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BREVITIES.

Why is a lawyer like a sawyer? Because whenever he moves down must come the dust.

It is delightful to rekindle smiles on an infantine countenance. Grief is out of place where even reflection has yet left no trace.

According to Mr. J. K. Lord, an extensive traveller, British Columbia, in the south west corner of British America, is just now the worst for mosquitoes. They enveloped his camp, he says like a fog, and absolutely drove his men, a hundred in number, from their work and from the region.

Henry Ward Beecher in a recent discourse said that some "men did not shave on Sunday, yet they spend all the week in shaving their fellow men; and many folks think it very wicked to black their boots on Sunday morning, and yet do not hesitate to black their neighbors' reputation on week days."

Dr. Busby, whose figure was beneath the common size, was one day accosted in a public coffee room by an Irish baronet of colossal stature, with: "May I pass to my seat, O Giant?" When the Doctor, politely making way, replied: "Pax, O Pigmy!" "Of sir," replied the baronet, "my expression alluded to the size of your intellect." — "And my expression, sir," said the Doctor, "to the size of yours."

A wayfarer asked a loutner whom he met on the corner: "What place is that?" The loutner replied: "Oh, that's a gun mill." Again asked the wayfarer: "What do they grind there?" The loutner's patience became exhausted, and he replied sourly and sulkily, "I dunno; congression I suppose." The wayfarer was so galled, but muttered as he turned away, "These must be the ills of the gods that we read of, for they grind exceedingly small."

The New York *Mail* says a party of ladies visited the gold-room of that city on Friday last to witness the excitement. Nothing was going on, and there was only about fifty men lounging about, but those that were there immediately set up an awful howling, bid rapidly for any number of millions, sang a song, and joined hands in an Indian dance. The ladies thought it was all genuine, and were "astonished."

The New Orleans Gas Company seems likely to have formidable competition in the natural gas which has been discovered in that region. This gas has been obtained in several places by sinking a hollow iron shaft to a depth of forty feet. When thus procured it flows steadily at the rate of five feet per hour, and is accumulated in tanks. It is said, to that of the best purified coal gas. It is not difficult to account for this phenomenon on scientific principles, but it is questionable whether the supply of gas from such sources can be relied on.

Jones was, or believed he was, near his death, and the doctor calling, he held a long and earnest conversation with him about his chances of life. "Why, man," said the physician, "you are likely to die any hour. You have been living for the last fifteen years without a constitution, lungs gone, liver diseased, and all that sort of thing."

"You don't mean to say," replied Jones, questioningly, "that a man can live fifteen years without a constitution?"

"Yes, I do," retorted the doctor, "and you are an example."

"Then, doctor," and a bright smile illuminated the bald face of the disengaged man, "then, doctor, I'll go it ten years more on the bye-laws," and he died.

"There is one thing very sure," said Mrs. Partington, "the females of the present generation are a heap more independent than they need be." Why, I saw a gal go by the other day that I know belongs to the historical class of society, with her dress all tucked up, her hair all bunched up like as if she had time to comb it for a week, and one of her grandmother's old nightcaps, in awful crumpled condition on her head. Why, la, honey, when I was gal, if one of the fellows came along when I had my clothes tucked up in that way, and my head covered with a white rag, I would run for dear life to get out of sight. Well, well, the girls then were innocent, unconfounded creatures, now they are what the French call *blouses*."

A Frenchman once sent to a newspaper a statement of an experiment which he had lately made, proving the wonderful voracity of ducks. He had a flock, he said, of twenty of these fowls. One day he killed one of them, and cutting it into very small pieces fed it, feathers, and all, to the other nineteen, who ate it all up in a very few minutes. Then he killed another, and cutting it into small pieces, fed it to the other eighteen, and it was quickly devoured. He then killed another, and fed it to the seventeen remaining ducks and still another, which he fed to the sixteen, and so continued until finally there was but one duck left, which duck had, of course, eaten all the other nineteen.

An amusing anecdote is given by Captain Williamson of an elephant named "Pangal," which showed remarkable sagacity. This animal, when on a march, refused to carry on its back a larger load than he thought was right and proper. He would pull down as much of the burden as reduced it to the weight which he conceived was fair for him to bear. One day, the quartermaster of his brigade became enraged at this apparent obstinacy of the animal and very cruelly threw a tent-pins at his head. A few days afterward, as the elephant was on the way from camp to town, he overtook a large herd of cattle, and seizing him in his trunk, drew him into a large tamared tree which overhung the road, and left him hanging to the branches and got down the best way he could.

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