

BREVITIES.

One of the Cary sisters is an invalid, and writes all her poems in her sick chamber.

A gentleman's horses, when they run away with him, are "circumstances over which he has no control."

What is the difference between a hill and a pit? One is hard to get up and the other is hard to get down.

There is a bashful bachelor who dares not meet ladies in the street. He says they wear so many bugles on their dresses that he fears overtures from them.

The yolk of an egg, thoroughly mixed with a spoonful of spirits of turpentine, is recommended as a plaster for sore backs of horses. Cover with a soft oiled cloth, and in five minutes anoint with oil.

"Please, sir," said a little boy to a milk vender, "mamma says she don't like to buy milk of you."

"Why not; don't I give her good measure?"

"Yes, sir; but mamma says you feed your cows on such watery turnips!"

A sea captain, being at a ball, had been accepted by a beautiful partner, who, in the most delicate manner possible, hinted to him the propriety of putting on a pair of gloves.

"Oh," was the elegant reply, "never mind me, m'am; I shall wash my hands when I've done dancing."

A young man sent his father (an old farmer in the country) his photograph, accompanied with a request for aid, as he was poor, and required money for the necessities of life. The old man looked over the photograph, and then responded:

"You can't cheat me, you young dog. You can't be very poor to be living among marble vases, and statues, and flowers, and nice furniture, such as your picture shows."

The Mayor of Marshall, Texas, has issued an order requiring everybody thereabouts to be vaccinated, to prevent the spread of small-pox.

A marble quarry has been discovered in Wisconsin, which yields a stone that has the appearance, when polished, of being inlaid with myriads of shells.

The hack from Fairfield in Wayne county to Flora was passing a but by the wayside, when the passengers heard screams within as if somebody was being murdered. The driver jumped down and pushed open the door and asked what was the matter. The wife brushed the tangled hair out of her eyes, and looking savagely at him said: "We've got a little hell of our own, and got devil enough to run it. We don't want your help." The hack passed on. So says the Wayne county Press.

An elopement, preceded by much parental tyranny and locking in the garret, was consummated in Hudson City lately. The lover brought a long painter's ladder, carried off his beloved from the dizzy height of the garret window, but in getting her trunk down it slipped and fell, scattering its contents over the sidewalk and alarming the house. Each of the lovers grasped an armful of linen and other clothes, and started on a run, pursued by the swearing father. Down the street, around corners and through a large beer saloon they rushed, with their father close behind on the warm trail of scattered clothes which they dropped in their haste, until a friendly confederate tripped the old gentleman and they made good their escape to freedom and marriage.

A New York clerk, twenty-eight years old, unmarried, with \$3,000 capital, and an ambition to be a farmer, but having no knowledge of the business, asked the Farmer's club how he should begin his new career, and got the following answer:

Put all your money at interest at seven per cent. on mortgage. Go hire yourself to a thrifty, money-making farmer; work for the first month for your board. Then get him to give you something till you can make nearly full wages as a farm hand. See everything and remember what you see. Read farm books and papers. In a year or two buy a place on which the first installment is \$1,000. Use \$1,000 for stock and tools; keep the other \$1,000 at interest and go to work. When you have been on a farm a year, marry some young woman who can raise chickens and knows how to make pantaloons.

In 1702 the English attacked a fleet of Spanish galleons near Vigo, when seven of them were sunk and nine burnt. The galleons contained the tribute of the Spanish colonies for the year 1700-1, amounting, it is stated, to £2,000,000. The greater part of this enormous sum is presumed to be still at the bottom of the sea, and a French society has been formed for the purpose of recovering the lost treasure. Operations have already begun, and the divers have hit upon ten of the galleons. They are thickly encrusted with marine growth, yet the chief engineer proposes to raise them up to the surface of the water. Several curious articles, oxydized armor and weapons, a silver vase and numerous cannon balls have been found by the divers on the decks of the vessels. The Spanish government has stipulated that forty-three per cent of the recovered treasure must be paid in to its treasury.

Heidenrich, the Parisian headman, has recently pronounced in favor of re-establishing some of the penalties meted out in former times to murderers and highway robbers. He proposes that the punishment inflicted on persons who have killed others shall henceforth be graduated according to the number of their victims. Murderers who have killed one person shall be guillotined; those who have slain two or three shall be whipped and branded before their heads are cut off; those who have murdered more than three persons shall be broken on the wheel; that is to say, their joints shall be crushed with a heavy sledge hammer before they are laid on the fatal plank. The recommendation of the jury to mercy, he says in conclusion, must have no other effect than to lessen the punishment of the murderer by one grade. Unless these modifications of the criminal code are adopted, the headman of Paris says that the crime of murder will become more and more prevalent in France, the guillotine having lost its terror for assassins.

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