

Miscellaneous

PROGRESS OF MAKING PINS.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin gives the following sketch of the progress of making these useful articles...

Formerly pins were made exclusively of brass wire; but a few years ago some genius, reflecting on the heavy cost of brass, and the small profit to be derived from the manufacture of brass pins...

The first light known was obtained from branches of fashions wood, employed as torches. But the invention of lamps followed very closely upon this primitive discovery...

All the antiquities that we possess prove, beyond doubt, that the Egyptians, the Israelites, the Greeks, and the Romans, to say nothing of a great many other people of whom we know next to nothing...

Some half a century or more after the invention of tallow candles, wax lights were introduced into a few palatial residences. Wax tapers had been in use in churches in the ninth century...

But it is not to be supposed, for all their beauty and all the expense bestowed on their fashioning, that these antique lamps were of any great use for practical purposes.

The ancient Greeks used no methods of refining oil. As a great luxury they mixed it with perfumes, such as essence of rose, and so forth...

The next inventor, or rather improver of oil lamps, was Carcel, an older Frenchman, who contrived the mechanism known by his name.

The ameliorations introduced into oil kept pace with the improvements in lamp-making. In the year 1700 a new manner of burning lamp oil, by means of sulphuric acid, was discovered almost simultaneously in England and France.

When torches were wanting, they stuck a bit of wood into the carcass of a fat bird, and supporting the stem as best they might, allowed the bird to burn, and lighted it.

It is a well known circumstance that Oliver Cromwell used to be found burning simultaneously on his wife's work table. This excellent method, however, amidst all the cares of state, ever kept a shrewd eye to his own affairs.

The Carlew bell, which tolled at eight o'clock under the reign of William the Conqueror, to warn citizens to put out their lamps at night, was used by the progress of civilization...

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twelfth century, when tall torches came into fashion. A hundred years later, the tallow candle, pretty much as it exists now, made its first appearance, and was deemed so great a luxury that only people of real wealth could afford to buy it.

It was not till the year 1783, that the regeneration of the oil lamp was generally understood. In that year appeared a radical reformer in the science of lighting. His name was Argand; he was a native of Switzerland, but resident in London, and an Englishman by adoption.

More than fifty years have elapsed since then; and science has already been at work attempting to do better, as, in its time, delectated oil. Electric light, magnesium light, different varieties of new gases, have turned by turn been tried, but without, as yet, any definite success.

The Boston authorities propose to close the public schools on stormy days. A certain number of strikes to all school children that they can stay at home and play.

The fire in the Dismal Swamp created quite a sensation by exploding shells thrown into the swamp during the war.

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The identical Star Spangled Banner which floated over Fort Mifflin when Key wrote our national song, is offered for sale by the heirs of Colonel Armstrong, who commanded the fort, and who kept the historic relic.

The Troy Wagon has made a calculation, from which it appears that enough rain fell in Rensselaer and Albany counties on two days of the late storm to supply every man, woman and child upon the face of the earth with two and a half gallons of water per day for a year.

A machinist belonging to the Arsenal at Naples has invented a new kind of lamp, which he calls an Amniograph, which indicates with precision the velocity at which a vessel is traveling, the changes in the direction, and the deviation of the compass.

A wise clergyman, now deceased, once said: "He had learned to preach not only so that people could understand him if they had a mind to, but also so that the country could understand him if they wanted to."

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