

The first steamship that ever crossed the Atlantic, sailed from Savannah for Liverpool on the 29th of May 1819 and made the voyage in 22 days. She was telegraphed at Liverpool as a ship on fire, and a revenue cutter was dispatched to her relief, when the officers and crew were struck with astonishment at not being able to overtake a vessel under bare sails.

Lucretia Borgia was the daughter of Alexander the sixth and sister of Cesare. She lived in the latter part of the fifteenth century. She had numberless lovers and was married three times, divorced once and widowed twice. Poets and men of letters were numbered among her suitors.

King William was crowned the 16th of October 1841. In his address delivered on the 15th he said; "The rulers of Prussia receive their crown from God; Tomorrow therefore I shall take the crown from the Lord's table, and place it on my head. This is the meaning of the expression 'King by the grace of God,' and therein lies the sanctity of the crown which is inviolable". At the appointed time the king placed the "golden round of sovereignty" on his own head with the remark, "I wear this crown by the favor of God, and nobody else."

In the year 1768 the following remarkable men were born, Goethe, Napoleon, Wellington, Ney, Courier, Alexander von Humboldt, Chateaubriand, Lavalette, Mehmet Ali, and John Quincy Adams.

Eureka is a Greek word meaning I have found it. It is said that the famous mathematician Archimedes of Syracuse, while in bath, was struck with the solution of a problem which had long puzzled him, jumping joyfully out, he ran towards his own house shouting the Greek word Eureka! Eureka! It has thus become the proverbial ejaculation of successful invention and discovery from that day to this.

Jannabatt was a Samaritan governor who gave great trouble to the Jews while rebuilding the temple.

The Camera Obscura was the discovery of an Italian philosopher named Baptista Porta, in the sixteenth century.

In Venice the "Bridge of Sighs" is a short bridge that leads from the Ducal Palace to the prison, and the reason it had that name is, that the prisoners used to go over it to be shut up in these dreadful dungeons and they knew that they would never return again. These prisoners were those who happened to think differently from their kings and rulers, also on account of their religion.

The Natural Bridge in Virginia is 55 feet higher than Niagara. From the summit to the surface below is 215 feet.

The upper shell of a turtle is called the carapace, and the lower one the plastron.

The French invented Gothic architecture.