

BREVITIES.

Dickens has finished his new novel, Indianapolis has fifty-five divorces pending.

Rev. Albert Barnes considers Beecher and Greeley dangerous men to lecture before moral audiences.

True joy is a serene and sober emotion, and they are miserably out who take laughing for rejoicing.

Overbeck, the great German painter, who has just died at Rome, had lived in the Eternal City ever since 1810.

Horace Greeley, by special request wore his "old white coat" at a lecture he recently delivered at Lewiston, Maine.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is the first Christian sovereign who has visited Jerusalem since the crusades.

The Buffalo Express says that G. F. Train is "a little bolder, wilder, older, more inclined to be gymnastic and circumlocutious than ever before."

The New Haven, (Connecticut) carpenters and joiners have formed a co-operative union, and propose to go into building operations on their own hook.

A young lady of Camden, New York, who has been blind for sixteen years, suddenly received her sight a few evenings since, while enjoying the company of some friends.

Admiral Farragut has sent tokens of gratitude to five physicians who attended him while he was ill at Chicago. A man who escapes with his life from five doctors has indeed reason to be thankful.

A young wife of seventeen, in Chicago, has got a divorce. She married a fellow who said he had \$200,000, when he hadn't a cent. Besides that, he pinched her.

A gentleman who took occasion to doctor some cider on the Sabbath was taken to task by his good wife for laboring on that day. His reply was that no good Christian ought to find fault with his work, as he had been doing his best to prevent his cider from working.

A correspondent of an Eastern paper says the Cincinnati women are handsome, original and less conventional than any women he ever saw; but they talk so fast and loud that nothing but a steam engine or a Chicago woman bent on a divorce could keep up with them.

The progress of railroads in this country is indicated by the export of rails from Great Britain. For the ten months ending October 31st, 1867, the export from Great Britain to the United States was 145,166 tons; same time in 1868, 228,091; same time in 1869, 282,829. A very large increase from last year and the year before.

"Religious missions," said Horace Smith, "are an attempt to produce in distant and unenlightened nations a uniformity of opinion on subjects upon which the missionaries themselves are at fierce and utter variance, thus submitting a European controversy of eighteen hundred years to the decision of a synod of savages."

The woman, who-dared, lives in Illinois. She worried a promise of marriage out of a Sunday evening caller, invited him to a party a few days afterward, showed him a marriage certificate containing his name, and, stroking him under the chin, said, "Now, Henry, you are going to fulfil your engagement?" Despite Henry's excuses, he was a married man in fifteen minutes.

An eminent French physician thinks that the decrease of dyspepsia and bilious affections in Paris is owing to the increased consumption of apples, which fruit he maintains is an admirable prophylactic and tonic, as well as a very nourishing and easily digested article of food. The Parisians devour one hundred millions of apples every winter.

The best remedy for in-growing toe nails is to cut a notch, about the shape of a V in the end of the nail, about one quarter the width of the nail distant from the in-growing side. Cut down as nearly to the quick as possible, and one-third the length of the nail. The pressure of the boot or shoe will tend to close the opening you have made in the nail, and thus soon afford relief. Allow the in-grown portion of the nail to grow without cutting until it gets beyond the flesh.

A day or two since five geese, says the Sacramento Union, owned by a man living at Mormon Island, died from some unknown disease, and to settle the question of the cause of death, a post mortem examination of one was made, when in the gizzard was found grain gold almost sufficient to make a five-dollar piece. The other four geese were then prospect, and each panned out a quantity of the precious metal. Our informant exhibited to us yesterday the amount taken from one of the geese—the one that gave the smallest quantity at that—and there certainly appeared to be \$250 worth. The gold was probably picked up by the fowls near some claim where the miners had been sluicing, and it is presumed that the quicksilver attached to it caused their death.

Hot water is a simple remedy for the itching of the fingers to which composers are liable, and which is often the precursor of felons. It is to be used in this way: "When the finger aches, or the motions of the joints become painful procure a bowl full of hot water, and plunge the finger into it. You will withdraw it quickly enough without direction. As soon as possible, plunge the finger in again, and again, and so continue until you are able to keep it in the water until that cools. The finger now presents the appearance of being parboiled. It should be wrapped up loosely. If the application is made in the evening, the soreness will, in many cases, be gone in the morning. If only partial relief is obtained, a second application should be made in the morning, and the fingers should be allowed a day's rest from composition.

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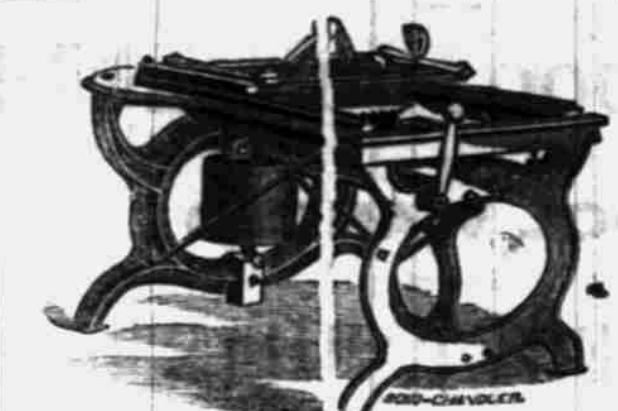
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