

BREVITIES.

The surgeons of the 5th German army corps are nearly all Jews.

A Georgia office-seeker is frank enough to say that he has no other means of supporting his family.

Mrs. Digby says the main stay of her husband is at the club-room. He stays pretty much every night till twelve.

The bear and turkey will henceforth, for some time, be lawful game for the caricaturists.

The difference between a bouquet of flowers and the "bouquet" of wine is, that one makes the nosegay and the other a gay nose.

The trouble with not a few speakers is that they have too many words for their ideas. The chaff is out of all proportion to the wheat.

Russia has nine Universities, all under the care of the Government. The largest, that of Moscow, has seventy-five professors and 1,600 students.

Garret Clawson, an Indiana octogenarian, shoots squirrels without spectacles. Very few Indiana squirrels wear spectacles this season.

In the vestibules of Illinois churches, the following note is generally posted: "Young ladies will please not eat chestnuts during service."

A white man in one of the bar-rooms of Alabama, the other day, offered to pay for a quart of whiskey if a negro present would drink it. The offer was accepted, and the darky is now a colored angel.

A dancing master, in renewing his solicitations for patronage, wished to express his obligations for past favors, when the printers made him say: "Most respectfully offers his thanks."

A female poet just added to the staff of the Chicago Post, got her situation on the strength of this touching idyl:

"Into the buzzum of the flours
The sun looks from above;
Alas! no one looks into mine,
I wait for heaven man luv."—Ex.

In Cambridge University, England, the best salaried chair is that of the Regius Professorship of Divinity, worth over \$10,000 a year. The poorest salaried place is the Professorship of Arabic, worth \$350 a year. Both these places are vacant now, and curious enough there are more applicants for the latter than the former one.

An Ohio hog grower says that the following treatment will make the biggest hog out of a pig in twelve months: Take two parts of barley, two of corn, and one of oats. Grind them together; then cook and feed cold. He says it is the cheapest food, and that any pig of good improved breed can be made to gain a pound a day until a year old.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says: Readers of that sprightly journal, the Chicago Legal News, edited by Mrs. Myra A. Bradwell, have noticed for some weeks past, a palpable letting down in its tone. The deterioration is owing to the temporary retirement of its talented editor; but it is consoling to know that what was a loss to the News has been a gain to the census.

A congregation in Wisconsin was almost driven to the brink of despair, on a recent Sunday, in consequence of the unexplained absence of the pastor, when the sexton arose from his seat with awful solemnity, and said: "There has been a duplex arrival of the mail. Our worthy shepherd has two little lambs added to his flock. Twins, brethren, twins. Let us pray."

Prof. Rockwood of Bowdoin College describes the meteor recently seen at Brunswick, Me., as follows: It was just visible in the West, at an altitude of about 60 deg., and passed slowly down in a direction perpendicular to the horizon, until concealed behind a tree. It presented a small, clearly defined disc, bright like the moon, and was distinctly visible, although the sun was just risen at the time. The meteor was visible at least ten seconds.

Erie, Penn., was lit on Wednesday and Thursday night by natural gas, obtained by the Erie Gas Company from a well sunk near their works. Thirteen gas wells are now in successful operation in various parts of the city, used mostly to furnish fuel and light for the manufactories. Other wells are being sunk. The gas is found at an average depth of 550 feet, and the average yield per well is upward of 2,000 cubic feet per day. It requires no purification, and is being rapidly introduced into private houses for fuel. Thus far every well put down has proved a success.

The following is from an Eastern paper: Some little time ago a woman, who bears a good reputation, and conducts herself in a lady-like manner, was thrown on her own resources. She had to go out washing to support herself and two children. All this was done by the misdeeds and irresolution of the woman's husband. On the fact of her going out to work being known, the sisters of the man who had rendered her washing for a livelihood necessary, called on her and requested that when she went out she would give a false name, so that the fact of her being a washerwoman might not reflect on the family. They are amply able to assist her, but they prefer to wash under a false name. She won't do it.

The Rockford (Ill.) Register noticed in the court-room the other day fewer boot-soles resting upon tables and railings, less lounging in uncouth attitudes than usual, an unusual spryness of attire, and evidence of more than ordinary attention to their back hair on the part of sundry of the young members of the bar. Looking around for the cause of this altered aspect of affairs, a charming young lady, who occupied a chair within the bar, and was watching the progress of a case with much interest, was seen. The young lady, whose name is Miss Alta M. Bennett, is passing a regular course of legal study, with a view to fit herself for the practice of the law. She is a young lady of more than ordinary personal attractions; bright and prepossessing in appearance, and evidently in earnest in her purpose to acquire a profession.

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