

CURIOUS FACTS.

The average of human life is about 70 years.

The mean depth of the sea is from four to five miles.

There are about 100,000 Shakers in the United States.

It rains three times as much in Ireland as it does in Italy.

There are 2,000 seeds of oats in a pound, and 686,400 seeds of white clover.

Red and green are the colors which the color blind are least able to appreciate.

In perceiving the tints of scarlet, our eyes are affected by undulations recurring 482,000,000.

Salvation is a recent word and an Americanism. It is found in English dictionaries of 1826-36.

The American Bible Society, since its formation, 61 years ago, has issued 88,893,911 copies of the Bible.

The coinage of the United States mints for April aggregates 6,061,100 pieces, valued at \$11,169,900.

At a prize exhibition for India muslins a piece ten yards long and one yard wide weighed less than four ounces.

Among the Athenians the perforation of the ears was a mark of nobility; with the Hebrews and Romans it indicated servitude.

In 1830 the native Christians in India-Burma and North and South Ceylon numbered 27,000. Last October there were 400,000.

Dogs in a state of nature never bark, they whine or growl. The explosive is only found among those which have been domesticated.

The average English and American brain is said to weigh 45.7 ounces against French, 44.6; German, 44.1; Italian, 44; negro, 46.5.

The pitch of note produced by the wings of the gnat in the act of flying is two octaves higher than the highest note of a seven octave piano.

In England, in the time of Alfred, every man was a soldier. No slave was permitted to carry arms. The very gift of a weapon conferred freedom.

There was once a curious saying in England, "When once hump is spun, England is done," which became a prophecy fulfilled when James I. ascended the throne, by the death of those sovereigns whose initials spelled the fatal word, Henry, Edward, Mary, Philip (Mary's Spanish husband), Elizabeth. "England was done," then, since James of Scotland was king.

At Chemnitz, in Saxony, Prof. Cyriax, a celebrated German medium, caused a leg of veal to be brought from his family butcher's shop solely through his power of willing. One morning as he was leaving his house upon a round of business calls, his wife asked him to order the leg of veal in question; but he forgot to do so. That evening, during a sojourn, over which he was presiding, the leg of veal flashed across his mind. Forthwith he caused himself to be thrown into a spiritual trance, and as soon as he felt thoroughly rapport with his supernatural communicants, he confided his order to one of them with the deferential request that it be then and there conveyed to the butcher. At that very moment the tradesman became impressed with the conviction that, come what might, it would be his imperative duty to send a leg of veal to Prof. Cyriax's house the first thing next morning, and he did so.

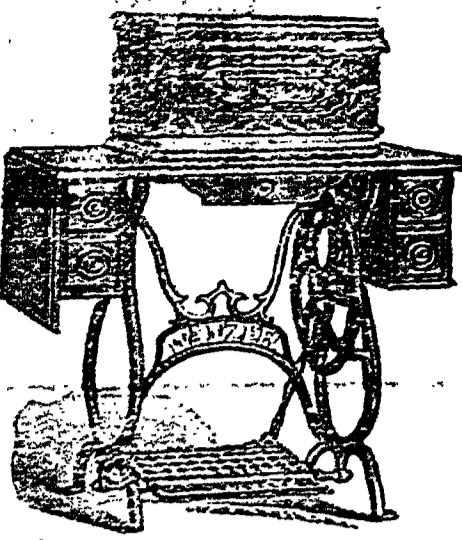
THE REAL WILLIAM TELL.

The True Tail of William Tell: William Tell ran a hay-ranch near Bergeon about 550 years ago. Tell had lived in the mountains all his life and shot chamois and chipmunks with a cross-gun till he was a bad man to stir up. At that time Switzerland was run principally by a lot of carpet-baggers from Austria, and Tell got down on them about the year 1308. It seems that Tell wanted the government contract to furnish hay at \$46 a ton for the year 1306, and Gessler, who was controlling the patronage of Switzerland, let the contract to an Austrian who had a big lot of condemned hay farther up the gulch. One day Gessler put his plug hat up on a telegraph pole, and issued order 236, regular series, to the effect that every snoozer who passed down the toll road should bow to it. Gessler happened to be in behind the bush when Tell went by, and he noticed that Bill said "Shoot the hat" and didn't salute it" so he told his men to gather Mr. Tell in and put him in the refrigerator. Gessler told him that if he would shoot a crab apple from the head of his only son, at two hundred yards, with a cross-gun he would give him his liberty. Tell consented and knocked the apple higher than Gilroy's kite. Old Gessler, however, noticed another arrow in William's girdle, and he asked what kind of a flower brake that was. Tell told him that if he had killed the kid instead of bursting the apple, he intended to drill a hole through the stomach of Mr. Gessler. This made Gessler mad again, and he took Tell on a picnic up the river in irons. Tell jumped off when he got a good chance, and cut across a bend in the river, and when the picnic party came down he shot Gessler deader than a mackerel. -Laramie City Boomerang.

