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BREVITIES.

A peck of grapes will yield a gallon of wine.

Lake Michigan is larger than the whole of England.

Aguazis tells of a fish in Brazil that climbs a tree.

Australia last year sent \$43,000,000 in gold to England.

There are 9,000 locomotives in the United States.

Texas is supposed to contain five million cattle.

Pruasia has ninety-one ships of war.

The Queen of Holland recently made an attempt at suicide.

Tennyson has again refused a peerage.

Bismarck still wears his bullet-proof vest.

Bismarck's wife acts as his private secretary.

There are said to be 50,000,000 acres of uncultivated land in Great Britain.

A pin manufacturing company in Connecticut manufacture nearly seven millions of pins per day.

Cocoanut fibre is highly praised as a substitute for leather and rubber in the manufacture of belting for machinery.

The latest style of velocipede is with a double saddle for lady and gentleman.

The unlimbered surface of the plains between the Mississippi and the Pacific amounts to 1,300,000 square miles.

An exchange says there are cotton mills enough now in the South to work up forty millions pounds of cotton annually.

A rich vein of coal has been discovered in Hawkins county, Tenn. The coal is about fourteen feet below the surface, and said to be of the best quality.

During the past twelve months the French custom-houses returns show that a million francs' worth of velocipedes have been exported.

There are one hundred and sixty-four periodicals and newspapers printed in California—an average of over three to each county.

A man in Tennessee expects another deluge. He is building a six-story ark, with apartments for all the animals, snakes excepted.

Some physicians of New York have been recently advocating the renewal of the ancient custom of burning the dead instead of burying them.

There was a festival in Greece, during the celebration of which the women were empowered to seize the old bachelors, to drag them around the altar, and to beat them.

A Memphis jury, having found a man guilty of murdering a citizen who is alive and well, are deliberating whether to rescind their verdict or let the convicted man kill the citizen.

A negro woman, forty-two years of age, living seventeen miles from Athens Ala., gave birth to twins on the 13th instant—one a white infant, and the other black as the ace of spades.

The Emperor Napoleon, with the Empress, the Prince Imperial, Prince Napoleon, and all the Imperial family, will pay a visit in August next to Corsica, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Napoleon I.

The experimental cultivation of tea is to be commenced in East Tennessee and North Carolina. Several hundred tea plants have been brought from China in the ship "Eagle's Wing," recently arrived from that country.

Mr. Spurgeon's people last year gave \$10,000, in weekly offerings, toward the support of young men studying for the ministry. The total contributions of the congregation during the year amounted to \$100,000.

An Italian has published seven dances illustrative of the seven cardinal sins. They are called "Pride Schottisch," "avarice Mazurka," "Luxury Waltz," "Anger Galop," "Gluttony Quadrille," "Envy Polka," "Lazy March."

It is said that a hen in Rutherford county, Tennessee, laid an egg last week with the figures 100 plainly visible on the shell. That hen deserves encouragement; she doubtless meant to endorse her production as a good egg, and at par value. Let her lay on.

A sick man, just recovering his appetite, ate eighteen dumplings, and was about eating the nineteenth, and last in the dish, when his little son asked his father to give it to him. "Why, my son, would you take the last dumpling from your poor sick father?"

The southern coast of England, near Sandgate and Folkestone, is threatened with destruction by the daily encroachments of the waves. The notorious Goodwin sand banks are near at hand where so many vessels and so many lives have been lost. So rapid is the process by which the furious waters of the ocean are tearing down the land, that the local authorities are urgently beseeching Government to erect dykes and embankments strong enough to stay the advancing ruin.

The cypress, of Somma, in Lombardy (Italy), is the oldest tree on record. It was known to be in existence at the time of Julius Caesar, forty-two years before Christ, and is therefore 1,901 years old. It is 100 feet in height, and twenty feet in circumference at one foot from the ground. Napoleon, when laying down his plan for the great road over the Simplon, diverged from a straight line to avoid injuring this tree. Superior antiquity is claimed for the immense tree in Calaveras county (California). This is supposed, from the number of concentric circles in the trunk, to be 2,565 years old.

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