

## BREVITIES.

Conscience is a judge placed in the interior of our being.

A Missouri paper advertises "Horse-o-graphs and Jack-o-types neatly executed at this office."

A Wisconsin farmer sues for a divorce on the ground that his wife can't chop the amount of wood that she boasted about previous to marriage.

Hesekiah is the name of a Polish violinist, who has made his debut in Paris with so much success that he is compared to Joachim, Vieuxtemps, and Wilhelm.

Aunt Susan says: "Suppose all the men were in one country, and all the women in another, with a big river in between them. Good gracious! what lots of poor women would be drowned."

If no tidings are received of the City of Boston, she will be the fourth steamer that has vanished with all on board. The others are the President, City of Glasgow, and the Pacific.

In an interior town in California, the other Sunday, an enthusiastic preacher concluded a long winded sermon with these words: "Will you come to Jesus? If you do not the devil will have you. That this may be your portion is my earnest prayer."

The sportmen on the west coast of Florida discover where the oyster beds are, by drifting along the coast with a small boat, on a cloudy day. When they are drifting over an oyster bed they hear a clicking like that produced when a telegraph instrument is in operation.

A youth asked Montrom— the memoir writer—to teach him the art of succeeding in society. "Oh, it is simple enough," said the Count. "Talk to the middle aged and young ladies, and listen when the old ones talk to you."

Whether our example be for good or for evil, whether we disseminate truth or error, whether we breathe into the minds of others conceptions of purity or of guilt, we are setting in motion trains of thought, of which the consequences shall only begin to be unfolded when the heavens shall have been wrapped together as a scroll, and the elements have melted with fervent heat.

Queen Victoria's annual allowance is £385,000 besides £25,000 from the Duchy of Lancaster, and the fee rental of a dozen castles, palaces, etc. As she accepted a legacy of £250,000 from Mr. Neeld (who passed over his own relations to enrich her), as she inherited £1,000,000 from Prince Albert in 1861, and as she has not spent a third of her allowance since his death, it is estimated that Her Majesty's cash capital, well invested, is at least £2,000,000, or \$10,000,000.

The Troy Press of a recent date says: "Yesterday morning a young married lady residing on Fourth street, near Washington, left her child lying in the cradle and went to the yard in the rear of the building. She shortly returned and was horrified to find a monstrous rat crouched in the cradle of the child, and voraciously devouring a crust of bread which the child held in its hand. The mother endeavored at once to drive away the intruder, but it would not move, and continued to eat the crumbs from the hand of the child. The mother in terror finally ran out into the street and fortunately met her brother-in-law, who hastened up stairs, and finding the rat still in its former position, and being unable to frighten him away, he thrust him from the cradle to the floor and killed him. During all this time the infant remained quiet and made no demonstration of fright whatever."

It was a Hibernian gentleman who told a friend who was studying for the ministry: "I hope I may live to hear you preach my funeral sermon;" it was an Emerald Islander who, being asked to go on deck of a vessel when she was in danger of foundering, said he had no wish to see himself drowned; it was Michael O'Mulligan who remarked, with much good sense, that a "man gets a very poor show who waits till he is hit before he acts on the defensive;" and the following is found on an Irish tombstone: "Here lies John O'Hugh and his wife, who were drowned on their passage from America. Had they both lived, they would have been buried here."

The path of life is like a winding lane, in which the traveler must be content with seeing but a few steps before him, not knowing whether, on rounding the next curve, he may meet with a friend or foe. Thus it is in life. Man can reckon only on what the next moment, unconscious of what the next may bring forth; but must walk on, trusting to the hand that has brought him safely round so many curves, feeling thankful that Infinite Wisdom has decreed the future should be hidden, lest, on beholding all the perils and dangers of the way at once, he should despair of ever surmounting them.

