

BREVITIES

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Kerosene oil is said to be an effective antidote to the poison of a bee-sting.

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A little girl named Katie Pitt has received a premium in Platte county, Mo., for committing to memory 12,657 verses of the Bible.

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A man in New York has invented a rat-trap, which kills the animal instantly, throws its body in the air, and sets itself for another victim.

Mrs. Caroline Dall is in favor of keeping women out of public life till after they are forty years old, "when their private and public duties need never conflict."

The fluid extract of lobelia, when applied to mosquito bites, entirely and almost instantly puts an end to their itching. It can be obtained of any druggist.

The American champion drinker is Mrs. Mulligan, who recently testified in a New York police court that she "wud drink vishky agin lager wid any man, and carry him to the stahin house as sober as a policeman—so she wud."

Slaves, in the West Indies, steal rum by inserting the long neck of a bottle full of water, through the bung of a cask, the heavy water falls out of the bottle, and rum, the lighter matter, takes its place. After this who can say that the "Sambos" are not acquainted with science.

A shopkeeper of Perth shot himself with a pistol, having previously written to a friend that "Life is insupportable. I adore my wife, but she has grown so stout, she that was of so ravishing a figure when I married her."

A printer, who employed a number of female compositors, lately inquired of a friend if he had "any daughters who would make good typesetters?" To which his acquaintance replied, "No; but I have a wife who would make an excellent devil."

An old Scotchman of Boston used to say: "I'm open to conviction; but I'd like to see the man that can convince me." Old Minister Wells, the predecessor of the Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Braintree, Mass., himself a Scotchman, used to say: "It behooveth a Scotchman to be right; for if he be wrong, he will be forever and eternally wrong."

A six-year-old boy was asked by his teacher to write a composition on the subject of water, and the following is the production: "Water is good to drink, to swim in, and to skate on when frozen. When I was a little baby the nurse used to bathe me every morning in water. I have been told that the Indians don't wash themselves but once in ten years. I wish I was an Injun!"

Among the superstitions of the Seneca Indians, is one of singular beauty. When a maiden dies they imprison a young bird until it first begins to try its power of song, and then, loading it with caresses, they loose it over her grave, in the belief that it will not fold its wings nor close its eyes until it has flown to the spirit-land, and delivered its precious burden of affection to the loved and lost.

A very cool person was that English noble, who, in a frightful railway accident, missed his train. One of the guards came up and said: "My lord, we have found your servant but he is cut in two." "Ah, is he," said the young man, "with a Dundreary draw, but with some anxiety depicted on his countenance. 'Will you be so good as to see in which half he has the key of my carpet-bag?'"

The water of a cistern near Nashville having acquired a singular flavor, some of it was analyzed by two young physicians, who gave to its opinion that a stream of pure chalybeate water had burst through the walls of the cistern, and changed the taste of its contents. All the people in that neighborhood were well satisfied as to the decision, and continued using it. Recently the cistern was cleaned out, and the chalybeate was found to come from dead cats. The people have not now as much confidence as they had in the "science" of the young students.

Reading the glowing annals of English sporting life, one discovers that there were "walkists" in the last century, as well as in this. Pedestrians used to undergo a course of treatment that the constitution of a horse would scarcely be able to bear. First physis was administered in huge and frequent doses, then followed "wrestling down," until, instead of elastic muscles and cheerful activity, the "trainee" looked weary and downcast, and quite incapable of a "spurt." Then the pinch came. One of the latest of the last-century-walking celebrities was Foster Powell, a Yorkshireman, and an attorney's clerk in the New Inn. His fleetness of foot first became known when he performed a journey of 494 miles in six days. In 1775 he performed a similar journey for a wager of one hundred guineas, making still quicker time, and covering on the first day 68 miles, on the second 72, on the third 69, on the fourth 65, on the fifth 64, and on the sixth 66. In November, 1776, he attempted to run two miles in ten minutes but failed by thirty seconds. He made still quicker time on several occasions afterward, and would certainly have been a formidable competitor for the pedestrians of to-day, if he had not been born a few years later.

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