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BREVITIES.

Grizzly bears are killing cattle in

Santa Cruz County, California.

Ladies and Indians paint their faces.

Extremes meet—civilization and barbarism.

Riding hogs through the streets is

adopted out West as a preparatory practice

for managing a velocipede.

It is stated that there are already three

thousand steam plows at work in Eng-

land, some of them with stationary en-

gines capable of driving from three to

six plows each.

"Where are you going?" asked a gen-

tleman of an acquaintance. "To see a

friend." "Then I should like to go

with you, for I never saw one yet."

An Irishman being asked why he re-

fused to pay a doctor's bill, said: "Sure

he didn't give me anything but some

emetics, and devil a one would lay on

me stumblin'."

A young lady having admitted that

she would like a good match, a notori-

ous scamp offered himself. "No, thank

you," replied the girl, "I did not mean

a Lucifer match."

A man in Milwaukee was imprisoned

for cruelly beating his wife. Poking

his nose through the cell bars, he ejacu-

lated, "I thank God I'm not locked up

for any mean, dirty crime, like getting

drunk."

Some one wishing to be witty on a

gentleman with a large mouth, asked

him if "he had a long lease of that

mouth of his?" when he was good hum-

oredly answered, "No, I have it only

from year to year."

"How rapidly they build houses

now," said a gentleman to an acquain-

tance, as he pointed to a neat two-story

house; "they commenced that building

last week, and they are already putting

in the lights." "Yes," rejoined his

friend, "and next week they will put in

the liver."

We can proudly challenge the State,

says the Visalia (Cal.) Delta, to produce

anything equal to what we were shown

last week. White sheared one sheep,

from which he got a splendid fleece of

wool weighing thirty-five pounds.

Carothers sheared one, from which he

got forty pounds. Johnson sheared one

of his ewes, and got forty-two pounds

of wool of a superior quality.

A story is told of a captain who went

into a grocery where there were a lot of

loungers, and no one offered him a seat.

Knowing everything about the grocery

he went behind the counter, and selz-

ing a keg marked powder, threw it up

on the fire, exclaiming: "Gentlemen,

it's my opinion we've lived long

enough." The way they left the store

was a caution to ground and lofty tum-

bling. Of course the keg was empty.

The emigrating population of Ireland

is about exhausted, while that of Ger-

many is an ever-flowing fountain. Last

year the German emigrants to the

United States numbered 140,000, while

the Irish emigrants were only 48,000.

These are decreasing every year, but

the numbers from Germany are increas-

ing constantly. Ten millions more

can come from the countries where

German is spoken, not only without

depopulating them, but with almost as

much advantage to the countries they

leave as to that to which they come, so

abundant is the population there com-

pared with the land, and so sparse is it

here over our immense territory.

A duel, which two Parisian editor-

were about to fight, at the Bois de Vinc-

ennes, was brought to an unexpected

close by the arrival of their wives at the

dueling grounds. The two ladies had

heard of the affair of honor that was

pending between their liege lords, and

being acquainted with one another, had

agreed to prevent the duel. So they

dressed in the deepest mourning and

reached the grounds at the very moment

when their husbands were ready to cross

swords. When the two duellists saw

their wives in mourning, cries of surprise

burst from their lips. "Go on," said

the ladies to them; "go on with your

mad purpose; we merely wanted to

show you what you are about to make

of us." Of course the duel was not

fought. The editors shook hands and

swore to be friends. The whole affair

wound up with a merry breakfast at the

Chateau de Fleurs, where the waiters

were at loss to understand how the

ladies who dressed in such deep mourn-

ing could be so exceedingly gay.

"All dem passengers as has not settled

their passage will please step up to de

captain's office and settle."

There were many passengers, and of

course, as usual, a great crowd gathered

around the "captain's office," each quiet-

ly awaiting his turn to pay. Suddenly

a tall, robust young man elbowed his

way through the mass of people up to

the window and, stretching out his

money to the clerk, said, in a very loud

tone:

"Take my fare, sir?"

"What name, sir?" said the clerk, as

he received the bill.

"Captain Victor Henry Digamma, sir,

Captain Digamma and lady, of the You-

nited States Army, sir," was the reply,

in a very pompous, condescending voice.

This was rather too much for our ac-

quaintance, the horse dealer. He

passed rudely through the crowd, and

loudly addressed the clerk, while the

captain of the "army" yet stood by,

and the people seemed to be thinking

whether to laugh him or not.

"Take my fare, sir?"

"What name, sir?" inquired the

clerk, meekly.

"Korp'ril John Barstow, sir, Korp'ril

John Barstow and horses, sir," of the

Connecticut militia, sir," was his an-

swer, delivered in a most comically

pompous tone.

How blank that army captain looked,

and what a good natured crowd that

was immediately after his answer, only

those can understand whose imagination

can picture reality. They laughed

consummately.

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