

ODD FACTS AND FANCIES.

Comely girls of marriageable age are sold in Yokohama for \$16 each.

Berlin ladies carry waterproof cloaks with them when they go in bathing.

An insane woman in Castle Garden Sunday mated a box and tried to auction off her baby.

The London courts have decided that a man is not at liberty to keep in his backyard a dog that barks and howls.

The latest novelty in the show business is an exhibition of noses, which has recently been held in Austria. Eighty persons competed for the prize.

A famous veterinary surgeon was summoned by telegram to Scotland a few days ago by a well-known lady to meet the local adviser in consultation on the case of her favorite pug. He had to travel nearly 500 miles to reach his destination.

A new dish with which epicures tempt fate and give an impetus to stomach ardyns is composed of sliced oranges, sliced pineapples, sliced bananas, sliced hard-boiled eggs, sliced cucumbers, vinegar and sugar. It is called a fruit salad.

There has been some discussion as to whether a lady should recognize a gentleman while he is having his boots blacked on the street corner. Gentlemen have taken off their hats to ladies under such circumstances and have received the cut direct.

The average power of Niagara Falls is estimated at seven million horse power, and the cost of a plant necessary to utilize this power, transform it into electricity and transmit anywhere within a radius of 500 miles, at \$5,000,000,000.

If you want to have a letter to the Pope surely reach its destination inclose it in three envelopes, all three sealed and each one bearing this inscription:

To His Holiness Pope Leo XIII.
Prefect of the Congregation of the Holy Office
at the Vatican.
(Personal) Rome.

The prelate in charge opens the first envelope, then the second, but at the third he is obliged, under penalty of excommunication,

not to open it and hand it to the Holy Father.

The amount of absinthe drinking which takes place at Marseilles, where the cholera still lingers, is abnormal. The great street is Rue Cannabiere, which is the boulevard Montmartre of Paris raised in intensity. The shady side is an almost unbroken series of cafes, and from early morning until late at night usually the tables in front are occupied by Marseillais, with a little decanter full of syrup of gum, and two or three bottles containing absinthe, from which they help themselves. Since the advent of the cholera these tables have been wholly deserted.

Where We Got the "Cue."

The game of billiards was invented about the middle of the sixteenth century by a London pawnbroker named William Kew. In wet weather this pawnbroker was in the habit of taking down the three balls, and with the yard measure pushing them billiard fashion, from the counter into the stalls. In time the idea of a board with side pockets suggested itself. A black letter manuscript says: Master William Kew did make one board whereby a game is played with three balls; and all the young men were greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the young clergymen from St. Paul's; hence one of the strokes was named a "cannon," having been by one of ye said clergymen invented. The game is now known by the name of "bill-yard," because William, or Bill, Kew did first play with a yard-measure. The stick is now called a "kew," or "kue." It is easy to understand how "bill-yard" has been modernized into "billiard," and the transformation of "kew," or "kue" into "cue" is equally apparent.

Blotting-paper saturated with a solution of oxalic acid and dried, will not only absorb the ink of a blot, but will remove the blot itself if the ink is unmixed with indigo or aniline color. It might be dangerous in removing signatures from important papers, but a trace of the writing will remain, and can be made legible by adding ferrocyanide of potassium or gallic acid.

PERSONAL.

Milla's, the painter, is fishing and shooting in Scotland.

"Nearly all the rich men in the United States," says Mr. Moody, "were born poor."

A descendant of William Pitt, the famous British statesman, Mr. H. M. Pitt, plays in the *Rajah*.

Mr. Worth's flower garden outside the city of Paris contains fifty acres of plants and flowers.

Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson has left Wheatlands for Baltimore, there she intends to make her home.

It is said that Bret Harte now makes a handsome picture, with his silver hair and dark mustache.

"Wind Points" is the name of Jenny Lind's English country place, and the house is called "John's Folly."

The Egyptian deserts are to be explored by professor Schweinfurth for the Berlin Academy of Science.

The finest amateur singer in the world is said to be M. Jules de Soria, who had been singing in London society.

It is thought that the Queen of Sandwich Islands, who gives garden parties, should give nothing but Kalakaua balls.

A niece of Mr. Blaine is the mother superior of one of the largest convents in the country, in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

Although eighty years of age Signor Scotti, the harp professor, at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Naples, still teaches.

"American complexion drinks" were dispensed by Lady Churchill at a bazaar, the other day, in aid of a fashionable charity in England.

The decline of the vocal art is predicted by Tamberlik, who thinks that great singers are to disappear from the stage, and much be spoken that is now sung.

Miss Arnold resembles her father, Matthew Arnold, and is tall and stately. She was quite a belle in New York, and after marriage will reside there.

A costly cattle ranche has been bought, forty miles west of Fort Macleod, in the Canadian North-west, by the son of the Earl of Shannon, Viscount Boyle.

One of the Central Pacific millionaires, Mr. Charles Crocker, says he began business at nine by selling oranges and newspapers in the streets of Troy, New York.

The inventor, Captain Ericsson, begins work after an early breakfast, and continues it for sixteen hours daily, either with pen or tools, although he is eighty-one years old.

Dr. Koch thinks that watering the streets during the cholera season is the worst thing to be done, as the microbe loves moisture, but dies when exposed to high temperature and a dry atmosphere.

Mrs. Hendricks is a fine-looking woman of about fifty, with dark eyes and hair; she wears eyeglasses, and has rather a *distique* appearance. She has no children, having lost her only boy.

Mrs. Robert Ingersoll increases her resemblance to Martha Washington by dressing her hair and arranging her neck gear in the same style as that to be seen in the portraits of the elder lady.

