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### THE FIRST BRITISH LINER

Her Engines Have Just Been Reassembled After Long Interruption. The engines of the *Sirius*, the first British steamship to cross the Atlantic, which are reported to have been salvaged off the coast of Cork after an immersion of over fifty years, deserve an honored place in one of our museums. The voyage of the *Sirius* from Queenstown to New York in 1845 has been compared not inaptly to the voyage of Columbus. The little vessel, which was no bigger than a tugboat, met strong head winds off the Irish coast, and the crew mutinied at what they considered a madcap attempt to cross the Atlantic. Lieut. Roberts of the royal navy enforced discipline at the point of the pistol; and the hazardous voyage was completed in eighteen and a half days. The brave Roberts left New York in command of the President in 1841, but from that day to this the vessel has not been heard of.—London Chronicle.

**How the Russian Soldiers Cook.** The Russian army has "a traveling kitchen," so that cooking can be done on the march. It consists of a cylindrical boiler, with a capacity of about forty gallons, and is fitted with a collapsible chimney. The boiler is mounted on a cart which is drawn by a mule or pony. Everything that the soldier can pick up on the march—fowls, ducks or pigs—is thrown into the pot to simmer as the column proceeds. Tea or soup can be served at a moment's notice.—Boston Transcript.

**The First Matches.** According to Horace Swan, of Rutland, Vt., matches were first brought into that State 73 years ago. They were introduced by the wholesale wagons which traversed the country at that time furnishing the stores with goods. The matches were packed 25 to the box, and cost the dealer 25 cents at wholesale.

**A Shirt Stud Watch.** An English watchmaker has just finished making a tiny watch in the form of a shirt stud. Its dial is two-sixteenths of an inch in diameter and it is to be worn with two other studs. By turning the upper stud the watch is wound, while by turning the lower one the hands are adjusted.

**Found in Rome.** An archeologist who is directing the excavations of the Forum, Rome, has found a heavy capstan with eight fixed levers of wood. The wood is perfectly preserved, while the iron fixtures have become oxidized.

### PENGUINS

Life is a game of penguins. It is easy to begin, but hard to stop. A little ice here and there vents a matrimonial storm. Some men had it under obligation that to give. Fortune is the only man who man likes to see at his side. Columbus sailed. The Columbus statue in front of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross was modeled and cast in bronze under the direction of Rev. John of East Cambridge. The statue, furnished, cut, and erected by Hogan, of Cambridgeport, Oct. 1892.

**Asphalt in 1888.** Asphalt was first used for pavements in Paris in 1838 and then the demand for this purpose warranted an annual production throughout the world of 450,000 to 500,000 metric tons of asphalt and bituminous rock. The consumption in the United States alone in one year is over 250,000 tons, which is equivalent to more than one-half the average production in the world.

**Great Salt Deposits of Oklahoma.** Oklahoma has enough salt to supply the markets of the world. The great salt reserve in the western part of the territory contains salt that is of unlimited depth and inexhaustible supply. Salt deposits are found in various parts of Western Oklahoma, and the manufacture of salt is estimated to be one of the great industries of that future State.

**Railroad Station.** The Boston terminal station of the South Union terminal, covers an area of 225,000 square feet. The track shed is 728 feet long and 576 feet wide. It contains 22 tracks. The Union station in St. Louis covers an area of 477,000 square feet. The track shed is 790 feet long and 600 feet wide. It contains 30 tracks.

**Wives as Game Reservoirs.** The Emperor of Anam uses his wives to retrieve the game he shoots. Sometimes a wife is drowned in swimming after a bird, and sometimes she is accidentally shot, but the emperor's harem is large.

## TRUE THROUGH ALL

EDWARD OXENFORD. *Allegretto.* FREDERICK PRESTON. *Allegretto.*

1. I watch the sil-ry riv-er wind-ing, Thro' the flow'r be-jew-el'd lea, And  
 2. I home-ward wend a-cross the mer-d-ows, As the light is fad-ing fast, And

whis-pers rise, my heart re-mind-ing Of the words once breathed to me! For  
 unuse-a-mid the cheq-uer'd shad-ow, On the prom-ise of the past! I

here, one gold-en eve in sum-mer, Just one lit-tle year a-go, I  
 won-der has he love de-nied me, Quite for-got one year a-go? When

heard, a-bove the rip-ples' mur-mur, Vows he ut-tered sweet and low—The  
 joy! a-gain he stands be-side me, And I hear him whis-per low—The

days may come, The days may go, And years may pass a-way—The

stream of youth-tide cease to flow, And gold-en turn to gray—The

mark the words I breathe to you, What-e'er may come be-fall—The

heart my love, will still be true, Will still be true thro' all—The