

BREVITIES.

"Ah, parson, I wish I could take my gold with me," said rich old Deacon swipes. "It might melt if you did," quietly replied the parson.

It is with extemporization as with the art of swimming—whenever you are in a swim, swim; whoever dares to extemporize, extemporizes.

A German paper of October 14, the anniversary of the battle of Jena, comments on the fact that on that day there were more French prisoners in Germany than Napoleon had soldiers when he conquered Prussia sixty-four years before.

"I see the villain in your face," said a Western Judge to an Irishman. "May I please your worship," replied the prisoner, "that must be a personal reflection."

Some of the "personals" in a New York paper are decidedly personal, as witnesses the following: "If the gentleman with black hair and mustache who sat in the fifth row at Wallace's, Thursday night, will use soap or his face he will be less a nuisance."

A countryman who attended a race said he didn't see why the sportsmen should be so particular to a quarter of a second about the end of it, when they kept the public waiting half an hour for the beginning.

"Wife, I don't see how they send letters on them 'ere wires without tearing them all to bits." "They don't send the paper," said the wife. "They just send the writing in a fluid state."

For love of deceitful William Russell, Mattie Starvane attempted to drown herself in the Chicago river, but clung to a pole held by policeman Scully as soon as she found how nasty the water was.

There is a little railroad near Rayon Sara, La., that runs to Woodville on a very uncertain schedule. A stranger came in the other day and inquired how often that steam car made trips to the country? The party interrogated said: "Tri-weekly." "What do you mean by tri-weekly?" The answer was: "It goes up one week and tries to come down the next."

"Can't you manage to give my son one of the prizes at the exhibition?" asked a mother of a teacher. "No, madam," was the reply; your son will stand no chance; he obstinately persists in idleness." "Oh, but then," exclaimed the fond mamma, "if that's so give him a prize for perseverance!"

A clergyman was once sent for, in the middle of the night by one of the ladies of his congregation. "Well, my good woman," said he, "so you are very ill and require the consolation of religion? What can I do for you?"

"No," replied the old lady, "I am only nervous and can't sleep."

"How can I help you to that?" asked the parson.

"Oh, sir, you always put me to sleep so nicely, when I go to church, that I thought if you would preach a little for me!"

The parson "made tracks." Two Dutch farmers at Kinderhook, whose farms were adjacent, were out in their respective fields, when on hearing an unusually loud hallooing in the direction of a gap in a stone wall, and ran with all his speed to the place, and the following brief conversation ensued:

"Shon, vat ish to matter?"

"Vell, den," says John, "I was trying to climb on to top of dish high stone wall, I fell off, and all to stone was tumbled down onto me, and has broken one of my legs off, and both of mine arms, smashed mine rib in, and deep pig stones are laying on de top of mine body."

"Is dat all?" says de other. "Vy, you hollo so loud I tot you got de tooth-ache."

A daughter of Thomas Smith, of Elizabeth, N. J., met with a strange accident a few days ago. The little girl put a pebble in her ear while at play, and it worked in so far that it was thought the child was deaf. At last the family physician tried the experiment of flooding the head with water as much as possible through the ear, and pumping it out. On the sixth trial the pebble came out with the water, and the child's life was saved.

An exchange says that if hot tar is applied to boots soles it will make them water proof. Let it be as hot as the leather will bear without injury, applied with a saw, and dried in at the fire. The operation may be repeated two or three times during the winter, if necessary. It makes the surface of the leather quite hard, so that it wears longer, as well as keeps the water out. It is a good plan to provide boots for winter during summer, and prepare the soles by drying, as they will then become, before they are wanted to wear, almost as firm as horn, and will wear twice as long as those unprepared.

Sammy's mother wished to spend an evening with friends, and therefore put the little fellow to bed, telling him about the guardian spirit who took care of good little boys. To further prevent the darkness from giving him fear, she left the light dimly burning.

The next morning Sammy was up bright and early and full of news: "Mamma, I saw the angels last night!"

"Did you?"

"Yes, they got wings!"

"Ah!"

"They sung to me!"

"Is it possible?"

"And they bit me on my hands, the nasty things!"

The Column (Cal.) Sun relates a thrilling scene in a court room at that place. The Justice and an attorney disagreed, and the late Judge brought a revolver in requisition and "made for" the attorney, who retreated to the hall, the Court in full pursuit. The attorney stopped, the Court hung fire, the prisoner, shaking with fear, made their exit by the door and the window, while the laymen, who involuntarily arose from their seats with fright, made a grand rush for the stairway, soon gained the street and scattered in every direction.

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