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BREVITIES.

Boston has a bureau of divorce.
Fine diamonds are found in Georgia.
The first Odd Fellow—Adam.
A neat parasol can be bought in New York for \$200.
New Zealand has 225,000 European inhabitants.
An exchange thinks that men, like yeast, to succeed, must work well.
It is said that more money is spent in New York for tobacco than for bread.
A Cincinnati lady indorses on her tax return, "taxation without representation is tyranny."
Reese Hughes, of Fredonia, N.Y., has a horse forty-six years old, which is still doing daily duty in harness.
"Them soldiers must be an awful dishonest set," said an old lady, "for not a night seems to pass that some sentry is not relieved of his watch."
A young clerk in the Central telegraph office of France has discovered a very ingenious plan for the rapid self-printing of dispatches, and has been offered \$50,000 francs for his patent.
It has been decided in New York that a wife who loaned her husband \$500 is fairly entitled to be considered one of his legal creditors.
A Chicago paper speaks of the narrow escape of two negroes from roasting to death in the jail fire, as a case of "smoke-de Ham."
The daughter of Mme. Jenny Lind Goldschmidt, a girl of twelve years, is said to possess much of the great talent of her mother, and to have an excellent voice.
A two-wheeled velocipede of fifty years ago has been found in an obscure portion of the old stone house, corner of George and Meadow streets, New Haven.
The French navy now contains 73 armored ships of war, 241 screw propelled, 51 side-wheel steamers, and 100 sailing vessels, making the very respectable total of 455 frigates, corvettes, etc.
The wickedest woman in Missouri resides at Linneus. She drinks whisky, swears, breaks windows, and threatens to cut the throat of her husband, besides screaming murder at night in the streets.
An itinerant quack doctor in Texas was applied to by one of Col. Hay's rangers to extract the iron point of an Indian arrow head from his head, where it had been lodged for some time. "I cannot extract this, stranger," said the doctor, "because to do so would go right killing you; but I tell you what I can do; I can give you a pill that will melt it in your head."

Waldeck, a German town, has given public notice that no license to marry will hereafter be granted to any individual who is addicted to drunkenness; or, if having been so, he must exhibit full proofs that he is no longer a slave to this vice. The same government has also directed that in every report made by the ecclesiastical, municipal and police authorities upon petition for license to marry, the report shall distinctly state whether either of the parties desirous of entering into matrimonial connection is addicted to intemperance or otherwise.
In New Orleans, a young man and woman eloped and were married. The mother of the girl captured them, and brought them before the Recorder for separation. She was informed that it couldn't be done. The old lady surveyed the couple for a moment, and then said: "Judge, that girl ain't fit to be married; she has spells!" "Has what?" exclaimed the Judge. "Why, you see, Judge," but before the old lady could proceed, the daughter sprang to her feet and said: "Mother, there ain't no use in saying any more; I'm married, and, if I ain't fit, I'd like to see the girl who is!"

A new velocipede, called the "electric," has made its appearance in St. Louis. It is a little larger than the present one, and is provided, under the cushion, with a box, connecting the center with the wheels by means of a pair of rods. These rods are put in motion by an electrical machine concealed in the box. Velocipedists are now riding without exertion of the feet or of the arms. An advantage of this new velocipede is that it can be managed by ladies.
In Court, once upon a time, a very pretty young lady appeared as a witness. Her testimony was likely to result unfavorably for the client of a pert young lawyer, who addressed her very superciliously with the inquiry: "You are married, I believe?" "No, Sir."
"Really, I don't know. Would you advise such a step?"
"Oh, certainly! I am a married man myself."
"Is it possible I never should have thought it. Is your wife blind or deaf?"
It is scarcely necessary to add that the discomfited attorney did not vouchsafe a reply.
It has recently been found that what is called charged silk is very liable to spontaneous combustion. This article, some of our readers are aware, consists of silk, which, after having been exposed to the operations of bleaching, cleansing, etc., and losing considerable weight, is brought back to its original condition by the addition of certain ingredients, such as catechu, gall nuts, and various salts, especially the sulphate of iron, by which means an increase in weight from one to two or three hundred per cent. is sometimes effected. When dried, at about 212 or 225 degrees, this silk has been known to take fire spontaneously, as soon as the air had access to it. The result appeared due to the rapid absorption of moisture and an attendant oxidation. Scientific American.

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