

BREVITIES.

Pain has been called the "prayer of the nerve for healthy blood."

Strong minded women don't eat eggs. They can't bear the yolk, you know.

Paris dances gaily to the music of the "Traupman quadrilles."

"Dirt, Death and the Devil," is a western lecturer's theme.

A Texas paper chronicles the hanging of a horse-thief under the heading, "The health lift."

District visitor (to urchin who abuses school) "Boy, do you know what the end of life is?" Boy—"Yes'm—the work'us."

Japanese rabbits, in San Francisco restaurants, are baked rats.—*Ex.*

Celery used as a salad is said to be a sovereign remedy for palpitation of the heart.

An astronomer predicts the coming of a comet, this year, of such brilliancy that night will be turned into day, and gas companies will be ruined.

A Baltimore man met his fate lately by running his throat against a clothes-line as he was promading the back yard. That was a "close-line."

A visitor to the Hoosac tunnel asked an Irish laborer, "Do you think this work will pay?" "Faith, no!" was the reply, "but then it'll be a great ornament to society."

There are ten faro games licensed in Storey county, Nevada, eight in Virginia City, and two in Gold Hill, at \$400 per quarter.

The coffin at a recent New Hampshire funeral was drawn to the grave on a hand-sled, and the mourners followed on snow-shoes.

That old lady, 100 years old, who knits all the stockings for the neighborhood and brings in all the family wood, has turned up in New Hampshire.

A colored doctor of Lake City, Fla., asserts that a pine knot over which a cart wheel has run, if grated and boiled two hours, will cure the worst case of inflammatory rheumatism.

The worst sold man in this country is said to live in Rochester. For seventeen years he has been regularly winding his clock every night before retiring, and to his utter astonishment, he discovered last week, that it was an eight day clock.

The crustle now going on in Paris against vaccination singularly coincides with a great increase of small-pox. The number of deaths in the French capital by that disease were 112 between the 13th and 19th of March. The French papers remark: "The more vaccination the more small-pox."

A writer once heard a speech delivered before a company of newboys and boot-blacks, as follows: "My dear children: You should be good because it is so good to be good, you should not be bad because it is so bad to be bad. If you are good you will feel as good as I do; if you are bad you will feel as bad as you do."

In order to amuse the children on the Sabbath, a lady was engaged in reading from the Bible the story of David and Goliath, and coming to that passage in which Goliath so boastingly and defiantly dared the young stripling, a little chap almost in his first trousers said, "Sister, skip that, skip that; he's blowing! I want to know who licked."

A monument is to be erected to the memory of Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, on "Dunhill Fields Burying Ground," London, by sixteen subscriptions from the boys and girls of England. The monument is to be a marble shaft, fifteen feet high and three feet square at the base, from whence it tapers to the top.

The experimental brig *Novelty*, constructed simply as an iron tank, to hold molasses in bulk, arrived in Boston from Matanzas recently, discharged her cargo of 88,000 gallons, by means of pumps and hose, direct into the reservoir of a refinery, was refilled with Cocituate water, shipped a new crew, got ready for sea, and actually departed within twenty-seven hours from the time of her arrival.

A Providence gentleman who went home under the influence of two glasses of liquor, not long ago, removed his surplus clothing preparatory to retiring for the night. His wife insisted that he was drunk, but he indignantly denied the soft impeachment. After the argument had continued some time, she concluded as follows: "Well, Colonel, if you are not drunk, what are you going to bed with that silk hat on for?"

A small little man of six years went to a children's ball. At this age, and until boys pretend to be brave and girls timid, the boys are less venturesome than the girls. Our young friend held himself aloof in the corner, an idler, dull and bored. The lady of the house called to him:—

"Come, now, play and dance with others here. See these pretty girls—choose one for your little wife."

"A wife," cried the young cynic, "a wife for me; no, no, I don't want to be plagued like papa."

The United States Treasurer, a few days ago, received a letter from S. L. Carpenter, of Kansas City, Mo., enclosing a dreadfully battered twenty-five cent note for exchange. But having some conscientious scruples as to the genuineness of the rag, the writer begged the Treasurer not to brand it as a counterfeit. He said he was a poor boy, to whom twenty-five cents was a matter of great importance, and if the enclosed would prove to be bogus, he would like to have it returned, as he knew a place where he could spend it for lager beer.

