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A PIECE of solid steel will float on water, if it be small enough and slightly greased. A common sewing-needle, especially if it be a new one, when placed gently on the surface of water, floats.

WE can see the sun after he has sunk below the horizon. This is due to atmospheric refraction, which apparently raises the sun thirty-four sixtieths of a degree. His apparent diameter is only thirty-one sixtieths of a degree.

LIGHT, which makes everything else visible, is itself invisible. If light itself were visible, the sky at night, beyond the shadow caused by the earth, would be one blaze of light, since the sun's rays are everywhere traversing space.

THE human eye does not see things, neither does what we call sight penetrate space. The eye is simply like a telescope for receiving rays of light. It is the brain only that sees. In this sense, the fingers do not feel, the ear does not hear, the tongue does not taste, nor does the nose smell.

SNOW is not white, neither is it opaque. It is composed of small, star-shaped crystals, which, when examined separately, are seen to be as transparent as water. Snow is white only in the sense that water, when falling over a precipice, is white. In each case the whiteness is due to inclosed air. — Golden Days.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

FROM 90,000 to 120,000 hairs grow in a human scalp.

THE estimated population of the world is 1,450,000,000.

THERE is only one sudden death among women to every eight among men.

ON July 6 the earth is farther away from the sun than at any other time.

OF the white population in America 8 per cent. is unable to either read or write.

FARM lands in the United States, taking the country as a whole, occupy only 289 acres in every 1,000.

A HEALTHY adult, doing an ordinary amount of work, will require from ten to twelve ounces of meat a day.

TO COMPLETE their growth the mills of the left hand require eight or ten days more than those of the right.

A GRAIN of fine sand would cover one hundred of the minute scales of the human skin, and yet each of these scales in turn covers from three hundred to five hundred pores.

THERE are about one hundred and five women to every one hundred men; one-quarter of the population of the world die before the age of seventeen years, only one in one thousand lives to be one hundred years old, and only six in one thousand reach seventy-five.

POINTS ABOUT THE MEN.

THE man who pays his rent has to hustle, and the man who does not has to keep moving. — Utica Observer.

THERE is nothing more discouraging to a man than thoughts of how great he intended to be. — Atchison Globe.

THE chances are that the man who hates himself has studied himself pretty thoroughly. — Milwaukee Sentinel.

EVERY man is the architect of his own fortune. And it's lucky for the most of us that there's no building inspector about.

YOU may be sure that a man has a very angelic disposition if he never gets mad when he fails to guess a riddle. — Somerville Journal.

A PHILOSOPHER is a man who can feel as easy over his own troubles as he does over his neighbor's. There are no philosophers. — Atchison Globe.

IT is a man's duty to work for his daily bread, but a good many men are fools to work so hard as they do for a little cake and pie. — Somerville Journal.

THE sun tells the truth about a man when it takes his picture, but the photographer has to do a good deal of lying with his retouching pencil before he can sell it to him.

BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

FLATTERY will win a woman's love where love will fail.

IT's easier to pop the question than to question pop afterwards. — Pittsburgh Chronicle.

THE ship of matrimony has a companion, but there is no husband and wife who never find it.

ANXIOUS makes the heart grow fonder, but presents sometimes have the same effect. — Chicago Figaro.

A MAN who writes affirms that there is no such thing as absolute silence. If the man is married he is right about it.

A YOUNG man who has been rejected by a number of belles says he thinks American beauty is on the decline. — Washington Post.

IF people worked as hard after marriage to keep each other as they did before the engagement to win each other, marriage would be more of a success. — Atchison Globe.

IN SOCIETY'S REALM.

RAO baby parties are the latest Lenten diversion in Missouri.

THEY had canary birds flying about during a recent New York dinner party. It is considered bad form in England for women to do much talking at dinner parties.

A CLUSTER of fine ferns frozen in the heart of a block of ice decked a Philadelphia dinner table lately.

THE candles at Mrs. Roger A. Pryor's receptions, in New York city, stand in candlesticks two hundred years old.

AT a dinner given in New York the other night to thirty-three persons the bill was \$9,500, or just about \$200 a plate.

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