

BREVITIES.

A fellow who won 250,000 francs at Baden last summer, has been arrested in Paris for picking pockets.

Hayden's monument has been removed by the family, since it has been found impossible to prevent its mutilation.

A little girl in Boston thought the minister wanted an office, because in praying, he kept saying, "Grant, we beseech thee."

There are thirteen editors and reporters employed on the San Francisco Bulletin, whose weekly salaries amount in the aggregate to \$520 in gold.

The Bay of Tunis, determined to maintain his credit, has imprisoned all the jewelers of his capital and closed their stores because they have refused to trust him any more.

A repast, consisting entirely of asses' flesh was lately served up in a hotel in Rana, Lombardy, to disprove the popular opinion that it is tough and unwholesome.

An Ohio paper mentions a housewife in that State of such extraordinary neatness, that she scrubbed her kitchen until she fell through into the cellar.

A little girl in London streets, on being questioned as to her parents and place of birth, replied that she was the "Child of Sin," and was born in Wrath.

The Presbyterians of the United States are said to have more missionaries in China than any other denomination.

Count Paul Demidoff has made himself famous by nursing the victims of an epidemic, in a Russian village where he was stopping when the plague broke out, instead of running off with the rest of the nobility.

Said an ambitious youth one day to a lady: "Don't you think I had better dye my mustache?" caring the instant reply: "I think if you let it alone it'll die itself," said the lady.

A peasant woman of Hanover, Germany, who had been reading of the martyrdom of John Huss, lately emulated the pains of the old martyr by calmly, but suddenly, seating herself in a cauldron of boiling water that had been prepared for a dead pig.

Capt. Joseph Harding, of Swampscott, Massachusetts, is the oldest freemason in the country, having been made a master mason in the Adams lodge, of Welford, on the third day of January, in the year 1800, and he is still a member of that lodge.

During a revival meeting, a good Methodist lady made a fervent exhortation, preaching it with the remark that she once enjoyed herself by going to theatres. An inattentive but enthusiastic brother shouted: "So did I—bless the Lord!"

A young man of Bridgeport, aged 15 years, recently made an addition to the compass, with the assistance of his mother, aged 32, her grandmother, aged 61, and her great grandmother, aged 78, thus compressing five generations into the smallest compass on record.

The London skating club built a magnificent \$2,000 basin at Regent's park and caused it to be flooded one cold night; but when they came in the morning to inspect the ice it was gone. The water had all leaked away through the sandy bed and left it as dry as before.

The coliseum for the great musical festival in New York will accommodate 50,000 people. The attendance of 10,000 musical artists is to be secured, and the first state of the lyric world have been engaged for the occasion. Four grand prizes for musical compositions are to be offered.

The Thibetans, in sleeping, have a curious posture. They invariably draw their knees close up to their heads and rest on their knees and elbows, huddling every scrap of clothing they can muster on their backs; the richer rest thus on a mattress rising toward the head. The poorer avail themselves of a suitable slope on the hill side, or pile stones and earth to a convenient height.

The San Francisco police are raiding on Chinese gambling houses, with small result. The door-keeper of these dens has his hand always on a string, which, when pulled, sounds a gong beneath the gaming table, and enables all hands to clear up and make their escape in case any unwelcome visitors come. So well have they operated that one keeper of such an establishment has procured the punishment by fine of an officer who entered his saloon.

H. W. Beecher has become the editor of the Church Union, a canting organ of free love, miscegenation and other Beecherisms. The plus fraud sends his sheet to all the newspapers of the country, with a request to advertise it, for the consideration of an exchange; but this, too, is a swindle, as he would not send more than two or three numbers, and if he sent it for a year it would not be worth befouled waste paper.—Oreola.

Some of the high-born English guests, who lately accepted the hospitality of the Viceroy of Egypt, abused the generosity of their host. One "infidel" of distinction inquired of the Viceroy if the Viceroy had not directed that all the "necessaries" of the guests should be supplied. Being answered in the affirmative, the modest man said: "Gambling is a necessity with me. I am a bankrupt, and would thank you to furnish me with the necessary funds to go on and win again."

A Valparaiso merchant, recently receiving a challenge from an officer with whom he had quarreled, sent back this answer: "I have no desire whatever to kill you, still less do I desire to be killed myself. Here is what I propose. Go to the nearest wood; choose a tree about as stout as myself, place yourself fifty, thirty, or even fifteen steps from it—just as you like—and then fire bravely on the tree. If you hit it, I will admit that I was in the wrong, and will offer you an apology. In the contrary case, I shall be ready to receive yours."

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