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BREVITIES.

Why is the way of transgressors hard? Because it is so much traveled.
An Indiana female preacher has been marrying a couple and kissing the bridegroom.

Washington has a sign bearing the words: "Dressmaker to Her Honor the President."

If you are going to help a man be about it; promised assistance after awhile is considered a debt.

Spurgeon defines a gentleman as "one who can serve his God, and at the same time paddle his own canoe."

An "entertainment" was recently given in Waterbury, Ct., to raise money to repair a cemetery.

The census taker will soon be around with all sorts of questions, and the ladies are advised to get "their ages ready."

The very climax of superfluous benevolence has been declared to be that of holding an umbrella over a duck in the rain.

An eminent agriculturist says: "I had rather leave to posterity 1,000 trees than \$1,000—living groves than decaying mansions."

A woman is going around newspaper offices soliciting money to defray the expenses of furnishing a new house which she has just completed.

The Jewish rite forbids the sexes sitting together in church; but the synagogue at San Francisco has recently voted, 88 to 24, to coincide with modern usage in this respect.

George Hudson, the English "railway king," now 70 years old, has lately been called from obscurity by a subscription to save him from poverty in his old age, and has publicly acknowledged the charity.

To be a woman of fashion is one of the easiest things in the world. A late writer thus describes it:

"Buy everything you don't want, and pay for nothing you get; smile on all mankind but your husband; be happy every where but at home."

An item is going the rounds about a girl in Chester, Vt., dying from tight lacing. An editor commenting on the fact, says: "These corsets should be done away with; and if the girls can't live without being squeezed, we suppose men can be found who would sacrifice themselves. As old as we are we would rather devote three hours a day, without a cent of pay, as a brevet corset, than see these girls dying off in that manner."

An editor, who has been married about a year, speaking of the babies, says: "The delight of days, the torment of nights; elegant in full dress, but horrible in dishabille; beautiful on the smile, but maddening on the yell; exquisitely in place in the nursery, but awfully out of place in the parlor or railway carriage; the well-springs of delight, and the recipients of unlimited spanking; the glory of 'pa,' the happiness of 'ma'—who wouldn't have 'em'?"

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I was in love once with a fat girl. She was very fleshy. She was enormous. But the course of my true love came to grief. I was sitting with her in the dim twilight one evening. I was sentimental; I said many soft things; I embraced part of her. She seemed distant. She frequently turned her lovely head from me. At last I thought I heard the murmur of voices on the other side. I arose and walked around; and then I found another fellow counting her on the left flank. I was indignant, and upbraided her for her treachery in thus concealing me from another lover. She laughed at my conceit, as if she was not big enough to have two lovers at once.

During the year and a half of my experience as housekeeper, my great bugbear has been the necessity of scouring knives. The other day, after a "company dinner," I seized in dismay my painful of knives, blackened with pickles, and oranges, and apples, and almost rusted from lying too long. (You know one can't "do the dishes" immediately when you have visitors to entertain.) And, going to my brick-board, found that my cork was gone. There was no time to hunt another—baby was claiming instant attention; so I picked up a small potato lying near, and cutting it in two, dipped one half in the brick-dust, when to my great astonishment I found rust and stain disappear like magic from their surfaces, leaving such an array of bright steel blades as I had not seen for many a day.—Hearth and Home.

A thin, cadaverous looking German, about fifty years of age, entered the office of a health insurance company in Philadelphia, the other day, and inquired: "Is he man in what insures der people's helts?"

The agent politely answered: "I attend to that business, sir."

"Well, I want my helts insured: vat you charge?"

"Different prices," answered the agent, "from ten dollars a year; pay ten dollars a year and you get ten dollars a week in case of sickness."

"Well," said Myneer, "I want ten dollars wort."

The agent inquired the state of his health.

"Well, I ish sick all de time. I se shut out to bed two, tree hours a day, and de doctor says he can't do nothing more good for me."

"If that's the state of your health," returned the agent, "we can't insure it. We only insure persons who are in good health."

At this Myneer bristled up in great anger.

"You must tink I see a pig fool! Vot you tink I come pay you ten dollars for insahure my helts ven I see vell!"

By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Relating to publishing general laws—Petitions presented—Bill passed.

The Senate added an amendment to the general appropriation bill, providing that hereafter no laws or treaties shall be published except those of a general nature and of public interest; the selection to be made by the Secretary of State and printed in each paper without delay. At the present the clerk of the House selects two papers in each State in which all laws are printed at public expense, the owners of the paper choosing their own time for publication.

