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## BREVITIES.

The Sultan has sent the Pope a \$5,000 ring.

The Massachusetts constables have forbidden the sale of cigars on Sunday.

Ear-rings representing butterflies, hop-toads, snails and birds of paradise are both unique and fashionable.

Dr. Le Plum of New York says that peanuts are a sure cure for liver complaint.

A home missionary was asked the cause of his poverty. "Principally," said he, "because I have preached so much without notes."

A drunkard was found lying in the Pottsville graveyard, and when taken in charge by an officer he claimed to be a petrified giant.

A woman has just died in a Scotch colliery village, who for fifty years has passed for a man. She had two wives, with one of whom she lived twenty-three years.

O'Donovan-Rossa, who was elected lately to the British House of Commons, is still confined in the Chatham Prison, and his principal occupation is that of darning the stockings of the convicts.

The Wyoming Legislature passed a bill licensing gambling houses. The Governor vetoed it, and it was again passed by a two-thirds vote and became a law. That is the go-ahead territory which has just conferred the right of suffrage upon females.—Ex

A bachelor once remarked to a young lady that soap stone was excellent to keep the feet warm in bed.

"Yes," said the young lady, "but some gentlemen have an improvement on that which you know nothing about."

It has just been decided in New Jersey that a dead-head on the railroad must be killed at his own expense if he is killed at all. Neither the traveler on a free ticket nor his heirs can recover damages for any injury by accident on the railroad.

The best speech made at the Seward banquet in Mexico, is said to have been delivered by "the Indian scholar, radical republican, brave soldier, and anti-church statesman, Ignacio M. Altamirano de Guerrero." He is a full-blooded Indian, and has nothing in his personal appearance to indicate his extraordinary talents.

A schoolmaster in Michigan advertised as follows: "I propose to spell with any man, woman or boy in Okeand county for \$100 a side, the words to be selected by a committee of literary gents, and the prize to be awarded by the empire to the one who misses the fewest words. If you here of any one who dares to take up this challenge, let them pitch in, gents; I'm ready."

Thomas Inman, M. D., Liverpool, states that things which were once despised as old women's remedies are gradually being adopted by thoughtful eclectics. He is indebted to an elderly lady for his knowledge of the best remedy to allay a cough. She sent him a mixture of honey, rum and lemon juice, in equal parts. This with, or without laudanum, is still his favorite prescription. Again, he is indebted to an ancient female for his introduction of milk and rum as an article of medicinal diet, and he knows no single remedy which is equal in value to it.

Some authorities continue to recommend the practice of heating cut-nails red-hot, and then dropping them into cold water, for the purpose of rendering them tough, like wrought nails. Submitting nails to such a process will render them very little more tenacious than they were before being heated. But put cut-nails in the fire, when there are barely enough live coals to heat the nails to redness, let them remain until the fire has gone out, and the nails will be as tough as copper wire. Cut-nails treated in this manner will be found far better for almost any purpose than wrought-nails, and the latter cost much more.—Ex

The great Humboldt received his visitors in a dress coat; worked until three a. m., slept four hours; had a clear blue eye; wrote in an antique, mysterious hieroglyphic scrawl, generally on his knees—the lines crowded in intricate confusion, rising from the bottom to the top of the page, and always kept his room at a tropical heat. At eighty-six, he had all his powers, but was bothered by letter-writers—as many as three thousand letters a year—postage bill from \$500 to \$800 annually. He never kept a secretary—remembering how Goethe's letters became tedious after he used an amanuensis. England was a better country than America, he thought. He liked to talk more of himself than others.

In the New York Observer, the Rev. Dr. John Hall, whose words are always sensible and timely, speaks as follows to young people:

"There are two ways of setting up in life. One is to begin where your parents are ending. Magnificent mansion, splendid furniture, and an elegant turnout. Is not that the pretty dream of many about their start in life? The other is to begin a little nearer the point where father and mother—or blessed memory—began. You see, my dear friend, you can go up so easily and gracefully, if events show it to be safe; but it would be trying and awkward to come down. And it costs too much now to live; and business fluctuates; and health is uncertain; and temptations from the side of pride are strong; and many a young man who did not mean to be extravagant has been led along, and rather than face the position and descend manfully, has tried to keep up by embezzlement and been called 'a swindler.'"

