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## BREVITIES

Napoleon III is sixty years old.

Watches first made in Germany, 1447.

Dickens will write no more long stories.

What kind of a ship has two masts and no captain? Courtship.

A widow of twenty-two married her third husband in Worcester, Mass., recently.

An infant has been poisoned to death in Boston by swallowing some tobacco.

The United States has 29,000 cigar and tobacco manufacturers.

Judges whether a lantern-jawed man is always a light-headed man.

Sleight of hand—refusing an offer of marriage from a lady during leap year.

It is said that the gamblers of New York win ten millions annually.

An English clergyman has been arrested for keeping "an illegal lottery" at a church fair.

The Swiss private in the pontifical army are said to be deserting in large numbers.

The person who said that his mouth never uttered a lie speaks through his nose.—E.

Fifty-seven vessels are among the Bahamas Islands, collecting sponge for use in upholstery.

Eleven English Episcopal clergymen were converted to Catholicism between the last two Ash Wednesdays.

"I came near selling my boots the other day," said Scuttlery to a friend. "How so?" "Well I had them half sold."

The New York Commercial Advertiser complains of want of manners among the rising generation.

Prussia is lightening the taxes on necessary articles, and increasing them on tobacco and spirits, which it deems luxuries.

An English magazine estimates the Wall St. money business at between \$15,000,000 and \$18,000,000 a year.

In Germany, when a paper says anything witty, they kill the editor; not one editor has been killed there for two hundred years.

John B. Gough is to have \$200 a night, eighty nights a year, for the next ten years for lecturing to the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago.

The best bank ever known is a bank of earth; it never refuses to discount to honest labor. And the best share is the ploughshare, on which dividends are always liberal.

A western editor, in response to a subscriber, who grumbles that his paper is always intolerably damp, says "that is because there is so much dew (dew) on it."

The church of the Puritans in New York, where Rev. Dr. Cheever preached, is now being dismantled and altered into a business warehouse, and the pulpit, pews, and other fixtures are offered for sale.

A Belgian boy in London hung himself by accident the other day, and his father testified that the boy had read sensation stories of suicides, and afterward many times experimented on his own neck before the fatal occasion.

The Hon. James J. Babcock, of Connecticut, thus closed a "brilliant" speech in New Hampshire: "If you choose to marry blacks, you may do so, but as for myself, when I marry, I shall marry one of my own sex."

A singular freak of nature has occurred in Preston, Conn. Abigail Coleman, a lady, eighty-five years of age, has a third set of teeth just appearing through the gums. She is hale and hearty, and bids fair to enjoy many years of usefulness yet.

A patriarchal frog was caught near Flint, Michigan, lately. He measured fifteen inches from the tip of the nose to the end of his feet, eight round the body, and six round the neck. He weighed fifteen ounces and had quite formidable teeth.

A New Hampshire farmer, who had an invariably good-natured wife, longed to hear her scold for a change, and was advised that a load of crockery firewood would make her very desirably cross. He tried it. When the pile was gone, he asked if he should get such another supply. "Oh, yes," said she, "for that crooked wood you brought before does lie around the pot so nicely."

In one of the Society Islands the Siamese twins are paralleled. Two girls, infants as yet, are united at the hip, but are otherwise physically separate. The sympathy between them is extraordinary. The King and Queen of the Islands have adopted them, and lately refused to part with them long enough to carry them to one of the villages to be photographed.

The principal of electricity, which at present baffles the highest power of the human mind to comprehend it, seems, nevertheless, to indicate that it pervades the whole mass of the globe, and perhaps does its mysterious work in the great circuit of the universe. Men of science appear to think it has fused or formed the ores and crystals of the underground strata and others identify it with the principal of life in all things organic. M. Biondani, a chemist of Paris, has been working agricultural miracles with it. He has taken the seeds of various fruits—apples, pears, cherries, and so forth, and passing them over a current of electricity, set them to grow, beside other seeds treated in the common way. The result has been a vast superiority of quantity and quality for the produce of the former. He electrified his corn, his peas and beans in the same way, with similar undeniable results.

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