

BREVITIES.

The land of infancy—Lapland. Parke Goodwin will assume the editorship of Putnam's Magazine in the April number.

The poems of the late George D. Prentice are to be collected and published by his son, Col. Clarence J. Prentice.

A disgusted woman, at Eldora, Iowa, sees her husband for divorce, because he has bought her, during four years of married life, only one present—a coral necklace.

Locke, the comic actor, has lately undergone a surgical operation in Boston. Having broken his jaw he had the ends of the bones wired together.

At a late revival meeting an impulsive young suitor prayed that God would bless the two young ladies between whom he had been sitting, "especially the one on the right."

Phoebe Hansford, the well known Universalist preacher, is writing the life of George Peabody.

The Amazon drains an area of 2,000,000 square miles; its mouth is ninety-six miles wide, and it is navigable 2,200 miles from its mouth.

By the law of North Carolina any person who wears a disguise or mask, in order to frighten somebody else, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to fine and imprisonment.

Fears are entertained that the Arctic whalers may be frozen up there. They have generally returned either to San Francisco or Honolulu during September and October, but up to the present time not one of them has made her appearance.

Porteus, the Hon. killer, a giant in form and strength, is one of the curiosities of Paris. He has a chamber carpeted with the skins of lions slain in Algeria, and gives *recherche* dinners therein. His gun can hardly be lifted by an ordinary man.

A noted carman, who pulled 51 public races on the Thames during the years from 1853 to 1859, writes that of the first 25, which were rowed on ordinary alcoholic beverages, he won 15 and lost 10; but of the last 20, when the principal liquid consumed was milk, he won 22 and lost 4.

The Macon, (Ga.) Telegraph calls on the discharged government employees and those persons who are advertising for situations in the New York papers to come South, if they want work. "If you want situations, here they are by the thousands."

In Houston, Texas, about a week ago, a Mr. Henry Collins was introduced to Miss Mattie Johnson, and a jocular remark led to the interesting subject of matrimony. The jest soon turned into soberness, and the result was that the necessary document was obtained, and Justice Hanna fixed the business in short order.

Difficulties having been thrown in the way of the ladies obtaining anatomical instructions in Edinburgh, the Professors of anatomy at two of the three Scotch Universities have come forward to offer to the ladies the instruction which is denied them. The Professor of anatomy in one of the London schools has expressed his readiness to make engagements for their instruction in this branch of science.

A bill has passed both branches of the Louisiana Legislature, and is awaiting the signature of the Governor, making gambling a penal offense, and providing for the punishment of the player as well as the keeper of the banking game. Now gambling is a legitimate and profitable business, the houses are situated in the finest quarter of the city, and they pay annual taxes to the city and State of \$10,000.

In an ordinary piano there are sixteen kinds of wood, namely: pine, maple, spruce, cherry, walnut, whitewood, apple, bass wood, birch and rosewood, from Honduras, Ceylon, England, South America, and Germany. In this combination, elasticity, strength, pliability, toughness, resonance, lightness, durability and beauty are individual qualities, and the general result is voice. There are in the instrument of seven and a half octaves 214 strings, making a total length of 757 feet of steel wire, and 500 feet of white (covering) wire. Such a piano will weigh from 900 to 1,000 pounds, and will last, with constant use (not abuse) fifteen or twenty years. The total manufacture of pianos in New York alone averages 15,000 per annum.

The Utica (N. Y.) Herald states that a child of Harvey Nestle of Ava, near Utica, has been sickly for about two years, and various medicines were administered without benefiting it. Last December a new physician was called in, who decided that a living animal was in the child's stomach. Treating the patient in accordance with this belief, the physician succeeded in removing from its stomach what had been a living animal, resembling in form a toad or frog. It measured five inches in length, three in breadth, and is about an inch thick; it has the usual supply of legs, and weighs about six ounces.

"If I only had capital," we heard a young man say a few days ago as he puffed away on a ten cent cigar, "I would do something."

"If I only had capital," said another, as he walked away from a dram shop, where he had just paid ten cents for a drink, "I would go into business."

The same remark might have been heard from the young man leaning on the street corner. Young man with the cigar, you are smoking away your capital. You from the dram shop, are drinking yours, and destroying your body at the same time—and you on the street corner are wasting yours in idleness and forming bad habits. Dimes make dollars. Time is money. Don't wait for fortune to begin with. If you had ten thousand dollars a year and spent it all, you would be poor still. Our man of power and influence did not start with fortune. You, too, can make your mark, if you will. But you must stop spending your money for what you don't need, and squandering your time in idleness.

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