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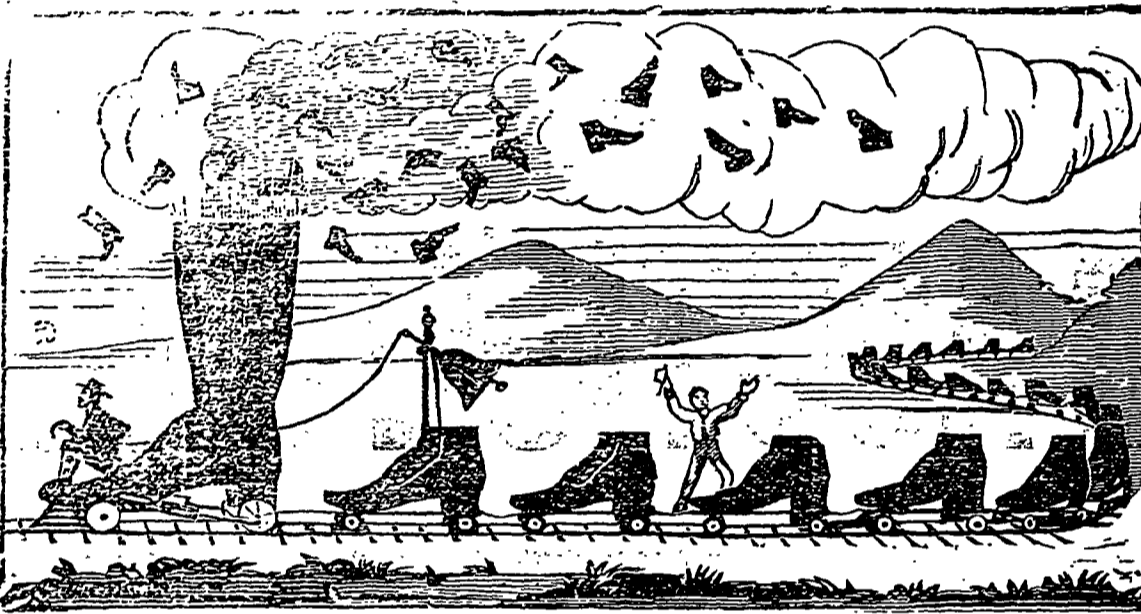
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Amelia Wells, the queen of the Cypriotes, is said to be worth \$1,000,000. Baron Albinus is the subject of the most powerful men in England. King Kalakaua is gazetted a Grand Cross of St. Michael and George.

Garibaldi is living as usual with his sons. He is not sought after by curious visitors merely.

Two of Prime Minister Sir Peel's grandsons, Lords James Canons, sit in the House of Lords; the latter is a Roman Catholic.

Edmond du Mortier de Launay the last living descendant of the Lafayette. He is a Senator of the Council-General of the Haute-Savoie, and lives in Paris, where he corresponds to the Boston Herald. He expects to visit the Yorktown anniversary, and speaks with interest of the migration of America.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Some Chaps Who Had a Dime.

Thousands of men have envied Stewart, Vanderbilt, Mackay, Gould, and the other fellows who buy strawberries at \$1 per box, the richest of them are mere vagrants compared to some of the ancients. There was Ninus, for instance, who was the son of Nimrod, the old who made lions scratch for holes, tigers take to ditches. Old Ninus his boy \$180,000,000 in cash, 120,000 cattle, a piece of land as big as Arkansas, and 14,000 likely slaves. There were no lawyers in those days who made a specialty in breaking and gobbling estates, and Ninus quickly took possession of about for some plan to keep him of the poor house. He was a poor young man, and had he been riding out in a livery rig, his would have said he would bring a parcel. By a lucky capture of slaves, 325,000 cattle, ten wagons of silver and jewels, and a few trifles, Ninus worked up the social scale. He bought a house for his babies and he could lose three or four billiards without wondering if the of the saloon would take a star. He was worth \$350,000,000 when he died, and yet for the last five years of his life he went without mutton; the price had raised to three cent pound.

The heiress with a \$50,000 he count considers herself some pun but what a three cent piece would have been along with Queen Semiramis. She not only the lucre left by Ninus, but in ten she had increased it four fold. multiply \$350,000,000 by two and have the amount of her bank balance to say nothing of jewels and cloths and furniture and palaces and slaves and cattle. Had she sold out and cleared up she could have drawn her little for about \$700,000,000. She worry about where her spring dress goods came out she didn't care nights for fear some neighbor would secure a pattern first. While she it lively for her enemies she was her friends. She gave her waiting half a million dollars in a lump, dressing her hair in a new style, she tossed the same amount to her maker as a reward for the excellence of one particular. One day when saw a poor old man travelling the way on foot, she presented him 500 asses to ride on, and insisted on accepting \$50,000 to pay his toll tavern bills.

Cyrus, King of Persia from the 538 to 530, had some little change in with, and in ten years he could his check for \$500,000,000. He haggled over the price of a slave man came to buy, but presented with 1,000. He at one time owned 1000 horses, 30,000 cattle, 200,000 15,000 asses and 25,000 slaves when he got tired of a palace of \$1,000,000 he gave it away to poor washerwoman with seven to support. He one day sat down to dinner which had cost \$30,000, the afternoon he went on a drunk. The police didn't run or he would doubtless have been paying a fine of \$20,000 and presenting his Honor with a corner house in the toniest part of Babylon.

King Menes was another well man. It was two much trouble count his cash, and so he weighed One day when an old friend asked for the loan, of a few dollars Saturday night he sent him a process of sixty asses, each animal loaded 150 pounds of gold coin. He paid \$1,000 for a bird which could whistle same for a trick dog, and he had fondness for white oxen that he sent out \$25,000 apiece for them, and time he had a drove of 2,000. When got out with the boys he made lively. During one spree in his Memphis, he gave away \$400,000, didn't get dead drunk at that time he had 600,000 gold chains, 100,000 finger rings, 100,000 cost \$200,000 daggers, and land only how many fish lines. Jack knives, screws and tobacco boxes. His was \$1,000,000 a year as pin money, when his eldest son went up to the go see the elephant, he was followed 500 friends, 1,000 slaves, 2,000 and \$500,000 for fare checks and money.