

THE EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, April 27, 1870.

BREVITIES.

They talk of iron payments in New York.

Toothache is said to render the Turkish Sultan's life a burden.

A gill of beer was a sufficient wager to induce an Englishman to eat a glass tumbler lately.

A little Georgia child died from sucking yellow jessamine flowers, which some one had given her.

A monster aerolite has recently fallen in Fezzan, near Mourzouk. It weighs nearly 5,000 pounds, and is thought to be the largest meteoric body yet discovered.

A beautiful camel's hair shawl, for some time past on exhibition at a well-known store in New York, was sold a few days ago for \$5,000 to a gentleman from Wisconsin.

A little Connecticut boy asking a mate who Good Friday was, received the withering reply: "Well, you go home and read your Robinson Crusoe."

England uses 2,000 tons of beeswax per annum, valued at over \$2,000,000. One European palace is said to burn 10,000 candles nightly.

Richmond has a Police Justice who has doubly vindicated the title of non-law, by fining his wife's father \$5 for being drunk and disorderly.

There are twenty-three Roman Catholic priests in the House of Lords, of whom six are recent converts. Most of them are English.

Five thousand non-conformist ministers have waited on Mr. Gladstone to protest against the sectarian clauses of the educational bill.

A Presbyterian doctor of divinity at Alleghany, Pa., is about to be sued by a fair member of his congregation for breach of promise. She has put ninety-six love letters of his into the hands of the proper presbytery.

"To the parent whose son dies in infancy," says the Louisville Courier-Journal, "there must be something peculiarly soothing in the thought that, no matter what may be the fate of the child in the next world, it can never become a member of a base ball club in this."

A Texas man who lately committed suicide by taking poison, left a note requesting that a knife be buried with him, "so that, if he came to, he could cut his way out."

A Pennsylvania editor rejects an advertisement sent him by an Indiana lawyer on the condition that he should take his pay in divorces, saying, however, that he does so because he is a bachelor, and the proposition is "scandalously premature."

A Newark man is getting very suspicious because his wife has several times, lately, asked him why he didn't apply for work at that nitro-glycerine factory which has exploded twice lately. He wants a divorce.

A nine-year old boy at the school at Lincoln, Cal., was asked what punishment was given to Adam and Eve for eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden? He replied: "They were driven off the ranch."

A Confederate medical officer has estimated that the whole number of rebels killed during the war was 53,773, and including those who died by disease, the whole number lost was 160,000. He says the whole available force of the Confederates was 600,000.

Hunting Parson.—"Well, George, how d'ye like the new master?" Old Fashioned Huntsman.—"Oh, he'll do, sir; seems a very pleasant sort of a fellow. The very first time he was out, he sneaked at me so comfortably as if he'd adored me all his days."—Judy.

An inventive genius, it is said, has produced an apparatus which he says is a cure for snoring. He fastens upon the nose a gutta serena tube leading to the tympanum of the ear. Whenever the snorer snores he himself receives the first impression, finds how disagreeable it is, and of course reforms.

In Roumania, persons sentenced to death are laid flat on their backs on a bench, their hands, feet and breast are securely fastened to it, and the executioner then draws from his belt a small knife with a very sharp blade, and cuts the throat of the struggling criminal. Sometimes, when the latter belongs to a deserving family, the executioner, before cutting his throat, knocks him on the forehead with a wooden club, so as to stun him. Criminals who commit offenses of less importance are more or less severely cudgeled. Women are whipped with a birch rod, and, if they are habitual thieves, they are, besides, branded on the right shoulder with a red hot iron. A very peculiar punishment is inflicted on adulterers and adulteresses. They are put into a pillory for three hours, and two holes are then cut in their noses. The man's hair is shaven off, and the woman is branded on her left breast.

Civility is a fortune in itself, for a courteous man often succeeds in life, and that even when persons of ability fail. The history of our country is full of various examples of success obtained by civility. The experience of every man furnishes, if we but recall the past, frequent instances where conciliatory manners have made the fortunes of physicians, lawyers, divines, politicians, merchants, and individuals of all pursuits. In being introduced to a stranger, his affability, or the reverse, creates instantly a prepossession in his favor—or awakens unconsciously a prejudice against him. To men, civility is, in fact, what a pleasant appearance is to women. It is a general passport to favor—a letter of recommendation written in a language that every person understands. The best of men have often injured themselves by irritability and consequent rudeness; whereas, men of inferior abilities most frequently succeed by their agreeable and pleasing manners. Of two men, equal in all other respects, the courteous one has twice the advantage, and by far the better chance of making his way in the

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