

THE EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, December 23, 1898.

BREVITIES.

A Missouri editor alludes to the "Equinoctial Council" to be held in Rome.

School teaching in Illinois is a lucrative business. A school marm out there has recently bought a farm of seven hundred acres.

Spectacles made of mica are the latest novelty.

Trampmann has confessed that he alone is the murderer.

Love the poor. Be great, and seek little things; don't be little and seek great things.

Philadelphia has a newspaper called the Sunday Morning.

It is proposed to organize a Young Woman's Christian Association in France.

The Supreme Court at Washington is said to be two years behind its business.

A Sunday school has been recently started with thirty-three scholars, by a government employee at Sitka.

It is told for a fact that Connecticut prayer meetings wind up with oyster suppers.

If I am living to gratify appetites and passions, man may applaud me but God will condemn me.

A pretty girl of sixteen is blacking boots in New York Central Park, and does a rushing business.

The "girl of the period," one hundred years ago, wore a sharp needle in the top of her stays, which pricked her chin unless she held her head up.

A murderer, on being sentenced to be hanged, in Terre Haute, Ind., did not catch the date, and inquired: "When did you say, your honor, that occurrence would take place?"

Some weeks ago, the Emperor of Russia, in a fit of hypochondria, refused food for three days, and serious apprehensions were felt that his disease would pass into insanity. Similar attacks are said to have occurred at various times during the last two years.

A committee appointed to investigate an alleged charge of undue punishment inflicted by a school teacher, reported that the punishment was not actuated by malice, but was occasioned by an undue appreciation of the thickness of the boy's pantaloons.

The following dispatch recently passed through a telegraph office: "I lent you one year ago to-night, four dollars and eighty-seven cents. If you have not had it long enough, please keep it one year longer." To this delicate hint, this answer was returned: "Had forgotten it, and hoped you had. Let her run another year."

Ex-Mayor Opdyke's residence, Fifth Avenue and Forty-seventh street, New York, will cost about \$140,000; D. Henry Haight's Madison Avenue and Fortieth street, upwards of \$139,000; Chas. O. Connor's, east side of Fifth Avenue, above Forty-third street, about \$70,000; Peter Lorillard's, Fifth Avenue and Thirty-sixth street, \$125,000.

"Such is the pressure of the times in our town," said a Birmingham manufacturer to his agent in London, "that we have good workmen who will get up the inside of a watch for eighteen shillings." "Pooh! that is nothing compared to London," replied his friend; "we have boys here who will get up the inside of a chimney for sixpence."

Rocheport is ugly. As he has a sallow complexion, turning to green, that is found on occasions in the countenance of the emperor he loves to blackball. A nose pert, audacious, intrusive, rising prominently from the physiognomy; a prominent forehead, and eyes that sparkle with malice. He wears a dark mustache, and nourishes a flourishing tuft, a la Yankee, under his chin. As a whole, the man's appearance is not prepossessing.

A great discovery is said to have been recently made by a surgeon of the British army in China in the way of an effective remedy for small pox. The mode of treatment is as follows: When the preceding fever is at its height, and just before the eruption appears, the chest is rubbed with croton oil and tartaric ointment. This causes the whole of the eruption to appear at that part of the body to the relief of the rest. It also secures a full and complete eruption, and thus prevents the disease from attacking the internal organs. This is now the established mode of treatment in the English army in China, and is regarded as a perfect cure.

A coat that has the mark of use upon it, says the New York Tribune, is a recommendation to people of sense, and a hat with too much nap and too high a collar is a derogatory circumstance. The best coats in Broadway are of the backless penitence fops, broken down merchants, clerks with pitiful salaries, and men that do not pay up. The heaviest gold chains dangle from fobs of gamblers and gentlemen of limited means. Costly ornaments on ladies indicate to the eyes that are opened, the fact of a silly lover or husband cramped for funds. And when a pretty woman goes by in plain and neat apparel, it is the presumption that she has a fair expectation, and a husband that can show a balance in his favor. For women are like books—too much gilding make men suspicious that the binding is the most important part.

Thurston West is now being picked up once, in the following manner: "During the late war, after the evacuation of Yorktown by General McLean, I entered a car on a Philadelphia train, and sat by a gentleman who wore a military cap, but showed no other sign of military rank. We got into a discussion of McLean's campaign on the peninsula. He defended him mildly, and I answered with a scorching exposition of his incapacity and blunders, demonstrating them fully. When we reached Trenton, a young officer came up and saluted my companion very deferentially, and on inquiry I discovered that I had been talking to McLean himself. I think he felt, however, that I was right in what I had said, by the feeble way in which he answered my criticism."

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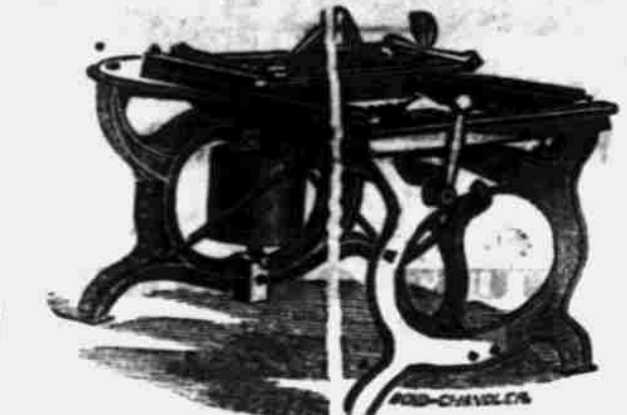
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