By Telegraph.

INDIANA.

Death of a Physician.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Dr. J. S. Robbs, a prominent physician and an old resident, died in this city last night. The Dr. was a brother-in-law of Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON.

Sharp time in the House—Supreme Court Decisions.

WASHINGTON.—The debate in the House yesterday on Judd's proposition to postpone the consideration of the tariff bill was quite lively. In reply to the argument of Judd that the consideration of the tariff bill was a mere waste of time, Schenck charged a pre-concocted effort upon the part of Judd and his friends to defeat all attempts of the ways and means committee to introduce it. He said if the tariff bill were killed its epitaph would be: "nibbled to death by plimires." This was uttered in such a bitter tone that it aroused the indignation of Logan and several others who had been opposing the tariff bill. Logan replied in a spirited manner to Schenck, when the latter retorted that if that term did not suit the gentlemen he would modify it so as to read "kicked to death by grasshoppers." Schenck was aided in his opposition to Judd and Logan by Cox and the Democrats generally, and when the vote was taken on the motion there were not enough in favor of it to demand the tellers. The Supreme Court has decided that under the provisions of act 24 in civil actions in the courts of the United States, no witness can be excluded because he is a party to or interested in the case. A decision has also been given that the loaning of money to the Confederate States when the subscription was extorted by fear, and becoming surety for the official bonds of the Confederate States' officers, from motives of friendship to enable such officers, being conscripts, to remain at home with their families, was not giving aid to the Rebellion.

The reopening of the whole question of the Constitutionality of the legal tender laws, as well as the validity of the sale by the Confederate government, of confiscated property, has been postponed to the next term of the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Chase, on Saturday, delivered a long opinion in the case of John Edgar Thompson vs. the U. P. R. R. eastern division, and others. The opinion declares that the Court was unable to find, in the Constitution, any warranted exemption from State taxation, claim for in behalf of corporations.

NEW YORK.

Loss by Fire—Collector Bailey's Defalcations—Protestant Episcopal Council.

NEW YORK.—The burning of the New York Printing Company's office, last night, caused a loss of about \$150,000.

Collector Bailey's defalcation has been officially ascertained to be \$130,000; it is so shown by the final examination which has been just concluded. His sureties have been notified to make good the amount. It is believed that they will respond to the amount of their respective bonds, without waiting for a suit to be brought.

The forty-sixth anniversary of the New York society for the publication of Christian knowledge was held last evening. The report showed an aggregate distribution by the society for the year of 70,000 volumes. Addresses were made by the Rev. John E. Cookham and the Rev. Zechariah D. Gouse and others.

Great anxiety is felt among the citizens of Broadway regarding the Governor's action on the Arcade Underground Railway bill, now awaiting his signature.

In answer to an inquiry from A. T. Stewart, the President of the New York Underground Railroad Company says the contract for building the road is already made with English capitalists, and that the provisions of the new Arcade bill are in conflict with the grant by the Legislature to this undertaking.

The Commissioners of Excise have issued a proclamation announcing their intention to enforce the Sunday liquor law; at the same time they promise that they will never countenance malicious espionage nor the malicious informer nor the extreme enforcement of technical points.

A large meeting on behalf of the world's evangelical gathering in this city, in September, was held last evening. Rev. Dr. Eldredge spoke of the coming meeting as a Protestant (Ecumenical Council, and predicted that it would give the church perfect freedom.

A special Cuba dispatch to the *Herald* says the conspiracy discovered at Paris is more serious than at first supposed. A large supply of bombs has been provided, and seized by the police. The principal ringleaders are not yet discovered. The anxiety of the Government and citizens is intense, and the strictest surveillance is everywhere maintained. Orders have been issued to the police to arrest all speakers who insult the imperial family or the constitution of France.

ILLINOIS.

Total shooting and serious Accident—Public Debt Statement—The Junction Bill—Secretary Fish about to retire—No prospect of trouble with the British.

CHICAGO.—Last evening a boarding house keeper on Madison Street, shot fatally, one Thourador, a young man with whom he was quarrelling; the young man was taken to an adjacent drug store, where a large crowd gathered in front on the sidewalk, when it gave way and precipitated forty-five, a

distance of twelve feet, to the ground; a number were severely but none fatally injured.

