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## BREVITIES.

The last new thing in ladies' fashions is patent eyelashes.  
Good men to attend auctions—men whose faces are for bidding.  
The happiness or unhappiness of men depends as much on their humors as their fortune.  
The New Orleans Times says the commercial flags in that city are at half-mast in memory of departed business.  
The difference between a miller and a sexton is, the one tolls for a living, and the other for a death.  
True goodness is like the glow-worm; it shines most when no eye except that of heaven is upon it.  
A corps of French soldiers, who wear bear skin hats, recently petitioned the Colonel to have the hats shaved during the hot weather.

Men of genius have usually composed their finest works under the roof of a garret; and few have lived, like Pliny and Voltaire, in a chateau of their own.  
A lady who had refused to give after hearing a charity sermon, had her pocket picked while she was leaving the church. On making the discovery, she said: "God could not find the way to my pocket, but the devil did."

A black boy who serves as "devil" in a southern newspaper office, was asked the other day if he intended to vote. "No, Sir," said he, "I ain't twenty-one yet; but if I was, how I gwine to vote Saturday and help edic this paper too?"

Sigoni, a learned and well-known scholar, would never marry, and alleged the inelegant reason—that Minerva and Venus could not live together.

The profound logician, Samuel Clarke was found of robust exercise, and was frequently found leaping over tables and chairs. Once, perceiving a pedantic fellow, he said, "Now we must desist, for a fool is coming in."

The lawyer's motto—be brief. The doctor's motto—be patient. The potter's motto—be ware. The type-setter's motto—be composed.

A young woman in San Francisco thought to test the sincerity of her many admirers by giving out that she had the small pox, and hanging a yellow flag from her house. She succeeded admirably, not one of her devotees coming near her.

Four things come not back: the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity.—Omar.

"In my youth," says Robert Walpole, "I thought of writing a satire upon mankind; but now, in my old age, I think I should write an apology for them."

A little boy, seeing a man prostrate before the door of a grocery, opened the door and said to the proprietor, "See here, sir, your sign has fallen down."

"You labor overmuch in your composition, doctor," said a flippant clergyman to a venerable divine. "I write a sermon in three hours, and make nothing of it." "So your congregation says," quoth the doctor.

In connection with the rumor that Rothschild intends to purchase Jerusalem, and have himself proclaimed King of Palestine, a German asks: "What is the difference between Rothschild and Solomon? Solomon was King of the Jews, and Rothschild is the Jew of the Kings."

In 1793 a delegation from the western part of Massachusetts was sent to confer with one of the Boston clergymen as to how he got along with the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints, which troubled them exceedingly. His suggestive reply was: "My dear friends, it is the perseverance of the sinners which causes all my troubles."

A shoemaker was the other day fitting a customer with a pair of boots, when the buyer observed that he had but one objection to them, which was that the soles were a little too thick. "If that's all," replied the maker, "put on the boots, and the objection will gradually wear away."

A letter from Scotland repeats an anecdote told by a physician who, having ordered a blister to be put on a patient's chest, called to inquire what had been the effect. "Oh," replied the brother of the invalid, "we have no list to put the blister on, but we put it on a band-box, and George is well enough." "Well well," answered the doctor with a grin, "that's all right if he's better."

Captain Winner once received a sharp answer from a negro, which will bear repeating. The black man had long been acquainted with him, generally helping him load his vessel. In the course of a conversation one day Winner accidentally remarked that he was a Christian. "You a Christian!" said the darkey, in astonishment, "Law's a mighty massy I'd never found it out in the world if you hadn't told me!"

"If any one speaks ill of thee," said Epictetus, "consider whether he hath truth on his side; and if so, reform thyself, that his censures may not affect thee." When Anaximander was told that the very boys laughed at his singing, "Ay," said he, "then I must learn to sing better." Plato being told that he had many enemies who spoke ill of him, said: "It's no matter; I will live so that none shall believe them." At another time that an intimate friend of his had spoken detractingly of him, he said: "I am sure he wouldn't do it, if he hadn't some reason for it." This is the surest as well as the noblest way of driving the sting out of a reproach, and the true method of preparing a man for that great and only relief against the pains of calumny—"a good conscience."

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