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BREVITIES.

Thomas Hughes says that you can never get a man's best out of him without praise.

An excursion party of consumptives to "go West" in search of health is being organized in New York.

How to resume specie payment? is capable of only one solution, and that is the simplest in the world. Pay in specie.

William Cullen Bryant writes from Mexico that the births in that country are in the proportion of three girls to one boy, according to the statistics.

According to a scientific journal, wood soaked in a solution of common salt, is thereby protected against decay, especially when placed under ground.

Answer to correspondent—"A Mother. The present style of high, sharp boot heels is dangerous. Try the palm of your hand, or a shingle, or a birch rod."

A Virginia paper says: "The governor is about to commission 400 colonels of militia, that being the number of Virginians over 21 who have no titles already."

The New York *Mail*, with shrewd philosophy, suggests that "it is a curious fact that poor people are never afflicted with Kleptomania, though they are much given to stealing."

It is said that one of the most powerful remedies for botts in horses is a strong decoction of sage tea, made very sweet. It dislodges the botts almost instantly.

The Litchfield (Ct.) *Sentinel* says: The price of hay in many towns is no longer quoted, because there is no longer any hay. Hundreds of cattle are living entirely on the dead grass and bushes.

A party in Pontiac, Mich., out rowing one Sunday, was too heavy for the boat, and one of the number was drowned. A local paper thereupon remarks:

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, and don't overload your boats."

Rev. Mr. Talmadge of Brooklyn, N. Y., says he has no faith in a religion made up of equal parts of wormwood, vinegar and red pepper. When a man comes to his house to talk of religion with lugubrious countenance, and manner full of sniffle and dolorousness, he feels like saying to his wife, "You had better look up the silver before our visitor steals anything."

The New York *Star* has this "Personal:" If the young female in a blue tarleton overskirt, with a violet *corsage* and black hair done up *a la* Frizette, who sat in a box at Thomas's last night, has so bad a cold to-night as she had then, and goes to the same place, will kindly carry a large pocket-handkerchief with her, and use it, she will oblige an admirer."

The Duke of Wellington's prize for the best essay on tactics has fallen to Lieutenant F. Maurice (son of Professor Maurice), Royal Artillery. His work is described as by Colonel Hamley—a first-class authority—as an essay about which he "doubts whether any essay in any language has handled the subject with a more comprehensive and vigorous grasp, or discussed with more logical precision."

Here is a paragraph which some men should paste in their hats, and nearly all women on their bonnets, provided they can find room for it—

Don't be too sensitive.—There are some people, yes many people, always looking out for slights. They cannot carry on their daily intercourse of the family without some offence is designed. They are as touchy as hair-triggers. If they meet an acquaintance in the street who happens to be preoccupied with business, they attribute his abstraction in some mode personal to themselves, and take umbrage accordingly. They lay on others the fact of their irritability. A fit of indigestion makes them see impertinence in every one they come in contact with. Innocent persons who never dreamed of giving offence are astonished to find some unfortunate word or momentary taciturnity mistaken for an insult. To say the least the habit is unfortunate. It is far wiser to take the more charitable view of our fellow being, and not suppose a slight is intended unless the neglect is open and direct. After all, too, life takes its hues in a great degree from the color of our mind. If we are frank and generous, the world treats us kindly. If, on the contrary, we are suspicious, men learn to be cold and cautious to us. Let a person get a reputation of being touchy, and everybody is under more or less constraint, and in this way the chances of an imaginary offense are vastly increased.

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

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EASTERN DISPATCHES.

NEW YORK, 2.—A Washington special says a request for more time for a careful consideration of the supplemental article, has been made by the British government. This, if it means anything, means a postponement of the meeting of the Geneva board of arbitators, which should assemble on the 15th inst.

The *Times'* Philadelphia special says the New York delegation will be here on Tuesday and next morning will organize a committee of determination relative to vice-President. It appears there is some division of sentiment in the delegates on this point, and it is thought Henry Wilson will have a large vote. Colfax will probably have the highest on first ballot. The editor of the Dayton, Ohio, *Journal* has arrived and announced that governor Dennison has withdrawn his name, and that Colfax will get nearly the Ohio delegation. The vice-President is dubious and it is thought just now that between Colfax and Henry Wilson it is difficult to say who will be chosen. The Connecticut delegation decide to bring forward governor Hawley, and he may be a compromise candidate.

NEW YORK, 3.—James Gordon Bennett's lower limbs were paralyzed for some time, and he had been for some time impressed with the idea that he would not long survive. His estate is said to amount to $10,000,000. The *Herald* building and the paper and real estate connected with it, he leaves to his son, and his will provides that he shall never sell, but it must remain in the family. The 5th Avenue mansion is left to his wife, and the Washington Heights property to his daughter.

