

occupation with all the cheer and shores of the sea water and merriment open air life, packing and canning sardines. The wildest and pleasure is in the art of the fishes, and many of the have never been away from their town.

THE WORLD'S MAIL

acts About the Postal Business of the World.

thirds of all the letters which through the post-offices of the are written by and sent to people speak English. There are sub- 500,000,000 persons speaking

one or another of the ten chief modern languages, and about twenty-five per cent. 100,000 persons, speak English. 90,000 persons speak Russian, 75,000, German, 55,000, French, 45,000, Spanish, 35,000, Italian and 12, Portuguese, and the balance, Dutch, Polish, Flemish, Gaelic, Roumanian, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian, while only one-quarter of those employ the facilities of the postal services of civilized governments as their native tongue, English, and of those who correspond do the English language.

situation arises from the fact, large a share of the commercialism of the world is done in, even among those who do not English as their native language. There are, for instance, more than 10,000 post offices in India, the of which in letters and par- gages more than 300,000,000 a year, and the business of offices is done chiefly in English. Of India's total population nearly 300,000,000, fewer than persons either speak or understand.

In 90,000,000 speak or understand, the busyness of the Russian department is relatively the number of letters sent out the Czar's empire amounting less than one tenth the number in Great Britain alone, though that of Great Britain is con- less than one-half of the pop- ulation of Russia in Europe.

southern and Central American in which either Spanish or Portuguese is spoken do comparative post office business, the total of letters posted and collected in all the countries of Central America and the Indies being less than in Australia and Argentina, are, in only two South American in which any important pos- sibility is done, and most of the received from or sent to foreign are not in Spanish, but in French, German or Italian.

EARTH'S CLOUD-BELT.

er in Knowledge makes a vivid of the great belt of clouds, three hundred miles in breadth, surrounds the earth a little the equator. Within this belt, incessantly falls, some sheets, and the wind seldom before the invention of steam- vessels becalmed in the "clouds" sometimes drifted helpless for

Even now the crossing of this everything is surcharged with a disagreeable ex- perience, voyagers going from the South Atlantic Ocean, or sea. The belt can be traced natorial Africa and across the Isthmus, and the great rivers, Orinoco, Niger, Nile and others in these rain-soaked regions are like exhaustless re-

The cause of the equatorial belt is connected with the trade in the course of a year it north and south over a dis- tance of about three times its width.

ACAULEY'S MEMORY.

acon Farrar in a recent rem- says that when a young man Macauley name every woman had been executed in England. then asked if he could name any archbishops, "Oh, yes," he "any schoolboy could do it." The Archdeacon says that Ma- memory made him the most fully informed man that ever

NO WONDER.

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READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

interesting Items Which Will Be Found Worth Reading.

The members of the French Legisla- ture each receive \$1,800 per annum. A member who is twice called to order during a sitting forfeits half his salary for two weeks.

The Arabs show their friendliness when meeting, by shaking hands six or eight times. Arabs of distinction go beyond this; they embrace and kiss each other several times.

The loud quacking of a lot of ducks, in the way to market on a Kansas rail- road, annoyed a brakeman. He effectively muzzled them by slipping rubber bands over their bills.

Mrs. Minnie Heinzelman, of Sheboy- gan, Wis., fell into a trance which lasted for twenty-eight days. Although apparently in deep slumber, she was conscious of everything passing around her.

Some of the New York hotels serve alcoholic stimulants to afternoon tea parties, and the ladies seem to best relish this form of beverage when it is placed before them in delicate China teacups.

The daisy did not grow in the South- ern states until after the civil war. The explanation of its appearance there is, that the seed was transported in the hay sent from the North to feed the army horses.

It was the custom of James Legge, professor of Chinese in the University of Oxford, to rise every morning at three o'clock and to sleep only five hours a day. He recently died, at the age of eighty-two.

A Chicago shoe dealer has a neat way of drawing patronage. He marks all his shoes one size less than they really are. A woman with a No. 4 foot can therefore be easily fitted with a No. 3 in his store.

Stationary beds are rarely found in the houses of the Japanese. When the hour for retiring has come, mattresses and bed-covering are brought out from chests, where they are stored during the day, and spread on the matted floor.

A crooked toe will prevent a man from being enlisted in the army. It has been demonstrated that men with crooked toes cannot endure long marches.

A young lady in Bethany, Mo., was locked in her room, by her parents, to keep her from her sweetheart. She had a ring belonging to him, and he had her arrested for failing to return it. He went on her bond in court, and the hastened with her to a minister, in whose house he married her.

A queer form of lunacy has attacked an old man in Derby, Conn. He believes that he holds an order from the Lord for 1,000 violins, to be used in the heavenly choir. He has already made twenty-three of them, and will deliver them only to an express messenger who comes direct from heaven.

In the ladies' billiard-room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, if a gentleman thoughtlessly removes his coat, thinking to gain greater freedom in handling his cue, a watchful waiter instantly supplies him with a "lounge jacket." The ladies then modestly close their eyes, and do not open them again until assured by the ringing of a bell that the gentleman's shirt sleeves have been covered.

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CREW PRAISE CAPTAIN'S DARING.

Buried in Billows Raised by a Hurricane Capt. Woodward Risked His Life—The Bo'sun's Story.

Capt. Woodward, of the British four-masted bark, Dunfermline, from Calcutta, now lying at New York, performed a clever bit of seamanship, at the risk of his life, in the South Atlantic. Bo'sun John Ross told the story of the captain's pluck as follows:

"We were in latitude 27 south, when, at four bells of the second dog-watch, there came a hurricane which worked all around the compass. Six bells of the midnight watch, all hands were ordered to take in all sails.

"Only the captain and men to handle the halyards were left on deck, while twenty of us were struggling aloft in a wind that strong it knocked the breath out of you. But it was too late to save all the canvas. The foresail burst and went ballooning before the hurricane and was followed by the topsails. They went with reports like a bunch of rapid-fire guns. Bang went the mizzen lower topsail, too."

"As I was coming down the lee shrouds I saw a broadside of green sea wash hatch No. 3 clean off. The tar-paulin's washed off hatch No. 3, sir!" I bawls out to Capt. Woodward, who doesn't hesitate. Seeing that the carpenter had been knocked out by the first sea aboard, the captain grabs an axe and a bag of wedges and goes for the hatch. He did his work like a sailor as knows how."

"All the time the seas were making clean pushes over the deck. While the captain was hammering away he was sometimes completely buried. I thought he was a gone goose, but, blow me! he made a shipshape job of it, and we weathered the hurricane under main and fore lower topsails."

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Returned Traveler, wrestling with his memory.—Of course, of course. Delighted to see you looking so well. And how are the dear children?

Returned Traveler—I meant to ask how is your family, meaning of course, your husband?

Miss Antique—Husband? I never had a husband, sir.

Returned Traveler—Er—of course not; just a little pleasure of mine, you know; I mean, of course, your brother, whom you love as much as any one could love a hus-

Miss Antique—I never had a brother.

Returned Traveler—Um—er—of course not; just joking, you know. How is your—your—er—Did you ever have a mother?

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