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BREVITIES.

The gayest letter in the alphabet—U; it is always in fun.

Chicago has more than a hundred miles of Nicholson pavement.

Five dwelling-houses on Center street, Philadelphia, were burned November 27th. Loss, $10,000; insured.

The curvature of the earth amounts to seven inches per mile. A man six feet high cannot be seen from a distance of ten miles.

At San Francisco a Chinaman recently gave his daughter a name, which translated means, "You ought to have been a boy.

The Brooklyn police is getting gradually at an accurate census of that village-suburb by arresting the inhabitants at the rate of 314 per week.—*New York World.*

The Canada papers continue to report damages by the recent earthquake. At Baie St. Paul, seventeen houses were much damaged. At Les Eboulements the church and ten houses were injured and two children killed.

A Philosopher says, if you want a pair of boots to last four years, melt and mix four ounces of mutton tallow, apply while warm, place the boots in a closet, *and go bare foot!*

A dish washing machine has been invented at Xenia, Ohio. It doesn't insist on "receiving company" two or three evenings a week, never blows up the "missus," and is altogether more tractable than the unpatented variety of dish washer, which it is intended to supersede.

The Woonsocket *Patriot* says that two gentlemen of that town were recently discussing the merits of the Baptist and Universalist faith. "Why," said the defender of Universal salvation, "you Baptists can't save over three per cent. of the people, while we guarantee 99 out of every 100 ordinary sinners."

A short time since, a lad in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in attempting to separate two roosters, which were fighting, came near losing his eyes. The roosters turned on him and tore some pieces of flesh from his face, and it was with difficulty that they could be driven away. The boy says they are game.

A friend of ours, who has had some experience, says that if you go to call on a young lady, and she stretches diligently all the evening, and only says "yes" and "no," you can go away about nine or a quarter past, without breaking any of the rules of etiquette.

The Titusville *Herald* says the latest dodge to raise the wind in dull times is that employed by Corry barbers who, when a customer enters for a shave, give him chloroform and avail themselves of its stupor to cut his hair and shampoo him. It is called cliptomania.

Some boys at Fort Dodge, Iowa, played European war. The "Prussians" burned a haystack, behind which, the "French" had taken refuge, and dislodged them. The owner of the haystack says he doesn't know much about this war business, but he'd like to see the man that pays for his fodder.—*Bos. Post.*

Public dinner orators should be careful how they express themselves. We read the other day that the builder of a church now in course of construction, when the toast of his health was given, rather enigmatically replied that he was "more fitted for the scaffold than for public speaking."

A gentleman lately passing through a village in North Carolina, observed on a sign in the road, near a tavern, the following lines, which, on inquiry, he found to be the offspring of the landlord's brain:

"I John Dillworth, liveth here,
Sells good brandy, gin and beer,
I made my borde a letel whyder,
To lette you nowe I sell good syder."

A new form of envelope has recently become quite popular in Germany, and possesses the convenience of enabling one to open a letter when completely sealed up, without the ordinary difficulty of finding an entrance. The arrangment consists in introducing a thread which projects from one of the corners, by pulling which the lower edge of the envelope is cut through without injury to the enclosure, the address or the stamp.

The disguise dodge has been enacted again in Williamsburg, N. Y., by a man, who clad in woman's attire, responded to an advertisement for a middle-aged woman to do general housework in a gentleman's family. Giving his name as Minnie Singer, he entered the house, and being able-bodied, suited the practical eye of the gentleman's wife, who hired him, and as it was evening, showed him to his bed-room, promising to rise early and give instructions in the household duties. When morning came, however, she found no one to instruct, but a heavy deficit of wearing apparel, jewelry and other valuables, with the robber well out of reach.

"Mark Twain" has been troubled with a lightning rod man, and to get rid of him addresses him as follows:

"Let us have peace," I shrieked, "Put up a hundred and fifty! Put some on the kitchen! Put a dozen on the barn! Put a couple on the cow! Put one on the cock! Scatter them all over the persecuted place till it looks like a zinc-plated, spiral-twisted, silver mounted, cane-brake! Move! Use up all the material you can get your hands on, and when you run out of lightning rods, put ram-rods, cam-rods, stair-rods, piston-rods,—anything that will pander to your dismal appetite for artificial scenery, and bring respite to my raging brain, and healing to my lacerated soul.

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

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DISSENSIONS AMONG THE PARISIANS!

NEW YORK.

Letter from France—The Eastern Question—Boutwell expected to retire.

