

sor,' said he, 'my watch was fifteen minutes out of the way. It's bothered me a good deal lately, but after this I shall put no more faith in it.'
'It's not faith you want in it,' replied the professor; 'it's works.'

AN INQUISITIVE BOY

'Papa,' said an inquisitive boy, 'don't fishes have legs?'
'They do not,' answered papa.
'Why don't they, papa?'
'Because fishes swim and don't require legs.'
Then he asked, 'Papa, ducks have legs, don't they?'
'Why, yes, ducks have legs.'
'Well, ducks swim, don't they?'
'Yes.'
'Then why don't fishes have legs, if ducks do? Or why don't ducks not have legs, if fishes don't?'
Papa gave it up.

AN EXTRA

The visitor to London was seated at a table in one of the expensive restaurants in the West End thinking of various things as he read over the bill of fare and observed the prices.
'By thunder!' he exclaimed to the waiter, 'haven't you got any conscience at all in this place?'
'Beg pardon?' returned the haughty servitor.
'Haven't you got any conscience—conscience—conscience? Don't you understand?'
The waiter picked up the bill of fare and began looking over it.
'I don't know if we have or not,' he said. 'If we have it's on the bill, if we ain't it's a extra. Them's the rules, sir.'

ODDS AND ENDS

Husband—Another new dress! Where do you suppose I shall get the money from to pay for it?
Wife—You must excuse me. I didn't marry you to give you financial advice.

Daughter—But he is so full of absurd ideals. Mother—Never mind that, dear. Your father was just the same before I married him.

In an advertisement by a railway company of some uncalled for goods the letter 'L' has been by an accident dropped from the word 'Lawful,' and it now reads: 'People to whom these packages are directed are requested to come forward and pay the awful charges on the same.'

FAMILY FUN

A letter out of brandy,
A letter out of wine,
A letter out of rank,
A letter out of file,
A letter out of finger,
A letter out of knee,
And the name of a town
In Europe you'll see.

Answer—Berlin.

My first a beverage is used
In almost every land;
My second—ah! but wait a bit—
My third is in a band.
My second, if you find it out,
Will surely solve my riddle,
And if you do, I promise true
I will find you in the middle.
And then, if you reverse my whole,
You will see without much trying,
That I am used by everyone
In speech for qualifying.

Answer—Tub, But.

My first, an animal, is known
In nearly every house to dwell;
My second is an article
Found useful when a tale we tell.
If you my third would like to find
Go where my lady's glossy hair
Around an ornament is twined,
And you'll be sure to see it there,
My ancient whole once held the dead,
And sheltered many a Christian's head.

Answer—Catacomb.

All Sorts

The great anaesthetic, chloroform, was discovered by Guthrie in 1831, and was first employed in surgical operations in 1847.

The Emperor of China has a household consisting of 500 persons, including thirty bearers of State umbrellas, an equal number of fan-bearers, thirty physicians and surgeons, seventy-five astrologers, seventy-six cooks, and sixty bonzes.

The angler sallies forth again,
And by the brooklet's shore
Doth idly lie and fish and then
Goes home and lies some more.

According to a well-known authority the English language is spoken by 650,000,000 people, Russian by 235,000,000, German by 215,000,000, and French by only 90,000,000. Then follow Italian, spoken by 70,000,000, and Spanish by 65,000,000. The statistics were collected for the purpose of advancing the cause of the English language as the diplomatic tongue, instead of the French.

The British Museum owes its existence to a lottery, the Archbishop of Canterbury being one of its promoters and directors. One hundred thousand tickets were sold at £3. each; £200,000 was devoted to prizes, ranging from £10 to £10,000; and the balance of £100,000 was placed to the British Museum Purchase Fund. With this sum Sir Hans Sloane's famous library and collection and the Harleian and Cotton manuscripts were acquired, and Montagu House was bought to place the treasures in.

According to the latest Chinese official investigation, the total number of Chinese in other countries is as follows, not including the students: Japan, 17,673; Russian Asia, 37,000; Hongkong, 314,391; Siam, 2,755,609; Burma, 134,560; Java, 1,825,700; Australia, 34,465; Europe, 1760; Corea, 11,200; Formosa, 74,506; Malaysia, 1,023,500; Annam, 197,300; the Philippines, 83,785; Africa, 200; America, 272,829. Total, 6,793,531.

India, the land of mystery, is rapidly coming to the front in various fields of industry. The Indian Empire possesses no fewer than fifteen coalfields, while iron is worked on an extensive scale in three districts, two of which are situated in the immediate vicinity of Calcutta. Nor are oil fields wanting; seventeen more or less important centres are engaged in this industry in the provinces of Bengal and Assam, while tobacco cultivation is another valuable asset to Assam as well as to Madras.

The lawyer shook his finger warningly at the witness and said: 'Now we want to hear just what you know, not what some one else knows, or what you think, or anything of that kind, but what you know. Do you understand?' 'Well, I know,' said the witness, with emphasis, as he leant forward easily in the box, 'I know that Jim Clay said that Bill Thomson told him that he heard John Thomas' wife tell Sid Smith's daughter that her husband was there when the fight took place, and that he said that they flung each other about in the meadow pretty considerable.'

It is unofficially said that the cost of the maiden voyage of the 'Lusitania' to New York, including everything, was £20,000. A report from the commissary department showed that on the passage from Liverpool to Sandy Hook there had been consumed aboard the 'Lusitania' 40,000 eggs, 4000 pounds of fresh fish, two tons of bacon and ham, 2000 pounds of best coffee, 2000 pounds of coffee for crew, 500 pounds of best tea, 650 pounds of tea for crew, 500 pounds of grapes, 100 pineapples, 1000 lemons, 25,000 pounds of fresh meat, 11,870 quarts of milk, 2675 quarts of cream, and 30,000 loaves of bread.

The English use of the capital 'I' is one of the oddest features of the language—to a foreigner. If a Frenchman writes with reference to himself he makes 'je' (the French equivalent of 'I') with a small 'j.' So with the German, who may use capitals to begin every noun; he always uses the small 'i' in writing 'ich.' The Spaniard avoids, as far as possible, the use of the personal pronoun when writing in the first person, but he always writes it 'yo,' taking pains, however, to begin the Spanish equivalent for our 'you' with a capital. In English it is surely big 'I' and little 'you' as the old saying has it.