

BREVITIES.

If a man marries a shrew, are we to suppose he is shrewish?
The life preservers oftenest used in the battlefield—the legs.
Fear is the virtue of slaves; but the heart that loveth is willing.
Everything we add to our knowledge adds to our means of usefulness.
Kindness, justice and forbearance toward others begets love towards us.
Self-denial is the most exalted pleasure, and the conquest of evil habits the most glorious triumph.

He who despises the great is condemned to honor the little; and he who is in love with trifles can have no taste for the great.

One man reprimanding another, said that he talked like a fool.
"True," he replied; "but it is that you may understand me."

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones are left on lease.

We should not despair of the goodness of the world, if we do not happen to see immediately around us. The atmosphere is still blue, though so much of it as is inclosed in our apartment is colorless.

A bucolic patriarch in Chicago met some "brokers," who explained to him that gold had fallen and greenbacks were now \$1.50, and offered him \$500 in gold for \$374 in paper. Overjoyed, he "swapped," but has since discovered that his coin is brass.

Fere Gratty, lecturer of the French Academy, is the most absent-minded man in France. The other day, on his way to lecture, he fancied he had lost his watch, and took the very watch out of his pocket to see if he had time to step back and get it.

A Scandinavian preacher in Illinois occupies three hours in the delivery of a sermon. Recently his congregation passed a resolution that he should close his sermon at five o'clock, but at his urgent solicitation it was extended to two.

Petersburg, Virginia, has a fasting case that rivals the Welsh girl. The person who has finally succeeded in gaining impunity the demands of the stomach is "a devotedly pious lady, of angelic beauty, who is kept alive by a daily application of oil to her breast."

The question whether polygamy affects the proportions of the sexes in the birth, has been carefully studied by Dr. Campbell of London, who concludes that the proportion of males and females born is just the same under polygamy as under monogamy.

Bismarck is a tall, elderly, awkward person, clad in military uniform, with the star of authority hanging upon his breast, and a plain sword dangling ungracefully beside his long legs. His face is a curious mixture of humor and sadness; it is in perpetual unrest, the eyes sparkle and burn, and the lips are now compressed, now wide open with an air of humorous satisfaction.

"I think," said A. Bronson Alcott, in one of his conversations, "when a man lives, he becomes something like an ox; if he eats nothing he begins to look sheepish, and if he feeds on pork, he may not grow to be swinish?"
"That may be," said Dr. Walker, of Cambridge, who was one of the listeners, "but when a man lives on nothing but vegetables, I think he's apt to be pretty small potatoes."

An exchange says: A lady in church in a neighboring city, where the seats are free, and not upholstered, concluded to have a cushion made for her own use—which she did. A few Sundays ago, some people from down town visited the church, and took possession of the cushioned pew. The lady owning the cushioned seat entered the church immediately after, and observing her premises occupied, went in to the seat next back. When the congregation arose to sing, the lady quietly reached over and removed the cushion, and placed it in the pew she was occupying. The effect on the visitors was not reported.

It has been related that the Emerald Isle has produced a physician who, being called to examine a man who had been killed by a neighbor, said, oracularly, "This person was so ill that, if he had not been murdered, he would have died half an hour before." An orator who becoming very angry at an Englishman cried, "I will punch your impregnable head, and let the brains out of your empty skull!" an editor, who wrote of the wrongs of his native land, "Her cup of misery has been of ages overflowing, and is not yet full;" and a discriminating historian, who stated that, in the first place, Ireland was divided into four kingdoms, then it was divided into three kingdoms, next into two kingdoms, and finally it was divided into one.

On the parched side of a rock on a mountain in Venezuela grows a tree with dry, leathery foliage, its large woody roots scarcely penetrating into the ground. For several months in the year its leaves are not moistened by a shower; its branches look as if they were dead and withered; but when the trunk is bored, a bland and nourishing milk flows from it. It is said that the vegetable fountain flows most freely. At that time the blacks and natives may be seen coming from all parts, provided with large bowls to receive the milk, which yellows and thickens at its surface. Some empty their vessels on the spot, while others carry them home to their children. One imagines he sees the family of a shepherd who is distributing the milk of his flock. It is named the *palo de baco*, or cow-tree.

By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Mrs. Lincoln's pension.

Edmunds, from the committee on pensions, reported a bill to grant a pension to Mrs. Lincoln, and recommended that it be indefinitely postponed. The bill was accompanied by a report, which were both ordered printed.

OHIO.

Funeral of R. N. Reddie.

CINCINNATI.—The funeral of A. M. Reddie, this morning, was largely attended by the Cincinnati Pioneers, the members of the bar, Odd Fellows and others. Bishop Clarke, of the Methodist church, officiated.

TENNESSEE.

Methodist Conference.

MEMPHIS.—The general conference of the Methodist church south, continued in session to-day; all the bishops were present except Bishop Early, of Virginia, who is sick; he sent a message and hoped to be here before the adjournment.

NEW YORK.

McFarland Case.

NEW YORK.—At the opening of the court, to-day, Graham, in referring to the cross examination of J. Ross Browne, read from authorities to show that a man can be cross examined as to his religious belief.

Donald Nicholson testified to having received a package from McFarland, containing a pistol, which he thinks was about the 25th of November. Immediately after the shooting he gave it to Junius Henri Browne. Further examination of the witness in this strain was stopped by the Recorder.

M. Mason testified that when McFarland was at his house he never saw him drunk, and his wife appeared very happy. Witness did not receive a night key from Brown. This was before the first shooting.

Dennis Shay was called; Graham wanted to examine him in reference to a meeting at the Astor House between the prisoner and Richardson, which Brown testified to yesterday, intending to prove that McFarland went there on business.

Isaac G. Reed, a journalist who writes for the *Tribune* and *Day's*, met Hiram Greeley five or six times and had an interview with him immediately after the occurrence on the 25th of November and published it within four hours thereafter; in many cases used the exact words, always as near as possible, and in many cases modified the language as where Greeley used God damn, he simply put down damn, out of respect to Greeley.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Down on Woman Suffrage.

LONDON.—The *Times* deplores the Women's Rights movement in the House of Commons last evening, and does not believe that the women of England are at all in sympathy with the movement.

FRANCE.

High Court of Justice convoked.

PARIS.—The *Journal Officiel* contains a decree convoking the high court of justice for the trial of those arrested as implicated in the plot against the Emperor. Long before the issuance of this decree, Ollivier demonstrated the existence of a revolutionary party, having for its aim the establishment of a democracy and a social republic, the members of which were resorting to systematized vilification, outrages, calumnies and assassination to accomplish their purpose.

It is reported that the government has demanded of the English government, in accordance with the extradition treaty, Gustave Florence, on account of complicity in the plot against the Emperor.

The *Siecle* explains the situation, as follows: The government asks unequal approval of the past and a *carte blanche* for the future.

Traces of the conspiracy have been discovered at Marseilles.

Geo. Francis Train now claims that he never "deviated from virtue," whatever that may mean.

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