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BREVITIES.

Frogs sell for \$1 a pound in New York.

The voices of night—Those blessed babies.

The Jewish temple Emanuel, of New York, will cost over a million.

Men often live long enough to become strangers in this world.

The small but shrewd auctioneer sells bits, but the silly purchaser only gets bit.

Much of the jewelry now worn is like a convicted felon—its guilt is apparent.

An editor in a Massachusetts town asks for either a rigid dog law or an extensive sausage manufactory.

Many of the "nice young men" of New York send to England for all their boots and shoes.

A witness was asked if he was not a husbandman. "No, sah, I've not married," was his ready answer.

An urchin crawled into a sugar-hogshead at the steamboat landing at Troy. His first exclamation was, "O for a thousand tongues!"

"Mr. Brown, I owe you a grudge, remember that!" "I shall not be frightened then, for I never knew you to pay anything that you owed."

The repentance that is delayed till old age is but too often a regret for the inability to commit more sins.

In regard to the pronunciation of the word either and neither, Richard Grant White says: "Persons of the best education and highest social position in England say *either* and *neither*."

"I never complained of my condition but once," said an old man "when my feet were bare, and I had no shoes; but I met a man without feet, and became contented."

A statistician says: "Girls of to-day are expensive to raise or to marry. They cost four times as much per pound now as they did thirty years ago."

A French physician has discovered a process by which droven persons, after being under water even longer than half an hour, can be restored to life.

A French soldier named Saunier has been sentenced to death by a military tribunal at Grenoble, for desertion to the Russians, during the Crimean war, 1855.

One of Josh Billing's maxims: "Rise early, work hard all day, live on what you can't sell, give nothing away; and if you don't die rich and go to the devil, you may sue me for damages."

When intoxicated, a Frenchman wants to dance, a German to sing, a Spaniard to grumble, an Italian to boast, a Russian to be affectionate, an Irishman to fight, an American to make a speech.

Charivari has a caricature representing Mars, his enormous sword hung upon a peg above his head, stretched out fast asleep upon a pile of very full money bags. The reflection is: "He sleeps, and that is well; but his mattresses must be very costly."

The Nashville Times says that an old gentleman, looking over the battle-ground near that city, the other day, saw some marks on a rock; he dug them and took up four cans of oysters, three boxes of sardines, and two flasks of whisky—all in excellent preservation.

A Justice better versed in law than gospel not long since married a couple in this way: "Hold up your right hands. You solemnly swear that you will perform the duties of your office, jointly and severally, according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God, fee one dollar."

There is a lady in Petersham, Me., who has lived 97 years, and is still active and useful, who has a son aged 72, a grand-daughter aged 43, a great-grand-daughter 25, a great-great-grand-daughter five months old, making five generations, all living. This venerable old lady has made cheese with her own hands for more than eighty consecutive years.

A good story is told in a Louisiana paper of a wagoner whose camp was visited by some travelers to whom he offered coffee, and one of the latter, declining it was asked of what profession he was? He answered he was a Baptist. Thereupon the wagoner brought out his jug and offered a drink to the Baptist, declaring that he always went prepared with chickens for a Methodist preacher and whisky for a Baptist.

The latest protection for safes, rendering them burglar-proof, consists of a rifled battery which is attached to the safe and is set and controlled by the owner in the same manner as a combination-lock. In locking or unlocking, legitimately, there is not the least danger of an explosion; but on the safe being attacked by burglars the entire battery is discharged, and the rascal's body is pierced with a hundred bullets—more or less. The invention dispenses with night watchmen, but renders a Coroner's jury necessary occasionally.

The other day I was sitting near one of the greatest men in England (perhaps it was in the House of Commons, but I shall not tell you exactly where), and he was secretly suffering from suppressed anger, and was being bullied from all directions. The man maintained his part admirably; he was calm and equable in reply; when he sat down he put on an air of repose; he kept his self still, he governed his eyes, he governed that difficult organ to govern, the mouth; but his hands quivered with the emotion he felt, and the veins stood out upon them in stern relief. He little imagined he betrayed to me all he felt by those hands.—*Agnes's Magazine*.

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