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BREVITIES.

Punch says he has observed that the unfortunate man's friend lives a long way off.

Bulwer says poverty is only an idea. It is about the only idea some people ever have.

If you let the cat out of the bag, never try to cram it back again; it only makes matters worse.

A desperate wrangle is now going on in Millport, Cal., over the vacant post-office. The emoluments are \$16 a year.

If a mad dog bites you go at once to the Turkish bath. Doctors agree that it will cure you.—Ez.

The newest style of coffee-pot has a little steam whistle attached which warns persons when the coffee is ready.

There are said to be 300 different washing machines patented in Washington, three quarters being of New England origin.

A New Albany bride waked up in the night, forgetting she was married, and around the neighborhood she rapidly succeeded in striking a match.

St. Louis, Mo.—There has been a severe thunder storm. At 8 p.m. a fearful tornado struck the Centre Market, a large brick building, and leveled the north half to the ground in a twinkling, most of the roof and several heavy timbers being carried across the street, knocking down a number of other buildings. The market was crowded, but so far as known only six persons were injured seriously, two or three slightly, and two were wounded fatally.

Some one says: "There is but one way to be happy, but there are a thousand ways to be wretched." If the fellow will tell us what that one way is, he needn't mention the thousand.

"Why doesn't your father take a newspaper?" asked a man of a little boy whom he found pilfering one from his doorstep. "Cause he'd rather send me to take it," was the reply.

A New York chemist has shown that 50 per cent of the vinegar sold in large cities is made from chemicals so poisonous as to gradually undermine the constitution. Sulphuric acid and lead are largely found in this kind of vinegar.

The New York Star says there are more book keepers than cooks in New York. In proof of which it cites the fact that a dry goods merchant in that city who advertised for a book-keeper \$500 per annum received 630 applications for the position.

"You have lost your baby, I hear," said one lady to another. "Yes, poor thing! It was only five months old. We did all we could for it. We had four doctors, bled its head and feet, put mustard poultices all over it, gave it nine calomel powders, leached its temples, had it bled, gave it all kinds of medicines, and yet after a week's illness it died."

Is the *Galaxy* Club-room a good story is told of a College President who meeting on the cars a student whose character for sobriety was not good, and whose appearance then evidenced a recent debauch, approached him and solemnly and respectfully said: "Been on a drunk?" "So have I," was the immediate reply.

Jim, de men don't make such fools of themselves about women as de women do about men. If a fellow look at de woman, dey see a man in it; if dey hear a woman sizzling, it's a man; and dey look under de bed de last thing at night to find a man. Why I never looks under my bed to find a woman, does you?"

The Rev. Mr. Mallatou, of Worcester, Massachusetts, announces that the latest brook in Boston "are more decent than the most decent theatre."

Of course a divine with a strict regard for truth would not express so decided an opinion without having had wide personal experience of both classes of amusements.

There is in New York a man who keeps a boot and shoe shop for the convenience of one-legged persons. As, however, there are about as many people who have lost their right legs as there are who have lost their left legs, this wise man has so arranged matters that he keeps constantly on hand an equal number of "right" and "lefts." He does about as good a business as other people in the shoe selling line.

Miss Pauline Vogel was in 1867 considered an incurable idiot. Under the tuition of Miss Dunphy, at the Idiot School at Randolph Island, she has become an assistant teacher, at \$200 per annum. She is now eighteen years old, very fair looking, writes a fine, clear hand, is of good address, and plays excellently on the piano. In conversation she informed her visitor that she had a faint recollection of her earlier days; but that she had no idea of her father.

Some twenty acres of a little hillcock supply four-fifths of all the diamonds that have been found in the new African diamond fields, and these acres

are occupied by some twenty odd little

said people who scramble and scurry their few inches of ownership with all the eagerness of cupidity. But the average chance is judged from the fact that the yield per month is but \$200,000, which gives each digger \$9.11 for his month's labor. He could do better than that chopping wood and be subjected to fewer hardships.—Ez.

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EASTERN DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, 30.—There is an absolute dead lock as to the *Alabama* question. The U. S. government persists in declining to modify the case historic presented; and England refuses to submit the question of consequential damages to arbitration. Both, it is admitted, are embarrassed by the unfavorable condition of the negotiations. Well informed gentlemen say, that except for England's peremptory course our government might have suggested the presentation of consequential damages was necessarily important to our argument of the whole case before the arbitrators, and must stand for this reason rather than in expectation of allowance in assessing damages. High British authority recognizes that England cannot cancel the treaty without the consent of the United States, and that if England refuses to joint issue before the board on the *Alabama* question, the United States can rightfully treat the agreement as binding on all other points. This, by endangering war, involves extreme peril to England, whose commerce is her life. She grave does the London court consider the situation, that it advises her Majesty's government to announce that England will never pay consequential damages under any circumstances, and then let the American case go before the tribunal of arbitration, but under protest. If this be the solution of the difficulty, it may postpone the conflict temporarily. If the board reject the claims for consequential damages, as anticipated, that ends the trouble; if it allows them, the question raises new negotiations, free from the present embarrassment, which may result favorably.

