to take place at the home and the band begins to play the dead march the dog will hide among the bushes until the first volley of musketry is fired over the grave, when he will rush upon the firing squad with every symptom of madness, and it is with the utmost difficulty that he can be kept off. No matter what the weather the big Newfoundland attends every funeral at the home, and he has not missed one since the burial of his murdered master in 1884.

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By virtue of a mortgage executed by John H. Averitt and wife to Henry Hobgood, now deceased, registered in Book of Mortgages No. 25, at page 586, I shall on Monday the 3d day of March, 1890, expose to sale at public auction at the court-house door in Oxford, the tract of land described in said mortgage, and situated in Fishing Creek township, adjoining the lands of Reuben Overton, Moses C. Dean and others, and containing 50 acres.
HARRIET HOBGOOD,
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January 29, 1890.

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