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BREVITIES.

Miss Marriott's married name is Edgar.

Portugal has abolished slavery in all its possessions.

Lake Michigan is larger than the whole of England.

The latest style of the water velocipede consists of two floating tubes of tin, in the shape of cigars. They are connected by two bars of iron which support the wheel. This is moved by pedals like the fore wheel of an ordinary velocipede. The rider sits on a saddle just behind the wheel, and easily drives his machine at the rate of six or eight knots an hour.

All kinds of poultry and meats can be much quicker cooked by adding to the water in which they are boiled, about one-eighth part vinegar. By the use of this, there will be a considerable saving of fuel and shortening of time. Its action is very beneficial on old tough meats, rendering them quite tender and easy to be digested. Tainted meats and fowls will also lose their bad taste and odor, if cooked in this way, and if no more vinegar is added than we have indicated, there will be no taste of vinegar acquired.

Joe Jefferson has been playing at Louisville, Ky. While charming a large audience one night, a veiny young fellow became so deeply interested in *Rip Van Winkle* that he unconsciously allowed one of his legs to dangle over the dress-circle, near the stage, in a very prominent but ungraceful position. Just at this juncture the play had proceeded to where "Rip" says: "Well, if I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't have believed it." The imitable Joe convulsed the house by pointing to the youth, and Verdant instantly withdrew the offending member from the view of the public.

It is reported that very extensive preparations are being made for the cultivation of silk in California. One firm in Los Angeles county, it is stated, is putting out sixty thousand mulberry trees as the commencement of a large plantation. This firm has purchased a beautiful rancho at San Gabriel Mission, nine miles above Los Angeles, and has hired forty families of Chinese skilled silk-workers, who are engaged for four years, and will be comfortably lodged in adobe cottages, with ample gardens. At the expiration of the term, each family will be entitled to a deed of ownership for its house and garden.

A correspondent of the New York Herald has interviewed Senator Sprague on the subject of his late startling speeches. He found the Senator in a loose dressing-gown, and lost in thought. Near him stood a tray, holding the Senator's abstemious fare of unbuttered toast and creamless coffee. The Senator says that he intends to keep at his work, and not to fold his arms and see the country go to the devil. He confesses to being crazy in the sense that all great reformers are crazy. He is not bidding for the Presidency, and would not take it unless he was permitted to appoint whom he chose to office. In big bundle of letters asking for copies of his late speeches, only two came from Rhode Island, where he said the truth about the great family monopoly was unparalleled.

The celebrated artesian well of St. Louis is now down to the depth of 3,500 feet, and is still going downward and onward, working its way to China. No one knows when the chase will be abandoned. It has been kept up—or rather down—day and night for two years and more, at the very lively pace of three feet per day. Possibly, says a St. Louis paper, it may have become a matter of pride with the county authorities to do one of two things—either find water or locate daylight on the other side. In the latter event, the tube might be easily and profitably converted into a pneumatic tube, for the happy dispatch of small parcels between us and the Celestials.

A remarkable religious demonstration was recently witnessed in the lowest region of East London, the Wapping District. At four p.m. Rev. Mr. Lowder, a Ritualist clergyman, with his assistants, choir and congregation, formed a procession, led by a golden cross veiled in black, and for three hours moved through his parish, preaching at intervals the "Stations of the Cross." As they went on the crowd gathered more and more, listened to the earnest and solemn discourses, and joined in the singing. During the whole of the circuit, though hundreds of persons of the lowest class joined in the procession, not a single offensive word was heard, nor was there the least disorder. Such a thing as a religious procession, and preaching the "Stations of the Cross" in the streets, has not probably been seen in London for centuries.

The buffaloes bind in the telegraph poles of the overland line a new source of delight on the treeless prairie—the novelty of having something to scratch against. But it was expensive scratching for the telegraph company, and there indeed was the rub, for the bisons shook down miles of wire daily. A bright idea struck somebody to send to St. Louis and Chicago for all the brad-awsls that could be purchased, and these were driven into the poles with a blow to wound the animals and check their rubbing propensity. Never was a greater mistake. The buffaloes were delighted. For the first time they come to the scratch sore of a sensation in their thick hides that thrilled them from horn to tail. They would go fifteen miles to find a brad-awl. They fought huge battles around the poles containing them, and the victors would proudly climb the mountain heaps of rump and hump of the fallen and scratch himself into bliss until the brad-awl broke or the pole came down. There has been no demand for brad-awsls from the Kansas region since the first invoice.

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