

BREVITIES.

Prince Alfred has had his pocket picked of £1,500 in India.

Waistcoats made from towel cash will be fashionable this summer.

Hard as it is to understand the difficult parts of the Bible, it is a great deal harder to practice the simpler parts.

It is estimated that the machinery of Great Britain does the work of 400,000 men.

The Archbishop of Seville has the credit of being the handsomest prelate at the Ecumenical.

Kentucky has its champion old man, 115 years of age, and able to thread the finest needle and reads in eight different languages.

Divorces are so frequent in Chicago, that the different sets of children have to be labeled in order to distinguish to which parent they belong.

The Rev. Chandler Robbins says: "Innocence is the morning twilight of perfection."

A western editor writing a sketch of his life, says he early ran away from his father, because he discovered he was only his uncle.

A short and stout woman got caught in a "squeezing machine" in a Dundee yarn factory, recently, and came out lifeless, but twelve feet long.

A squire in Indianapolis married a couple last week, adapting the service to modern times by pronouncing them man and wife, "until separated by law."

"People," says a modern philosopher, "go according to their brains; if these lie in their head, they study; if in their stomach, they eat; if in their heels, they dance."

An English resident of Philadelphia suggests that the British people and Englishmen in this country raise a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the men lost by the sinking of the *Oneda*.

The gentleman who fills the office of State Entomologist in Illinois, is called by Illinoisians "Bugmaster-General."

He has collected more than thirty thousand bugs; and it is surmised that he intends to open a hotel in Chicago.

Four theatrical swords, formerly the property of Charles Kean, were sold at auction in New York, recently.

The first, a Louis XI. sword, brought \$16; the second, the "Cup" sword, \$8; the third, the "Jewel" sword, \$3.50; and the fourth, with a pair of pistols and outlass \$8.

Little four-year old's inquiry on first attending church, and seeing the rector in his surplice:

"Mamma, what does he wear [his 'nig' for]?"

A leading poultryer says that the occasional use of onions, mixed and fed to poultry with their other food, is one of the best ways of keeping a yard of poultry in health.

"Do you mean to challenge the jury?" whispered a lawyer to his Irish client.

"Yis, be jabers," was the answer, "if they don't acquit me, I mean to challenge every spalpeen of 'em; I want ye to give 'em all a hint of it too."

A new parody and poem by *Figaro* commences thus:

"Woman, spare that tea! Touch not a single drop: In youth it tempted thee, But now, for heaven's sake, stop!"

London city pauperism increases. The number of paupers in that city in the second week in March was 174,780, to contrast with 149,166 for the same week in 1869. The indoor poor were 37,337 against 36,783.

Among the Alaska rivers are the Atunocoolakchagut, Nodotachigut, Kuynyukuk, Conneovah, Unalachtut, and Golsova-Richka, along whose bank live in almost Arcadian bliss the Chukchikpuks, the Yakuekylyitniks, Saklatskyitniks, the Ankachagamuka, Mekutooneutsoorts, and other tribes with equally simple nomenclatures.

An epitaph from Hoosac Falls, New York, reads as follows:

RUTH SPRAGUE. She was stolen from the grave by Roderick R. Clow, and dissected at A. P. Armstrong's office in Hoosac, N. Y., from which place her mutilated remains were obtained and deposited here.

Her body dissected by flends, Her bones anatomized; Her soul, we trust, has risen to God, Where few physicians rise.

Exercise for the body, occupation for the mind; these are the grand constituents of health and happiness, the cardinal points upon which everything turns. Motion seems to be a great preserving principle of nature, to which even inanimate things are subject, for the winds, waves, the earth itself, are restless, and the waving of trees, shrubs, and flowers, is known to be an essential part of their economy. A fixed rule of several hours' exercise every day, if possible, in the open air, if not, under cover, will be almost certain to secure one exemption from disease, as well as from attacks of low spirits, ennui—that monster who is ever way-laying the rich indolent.

"Throw but a stone, the giant dies." Low spirits cannot exist in the atmosphere of bodily and mental activity.

A correspondent of an English journal of horticulture says that he planted, in 1865, some pink kidney potatoes of a late-keeping kind, called Yorkshire Kidneys. They produced York ham, and are a little given to disease. The crop was diseased. He selected from the diseased potatoes twelve of the very worst—so bad, so rotten, as scarcely to have any vitality—and planted them in March, 1866, on a piece of poor ground without any manure. The result was seventy-one potatoes quite sound and fifteen diseased. In 1867 he planted the diseased potatoes and a few sound ones, sufficient to make a long row; the result was scarcely any disease at all. In 1868 he planted two rows, taking all the diseased and small potatoes; the result was a good crop and no disease. On the 21st of April, 1869, he looked over the potatoes left—about half a bushel—and could not find a trace of disease.

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