

BREVITIES.

Tumultuous people, like fires, should always be put out as soon as possible.

The planters of Mississippi are canvassing the feasibility of establishing cotton factories on the co-operative principle in all the principal towns of the State.

Administrator at Winterset, Iowa, stated in his sermon that "the Bible was the most important work that had yet been published in the United States."

Daved Watkins, aged 78, and his wife Anne, 80, died in Warren, N. I., recently after fifty-seven years of happy wedded life, and both possessed one grave.

A housekeeper writes: "Having some stone jars in which I had been packing until they had become unfit for use, I made them perfectly sweet by packing them full of fresh earth and letting them remain two or three weeks. I suspect this course would be equally effective in any case of foul earthen or stone ware."

Anna Gareschna, a young girl at Keif, in Russia, recently rescued seven children from a burning house, which none of the firemen dared to enter. The Emperor, upon hearing of her heroism, sent her a thousand silver rubles, and the Empress presented her with a valuable necklace.

The American farm book mentions a horse that died at sixty-seven years of age, and another that was quite coltish at forty-five. These cases of longevity were doubtless the results of good care. It is never economy to put a horse to the utmost of his strength to obtain a great amount of work, or to feed sparingly to save provender.

A kind of oil-paper hangings, called "Oleo Charta," is now made in England, which it is asserted, is impervious to wet, may be placed on new or damp walls without risk of damage of discoloration, may be washed with soap and water as often as required, and will last twenty years. The process of manufacture is not explained.

The following statement of the depraved condition of certain localities in New York has been going the rounds: Load a double-barreled shot gun with one hundred and fifty bullets in each barrel, and stand on the corner of Broadway and Houston streets, and fire one barrel each way along Houston street after dark any evening, and one hundred and forty-five out of one hundred and fifty shots would strike either a thief or a prostitute.

A philanthropic naturalist, Mr. Higford Barr, who resides in a beautiful park at Aldermaston, England, offers his ground as an asylum to English snakes, and requests people to send him snakes' eggs and live snakes in any quantity. He says that a snake hunting for frogs, along the margin of a still pond in the hot noonday sun, is one of the most interesting sights that a naturalist can witness.

George A. Barber, of Cincinnati, has, for some time past, had a standing challenge to set type with any fellow craftsman for \$1,000, "to work five or eight hours a day on solid straight matter, the type not to be larger than brevier nor smaller than agate." (George Armstrong, of the Times, left a counter-challenge at the Clippings office, yesterday, and deposited \$100 towards the main stakes. The trial will come off shortly.

Charles Norton, now of Omaha, seduced a young Danish girl in Chicago, whom he married to escape punishment. Having a wife in the former city, his double crime lay upon him that he attempted suicide, and a third party, a young lady of Sioux City, to whom Norton had engaged himself, attempted to kill herself. They all took poison, each hundreds of miles from the others, and were all saved at the last moment.

The Copenhagen *Dags-Posten* states that a celebrated photo-lithographer lately surprised the Directors of the National Bank by presenting them with a packet of notes made by himself, which so exactly resembled the current money of the realm that none of the officials could distinguish them. He also assured them he was able to copy the notes of every other country with equal exactitude. Astonished, and anything but pleased with the discovery, the authorities of the bank requested him to invent some form of paper money which cannot be thus imitated. He has promised to do his best, but success is very doubtful.

A certain philosopher, wishing to ascertain how far aquatic birds might convey seeds from one lake or pond of fresh water to another, in the mud adhering to their feet, took out a teacupful of such mud. This he placed in a situation to allow the seeds which it contained to germinate, and as fast as little plants appeared, he pulled them up and counted them. He obtained from the single teacupful of soil more than 200 living plants.

An English police court was enlivened during Christmas week by a visit from a gentleman of middle age, with a profusion of beard and mustaches upon one side of his face, while the other side was quite cleanly shaven. It had been done as a practical joke, during the slumber which followed a convivial evening, at the house of a friend with whom he was spending the holidays. He came to ask the magistrate as to what he had best do, and was earnestly advised to have the remaining whiskers shaved off at once, with the information that he could obtain damages by civil action if he chose.

A New Orleans reporter was being shown through the Insane Asylum the other day, when he encountered a very pretty blue-eyed damsel, who at once rushed into his arms with the exclamation: "Oh! my dear husband!" The reporter wished to soothe the agitated feelings of the little unfortunate, and stroked her hair caressingly, as he replied: "Why, my little dear, did you think I would stay away from you?" "No," she innocently replied, "you always liked to kiss me." "But you know you are insane, my dear," he said. "Yes," she replied wearily, "that's the reason I kiss you!"

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