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## BREVITIES.

The next census, it is said, will show a hundred thousand Chinese males over twenty-one years of age in California.

A large aquarium, to cost \$200,000, is to be erected in Brighton, England.

General Grant is credited with the epigrammatic remark that "office-seeking was fast becoming one of the industries of this country."

The ancients used to venerate the "ashes" of departed ancestors; the moderns follow their example, showing great attraction for the "dust" of theirs—gold dust.

The Japanese colony is now on the way to San Francisco, composed of skilled silk and tea cultivators, who propose to buy Government land, set out 50,000 new mulberry trees and 6,000,000 tea roots.

While leveling the ground for a new square in Madrid, the laborers have turned up the graves of the victims of the Inquisition burned at autos da fe. Calced bones, charred curls, bits of burned men and women told their old tale. The discovery has been made the text of eloquent speeches in the Cortes against intolerance, and is said to have dealt a severe blow against the Church, though a hundred arguments could inflect.

If the farmer is short of hay he should resort to the straw stack, the straw of which, if cut the proper length by the aid of a straw-cutter, dampened with water, and meal, or even buckwheat or wheat bran, sprinkled over it, at the rate of a quart of meal to a half-bushel of shortened straw, will furnish a quality of food relished by horses, cattle or other stock, and will keep them in better health and at less expense than by purchasing hay.

The oldest house in the United States retaining its original form is to be found in Neponset, Massachusetts. It was built by John Minot about the year 1640, and is still in good repair. In 1670 it was attacked by three Indians during the absence of the male portion of the family. A female servant and several children were in the house. The girl hastily barricaded the door and seized a loaded gun. The first Indian attempted entrance by an open window, but was met by a shovelfull of burning coals from the fire-place, which was thrown in his face by the girl. Another savage who appeared at the window was shot dead, and the survivor beat a hasty retreat.

In the town of Johnsburg, Warren County, N. Y., there resides a family of seven children, all of whom are living and in good health; the youngest fifty-nine and the oldest eighty years of age. The family have a fair prospect of much longer life, as some of their ancestors were over one hundred years of age at death. The oldest can read the newspaper in the evening without the aid of glasses, and has not used them for the last four years. In the same town there was a family of thirteen children, seven of whom are now living; the youngest fifty-eight and the oldest over eighty years of age. They descended from the same ancestors as the other family.

It appears that the men are greatly in the minority throughout the civilized world. According to the last census, in a population of 1,300,000 in Massachusetts, there were 40,000 more women than men. It has been ascertained that of every 100 women in Great Britain above 20 years of age, 57 are wives, 13 are widows, and 30 are spinsters. Of a little under 3,000,000 women, between 30 and 40, in England and Wales, 1,248,000 are unmarried. There is good reason to believe that the women outnumber men by millions; and should female suffrage become universal, and the sexes be arrayed in opposing parties, our rights would go by the board, and we should be helpless at the feet of our conquerors!—Philadelphia Journal.

Minister Burlingame rebuked the foreigner who thought they "outranked" him in Paris, in the following style: "We Americans do not raise the question of rank. We receive all gentlemen as occupying a common level. But if you raise the question of position, we outrank you. You are nothing but dukes, marquises and counts. We belong to the royal family. We are the king of our President. We are all the apparent to the throne. We stand up for our order, and, if need be, we fight for our order."

A newspaper tells the following story of a recent railway accident: "An intoxicated Irishman was sitting on the line when the engine tossed him down an embankment. The driver backed his train to pick up the dead body. The victim was found alive, however, only somewhat bruised, and taken to Norwich. Here the driver kindly offered to send the man to his home, a few miles away, in a hack; but he insisted on his ability to walk, and refused to be sent home. The driver pressed the matter, when the Irishman, who had stood the butting of the cow-catcher so well, bristled up with: 'Go away with your kerriage—I'll go home by myself, and if I've done any damage to yer old engine, bedad, I'll pay it on the spot.'"

In some of the largest breeds of fowls, and as we have observed especially with the Brahmas, on reaching two or three years old—the legs occasionally become much swollen, and covered with a scab or scurf. This not only injures their appearance, but retards their growth. Such birds grope about, unthrifty and inactive. A prominent physician deeply interested in the breeding and physiology of various breeds of domestic animals, has ascertained by microscopical investigation that this scurfiness or scab is the work of an insect—a scaly kind of louse. He gives the following recipe, which he has found an effectual remedy: twenty grains of carbonate of soda, one ounce of lard, one dram of sulphur. Applied occasionally on the legs till a healthy appearance is restored. —Practical Farmer.

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