

BREVITIES.

Crawfordsville, Indiana, is to have a woman's rights paper, to be called the *Avenger*.

If we would have powerful minds we must think; if we would have faithful hearts, we must love; if we would have strong muscles, we must labor. These include all that is valuable in life.

The New York *Express* thinks that "dancing is a beautiful pastime, and if people would do it by sunlight, instead of by gaslight, it would also be a health-giving recreation."

Our mind exactly.
A man and his wife at Washington, who kept each a fruit and refreshment stand in the neighborhood of two or three of the departments, [cleared \$50,000] during the war.

A lady, who did not go to church until the congregation were coming out, asked:
"Is it all done?"
"No," was the reply, "it's all said, but I think it will be some time before it's all done."

A fisherman of Montreux, France, lately caught a fish, within which was found a breastpin ornamented with thirty precious stones—diamonds, emeralds, rubies and sapphires—the whole valued by Paris jewelers at \$300,000.

Milan has lately become an important seat of the kid glove manufacture, almost rivaling Paris. One hundred and fifty thousand dozen gloves are now made annually in Milan, while in Naples, which used to stand next to Paris, less than one quarter as many are now manufactured.

In a forest tree, lately cut down in Wisconsin, was found an Indian arrow-head, completely embedded and grown over. It appears, from counting the layers of wood over it, that ninety-two years have elapsed since the arrow was shot at the tree.

The white of an egg has proved of late the most efficacious remedy for burns. Seven or eight successive applications of this substance soothes pain, and effectually excludes the burned part from the air. This simple remedy seems preferable to colloidion or even cotton.

A rich old man, who lives near Rio Janeiro, is said to keep a large anaconda on his premises to frighten off intruders and missionaries, who are constantly soliciting donations for charitable and religious purposes in that city.

One of the Sandwich Islands claims the biggest apple orchard in the world, having one that is twenty miles long, and from five to ten miles wide. The fruit is the native wild apple, very delicious, but very rapid in decay. Some of the trees bear fifty barrels apiece.

Patti-Caux, according to a late French paper, has signed a splendid engagement to sing in Russia. It is stipulated in the treaty that the diva promise—you would never guess what to have no children during the period of her engagement. And her husband has written at the bottom of the contract: "The above writing is read and approved."

San Francisco invests in five of its leading hotels, \$4,750,000; they produce an annual rental of about \$450,000; the people on their pay-rolls number six hundred. The annual income of these hotels exceeds \$2,500,000 and their permanent population is about two thousand people.

A prodigal returned to the house of his brother and sister in Pontiac, Michigan, the other day, and was received with open arms, ate the fatted calf, and all that sort of thing, and two days thereafter built a nice fire with kerosene oil under the bedchamber in order to burn them to death and secure the property.

During the siege of Toulon, one of the agents of the convention ventured to criticize the position of a gun. "What Napoleon was superintending?" "Do you," he tartly replied, "attend to your duty as a national commissioner, and I will be answerable for mine with my head."

An editor appearing among the delegates to the Manufacturers' Convention, when called upon to give the nature of his employment, said he "manufactured public opinion." His seat was not questioned, it being generally conceded that such a class of manufacturers was very essential in securing from Congress the needed relief.

On boardship, in the midst of a party of atheistical officers, Napoleon suddenly stopped before them and said, in tones of very great dignity, "Gentlemen, your arguments are very fine, but who made all those worlds, beaming so gloriously above us? Can you tell me that?"

There was one occasion when Mr. Forrest received from one of the supernumeraries of a theatre an answer which seemed to satisfy him. It was the man's duty to say simply, "The enemy is upon us," which he uttered at rehearsal in a poor, whining way. "Can't you say it better than that?" said Forrest. "Repeat as I do!" and he gave the words with all the force and richness of his magnificent voice. "If I could say it like that," replied the man, "I wouldn't be working for three dollars a week."

"Is that all you got?"
"Yes."
"Well, then, say it as you please."

In Jackson county, Mo., is a boy nine years old, who has never spoken to his mother or father, or any persons not a member of the family; but when alone with his brothers and sisters he talks and plays freely. When neighbors' children visit them he will accompany them, but will not speak a word in their hearing, and while alone and not aware of the presence of others, he has been heard to whistle and to sing. He weaned himself at seven months. His mother, at the age of the boy, could not be induced to nurse afterward.

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