

THE EVENING NEWS.

Tuesday, May 17, 1870.

BREVITIES.

A poor place to live—an editor's room.
A Paris storekeeper announces "horse hands."
Ole Bull's famous violin is 400 years old.
Thirty per cent. of the population of France can neither read nor write.
A Halifax woman has been arrested on her husband's charge of "leading a decaolite life."
Women in Africa, who have the misfortune to bear twins, are summarily drummed out of their native villages.
A New Orleans artist died recently from sudden joy at drawing a big prize in the lottery.
A Nashville editor says: "With linked hands the days trip lightly into the dim archway of the past."
Rogers is at work on a new group called "Willing Victims,"—a country parson and a young farmer and his bride.
A Nova Scotia paper sounds the alarm against the Yankee fishermen, and declares that "the axe is laid at the root of our fisheries."
The Fort Wayne Democrat says the first indication of Summer in that place is "women running around barefooted."
Value the friendship of him who stands by you in a storm; swarms of insects will surround you in the sunshine.
Thirteen and a half tons of pigeons were sent to New York in one shipment, the other day, secured at the great pigeon-roost near Sheffield, Pennsylvania.
The earth is a tender and kind mother to the husbandman; and yet at one season he always harrows her bosom, and at another plucks her ears.
The ghost that has been creating a sensation in Atlanta has been discovered. It proved to be a skeleton—hoop skirt, attached to a string, by which it was raised or depressed at the will of the operator.
"Mr. Jones, don't you think marriage is a means of grace?" "Certainly; anything is a means of grace that breaks up pride and leads to repentance."
A four-year-old went to church on Sunday, and when he got home his grandmother asked him what the minister said. "Don't know," said he, "he didn't speak to me." A good many other people answer in the same way.
A brother and sister named Powers, from Hendricks County, Ind., are to do the heavy business in a circus the coming season. The boy is eighteen and weighs five hundred and ninety-three pounds; the girl twenty-one, and weighs six hundred and eighty pounds.
A New Orleans man, one B. R. Warner, sued for a divorce from his wife on the ground that she is so addicted to the use of morphine that she is useless to him as a wife, helpmate, or companion.
An English judge recently complained that there is no getting juries to find a young and interesting woman guilty of anything, even when guilt is brought home to her without the possibility of a doubt.
The answer lately given in a French Court by a prisoner, accused of almost cutting his wife to pieces, was, with a smile, "Well, Monsieur le President, you know every one has his little failing."
A Prussian Secretary, now in Constantinople, writes: "There is nothing to do, no one to speak to; if you go out, you must go like a gouty cripple, in a sedan-chair, and you are awakened every morning at 2 o'clock by a fireman, who comes to report that 'the house is not on fire yet!'"
A widower in Indiana who married again recently, while on his way with his new bride to the depot to start on their bridal tour, was rudely stopped by an undertaker who demanded instant payment of his little bill for burying his first wife. The father of the new bride stepped forward and liquidated the bill.
Bierstadt, brother of the famous artist, tried to photograph a group of Chinamen at Mormon Bar, California, last week, but when he got his camera properly to bear on them, and lifted the black cloth to take a sight, the Celestials fled in dismay.
A poor man at Louisville sought admission to a hospital a few days ago, so sick that he could hardly drag himself to the door, yet clinging to a babe six weeks old, which his dying wife had left him but a few days before, and which he refused to give up to strangers, though several offered to take charge of it.
The Abbe Lagrenieux, once noted for his eloquence, has become the most tedious of preachers since he began to officiate at the chapel of the Tuilleries. Finding himself in the presence of great sinners, and not daring to tell them the truth, he lapses into dullness.
The following exhibit of the number of yards contained in a mile in different countries will often prove a matter of useful reference to the reader.
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