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BREVITIES.

"A prudent man," says a witty Frenchman, "is like a pin. His head prevents him from going too far."

A Paris journalist says the false hair worn by the ladies of the gay capital would make a pile as high as the Napoleon column.

A post was erected by the direction of the surveyors of old roads to Kent, some years ago, bearing the following inscription: 'This is a bridle path to Faversham; if you can't read this, you had better keep the main road.'

A affectionate husband in Lafayette, Ind., is reported to have pawned his wife's clothes in order to raise money to elope with an "affinity."

A negro named Cyrus Northup has been elected President of the University of Alabama. Raphael Semmes was one of the applicants for the position.

A man in Baltimore recently tumbled into a big chest, the lid fell and caught fast, and his smothered yells did not bring aid until he was nearly dead.

The salaries of the Bishops and Archbishops of the church of England, range from $25,000 to $75,000 annually.

A New York paper insists that a woman's rights orator, calling herself 'Miss St Clair Vere de Vere,' used to be named Murphy.

A minister who was a member of the last Ohio Legislature, and who wishes to go again, receives the following notice from a local paper: "Politically, he is dead to all eternity. Clever man, though, and neighborly; but as a politician, he scatters awfully. He's too wide at the muzzle."

Among the old laws and regulations which formerly existed in Massachusetts, was a by-law in the town of Scituate that one must not smoke a pipe during Divine service, but might be permitted to delay going to church if he had a chance to shoot an Indian.

Tomato Ketchup.—One bushel ripe tomatoes—boiled until soft—squeeze through a sieve, and add one quart of vinegar, half a pint of salt, one ounce of cloves, one ounce of all-spice, half an ounce of cayenne pepper, two ounces of mustard seed, and boil the whole three hours.

There is a cave in Croydon, Ind., only three squares from the court house, from the entrance of which comes a continual current of cool air that will keep a fan turning if it is suspended before the hole. During the recent hot weather a thermometer was placed in the cave and in five minutes the mercury sank from nearly 100 to 58°. The cave has never been explored.

A minister writes from Saratoga: 'The belle of the season wears a dress valued at the amount of my salary for two years, and a set of diamonds equal in value to the cost of a comfortable mission church with infant room attached, gas fixtures and cabinet organ included.'

A Cretan recently murdered three small children at Murzsteg, in Germany. The children had teased him for some days past. One morning, when he found them alone, he cut their throats. When the unfortunate mother of the little ones returned home and found them weltering in their blood, she went mad.

For a long time there has been a disagreement among scientific men on the difference of level between the Red and the Mediterranean seas. It has been definitely fixed by careful observation, and amounts to a little short of sixteen inches.

Queen Victoria, at her last concert at Buckingham Palace, entertained eight hundred guests; Nilsson, Patti, Titiens, Trebeli, Bellini, Stanley, were the vocalists, and Mr. Cusins led the band of one hundred and sixty performers.

Stories of absence of mind are innumerable and universally humorous. The best is that fathered, of course, on all sorts of well known characters—of the man who, though dining out at a stranger's table, got up after dinner and apologized to the company for the meanness of the fare, and the detestable cooking.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* tells this story about "Johnny Steele," lately the young prince of Penango, Pa., oil region. His aunt, the widow McClintock, owner of the rich oil-farm which bears her name, died in 1864, leaving her nephew, then twenty years old, $100,000 in greenbacks, $60,000 in gold, and the farm, which yielded an average daily income of $2,000. The young fellow, who had hitherto been well behaved, was ruined by his fortune, and plunged into all kinds of vice. He became a ready prey to gamblers, losing $100,000 in two nights. He squandered thousands on wine and women, bought jewelry and carriages only to give them away, and having spent all, is now only doorkeeper to a company of minstrels.

Some years ago a tourist visited Switzerland and while walking one day alone in a solitary district, found himself confronted by a great brown bear. Escape was impossible. The tourist drew his revolver and was in the act of discharging it at the bear, when the latter cried out: "Hold! hold! Do not shoot! the matter stands thus: I was formerly a vendor of citrons. The business didn't prosper. I came here and was engaged by the guide of this district to play bear in the mountains for fifty sous per day. Whenever a traveller comes through with a guide I frighten him, the bold guide drives me away and receives from the thankful traveler a handsom gratuity for the service, which he divides with me. In this way I make my living; but in the winter time when there are but few travellers, it goes very tough with me." About two years since his bearship stumbled from a precipice and met with a lamentable end.

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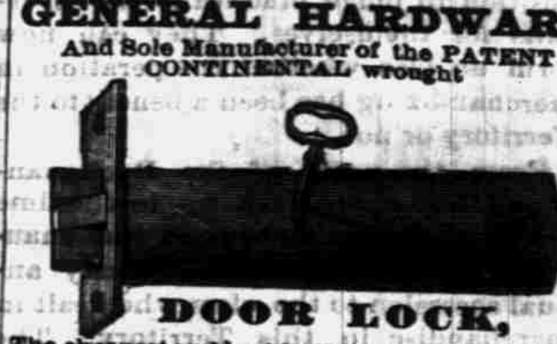

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