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The gondolas of Venice are being gradually displaced by little steamboats.

More than 1,800 varieties of roses have been cultivated during the present century.

Forty-four scortchers were fined $5 each in the recorder's court in Detroit one morning last week.

The Schiller-Stiftung, in Germany, distributed last year more than 12,000 marks among the indigent families of authors.

Rossini used to embrace effusively every Spaniard he met, because, "but for Spain Italy would be last among the nations."

Copper coins are not in use at Johannesburg at all, the lowest piece of money being the threepenny bit—called "tickey."

An ostrich lives about thirty years, and the average annual yield of a bird in captivity is from two to four pounds of plumes.

Green Flake, one of the three colored men who were in the band of pioneer Mormons who founded Salt Lake City, is still alive in Idaho.

The queen reigns over one continent, one hundred peninsulas, five hundred promontories, one thousand lakes, two thousand rivers and ten thousand islands.

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Suspected a Mistake.

"Sim Wilkison has two mighty smart boys," remarked Mrs. Corntossel. "One of 'em hez gone to town an' learnt to paint; they say he puts a lot of atmosphere in his work."

"Maudy, ain't you thinkin' about the other boy?"

"His brother?"

"Yes; the one that learnt to play the cornet."—Washington Star.

Even the Owls.

She had just returned from a visit to Boston.

"Is it true," asked an acquaintance, "that there is an air of culture and educational refinement plainly noticeable in the speech of Boston residents?"

"My dear," she replied impressively, "even the owls around Boston hoot 'To whom!' instead of 'To whoo!' as in the west."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Son of Erin.

An Irish officer who had the misfortune to be dreadfully wounded in one of the battles in Holland was lying on the ground, and an unfortunate soldier who was near him, and was also severely wounded, made a terrible howling, when the officer exclaimed:

"Hold yer row, will ye? Do you think there is nobody killed but yourself?"—Tit-Bits.

His Treatment.

Yeast—What is Soakley being treated for?

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STEERING BY A STAR.

Sailors Can Keep the Course Better This Way Than by a Compass.

In St. Nicholas there is an article on "Steering Without a Compass" by Gustave Kobbe. The author says:

That sailors prefer not to steer by compass must have struck you as one curious fact. Here is another. A steersman can keep his ship better on her course at night, if it be clear, than during the day. "Look ahead, get a star, and steady her head by it." So says the A. B. of the ocean to the sailor who has not yet won his degree. For to the helmsman the stars are like the pillar of fire in Scripture. They are the hands on the dial of the night. They twinkle "good-evening" to poor Jack as he sits up aloft or stands at the helm, and wink "good-morning" and "good-by" to him with daylight. It is obvious that the "to" or "off" movement of a vessel can be more quickly detected by a small, bright object like a star dead ahead than by the monotonous sweep of the horizon, or by peering into the compass-box. The same ancient mariner who told me about measuring the length of the off and in shore legs by the life of candles, told me that once, when the oil in the binnacle-lamps gave out and he was steering by a star, he occasionally struck a match and looked at the compass "to see if the star had moved any." He was a genuine "sea-cook," this ancient mariner, being steward of the vessel on which I was sailing; and he would bob up out of the cook's galley amidships like a seal bobbing up through a hole in the ice, and proceed to spin yarns.

When the lookout sings out, "Land ho!" and has replied to the officer's "Where away?" a star over the rock or other danger may be noted and brought down in line with the point on the compass, and its proper bearing obtained.

"The stars," said a sea-captain to me, "move apparently from east to west, so that when we find our first star will no longer do, we select another. This is the case with all but the north or pole star, which is in line with two certain stars in the Great Bear or Dipper, and the orbit is so small that it is a good guide for all night; and we can even detect an error of the compass by it."

The north star is of course as true as, or even truer than, the most accurate compass. To the "other things" that sailors steer by, the compass is, however, what steam is to electricity. To produce an electric light you require a dynamo; to run the dynamo you need steam. You may feel the wind on your moist brow or hand; but the direction from which it blows you can—except in case of the regular trade winds, or unless you are up in sea-lore—tell only from the compass. Then by sailing close to the wind you can keep on that course without looking at the compass. But the sailors naturally have a large accumulation of weather-lore; and in addition in the "trades" there are, except in case of violent storms, certain regularities in the winds in certain parts of the ocean, and certain other recurring signs, which the helmsman can utilize, and which often enable him to dispense with the compass altogether. For instance, if in standing south to round the Horn, you see the "Magellanic Clouds" (bright patches in the Milky Way) directly above the ship, change your course for the Straits of Magellan.

Cotton Crops for Ten Years.

The following table, compiled from the records of the Agricultural Department of the Government, shows the fluctuating character of the cotton crop during the past ten years:

Year	Average production per acre.	Average value per pound.	Average value per acre.
1886-87	163.56	10.25	16.76
1887-88	176.54	10.27	18.13
1888-89	173.65	10.71	18.60
1889-90	173.25	11.53	19.98
1890-91	196.68	9.03	17.76
1891-92	206.31	7.64	15.76
1892-93	176.15	8.24	14.51
1893-94	183.28	7.67	14.06
1894-95	193.63	6.26	12.12
1895-96	158.06	8.16	12.90
Average	180.71	8.84	15.98

For the ten years extending from 1886 to 1896 the average cotton crop covered 20,000,000 acres; the smallest 18,000,000 acres and the largest 23,700,000 acres.—Atlanta Constitution.

New Facts About Trees.

It seems to be well understood that a man is taller at morning than at night, but it has remained for a young woman named Fry to discover that the boughs of trees hang much higher in winter than in summer. Doubtless the low hang of the summer is because of the weight of the leaves, but it is a surprising thing that the difference is so great as reported by Miss Fry. She found a certain branch of a mulberry tree was thirty-one inches higher in December than in August, and a weight of thirty-five pounds was not enough to make the bough assume its August altitude in December.

Lonelyville Thoughtfulness.

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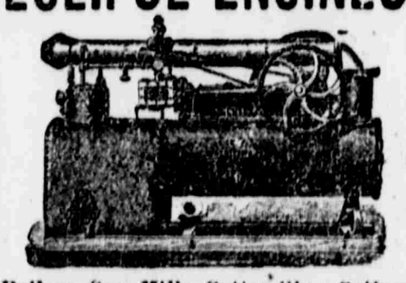

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