

BREVITIES.

Nearly one-half the type-setting on the Faris literary papers is done by women.

Jerrold says that young boys who marry old maids, "gather in the spring of life, the golden fruits of autumn."

A Mississippi boy went out to fly a kite, but the kite flew him 70 feet into the air, and he landed in a tree.

A smart man in Buffalo is organizing a divorce excursion to Chicago. Tickets will be sold cheap to any one desiring a divorce.

The Minneapolis Tribune gives as the best estimate it can make of the wheat crop of Minnesota for the present year—twenty million bushels.

A nurse in Rotterdam, England, tired of a baby, threw it over a precipice 100 feet high. She has no further trouble with it.

An attempted suicide in Liverpool, when arraigned for reprimand, excused his rash act on the ground that he had got wet and was hanging himself up to dry.

On the 21st of July two young ladies at Shelburne Falls, Mass., took a painful shower from a large drift which had been sheltered by boards and shavings near a sawmill. It was as light and clear as the winter article.

An honest old lady in the country, when told of her husband's death, exclaimed, "Well, I do declare, our troubles never come single! It ain't a week since I lost my best hen, and now Mr. Hall has gone, too, poor man!"

One of the fashionable churches of New York, which tried to draw a crowd by having handsome young ladies act as ushers, has been laughed out of practice. The church got to be known by the name of the church of the holy waiter girls.

They have now at Saratoga a young lady possessing eight trunks of Parisian toilet, and \$10,000 in rings, ear-rings, brooches, necklaces and other ornaments. Five years ago, this fair demurelle resided over her father's drug shop in Sixth avenue, New York.

A constable pursued a thief, who took refuge on a stump in a swamp, and pulled up after him the rail on which he went out. The constable made the following return:

"Sightable—conversible—non-estimate-at-able—in swampum—an stumpum—raillo."

An inebriated individual fell down a flight of stairs, headlong, and a bystander thinking him seriously injured, ran to pick him up, but the man majestically staggered to his feet, and in response to the proffered aid, roared out: "Now you jest lemme 'lone. Wan' no slobberin' aroun' me. I allus come down stairs that way!"

Grafton and Thompson, two neighbors in Brooklyn, are in litigation, because the former will disturb the latter by holding most enthusiastic Methodist prayers in his house, calling upon the Lord as if he were afar off. Thompson has withdrawn his suit, much to the chagrin of the former, who was delighted at the prospect of a little martyrdom.

Somebody says: "Save all your old newspapers; when you get enough for the purpose, make a poster as for putting on the wall, and lay them down, one by one; paste them on until your floor is covered; then let it dry; lay down another in the same way. When again dry, get some wall paper of a suitable color; paste this all over it; when dry, give the surface a nice coat of varnish, and you have a nice covering for your floor. It wears as long as a carpet, and looks as well as oil cloth."

A somewhat conceited clergyman, who was more celebrated for the length of his sermons than for their eloquence, once asked Archdeacon Hale what he thought of one just preached.

"Well, sir," replied the brusque doctor, "I liked one passage extremely well."

"Indeed, doctor. Pardon me for asking which passage you refer to?"

"Well, my dear sir," replied the Archdeacon, "the passage I refer to was that from the pulpit to the vestry room."

Race horse riders in the United States are, it is stated, not allowed to weigh more than 124 pounds each. When one gets beyond this point, he is reduced. The diet is then very plain, being crackers eaten without water; and when he desires to get in order quickly for a tain race, he has to put on during certain hours a sweating costume which is made for the purpose. It consists of a hood which covers the face and excludes the air, with glasses to permit the use of the eyes. To this is added a jacket heavily padded, and pants of similar character (in some cases eight folds in thickness) and fastened at the ankles with elastic. In these the victim exercises violently, until he is profusely sweating, after which he is stripped and rubbed with whisky. Ten dollars a pound is charged by the sweater.

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