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BREVITIES.

A good mother can exercise no holier calling than to guide the footsteps of her children in the paths of duty and virtue.

The Detroit Free Press thinks it very wise in young men to spend \$300 and two years' time in acquiring a medical education, when they can buy a diploma for \$40.

A person asked a wag if the tolling of a bell did not put him in mind of his sins. He replied: "No sir, but the rope puts me in mind of yours."

A militia officer being told by a philosopher that he had the organ of locality very large, innocently replied, "Very likely; I was fifteen years in the local militia."

A man whose wife hanged herself in his presence, on being asked why he did not prevent the tragedy, replied, "I cut her down three times last week, and I can't be always cutting her down."

A carpenter, being asked for a riddle, responded the following:—"I picked up a pin; I couldn't find it; I put it down and went along with it. It was a splinter in his foot."

The Connersville (Ind.) Times tells of an old rail splitter in that country who put a quietus upon a young man, who had been about his head, in these words: "Young man, when my head gets as soft as yours, I can raise hair to sell."

According to the Times of India no less than 230 villages in the Sharanpore division in the north-western provinces have been proclaimed in places in which measures will be taken for the suppression of infanticide under the Act of last session.

"I don't like these shoes," said a lady customer, "because the soles are too thick." "Is that the only objection?" asked the shopkeeper. "Yes," was the reply. "Then that objection will gradually wear away."

"You here, Jenkins! How the deuce did you find your way out?" "Find my way out? Out of what? What do you mean?" "Why the last of you, you were lost in slumber." "Oh, well, I rode out on the night mare."

It is a disagreeable fix to be placed in, when you essay a bow to a fair friend on the opposite side of the way, to find an omnibus obstructing itself just in the season for your bow to take effect, directly in the middle of the crowd of passers inside, half of whom bow to you in return, and the other half stare at you in amazement.

Voltaire, having paid some high compliments to the celebrated Haller, was told that Haller was not in the habit of speaking so favorably of him. "Ah!" said Voltaire, with an air of philosophical indifference, "it is not of his nature to be so very much mistaken."

The Epoca, of Geneva, says Don Carlos is in that city, waiting for the International Socialists' instruction to wrap the country in flames, when he proceeds to rally his friends, and, catching the idea, take advantage of the gratitude of the people to place himself on the throne with their consent.

A good wife makes the poorest and most desolate home a paradise, and would the most negligent and indifferent husband be made a saint.

A woman—quiet, unassuming and thoughtful—was one day conversing with a man—irresolute and inattentive—when she said to him: "I have a very beautiful idea, but I am afraid it is too good for you."

A St. Louis man, much interested in woman's feet, reports that men and boys invariably run the heels of their boots and shoes over outwardly, while women and girls always run theirs over inwardly. Out of 147 men and boys that the observer at a given point, this fact was true in every instance; out of sixty-seven women that passed it was true in every instance but one.

The London Athenaeum says: "Mr. Emerson is, perhaps, the only lecturer in the United States whose addresses, if printed as delivered, could be regarded as a contribution to literature—could be read with patience by a cultivated man."

Half-educated men and women rush through the land without anything of their own to say, none of them have ever discovered an idea, but they are content to utter, with various degrees of success and popularity, what they derive from others."

A disobedient son or daughter always attracts unpopularity, and ultimately attracts disaster to the domestic circle. A father is without power to govern his family if the mother thoughtlessly opposes him. It is utterly impossible to prevent evil results flowing from a constant authority on the part of the mother. The children are insensibly imbued with the spirit of disobedience, and are taught to manifest it on the least demand of parental authority.

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NEW YORK.

Emigration Checked—Cholera.
NEW YORK, 25.—Accounts from Strasburg say that the tide of emigration from that country has been so great that measures had to be devised to check it.
The steamer Humboldt is detained at quarantine, having, as reported, a case of cholera on board. She will be disinfected before coming to the city.

Explosion.

POUGHKEEPSIE, 25.—There was an explosion at Rand's powder mill, four miles west of here to-day. One man was killed, and a number of others escaped miraculously. Loss \$10,000.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, 25.—The court martial for the trial of paymaster Hodge, convened at Fort Mifflin to-day. The prisoner, through counsel, pleaded guilty to all the charges. The sentence will not be known until promulgated by the war department.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Batler, 25.—The Republican returns show the election of 1,061 delegates to the Worcester convention, of whom 422 are for Butler and 639 against him; majority for Butler 197. These figures allow Butler the Springfield delegations, and nearly every other contested case.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery, 25.—A boiler in the Hardimore mill, twenty miles north of Montgomery, exploded yesterday. Five were killed and one fatally injured. One person was hurled 100 yards and torn into fragments, another was blown fifty yards and terribly mangled. The mill was a total wreck.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, 25.—Lipp's brewery, in the northern part of the city, fell to-day, killing Joseph Kalm and seriously injuring four men.

MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, 25.—The fair grounds were totally destroyed by fire last night with heavy loss.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh, 25.—A terrible storm of wind and rain visited this section to-day. Large trees were blown down in the streets.

FOREIGN NEWS.

WEST INDIES.

Shipwreck and Great Loss of Life.
KINGSTON, 25.—On the island of Antigua every estate was injured by the storm. A coolie vessel from India for Martinique has been lost on the coast of that island, with all hands. Two hundred bodies were washed ashore.

HOUSE.

As many of our young men and big boys are much inclined to the use of guns for shooting rabbits, ducks, etc., the following excellent rules for the use of fire-arms will be of good service if heeded, as so many distressing accidents result from careless handling of such weapons—

First.—Never point a gun or pistol toward yourself, or anybody else whom you do not intend to shoot. No matter how sure you are that the weapon is not charged, observe this rule for the sake of good habits. Not only should you refrain from leveling a weapon at a person intentionally, but it is just as important that you make sure at all times, that, in case of an accident, the discharge, the shot will do no damage.

Second.—When loaded and capped always carry your gun at half-cock. It is a very common custom to carry the gun with the hammer resting on the cap; but it is by far the most dangerous method that could be selected, and there are three ways in which the gun may then be accidentally discharged. If the lock is a strong one, the simple pressure of the hammer will often be as efficient as a quick blow in exploding the cap. Any hard blow on the back of the hammer will certainly discharge the gun. And third, if the hammer is caught by a twig, or in passing a fence, and raised a short distance and then released, the cap must be fired, while at half-cock, the hammer when released would be caught on the half-cock notch, or at worst be brought to full-cock. A gun that can be fired from half-cock without breaking the lock, is so dangerous that no sensible person will use it a day. If there is a mechanic within reach who can repair it.

Third.—When getting into a carriage with a loaded gun, take the cap off. When you expect to shoot from the vehicle this danger of carrying a gun capped may be much reduced by putting an elastic wall like a fly, between the hammer and the cap.

Fourth.—Never leave a loaded gun in a house without its being capped, or in some way marked as loaded. We often see accounts of persons who have taken up such guns supposing them to be empty, put caps on them and snapped away. Some have been very wise, and others have been very foolish.

The result of such sport is too frequently a coroner's inquest, and a verdict of "accidentally shot."

We could give instances of fatal results from the neglect of each of these rules, and we feel that any one who reads of this article could soon make a large collection of items on the subject.

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