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BREVITIES.

There are seven colored members of the new Virginia Legislature.

The rice crop of Georgia promises to be the largest since 1860.

The King of Prussia recently visited Hanover, but nobody welcomed him except his own soldiers.

Farwell Hall, in Chicago, is ventilated by a gigantic fan weighing 25 tons and making 500 revolutions per minute.

Cognac, the great brandy town of France, is said to be one of the wealthiest places in proportion to its size, in the world.

A borrowed tool, if broken, should be replaced by a new one. A nice sense of honor in such matters is much to be commended.

The latest curiosity—a baby eight weeks old, who has crossed the continent. He will not lecture on the trip for several years to come.

Mr. Glover, of Mustash, reports that his cat has a litter of kittens, five in number, all attached together after the manner of the Siamese twins.

Negroes in Kentucky are imitating the silly whites by holding "tournaments," and crowning "Queens of Love and Beauty."

A German astronomer has written a pamphlet to prove that we are soon to have a second moon, and that it will be nearer the earth than our present Luna.

Chicago is now the great distributing post office for all the American Mails for China, Japan, the Sandwich Islands and the States of the Pacific slope.

On the fifty-fourth anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, just past, there were living one hundred and thirty-five English officers who took part in that battle.

Timothy Ryan, of Blackhawk, Iowa, went suddenly insane a few days ago, and remained so 'till to the time of his death. The doctors attribute his insanity and death to the intemperate use of tobacco.

It is said that many of the English converts to the Church of Rome are quietly returning to the Established Church. Among the numbers are Thomas Arnold, Mr. Palagrave, Mr. Walford, and a son of Mrs. Hemans.

Statistics from about one-third of Finland show that during 1868 there was 1,103 deaths, chiefly from famine, and that during the same time only 13,556 children were born. In some districts the mortality was from thirteen to sixteen per cent of the population.

Many of those who design attending the opening of the Suez Canal are providing themselves with silk tents. Eugenie's is to be of blue and white; the Viceroy of Egypt has one of red and white, and Madame Massad has provided one of white silk, with green and white borders.

A somewhat unusual scene occurred in the Harrisburg Police Court the other day. A man was brought up for some petty offense, confessed that he was a slave to drink and wished to reform, and the magistrate called upon a clergyman present to pray for him. Prayer was accordingly offered.

A Paris correspondent writes "that the marriage season has set in with extreme severity. The English keep one chaplain constantly in his robes; and as for American young ladies, they are married by scores, and, indeed, I do not think that one will be left single by the end of July."

There are twenty Dukes not of royal blood in the peerage of England. Of these eight voted for the Irish Church bill, six voted against it, two were paired, two remained neutral for reasons which they explained, and the remaining two were the tur-ruined Dukes of Newcastle and Hamilton.

Within the space of one block, at Detroit, on Tuesday, there were at one time, a one-legged soldier holding out a cigar box for pennies, a one-armed boy grinding a hand-organ, a deformed boy asking charity, a half-breed Indian exhibiting a decayed leg and soliciting alms, a young lad asking for five cents to buy a loaf of bread for a rheumatic mother, a man with both feet off, looking hurt if the coppers did not fall into his hat, and a lad leading an old man from store to store, to collect money to support him in his blind ness.

A curious wager has been decided in Chester, England. On the Roodees, whilst sword exercise was going on, a discussion arose amongst some of the yeomanry as to what a man could eat. One boasted, and another boasted, until at last one offered to bet any one £25 that he could eat six pounds of mutton to his dinner without raising from his seat. The bet was accepted, and the company speedily repaired to the Hop Pole, where the specified quantity was placed before the yeoman. He began gallantly, continued gallantly, and won gallantly, declaring heartily, he could eat another pound. The bet was paid, and the cavalry man is still alive.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that the extraordinary rapidly with which iron-clad after iron-clad has been built and launched in the Prussian ports, and the scarcely disguised pretensions of the Prussian Government to the supremacy of the Baltic Sea, have created no little jealousy and anxiety in Russia. Last year, at the suggestion of Count Bismarck, the Prussian and Russian fleets cruised and maneuvered together during several months; but a proposal to renew the same exercises this year has met at St. Petersburg with an unequivocal refusal. This incident has caused much sensation in Russian naval circles, the general impression being that the Government is aware of the present superiority of the Prussian navy and is unwilling to let its fleet serve as a foil to that of its active and enterprising neighbor.

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