

BREVITIES.

Two thousand saloons in Chicago.
Canada furnishes the frogs for the Detroit market.

Eight hundred thousand professional singers in France.

Iowa farmers train sand-hill cranes to hunt potato bugs.

America is represented in German penitentiaries.

Pet alligators are peddled in New Orleans.

At Rome a mart for female slaves existed up to 1501.

American obligations held abroad foot up \$1,500,000,000.

The girls in a western female college are strictly prohibited from whistling.

Indiana has 1,812 divorce suits now pending.

Two hundred and eighty-eight in corporate colleges in the United States.

Vienna has a satirical paper called the *Flea*, which the Pope wants Austria to suppress, but she won't.

The New York *Herald* calls Gen. Butler an "undisciplined bushwhacker."

One of the most tender and pathetic writers in the English language was Sterne.

Love, the toothache, smoke, a cough, and a tight boot, are things which cannot be kept secret very long.

Two months "miscellaneous refreshments" for the City Council cost Boston \$2,859.75.

Tammany Hall, New York, after its brief existence and many vicissitudes as a place of entertainment, is to be converted into a State armory.

It is said two Philadelphia newspapers have long obituaries of Edwin Forrest in type, awaiting the decease of the great tragedian.

Lima, Ohio, boasts of ten thousand inhabitants. Ten years ago there were only thirty persons and six houses there. Manufacturers did it.

Three persons were fatally poisoned near Gettysburg by eating apple-sauce containing glazing which had become detached from the preserve jar.

Cluclunati had 298 divorce suits pending during the past year, of which 113 were decided. Wives were the petitioners in 213 of them.

A debating club in Worcester recently discussed the important question, "Whether a rooster's knowledge of daybreak is the result of observation or instinct."

The returns of the gross receipts from Chicago theatres for the month of June were as follows: Alken's Museum, \$8-396.45; McVicker's Theatre, \$8,594.50; Dearborn, \$8,239.85.

The Cluclunati Daily Chronicle says: an Iowa widow, 115 years old, has inveigled into matrimony an unthinking youth of 55.

An exchange says the French has fifty-five iron-clad steamers. The whole navy of France carries 4,630 guns, and has 34,000 horse-power; and that the whole navy of Prussia carries sixty-three guns.

A lady abruptly entered her kitchen the other day and saw the cook skimming the soup with a silver spoon. She said to her: "Francis, I expressly forbade you to use the silver in the kitchen." "But, ma'am, this spoon was dirty!"

The new anesthetic, hydrate of chloral, is an almost miraculous remedy in delirium tremens. Dr. Geo. Balfour, of Edinburgh, has tried it in a case which was one of "maniacal violence." Two half-drachm doses, at one hour's interval, produced sleep and cured the patient.

Dogs have a connection with literature in Lowell, Mass. After the value of sheep or any other animals killed by dogs has been deducted from the proceeds of a dog tax, the residue is used for the City Library. Last year, the net result thus devoted was \$1,350.

"What is the matter with you?" Inquired a judge who had called to see his sick neighbor. "Well, I don't know, Chudge, dey say it ish de out; but vy should I have the out? I lives blais; I don't eat too much, nor drink too much." "Perhaps," suggested the judge, "it is hereditary." "Yes, I guess it is hereditary; I remember my wife's uncle had it."

"Mother," said a little girl who was engaged in making her doll an apron. "I believe I shall be a Duchess when I grow up." "How do you ever expect to become a Duchess, my daughter?" her mother asked. "Why, by marrying a Dutchman, to be sure," the girl replied.

"Dr. Smoothman is quite a ladies' doctor," so observed Mrs. Faintaway. "So nice!" said one lady. "So chatty!" said another. "Never prescribes nasty things," said a third. "Oh, he's a duck!" cried an enthusiastic matron. "You mean a quack," growled her husband, who had just seen the doctor's bill for one year's attendance.—*Punch*.

The new shops of the Pennsylvania railroad, now in course of construction at Altoona, it is stated, cover an area of twenty acres, and comprise an iron machine shop, a planing mill, a blacksmith shop, a cabinet shop, and a three-quarters round brick building, for the freight cars, eighty of which can be built at the same time.

A correspondent of a London paper writes—"You will do good service by ventilating the subject of 'Quiet apartments for a lady.' I know one house where fourteen children were born in one month, all taken away the morning after birth, and some of the ladies away home again in a fortnight. It is most usual to have seven months' children, and then pay \$50 to be relieved of all further trouble and expense, the nurse taking charge of the infant, and farming it out. Scarcely ever is a register of birth made; in fact, these places are little less than murder dens, and should, indeed, be most carefully inspected and licensed."

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