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## BREVITIES.

Tennessee has extensive beds of mineral paints.

The Boston Post says that Tennyson's balls are bad.

A Hindoo gentleman, recently deceased, left 6,000 to his family idol.

The Iowa State Fair will offer premiums for velocipedes riding.

The State penitentiary of Iowa contains 211 inmates—none women.

Nevada has a singing hen. She sings her own "lays."

Iowa does not own a cent, and has a surplus on hand of \$630,000.

The mystery of Greeley's white coat is dispelled. He says that he bought it twenty-five years ago at a co-operation store in London.

Somebody is trying to make people believe Sir Isaac Newton invented the first velocipede.

Water is not a fashionable beverage for drinking your friend's health, but it is a capital one for drinking your own.

Henry Erskine, the Scotch barrister, being told by a friend, that his "coat was much too short," replied, "it will be long enough before I get another."

A young lady in Staunton, Va., keeps a list of her male acquaintances in a pocket diary, and calls it her him book.

It is estimated that there are nearly 30,000 young men in Boston under marriage engagements, waiting for better times.

Jeremy Bentham refused to believe in ghosts, because nobody believed in the ghosts of coats and trowsers, and nobody ever saw a naked ghost.

One of the New York papers thanks a member of the New York Legislature for "five thousand pamphlets weighing perhaps two tons."

The Sacramento Board of Trustees have passed an ordinance prohibiting the running of velocipedes on the sidewalks of the principal streets.

"An attorney," said Sterne, "is the same thing to a barrister that an apothecary is to a physician—with this difference, that your attorney does not deal in scruples."

Only thirty miles of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad remain to be built to complete the road to the Missouri river, connecting with the Union Pacific Railroad.

An agricultural society offered a premium for the best mode of "irrigation" which was printed "irritation" by mistake; when an honest farmer sent his wife to claim the prize.

It is reported from Rome that the English Roman Catholics in that city are going to hold special services for the purpose of invoking the intercession of St. George to bring about the conversion of England.

An Irishman was employed to trim some fruit trees. He went in the morning, and on returning at noon was asked if he had completed his work. "No" was the reply, "but I have cut them all down, and am going to trim them in the afternoon."

A few days back, a cow, the property of Mr. Thomas Errington, farmer, of South Hetton, introduced into the world a calf of extraordinary proportions. The "little stranger" is a strange animal indeed. It has two heads, four fore legs, two hind legs, and two tails.

At a theological college in Missouri a number of the students have organized what they call a "Band of Faith" a sort of board and lodging club, the creed of which is to trust the efficacy of prayer for food and money, never to solicit aid of man or woman, and to be content with what comes to them in voluntary contributions. They have proved that the thing can be done.

A young minister, whose reputation for veracity was not very good, once ventured to differ with an old doctor of divinity as to the efficacy of the use of the rod. "Why," said he, "the only time my father ever whipped me it was for telling the truth."

"Well," retorted the doctor, "it cured you of it, didn't it?"

Victor Emmanuel has ninety-seven palaces. The Emperor of Russia has sixty-two; the King of Prussia seventy-four; Napoleon eleven official ones, and ninety-three which he might occupy as chief of the State. Francis Joseph of Austria has upward of one hundred. Isabella of Spain had fifty-two, and she has now only one, which formerly was a private boarding house.

A young lady, who affected a distincion toward matrimony, wrote on a pane of glass some verses, expressive of her determination never to enter a holy state. A gentleman, who doubted the lady's resolve, wrote underneath—

"The fair, whose vow these scratchy lines betoken,

Wrote them on glass—she knew it would be broken!"

In Baltimore, Farragut wittily turned the laugh on Grant when the latter said that "smoking was not a vice or the Admiral would smoke," by replying: "The General forgets that I am no longer a vice Admiral."

Dr. Johnson was one day dining at the house of a lady, when she asked him if he did not think her pudding good?

"Yes," growled the great moralist: "it is very good for dogs."

"Shall I help you to another plateful, then?" asked the polite hostess.

A choleric old gentleman, becoming enraged at the stupidity of an aged and faithful servant, exclaimed:

"ounds! you old doit, I shall go out of my wits at your dullness!"

To which the honest old servitor replied:

"Well there is one comfort, master—you won't have to go far!"

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