A pleasant story has lately circulated about Count Bismarck. A country clergyman, and old fellow-colleague of the Count's, was anxious to get his son into the marine, and at length summoned up courage to address his quondam comrade, entertaining, however, but faint hopes of the great Minister remembering him. Not being much in the habit of writing to grandees, the good man could not for some time determine how to begin, but at length commenced his letter, "Your Highness." He soon received the following: "You old blockhead, you! do you think I have forgotten the happy time when we studied and drank together in Göttingen, and when we were so often waiting on each other? And now, how can you address me in such a foolish way? Pray never again call me Highness. Let us continue on the same terms as of old. As to your boy, send him to me. I'll take care of him."

## By Telegraph.

### NEW YORK.

Greeley in the Witness Box.

New York.—The Court room during McFarland's trial was more crowded to-day than it has been for many days. Greeley was again placed on the stand and testified in substance that during his last interview with McFarland, the latter related the incidents connected with the first shooting up town. On being cross-examined by Graham, he said that Richardson was never regularly connected with the Tribune. He was not personally interested in the case. Graham then asked a question relative to the Aster House marriage and said he proposed to show the bias of the witness, and that he was implicated in this affair. Greeley said he remembered writing an article on the subject of revenge, having this case in his mind. He never wrote or caused to be written any editorial in reference to the case in any paper but the Tribune. Witness was interviewed by a reporter of the Sun, but did not know who he was at the time of being interviewed, and did not suppose it would be published. Graham read the account of the interview. Greeley denied several portions. He did not say McFarland had relinquished all claims to his wife; he did not say the testimony would go against McFarland, for that he was a bad man; he did not say that he was an inebriate and a d—d rascal; he did not threaten McFarland and did not consider it sufficient for a man to say he had relinquished all claim to his wife to be competent for a divorce; he did believe he had given up his wife, but never said so to Richardson. He never encouraged Mrs. McFarland in her attachment for Richardson; he did speak of it to Mrs. Sinclair, but never to Mrs. Calhoun. He did not remember the prisoner calling upon him for a letter of recommendation to the office of Register of Bankruptcy. Graham showed two letters of Greeley's to McFarland, one addressed "My friend," the other "Dear sir." These letters were as truthful as letters of recommendations generally are. Witness gave Mrs. Calhoun a letter of introduction to Henry Ward Beecher when Richardson was on his death bed.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### FRANCE.

Excitement in France.

PARIS.—Many political meetings were held throughout the country yesterday, they were excited and turbulent. Those who assembled in this city shouted "Vive La Republique." The prime minister Ollivier was violently attacked by the speakers, who styled him a renegade and traitor, and on the breaking up of the meeting the cries for a republic were repeated, and in many cases the people separated singing the "Marseillaise."

HEALTHY CHICKENS.—The way I keep my fowls in health, I clean out the house once a week; put wood ashes under the roosts; have iron basins for them to drink from; whitewash inside of henhouse with hot lime; put a little kerosene oil on the roosts once a month. The main food is oats and cake of scraps to pick on. I never feed but once a day—at noon, or when I shut them up at four or five in the afternoon. When they run out then give them all they will eat. In my experience there is no easier way to get diseased fowls than to keep them stuffed; it makes them lazy, and they won't work as much as they ought to to keep them in a healthy condition. I never had any gaps in chickens. When any fowl begins to droop, I give three large pills of common hard yellow soap; it is the best thing I know of for three days; give them nothing to eat, and plenty of pure water to drink. In desperate cases give a half-teaspoonful of tincture of lobelia.—Rural New Yorker.

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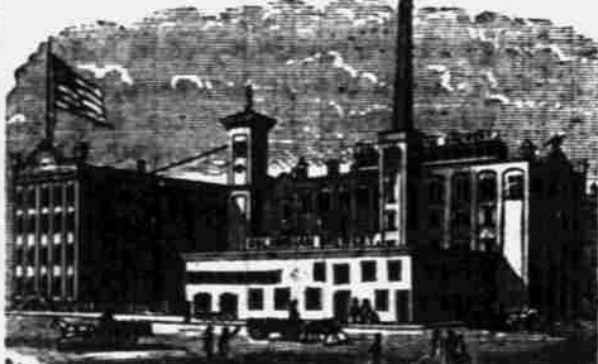
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