

THE EVENING NEWS.

Friday, July 8, 1870.

BREVITIES.

Prayers for rain were recently offered in the churches in England.

The last words Dickens spoke were, "Close the window."

At Eatonton, Georgia, a cabbage-head four feet across has been raised this year.

Fifty-two persons were killed by the explosion of kerosene in 1869, and the total sufferers were 108.

Mrs. Stowe attributes the premature decay of teeth in America to the use of caustic alkalis in bread.

There is a town in Georgia where they shave the heads of all found drunk on the streets.

A woman may be the friend of a man she does not love, but she is always the enemy of a man she loves no longer.

When the inhabitants of India are considered, more than half the subjects of Queen Victoria are polygamists.

"What is it that sticketh closer than a brother?" said a Sunday-school teacher to one of his class. "A postage-stamp, by gum!" said the incorrigible.

Mr. John T. Alexander, the great Illinois cattle dealer, has a single "patch" of corn of 5,500 acres on his farm in Champaign county.

A little school-boy in Danvers, Mass., when asked by his teacher why women should not vote, answered: "Cause they are afraid of caterpillars."

The Columbus (Kansas) Journal threatens to publish the names of the married men there who visit houses of ill-fame.

Phillip II. of Spain, attempted to connect the Pacific and Atlantic oceans by cutting a canal through the Isthmus of Darien, fifty years after the discovery of America, but failed.

The most eminent physicians in Paris, declare that all the children of Prince Napoleon (being scrofulous to a high degree) are bound to die at an early day.

Some workmen in a town in Hannover, amused themselves by tripping a tipsy companion and fastening him, in that condition, to a tombstone. A few hours later he was found there dead.

There is a girl residing in Boston who is not quite eight years old, but she weighs two hundred pounds. Around the calves of her legs she measures twenty-four inches and a half.

Abram Bennet, a Pottawatomie chief, who had lived near Topeka for many years, died recently. He weighed 490 pounds, being the heaviest man in Kansas.

A clever mot is attributed to the prince imperial. When asked why people always said "brave as a sword," and never "brave as a cannon," he replied: "Because a cannon always recoils when it is fired."

A farmer living near Dixon, Solano county, California has a cat which recently gave birth to six kittens, five of which are ligamated together, a la Siamese twins. They are growing finely.

Near Pittsburg, Pa., last week, a wagon containing a lady and gentleman was struck by lightning. After the flash the lady found herself thirty feet from the wagon, and implicitly believes she rode from the wagon on the thunderbolt.

A New Hampshire girl took a pinch of snuff the other day and sneezed five hours without ceasing, winding up with a lively attack of spasms, which left her in a critical condition.

Thirty years ago two boys attended school in Bethel, Me., little thinking that they would grow up, one to the Governor of Maine, and one to the Governor of California. Yet such proved to be their unhappy fate.

A young factory operative in Lawrence, Mass., borrowed \$2 of a lady friend recently, and subsequently took her to the circus. On pay day he returned the amount very promptly, after deducting fifty cents, the amount her circus ticket cost him.

A Florida man says he will have about 3,000 dozen pine-apples for market this year, and that he expects to realize from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per dozen for them. He further says that he and his three little sons do all the labor necessary to their cultivation.

A gambler visited Sioux City, Iowa, the other day, disguised as a peddler, and was picked up as a "soft snap" by some of the "sports" of that town for a few days. About the third or fourth day, however, they discovered their mistake, and the "soft snap" departed \$500 winner.

A "slow race" came off on Staten Island recently, the conditions being that the wheels of the wagons should not stop moving, and the last horse out was to win. The winner consumed twenty-three minutes in going three-quarters of a mile.

A well-known citizen of Dubuque, Iowa, has an appendage, something like a tail, projecting from his back, just below the waist, and his physicians tell him it cannot be amputated without danger to his life. It commenced growing three years since, from a protuberance which has existed since his birth. He is about forty years of age.

An Alpine tourist, Mr. Royds, son of a rich banker at Rochdale, and an Oxford student, lost his life on Mount Salomon, in presence of his sister and his cousin, notwithstanding the heroic efforts of these young ladies to save him.

A lady of the shoddyocracy of Des Moines found, on returning from a walk, some call card on her table. She called a servant in great haste, saying: "John, John, take these and run quick; them ladies is forgot their tickets."

A St. Louis reporter, in a fine frenzy, says: "The sun shone resplendent, and as its rays kissed the beautiful ripples made upon the bosom of the great Father of waters, each wavelet seemed to shed a crystal tear that rolled from its crest and floated on to lave another."

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