NEW YORK, 15.—A letter from a gentleman well known in the scientific world, and now in France, dated Nov. 27th, contains the following: "I hope to be called for military service. I have been told that I am designated for one of our armies. We are waiting every day the announcement of some great battle on which depends our destinies. The preliminary engagements are in our favor, but there is not yet the great play. The army of the Loire is not our last army, nor our last resource. We have many people armed and ready, but they are merely crowds, not organized strength; but if we can cut the lines of the enemy around Paris for two or three days, France will rise again and be stronger than before. For the present the heaviest anxiety presses our hearts."

The *Tribune's* Washington correspondent telegraphs that there is a good deal of talk with regard to the possibility of Forney succeeding Creswell as Postmaster General, and the latter being sent minister to Russia, in place of Curtin, or to Prussia, in place of Bancroft. The withdrawal of Cattell, of New Jersey, from the canvass for the United States Senate gives rise to what appears a not unfounded rumor, that Secretary Robeson will enter the field as a candidate for the Senate, backed not only by his personal friends but by the supporters of Cattell. If successful he will retire from the Cabinet, which will give the President another opportunity of granting the demands of the Pennsylvanians.

A Vienna correspondent of the London *Standard* telegraphs that the council of ministers held at Pesth, on the 2nd, resolved that Austria would accept the proposed conference only if Russia expressly acknowledged its competency and the withdrawal of her notification; and lastly if the other powers agree to a joint action in case Russia refuses.

A correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian* says, it is stated on good authority that all the powers, excepting France, have accepted the proposal for a conference. The date is not yet fixed, but London will be the place of assembly, and it is not improbable that Earl Granville will be requested to act as President.

It is understood that Attorney-General Akerman will be a candidate for the Senate, in the Georgia legislature. The vacant position in the Cabinet, in case Akerman is elected, will, it is stated on good authority, be tendered to Senator Williams, of Oregon.

Among other strange Cabinet rumors in circulation is one that Boutwell will soon retire from the Treasury Department, and that Delano will succeed him.

General Schenck's nomination as minister to England will not be sent to the Senate until after the holiday recess.

Late foreign mail advices state that the London *Echo's* Berlin Correspondent telegraphs that a new treaty will be proposed without the neutralization of the Black sea. A French representative will take his seat on behalf of the government of national defense.

A semi-official St. Petersburg paper says that the proposed conference being likely to consider the substance rather than form of the Russian demand, a pacific solution may be regarded as certain.

Advices from Constantinople state that General Ignatieff, being questioned as to recent armaments, said they were insignificant, for defensive purposes, and that Russia was prepared to give better guarantees for the safety of the Porte than those of the Paris treaty.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

Dissensions in Paris.

PARIS, 9.—Food is scarce and the weather bad.

Moltke's letter announcing the capture of Orleans causes great excitement, but the people are still resolved on resistance. The sharpshooters have been disbanded for fear of a fight with the national guards; and unfortunate dissensions daily occur amongst the officers. One commander of artillery refused to obey orders. Ducrot and Blanchard have had a violent quarrel, and the latter has been displaced by another officer.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, 14.—At the sitting of the Hungarian delegation, Benedek replied that Austria-Hungarian army consisted of 864,869 regulars and 187,527 landwehr, with an increase of 373 guns since 1867. The regulars possess 898,270 breech-loaders and the landwehr 137,227 muzzle-loaders. 15,000 more are required.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, 14.—Nearly 2000 cavalry and infantry are ordered to Londonderry, for fear of disturbance at the approaching anniversary.

The *Times* protests against the attitude of Prussia towards Luxembourg, as against Russia towards Turkey. The attitude of both is indefensible, but it is not England's duty to interpose.

BELGIUM.

Prussia's War Reports not Reliable.

BRUSSELS, 14.—The *Independence Belge* laments that the Prussian war reports have lost the character for veracity first ascribed to them.

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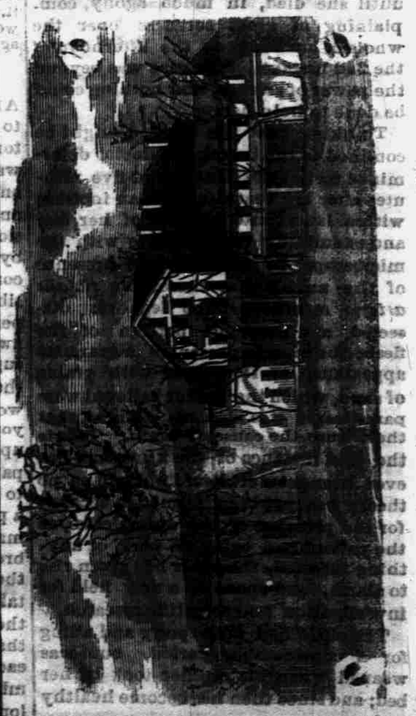
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