

BREVITIES.

Charlotte, N. C., lights its streets on Sunday nights only.

The Maine Legislature attended the Peabody funeral.

The man who works with a will—the Probate Judge.

There are 70 papers in America called the "Telegraph."

"Imperishable paper coffins" are the latest device of Connecticut genius.

A revolution among the washer-women in Columbus, Miss., is threatened because of a steam laundry established there.

A clergyman in Belvidere, N. J., refused, one day last week, to marry a couple because they had only "sparked" for one week.

Cynics say that women may be the primeval cause of our happiness, for they are the primeval themselves.

The annual cost of maintaining and running the steam fire-engines of Boston is about \$6,000 each.

There is a proposition on foot to make Fred. Douglass, Governor of the Territory of St. Domingo.

Value the friendship of him who stands by you in a storm; swarms of insects will surround you in the sunshine.

A Connecticut farmer recently killed a turkey that did not lay, and found inside of her eleven perfectly formed eggs with perfect shells and full size.

England has released a man who had been confined 27 years for debt—the sum being £1 at the date of imprisonment.

Anxiety is felt in Illinois for the safety of the peach crop, on account of the spring-like weather, which is causing the buds to swell prematurely.

A maine ball was extracted from the shoulder of Mr. W. H. Elliot, in Conway, South Carolina, a few days ago. The ball had been embedded in the flesh for eight years.

"Bridget, I wish you would step over and see how old Mrs. Jones is this morning." Bridget returned in a few minutes with the information that Mrs. Jones was seventy-two years old.

It is said that Cyrus W. Field, of the original ocean cable, and Wm. Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company have purchased the French cable for \$1,000,000 in gold.

A citizen of Waterloo City has sued the Western Union Telegraph Company for damages in the sum of \$5,000 for the non-delivery of a message in time to enable him to attend the funeral of his mother.

A large Newfoundland dog nearly tore to pieces a young lady at Saco, Maine, and but for the timely interference of parties who witnessed the attack would have killed the girl; the dog is dead, and his victim in a very precarious condition.

The police of Richmond, Virginia, are in anxious quest of William Light, a fugitive from justice, but light thus far succeeds in keeping dark.

A young Irishman named Lyons died suddenly, last week, at Canton, Ohio, after taking a dose of medicine from a traveling street corner doctor.

At Vicksburg the frequenters of saloons are not asked what beverage they prefer, but are invited to "nominate your family disturbance."

The editor of a Western Missouri paper asks his readers to excuse the looks of his paper, as he is in bed from the effects of a fight with a delinquent subscriber.

A Boston paper remarks: "The Cincinnati Chronicle displays its familiarity with the Bible by coming to the defense of a suspected mercantile firm of that city with the statement that it is as far above reproach as Potiphar's wife."

A newly married man, at Manchester, N. H., left his wife, a few evenings ago, on a prospecting tour. During his absence he sent her money for her support. Upon his return, last week, he found she had spent it in getting a divorce, on the plea of desertion, and had married another man.

Virginia boasts the champion oyster-eater. The *Wilder Virginian* admits that a resident of Gordonsville, and two of his friends from Madison Court House, devoured, at a single sitting of four hours' duration, one barrel and one wash-tub full of oysters.

At a recent meeting of the Lyceum of Natural History, New York, specimens of syrup and of sugar made from potatoes, were exhibited. It was asserted that syrup and sugar can be made at a low cost, from the refuse of potatoes, after undergoing distillation to obtain spirits. Potato syrup, it is reported, is used extensively by confectioners, and that the sugar has been introduced into the manufacture of lager beer. A factory, it is stated, has lately been established in Brooklyn, and potato sugar is produced in large quantities.

A paper in Illinois talks in this way: "If you owe any one a single dollar, go and pay him: when there is so little money we ought to keep it moving around lively. Jim owed us and we owed Bill and Bill owed Jim. Jim got mad because we made him pay one morning last week; but we paid Bill and Bill paid Jim, and Jim wanted to be that night as happy as a clam, with just as much money as he had in the morning, and three men out of debt."

One of the speakers at a recent meeting at Birmingham, England, of the British National Educational League, stated that on Jan. 1, 1870, there were 30,000,000 of the inhabitants of Europe under the operation of laws enforcing compulsory education. This fact was stated to show that though the idea was comparatively novel in England, yet that the principle had been in successful operation in Europe for many years. The North German Confederation and Switzerland were mentioned as countries where compulsory education had produced the most intelligent population in the world.

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