CHICAGO, 3.—R. B. Howard, brother to General O. O. Howard, writes a letter to the *Tribune*, and says that statements made by the correspondent of S. F. Cheney, and by General Hooker at his instance, so far as they imply a want of honesty, courage and prompt obedience to orders, at Chancelorville, by O. O. Howard, are false, and when Gen. Howard returns from his mission to Arizona and New Mexico, he will be induced to state facts, even if they seem unfriendly to Gen. Hooker, of whose reputation as that of all brother officers Gen. Howard has always manifested a tender and chivalrous regard.

WESTERN DISPATCHES.

LOS ANGELES, 3.—About half-past nine last night a fire broke out in the Italian drug store, on Commercial St. The store was completely gutted of its contents, the stock being completely destroyed.

The Buringame artesian well, at Compton, which is 150 feet deep, ejects live fish, resembling speckled trout, from half an inch to two inches long, indicating the existence of a subterranean lake.

There is a scarsity of harvest hands. The ranches near Anaheim could employ one hundred and fifty more men.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, 3.—The *Observer* says the cabinet yesterday had under consideration the treaty of Washington and the last communication from the American government, which consented to the supplemental article. No conclusion is yet reached which is likely to reconcile the two governments in regard to the question. The final decision of the American government is expected within twenty-four hours.

Five Hundred Human Beings Burned to Death.

A catastrophe almost unparalleled in horror, disclosing the gross cruelties of the emigrant trade by one last and terrible demonstration, happened in the China Sea last May, and is recorded in a Parliamentary report just ordered by the House of Commons to be printed. A vessel called the *Don Juan*, sailing under the flag and with the consent of the Portuguese government, set sail on the 4th of May, with 650 coolies on board. These poor wretches, it appears, were kidnapped and shipped in the most shameful manner. Once on board, this large multitude was placed literally in prison—penned on the main deck and fastened down by three iron gratings, which closed the hatches, ten coolies at a time only being allowed to come on deck. The ship sailed in fair weather from Macao. On the second day of the voyage, as declared by Herker, an Austrian seaman, the captain selected twenty coolies and put them in irons, with much brutality, as an example to the others. On the third day a difficulty arose about the food passed down to the emigrants. The interpreter got angry, and struck those who complained with his cane, whereupon the wretched coolies made a dash at their European jailors. The iron hatches were immediately slammed back upon them, and, when the poor creatures beat upon the beams and planks to get air, muskets were fired down into the crowd. It then appears that, in desperation, some few of the coolies set fire to a storeroom forward, hoping, no doubt, to force the crew to throw their prison open. The sailors tried to pump water down upon the seat of the conflagration, but the frenzied men below passed the hose out of the port-holes, so that pumping became useless. Then the fire spread beyond all control, and volumes of thick smoke rolled into the main deck, choking the mass of coolies at the other end, who had taken no part in the previous proceedings. Red tongues of flame and suffocating clouds filled the ship below hatches, while the miserable prisoners beat at the iron gratings, tore at the fastenings of the deck, and even endeavored to get up to the air through the ventilators. The port-holes, however, were fastened, the dead-lights were too small to allow of a man's body passing, and the ventilators were barred; so that there was no escape.

In two hours' time the fire was established on the main deck—which means that scores of the Chinese had already been roasted or smothered—yet the crew never took a single step toward saving the lives of the imprisoned wretches. They merely lowered three boats on their own account, and pushed off from the burning vessel, leaving all that mass of human creatures pent up in a floating hell of fear and agony. The sea was calm; the hatches might surely have been opened at the last moment; yet the *Don Juan's* captain and hands shoved off, while the ship blazed, and while the coolies perished inside with frightful cries and screams. The scoundrel master and crew saved their villainous lives; a junk picked them up; and the same witness who tells us this says that when the twenty Chinese in irons, who were upon the forecastle, broke away their fetters and swam towards the junk, they were pushed off into the sea to drown. Meantime, in their awful terror, the survivors of the 655 below found some means of bursting the forehatch. Scores were by this time killed by the flames or the smoke; scores had been trampled down in the frenzied rush for life to the upper deck. About a hundred in all at last emerged from that Golgotha of anguish, and leaped at once into the sea. A few managed to get hold of spars and floating gear, and hung upon these till some fishing boats picked them up next morning. The majority were already mortally injured when they escaped, or were drowned, or crushed by the falling chains and spars of the ship. But at least five hundred were first scorched to death, or choked and trampled dead, before the infernal prison gate was forced by the breaking open of the hatches, which the captain and crew had so shamefully left fast.—*Ex.*

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