A New York dispatch says that parties have arrived here from South America to arrange for a survey for a railroad from the waters of the Amazon to Guayaquil, on the Pacific coast. The Russian Government has offered concessions for the construction of the line.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says the public debt statement, to be issued on Tuesday, will show a decrease of at least \$8,000,000.

The bill fixing the point of junction of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads goes to the President for signature next Monday. The act of last spring declared that it should be at or near Ogden; the new bill locates the point just west of that place. Bonds for five miles are yet in the treasury, but they will now be delivered to the proper company. The bill gives six sections of land to the Central Pacific. All questions at issue between the two companies are now settled.

The *Times* New York special says it is known here, from authoritative sources, that Secretary Fish will withdraw from the Cabinet the moment the San Domingo treaty is ratified by the Senate, it being a scheme to which he will never give his assent. District Attorney Pierpont will be his successor.

The *Times* Washington special says that official information shows that there is little prospect of trouble with the British authorities over the Winnipeg expedition, the latter have not asked to pass over the south St. Marie canal, nor do they intend to; they will go up to the canal on the Canada side, and then intend to go around it on British soil, and there re-embark on Lake Superior. They intend to pass and employ boats through the canal, and the question before the Cabinet now is whether to allow this to be done, when the object is known to be war.

PENNSYLVANIA.
Liberality advancing.

PHILADELPHIA.—The stockholders of the Mercantile Library, having beaten the directors on the question of opening that institution on Sunday, it was yesterday opened for the first time, and drew large numbers of people. This is the first instance in this city of opening a library on Sunday.

FOREIGN NEWS.

CANADA.

Fatal steamboat collision.

QUEBEC.—The steamship *Germany* ran into the steamship *City of Quebec*, off Green Island, yesterday; the latter sank in deep water in half an hour afterwards. The third engineer and one passenger were lost.

EYES.—There is a wonderful diversity among animals in respect to the number of their eyes. In mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes they are limited to two, and are always placed in the head. The greater part of the surface of the head of the house-fly is covered by an aggregation of about ten thousand eyes; and in the dragon-fly they number nearly fifty thousand, and may be easily seen by the use of a magnifying lens even of very low power.

They are not always confined to the head alone. In spiders and scorpions there are generally eight or ten of them, in one or more clusters, on the dorsal aspect of that part of the body which is formed by the union of the head and thorax. The star-fish of five fingers, familiar to everyone who has spent any time on our sea-coast, has an eye on the tip of each ray or arm. In the sea-urchin, which is homologically nothing but a star-fish with the ends of its rays drawn close together, the five eyes are gathered in a circle around what is considered the hinder portion of the body.

The scallop has numerous eyes on the edge of the mantle extending from one end of the animal to the other, and forming a semi-circle. Some marine worms have them in clusters not only on the head, but also along each side of the body, even to the tip of the tail, and they are connected individually and directly with the median nervous cord. If we descend to the lowest forms we find many infusoria which have neither eyes nor nerves, and yet it is easy to see that they are sensitive to light, for they either seek or avoid it.—*Dr. Clark in Hours at Home.*

READERS who have been bothered over the word "plebiscite," so constantly occurring in the last fortnight in the Paris telegrams, may like to know that it is only a high-sounding name for a special election. French literary men and politicians have a weakness for Latin terms, and so call a special election a "plebiscite," which was the Latin word for a law passed in those assemblies of the people called *comitia tributa*. Strictly speaking, the "plebiscite" is a decree thus passed by the whole body of the people. The French form of the word is "plebisite," and the term is loosely applied to the decree, the submission of the decree to vote, and the draft of the decree which is discussed, as now, by the Corps Legislatif. But this draft is also and more properly called a "senatus-consultum"—another Latin phrase, signifying both a decree of the Senate and a debate therein. Regularly the "senatus-consultum" was the form in which the Roman people passed upon a law by yes and nay vote; but they also had the power of voting on measures not introduced by the Senate, and this power of introducing laws to the people for their vote is what in France is called the "plebiscitary" power, and what the Emperor now reserves for himself, independent of any action his parliament may take. The "senatus-consultum" now on hand perpetuates the sovereign power in the Bonaparte family, and its adoption will bind anew all who support it to the fortunes of that family.—*Ex. Star, Washington.*

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