

## BREVITIES.

New Orleans beauties eat soap to cure freckles.

Day and Martin's blacking factory has been burned down.

The daughter of Archbishop Whately has a school of 500 girls at Cairo, Egypt.

One Connecticut firm makes up 30,000 pounds of brass a year into shoe string tips.

The Erie Road thinks of lighting Bergen tunnel, one mile in length, by a Drummond light in the middle.

The value of boots and shoes manufactured in Massachusetts the present year will amount probably to over \$95,000,000.

A letter addressed "E—S, lowhel Neir Baston, hunted States merriely meifelsex 70," has reached its destination.

Within the last three years seven persons have been killed by going into menagerie cages and facing lions and tigers.

A woman gave birth to a pair of twins on a Pennsylvania railroad train, lately. She said it always did make her sick to ride on the cars.

A Boston chemist advertises thus: "The gentleman who left his stomach for analysis, will please call and get it, together with the results."

A little boy, five years old, in Altoona, Penn., recently threw up a live rat, three or four days old, which had hounded itself in his innocent stomach.

An ordinance has been introduced in the Charleston (South Carolina) Council, providing that abandoned women shall not occupy one story houses, or live in the lower story of any house.

A wag seeing a door nearly off its hinges, in which condition it had been for some time, observed that when it had fallen and killed some one, it would probably be hung.

Alexander Dumas recommends onion soup as an infallible remedy for nervous prostration, headache, and debility. He prepares his soup, which has become quite famous among the gourmands of the French capital, of cream and onions.

The newest shape in bonnets is very peculiar. It looks like an Archbishop's. It lies straight to the forehead, but is thrown up high at the back, forming a ground-work for the plume of feathers, which is the principal ornament.

A darkey's account of a sermon: "Well, sah, de sermon was upon de mircle of de loaves and fishes. De minister said bow de seven thousand loaves and de five thousand fishes divided between de twelve apostles; an' de mircle was, dat dey didn't bust!"

Dubuque, Iowa, has a precocious student of astronomy, who, under examination, gave the following astonishing answer to the question: "What is the Milky Way?" "The Milky Way is a collection of white clouds in the sky, called the trade winds, by the aurora borealis."

When the Paris and Constantinople railroad is completed—which will be in about five years—the passage between the two cities may be made in sixty hours, it is said. In a straight line, these cities are about one thousand four hundred miles apart, but the road will doubtless be about two thousand miles long.

We learn that the workmen, in overhauling the old fort at St. Augustine, Florida, discovered several subterranean cells, or prisons, each of which contained a long iron upright box, and a human skeleton. It is supposed these were refractory Spanish soldiers, or perhaps prisoners of war, who were incarcerated in these sweat boxes and left there to die hundreds of years ago.

A certain French savant named Dr. Pagadi, has made, it is said, a wonderful discovery. He has discovered a method by which he can "telegraph" a moral and studious disposition or habit into a child, displacing any normal viciousness or indolence he may have inherited from his parents. The Lyceum of the Prince Imperial, at Vannes, France, is about to experiment with this wonderful discovery of the Doctor's.

A good moullage for labels may be made as follows: Macerate five parts of good glue in eighteen to twenty parts of water for a day, and to the liquid add nine parts of rock candy and three parts of gum arabic. The mixture can be brushed upon paper while lukewarm; it keeps well, does not stick together, and when moistened adheres firmly to bottles. For the labels of soda or seltzer water bottles it is well to prepare a paste of good rye flour and glue, to which linseed oil, varnish and turpentine have been added, in the proportion of half an ounce of each to the pound. Labels prepared in the latter way do not fall off in damp cellars.

Judge Dowling of New York, loves a practical joke. The other day a man was before him, charged with whipping his wife. "How came he to beat you?" asked Judge Dowling. "Underneath where we live, at No. 470 Grand street, there is a dance house," explained the wife. "I was told my husband was there, and I took a woman with me and we went and looked in." "Was your husband there?" pursued the Judge. "Yes, sir." "Dancing?" "Yes, sir." "Did you go inside?" "No, sir; but my husband saw me, and soon came up to our room, when he beat me and smashed the furniture." "It was not a proper place for her to go," spoke up the husband. "I suppose." "Any place is proper for men." "Do you really think so?" "Yes, sir." "Well, then, I'll send you to the penitentiary for three months."

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