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BREVITIES.

A man in Lawrence, Kansas, bodded a cherry tree in his garden last August (1869), which has grown in a year thirty-three feet and seven inches.

A Western visitor to Boston writes that the statue of (Horace) Mann in the State House yard looks like Attorney General Hoar in his night-shirt.

To take the stain of any fruit from any fabric, put the garment in a vessel, pour boiling water over it, and let it stand till cool; then wash out, and the stain is gone.

The first exclamation of a newspaper boy who was run over in Chicago and had his leg broken, was: "Oh, dear, what shall I do? My mother will whip me 'cause I can't sell no papers."

The last reports from the New England rural districts state that cider is so much more abundant than water, that it is used to turn factory machinery.

A Mr. Southworth, of Warren, Penn., after holding a good sized frog in his stomach for fifteen years, ejected from his stomach, through his mouth, a lively croaker, that croaked awhile and died.

A Wisconsin man, going to Milwaukee on business, was entrusted with a commission to purchase musical instruments for a Sunday school. He brought back six fives and a drum.

Some well intentioned paragraphic philanthropist is committing a pious fraud on the fair sex, by endeavoring to persuade them that the only way to avoid red noses in winter is to keep their mouths shut.

The publication in the Boston and Cambridge newspapers of the names of ruffianly students who are brought before the police courts has had more effect in preventing lawlessness than anything else.

A woman sent her son to the attic to get some kindling wood. From the garret the boy called down the stairs to ask how much she wanted, and whether she wished long or short sticks. She replied:

"We want but little here below."

"And want that little long."

"I never could bear children," said a crusty old maid to Mrs. Washington.

"Perhaps, if you could, you would like them better," mildly replied the old lady.

Madame de Moneys has just died from grief on learning of the barbarous murder of her son, who was recently roasted to death at Hauteville (Dordogne), by a body of infuriated peasants for supposed Prussian sympathies.

"There is not a single confederate prisoner in the custody of the United States anywhere at this time," so says Adjutant General Townsend, in response to an inquiry as to whether there are confederate prisoners in Dry Tortugas.

There are those living in Newport, R. I., who can remember when it was unlawful to smoke a cigar in the streets after dark, and he who neglected to remove from his mouth and extinguish the obnoxious article at the command of any respectable citizen, was liable to arrest and imprisonment. How times have changed.

"My dear," said a lady to her husband, "these friends here will not believe me when I say I'm only forty years old. You know that I speak the truth, don't you?" "I certainly shall not deny it, my love, since you have stuck to the point for the last dozen years, to my certain knowledge."

The expenses of the war to Prussia are reckoned by Dr. G. Hirth as follows: Cost of the military action, 1,250,000,000 francs; direct losses, 1,250,000,000; indirect losses, 2,250,000,000; war compensation for reconquered territory, Alsace and Lorraine, especially Strasbourg, 200,000,000. Total, 4,950,000,000 francs.

Down east there resides a certain M. D. One very cold night he was aroused from his slumber by a very loud rapping at his door. After some hesitation he went to the window and asked:

"Who's there?"

"Friend!" was the answer.

"What do you want?"

"Want to see you all night!"

"Stay there then!" was the benevolent reply.

Champs has a cartoon in a late number of *Charivari* apropos of the scarcity of arms in Paris. A young volunteer, with new equipments, is saying to France, with all the sadness of a brave man who feels his own incompetence, "I have no gun."

A Prussian Uhlan, in a fit of daredevil recklessness, galloped singly and alone into the fortified town of Vitry le Francs, and, reining up for a moment in the market place, shouted in a ventorian voice: "I, a Prussian, declare this town to be in Prussian territory!" and then, whirling suddenly around, he was off again like the wind, and was out of town before the crowd had recovered from its first astonishment.

It was well known among the sporting men in England and France that the Emperor Napoleon was the real owner of the racers entered by the Comte de Lagrange. When the famous Gladiateur won his series of triumphs in England, the Emperor was cheered by the Parisians, so fully was he identified with the Lagrange horses. With the failure of the Empire comes a cessation of these relations, the consequence being that the entire stud numbering 39 animals, was disposed of by public auction at Tattersall's. It fetched \$115,150 in gold, the great Gladiateur bringing \$30,000. He was purchased by Mr. Bakhrin, after a spirited contest with England's most famous racing nobility.

