

## BREVITIES

Dr. Elliott expresses the opinion that in the whole 6,944 verses in the New Testament the revised passages will not exceed one for every five verses.

"Do you see anything ridiculous in this wig?" said a brother judge to Curran. "Nothing but the head," he replied.

A punster, passing by the shop of a certain Mr. Taswell, observed that his name would be as well without the T.

Waiter, this bit of a turbot is not as good as that you gave us last week. Waiter: "Beg pardon, sir; it's off the very same fish."

Tom, twitting Sam on the extraordinary size of his feet, said to him: "You must take cold easily, Sam; I should think you would be sick all the time." "How so?" asked Sam. "Why," replied Tom, "because there is so much of you on the ground."

One of the queerest revelations of the census takers has occurred in Indiana, where a lady has been discovered who is happy and contented in the name of "Juliette Isalina Araminta Musadora Peeks."

The "boss of the lion department," attached to O'Brien's Menagerie, which exhibited in Cumminsville, a Cincinnati suburb, on Saturday night, recklessly thrust his hand into the cage occupied by the "king of beasts." He suffered the penalty of having the thumb of the left hand chawed off and getting his wrist fearfully lacerated.

A German paper reports that the soldiers of the forty-third Prussian infantry strapped their knapsacks to their breasts during the battle of Metz. On the night of the battle many of them found out that they owed their lives to this foresight, as some of the knapsacks were literally riddled with bullets.

Once upon a time in Dutchland, a traveler rode up to a tollgate which was kept by a green, thick-set Dutch woman. "Madame," said the traveler, "how far is it to B—?" "Shoot a little ways," was the reply. "Yes, but how far?" again asked the traveler. "Shoot a little ways," more emphatically. "Madame, is it one, two, three, four or five miles?" The good woman ingeniously replied, "I think it is."

In Salem, on Thursday evening, a man named Judson Callahan, employed at the Salem Planing Mill and Sash Factory, was engaged in shifting the belt on the main shaft, and was using a stick to move the belt on the pulley, when the stick was struck by the arm of the pulley and thrust it into his heart, killing him instantly. The deceased was a young married man.

There must be a good railroad man among the counselors of the German King. It is mentioned, as an illustration, also, of the German system, that the transportation of William's armies was effected according to schedule prearranged in Berlin, regulating the running time of every main and branch railroad throughout Germany, and so perfect were all connections that not one train was behind time. The movement of troops began, by this plan, on the sixteenth of July—one day after the declaration of war—and on the 27th of the same month 600,000 men had been transferred to the frontier without the slightest accident.

Colonel Sir Henry James, in a recent lecture on the pyramids of Egypt, stated that, in the King's chamber, inside the pyramid, some of the stones were 30 feet long. These stones, weighing 90 tons, were not found in Egypt at all, but were taken down the Nile a distance of 500 miles, and then placed in their present position, 100 feet above the level of the ground. With regard to their finish, these granite stones are the very hardest known, and yet they are so exquisitely polished, and built in (to form a casing for the King's chamber) with such superior skill, that the finest sheet of tissue paper could not be inserted between two of the stones, and this after the lapse of 4,000 years. Such workmanship would excite the wonder and admiration of the world, even in this age of science and improvement.—*Illustrated London News.*

## A SNAKE ENTRAPPED BY A SPIDER.

A gentleman from Mossy Creek, Jefferson County, presented us with a photograph of a snake hanging at full length, of which he gave substantially the following history:

A few days since the snake was found suspended in a spider's web under a shelf in the store of Messrs. Johnson & Branner, at Mossy Creek. On inspection, it was clearly ascertained that the snake, about a foot in length and still alive, had been literally captured by a spider about the size of a common house fly. The spider had spun his web tightly around the neck and entire head of the snake, and drawn him clear from the floor, making him a close prisoner. The snake was taken while yet in the coils of the spider, to Mr. Ruffner, a photographer, and the picture is before us as we write. The facts are curious, and suggestive of various theories. After the photograph was taken, the web was removed from the snake, whereupon he exhibited his wicked instincts by striking at those present, evidently showing a desire to avenge himself for the terrible indignity put upon him by so insignificant a creature as a spider not much larger than a grain of wheat. We regret that the snake was finally killed, instead of being saved, that his peculiar species might be identified. It was evidently a venomous reptile, which had crawled into the store unobserved, to be thus ignominiously captured and brought to grief.

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