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## BREVITIES.

European ladies sport nobby walking canes.

A Dane has invented a velocipede to run on the ice.

One of the best of *Punch's* artists is a young lady.

Oliver Dyer—John Allen's backer—has been baptized.

The N. Y. Express calls Garibaldi "one of the heroes and humbugs of the present age."

If you want to turn the heads of a hundred people at once, go late into church.

The sale of Greeley's "American Conflict" has reached 225,000 copies; price, \$2.25,000.

Hungary is about to celebrate its thousandth anniversary as a kingdom.

Wealthy Catholics in this country are urged to contribute \$300,000 to support the needy American College at Rome.

Wise men are instructed by reason, men of less understanding by experience, the most ignorant by necessity; and beasts by nature.

In excavating for the foundation of the new State House, in Springfield, Ill., a bed of excellent coal, eighteen inches in thickness, was discovered, which caused a decline in the price of fuel in that city.

The first greenback issued by the United States is in the possession of a Cincinnati saloon keeper. It is No. 1, series A, and is signed in Chase's handwriting. The owner has refused fifty dollars for it.

At Springfield, Mass., recently, an itinerant scissors grinder won the confidence of unsuspecting females by representing himself to be an exiled count. One lady purchased eighteen pairs of scissors from him.

Roman trains now carry ten Pontiac, cal carbines in a compartment by the engine, and as many in the rear, all ready at a moment's notice for action with the brigands. Moreover, all the stations are guarded day and night.

The new steamer *Neshaminy* just finished at Brooklyn, can make twenty-five miles an hour, and is the fastest vessel in the navy. She was ordered built during the war, and will now be laid up in ordinary, as she is too expensive for peace service.

Mr. Samuel L. Clemens took his son de plume—Mark Twain—from an old river boatman on the Mississippi river, who, when navigating in shoal water, used to cast the lead, and, when the depth indicated two fathoms, called out to the officer in command, "mark twain."

A few years ago, a gentleman residing in South Australia let loose on his estate a dozen rabbits. Recently, in one year, fifteen thousand of these animals were shot. There were also partridges and pheasants let loose, but they failed to increase in numbers.

The most recent style of thieving in Milan is invented by vagabonds, who invite young milliners and seamstresses to the *bals champetre*, drug them with wine containing opium, and then de-spoil them of their hair. A heavy reward is offered for the capture of the knaves.

The King of Sweden has announced that hereafter no capital execution shall take place in his kingdom, and that if the death penalty be not abolished by law, it shall not be enforced by him. The King made this declaration on refusing to sign the warrant for the execution of a woman prisoner, recently convicted in Sweden.

During a recent debate in the Victoria Legislature, a rather good thing was said by one of the members. An unfortunate loyal Liberal, whose education had been sadly neglected, was reading out a document to the house, and vainly endeavored to decipher an obscure letter; turning to his next friend, he asked anxiously, "is that a hem or a hen?"

"Oh!" replied his friend, "call it a hen, and move that it 'lay' on the table."

One of the physicians of Burlington, Vt., driving into town one morning, recently, was met by a friend, who halted him with the question, "if he had voted?"

"Not yet," said the doctor, "but I have been out all night after a voter. I got him, too."

"When will he vote?"

"About twenty-one years from now."

A white man in Houston, talking with a negro, remarked:

"I was taught to believe, before I came South, that the negroes were compelled to drag the plow on the plantation."

When the freedman, unable to contain himself longer burst out:

"Lor' Geewhillicans, master! Dem must bin hired niggers what dey tell you 'bout'!"

A Scotch baronet, being at a parish meeting, made some proposals which were objected to by a farmer:

"Sir," said the former, "do you know that I have been at two universities?"

"Weel, Sir," replied the farmer, "what of that? I had a catf that sucked two cows; and the observation I made, was, the mair he sucked the greater cat he grew."

The skulls of twenty-four horses were found under the pulpit of a church in Edinburgh, Scotland, not long ago. What they had been deposited there for, no one pretends to know. The pulpit was erected within the last thirty years. Possibly it was expected that the preachers might derive a little "horse sense" from them, and that if their communications were not "yea, yea," they might be "neigh, neigh."

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