THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday. . . . July 11, 1870.

## BREVITIES.

Indianapolis has a cat that drinks beer.

Sunday prize-fights are an Indianapolis amusement.

Serrano, the Spanish Regent, is an inveterate opium eater.

Lady visitors at the Capitol complain that congressmen don't use the spittoons.

The death of Dickens has caused an immense demand for Copperfield, Bleak House and Great Expectations.

A Chicago clergyman has resigned since a lady intimated that his adopted child looked very much like him.

One of Dickens' sons is in literature, one in Australia, one in the British navy, and one in a university.

The government telegraph clerks in England were puzzled by a confusion of messages the other day, until they found a party of children swinging on the wires.

A Chicago editor, who probably knows what he is talking about, says: "The most exasperating thing, next to being a hog, is to be called a hog."

Two women in a strawberry patch in Illinois engaged in a political discussion and one of them was buried the next day.

Montreal has a paper, in French and English, which advocates independence.

The way New York mothers get up fashionable babies is to rouge the cheeks of the little things, and sew blonde curls inside their caps. Then they look "sweet."

The London *News* says that the Queen, but a short time before his death, tendered to Dickens the offer of a seat in Her Privy Council.

A man in Baltimore, the other day, while pursuing a cow with a club, accidentally struck his little daughter, who soon after expired.

"Come husband," said the wife of a note shaving stock exchange bear, "it is time for us to get up; the day is breaking." "Well, let it break; I don't hold any of its papers."

An Iowa farmer, while drinking at a brook, was surprised at a water snake a foot long gliding down his throat. A dose of Chicago whisky killed the reptile.

John McKee of La Crosse, Wis., whose weakness is rattlesnakes, has in a den on his premises eleven of these varmints. He enters the den and fondles and feeds them like kittens.

A tobacco firm in Quincy, Illinois, has manufactured, this year, 350,020 pounds of tobacco, valued at $213,312,30, and the amount of tax paid the government was $112,036,40.

Only 60,000 people attend church in Boston, out of a population of 200,000. The Episcopalians are the wealthiest, the Unitarians come next, and the Roman Catholics are increasing more rapidly than any other.

The Boston *Advertiser* reports that William Shakspeare and Walter Scott appear as parties to actions on the docket of the Supreme Judicial Court of York county, Me., and that Francis Bacon is counsel in both cases.

The *Public Ledger* is the oldest daily paper in London. It has a small circulation, but is still the medium of commercial advertisers who have auctions "by inch of candle." It has neither editors nor reporters.

It is understood that Sir Charles Mordaunt intends to appeal from the decision of the court of divorce to the House of Lords at the earliest opportunity and thus obtain a hearing of this suit against Lady Mordaunt.

Strawberries, though generally wholesome, are said to be decidedly injurious to persons suffering from gout. They are said, also, to affect the tissues, producing pimples, blotches, and even boils. Gouty people will please read and take warning.

A plain "charge," by an outspoken judge—"Gentlemen of the jury, in this case the counsel on both sides are unintelligible; the witnesses on both sides incredible; and the plaintiff and defendant are both bad characters, that to me it is indifferent which way you give your verdict."

It is estimated that the quantity of beer consumed in Europe each year, would require to contain it, a canal nearly five English miles in length, fifty feet deep, and two hundred feet wide. The amount of lager disposed of in this country defies computation.

SOMETIMES incidents of a touching character will transpire in the precincts of the unsentimental express office. For instance, an expressman upon reaching his office, early one cold morning in January, observed on the sidewalk a long, heavy box, which his practiced eye at once identified as containing a corpse. Upon one end of the box, shivering with the cold, sat a little half clad boy of about seven or eight years of age. Addressing him kindly, he said:

"My lad, don't sit there, you will freeze; come in and sit by the stove."

Bursting into tears, the little fellow replied:

"No, I can't come in, my mother is in this box and I promised her I would never leave her until we got home."

Deeply affected with the touching devotion of this brave little fellow, he finally succeeded in convincing him of the entire safety of his precious charge, and taking him over to a neighboring restaurant, gave him a warm breakfast, and learned the particulars of the sad story. His father died about a year previously, in a remote village in Minnesota, leaving his mother in poor health, and nearly destitute. She died but a few days before the boy's sad journey, charging the little hero with the duty of conveying her remains to her friends in a distant State, and furnishing him with (all she had), a sum of money barely sufficient to carry them both by freight cars to their destination. The little fellow had actually ridden night and day in a freight car with this in melancholy trust, never for a moment losing sight of it.

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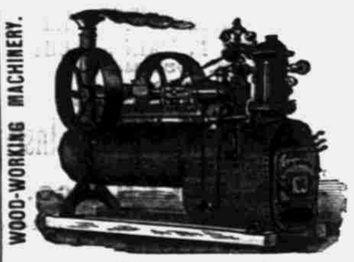

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