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BREVITIES.

A Paris danseuse has a \$15,000 dress.
 Australia is going into sugar culture.
 Kansas City is to have an opera house
 with 2,500 seats.

Fashionable preachers in Paris hire
 their audience at three cents a head.

A man at Essex, Conn., committed
 suicide by sticking his head in the mud
 and holding it there.

Calumny is like the brands flying
 from a large fire, which quickly go
 out if you do not blow them.

Cheerfulness makes the mind clear,
 gives tone to the thought, adds grace
 and beauty to the countenance.

Wilmington, N.C., in order to mourn
 the death of its late popular lamp-lighter,
 put a crape on the lamp-posts.

Not less than six hundred and sixty-
 five magazines, including quarterlies,
 are now published in Great Britain.

Patience is one of the most difficult
 lessons to learn. It is natural for the
 mind to look for immediate results.

There are 80,000 people in Nagasaki,
 Japan, and it is estimated that 48,000
 of them are drunk every night. They
 get drunk on sake distilled from rice.

The Parisians now call rich young
 fools, who cannot squander their money
 fast enough, "Khedives."

A western woman, in advertising her
 runaway husband, says: "Donal has a
 scar on his nose where I scratched it."

The life of Mrs. Member, of Fishkill
 Landing, was saved by her chignon. A
 horse kicked her head twice, but the
 chignon broke the force of the blow.

Recently a young married lady in
 Illinois was found dead in her bed, and
 a coroner's jury rendered a verdict of
 "Died of convulsions, aided by tight
 lacing."

It has been said that an Englishman,
 wherever he goes, builds a public house,
 a Spaniard a church, a Frenchman a
 theatre, whilst a Yankee starts schools
 and newspapers.

A wife in San Francisco put a petition
 for divorce in the court, on the ground
 that her husband was a "confounded
 fool." The court wouldn't admit her
 plea, because almost every married man
 would be liable to the same imputation.

Dissolve half a small tea-spoonful of
 borax in half a pint of tepid water, add
 it to six or eight drops of the tincture
 of myrrh. This will always preserve
 the gums and teeth in a healthy state.

A dog trial has been on hand at Elk-
 hart, Ind., for three years, between two
 men named Kinnison and Hire, the
 former charging the latter with having
 thrown a dog into his well.

Mrs. Hogg, an inmate of Chelsea,
 England, workhouse, celebrated the
 hundredth birthday lately by going up
 in a balloon, and irreverent boys alluded
 to her as a high old Hogg.

French ingenuity has invented a new
 amusement for persons waiting for the
 appearance of those on whom they call.
 A lady in Paris has had placed in her
 drawing room an immense marble shell
 in which are to be seen a great number
 of fishes of various species. A gentle-
 man called upon her for the first time
 the other day. "Madame, is at her toilet-
 ette," said the servant, "but if, while
 waiting for her, monsieur would like to
 pass his time in fishing, he will find
 here hooks, lines and bait. As for fish,
 the shell is full of them."

A prominent physician of Portage
 County, Ohio, relates a case within his
 knowledge where a boy, now some fifty-
 five years old, has used tobacco since
 the age of five months. When five
 months old, being a nervous and fretful
 child, a plug of tobacco was placed
 in his mouth, and produced a soothing
 effect. The tobacco was often used
 during infancy, and through the teething
 period, and before the child could
 talk plainly it was a confirmed tobacco
 chewer.

In Pennsylvania there is a clergy-
 man almost as remarkable for eloquence
 and eccentricity as Lorenzo Dow him-
 self. On charity occasions his pathos,
 wit, and sometimes bitter satire, are
 sure to win more bank notes and gold
 coin to the state than the decorous elo-
 quence of half a dozen men.

On a late occasion he was preaching
 a temperance sermon, which produced
 the usual effect upon the audience.
 Among other things he asserted, as a re-
 sult of his own observation, that a
 confessedly "moderate drinker" was
 sure to become a confirmed inebriate
 within five years after he reached that
 state of indulgence.

He was interrupted here by a man in
 the audience, who started up in great
 excitement, proclaiming himself a
 "moderate drinker" of ten years' stand-
 ing, and on whom the habit had made
 no progress.

The clergyman stopped short, and
 leaned over the pulpit, and when the
 man had ceased speaking, called out:
 "I say, friend, stand up here, and
 let us have a look at you."

The man made an effort to brave the
 host of eyes turned upon him, and
 stood his ground.
 "Nearer, man!" cried the minister,
 beckoning with his long finger. "Hold
 a light up to the brother's face, some of
 you. Step up on the bench and give us
 a good look."

The moderate drinker was not to be
 looked or talked down; he not only
 mounted the bench, but allowed a lamp to
 be held close to his face.

The minister bent over his cushion
 and gave the face a long survey.
 "That will do," said he, drawing
 back; "that will do, my friend. And
 now I say, if I owed the devil a debt of
 ninety-nine, and he wouldn't take him
 in full payment at the end of five years,
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