

BREVITIES.

A Terre Haute man has got a divorce on account of his wife's profanity.

By the laws of Tennessee drunkenness is made a legal cause of divorce.

Let your losses in the past be your lessons in the future.

Vermont hires a Governor at \$83 a month, and he finds himself.

Lady Franklin finally acknowledges it is useless to look further for her husband.

Russia has 566,491 new breech-loaders and a factory that makes a half-million cartridges per day.

There is nothing new under the sun, China started life insurance 3,000 years ago.

A farmer near Carrollton, Ill., has harvested 110 acres of wheat that averaged thirty-five bushels per acre.

A colored woman carried off the prize from the State Fair of Texas for the best specimen of dentistry.

An Illinois farmer hung himself on account of the drought, and next day a rain came—just his luck.

People supposed to have been shot, lanced, or flogged to death by the late President of Paraguay are turning up and claiming their houses and property.

When death occurs from natural causes in Tennessee, it is customary to append to the newspaper notice the words—"politics had no agency in the difficulty."—Boston Post.

The English Spiritualists have information that Charles Dickens has arrived at the spirit world and is going around there with Prince Albert.

A man who went fishing in a private pond in a suburban town complains that he only got one bite, and that was from a dog, whose master owns the pond.

A man was drowned in the North Branch at Chicago, last week, and the police wrote to the captain: "I have the honor to report that the coroner is desired to tomorrow to hold an inquest on the North Branch of a dead body."

A drunken soldier in Detroit amused himself one hot day by cutting off canine caudalities with a sickle. He was knocked down just as he had harvested his ninety-fourth tail—that of a three hundred-dollar pointer.

A Georgia neighborhood is discussing the "law point" whether a man has a right to put rattlesnakes in his strawberry patch to guard them from his neighbor's children, one youngster having lost his life from such a constabulary.

There is an intelligent dog at Mud Pine, Ind., so sharp that whenever company comes to the house he proceeds at once to catch a chicken, a thing he will do at no other time.

It is a coincidence worth noting that Napoleon I. was exiled to St. Helena on the 15th day of July 1815, and on the 15th day of July, 1870, Napoleon III. declared war against Prussia.

France goes into the present war with a very heavy debt, and is already asking for further loans, whilst Prussia has the smallest debt of any of the great powers of Europe.

Lynn, Massachusetts, claims the banner for veteran shoemakers, and enters Edmund Lewis, who has worked at the trade steadily seventy-one years, and James Barry who has worked at it seventy years.

A one-legged woman who claims to be the daughter of a very distinguished Confederate General, and to have lost her leg while acting as a rebel spy, is soliciting pecuniary contributions in Indiana.

J. McGraw of Rome, N. Y., had his hair burned off close to his head recently, by a flame bursting from the furnace door of a foundry where he works. This has happened twice before, and each time the event was followed by a stronger hair regrowth.

A Milwaukee "auss" says: "Tain't much trouble to take care of sick pussies; most on 'em don't want anything, and if they do they don't get it."

In reference to a petrified cat, recently discovered under a pulpit somewhere in the East, a cotemporary says: It is believed that she was preached to sleep by a minister who is still at large.

The walking-stick parasol has just made its appearance. Open, it is quite large and conical in shape, but when closed looks like a substantial walking cane, for which purpose it is intended to be used.

The latest folly of fashion in London, says a cotemporary is wearing the mouth open. The only difficulty is that fashion not having officially decided to what extent the lips are to be kept apart, nobody seems to know the correct thing, and the consequence is that some wear the mouth only slightly open, while others are to be seen grinning from ear to ear.

Among the recreations allowed to the convicts in the Rhode Island State Prison on the Fourth of July was jumping over a horizontal bar.

"You jump very well," remarked a bystander to an agile convict.

"Oh, that is nothing," replied the convict. "I expect to go over the prison walls before I get through."

A little flower, up amongst the mountains, said, one day, "How shall I live any longer? A storm is coming, and, in this unsheltered place, I shall be swept away in a moment." Then a flake of snow floated down to her, and the little flower bowed herself down, and thought she must die; but the soft flake of snow covered her up so gently and safely, that when the storm raged, and the wind blew, and the lightning fell, she was unharmed; and when the storm was over, and the hot sun shone out, it melted away and watered the little flower, so that she should wither beneath its rays. Then she raised her head once more towards the sky, and was fairer and brighter than ever. Moral:—Never grieve over coming trouble, although we cannot see it, it often comes with a blessing.

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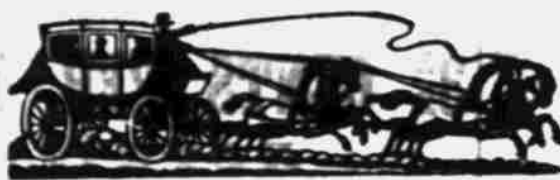
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