Sumner presented a petition from the American cable company, asking aid to the proposed line from New York via the Azores, to Lisbon and Land's End, England, Havre and Amsterdam; referred. He also presented a petition from the colored citizens of Maryland, asking a remedy from persecution in traveling, on account of color; referred to the judiciary committee, which is now considering the subject.

Chandler then spoke at length on the subject of the restoration of our foreign commerce to American vessels. He favored drawbacks on imported materials used in the construction of iron vessels for foreign traffic, but thought no most effective mode to be the enlargement of domestic commerce.

A bill to prevent any officer or employee of a corporation acting as election registration officer in the District of Columbia, was passed, when the Senate adjourned till Tuesday.

MISSOURI.

Decorations of Graves, etc.

St. Louis.—Reports are current that a considerable number of Fenians left here for the east but it cannot be ascertained that over forty or fifty left. A general meeting has been held to raise funds, but the news from the border is not calculated to make the effort successful.

A model of the equestrian statue of General Lyon has been placed on exhibition here. Extensive preparations have been completed for the decoration of the soldiers' graves in this city.

INDIANA.

Convention of State Editors.

INDIANAPOLIS.—A convention of the State Editors and Publishers Association met here to-day. Resolutions were adopted requesting Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence to secure the reduction of the duty on printing paper to ten per cent, and to petition the Legislature to pass an act requiring the State laws to be published in one paper of each political party in each county.

WASHINGTON.

D. C. to have a Territorial Government. A bill will, doubtless, be passed providing a Territorial government for the District of Columbia.

WISCONSIN.

Found guilty.

JACKSONVILLE.—To-day, George Barrett was found guilty of the murder of his brother.

OHIO.

Pay for Seduction—Discharged on Bail.

CINCINNATI.—B. F. Tredman, Jr., obtained a verdict in the Supreme Court of \$3,000 against H. C. Gilbertson, for seduction of his wife. Col. Roberts, who has been on trial several days, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, was discharged to-day, on bail, to appear before the U. S. Court.

ILLINOIS.

More about Fenian Doings—Boutwell's Views on Receipts and Salaries of Revenue Officers—British Minister Thanks the Administration.

CHICAGO.—Fenian matters here show no new features. Large crowds have arrived at headquarters and there is great anxiety to get the news from the seat of war. About five hundred, altogether, have gone from this city and several companies from Peoria, Joliet and other interior cities passed through here to-day.

The news of the disaster of the Fenians at Malone, yesterday, seems to have had little effect on the brotherhood here; men continue to be enlisted and money raised. The impression among outsiders, however, is that the whole movement is about ended.

The Tribune has a special from Boston, which says that it received reliable information from Malone, last night, to the effect that the invasion from that point was a more complete and disgraceful failure than at St. Albans; the men are utterly demoralized and the movement, in spite of the protests of some of the officers is undoubtedly at an end, even the newspaper correspondents are returning.

The Tribune's Washington special says that Secretary Boutwell is about submitting to the House his views on the question of allowing shares of the fines, penalties, or recoveries to custom house and revenue officers. He takes strong ground in favor of breaking up the system of paying fixed salaries without any fees or shares in the fines or penalties. He submits figures showing the compensation of the custom officers at a number of points during the fiscal

year was over \$28,000 more than they had collected. He recommends a bill fixing the salary of collectors, in which New York is put down at \$15,000, and an Francisco at \$12,000.

The Times special says the British Minister in an interview to-day with the Secretary of State expressed his thanks for the prompt action of the Administration in issuing the proclamation against the Fenian invasion of Canada and also for resorting to such prompt civil and military measures to suppress it by the enforcement of the neutrality laws.

NEW YORK.

Prosecution against the Trinity Church trustees—O'Neill will be released—Fenians arrested—The Fenians still going forward—Not yet totally discouraged—General Gleason in command—Start threatened with lynching.

Six hundred Fenians left to-night for the north.

There are rumors afloat that above Malone the Fenians carried two companies of the Canadian volunteers, which is rather improbable. It is stated that the Fenians lost seven killed and several more wounded at Huntington.

The heirs of Aneke Jan have taken decided steps to push their prosecutions against the Trinity Church trustees.

Two hundred Fenian recruits have been raised at Hoboken and sent to the front.

