BREVITIES.

The celebrated hanging tower of Pisa Italy, threatens to fall in entirely.

Do the botanists know whether Nebuchadnezzar, when he was doomed to eat grass, had any laurels on his browze?

A Southern paper spoke of "Turkey showing her teeth," whereupon Mr. Greely wrote to the editor that none but hen turkeys have teeth. The hen turkey gathers the food and chews it, and the gobbler is called to gobble it.

The Berlin Kladderdatsch says that Gambetta has invented the latest way to express in a delicate manner the fact that an army has been well whipped, that is: "The enemy appeared to develop his forces in our rear."

A gentleman from one of the rural districts, in answer to the question what he was doing in Indianapolis, said he had two brothers, one was in jail and the other in the legislature, and he had come to the city to raise money to get them out of their sorry predicament.

"What brought you to prison, my colored friend?""

"Two constables, sah." "Yes; but I mean had intemperance

any thing to do with it?" 'Yes, sah, dey was bofe of 'em drunk."

An exchange has the following characteristic prayer from a little boy. He had evidently had a little unpleasantness with Aunt Effie:

"Please, God, bless papa and mamma, and-and-and, if you're a mind to, you may bless Aunt Effie-but I don't much care."

The New York Evening Post says: "A young gentleman whose convivial disposition had led him to 'toss the manufactured by the National Watch Co. flowing bowl' a few times oftener than was good for him, determined to quitto 'schware off' -and, to make sure he would not forget his pledge, has had an armlet of iron, one-eight of an inch in thickness and five-eights in width, soldered or welded on his left arm above the elbow. The chances are that if he abstains from liquor until this ornament falls off, he will lead a tolerably sober life."

The Bangor (Me.) Whig is responsible for the following pig story, which was related by a gentleman of undoubted veracity. In the village of Brewer, opposite Bangor, two men, Messrs. A. and B., carry on the livery business, occupying stables situated about a quartermile apart, and each owns a large Chester hog weighing nearly 400 pounds. The other day Mr. A.'s hog broke out of his pen and strayed down upon Mr. B.'s premises, and that gentleman seeing him on the street, mistook the animal for his own, and drove him into the pen under his (Mr. B.'s) stable. Presently he heard a terrible rumpus, and going out to ascertain the cause, found that his own porcine had resented the intrusion, and was giving the hog that he had turned in a terrible thrashing. Separating the combatants, Mr. B. drove Mr. A.'s hog home, and he was secured in his own domain. The next morning Mr. B., upon going to feed his hog, discovered him lying on the ground in the pen utterly exhausted, and his adversary of the previous day industriously engaged in gnawing a hole in his back. It appears that after Mr. A.'s hog was driven home the day before, he meditated upon the drubbing he received until he got mad all over, and breaking out in the night, he made his way through the darkness to his adversary's stye, smashed his way in, and proceeded to revenge his wrongs by nearly killing his antago-

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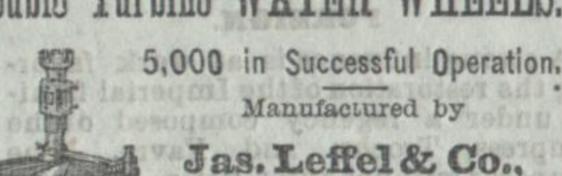
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