

BREVITIES.

A glass piano has been invented by a Mexican genius.

It was Charles Lamb who said he did not like new moons, new faces or new years.

There are 10,000 Methodist local preachers in this country.

In Pennsylvania there are \$11,000,000 in church property exempt from taxation.

Napoleon's state dinners cost \$5,000 apiece, which is \$50 a plate.

The Russian Government is talking of building a railroad through Siberia to China. Its length in Asia will be a thousand miles.

The English language is to be universally adopted by telegraph companies.

A railway train was recently struck by an avalanche on Mount Cenais and hurled down a precipice.

A "chemical file" for removing corns has been invented by a Milford (Connecticut) doctor.

Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Small and steady gains give competency, with tranquility of mind.

The battle-field of Chancellorsville has been bought by a Baltimore gentleman for \$8,200.

In all France, about 4,000,000 masses are ordered annually. The ordinary low mass costs only thirty cents.

It is reported that John Bright, the English Liberal, is investing money in cotton mills in this country.

A rat weighing six pounds and measuring twenty-one inches from his nose to the end of his tail, was recently killed at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Rev. Dr. Anderson, a Catholic priest, in a lecture recently delivered in St. Louis, stated that city was the Rome of the West, Catholicism being the prevailing religion.

The Columbia (Miss.) Sentinel has a notice of an individual there who tried to outwalk a locomotive, winding up with the significant statement that "he leaves a wife and three children in straitened circumstances."

A Negro in Kentucky had twenty-two children in thirty-one years of married life, and the county has remitted his taxes "in consideration of distinguished services done to the State."

The model State of the Union, financially considered, is Iowa. By the fifteenth of this month she will be out of debt and have a surplus of \$500,000 in the State treasury.

A young man at Jefferson, Mississippi, was reprimanded by his father for drawing a knife on his dog. The angry son turned on his father, and cut his throat from ear to ear, killing him instantly.

The death of the Bishop of Manchester places the seventh Episcopal miter the disposal of Mr. Gladstone. The value of the Bishopric now vacant is twenty-four thousand dollars in gold.

The wife of a New York shoddyist has gone to Europe to get the portraits of her three homely daughters painted by the "old masters," of whom she has heard so much.

A prodigal son writes to his father from Omaha: "I have my only shirt washed by the dozen, for it is in twelve pieces, and the smallest hole in it is the one I put my head through."

It seems that "fashionable parties" in Boston give themselves up to the "German," and other varieties of round dances, and between the rounds the young ladies and gentlemen are refreshed with beef and tea.

The vestments worn at Rome are described as beautiful beyond conception, and the ladies say the lace upon them surpasses anything in the world. So dazzling are the colors of the dresses that the bishops are likened to a bed of tulips in appearance.

A country girl coming from the field, was told by her cousin that she "looked as fresh as a daisy kissed with dew." "Well, it wasn't any feller that kissed me, but it was Steve Jones that kissed me; I told him that every one in town would find it out."

"Define the difference in meaning between experimental philosophy and natural philosophy," said a schoolmaster, not long since, to one of the most forward of his pupils. "Why, sir," replied the boy, "experimental philosophy is our asking you to give us a half-holiday, and natural philosophy is your saying, 'Don't you wish you may get it?'"

A new explosive, of asserted great power, is announced by English journals, under the name of ammonia powder. Analysis shows merely a substitution of nitrate of ammonia for nitrate of potash in ordinary gunpowder—the change adding immediately to the explosive force. The salt being quite deliquescent, the old adage, "keep your powder dry," would lose its significance, should the powder come into general use.

There is a colony of two hundred and sixty-eight Indians living in Tama county, Iowa, who retain all the old usages and customs of their nation, and refuse to become civilized. They own and occupy a tract of the best land in Tama county, and their wigwags and savage paraphernalia present a marked contrast to the fine farms and handsome cities which surround them.

Mudie's immense and very celebrated circulating library, in London, affords quite an available criterion by which to measure the public consumption of book pabulum. A fancy estimate had put the comparative proportions at, Works of Science, 1.—Works in History, 3.—Fiction, 1,500 readers. Mudie, however, shows by the statistics of his establishment, that in every million volumes that he sends out, history and geography comprise 200,000; travel and adventure, 150,000; and fiction, 450,000. Miscellaneous literature, including works of science and religion, and the principal reviews, about 200,000. The largest number of copies ever taken of a single work was 3,250 volumes of Livingstone's Travels in Africa.—Ex.

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Johnson is Defendant, praying for a decree of

Divorce from the bands of matrimony existing

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