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An English statistician says that public wealth is made up of ten items, every one of which can be calculated to a nicety except the value of public works.

The New York Sun suggests that disbelievers in vaccination for small-pox should consider the statements just made to the French Academy of Medicine by Dr. Brouardel.

If Mr. Eiffel should visit the world's fair at Chicago in 1893, he would be compelled to admit, predicts the Chicago Herald, that the famous tower which he designed and erected for the recent Paris exposition was a small and contemptible affair compared with the one which will there meet his astonished gaze.

The Railway Age contains a review of the foreclosure sales and receiverships for 1890. During the year twenty-nine roads were sold by foreclosure.

Curious Coptic Customs. The Coptic Patriarch of Alexandria is never allowed to sleep more than fifteen minutes at a time.

Just Like Him. "Your son ordered these pictures of me." "Well, they certainly look like him. Has he paid you?" "No, sir."

POINTS ABOUT PUSS.

Theories Regarding the Domestic Cat's Origin.

Tabby Was Worshipped by the Ancient Egyptians.

"From what source is the domestic cat derived?"

A distinguished mammalogist was asked the question by a Washington Star Reporter and his reply was that no one knew. Said he:

"Three theories, quite distinct, are held on the subject. Some think that the domestic puss is derived from the European wildcat, which is gray with black spots and strongly resembles the common tabby of the household, though it is much larger and very fierce.

"The second theory is that the domestic cat is descended from the wildcat of North Africa, which also resembles the tabby, having a longer tail than the European wildcat.

"It is well known that the Egyptians domesticated the cat, which, in fact, they worshipped. Representations of the animal appear numerously upon their monuments, though not upon those which date back much farther than 2000 years before Christ.

It was found that they were very much like the pussies of today, although to the eye of the anatomist they exhibited certain very perceptible differences in the formation of their skulls, the breadth of their shoulder blades and other points.

"It is a fact that the domestic puss will cross with many varieties of wildcats and thus may have been produced many of the varying species found in the world.

"There is in India another species of the cat tribe which is commonly domesticated. It is as big as a large dog and is called the 'cheetah' or 'hunting leopard.'

The Perfect Man.

The proportions of the human figure are six times the length of the right foot. Whether the form is slender or plump, the rule holds good on an average.

The Speed of Insects.

There are many insects which one would little suspect to be furnished with apparatus suited to swift and more or less continuous flight.

But this example gives only a partial proof of the fly's power of flight, as the following will show: The writer was traveling one day in autumn by rail at about twenty-five miles an hour, when a company of flies put in an appearance at the car window.

To account for this, look at the wings of a fly. Each is composed of an upper and lower membrane, between which the blood-vessels and respiratory organs ramify so as to form a delicate network for the extended wings.

A Story of a Ham. "Young man, take my advice and pay for things as you go. Do not run up bills." This was the sage advice a well-known business man gave a Star reporter yesterday.

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Pineapple for Dyspepsia.

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"What happened? Why, twelve of that party paid their bills without a question, and only one raised any objection to the pork item.

Witches and Black-Cats.

In most countries where any superstition concerning the cat is entertained, it is the reverse of reverence. We all know how the cat has for a long time been regarded as the favorite associate of witches, and we cannot help but wonder how this superstition originated.

Presence of Mind.

"Lend me fifteen dollars, will you?" "Certainly—how much did you say?" "Fifty dollars."

The Pearl of the Pacific.

Lima has been called the 'Pearl of the Pacific and other flattering names. In the old days of the viceroys it was beyond doubt the finest, as it was the richest, city in New Spain; but now it is a sadly sullied pearl; a moribund and inert place, where everything bears witness to decadence, poverty, and almost despair.

Indeed, the street life of Lima frequently reminded me of that of Constantinople, which is likewise a city of stucco monuments, barred windows and overhanging miradores.

These "huacas" ought to be dug up among the ruins of the ancient Inca cities, but much of the pottery is now made in a modern manufactory at Paiza. I have always noticed that the scarcer money is in a country and the worse the state of its finances, the more numerous are the tables of the money changers.

Although the mountains of Peru are full of gold, silver, and other precious metals, there is not a native gold coin to be found in the country, except as a historical curiosity, and the very small amount of coin in circulation is of the most primitive and inconvenient kind, consisting of coarse copper one and two cent pieces and very heavy silver dollars, too weighty to be carried in a civilized man's pocket.

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