

BREVITIES.

Texas cattle thieves are dying off rapidly—of asphyxia. An aristocratic ladies' gaming-house is Saratoga's last sensation. Chinese pirates chloroform their prisoners before knocking them on the head. It is a provision in nature—a harsh discovery, made by a Scotch usher—that a man must be a bachelor before he can become a married man.

Mrs.—Somebody said to her husband: "John, do you think we shall know each other in heaven?" "Yes. Do you expect we shall be bigger fools there than here?" On Long Island, the other day, a wag threw a handful of shot into a friend's face, just as another fired a gun. The struck man fell insensible and nearly died from fright.

Boston is in a state of agitation because a "well known" clergyman of that city recently witnessed a sparring exhibition.

A young man who left Louisville, Ky., a few years ago, almost penniless, returned there the other day from California, with an income of \$6,000 per month, all made by sheep raising.

An enterprising colored jailor in Arkansas admits visitors free of charges, but he collects half a dollar before he will let them out.

The Chinese shoemakers at North Adams, Mass., embrace several capital chess-players. They repay the teachers of their young American friends by instructing them in that scientific and engrossing game.

The Philadelphia Post says: One of the most brilliant writers in the city, now the editor of one of our best known papers, some ten years ago used to write the sermons of a clergyman in West Philadelphia for \$5 a week.

An old sailor finding a corked bottle floating on the sea, opened it with the soliloquy, "Rum, I hope; gin, I think; tracts, by jingo!" and then threw it back into the water.

Eligible bachelor (making a call.) "Well, Mr. Fred, you don't think who I am?" "Too candid young hopeful—'Oh, but I do, though! You're the chap Mrs. says would be such a catch for my Mary!"

The Chicago Directory of 1870 has been published, and contains 100,556 names. This has set the newspapers to estimating the population of the city, and the range is from 350,000 to 400,000.

The following is promulgated as a cure for corns. It is susceptible of easy trial: Scrape a piece of common chalk, put a small portion of it upon the corn, and bind it on with a linen rag. Repeat the application for a few days and you will find the corn to come off like a shell and perfectly cured.

Somebody said very neatly, though perhaps some time ago: "Politeness almost invariably requires a gentleman to agree with a lady, but when she speaks of the great beauty of some other lady it is always safe for the gentleman to say there are other styles of female loveliness that he admires much more."

A paper is published at the Cherokee nation, one page of which is printed in what is supposed to be the Indian tongue. One of its exchanges says: "It's the worst case of pickled tongue we have come in contact with. The page looks like there had been a nitroglycerine explosion in a type foundry."

An Irish woman at Alton, Ill., lifted a barrel of corned beef from the sidewalk to a cart and soon afterward gave birth to triplets. All were doing well at last accounts.

A subscription was lately opened to purchase a crown for the king of Italy, who, it appears, has no such articles in the royal wardrobe. The list was soon full, when the King sent for the chief movers in the matter, and thanking them in right kindly fashion, begged them to employ the money to found an asylum for the blind in Florence, which will be done. "The King's Crown" is the appropriate name suggested for the building.

Joseph Wood, of Venice, near Murdock's Corner, N. Y., discovered an eagle on the fence watching a child picking strawberries, evidently just ready to pounce upon it. With a stone he frightened the eagle, and with a shot from his gun he broke one wing. The eagle turned to give fight, but Wood captured and took him home alive. The eagle measured twelve feet from tip to tip of wings.

A scientific writer says to detect wines, doctored with logwood, it is only necessary to place strips of good filtering paper—Swedish being preferred—into an aqueous solution of neutral acetate of copper, and, after drying, use one of these strips to test the wine suspected to be adulterated with logwood color, by dipping the paper into the wine; and, upon removing it from that fluid, care should be taken to cause the adhering drops of wine to flow backward and forward over the paper, which is next rapidly but carefully dried. If the wine be as it naturally ought to be, the color exhibited, after drying, will be a grey or rose-red grayish, but if logwood is present the tinge will be distinctly sky-blue.

Mrs. C. Wood, of Douglas Township, Kansas, is a practical illustration of what a live woman can do. One year ago she bought 160 acres of wild prairie. This land she placed under cultivation, and inclosed with a good substantial fence. On it she has built a commodious residence, and is just completing a large barn, also 25x35. She has planted out, with her own hands, a fine orchard, and a large number of shade trees, as follows: fifty apple trees, eighteen pear trees, eighteen grafted cherries, and eighteen Morilla cherries, fifty Lombardy poplars, and 4,000 maple trees. She has planted besides a large assortment of grape vines, strawberries, raspberries, currants and other small fruits. She has also set out eight rods of fine hedging. Mrs. Wood is also said to be a No. 1 housekeeper, and can make bread, cook, and manage the indoor affairs of a household as well as she manages the outdoor affairs of her large farm.

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