BREVITIES.

A notice of a birth in a London pa- it becomes more generally used. per has appended to it these words: "Mr. Forbes (the father) requests the prayers of his friends and acquaintances plenty. in this sore affliction."

"Bridget, what became of the tallow I greased my boots with this morning?"

"I fried the buck wheats in it." "Ob, I was afraid you had wasted

A priceless Saxon manuscript, the ber, in England.

Rev. Robson Collyer, of Chicago, says It is a land without a history.

The experiment of the Lake Superior Mining Co. in making mineral paint at Ishpeming, Wis., is a success. The paint is made by evaporating the water pumped from the mine into shallow reservoirs. The coloring material is exide of iron, mixed with a sort of clay, populariy known as magnesia, but wich is fire clay.

The late Bishop of Exeter once formed one of the congregation in a church in Torquay, in his own diocese, when the over-nice clergyman used the words, "Eat and drink their own condemnation," wherupon the sonorous voice of the diocesan rolled forth the word "damnation," which is the proper lit-urgical word, while the people in the pews looked astounded.

When Hortense died she gave the engagement ring of her mother, the Empress Josephine, to her son, the present Emperor of France, making it a condition that he should never put it on another hand than that of the future Empress of the French. The request was obeyed and Eugenie owns the ring.

A poor couple in London, taking counsel with each other how to retrench their expenses, decided to drown their North of Pres. Young's premises dog, a great pet, but costing seven pence a week. The wife herself threw the animal from the bridge, but his lose preyed upon her mind till she went crazy and drowned herself also in the Thames a week later.

A raw Jonathan who had been gazing at a garden in the vicinity of New York, in which were several marble statues, exclaimed: "Just see what a waste! Here's no less than six scareerows in this little ten-foot patch, and any one on 'em would keep the crows from a five-acre patch.

An Indiana naturalist enlightens the Fort Wayne Gazette in potatoe bug nomenclature. He says the correct name for this bug is Gymnospermia Tefrady namia, of the class Sisrinehiumminetiboniularumptum, of which there are but three species, the Monoctyledonous, Hypocastimouose, and the Picespevramia Sapifraynaeounce.

A gentleman asked a clergyman the use of his pulpit for a young divine, a relation of his. "I really do not know." said the clergyman, "how to refuse you; but if the young man can preach better than I can, my congregation would be dissatisfied with me afterward; and it he should preach worse, I don't think he's fit to preach at all."

Trenton, N. J., is on a broad grin over a joke unintentionally perpetrated upon some of its highly respectable citizens. An enterprising colored man devised a petition to the common council asking for an enlargement of the school house for colored children. It occurred to him that the signatures of certain white folks might be serviceable, and he applied for and obtained a large number. The petition commences, "We, the parents of the colored childrep!"

Costello, a highly respected Irish farmer near Dubuque, Iowa, has been arrested and taken to Ireland for the murder of his brother more than thirty years ago. He was not a hardened man, but in a heated moment struck the fa-tal blow, and fled to this country, leaving behind a wife and children. In this country he has led an honest life, but dared not write back to his family for fear of detection. At length he mar-ried again and had children, but was found the other day by the son of his murdered brother.

Leigh Hunt had an uncle who was very wealthy and meddlesome. Every one knows what an idler poor Leigh was in youth, and how very improvident in money matters. His old uncle came to see him one day and said "Ah, Leigh! How do you do, Leigh? What are you doing now, Leigh?" "I alle not doing anything," answered Hunt. "William" exclaimed the other, "haven't you got anything to do yet?" "No; but as you don't seem to mind your own business, you ought to employ me to do it for you. That would keep me pretty well en-gaged, Isfancy."-Lippincat's Maga-

A story is told of a frugal office clerk, in a New York bank, who, during the recent gold panic, drew all his sayings, amounting to some \$660, and spec-ulated in she street. He was very fortunate, and found himself worth, Friday moning, fifteen thousand dollars. His employers were astonished at his good fortune and advised him to invest that amount with them, and they would make it a hundred thousand. He thanked them, and said be would stop where he was. That night he had his fifteen thousand dollars, and his em-

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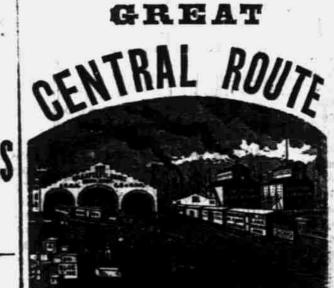
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