

BREVITIES.

Harriet Hosmer is worth \$115,000.
Seal-skin waistcoats are worn in Philadelphia.

Milburn, the blind preacher, makes \$2,400 a month lecturing.

A firm in Connecticut is manufacturing pails, tubs and wash-bowls from paper.

Massachusetts is declared to be all ablaze with woman suffrage to bonfires.

It costs a good deal to be wise, but it costs nothing to be happy.

Over 600 Roman Catholic priests of Ireland have signed a petition for the release of the Fenian prisoners.

Kossuth is so poor that he has to live principally on bread and coffee.

Dr. Hall wants two small vessels and 24 men, with which he promises to find the North Pole in two years.

Imitate the example of the locomotive. He runs along, whistles over his work, and yet never takes anything but water.

Beware of inquisitive persons; a wonderful curiosity to know all is generally accompanied with as great an itch to tell it again.

The oldest English Duke is the Duke of Leinster, aged 78 years; the youngest is the Duke of Norfolk, aged 22.

An Iowa doctor used a stomach pump for two hours on the victim of a railroad accident, and then "reckoned that life was utterly distinct."

Boston has a horse-clipping machine in operation. It is a most complete machine for clipping horses, being capable of operating upon smooth or incised surfaces; and no matter how wild and restive the animal may be, will shear him off clean and even. It will work around the legs, in the joints and fetlocks, and even in the ears, and will produce no other sensation upon the horse than a slight and not unpleasant titillation. The advantage of this machine is that by its aid a horse can be clipped in an hour, when by the hand process it would take a day, or over to clip him.

The explanation of the spectral ax at the Tower of London is, we are sorry to say, shockingly simple and prosaic. There is, it seems, in one of the towers of that fortress a peculiar old loophole, somewhat resembling in shape the capital letter T with the arms shortened; this loophole is in the wall of a closet, outside of which there is another wall. When the other wall is in the shadow, and the gas lighted in the closet, a light is thrown on the outer wall through the loophole, which, from its peculiar shape, makes the thrown light bear a resemblance to a battle-ax. In these days we have no illusions left, not even shadows.

Horace Greeley says: "I know there are to-day ten thousand graduates some of them having graduated with honor at German universities, who are walking the stony streets of New York and know not how to make a living. This condemns our system of classical education. As a preparation for professional life, (I should rather say for certain pursuits in life) it may be very well; but when I see, as I do see, so many men whose education has cost so much, find themselves totally unable, with all that, to earn a living; not immoral men, not drinking men, but men simply, who cannot find places adapted to their capacity; when I see this I am moved to protest against a system of education which seems to me so narrow and partial."

Mr. Stephen Bowman, of Rensselaer county, N. Y., having in early life become dissatisfied with ordinary ham and bacon, tried to improve upon them; and at last he concluded he could accomplish his purpose by smoking his tub instead of the meat. He is satisfied by his plan, which he has practiced for the last fifty-two years, and communicates it substantially as follows: "Place the tub over a small fire made of corn cobs, green walnut or rock maple, and smoke for about four hours. For about one hundred pounds of meat use four quarts of salt, two ounces of saltpetre, and two pounds of sugar. Before the meat is put into the tub, rub a little salt in near the bones, and place a part of the salt in the smoked tub, then put in the meat rather loosely, cover with cold water, and put in the sugar, saltpetre and the remainder of the salt. The hams will be ready for use in three weeks. The above is for cold weather; as warm weather comes on, more salt is to be added, and if a stronger flavor of smoke is needed, remove the meat and brine, and smoke the tub again. Beef may be put in the tub with the hams, and in about six weeks taken out to dry.

A story of close management is told about a Yankee who lately settled down in the West. He was a picture of a mean man, but as he put himself to work in good earnest to get his house to rights, the neighbors lent him a hand. After he had everything fixed to his notion, a thought struck him that he had no chickens, and he was powerfully fond of sucking raw eggs. He was too honest to steal them, and too mean to buy them. At last a thought struck him—he could borrow. He went to a neighbor and thus accosted him: "Wal, I reckon you he'n't got no old hen nor nothing you'd lend me for a few weeks, have you, neighbor?" "I will lend you one with pleasure," replied the gentleman, picking out the very finest in the coop.

The Yankee took the hen home, and then went to another neighbor and borrowed a dozen eggs. He then set the hen, and in due course of time she hatched out a dozen chickens.

The Yankee was again puzzled; he could return the hen, but how was he to return the eggs? Another idea—and who ever saw a live Yankee without one?—he would keep the hen until she had laid a dozen eggs.

This he did, and then returned the hen and eggs to their respective owners, remarking as he did so: "Wal, I reckon I've got as fine a dozen of chickens as you ever laid your eyes on, and they didn't cost me a cent, nuther."

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