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BREVITIES.

Penny omnibuses are multiplying in London.

Russia has the best hot houses in the world.

Horses sell for ten cents apiece in some parts of Australia.

Queen Victoria is accused of being at work on a novel.

A snake's skeleton with 982 joints has been dug up in Tennessee.

New fashioned kid gloves for ladies now fasten with a small gilt chain.

Mendelssohn received, for writing his magnificent oratorio, "Elijah," £40 sterling.

The criminal statistics of England and Wales for the year ending 1887, show that 3,867 women were committed for trial charged with indictable offenses, and 15,549 men—one woman to every four men.

"I wish I had your head," said a lady one day to a gentleman who had solved for her a knotty point. "And I wish I had your heart," was the reply. "Well," said she, "since your head and my heart can agree, I can't see why they should not go into partnership. And so they did."

Mayence, on the Rhine, is the most cosmopolitan of cities; the fortress is Great-Prussian, the government is Darmstadtian, the post-office is North German, the religion is Roman, the garrison is Prussian-Polish, the national colors are Hessian, the laws are French, and the language German.

"How do you like the looks of the varmint?" asked an Arkansan of a downy Easter who was going with distended eyes at an alligator with open jaws on the bank of the Mississippi.

"Waal," responded the Yankee, recovering his mental equipoise, "the ain't what ye'd call a handsome critter, but he's a deal of openness when he smiles."

A German in New Albany, Indiana, has what is called a "dumpling clock" in his window. On the top of a fat and jolly looking Teuton, who holds a fork in his hand. By an ingenious contrivance the fork, at the end of each minute, dips into a plate of dumplings, and carries them to the mouth of the Teuton, who swallows it with a choking gurgle, and a motion of his glass eye.

Professor Happon, United States Geologist, estimates the coal formation south of Cheyenne and north of the Arkansas, to occupy an area of 5,000 square miles. All of this country in which the coal formation exists abounds in brown iron ore, three tons of which are sufficient to make one ton of pig iron.

A cute French criminal was accompanied to Charlot by his innocent wife. The moment the police retired, he fell at his wife's feet, sobbed bitterly, told her he knew she was innocent, it was all a mistake, she was taken for somebody else, then turning to the jailor, said: "Let me out, I have no time to lose, I am going at once to the judge to explain the mistake to him." He was let out, but naturally didn't come back.

A rich old man died recently, whose young wife had led him but a sorry life. He frequently stated that he would be revenged. On reading the will, his vengeance was too well felt. He left all his property, about \$100,000, to his wife, on condition that she passes every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in his tomb. Should she miss one hour, the whole fortune reverts to the natural heirs. Any sensible judge will break such a will.

The machinery in the Springfield (Mass.) Watch Factory cost \$300,000, and is so nice and intricate that the finest skill and two years' time was required for its construction. There are no less than 300 machines of 70 different kinds, all adapted to their work. There are in a watch 170 pieces of 100 kinds, requiring about 1,500 processes in their manufacture.

A witness in court, who had been cautioned to give a precise answer to every question, and not to talk about what he might think the question meant, was interrogated with the following question:

"You drive a wagon?"

"No, sir, I do not."

"Why, man, did you not tell my learned friend so this moment?"

"No, sir, I did not."

"Now, sir, I put it to you on your oath; do you not drive a wagon?"

"No, sir."

"What is your occupation, then?"

"I drive a horse, sir."

In the lake country in England, there is a ruin called Diston Castle, once the seat of the Earl of Derwentwater. A lady claiming to be the Countess of Derwentwater, has just arrived at the castle, with a retinue of servants, and a wagon-load of chattels; she has fitted up temporary quarters among the ruins, and announces her intentions to abide henceforth in the baronial estate of her ancestors.

She is a singular person; attires herself in an Austrian military uniform; wears a sword by her side, and defies the lawyers who have sought to eject her. It happened, unfortunately for her pretensions, that the dead Earl, in whose name this queer Countess claims the property, was attainted of treason and beheaded on Tower Hill, after the rebellion of 1715. His blood thus legally corrupted, his estates were confiscated and granted by the Crown to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital, in whose possession they still remain, and who derive no inconsiderable part of their revenue therefrom. Some of the London papers insist that the new Countess is "mad as a March hare," and all agree that a curious suit at law will follow. But if "Annette, Countess of Derwentwater" is insane, there is method in her madness, for she has certainly taken possession of the property in a business-like fashion.—Ex.

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