# THE EVENING NEWS.

A Committee is sitting in Rome to ascertain how many of the miracles vouched for in the Ecclesiastical speeches.

Truth is immortal; the sword cannot pierce it, fire cannot consume it, prisons cannot incarcerate it, famine cannot starve it.

An American official at Paris has found among the old book-stores a copy of Eliot's Indian bible. It will be remembered that the last copy sold for $1,300, and it is probable that this newly discovered one will bring at least $2,000.

Napoleon the Third lives now principally on beefsteak, oysters and chocolate. His physicians have forbidden him to drink either tea or coffee.

The Boston Transcript says: "'Interviews' with public men are an American institution,' sustained by indomitable 'cheek' on the one hand, and by the vanity that is anxious to make a noise in the world, on the other."

King Victor Emanuel has contracted a morganatic marriage—that is, married a woman who renounces all claim to royal rank, and disclaims for her children all princely distinctions or the advantages usually enjoyed by the offspring of a king.

A piece of bullet about the size of an acorn was recently extracted from the side of William Holmes, of Augusta, Me., where it had been since the first battle of Fredericksburg, December 14, 1862. It first entered near the right shoulder, and gradually worked its way down until it lay under the arm, whence it was taken out.

The number of words contained in the press dispatches delivered to the different journals in the United States during the past year, by all lines, is estimated at 400,500,000; and the amount of tolls upon this class of custom in the same year was $1,000,000.

The forests are dying out in certain parts of Virginia. The chestnut trees have already submitted to some deleterious agency, and their growth is nearly exhausted; and this year the oak and in fact all the trees of the forests in certain sections, are dying. No explanation of this disastrous visitation has yet been given.

One of the best remedies for stammering is the rapid pronunciation, with proper emphasis, of the following gibberish: Hobbs meets Snobbs and Nobbs; Hobbs bobs to Snobbs and Nobbs; Snobbs nods to Hobbs and robs Nobb's fobs. "That," says Hobbs, "is the worst for Nobbs' fobs," and Snobbs bobs.

George Wilkes has inaugurated a new system in the weekly periodical trade. He informs newsdealers that unsold copies of *The Spirit of the Times* will be redeemed for one month after date, by the American and New York News Companies.

The Catholic *Telegraph* says the devil could never have been so popular on earth if he had not rebelled against God in Heaven; and so Father Hyacinthe would never have been so applauded if he had not imitated the pride and disobedience of Satan.

A Scotch clergyman named Hackstoun, one day said to Mr. Smibert, minister of Cupar, who, like himself, was blessed with a foolish or rather wild youth for a son: "D'ye ken, sir, you and I are wiser than Solomon?" "How can that be, Rathillet?" inquired the startled clergyman. "Ou, ye see," said Hackstoun, "Solomon didna ken whether his son was to be a fule or a wise man, but baith you and I are quite sure that our sons are fules."

Esteem your brother to be good, and he is so. Confide in the half virtuous man, and he becomes wholly virtuous. Encourage your pupil by the assumption that he possesses certain faculties, and they will be developed in him; look on him as incapable of cultivation, and he continues so. Pronounce yourself in health, and you may become so. All nature is but the echo of the mind, and from her we learn the highest of all laws—that the real springs from the ideal; that the ideal by degrees remodels the world.

The Wyauwega *Times* relates the following: Last week a lynx was killed at Dayton, by a couple of boys, in the following strange manner: While the boys were hunting in the woods, they were attacked by a lynx which sprang and fastened itself on the shoulders of one of the lads. The other boy carried a shotgun, and immediately perceiving his comrad's danger, cocked his gun, placed the muzzle against the animal and fired, instantly killing the lynx, and without harming the boy.

The ordinary clerkly hand of present day is, by comparison with that of former times, scratchy and illegible. The difference is partly due to the haste which characterizes all modern operations, but still more to the introduction of steel pens. The fact that these little implements are annually manufactured by hundreds of millions is a proof of their inherent defectiveness and want of durability. In the days of quills, the best penman used the fewest pens in proportion to the amount of work which they accomplished. In a note to the "Fortunes of Nigel," Sir Walter Scott tells of an author who during the seventeenth century wrote a voluminous theological work with a single quill.

Nicholas Wain, though a regular Quaker preacher, was a great wag, and many are the good things said by him which are still current in certain Philadelphia circles. He was once traveling on horseback in the interior of Pennsylvania in company of two Methodist preachers. They discussed the points of difference in their respective sects, until they arrived at the inn where they were to put up for the night. At supper, Wain was seated between the two Methodists, and before them was placed a plate containing two trout. Each of the circuit-riders placed his fork in a fish and transferred it to his plate, after which each shut his eyes and said an audible grace before meat. The Quaker availed himself of the opportunity to transfer both of the fishes to his plate, remarking to the other boarders, "Friends, the Methodist preachers have asked a blessing over their own fish."


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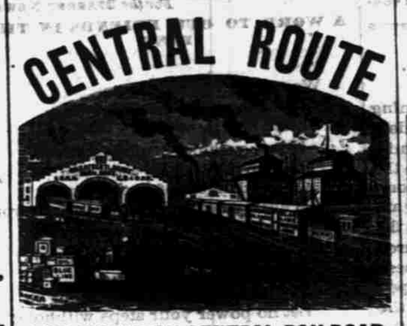

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