By Telegraph.

The Surrender of Metz!

Bazaine Declared a Traitor!

ANOTHER CHINESE MASSACRE OF WHITES IMMINENT!

Twenty Towns and Villages Destroyed by another Cyclone in Cuba!

NEW YORK.

Wealth of Napoleon's mistress—Cyclone in Cuba—The surrender of Metz—The French loss.

The correspondent of the *Tribune* before Metz, telegraphs on the 26th that five days ago Gen. Coffinier, commander of the city and fortress of Metz, informed Marshal Bazaine commanding the army encamped outside, that he could supply no more provisions and they must shift for themselves; whereupon Bazaine ordered his outposts to cease firing on the Prussian pickets, and allowed his men to desert in groups of a dozen or two, who were accepted by the Prussian outposts as prisoners; larger bodies were refused. On the afternoon of the 24th, trustworthy information came from Metz by a civilian, a spy, that an outbreak on *meuse* would be made during the night toward Gravelotte, as Bazaine's offers to capitulate with his army alone had been repeatedly refused. The outbreak was to be made without the hope of saving any portion of the organization of troops, but simply to enable these superfluous mouths to get behind the German lines to force the Germans to take them prisoners, whereby the fortress might hold out a little longer with a small garrison. But at seven in the evening Bazaine had succeeded in convincing Gen. Coffinier that the bloodshed consequent upon such an attempt would be too great a price to be paid for a few days' prolongation of resistance. A messenger was sent to Prince Frederick Charles intimating the intention of the fortress to capitulate. This was the first proposition ever made including the fortress and the outside army. Accordingly, at midnight, the Prussian troops, which had been massed silently toward Gravelotte, received orders to retire to camp at 10 o'clock. Yesterday afternoon, General Changarnier arrived and spent an hour with the Prince and departed much disturbed, saying he wondered the Prince was so severe. By the arrangement of this meeting, General Stekler, Col. Von Horsemann, chief of staff, and the quartermaster general of the Prince's army, rode to Neicory-Chalen, three miles south of Metz, just within the Prussian lines, whither the two French commanders with the second in command in the fortress, had been brought by a Prussian field post chaise. The meeting lasted from six till seven in the evening, and resulted only, at parting, in an agreement that the disputed points should be discussed at noon to-day. Matters, however, were so far advanced that the second corps received orders to march for Paris yesterday at noon, and started early in the evening; while the other troops concentrated at the nearest attainable points to Metz last night, to prevent a desertion en masse.

The *World's* London special says: Our correspondent at Ostend telegraphs a statement received from Mercy le Haut, to the effect that upon the reception of a formal declaration signed by the Empress, that she was unwilling to sign a treaty involving the cession of French territory or to be a party to any scheme involving a probable outbreak of civil war in France. Bazaine exclaimed he would take all the necessary responsibility himself. This was Wednesday night. Bazaine immediately sent a message through his lines to Prince Frederick Charles, at Pont-a-Mousson. The Prince came up during the night to Chateau de Frey, where this morning early stipulations were signed for the surrender of the army of Bazaine and the fortress of Metz. The report adds: General de Coffinier, commander of the garrison of Metz, offered a written protest against the surrender, declaring he was able to protract the defense into the winter; that the recent defeats of the Germans had made it impossible for them to imperil the possession of the place; that provisions were in abundance both for the army and the people; and that since the 15th of October the inhabitants had received daily rations of four hundred grammes of bread for adults, two hundred grammes of bread for children, and a hundred grammes for infants. A day has been fixed by the Prince for the evacuation of the fortress. The total loss of the army of Prince Frederick Charles from the beginning of the siege, is estimated at 45,000 men by battle and disease. The army of Prince Frederick Charles consisted, on the 20th of October, of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th army corps, with two divisions of the landwehr attached to the 5th army corps, making a total of 160,000 men, artillery and cavalry included. The surrender of Metz, it is stated, has been made upon a full understanding that the occupation of Metz and Strasbourg shall be accepted as an *equivalent* basis for the withdrawing the German armies from France, and concluding a peace.

