

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The first kindergarten was opened by Froebel in 1873 at Brandenburg, Germany, and fifteen years afterward he died. This short period was sufficient to establish a system of education that has made life different for little children. When the King of Prussia, in 1851, forbade the establishing of kindergartens, the old man died of a broken heart, not dreaming that his life work had been a noble success.

All that remains of the great temple of Zeus, which was 700 years in building, is to be found about 150 yards from the foot of the Acropolis at Athens. The ruins consists of sixteen columns of the Corinthian order, 61-2 feet in diameter and 69 feet high. It was the second largest temple erected by the Greeks, one superior to it in size being the temple of Diana at Ephesus. According to a legend its foundation was built by Daikalion, the Greek Noah, who from this point witnessed the waters of the flood subside. An opening in the ground is said to be the orifice through which the flood disappeared.

The smallest kingdom in the world is Monaco, which is only fifty-three and a quarter miles in circuit, including Monte Carlo. The capital, Monaco, containing 1000 inhabitants, is perched upon a rocky promontory rising perpendicularly about 200 feet above the sea level. For the consideration of \$2,400,000 and an annual rent of \$30,000 M. Blanc in 1863 was permitted to establish his gambling house at Monte Carlo. No native of Monte Carlo or Monaco was to be permitted to enter the house, but strangers are present at all times of the year and furnish good support to the institution.

In the calendar of the nations there are quite a number of "black" days. "Black Monday" was April 14, 1860, a day so dark and cold that many of the army of Edward III, King of England, which lay before the City of Paris, were frozen to death. An immense bush fire occurred on "Black Thursday" in Australia, February 6, 1851. Two events are commemorated by "Black Friday" in England—December 6, 1755, when the news reached England that the Pretender had arrived at Derby, and May 11, 1866, when the failure of Overland, Gurney & Co. brought on a most disastrous panic. A panic in New York occurred September 25, 1869, which was afterward known as "Black Friday." "Black Saturday" is the name applied to August 4, 1821, when a great storm occurred at the time Parliament was sitting to enforce Episcopacy upon the people.

The word "bedlam" is a corruption of the word "Bethlehem," and originated as a synonym for chaos at the time when the House of Bethlehem, occupied by a sisterhood of London, became an insane asylum. The treatment of the insane in the early part of the sixteenth century was not well understood and according to the theories then prevalent it was necessary to frighten the patient out of his lunacy. All sorts of awful expedients were resorted to, among them "surprise floors," which slipped from under the feet; "surprise baths," and floggings at the periods of most severe illness. Hence the name "bedlam," the result of incorrect spelling, possibly, came easily to stand for awful things.

1000-MILE AUTOMOBILE TRIAL.

One of the noteworthy results of the great trial is the confirmation that it affords of the continuous working capacity of the little high-speed motors, which so many engineers and others not acquainted with their performance under severe conditions seem to think is the vulnerable part of a motor carriage. It may safely be said that, on the whole the motor itself may be depended upon to give less trouble than any other part of the car machinery. On the other hand, even the best tires on the heavy cars suffered severely, and experience showed that the cost of fuel per mile run was not more than from one-fifth to one-half the cost of the tires. It is, therefore, only half the truth to say of motor cars that it is the pace that kills; for, so far as tires at least are concerned, it may equally be said that it is the weight that kills. The limit to weight which rubber can carry, without easy destruction at common speeds, has already been reached, both with pneumatic and with solid tires; but the limit to improvements which will reduce weight is at present far off.

**She Like most Women Was Very Fond of**

A cup of Tea  
And Had become accustomed  
To the use of Japan  
Still There was  
Just a peculiar Something  
About the infusion  
That she Never quite liked  
So she pondered  
And pondered  
To decide what it was  
Horrid thought  
Paint  
Yes  
This was it  
Because the scum  
And greenish sediment  
Indicated  
Nothing else  
Now  
She was a prudent woman  
So she argued  
That a remedy must be sought  
For while Prussian Blue  
And Paris Green  
Were all Right in their place  
They were  
Out of place  
In her Tea  
And Must be injurious  
So  
She got nervous  
And irritable  
And told her doctor  
Of her fears  
You are right  
Said he  
Do as I do  
And  
He told her how he did it  
He bought the new  
Uncolored  
Green Tea  
From Ceylon and India  
Sold in the  
Sealed lead packets of  
The "Salada" Tea Co  
And declared  
That no Japan Tea  
In the world  
Could begin to equal it  
Then,  
Its Pure and Healthful  
Said he  
So she bought it too  
And  
Women like  
Is worrying again  
Because  
She did not find  
The remedy  
Sooner

RULES TO FOLLOW.

- Do not engage in argument.
- Do not interrupt another when speaking.
- Do not find fault, though you may generally criticize.
- Do not talk of your private, personal and family matters.
- Do not appear to notice inaccuracies of speech of others.
- Do not always commence a conversation by allusion to the weather.
- Do not, when narrating an incident, continually say "you see," "you know" &c.
- Do not intrude professional or other topics that the company generally cannot take an interest in.
- Do not talk very loud. A firm, clear, distinct voice, yet mild, gentle and musical voice has great power.
- Do not be absent-minded, requiring

**Blood Disorders**

are simply kidney disorders. The kidneys filter the blood of all that shouldn't be there. The blood passes through the kidneys every three minutes. If the kidneys do their work no impurity or cause of disorder can remain in the circulation longer than that time. Therefore if your blood is out of order your kidneys have failed in their work. They are in need of stimulation, strengthening or doctoring. One medicine will do all three, the finest and most imitated blood medicine there is

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the speaker to repeat what has been said that you may understand.  
Do not speak disrespectfully of personal appearance when any one present may have the same defects.  
Do not try to force yourself into the confidence of others. If they give their confidence never betray it.  
Do not use vulgar terms, slang phrases, words of double meaning or language that will bring a blush to any one.  
Do not intersperse your conversation with foreign words and high-sounding terms. It shows affectation and will draw ridicule upon you.  
Do not carry on conversation with another in company about matters which the general company know nothing of. It is almost as impolite as to whisper.

ATMOSPHERIC RESISTANCE.

There is a dispute in regard to the atmospheric resistance exerted on a moving train. Some claim that every section which can catch the wind—every flag, bolt, bar or strip of molding—contributes just so much to increase friction and retard speed, and at first the proposition seems absolutely sound. On the other hand, however, there are a number of engineers who insist that a train going at high speed is enveloped in a coating of air, which moves with it, and presents a smooth surface to the surrounding atmosphere, regardless of projections and irregularities on the sides of the cars themselves. The first theory was recently tested by the much-talked-about "wind-splitting" train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The entire engine was provided with a shield fitting over the front of the smokestack like the prow of a cruiser, and the cars were incased in a sheathing that made the exterior one smooth and unbroken surface, from end to end. Although this train developed remarkable speed, it did not meet expectations, and is now being rebuilt to correct certain mechanical defects. When it is given its final tests, accurate measurements of resistance, friction and so on will be made, and then, at last there will be something definite upon which to base our calculations. Strange to say there is no existing data on the subject of atmospheric pressures. The "wind-splitter" advocates claim that their style of construction will decrease the air friction of a train fully 40 per cent and effect a saving of about 20 per cent in fuel. If that proves to be the case, the railroads of the country will not be long in adopting it, especially as the system can be applied to old cars without any great expense.

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