A Malone special says that Gleason has received dispatches that O'Neill will be released to-morrow and that Spear is again marching for St. Armand with 1,500 men from St. Albans, and that Gleason's brother holds an entrenched position at Pigeon Hill, with forty men. Gleason endeavored to make a move here and threatens to blow up the docks of Mahony canal.

NEW YORK, 23.—The Tribune's Malone special gives the following account of the engagement at Trout river: Gen. Starr, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, crossed the line at Trout river and advanced with his command numbering not more than 300, stragglers included, about five hundred yards, when he deployed right and left, his extreme right resting on Trout river. He had not completed this position long when the British troops and Canadian militia emerged from the woods a little in front of the Fenian's line and the battle at once was commenced by the British, who opened with a sharp and steady fire on the Fenians. There was at the time a small rail fence in front of the latter, which was immediately converted into a sort of stockade. The Fenians had been told by Gen. Starr to keep up a steady fire for ten minutes they obeyed orders and stopped the advance of the British. Before the expiration of ten minutes the Canadian troops, far outnumbering the Fenians, made a movement as if intended to flank and capture the invaders, when Starr formed his rear guard and a retreat was ordered. The British continued firing and pressing the Fenians, who managed to keep comparatively good order until they reached the U. S. line, when a parting volley was given by the British and the battle of Trout river was over.

BUFFALO.—A special states that men are constantly arriving in small parties from the west and are going forward as fast as means can be raised. Committees are canvassing the city for subscriptions and a liberal response is made. An enthusiastic meeting was held at the Fenian headquarters last evening, which was addressed by Col. McClure, of Chicago. He gave an encouraging account of affairs at the west, and said that men were waiting at all points for means to come forward. The Fenians continue to deny the truth of the reported defeat and talk encouragingly. Parties who have returned from the front represent things going on favorably. Numbers of U. S. troops stationed here attend the Fenian meetings.

MALE.—A special to the Times says that over one thousand Fenians are here now and several hundred more are expected to-night in the morning. If the Buffalo police fail to stop their coming from the west. Gen. John H. Gleason, of Richmond, Va., has assumed the command of the forces here and Gen. Starr has disappeared, as the Fenians threatened to lynch him for his cowardice. This morning it is reported that Gen. Donnelly has died and that two Fenian prisoners are to be hung this morning.

FOREIGN NEWS.

PRUSSIA.

Suppression of piracy. BERLIN.—Bismarck has proposed to the Great Powers a joint action for the suppression of piracy on the China seas. Great Britain and the United States have accepted the proposition.

CANADA.

Troops for Red River. TORONTO.—Two steamers left Sault Ste. Marie on Tuesday, with troops for Red River; they will be at Fort William to-day.

FRANCE.

Expressions of confidence in the new ministry—Mobbing by students. PARIS.—In the Corps Legislatif the interpellation on the reasons for the dissolution of the plebiscite committee was admitted. Olivier made an explanation, which was so satisfactory the House voted it to be the order of the day, the members of the Left only dissenting. There were no indications of an expected coalition of the Right and Left wings of the Chambers and the new ministry enters on its labors with expressions of confidence.

A violent disturbance was created to-day at a lecture of Edward La Boulaye before the law-school. The students hissed and drove him from the hall; the demonstration continuing in the street. He escaped with difficulty. A number of arrests were made.

CREAT BRITAIN.

Verdict on the Uxbridge murder—Fenians arrested—The press on the Fenian invasion.

The Coroner's Inquest resulted in the verdict that the Uxbridge family was murdered by the parties under arrest. The decision of the appeal in the Morand divorce case is promised for next Tuesday.

The government of India opposes the interference of the home government in the opium trade in any other way than by the imposition of a heavy duty.

Davitt and Willson, alleged Fenians, were arrested on information by an informer at Croydon. They were armed. LONDON, 23.—Communication by the French cable suddenly ceased on the evening of the 28th, between Duxbury and St. Pierre. A vessel will leave England immediately to repair the same.

The Journals continue their comments on the attempted invasion of Canada by the Fenians. The Post says the Washington government has done all it can reasonably be required.

The Saturday Review accounts the idea that the Washington authorities are in connivance with the Fenians.

The Times thinks the Fenian attempt will not be absolutely regretted, if it will only prompt the United States to such action as to prevent a repetition of such outrages.

The Spectator says the action of the Fenians is due to their hereditary passion, and to the policy of England, of hereditary insolence and contempt. In other journals the good faith of the American authorities is generally admitted and the attempts of the Fenians ridiculed.

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