

Tuesday, June 28, 1870.

BREVITIES

A simple-ton—2000 pounds.
The Emperor of China has ordered a plume from New York.

The way to treat a man of doubtful credit is to take no note of him.
Five cent woolen hats are a Parisian novelty.

Fun calls ox-tail soup a joint stock affair.

Carlyle is seventy-five—almost a child again.

They make three Yankee clocks every minute during the working hours at Bristol, Conn.

A yearly license of five dollars is to be required of all who carry fire-arms in England.

San Francisco ladies are urged to carry revolvers to protect them against the highwaymen who infest the streets.

A two-and-a-half-year-old boy violinist is the latest musical sensation and wonder in New York.

The Omaha Herald says that Mr. Jefferson is at the head of all the actors who ever brightened the stage.

Mr. Simms says, if it wasn't for the hole in the hoop, you couldn't put it on the barrel, and the barrel would burst.

Swinburne has issued a collection called "Songs before Sunrise." A wit suggests that "We won't go Home till Morning" should be among them.

A pauper at Waterbury, Conn., split his companion's head open with a hatchet, because the latter would not give him a bite of his candy.

It is said that the reason there are so many muttonheads in existence is to be found in the fact that such a number of children are "perfect little lambs."

The following is a veritable transcript from the record of a will admitted to probate in the State of New York: "I bequeath my body to the grave, my soul to its Maker, and the remainder of my property to my wife."

The only thing in the amusement line in Palmyra, N. Y. is the measles. They are having a splendid run, says the Rochester Democrat, and are attended principally by children. Measles matinee Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The London Gazette is the oldest newspaper printed in English, in the world. The Congressional Library has a complete set of the London Gazette, in more than two hundred volumes, from its commencement in 1665 to the present time.

An Irishman was traveling on his way to Manchester, N. H. He arrived at the forks of the road where there stood a signboard, which read: "Man-chester four miles." "Man chaled her four miles!" cried Paddy, "be Saint Patrick, I could have caught her myself in half the time."

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, when one day riding through the country, was saluted by a fellow who was lying in a ditch: "Hello! how do you do?" "I don't know you," said Mr. Wesley, "but you know my horse." "Who are you?" "D'nt you know me?" "Why are you the man that converted me?" "I reckon I am," said Mr. Wesley, "putting spurs to his horse." "At least, one thing is evident—the Lord had nothing to do with it."

A traveler in Texas writes that Austin is a very beautiful place, and though lacking the ordinary means for illuminating the streets, has hit upon a very original method. He says: "So soon as the sun goes down, you see a red-haired girl come out and plant herself one on each corner of the street. We then turn loose the lightning-bugs, and the two make it light as day. I have been brought twice before the authorities for hugging the lamp posts and fined very heavily."

We know a minister who was generally able to keep his congregation wide-awake, but who, on one occasion—it was a sultry summer day—observed numbers of them asleep. He resolved to nip the evil practice in the bud. So taking a good survey of the scene before and around him, he exclaimed, "I saw an advertisement last week for five hundred sleepers, at a railroad. I think I could supply it, at least fifty good and sound." It is perhaps needless to add that the supply instantly vanished.

The postmaster of San Antonio, Texas, was not long puzzled by the receipt of a letter from New Orleans, directed to "My Mammy, living in the City of San Antonio." One day, however, a small, fierce-looking old woman appeared at the post-office window, saying, "Mister, have you got any letter there from my Johnny?" The letter addressed to "My Mammy" was at once given her at a venture, and the suspicion that it was intended for her proved correct.

An exchange gives the following, as the points of a good cow: She's long in the face, fine in her horn; she's quick to get fat without cake or corn; she's clean in her jaw and full in her chin; she's heavy in flank and wide in her loin; she's broad in her rib and long in her rump; a straight flat back; with never a hump; she's wide in her hips and calm in her eye; she's fine in her shoulders and thin in her thighs; she's light in her neck and small in her tail; she's wide in her breast and good at the pail; she's fine in bone and silky of skin; she's a grazer's without a butcher's within.

A Paris banker devised what he considered an ingenious measure to prevent a defalcation by his cashier. He places an iron cage in front of his safe, and insists that the cashier shall be locked in it until the cash account is verified at the close of the day. He has as yet found only one man who is willing to accept this condition. "You must enter the cage at 9 a.m., and you will be liberated after your account has been verified," said the banker to the applicant. "Agreed," "You must not leave it during the day under any pretense; I keep the key in my pocket." "All right, I'm used to confinement." "Where have you been?" "In the penitentiary for these last fifteen years."

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