

BREVITIES.

London teaches 50,000 ragged children.
Unredeemable bonds—vagrabonds.
Illinois boasts of a six and a half pound potato.
170,000 Chinamen now dwell in the United States.
A "no account" wife is the best. She never runs up any bills.
Profanity is a bad habit, and intemperance generally leads to it.
The Chicago rogues' gallery has (only) 84 portraits.
"Yellow citizens," is how California candidates address a Chinese audience.
A Colorado store-keeper solaces his customers with Pyre KUT 2 bak O.
St. Louis is Queen city, Chicago audacity.
Twelve hundred rats have been caught in one week at the Troy elevator, by the use of the looking-glass trap.
The Havre dock hand who saved the life of the murderer Traupman, received a medal and 400 francs reward.
An old stable keeper in England says he has never had a bad foot on his horses since he commenced the practice of bedding on a thick layer of sawdust. Fine sawdust he finds the best, oak the worst.
A Western exchange has an account of the shooting of a wild cat by a little boy five feet eight inches long.
It is said that not enough wheat will be raised in Great Britain this year, by 75,000,000 bushels for home consumption.
Lobelia is prescribed successfully by the matron of an eastern boarding school for girls, as a cure for the incipient symptoms of love.
Chicago boasts of an educated hog. She has many other hogs whose intelligence is not remarkable.—*Ex.*
The most remarkable railroad in Germany and Europe is the new Black Forest road, which will be completed within four years. Between Hornberg and St. George, situated 2,870 feet above the level of the sea, and but four miles distant from Hornberg, the railroad ascends nearly 2,000 feet, and passes through 27,000 feet of tunnels. Eleven thousand feet of the latter have been completed during the last two years. The truly Cyclopean work on the road is progressing rapidly, and attracting thousands of visitors, who flock together from all parts of Southern Germany and Switzerland.
Some things come by odd names. The most uncommon thing in nature is styled "common sense," a paper half an mile long is a brief; and a melancholy ditty, devoid of sense or meaning, is a "glee."
This is from the London *Fun*:
EPI-PHOTO-GRAM.
Lord Byron's face and Mrs. Stowe's Show-windows now display, And prove there are more ways than one To make a scandal pay.
The former face is fair to see, The latter not the least; Together they suggest the tale Of Beauty and the Beast.
The Dunkirk (N. Y.) *Journal* says that a curious individual was greatly perplexed at the opening of the Masonic rooms, the other night, to understand the why and wherefore of the three large candles which had conspicuous positions. He viewed them on all sides, thoughtfully summing up in his mind their probable use. At last his patience was exhausted, and turning suddenly about, he made bold to ask a Mason "what those candles were for." The Mason, looking about him to see that no one was near, and exacting the most solemn promises of secrecy, got close up to the ear of his friend, and with a breathed whisper, said: "The candles are to burn." The curious man hasn't told any person about it, but, somehow such things will leak out.
I will tell you a secret worth knowing. A thousand things not worth half as much have been patented and elevated into a business. It is this: If you cut the legs of your chair so that the back part of the seat shall be two inches lower than the front part, it will greatly relieve the fatigue of sitting, and keep your spine in a much better shape. The principle fatigue in sitting comes from your sliding forward, and thus straining the ligaments and muscles in the small of the back. The expedient I have advised will obviate this tendency, and as I have suggested, add greatly to the comfort and healthiness of the sitting posture. The front edge of the chair should not be more than fifteen inches high, for the average man, nor more than fourteen for the average woman. The average chair is now seventeen inches for all, which is no amount of slanting can make comfortable.—*Homely Advice.*
Our frontier ladies do not seem to understand the necessity of taking the census and naturally resist such things. To one, at Cheyenne, the collector said: "What is your age?" and she replied: "That is an impudent question and I won't tell you." "Well, I shall put you down at the census," said the collector. "I'm only 27," indignantly exclaimed the now thoroughly enraged lady. The record was corrected accordingly. "Madam," said Mr. Pierce, to another lady, I have been at your house twice to take the census. "You had better not let me catch you there taking anything," answered the independent woman. "I want to know how many children you have?" asked Pierce walking into the house. "It's none of your business?" answered the dame, "so long as we don't ask you to keep them." "I am taking the census and must know," pursued Pierce. "Well, I guess somebody has been a takin' yours and you'd better be hunting them up, young man," retorted the dame.—*York (Pa) Republican.*

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