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Curious Condensations.

The population of London is 5,948,800. The English language is spoken by 115,000,000 people. The world's railways cost \$33,500,000,000, an average of \$121,260.88 a mile.

Mrs. Langtry now plays Sunday nights, like ordinary second-rate actors. There are said to have been five suicides in five years in Divinity Hall, Cambridge.

The product of the wax tree of the Andes can not be distinguished from beeswax.

The ochidium, a species of shellless snail (slug) has innumerable eyes on its back.

America has 218,871 1-2 miles of railroad, or 31,000 more than all other countries combined.

Cinnamon as a cure for cancer in its early stages is advocated by a writer in the Lancet.

In England the tax on farming lands exceeds 10 per cent of the value of crops; in Egypt it is 14 per cent.

The power of herculeite, a new explosive, is almost beyond belief. A half-pound of it will move thirty tons of stone.

The name of Munich is derived from the fact that the monks owned the property on which the town now stands.

Not more than 100,000 Mexican cattle can be sent to the United States this year in consequence of the drought.

The average European woman's life is shorter than the man's, but over two-thirds of the centenarians are women.

The newly-married Czarina speaks and writes German, English, French, and Italian fluently and Russian tolerable well.

Four hundred tons of top weight must come off of the new French battleship Brennus before she can be made seaworthy.

The students of the University of North Carolina, at Raleigh, have finally agreed among themselves to discontinue bazing.

In 1799 a handkerchief cost 60 cents in Massachusetts, while a pair of stockings cost 75 cents and potatoes were 30 cents a bushel.

Lord Rosebery the other day presented the boys of the Fort training-ship Caledonia, off Queenstown, with £50 to start a bagpipe band.

London pays 42 per cent of the income tax of England and Wales, and its government and management cost about \$65,000,000 a year.

Stockings were first worn in Italy in the year 1100. Before that period it was customary to swathe the feet and legs in bandages.

It is stated that an old woman of 92 is the only person in Aberkenfig, Wales, who is not going to fight for a place on the parish Council.

Hot water pipes have been put into the Pope's apartment in the Vatican, as his doctors insist on his being kept at an even temperature.

There are forty-eight different trials used in constructing piano, etc., no fewer than sixteen different countries, employing forty-five different hands.

Plans are about completed for the erection of a Swiss national monument to the memory of William Tell in Altdorf, Switzerland. It will be finished this year.

It is said that the cross mark instead of a signature did not originate in ignorance. It was always appended to signatures in medieval times as an attestation of good faith.

The Chinese believe that the water obtained from melting hailstones is poisonous, and that rainwater which falls on certain feast days will cureague and malarial fever.

The predecessor of all the mountain railroads is the Mount Washington cog-wheel track, finished in 1869. Since then many such roads have been built in various countries.

A New York doctor says he has examined the men who work in a large brewery and found that it is the custom of those who have free access to the beer to drink a keg a day.

Owing to the fact that farms may be had upon the sole condition that they improve the land, many Norwegian immigrants have settled in British Columbia rather than in the United States.

A drug firm at Excelsior Springs, Mo., will award a prize of \$50 to the member of the Mississippi Valley Pharmaceutical Association who identifies the largest number of drugs by the smell.

A hospital in memory of the great explorer and missionary, David Livingstone, has been established at Dartford, England. At the laying of the corner stone the address was made by Henry M. Stanley.

It is estimated that about \$10,000,000 has been invested in coffee-houses as an antidote of the saloon in England. It is said there are about 7,000 of them, employing 56,000, and they are a paying investment.

The longest time during which a note has remained outside the Bank of England is 111 years. It was for £25, and it is computed that the compound interest during that long period amounted to no less than £6,000.

The Work He Does.

How much does a newspaper man write in a year? An old newspaper worker has sat down and figured it out. He figures that he writes an average of a column and a half every day, except for his Sunday paper, when he contributes three columns. This makes twelve columns a week, and, allowing for two weeks' vacation, he has fifty weeks in a year, in which time he turns out 840,000 words. An ordinary book of short stories contains about 40,000 words, therefore his year's labor is equivalent to twenty books. At this rate of comparison the feat of Marion Crawford in publishing two books per annum does not strike the newspaper man as an incredibly hard task, even allowing for the extra amount of thought involved in story writing. Mr. Howells considers a thousand words a good day's work. Thomas Janvier is satisfied with 400 words, or a little over a quarter of a column.—*Indianapolis Sentinel*.

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