

## BREVITIES.

A pew in a Boston church brought \$1,000 at auction, lately.

Bookkeeping taught in one lesson—don't lend them.

A pair of nippers—two chaps taking "nips" in a coffee house.

A prize wheat crop in Georgia was forty-two bushels to the acre.

It requires greater virtues to support good than bad fortune.

Neither the sun nor death can be looked at steadily.

In California they measure the progress of towns by statistics of the quantity of whiskey drunk.

In three years a farmer on the Isle of Man raised seven bushels of barley from a single grain.

Buffalo has the champion spider. He has woven a web, in the form of the letters "winter."

Whatever else you borrow never borrow trouble. It never does any good, and when you return it you get no thanks.

A Lynn cordwainer named Glines has made fifteen pairs of ladies' gaiters in ten hours—this is indeed a feat.

A bean pod was raised in a garden in Baldwinville, Onondaga county, which measured 2 ft. 4 inches.

Two clergymen took part in a recent Massachusetts ordination—the Rev. Olympia Brown and the Rev. Mrs. Hanford.

A man often fancies that he guides himself when he is guided by others, and while his mind aims at one object his heart insensibly draws him on to another.

The present Sir Percy Shelley, eldest son of the poet, is a great yachtsman, and spends more time in the Mediterranean than he does on his estate.

We have no more right wantonly or caressingly, to wound the mind than to wound the bodies of our fellow beings; and in many instances the former is the most cruel of the two.

A young woman, meeting a former fellow-servant, was asked how she liked her new place. "Very well," she replied. "You have nothing to complain of?" "Nothing," only master and mistress talk such very bad grammar?"

Mrs. Brisket (about the 'Squire's new bride)—Oh yes, mum, she came in 'ere yesterday, mum. Bless yer! a puffed lady, mum. Don't know one 'int of meat from another, mum!

At the Massachusetts cattle show, the other day, a gentleman, who probably does not read the Revolution, gave the following toast: "The coming woman may it be a long time before she arrives."

Joseph Livtchak, a Russian editor, claims to have discovered means of navigating the air, by using steam for propulsive force, and alleges that he has tested his invention and proved its practicability.

To a congress connected with history and archaeology, to be held at Bonn, is to be annexed an exhibition of ancient works of art, comprising very remarkable productions of German art in the middle ages.

Old age has been obtained in all climates, and under all circumstances. Man flourishes alike in the hot, the temperate, and the cold, and where medical knowledge is least, he often thrives most.

"Well, Jones, I suppose you have been out to look at Texas. Did you see anything of our friend Smith out there?" "Yes," he said, "he's gone down."

"Has he?" "Yes, indeed; he doesn't know his own hogs from those of his neighbors!"

A traveller to the Island of St. Thomas describes it as the nest of yellow fever, difficult and dangerous of access, swarming with sharks, fearfully depressing to the spirits, liable to storms and earthquakes, and wholly destitute of fresh water.

A clergyman, who had offended many of the hard shells of his flock, and was compelled to leave, preached a farewell sermon. It was a resume of his labors and his difficulties, rather tart, but just, and closed as follows:

"My friends, I have endeavored today to preach you a sermon free from personalities, and I think I have done so; but I wouldn't for a moment have you believe that I do not feel how much could be said, for I feel well assured that the jackasses are not all dead yet."

At Auburn, lately, the wife of Thomas Cross gave birth to a daughter, this being the seventeenth time that Mrs. Cross had made her husband a happy father. Mr. Cross, on this occasion said, "Amelia Jane"—Mrs. Cross's christened name is Amelia Jane—"this is not to be borne!" "But it is born, my dear," said his wife, meekly. "Don't get angry, my love, we all have our little crosses to bear." Mr. Thomas Cross groaned in bitterness of spirit: "Amelia Jane, this thing has been going on long enough, if you have any more little crosses to bear, I shan't help you to support them."

The tenacity with which some men cling to life is astonishing. We lately published an account of the Vermonters who survived fifteen years after a tamping iron was driven through his brain. A man is still living in Eastern Ohio, whose skull was penetrated by a gaupipe. The notorious Bill Poole lived several weeks with a bullet lodged in the septum of his heart; and a young man named Crier died, the other day, at Lexington, (Ky.), three weeks after a bullet lodged six inches within his brain, and another bullet had passed from his back to his abdomen. He retained his senses until his death.—Ex.

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