

REVIEWS.

Connecticut's yearly divorce average is 180.

California is assessed for taxation purposes at \$24,000,000.

"Mud, with the juice squeezed out," is what a little Wisconsin girl calls dust.

A Kansas census marshal reports that one woman told him to call again in a day or two, when she could promise him a larger list.

Epiphany, a Swiss township, has conferred on Mazzini the title of honorary citizen; and he responds by giving \$4,000 for the establishment of a school in that town.

An advertisement of "a small sewing machine" for one dollar, was answered by a young man in Maine, who received in return for his dollar a shoemaker's awl, worth about fifteen cents.

Chicago, the fastest city of the Far West, is increasing her debt with much greater rapidity than she is her population. In the last three years it has tripled, until now it amounts to over \$17,000,000.

Bayard Taylor, now in California, has been presented with a gold ring made from the last spike which was driven at Promontory Point by Governor Stanford on the completion of the Pacific railroad.

"Quite correct, my dear; the natives of South Africa do not require clothes to keep them warm, because they are Hot-tentists, don't you see? Coolies are a different sort of people altogether. So are the people of Chili."

Those who live where fresh lemons cannot be obtained are much wanted, will find that a very nice substitute for lemonade can be made by dissolving a small portion of citric acid in water, flavored with good essence of lemon, and sweetened to taste. A quarter of a pound will make gallons of lemonade, and is much preferable to tartaric acid, being made from lemons themselves. It will also take the place of lemon juice in making lemon pies.

In some parts of Germany, every bottle containing poison is labeled with a death's head and cross-bones as black as printer's ink can paint them. Every parcel of poisonous medicine sent to a patient has a similar label over the address. "Pray help me," writes a traveler and druggist the adoption of this very simple method, which is plainly within the comprehension of the dullest boy that ever handled a pestle and mortar.

M. Planchon, a French savan, proposes to exterminate the insects which feed upon the foliage of vines and shrubbery, by the use of a compound of sulphur and lime in equal parts. Into a pint of water put forty parts of sulphur and forty of lime unslacked, and let it evaporate till it is reduced to one pound. The liquid should be corked up tightly, as the introduction of air will convert it into a sulphate of lime by the absorption of oxygen. This liquor may be diluted with thirty times its volume of water. Sprinkling on the vines, two or three times, will be sufficient to wipe out the insects which prey on the foliage of vines, plants and trees.

Mr. Spurgeon's Church owns property worth \$400,000 in London, accumulated during his preaching. Their tabernacle has twenty rooms, they support two hundred orphans, two large day schools, a hospital, a theological school of eighty students, supply one hundred places of worship every Sabbath, and support missionaries in India.

Robert H. Newell, who is burlesquing "Edwin Drood" for Punchinello, is credited with writing the following to the memory of Dickens:

The homage of our world to thee, O Matchless Scribe! when thou wert here,

Was all that's loving in a Laugh, And all that's tender in a Tear.

So, if with quivering lip we name The fellow mortal who departs, A smile shall call him back again, To live immortal in our hearts.

Recently in Chatham street, New York, a countryman was clamorously besieged by a shopkeeper.

"Have you any fine shirts?" said the countryman.

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"Are they clean?"

"To be sure, sir."

"Then," said the countryman, with great gravity, "you had better put one on, for you need it."

A young man, who carried a collection plate in service, before starting took from his pocket a five-cent piece, as he supposed, put it on the plate and passed it round among the young girls. The girls, as they looked at the plate, all seemed astonished and amused, and the young man, taking a glance at the plate, found that instead of a nickel five-cent piece, he had a conversation-lozenge on the plate, with the words, "Will you marry me?" in red letters, staring everybody in the face.

Our philosophy, feeble as it is, gives us to see in every particle of matter, a center of force reaching to an infinite distance, binding worlds and suns together, and unchangeable in its permanency. Around this same particle we see grouped the powers of all the various phenomena of nature; the heat, the cold, the wind, the storm; the awful conflagration, the vivid lightning flash, the stability of the rock and the mountain, the grand nobility of the ocean, with its mighty tidal wave sweeping round the globe in its diurnal journey, the dancing of the stream and the torrent, the glorious cloud, the soft dew, the rain dropping fatness, the harmonious working of all these forces in nature, until at last the molecule rises up in accordance with the mighty purpose ordained for it, and plays its part in the gift of life itself. And therefore our philosophy, whilst it shows us these things, should lead us to think of Him who hath wrought them.

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