

BREVITIES.

A word to the wise—remain so.

Woman is the only female in creation who sings.

A child was asked, "What is faith?" She answered, "Doing God's will and asking no questions."

"How about the small pox excitement up your way?" asked one countryman of another. "Oh!" was the reply "It's dying out with the patients."

The latest style of gold bracelets is in the shape of a fluted muslin cuff, and is made of burnished gold, with a diamond button and ruby button hole.

Old gent (disgusted)—"Here, waiter, here's a—a caterpillar in this soup!" Waiter (flippantly)—"Yes, sir. About the time of the year just now for them, sir."

"Are you not ashamed to beg?" said the philosopher Montaigne to a healthy, stout beggar, "you are certainly able to work." "Oh, sir," was the rejoinder, "if you only knew how lazy I am!"

A Scotch paper tells the story of a farmer who, after the burial of his wife, drove a hard bargain with the grave digger, who, bringing his hand down on the shovel exclaimed, "down w' another shillin', or up she comes."

"Man proposes but God disposes," said a pious aunt to her over confident niece. "Let a man propose to me if he dare," was the response, "and I will dispose of him according to my own view, as he suits me."

A young man, in speaking of his deceased uncle, said, with a tone of disgust: "After making seven ineffectual attempts to commit suicide with knives, guns, rope, razors, and water, he died a commonplace death of cholera morbus."

The story of a woman who has not spoken to her husband for twenty years, which has been going the rounds of the papers, has received a satisfactory explanation: The woman has not had a husband for twenty years.

The Erie Republican says: "A Norwegian family, consisting of father, mother and twenty-one children, passed West the other day. The old man wants to take a contract to settle some new State, and bring it into the Union."

A western editor in announcing the demise of his paper, says: The brilliancy of our career has only been equalled by its brevity, and the lack of business management has only been excelled by the lack of business itself."

Madame Olympe Adouard, in a speech in France recently on the marriage question, gave utterance to this Indian sentiment: "The only thing which can make of marriage a happy, calm and ennobling union, instead of, as it is too often now, an eternal torture, is divorce."

A member of the Masonic order telegraphed to a companion: "Make room for ten Royal Arch Masons. Coming to-day." When the companions arrived only had been expected had been built for their accommodation, the telegram at its destination reading: "Make room for ten R. A. M's. Coming to-day."

Mrs. Ramabotham (Mrs. Malaprop's friend) was much grieved about the fire at Pera. Recounting the details to a friend, she said: "You will be glad to hear that though the British consular lost almost everything, he managed to save his anchovies." It turned out that she meant the archives.

Mlle. M., of the Paris opera, has very pretty teeth, and in order to exhibit her ivory richness constantly forms her mouth into a smile. A spiteful little lady friend of hers said to her the other evening: "You know, my dear, you can close up your canine exhibition a little. We have seen it already."

A writer in Lippincott's Magazine thus describes England's next King: In a large box on the grand tier sits a broad shouldered, full bearded man, his head supported on his hand, and fast asleep. He bears a striking resemblance to the Holbein portrait of Henry VIII. when a youth, which hangs in the gallery at Hampton Court; he is apparently about 40 years old, and, as his head sinks further forward, you can see that his premature baldness has already thinned his hair. It is the Prince of Wales, 25 years old.

Prof. Henry, now in Europe, has spent several hours daily with Sir H. James, who has charge of the great ordnance survey of England, in studying the various processes adopted in constructing the maps. This survey, begun in 1791, is one of the most wonderful accomplishments of human labor and ingenuity. It exhibits on a map of six inches to the mile, every house, stable and fence in the three kingdoms—even every house in London is delineated in size and position. Prof. Henry will extend his trip to the Continent, and probably return in a few months.

Open fan means friendship, shut close the opposite; half open, an invitation to conversation; touching the lips with the top of the fan, an assurance of secrecy and confidence; waving the fan to the right, "have no fear;" to the left, "somebody is watching;" covering the face with the fan, "I understand;" lowering the fan below the face, "I don't understand;" touching the forehead, "yes;" waving it briskly, "no;" opening and shutting the fan slowly, "I must have time to consider;" quickly, "write."

At one of our neighbor's houses was a very bright little girl. It chanced once that they had as a guest a minister, an esteemed friend. Little Anna watched him closely, and finally sat down beside him and began to draw on her side.

"What are you drawing, Anna?" asked the clergyman.

"I'm making your picture," answered the child.

So he sat very still and she worked away earnestly for a while. Then she compared her work with the original, and shook her little head.

"I don't like it much," she said. "Isn't a great deal like you. I don't put a tall to it and call it a dog."

Fancy his feelings! What a likeness it must have been!—Ez.

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