

BREVITIES.

The flax factory at Dixon, Ill., turns out an average of a thousand yards of baling a day.

Let us go always beyond the duties marked out, and keep within the pleasures permitted.

The grasshoppers of Kentucky have a filthy, and to the farmers, expensive vice. They chew tobacco.

German sewing machines are run by clock-work, which runs for three hours after winding up.

An eight and a half foot Chinese giant and his wife of corresponding longitudinal proportions have arrived in the country.

The newest thing under the sun in an agricultural way is grafting potatoes, which is done by cutting the eyes out of one and inserting those of another in their place.

Newland Perkins of Troy, Vt., 68 years of age, recently spread an acre of about grass in three hours, and raked and tumbled up and down five acres in the afternoon. He says of his age can boast of such a day's work.

Pulman, the celebrated palace eating and sleeping car, is now building a grand church-bar to run on Sunday trains on the Union Pacific Railroad. Divine worship will soon be a feature of overland travel, when long-winded ministers will be able to pray ten miles and preach a hundred.

A short time ago, a fisherman, residing on the Ogeechee Canal, some ten or twelve miles from Savannah, Georgia, sold his wife to another fisherman for sixty bunches of fish, valued at 50 cents a bunch. The wife was perfectly satisfied with the sale, and is now living with her purchaser.

Bamboo cloth is a loosely worn fabric made of bamboo fibers, and imported from India for gentlemen's summer suits. It is not very attractive in appearance, resembling unbleached crash, but is remarkably cool and pleasant for wearing in tropical weather.

The Czar of Russia has decreed that all parents forcing their children to marry or to enter monasteries or convents shall be liable to a punishment of from four months to one year's imprisonment, besides any punishment that may be inflicted by the religious authorities.

On a recent trip of one of the Illinois river packets—a light draft one, as there were only two feet deep of water in the channel, the passengers were startled by the cry of "Man overboard!" The steamer was stopped, and preparations were made to save him, when he was heard exclaiming, "Go ahead with your damned old steamboat; I'll walk behind you."

A clergyman once traveling in a stage-coach was asked by one of the passengers if he thought that pious heathen would go to heaven. "Sir," answered the clergyman, "I am not appointed judge of the world, and consequently cannot tell; but if ever you go to heaven you will either find them there, or a good reason why they are not."

A colored couple were recently married in Indianapolis who had lived together in virtual and virtuous wedlock for 27 years. Slaves together, they have accumulated a handsome property, and in order to have it transmitted to their children, have been formally married.

Lamasco, a town in Indiana, was named on a singular principle. The first letters of the names of the three gentlemen who originally owned the town site were joined together, each furnishing a syllable, so that what appeared to be a pretty Indian name, is only an abbreviation of the names of Law, Macall and Scott.

Bipeds are not the only creatures who are slaves of habit. A writer of the Horron Cultivator states that, having run over his barn some distance from the trough where the animals had formerly drunk, a considerable stream of water during a fresh flow between the barn and the old watering place. On turning the cattle out the first morning after the freshet several of the larger ones passed over the stream to drink, though the water was so deep that they had to swim.

An excellent remedy for inflamed udders on cows and heifers is to apply hogs lard warm, with a brush, and rub gently with the hand. This should be done several times a day, rubbing the udder well each time to make it soft. It will effect a cure in the worst cases. Cows and heifers are far calving time need watching, and when the udder begins to inflame this application will prevent the inflammation from extending.—*Detroit Farm Journal*

Wine in the wine-growing regions of California is cheaper than in Spain. In Anaheim and Los Angeles common wine is but thirty cents a gallon; milk wine is but forty cents. In Tuolumne county a large skilled wine-raiser offers four thousand five hundred gallons of excellent wine at twenty-five cents per gallon; in the same region milk is twenty cents. In Coloma the price of the two is the same—forty cents. In Sonoma good wine is for sale at forty cents the gallon, and milk at the same price.

The celebrated Thames Tunnel at London has finally been closed as a public footway. This undertaking, which at the time of its design was considered a masterpiece of science, and which formed a communication under the river Thames between Rotherhithe and Wapping was, after numerous difficulties, finally accomplished and opened on March 22, 1843, having been commenced by I. S. Brunel in 1825. The total cost of the tunnel was about £200,000, but the East London Railway Company recently purchased it for a little over a third of that sum. It is only used now for steam trains.

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