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BREVITIES.

The Queen will visit Ireland next year and stay for some time.

A bore, meeting Douglas Jerrold, said: "Well, what's going on to-day?" "I am," exclaimed Jerrold, darting past the inquirer.

The Nevada silver mines have nearly reached "the place where earthquakes are made." At the bottom of some of the mines, the temperature is one hundred degrees.

The English papers complain of the trapeze performances of a child four years old, who hangs on the bar by its heels and the back of its head, and performs other feats calculated to interest and amuse the British public.

As soon as the Great Eastern returns from her present work—laying the French cable—she will take fresh cable on board and proceed to India to lay a line between Bombay and Suez.

In seven days this season, there were shipped over the Central Pacific railroad forty-one tons of strawberries, equal to 457,63 pounds, or 228 tons, or 9,130 bushels.

A man in New Jersey has invented a device for watering horses when traveling or at work, by which their thirst may be assuaged without stopping. It appears to be more particularly designed for the benefit of the draught horses of city street cars. The bit of the bridle or head-stall is made hollow, and has attached to it a flexible tube connected with a tank carried in or on the vehicle. By pulling a string the water is caused to flow into the bit, and thence through a suitable orifice into the horse's mouth.

The managers of a London Theatre recently resolved on the exclusion of all children under five years old from the theatre. For the reception of such children while the audience was at the play, a babies' room was established in the theatre building. The charge was two-pence for each baby, which included nurses, feeding bottles, milk, and all the necessary accoutrements. The experiment, however, had to be suddenly brought to a close, as the unexpected result was to leave a number of unclaimed babies on the managers' hands.

The Pacha of Cyprus has just closed a successful campaign against the locusts. He employed 2,900 men for thirty days, heading them himself, keeping his saddle for twelve hours at a time, and camping out at night. The insects were caught in a kind of cloth or net, and he devoted to their destruction the available balance in his treasury. He paid a shilling for two and a half pounds of winged locusts, and at this rate got together about four tons, which were daily weighed under the direction of himself and the Council of State, and then consigned to burial in the earth.

The Viceroy of Egypt has ordered three new palaces, which are to be run up between now and October, when the half sovereign receives his royal guests. The location of the palaces has been determined upon. The first is to be at Saharab, the second at Necropolis, four leagues from Cairo, in the middle of a desert, where water can be obtained only by camel transportation, or two hours' journey. The second will be erected at the base of the pyramids, and the third at the Viceroy's Villa.

A letter from Nashville states that the accounts of the remarkable phenomenon of a rain of snakes in Indian Gap, East Tennessee, a few days since, prove to be correct. A field hand working for James Cook on his farm, about half a mile from the Gap, was examining the snakes on the morning succeeding their fall. Noticing one huge snake he was in the act of measuring it with a string, when he discovered that it was moving. Starting back in fright he stumbled and fell with outstretched arms on the horizon mass of the dying and dead serpents. One of them bit him in the thumb of the left hand. The poor fellow hastened from the place as quick as possible and reached the father house of his employer. He was given immediate assistance. Notwithstanding every effort the bitten man died about sundown.

A man living in Taney county, Me., recently sent his boy to a mill, a distance of ten or twelve miles, and the boy not returning as usual, a neighbor sent his boy to see what had become of the lad; and the second boy not returning in due season, a party, consisting of the parents of the boys and three or four other men, all armed, started to search for the youths. After traveling some four miles, a slight sufficient to chill the bravest was presented to their view. Rigged by the side of the road was a large panther deliberately tearing the flesh from the remains of one of the boys—the last sent out. The grief and horror-stricken parent raised his gun to his shoulder, and taking good aim, fired and killed the ferocious beast. After searching a mile or so more, the mutilated remains of the other boy were found.

Three stout English war steamers are now engaged in towing an immense floating dock from the North towards Bermuda. The size of the dock may be estimated by knowing that 1,000 tons of water were first pumped out to prepare it for use, and that six powerful steamtugs were necessary to tow it from Sinespesset to the North. It was then taken hold of by the iron-clad Agincourt and Northumberland, while the Terrible was made fast to the stern, which was 2,400 feet long, started for the island of Madeira. There two of these steamers are to be relieved by the Warrior and Black Prince, which are to tow the dock to the destination. And off Bermuda other steamers are to be in readiness to take the dock into port. Besides all these steamers, the dock itself is furnished with a crew of seventy men, to assist in navigating the huge bulk.

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