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BREVITIES.

A Russian Railway is trying naphtha for fuel.

New Mexico contains but one Protestant church.

Queen Victoria, it is reaffirmed, is a devout Swedenborgian.

Eugenie is to have \$2,000,000 pin money for her Eastern tour.

John Bright, it is said, will certainly come to America next year.

A Georgia boy puzzles the doctors by breathing only four times a minute.

The Crimean war is said to have cost the nations engaged in it \$1,700,000,000.

The city of Rome has 220,532 inhabitants; of whom 7,480 are priests, monks and nuns.

Eighty-five miles in eighty-five minutes was accomplished by a train on the New York Central recently.

A telegram was recently received at Boston from Bombay, by the way of the French cable, in eight minutes.

Mrs. Stowe's Byron article is being translated into thirteen different languages for publication in various parts of the world.

There are in England and Wales 24,000 known thieves and deprecators, 36,000 tramps and 20,080 houses of ill fame, of which last 2,000 are in London.

The Michigan Central Company have a great project in view—the construction of a tunnel under the Detroit river, to make unbroken railway connection between Chicago and Boston.

A new and improved style of passenger coaches is to be built hereafter by the Union Pacific Railroad Company; they are to be forty-eight feet long, and will give roomy accommodation to fifty-eight passengers.

There is, in Alaska, a grand river, one of the four great rivers of the globe. It is the Kwichpook or Yukon. In length and volume of water it exceeds the Nile or the Ganges, the Volga or the Amoor. Compared with rivers that flow into it, the Rhine and Rhone are but brooks.

William Penn's old family carriage has come into the possession of the Michigan Central Railroad. The relic is over one hundred and sixty years old. A gentleman of Jackson, Mich., either purchased or fell heir to it, but on its arrival he failed to pay express charges, and so the company took possession in default.

The Hangoon Gazette tells a story of a fisherman of Prome who lately met with his death in the following manner: He had hooked a small fish, and, wishing to free his hands for the adjustment of his tackle, placed it between his teeth. The fish made a spring down his throat and stuck in the gullet, defying all the fisherman's efforts to draw it out. He at once started for his home to procure assistance, but on the way he dropped and died. After his death it was found that there were several splines on the back of the fish, and that the fisherman's efforts to pull it out had only served to fasten these more firmly in his throat.

At Wrexham a man and woman appeared in the parish church with bridesmaid and groomsmen, to be married. The clergyman objected, on the ground that the would-be bridegroom had another wife living. The groom contended that the Bible allowed him to have two wives at one time, and proceeded to argue the point in Welsh, "he being more eloquent in that vernacular than in English." Of course he was. We would have given sixpence to hear the law and the testimony on that point made plain to the parson, in the Welsh vernacular, and in his own sanctuary too.

There is published in the city of New York a periodical, called the *Spirit of Missions*. It is in the interest of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It narrates the course and progress of Missions, foreign and domestic, and is an authority on such subjects. In the September number is a report made by a clergyman as to the state of things among the negroes in Virginia. The writer is a northern man. He says: "If it be said of many individuals of the Anglo-Saxon race, that they live as animals rather than as men, this is true of nearly the whole African race here. Their very religion is so mixed up with predominant animal instincts and passion, that the habits of deception, dissimulation, free love, idleness, fraud and uncleanness, are openly worn by the baptized members of their church."

The Panama Star of September 2nd has the annexed account of a strange phenomenon which occurred near the town of Apanaca:

At about noon on the 3rd of Aug., the atmosphere being heavily charged with electricity, there came down from the volcano of Ahuehapan, near which the above town is situated, a dry whirlwind toward the place called Sisinapa, about five blocks distant to the southwest of Ahuehapan, and increasing in its course it finally became so large as to cover a circumference of thirty yards. This phenomenon, which appeared like an enormous and blackened column of the height of 200 yards, lasted fifteen minutes, in some places, raising large logs of wood, and the branches of trees that came under its control, and a vapor of thick smoke arose from the south, causing a fearful noise, similar to the oft-repeated detonations of a heavy storm. This strange phenomenon, the majestic appearance of which made all the inhabitants tremble, lasted two and a half hours, and took the course of the road to Ataca, leaving behind it open lands in the woods and hedges, and even in the hard earth; and was followed by a heavy rain, which did not permit us to see the end of the monster.

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