

## BREVITIES.

Minnie Warren, the fascinating little dwarf is reported hopelessly ill.

A married lady of St. Paul, Minnesota, has been in a trance state for six weeks, and her husband won't have a doctor yet. He says it seems so novel.

The female pickpockets of Boston wear Arab wrappers or shawls; as a good paper expresses it, "they fold their shawls like the Arabs, and silently steal away."

The New York Globe puts down the wealth of the late A. D. Richardson at seventy-five thousand dollars. One-third of this goes to his "widow."

Victor Hugo is sixty-seven, Alexander Dumas fifty-six, George Sand sixty-six years old. The three great French authors have sons who are celebrated authors themselves.

An enterprising church in Boston is to have a "reporters' pew," "fitted up with every convenience for the use of newspaper representatives when they visit the church on business or otherwise."

How the governess said grace—"For what we are going to receive—elbows!—the Lord makes us—backs and shoulders down—truly thankful—and do chattering—Amen."

A young painter was copying a celebrated painting in the Dresden gallery the other day, when a traveling cockney asked him what was done with the old pictures, after the new ones were done.

Ray, J. A. Bowden, in his book on the wild animals and birds of prey of Norway, speaks of a lady whose lapdog was snatched from her sleigh by a wolf while she was driving in the outskirts of the town of Christiania.

The Dublin Newsletter says: "We understand that a lady has joined the Stevens Hospital School of Medicine, and is at present in daily attendance on the lectures, etc. This is the first instance of a lady joining the medical profession in Ireland."

If we work upon marble it will perish; if we work upon brass time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds—if we imbue them with principles, with the fear of God and the love of our fellow men—we engrave on those tablets something which will endure for all eternity.—Daniel Webster.

During the five years since the mechanics of Charlestown, Massachusetts, opened the co-operative grocery and provision stores on Bunker Hill and Main streets, the association has paid in dividends, interest, and percentage on non-members' trade, over \$15,000, the capital stock averaging not over \$6,000. They do a strictly cash business, and their receipts on a single night have exceeded \$1,000.

There are said to be in the United States atotal of six million two hundred thousand members of evangelical churches, including one hundred thousand Quakers. If we reckon three persons to each church member, which is a low estimate, there will be about nineteen millions of our population directly and indirectly connected with the evangelical churches. The Roman Catholic population is reckoned at five millions.

Two negroes, of Augusta, Ga., went out to fight a duel the other day, but while they were shaking with pistols in their hands, a sturdy old negro present, after examining the challenge and acceptance, called a halt, remarking "dem dapper niggers ain't fixed up 'ordin to de code, and dis dam foolishness is 'bout to git some nigger into jail;" whereupon the belligerents ejaculated each to his second, "Tank de Lord!" and went home.

An old miser in Ireland left a will, bequeathing "to my sister-in-law, Mary Dennis, four old worsted stockings, which she will find under my bed; to my nephew two other stockings; to the housekeeper, for her long and faithful services, my cracked earthen pitcher," and other legacies of the same character to other persons. The legatees were in a high state of wrath, but one of them having kicked down the pitcher and found it full of guineas, the others examined the stockings, and found them similarly lined.

A great deal of astonishment is expressed in Paris at the number of Spanish orders and decorations which have recently made their appearance on the breasts and in the button-holes of very obscure individuals. The secret has recently been explained by the curious fact that one of Queen Isabella's courtiers, who has more debts than he can pay, liquidates his bills by telling the merchant that, if they will give him receipts in full, and something to boot, he will procure them crosses of the various Spanish Orders at the disposal of Queen Isabella the Second.

A young man once picked up a sovereign lying in the road. Ever afterward as he walked along, he kept his eyes steadily fixed on the ground, in the hope of finding another. And, in the course of a long life, he did pick up, at different times, a good amount of gold and silver. But all these days, as he was looking for them, he saw not that heaven was bright above him and nature was beautiful around. He never allowed his eyes to look up from the mud and filth in which he sought the treasure, and when he died, a rich old man, he only knew this fair earth of ours as a dirty road to pick up money as you walk along.

A few nights since, as the night express on the New York Central Road was near Amsterdam a baby, who was looking out of an open window, gave a spring, and in an instant fell from its mother's arms to the ground. The startled mother, without a thought of the danger, rushed to the door and leaped from the train. As soon as possible the car was stopped and backed to the spot, where every one expected to learn of the fatal injury to both mother and child. But, strange to say, neither was hurt, except that the baby had a slight bruise on the side of the head. The mother stated that as she saw the child go out of the window her only thought was that she wanted the baby.

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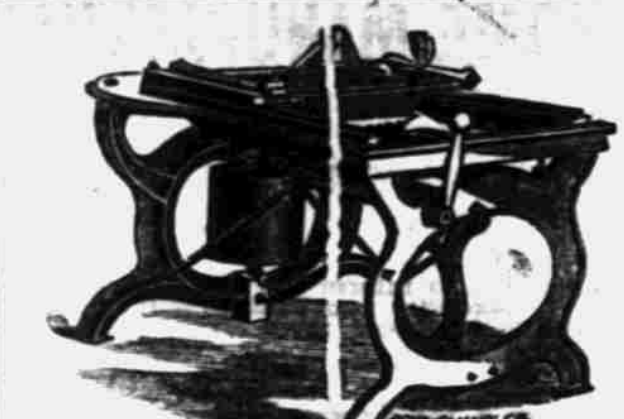
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