

## BREVITIES.

Mr. S. C. Hall, the author, is one of the few persons living who remember seeing Garrison act. In a recent lecture in London, Mr. Hall alluded to the circumstances and also said that he had talked with Bowwell.

A London letter writer says: "The Duke of Wellington's son is one of the most dissipated men in the Kingdom, prematurely old and broken down, without the ability of an ordinary workman, and who has never in his life, apparently, accomplished anything."

An English paper gives a curious calculation of the weight in gold which each of the Abyssinian captives has cost the country. Ten millions sterling reduced to weight in sovereigns, represent 75 tons, 12 cwt., 1 qr., 13 lbs., 8 oz., or for each of the 60 men, women and children released from the clutches of King Theodore, an expenditure in solid gold of 1 ton, 6 cwt., 23 lbs. and 1 oz.

A young fellow in Chatham county, Tenn., ran off with another man's wife recently. The deserted husband wanted them back, but did not want to bear the expense for chase, so he got a friend to write to the woman that he had died suddenly, and got his lawyer to write to her to come and settle up the estate. The bait took; the innocents returned and are now in jail to stand trial for their improper conduct.

In Cavendish, Vt., Mrs. Minerva Bent, after getting her husband Samuel's estate decreed to her, got a divorce and tried to drive him out of the house. He held on to the lower part, and brought a chancery action to recover his property. On Friday of last week she fortified his house against him in his absence, barricaded doors and windows and formed herself, two sons and a daughter-in-law into a garrison. When Bent returned he was violently stoned, but smashed a door with his axe. His son George immediately cracked his head with a small boulder, his son Walker poured a pail of hot water on him, his son's wife Camilla fired a revolver at him, and the row stopped. The next day, the whole party, together with a drunken Frenchman, who took part under the idea that it was a free fight, were arrested, and bound over for trial.

One day when Lord Brougham had driven to the House in the vehicle of his own invention, which Robinson the coachmaker had christened after him, he was met in the robing-room by the Duke of Wellington, who, after a low bow, accosted him:

"I have always hitherto lived under the impression that your lordship will go down to posterity as the great apostle of education, the emancipator of the negro, the restorer of abused charities, the reformer of the law; but no—you will hereafter be known only as the inventor of a carriage."

"And I, my lord duke, have always been under the delusion that your grace would be remembered as the hero of a hundred battles, the liberator of Europe, the conqueror of Napoleon; but no—your grace will be known as the inventor of a pair of boots."

"Confound the boots; I had forgotten them; you have the best of it."

Bones and ashes pass through the housekeeper's hands every day. Wood is still the chief fuel in the farm house, and the value of the ashes is pretty well understood. They are prized for the lyte yield, and if there is a surplus from the soap making, they help the kitchen garden at the back door. The bones are generally thrown to the dog and lost. Now, if the careful housekeeper would save the bones as regularly as the ashes, she would practice a wise economy, and help her kitchen garden twice as fast. Bones are worth twice as much as ashes for manure, if dissolved, and the ashes will reduce them. Put both into a barrel in the cellar if you please, and after mixing them half and half, keep them constantly moist with soap suds, and the hotter the better. The suds should not be poured on in such quantities as to leach the ashes. In a few months the bones will be disintegrated, and the whole mass should be mixed with soil, and make an excellent fertilizer for the flower border or the kitchen garden.—Ex

The World of Wonder recalls and records the following interesting items of mechanical skill:

In the twentieth year of Queen Elizabeth, a blacksmith named Mark Scalliot, made a lock, consisting of pieces of iron, steel and brass, all of which together with a key to it, weight but one grain of gold. He also made a chain of gold, consisting of forty-three links, and, having fastened to this the before-mentioned lock and key, he put the chain about the neck of a flea, which drew them all with ease. All these together—lock and key, chain and flea—weight only one grain and a half. Oswald Northanger, who was more famous even than Scalliot for his minute contrivances, is said to have made sixteen hundred dishes of turned ivory, all perfect and complete in every part, but so small, thin and slender that all of them were included at once in an egg turned out of a pepper corn of the common size. Johannes Schae of an old brand, carried this wonderful work with him to Rome, and showed it to Pope Paul V., who saw and counted them all by the help of a pair of spectacles. They were so little as to be almost invisible to the eye. Johannes Ferralus, a Jesuit, had in his possession cannons of wood, with their carriages, wheels, and all other furniture, all of which were also contained in a peppercorn of the ordinary size. An artist named Claudius Gallus made for Hippolytus d'Este, Cardinal of Ferrara, representations of sundry birds sitting on the tops of trees, which by hydraulic art and secret conveyance of water through the trunk and branches of the trees, were made to sing and flap their wings, but at the sudden appearance of an owl out of a bush of the same artificer, they immediately became mute and silent.

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