The novelist Mrs. Augusta (Evans) Wilson is a friend of Mrs. Vanderbilt, widow of the commodore, and has given her assistance in the preparation, it is said, of a genealogy and history of the Vanderbilt family.

Wombwell's London Menagerie, latterly known as Edmond's, dating back to the time when lions were kept in the Tower, and contemporary with George IV's historical giraffe, has lately come under the hammer.

At the late Russian marriage festivities Prince Louis of Battenburg, who married the Queen's granddaughter, was excluded from the imperial table, where his wife sat, because he himself was not born in the purple.

The Father of Miss Catherine Wolfe, a lady who has an income of five hundred thousand dollars a year, began life as a wholesale dealer in hardware, tin, and general notions. She has refused many offers of marriage.

The front of the wedding gown of Signor Arditi's daughter, who was lately married in London, was designed by the bridegroom and wrought by the bride; and the bride-maid's gown was sprinkled with red, white, and green flowers, emblems of Italy.

Miss F. F. Beechy, youngest daughter of Admiral Beechy, of the British navy, who, for taking an active part in chess affairs, has been styled the "British Queen of Chess," has married Mr. T. B. Rowland, the leading Irish problem composer and solver.

At the recent festivals in honor of Lieutenant Greely, at Portsmouth, Mrs. Greely wore white cashmere with scarlet flowers on the corsage, and a white hat with scarlet tufts; Mrs. Greely, the mother, wore rich black silk and black lace. Those who know the latter lady say it is very evident whence the arctic hero derived his pluck and courage.

Proposed Canal Across Ireland.

The project for constructing a ship canal across Ireland has been warmly espoused by influential people in England. Elaborate plans and surveys have been made at considerable expense, and have been submitted by Capt. Eads, the American engineer. The plans were prepared by Mr. T. A. Walker, of Great George street, Westminster. The proposed canal would be 127 miles in length, and would contain thirty locks. For ships of 1,500 tons the cost would be eight millions; for ships of 2,500, twelve millions; and for ships of 5,000 and upward, twenty millions sterling. If built on this scale the canal would be 200 feet wide on the surface and 100 feet at the bottom. The passage through the canal would be effected by a system of towage, and it is estimated that the passage of a ship from Galway Bay to Kingstown would occupy between twenty-four and thirty-six hours.

An alternative scheme of a ship railway in which the ships would be carried in cradles, which could be constructed for ten millions, is proposed, by which the duration of the passage through the island would be reduced to twelve hours. An immense aqueduct would have to be constructed to carry the canal over the Shannon at Banagher, and would be over three miles in length, being one of the most difficult and costly works in connection with the undertaking.

Dress of the Chinese.

A Mandarin of the first rank has a red ball on his cap; the second class is indicated by a transparent blue one; the other grades are distinguished by white opaque blue, crystal, gilt, and other colors.

The dress of a Chinese lady consists of a short, loose robe, confined at the throat with a narrow collar. The robe is worn over a long, full skirt, and both are frequently made of richly embroidered silks.

The sleeves are wide and sufficiently long to fall over the hands. The hair is gathered in a knot at the top of the head, and is fastened with golden bolkins, and adorned with flowers. They all wear trousers. Their tiny shoes are of satin, silk, or velvet beautifully worked with gold, silver, and colored silks.

The soles are formed of layers of papers, one or two inches in thickness, and covered outside with white leather made of pigskin. The little girls are very becomingly attired in short dresses fastened at the throat, and worn over the full trousers.

The hair, which is combed back from the forehead, hangs down on each side, and the back hair is plaited into one or two long braids, in which style it remains until the young lady is about to become a bride, when the more matronly fashion is adopted, and the braids and curls are formed into a knot interwoven with flowers and jewels.

The lower orders in the town, men, women, and children, all wear loose gowns of nankeen cloth, usually dyed with blue, without collars. The laboring men in the country work in large cotton trousers, with or without a gown over them, and a broad bamboo hat, which answers the purpose of an umbrella, to shield them from the sun and the rain.

Chat-Chat.

"No, Laura, No! They do not 'open the champagne' with a can opener, they do it with a corkscrew. How little, alas, do women know about politics."

We would not strike a woman under any circumstances, but we must acknowledge that when we see a girl wearing one of those horrible garments known as "Mother Hubbard's," we feel inclined to give her a belt.

"I think it's outrageous," said Mrs. Sparrowgrass. "Here it says in the paper that St. John has been nominated for president. It's tall enough making fun of live people, but when they begin laughing in the apostles it certainly is too much."

Puggles is greatly mashed on a young girl from the east who is visiting friends here. The other day he took her out for a drive and they passed a place where an old farmer was carting straw from an old stack and scattering it over his field to enrich it.

"What is that he is doing?" said she. "Oh, he's putting out straw in his field," replied Puggles. "Ah, me. So he's planting straw, is he? And in a few days he'll raise those dear delightful strawberries that you have in the west."

A New York schoolma'am complains that too much favoritism is shown by the school trustees. She says pretty teachers are promoted to the exclusion of their plainer sisters, although the latter may be more intelligent. 'Twas ever thus. The pretty teacher is also frequently promoted to the position of wife to the exclusion of the homely teachers,—and about a year after marriage she wishes she was single and teaching the fourth class in the primary department.

A young lady in Ulster county, New York, called at a lawyer's office in Kingston the other day, and asked to have suit begun against a former lover for breach of promise. "He promised to marry me four times," she said, "but he hasn't kept his word, and my affections are all blighted." "How much damage do you wish to claim?" said the polite lawyer. "Well I was blighted four times, and I think \$100 dollars a blight is none too much." So suit was entered at \$400 damages for four blights.

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Ladies' Silk Velvet and Oriental Lace Collarets 25c., former price \$1.50.
A line of Linen Collars, turned down, 5c., worth 15c.
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