## Correspondence.

HILLSBORO, LOWER VILLAGE, N. H., Jan. 8th, 1870.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir:—I have received nothing but courteous, kind treatment from friends and strangers since I left my mountain home. There is a universal desire to hear and learn something of Utah and its people generally, though I think mostly from curiosity, which, however, no doubt, will result in good, as all seem to be much better pleased and satisfied with us after hearing than before, and come to the rational conclusion that we are no worse than the rest of mankind even on the social question, and in all others they seem inclined to give us the preference.

I had the pleasure of being present, by invitation, at the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lines of Concord, N. H., on the evening of Christmas day, where I was afforded the pleasurable opportunity, in a few remarks, of bringing before the minds of the company the blessings accruing to Abraham and to all the families of the earth through him, in the marriage relations; (as nearly all present were married people) and that if people in this or any other age wished to enjoy the society of their companions in eternity they must necessarily obey the laws by which they could be reinstated, to the high privileges enjoyed by mankind before the fall. I did not forget to inform them that the fullness of the gospel, with its administrations was fully competent to the task, all of which they listened to with great attention, but did not seem to comprehend, though all that I spoke with, after, acknowledged it plain and that they could not see why it should not be so.

Nearly every gentleman that I have conversed with, and I have conversed with a great many, agree that our country is in anything but a favorable condition, politically and socially. As to its religion, it is so near nothing, that very little is said about it. Spiritualism and infidelity seem to pervade the minds of the people, though they themselves do not appear to perceive it, and they almost universally have greenbacks on the brain. They freely acknowledge that there must be a great amount of executive ability in Utah, particularly by President B. Young, (not acknowledging the hand of God in anything of course) to have kept the people together under such extreme vicissitudes of life (as I have described), as they have been called upon to pass through on account of the acts and doings of the corrupt administrators of our General Administration. Space admonishes me that I must close. I had the pleasure, by favor of Mr. Charles Gillis, Postmaster of this place, to peruse two copies of the Deseret News, which is all that I have seen since I left Utah. Please remember me to the Presidency and all inquiring friends.

Peace be with you all, and prosperity attend the labors of Zion, in the desire of your brother in the gospel covenant, A. H. RALEIGH.

PEPIN, PEPIN COUNTY, WIS.

January 8th 1870.  
Editor Deseret News:—Dear Brother:—I thought that a few lines from me, as one of the missionaries to the States, might be acceptable. You will have seen from a letter that I have recently written to Brother Bull, what I have been about, up to quite recently. Yesterday I attended a Methodist meeting. They seemed to be very much troubled about me, so much so, that while the minister, Rev. Felix Wells, was praying, he said: "Oh, Lord, preserve us from false doctrines and from that crying evil called 'Mormonism,' and from licentiousness and abominations which they are trying to teach in our midst." In his sermon he said, that we did not believe in the Holy Ghost, but I think that those who hear me preach believe to the contrary.

Last evening I preached to a full house; subject: polygamy; I spoke one hour and fifty minutes, and I think that they were generally satisfied with my remarks. I had great freedom and was filled with the spirit of God. At the close of the meeting, I took a vote of the house and a majority voted to hear me again, so in two weeks I preach to them again if the Lord will. I have two other appointments out; one for Thursday evening, at Pepin, and the other on next Sabbath, at Plumb Creek, about seven miles from my brother-in-law, Mr. Joshua Bosley, where I make my headquarters. There is quite a spirit of inquiry here among the non-church members. The Methodists are getting up a revival to prevent me from converting any of their members to "Mormonism." I think that there is some wheat in this country, that with a little perseverance can be gathered out. I find many apostates in this country, who left Nauvoo at the time Joseph the prophet was killed, one of which was in the mob, to wit: John A. Hooker. He used to work in Law's mill. He says that the "Mormons" cut and destroyed 400 acres of grain for him during the troubles in Hancock County, but he is of that character, that there is no one in this country that believes anything that he says.

Some of them are taking a deep interest in what I preach, and are using their influence in procuring places and giving out appointments for me to preach. I think they begin to see where they have missed it, and I should not be surprised if some of them would again join the Church and go to Utah. I find President G. A. Smith's pamphlet, the sermons preached at conference, the Voice of Warning, and the history of the priesthood; also, Brother John Taylor's answer to Schuyler Colfax's speech in Salt Lake City, on the 5th of last October, of very great service to me. Between my public meetings, I occupy my time in visiting around the country and receiving visitors at my headquarters, and preaching to them,

trying, all the time, to correct the false impressions that rest upon their minds, and through the blessings of the Lord, I have been able to do so, to a considerable extent.

I think that there will be labor enough here to keep me busy till next spring.

Yours truly, &c., A. C. BROWER.

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