

BREVITIES.

The railroad schedule time from Sacramento to New York is 7 days, to St. Louis 5 days, and to Chicago 5 days and 7 hours.

George Francis Train says that he is not rich, but his wife owns 6,000 lots in Omaha, and will, if she lives long enough, be one of the richest women in America.

A school where the Grecian bend is taught and practiced, at so much a lesson, with instructions in deportment thrown in, has been opened in Madison Avenue.

A man at Sandwich advertised through the Gazette for a girl, and the next day one came along, weighing about eight pounds, with which the family were well pleased.

The cost of an English lady of the period, as she appears at a ball or a theatre, is reckoned at about fifteen thousand dollars, exclusive of the value of the lady herself.

The Republic of Cuba is to be divided into four States; to have one Legislature, by whom the President is to be elected; citizens over 21 years of age are to have the right to vote; religious and civil liberty are to be guaranteed.

Certain discoveries made in Tennessee, in caves and mounds, of human remains, prove that the Western aborigines interred the bones of the dead only. The flesh they did not consign to tombs. How did they destroy it? They evidently did not consume it with fire.

The Jackson (Michigan) Citizen records the death, near that place, of Mrs. Anna Gregory, at the age of one hundred and eleven years and eight months. She was born in Dutchess County, New York, in 1757, and her maiden name was Ann Knickerbocker.

The old blacksmith gave utterance to the teachings of a wise and wide observation of men and things when he responded to the attorney who urged him to bring a suit for slander: "Young man! I can hammer out a better character on my anvil in six days than I could get in the courts in six years."

Some Chicago divines have been recently delivering discourses upon "Hell." The theme of one was the "Rational Hell," and of the other the "Orthodox Hell." Both agree in repudiating the old idea of hell, but cannot absolutely agree upon any other idea of that institution, although both concede that "hell" is rather a result of character and mind than a place of physical torture.

A petite blue-eyed maiden, who was nursing her fifth Christmas doll, and listening to her mother and some female friends talking about domestic broils and divorces, created rather a pleasant sensation by remarking, "Well, ma, I'm never going to marry! I'm going to be a widow."

A city exquisite having become agriculturally ambitious, went in search of a farm, and finding one for sale, began to bargain for it. The seller mentioned as one of the farm's recommendations, that it had a very cold spring on it. "An-aw," said the fop, "I won't take it, then, for I've heard that a cold spring ruined the crops last year, and I don't want a place with such a drawback upon it."

We are informed that a gentleman who has given considerable attention to the cultivation of the mulberry and producing silk, kept a cash account last year of the expense and yield from the worms fed upon three trees, which were three years old. The yield in eggs from the flies fed upon three trees was \$303, and the entire expense \$25. The feeding of the worms is more a pastime than labor, and the eggs can be readily sold for exportation. The California eggs bring the very highest prices on account of their being free from disease.

A somewhat novel Sunday evening entertainment was recently given at the National Theatre in Washington. It consisted of readings by James E. Murdoch, of "Scriptural and Sacred Literature," commencing with Addison's hymn, "When all thy mercies, oh, my God," and concluding with a reading of the Lord's Prayer. Various Bible stories were read in connection with poems upon the same subjects. A large audience seemed highly pleased with the whole programme.

In Chinese conversation etiquette requires that each should compliment the other, and everybody belonging to him, in the big hearty is, and deprecates himself with all pertaining to him, to the lowest possible point. The following is an example: "What is your honorable name?" "My insignificant appellation is Chang."

"Where is your magnificent palace?" "My contemptible hut is in Luchan."

"How many are your illustrious children?" "My vile, worthless brats are five."

"How is the health of your distinguished spouse?" "My mean good-for-nothing old woman is well."

"I cannot." So answered a boy when directed by a rich merchant to write what was not true to a customer. "Why not?" asked the merchant angrily. "Because it would not be true, sir," was the firm, but respectful answer.

"I hope you will always be as particular," replied the merchant, turning upon his heel, and going away. "What do you suppose happened to the boy? Lost his place? No. The merchant was too shrewd to turn away one who would not write a lying letter. He knew the value of such a youth, and instead of sending him away, made him his confidential clerk."

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