The Republicans in London loudly declare the Marshal a traitor, that he consorted his action with Prince Napoleon, the Empress and King William, and that the government at Paris and Tours will repudiate any peace proposed or signed by him.

In spite of the rumors about the surrender of Metz, the French loss has

advanced in price all day. M. Loulier is arranging for the expenditure of a large amount of the loan in the purchase of arms at Birmingham.

NEW YORK, 28.—A cable dispatch says that among the extraordinary documents which were unearthed at the Tuilleries with the general correspondence and private letters of Napoleon, was one showing the fortune of the Emperor's mistress. This paper presented the form of a legal document, detailing the marriage settlement of Elizabeth Ann Harriet, Countess of Beauregard, of Chateau Beauregard, near Versailles, better known as Miss or Mistress Howard. The deed was made out on the occasion of the union by marriage of this lady with Clarence Trevillian in May, 1854. Two schedules which are attached to the papers make known that the Countess possessed 117,000 pounds sterling in English and other foreign securities, including the sum of \$50,000 in Pennsylvania, United States, Railway debentures, and \$74,000 dollars in St. Louis and Cincinnati bonds, besides another and additional sum of \$29,000 sterling, which is described as other stocks, funds, and securities, and distinguished as the settled funds she had besides divers other investments, shares and securities, with jewels and other personal estate and landed property in France during the latter years of her life. Her fortune exceeded in value the united wealth of Madame de Pompadour and the Countess Dubarry.

NEW YORK, 28.—Information is received that a cyclone, almost equal in violence to that which swept over the eastern portion of Cuba on the 7th, devastated the western portion of the island, and nineteen or twenty towns and villages have been leveled with the ground. The grain crops are destroyed and immense damage is done to property. Reports of loss of life and shipping are coming in. Telegraph communication and travel with the west is yet suspended.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Fire-Explosion.

SCRANTON, 27.—An extensive fire occurred in Wyoming Co. this morning, which destroyed some twenty buildings belonging to Renshaw, Billings and Phillips, and the railroad stores and many of the principal houses. The estimated loss is \$100,000.

HUNTINGTON, 27.—A locomotive on the Huntington and Broad Top railroad exploded this evening. Jerry Wertz, engineer, was blown to pieces and a boy named Daniel Heck was fatally injured.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, 28.—President Grant called at the Interior Revenue office and had a long interview with Delano this morning. It is understood that Secretary Cox will retire next week when Delano will assume the charge of the interior department.

FOREIGN NEWS.

SPAIN.

Will resign.

MADRID.—The early resignation of Sagor Rivo, as president of the Cortes is announced. Senator Moret will introduce into the Cortes, early in the coming session, a bill to consolidate the Cuban debt.

CREAT BRITAIN.

Twenty citizens executed by the Prussians—A French capture.

LONDON, 28.—A correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs the following from Versailles, dated 25th: It will be a few days yet before the Germans bombard Paris. In the action on the 21st, sixty-five battalions took part, supported by twelve batteries.

Bazaine was recently informed he could only have the terms which were accorded McMahon.

Over two thousand sick and wounded French and German soldiers and around Versailles, Montrouge and Bleette, are now connected by strong earthworks.

Twenty citizens of Bangle have been executed by the Prussians, for aiding the French in their sorties from Paris.

There was a sharp skirmish between reconnoitering parties on the left bank of the Loire, near Orleans, yesterday, both parties retired.

On Sunday the Prussian provision train near Versailles, was attacked by Franco-Germans, who killed the escort and captured the stores. They have also killed thirty of the white emigrants.

Near Orléans there is a force of twenty-five hundred Prussians.

Before Metz, active operations have not commenced, the siege guns not having arrived.

A London dispatch from Bombay announces that a day has been fixed by the Chinese for the massacre of all foreigners. They are marching and distributing their troops accordingly.

The consuls everywhere notice an increasing hostility and insolence among the native population. There is much excitement among the English and French residents.

A recent arrival from the west coast of Africa announces that the French frigate *Ville Reale* has captured a German vessel near Bona Islands on the 19th of September. The prize had seven hundred barrels of gunpowder on board.

British correspondence says that the health of Napoleon requires a milder climate. It is possible that early next month he may change his residence to Elba.

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