WASHINGTON, 30.—The bill to pay the California Nevada volunteers' expenses home from the point of view of the discharged has been favorably reported in the senate, also the bill to confer citizenship on all persons born in Oregon prior to its acquisition.

Secretary Delano, by order of President Grant, has written the governor of Idaho that no expedition will be allowed to go into the Black Hills to search for minerals.

CINCINNATI, 30.—The committee of arrangements for the national convention on May 1st, have perfected arrangements with nearly all the railway companies in the United States, to carry persons to and from the convention at half rates.

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VISALIA, 31.—Cerro Gordo was badly damaged. Many buildings were badly cracked and some few thrown down. A number of persons were badly injured. Swaneau was totally destroyed. The buildings are all down to the ground and the furnaces are as thorough as Col. Segall's, of the Swaneau works. No other fatal casualty is reported as yet. The superintendent of the Swaneau company sent twenty men to Lone Pine and sixteen went from Cerro Gordo to assist in extracting bodies from the ruins. All accounts agree in placing Lone Pine over the center of the company. But one shock could be heard an explosion, which sounded immediately beneath their feet. Over six hundred distinct shocks were felt within 18 hours after the first. There is much destitution among the inhabitants of Lone Pine and vicinity, many having lost all but life.

Col. Whipple was selected to proceed to San Francisco for the purpose of procuring aid for the destitute. Several distinct shocks were felt in this city last night, and they are still coming from the south-east.

Drunkenness in England.
A new scheme for the punishment and prevention of drunkenness has been inaugurated by the magistrates of Liverpool, England, consisting of a series of penalties and publication of the names and addresses of offenders. It appears that Mr. Robertson (Gladstone has given the scheme a trial for six weeks, and it has not, according to the *Manchester Examiner*, been successful as yet in diminishing intemperance, but the statistics are not yet given. Due warning was given to all whom the magistrates would commence the system of excessive penalties, coupled with the publication of the offenders' names and addresses in the local journals. On Monday, January 29th, that day 130 persons were convicted and fined in the aggregate amount of \$303. Two weeks ago the number convicted was 133, though the total number of fines is not given. The previous week, however, 129 persons were fined, of which only 220 had been paid, and the defaulters—those, who utterly without the means of paying, remain in prison. There has only been one instance showing any real diminution in the number of convictions. That was on the second Monday, when 115 persons were fined, but the very next week the figures attained the highest point they have yet reached—namely, 148. Comparing the corresponding weeks of last year under the old English system of "five shillings and costs," there has been a small diminution in the number of convictions for drunkenness, but how far this is to be attributed to the altered regulations it is not easy to say. It is to be hoped, says the *Fall Mail*, that the new system will not be a success, for it must be remembered that poverty and distress of mind frequently lead persons to become intemperate. Moreover, imprisonment often entails loss of employment; the new system, therefore, may really produce in many cases the very evil it is intended to remedy.

JUST ARRIVED—Fish Bros., celebrated Freight and Farm Wagon. All sizes to suit the market. For sale at HOPPER & CO'S.

gentleman from Ludepence asserts that smoke and ashes from volcanoes are distinctly seen southwards from that place, and word had been brought there that lava was seen flowing down the mountain, but the report is not authenticated.

The shocks increased in force up to Thursday, when over a thousand had been counted. At Tibbet's ranch, 15 miles above Independence, a shelf of ground has sunk seven feet below the surface of the surrounding country. Big Owens lake has risen 4 feet. Owens river ran up stream for several minutes, leaving the bottom dry, and returned with increasing volume.

There has been no parallel to this earthquake since 1812, when the Missions, San Juan, Capistrano and La Parisima, in south California, were destroyed. Of course the earthquake is a matter of common conversation in California, but not the least apprehension outside of the district affected.

The following petition will be forwarded to Congress, in book form, to-morrow:

To the Congress of the United States in the Senate and House of Representatives assembled, Greeting:

That undersigned, citizens of San Francisco, being impressed with the importance of protecting and preserving the usefulness of the bay and harbor of San Francisco for the purpose of commerce and navigation, respectfully represent that, whereas several enterprises are in project, such as the construction of a railroad, depot, and a bridge, and the construction of a bridge from the Contra Costa shore to that island, which would involve the placing of serious impediments in the way of free commerce and navigation, and whereas the harbor, and obstructions in the ship channel which will interfere with the tidal currents, and whereas, officers of the United States corps of engineers have made known that the military occupation of Yerba Buena Island will be necessary in order to insure the safety of the bay and harbor of San Francisco, and that the construction of a bridge from the Contra Costa shore to that island, which would involve the placing of serious impediments in the way of free 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