

## NEWS NOTES.

Among the things sent to the starving people of Kansas was a tract headed, "The Wickedness of Gluttony."

Four hundred and eighty-seven divorcees were granted in Maine last year—about one-half of them for desertion.

By the burning of the asylum for the insane, near Quebec, one of the violently crazy recovered her reason, and is now as sane as anybody.

Owing to a scarcity of water, it was found necessary in Newton, N. H., the other day, to put out a fire with several barrels of cider.

Babes are not named Henry Ward as much as they used to be, but they are still famous for paroxysms of true inwardness. — *Cincinnati Times*.

In Kent, England, the British gentleman is in distress for want of foxes to hunt. His game is the victim of steel traps and strychnine of the small farmers.

Amos Clark, of Tennessee, upon his death bed expressed a wish that twelve fiddlers should stand around his grave and play "Old Dog Tray." The widow Clark saw it done.

A bright lad, eight years of age, named Clapp, died of brain fever recently at Ballston, and the disease is said to have been induced "by too close application to his studies in school."

The Rev. Mr. Dexter, of Taunton, Mass., recently besought his congregation to reduce his salary 10 per cent., as many of his parishioners had suffered a diminution of wages.

Hon. Spencer Ponsonby, of the Queen's household, will call himself Fane hereafter, because his aunt, who left him the money, made this a condition. Fane wedo the like on similar terms. — *Ec.*

Another clergyman to whom the excitement of the pulpit was deficient in "true inwardness"—Rev. C. W. Wilkinson, in England—thrown from his horse in the hunting field, has died from his injuries.

Babies are not named Henry Ward as much as they used to be. But they are still famous for paroxysms of true inwardness when there's something wrong with the milk. — *Cincinnati Times*.

That kind of emotional madness which the revivalists call religion will flourish in London this season, as special edifices are in course of erection in different parts of the metropolis under the auspices of Moody and Sankey. — *Ec.*

Experiments recently made in England indicate that wagons are most easily drawn, on all kinds of roads, when the fore and hind wheels are of the same size, and when the pole is lower than the axle.

An unusual event, and one quite exciting to many, occurred in New York, Thursday, Feb. 25, in the sale at auction of 1,000 sewing machines, some going as low as \$5. Decided bargains were thus obtained. The attendance was very great.

Harper's Bazar states that the shoes worn by ladies at present are far more sensible than those lately in fashion. The design now is to give symmetrical shape and ease to the foot rather than to cramp it into unnatural smallness.

A gentleman in Wyoming, Ohio, on opening his chicken-house one of the cold mornings last week, discovered that two of his chickens were missing, but he found two black fingers in a trap. The latter have not been called for. — *Circleville Herald*.

The following advice from the Boston Journal is not out of place here—"Don't leave off your overcoat and prance around as though spring had come, because it is a juicy day, unless you want to give a series of receptions to your doctor."

Dogs are influential in Tennessee politics. The question of taxing their owners has entered into the canvas for members of the State legislature, and the politicians are a great deal bothered. The owners of sheep and the owners of dogs pull opposite ways, and it is hard to tell which it will pay best to favor in law making.

The editor of the Toronto, Canada, Globe on a recent Friday engaged the chief parliamentary reporter of the Mail, Mr. Parkhurst, by an offer of £50 a year higher salary. The Mail, on the following Monday, returned the compliment

by securing the services of Mr. Horton, chief reporter of the Globe, at a like increase.

The trial of fifty one residents of Owen county, Kentucky, for conspiring to prevent the deputy United States marshal from executing a process of the court, is in progress in the United States District Court in Louisville, and is exciting great interest throughout the State. Among the accused parties are a police judge and prosecuting attorney.

Jennie June writes that "Jay Gould at one time offered a million of dollars for the purchase of the Times, but Mr. Jones, a good, clear-headed business man, with a natural pride in a paper which he has built up, told him money would not buy it; that New York city did not contain enough money to buy the New York Times."

Bad sign from Annapolis. If they expel all the boys who refuse to fence with the colored boy they will, perhaps, only weed out those who have the daring to act on what are the instincts and impulses of all, and daring that does not stop to consider all the consequences is not an article that we ought to weed out of our navy. — *N. Y. Herald*.

There were eighty deaths from pneumonia during the past week, being an increase of three over the week previous. There were forty nine deaths from diphtheria and twenty from bronchitis during the same period. Since the beginning of the year there have been 755 deaths in this city from pneumonia alone. This winter has been the most sickly for all diseases of any since that of 1865. — *N. Y. Letter*.

