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BREVITIES.

Longfellow's poems, in French, sell for a franc in Paris.

In France, to one person who reads a book 100 go to the theatre.

The most disagreeable articles for a man to keep on hand are handcuffs.

The new Parisian ear-rings—a small champagne bottle—have appeared at the opera.

A magazine, to advocate the doctrine that the righteous are immortal, has been started in Salem, Mass.

Fifteen hundred dollars was paid for the floral decorations at a party on Madison Avenue, N. Y., the other evening.

When General Grant rose to speak at the Evans banquet, in New York, a salute of 24 guns was fired from miniature cannons mounted in the room.

Lorenzo Dow defined death-bed repentance to be burning out the candle of life in the service of the devil, and blowing the snuff in the face of Heaven.

The editor of the *Bungtown Times* says the revenue officer of his town is a man of the right stamp, although a little two-cents-live in some things. This is severe for the weather but such a tax must be expected in times like these.

A citizen of St. Joseph, Mo., sued to be divorced, because his wife made the three years of his married life unendurable by hurling chairs, bottles, stools, etc., at his devoted head, and also compelled him to sleep in the woods by locking him out of doors.

An African armless dwarf, thirty-nine inches high, and weighing twenty-five pounds, is on exhibition in Salem, Mass. He was educated in Liberia, speaks English, writes with his toes, with which he can also thread a needle and sew, and also fill his pipe with tobacco.

In regard to woman's rights, Rev. Sidney Smith remarked, many years ago, that the dear creatures had the power in their own control, for they had only all to be of one mind, and the human race would be wiped away like an old sum in multiplication off a slate.

A Bridgeport paper tells a story of a young somnambulist in Stratford, Ct., who went down to the docks and fished for an hour without having a bite, and then went back to bed, and in the morning was quite unconscious of his excursion.

One pound of coppers dissolved in four gallons of water, poured over a sink three or four times, will completely destroy all offensive odor. As a disinfecting agent to scatter around premises affected with any unpleasant odor, nothing is better than a mixture of four parts ground plaster of Paris, to one part of fine charcoal, by weight.

The proprietor of the *Lanterne*, that sassy little French paper edited by Henri Rochefort, is Mr. Villermessant, who loves a quiet joke. Entering his office and finding his editorial staff enjoying themselves, he exclaimed: "Oh, the times are not now as they once were with newspaper men, when they worked all day long for three hundred francs a month!"

"And when they were tired, what did they do?"

"Oh, then they rested themselves by writing anonymously!"

An artist writes from Pompeii on a late visit:

"I must notice one fact concerning this place, for which I was not at all prepared, and this is, that the city is more like a doll's model than a habitation for human creatures of the size of life, and yet Pompeians were there, for one of the skeletons was found to be a little taller than myself, and I certainly want a house and rooms larger than a chest of drawers. They have been discovered some paintings on glass, examples of which they had not before obtained, although from Pompeii, if I recollect aright, it was known that the art was practiced. I am very sorry to learn the melancholy fact that the pictures on the walls of the houses, and even those preserved in the Museum, are gradually losing all their brilliancy and clearness—are, in short, slowly disappearing through exposure to the air."

The *Courier des Hautes de Marthe* says: "An extremely curious Chinese plant called the Hia-tea-tom-chom exists in the Flowery Empire. The name of this singular plant means that during summer it is a vegetable, but that in winter it becomes a worm. If it is observed closely at the latter end of September nothing simulates better to the eye a yellow worm about four inches in length. The apparent transformation takes place gradually, and one can see head, eyes, body, etc., in course of formation. This plant is extremely rare; it is to be met with in Tibet, and in the Emperor's gardens at Peking, where it is reserved for medicinal purposes. The Chinese servants say that it is a capital strengthening medicine. Attempts are making to acclimatize it in South America."

The railway bridge project between England and France has assumed definite shape. A company has been formed with a capital of £2,000, in shares of £4 each. Half of the French capital has been subscribed. The model is to be finished in two months. It is to be a model of a bridge from the Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, to Cape Blanc Nez, a short distance from Calais. The soundings across the channel between these two points show a gradual descent from each shore, and the greatest depth of water is 157 feet. The length of the bridge will be 3,222 yards, divided into ten arches, resting on piers rising 900 feet above the sea, which will permit the passage of ships of the largest class. These piers are to be of metallic frame work, with foundations 400 feet long by 250 feet wide, tapering to 200 feet square at the top. They are to be constructed on land, and floated out to their destined point, where they are to be sunk and fixed.

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