

## BREVITIES.

Steam omnibuses in Montreal are successful.

Old men go to death; death comes to the young.

A compositor takes most of his when he is at work.

Chinese converts are preaching in the streets of San Francisco.

A Chicago father has been committed as "ungovernable and vicious," on his son's complaint.

A French barber's board reads, "Tomorrow the public will be shaved gratuitously."

Since the introduction of artificial ice machines into New Orleans, the price of ice has fallen one-half.

A rascally bachelor calls the friendship of two women always a plot against a third.

Beauty is amiable no longer than virtue; add to it, and virtue itself is true beauty.

The State debt of California is two and a half millions of dollars—one million less than it was last year.

Two girls near Carlinville, Illinois, have taken a contract to cut fifty cords of wood.

Gladstone's salary as Prime Minister is to be raised to £3,000 a year—his now receiving £2,500.

The French Marshals McMahon, Canrobert and Bazaine are said not to be upon speaking terms with each other.

On a gate-post in front of a farm house out west is a sign reading: "No life insurance or sewing machines wanted here."

Fashionable people in Dubuque, Iowa, get up a very attractive wedding card by appending the cheering intelligence, "Free whisky."

An Irish editor speaking of the misery of Ireland, says: "Her cup of misery has been for ages overflowing, and is not yet full."

They have a Chinese lawyer in San Francisco who always knows every point in a case, since he always has his queue.

The Common Council of London have offered the honorary freedom of the city to M. de Lesseps in a gold box of the value of 100 guineas.

In demolishing the old Episcopal church in Newton, Connecticut, lately, a petrified cat was found under the pulpit, whose body had probably been there 100 years.

Baile, the composer, lives in fine style at his country seat, Romney Abbey, Hert, Eng., a party given to him by his son-in-law, who is a wealthy Spanish grandee.

The Boston Herald says: A relative of the late George Peabody informs us that his body was buried at Westminster Abbey, and the great fuss in the country was over a substitute corpse.

A gentleman in Rochester, styling himself a "counselor, conciliator and general negotiator," had opened an office of conciliation for the settlement of disputes.

A negro boy in Columbus, Ohio, rashly went in bathing the other day and was drowned. His mother said it served him right for taking up new fangled notions. He nebbet was washed befo'.

The Parisians have a new sensation in the person of a new danseuse, Mlle. Bozsch, who is really the finest artist in her line. She is a Russian girl, and represents the very poetry of motion—the perfection of grace.

The Governor of a workhouse at Pleasington, England, recently ordered a lad named John Barrington, to be "flogged" for soiling his clothes. He was ducked so thoroughly that he was drowned, or, as the coroner's jury had it, met "death by misadventure."

At a Paris curiosity shop: "You are wrong, Monsieur, not to take this sleeping bacchant; the marble is very beautiful, and, finally, it is by Cleinger." "It is a useless thing." "Perhaps so, Monsieur, but consider how well it will look in case of a sale after death."

The police authorities of London have issued sets of boxing gloves to the police at the various section houses in the metropolis, and the young constables take kindly to the exercise, in spite of the very hot weather, strengthening their muscles and improving their style by practice in the leisure hours between the beats.

The famous Russian violinist, De Koutski, and his daughter, and the pianist, lately performed before the Sultan, in Constantinople. His Majesty was so delighted with both artists that he conferred the decoration of the Medjidie on the father, and added a donation of 10,000 francs for the evening's entertainments.

A countryman, fresh from the magnificent woods and rough clearings of the far West, was one day visiting the owner of a beautiful seat in Brooklyn; and walking with him through a little grove, out of which all the underbrush had been cleared, and the rock covered with woodbine, suddenly stopped and admiring the beauty of the scene, lifted up his hands and exclaimed, "This I like; this is nature—with her hair combed."

Just wait thirty one years longer, only another generation, and perhaps the Byron mystery may have some light thrown upon it. Sir John Cam Hobhouse (Lord Brougham), who recently died, left his papers to the British Museum, with the condition that they shall not be opened until the year 1900. As Sir John Cam Hobhouse was one of the peacocks of the greatest era, the quidnuncs say his papers probably contain something about the Byron scandal, and hence his desire that they should not be opened until most of this generation are under the sod. The chances of Mrs. Stowe, and the others had to say on the matter are slim indeed. It is so coming to think that he probably had nothing to say on the matter.

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