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## BREVITIES.

A sunflower in the buttonhole is the latest style for gentlemen.

An entire jury of Smiths were recently empaneled in Sheffield, England.

A man tried to shoot his wife in Paris but the ball entered her Chinon and did not reach her head. Hurrah for the Chinon!

Dame-Rumor announces that there are at one Saratoga hotel forty women who weigh over 250 pounds each—all of whom are there for their health.

A poor farmer in Minnesota commenced harvesting his little crop on the 15th. His help was short, only twelve four-horse reapers and 125 men.

One of St. Gregory's toes, in a plate glass box set in silver, was received at Peru last month, and bishops, clergy and military gave it a grand procession.

A newspaper is a life preserver. A woman in Iowa was scared to death by the eclipse, she knowing nothing about it beforehand. Had that woman taken a paper her life would have been spared.

At the funeral of Jacob Lambert, who was buried at Dayton, Ohio, recently, were present his eleven children, his eighty-five grandchildren, and his twenty-five great-grandchildren.

White Pine papers chronicle a "good joke on the grasshoppers," which have come in millions to that barren spot, leaving the wheat-fields of California to ripen gloriously.

Nearly one hundred young colored men are in Rome, studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Most of them will become teachers of the freedmen of the Southern States.

From a herd now in the west of Kansas, an ox has been slaughtered, the net weight of which, dressed, was 10,000 pounds—more than 12,000 gross. This monster was fattened on the grasses of the plains, and never was fed a spear of hay or a grain of corn.

According to the Spanish journals in Cuba, the following insurgent commanders have been killed and come to life again several times: Quesada, twice; Figueredo, Aguilera, Farnito, Cisneros, each once; Marmol, twice; and Lorda three times.

Arizona advices state that since January, in Prim county alone, 1,800 head of cattle have been stolen by Indians. During the same time out of a population of 7,580 whites the savages have murdered fifty-two, wounded eighteen, and carried two into captivity.

A clergyman once traveling in a stage coach was asked by one of the passengers if he thought that pious heathens would go to heaven. "Sir," answered the clergyman, "I am not appointed judge of the world, and consequently cannot tell; but if ever you go to heaven, you shall either find them there, or a good reason why they are not."

During the morning service at the Unitarian Church in Leominster, Mass., a few Sundays ago, a lady went into a fit. Two other ladies immediately fainted, and before these were disposed of, a message came to another lady that her father had suddenly died, while in the act of shaving. The news caused her to scream aloud, but during all the disturbance the minister kept on with his sermon "all the same."

In Charleston, one day last week, the census taker in pursuing his vocation called at the residence of Colonel Walton, who gave him all the information asked for, but appeared a little nervous and excited. During the interview the necessary information, the census taker took his leave; but before reaching the next corner was overtaken by the giant Colonel, whose face this time was beaming with joy, and who said, sotto voce, "Please, sir, add another to my list, the trouble is happily over."

A Davenport (Iowa) paper tells of a singular case of superstition: "Chattering with an aged lady, we noticed a wonderful preservation and beauty of her teeth, and could not refrain from questioning it. 'Yes,' said she, 'I never had a toothache or lost a tooth, because I bit the cross.' On inquiry, she stated that, when children at home, their father had made them bite a rattlesnake, holding the rattle by the head and tail; each child bit along the entire length of the backbone, not violently, but just enough to indent the skin; and this was considered an infallible recipe against toothache and decay, which the old lady believes up to the present hour."

The munificence of Mr. Peabody has found an honorable rivalry in the act of a manufacturer of Birmingham, England; Mr. Josiah Mason, who has just delivered to the trustees the property and endowments of his splendid pile of almshouses and orphanage at Kelington. The amount of money expended in this benefaction is no less than \$250,000, being twice the donation of Mr. Peabody to the London poor, a singular coincidence in the lives of these two men is that both were born in September, 1780. In 1838 Mr. Mason began a set of almshouses and an orphanage on a small scale, and these have gradually developed till the result is the dedication of two separate establishments—one for the residence of twenty-six poor widows, and the other a huge pile of building, for the accommodation of 300 boys and girls. The orphanage is an imposing building, in the Lombard style, situated on thirteen acres of ground, at Kelington, near Sutton. The cost of erection was £200,000. The annual income is £10,000. Provision has been made for the perfect education of sectarian teaching. The deed provides that the Holy Scriptures only, without creed, catechism, or formula of any church, shall be taught to the children.

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