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BREVITIES.

Everybody loves the virtuous, whereas

the vicious do scarce love one another.

A bad hat, taken to an evening party,

frequently comes out next day as good as new.

A drunken fellow in Knoxville, Tenn.,

passed his two hundred dollar set of false teeth for drinks of whiskey.

A witty French writer says that a kiss is

at once the cheapest and dearest thing in the world.

An iron will, a silver voice, plenty of

rather than a little of each, are to meet with golden opinions.—*July.*

Rev. Mr. Paddock, of Genesee, N. Y.,

recently preached a sermon to children, composed wholly of words of one syllable.

The House of Representatives of Maine

has passed a bill permitting women over twenty-five years old to vote at Presidential elections.

A well known comic writer says he would

rather have a windmill every two years regularly, than to be a lonely, miserable old bachelor for ninety days.

"Miserable liars," "malignant humors,"

"filthy papers" and "lying old men," are some of the terms of endearment employed by the Cincinnati editors towards each other.

Vienna seems to be the favorite city for

pleasure-seekers in Europe. The past winter has been remarkable for the number and excellence of its public amusements.

A party of gypsies were in Danbury recently.

The News says, "Those people appear to think a good deal of their native land; they carry it around with them."

"Walter, didn't I order ham and eggs?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, where is the ham?"

"Under the egg, sir, under the egg."

"Which of the Pelee Islands are you from?"

asked a visitor of one of Barnum's cannibals the other day. "Tipperary, be-lieve me," was the reply of the ravenous anthropophagite.

Within the last six years drunkenness

has greatly decreased in Sweden, and one great cause of this admirable reformation is said to be the substitution of Friday for Saturday as pay day.

"Say, Jones, what's the matter with your eyes?"

"Oh! nothing; but my wife said this morning I'd better get up and light the fire. I told her to make it herself. That's all."

"I can speak several different languages,"

said a convict, as he entered a reformatory. "I can speak English, French, and two or three others."

A temperance lecturer, being seen coming

out of a tavern, wiping his mouth, exclaimed: "I have just been drinking."

A Rochester lady says that the mortality

among the Jews must be unusually great this year. Every time that she asks her recreation her husband finds that he is obliged to attend a brother's funeral.

"Why, I should, I thought you got married

more than a year ago?" "Well, Aunt Jerusha, it was talked of, but I found out that the girl and all her folks were opposed to it, and so I just gave 'em on the mitten, and let the thing drop."

A man just returned to Omaha, from the

Black Hills, characterizes the recent gold discovery sensation as the worst sell he ever saw. It is a bogus excitement, designed to attract the immigration of such persons as must remain there.

A gentleman in the vicinity of Philadelphia

recently lost his wife, and a young man of 21, who came to the funeral, said to his little daughter of about the same age: "Your pa will marry again, won't he?" "Yes, yes," she replied; "but not until after the funeral."

Mrs. Dorothea Gabriel of No. 44 Essex

street, New York, makes the following announcement in a German newspaper: "As my husband and I have been married on the 11th of this month, I ask him now to return within three days, and bring back all the things belonging to me. If he fails to do this I shall consider myself divorced."

"What time is it, my dear?" asked a wife

of her husband, whom she suspected of being drunk, and was doing his best to look sober.

"Well, my darling, I can't tell, 'cause

you see, there are two hands on my watch, and each points to a different figure, and I don't know which to believe."

Said a tipsy husband to his wife: "I was

with that first fellow, and he told me to do forbidden things."

"That won't do," retorted the indulgent

wife. "Women may have first tempted men to do forbidden things, but he took to drinking of his own accord."

Vevay, Ind., has been enjoying a first class

sensation in the shape of a pious old man who moved there from Louisville, brought a farm, built a church and employed a preacher, all at his own expense. On the night of the 22nd of February, a couple of detectives from Philadelphia made their appearance in the burg, and the pious old man was arrested on the charge of obtaining goods to the value of \$10,000 on false pretenses, and committing forgery for \$5,000 more.

Out of every ten young men who begin

the use of stimulants as a social exhilaration, there are perhaps five in whose brains, cooled in after years, to be the deadly

friend of their lives, or agonies—with whom the struggle is like that of Lacocon with the hideous Python. Yet songs, and garlands, and poetry exult in the wine-cup,

and ridicule and contumely are reserved for him who fears to touch it.

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.)

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CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE.

From the Committee of Ways

and Means reported back the Chicago relief bill, and intimated that he would

allow no amendments to be offered, except excluding lumber from its operation.

