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BREVITIES.

Berlin boasts of not less than twenty two physicians who have acquired reputation and independence in their profession. Most of them are of the homoeopathic and eclectic schools of medicine.

Dr. J. G. Holland, lecturing on "The Social Underworld," says: "So far as he could judge, there had been no gain to temperance for thirty years. There was a fearful undertow, a reform without improvement, change without progress, and so long as it was easier to scold than to teach, there would be no progress made." —*Ex.*

Pittsburgh papers are rejoicing over an invention to rid that smoky city of its greatest nuisance. A man has invented a device which will automatically attach to stoves and ranges, consumes all the smoke and gas. As no smoke is made, it will be impossible also for chimneys to take fire.

Do Remontant recently read a paper before the French Academy announcing the discovery of an antidote for poisoning by phosphorus by Dr. Adent of Dax. The cure consists in the administration of turpentine which Dr. Adent gives to the amount of from twenty to twenty-five grammes, in doses of five grammes each at intervals of two hours.

An old English paper thus describes the mode in which marriages were celebrated in that country a hundred years ago. Miss Flora McPherson will be shocked: "Married in June, 1789, Mr. William Donkin, a cousin of George Washington, to Mrs. Ruth Buttress in the county of Cumberland, to Miss Eleanor Shattock, an agreeable young gentlewoman of the same place. The entertainment on this occasion was very grand, there being no less than 120 quarters of lamb, 44 quarters of veal, 20 quarters of mutton, 12 quarters of beef, 12 hams, with a sufficient quantity of pickles, which was consumed with 8 half-pinters of brandy made into punch; 12 dozen of cider, a great many gallons of wine and 90 bushels of malt made into beer. The company consisted of 550 ladies and gentlemen, who concluded with the music of 25 fiddlers and pipers, and the whole was conducted with the utmost order and unanimity."

We are said to be civilised; but there is a custom common among us which ranks us with the savages. We refer to the clothing of girls of tender years—from infancy upward, say to ten or eleven years of age. In cold mornings a strong girl, with thick pants and stockings, feels rather chilly around his lower limbs, and she has a little tender girl with no other covering than stockings and shoes. How these poor creatures get along the Lord only knows. We have often wondered, but never have been able to tell, what is the cause of this. There is no doubt, however, that the prevention of cruelty to animals, but none for the protection of little girls. Let us have one; and for punishment let the mothers be compelled to affix themselves in as scanty apparel as their children's.—*Scandalous Herald.*

A resident of Martin county, Kentucky, writes as follows to the *Fronton (O.) Journal*: "I send you a specimen of my garden product that is entirely new in this part of the country, and I think as good as any imported tea that can be bought. The seed was obtained from a friend, Mr. Edgerly, member of the class. This plant has grown three years and finds its way into tea cups used at my table, and I believe it is equal in every respect to the imported tea. The second will equal any in size of leaf and flavor. The plant produces some four or five crops of leaves a year. I can make tea enough on thirty feet square for a small family a year. It begins to ripen in July, and should have leaves ripe in October. It grows from three to four feet high but I have grown some plants four and a half feet high. It requires no more care or culture than a good crop of beans. I think, all that is wanted to make as good tea as any that is imported. The readers whether I am mistaken or not, I have seen several merchants and tea-sellers to test my tea, and all pronounce it genuine."

Some ingenious admirer of Dickens produces the following, which seems to contain the names of all the works of the great novelist: "Oliver Twist," "Hard Times," "The Chimes," "The Battle of Life," and "Awful Handbooks" were all written by the author of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." "David Copperfield" was written by the author of "The Golden Mantle." "Nicholas Nickleby" had just finished writing a "Tale of Two Cities" to "Martin Chuzzlewit," during which time "The Cricket on the Hearth" had been chiseling right merrily, while "The Chimney Sweeper" and "The Poor Traveller" commanded singing a "Christians Carol." "Barnaby Rudge" then arrived from the "Old Curiosity Shop" with some "Pictures from Italy" and "Sketches by Boz," to show "Little Dorrit," who was busy with "Pleasure and Pain," and "what David Copperfield" was doing. "American Notes" entered, and informed the company that the "Great Expectations" of "Dombey & Son" regarding "Mrs. Lizzie's Leg."

"Society" had not been realized, and that he had seen "Boots at the Holly Tree Inn" taking "Somebody's Language" to "Mr. Lorry's Lodgings." In a street he had "No Thoroughfare," opposite "Bleak House," where the "Haunted Man," who had just given one of "D. Marigold's Prescriptions" to an "Uncommercial Traveller," was brooding over the "Mystery of Edwin Drood."

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EASTERN DISPATCHES.

Tweed can't be found—Horrible scenes at Quebec—Report of the Boston Convention—Abner Abbot elected Governor—Abolitionists—Pro-Slavery—The Wharton Case.

NEW YORK, 27.—The Tribune says it has received information that Tweed has fled, and is either in rapid flight from the country, or is still here, and his new bondsmen come forward to save him from imprisonment. This state seems to be based on fact. Terence Farley is reported to have given notification to the sheriff of his withdrawal from Tweed's bail bonds, and the sheriff's office says he is preparing to present a writ of habeas corpus to treat the same as the whites. All negro women captured will be delivered to their owners, and will be compelled to wear a chain for four years. All white women captured in the woods after the 15th of January will be banished from the country. Children of negro parents will be sold into slavery until the 15th of January, unless the conditions will be granted.

CINCINNATI, 27.—A Gazette special says the Reverend Robert I. Breckinridge died this evening at his house, at Danville, Kentucky, after a protracted illness.

WESTERN DISPATCHES.

Mineral of Judge Morrison—New City Hall—More Rain.

LOS ANGELES, 26.—The funeral of the Hon. Murray Morrison took place this morning; it was largely attended. A. Bronson and M. Whitney, well known lawyers, etc., conducted the services.

SAN FRANCISCO, 27.—The contribution boxes of St. Joseph's church were carried off by burglars on Christmas night.

MAYOR ALVORD has addressed a note to each of the deputes appointed on the committee to investigate the project for bridging the bay for railroad purposes, calling on them to meet as early as possible to consider the work.

Governor Sanford in a letter to the committee says if the city will aid the project by a donation of \$300,000, he bonds the Central & Southern Pacific railroads would, if the people desire, co-operate with the city as a public enterprise.

A special from Washington says the desire to know about the connection of Senator Harlan of Iowa, with the Wright Indian frauds is very general among politicians there, and as Wright soon will be brought into court Harlan's name will be mentioned in the trials.

A special from Washington says a box was found the other day at the Grand Trunk railway depot, containing the mutilated body of a female in a partially decayed condition. The limbs had been cut off, and the flesh disengaged from the bones. The box was left by a stranger whose name is unknown. Foul play is suspected and an investigation is pending.

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