"The day is not far distant," says Parson Brownlow, in his paper, the Knoxville Whig and Chronicle, "when the republican party will redeem and regenerate Tennessee." Thanks, Parson; but if you and your party can give Tennessee no better article of redemption and regeneration than you have given a number of other southern States, the longer you postpone the gift the better Tennesseans will like it. — *Ec.*

They have begun to arrest Bender again. The papers should be more "saving" of their items. So long as Beecher fills up the telegraphic columns every day, and, when he lets up, the Washington reporters can give us enough to supply the deficiency, the papers ought to put Bender aside and keep him for a scarcity which may come by and by. We are willing to "give the old man a chance"—only wait a bit. — *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

We published the other day the story of a Maryland woman who had four children at a birth. A Wisconsin woman has "seen" that Maryland woman and "gone her one better." Mrs. Kanouse, of Watertown, Wis., recently had five children at a birth, the aggregate weight being ten pounds and two ounces. One of the lot weighed only a pound. Two were born dead and the other three lived only two hours. — *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

The Monmouth Review says—"Our government is neither a government of the people, for the people, nor by the people. In spirit and in deed, it is as purely a class government as was that of England seventy-five years ago, or that of France before her great revolution. The people can make it otherwise, and do it peaceably, if they set about the job with determination, and set about it soon; if not—no."

The scene presented in the Plymouth church, yesterday, is one that has never had a parallel, and it is to be hoped never may—a minister preaching to a church, one of whose members has just sworn in court that he confessed to her his adultery with another member, while a third member has been charged by the minister (through his lawyer) with being a "conspirator" against his reputation, and retorts by pronouncing the charge a "malignant fabrication" and daring his pastor to call him into court. — *Springfield Republican*.

There was a gathering of "Social Reformers" in Boston last Sunday, at which a number of men and women spoke against the marriage laws. The report published in the Boston papers contains more blasphemy, indecency, and positive obscenity than we have noticed for a long time in a report of a public meeting, and yet one of the papers

is compelled to explain that a large part of the speeches were wholly unfit for publication, and therefore omitted; only such expressions being preserved as are sufficiently lucid to express the general sense of the meeting. — *Ec.*

## A Comfortable Shoe.

A Swiss philosopher has taken up a subject that concerns very closely the comfort of the human race, and especially the civilized portion of it. They, indeed, suffer the most from ill-fitting shoes. The Indian is not troubled by his moccasins, nor the Oriental by his sandal; it is the tight-fitting shoe of the European and American that claims a place among the instruments of torture. Some advance has been made in the art of shoe-making, and prominent among the improvements is one known in this city as the "box toed" shoe, which relieves the toe from the pressure of a new pair of boots. The researches of the Swiss philosopher, Dr. Heilmann Meier, of Zurich, suggest some very valuable considerations, well worthy the attention of the intelligent artificers who make boots and shoes. He asserts that a shoemaker should aim not only to produce a shoe that does not pinch, but a shoe so constructed that it will give to a foot, distorted by the pinching it has borne already, a fair chance to return to its right shape and full possession of its power as a means of carrying the body onward. He says that in measuring a foot for a shoe or a boot, the first thing to be considered is the place of the great toe. Upon this toe, in walking, the weight of the whole body turns at every step in a natural foot; therefore, it is in a straight line with the heel. A central straight line drawn from the point of the great toe to the middle of its root, if continued, would pass very exactly to the middle of the heel. But, by the misfitting boot usually worn, the point of the toe is pressed inward, the root outward. No last or model of a foot already injured by wearing ill-fitting boots or shoes, should ever be made for the exact size of such a foot. — *Ec.*

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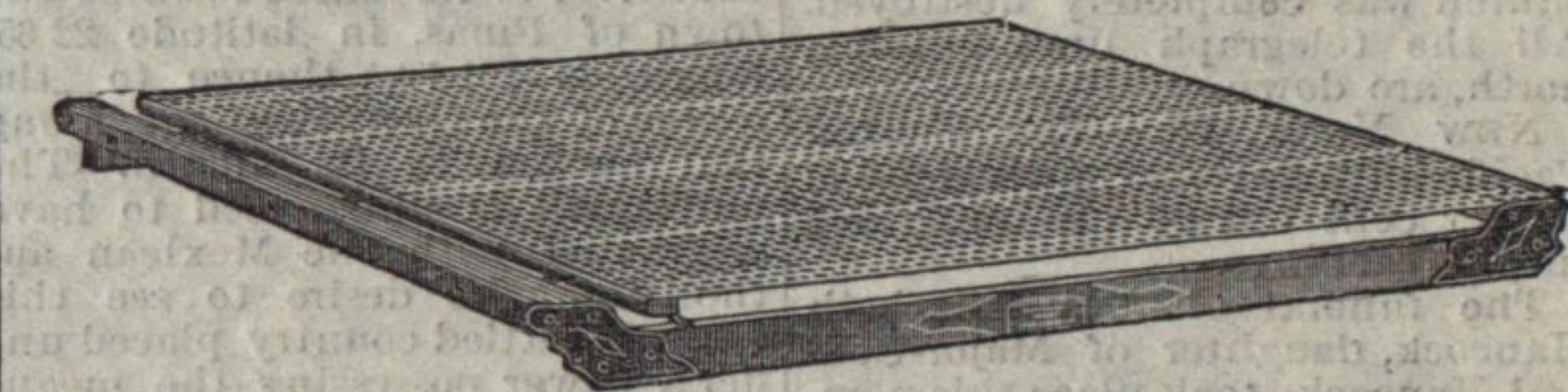
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