

BREVITIES.

Philadelphia has twenty silk factories.

There are 540,000 tenant farmers in Ireland.

A Kentucky couple lately eloped on a hand car.

"Shoo Fly" bonnets are out. They resemble in form an elongated bee.

A wrought-iron chimney, 275 feet high, is in the course of construction at Pittsburgh.

It is stated by a Catholic journal, as positive, that not a Catholic woman on earth is in favor of woman suffrage.

Fifty members of the present Congress served in the army during the rebellion.

The following notice appeared upon the west end of a country meeting-house: "Anybody sticking bills against this church will be prosecuted according to law or any other nuisance."

Hall's Journal of Health cries out against the practice of keeping a vessel filled with water on the stove, and says it is hurtful to health.

We read among the fashion reports of a new thing, the "satchel or perfumed petticoat." Peppermint in the stockings will be the next thing.

"The House of David" is the name of a Milwaukee saloon. Beware, of the "slings" of that house, for the "sling" of David was fatal to one man, and he too was a giant.

In Illinois corn shelling is now done by persons who travel from farm to farm with a machine. The usual charge is two cents per bushel. Six to eight hundred bushels is a day's work.

A drunkard was found lying in the Pottsville graveyard, and when taken in charge by an officer he claimed to be a petrified giant.

A young lady in Philadelphia advertises that she will give \$30,000 to any respectable young man who will marry her.

A little son of Wm. Harrington, of Bath, Maine, while asleep, a short time since, was bitten in the thumb and leg by a rat, which is supposed to have partaken of poison. The child's sufferings were severe.

A lady in Kansas, just from the East, the other day noticed an animal from the car window, and inquired of a peasant boy if it was a buffalo. The boy answered in a twinkling. "Them's a mule."

The milkmen in Rio Janeiro have discovered a way to convince their doubting customers of the purity of their milk. The cow is led by a slave around the streets, and the milk supplied from the cow in front of the premises, milked by the slave.

A member of the English House of Commons says the majority of his colleagues regard Parliament as a genteel club-house, and in only, in a leisurely manner, late at night, after returning from dinner parties and social entertainments.

The most easily digested articles of food as yet known are sweet apples baked, cold raw cabbage sliced in vinegar, and boiled rice; the most indigestible are suet, boiled cabbage and pork; the former require an hour, the latter five.

A person traveling from Taunton to Hartford, the other day, over the Fishkill road, hearing the conductor sing out "Willimantic," asked in surprise: "Mr. Conductor, have you called out the names of all the stations we've passed?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Well, then," rejoined the traveler, "I must have been asleep; I didn't hear you call Rhode Island."

A countryman applied to a lawyer for legal advice. After detailing the circumstances of the case, he was asked if he had stated the facts as they had occurred. "Oh, ay, sir," rejoined he, "I thought it better to tell you the plain truth; you can put the lies to it yourself."

In Savannah, Ga., during a performance at the theatre, just as Mrs. Oates had concluded one of her songs, a man in the parquette, Mr. E. Pritchard, of Augusta, threw at her feet, not a bouquet of flowers, but a handsome set of furs, which he had an hour before purchased for the express purpose.

Disraeli, in a recent speech, said Englishmen should be glad to admit, and proud to remember, that it can never be said of the American Republic that it for a moment tolerated, sanctioned, or encouraged the Fenian conspiracy, and that the conduct of this Government throughout the whole Fenian business had been "marked by a spirit of order, and the utmost political integrity."

The New York Sun's correspondent at Hudson City writes that one Fred Hartig was taken before Recorder Aldridge to answer a charge of refusing to support his wife. The following colloquy thereupon took place:

"Shudge, must I support mine wife?" "Why, certainly."

"Vell, I say so, too. Now, Shudge, must I support mine wife's father and mother, and every tam dirty loafer of a brother what comes along?"

"Decidedly, not. You are not called on to do anything of the kind."

Fred, seeing that the entire family were about to be foisted upon him, turned them all out and locked his door; and his wife, by way of frightening him, went with her friends, and then brought this charge against him. Fred was discharged, and left cheerful and happy.

At a divorce trial, before Judge Sample, in Muncie, Ind., recently, the principals in the suit, in relating how lovingly they used to live together when first married, became so affected over the recollection of their lost happiness that they commenced crying; the Judge followed suit, the audience joined in, and handkerchiefs were in general demand. Judge Sample, when they had all got through crying, suggested to the husband and wife the propriety of trying to live happily together once more. After consultation, they concluded to try it again, and the case was thus ended.

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