Farwell offered that amendment,

which was agreed to without division, and the Senate amendment, as thus

modified, was concurred in. The concurrence of the Senate in the modification is all that is now necessary before the bill is sent to the President for his signature.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, 29.—A delegation from

Texas, headed by Senator Hamilton, waited on the President this morning

in relation to the Mexican depredations on the frontier. The delegation represented that recently a party of forty

regular Mexican troops, in uniform, crossed the Rio Grande at a point above

Brownsville, arrested the U. S. customs inspector with a number of citizens, and held them till they had crossed into

Mexico and driven off five or six hundred stolen cattle. The further they

represented that the depredations on stock alone, by raiders from Mexico into

Texas, in the last six years, will reach six to ten million dollars, and the system of brands proving in Texas will

enable the sufferers to establish legitimate claims against Mexico from the various county records.

The President replied that the subject

has been one of frequent communications to Mexico, which would no doubt

willingly afford relief, but seemed powerless while internal revolutions are going on in the northern States of Mexico. The commercial basis of the question was then discussed, and it was suggested that the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, prohibiting the clearance

of vessels from points above Brownsville, was a virtual blockade of the Rio

Grande, and therefore illegal. The President took notice of the conversation, and promised to bring all the questions before the cabinet.

The delegation afterwards called on

the Secretary of the Treasury, on the commercial question involved. He admitted that the order in regard to vessels clearing above Brownsville was

illegal, and unless made the subject of an executive order the order from the Treasury Department would be

revoked. Before the committee to investigate

the navy affairs, Robeson said he could not by counsel be present at all the

meetings, and insisted that the accusation assume some definite shape, and that his accuser, who had not scrupled

to advance him before the public, should be called on first to make the charges good or abjure them under oath. If he

should establish the definite charges he has made, it would make it necessary for the committee to go forth; if he failed to sustain them by oath and

witnesses, he would stand before the committee a convicted and wretched liar.

He said he was desirous to present to the committee proof of the charges, as well as others in regard to the administration of the navy department.

After conversation among the members, Peters offered this resolution:

"Resolved, that the resolution of the committee heretofore adopted, allowing the editor of the New York Sun to appear with counsel and examine witnesses, is not to be construed to extend beyond the effort to sustain the charges against the Secretary of the Navy contained in the article heretofore published in that paper." The resolution was adopted, Sargent alone objecting.

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vanity and pride of purse. The tide of

prosperity, like all other tides, had its

limit, and then came the ebb. For this

he was not prepared, and bankruptcy

followed. Some months ago I saw his

shattered and exhausted countenance

and his frail form standing in the porch

of what once was his palace of pharmacy.

He looked dazed and dreamy,

like one who hardly woke to the reality.

Now he is in Europe, seeking restoration

of health. It is more than probable

that he will return in his coffin. I

have seen this thing repeated more

than once. I remember the "patent

medicine Comstocks," and their grand

equipage, who after their failure were

due time followed by Sarsaparilla

Townsend, who made a great fortune

and then likewise came out poor. Now

we have Helmbold to point a moral and

adorn a tale. As for Townsend, his

profits on very deep enabled him to

build a palace in the Fifth avenue, and

after his failure it was purchased by

Seward, who pulled it down in order

to make room for his palace. Thus the

butterflies of success come and go,

while the moral of the scene is thus

gathered by.—*Ex.*

RECLAMATION OF ALKALI SOILS.

The first step in the progress of reclama-

tion should be drainage by ditches.

A good rule would be to make the

drains of sufficient depth to take away

all the water completely as low as three

feet. It is impossible to lay down rules

applicable to all places or the distance

the drains should be made from each

other, so much must depend upon the

quantity of water to be removed during

the rainy season and the descent or fall

to carry it off. These are matters left

to the intelligent cultivator, consequent

upon circumstances.

Without drainage these soils can rarely

be plowed and worked properly as

early as they ought. An excess of water

in the soil renders it very difficult and

often impossible to work, prevents the

access of the air, and reduces the tem-

perature of the soil. Underdraining

may well be called a short-hand way of

virtually subsoiling, or plowing the

ground three feet deep instead of ten

inches or less, for by reducing the

general water level in the soil, especially

if inclined to be wet, it increases

its power both of absorption and attrac-

tion, and as very deep plowing would

do. There is no branch of agricultural

industry that will do so much towards

a solution of this question, and I am

satisfied the result will be in the high-

est degree valuable and important.

The question whether the drainage

and reclamation of these soils will pay,

in the variety of cases, is a question

and some of a strictly local character,

and which must be considered by those

who propose to undertake it. There

are considerations connected with this

subject which are not to be measured

by a pecuniary standard—I mean, for

example, such as refer to the health</