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BREVITIES.

Oberlin has eleven hundred students. Alcohol is said to be a sure cure for mushroom poison.

Halifax folks won't have smoking on the streets.

Blue is the favorite color of the Madrid ladies since the revolution.

Thirty-five bushels to the acre is the English wheat average.

A political skyrocket singed a girl's curls off in New Haven the other night.

One green tattered dress pattern contains arsenic enough to kill three men.

The average life of American mechanics is estimated at 46 years.

In the northern part of Maine, settled by French emigrants from Canada, there are no schools.

Kangaroos have increased to such an extent in South Australia that they starve out the sheep.

The Erie railway company have laid down over 9,000 tons of steel rails within the last few months.

The pet bear on Boston Common killed and breakfasted on one of the deer not long ago.

One-fifth of the West Point graduates in the late war were killed in battle and one in three were wounded.

"Why," says a Southern paper, "is a certain judge hereabouts like necessity? Because he knows no law."

A farmer in Reese River Valley raised wheat the past season which yielded 122,203 bushels per acre.

Maintain dignity without the appearance of pride; manner is something to everybody, and everything to some.

An unfinished picture of Michael Angelo has been purchased in Rome, by the National Gallery in London, for \$2,000.

Be guarded in discourse, attentive, and slow to speak. Be not forward to assign reasons to those who have no right to ask.

General Grant will have control of fifty-three thousand offices and officers, whose annual compensation amounts to \$30,000,000.

It is fifty years since the first steam boat on the lakes left Buffalo. She was named after an Indian chief, "Walk-in-the-water."

Some friends of Miss Alice Carey have made her a present of \$1,000. The money was presented through Mr. Greeley.

Speaking of the exit of the "White Fawn," the St. Paul Dispatch says the girls of the ballet were "barefooted up to the neck."

A writer to the Methodist Protestant tried to say that "Scotland is a land of heather." The printer made it "Scot-land is a land of heathen."

It is not until the flower has fallen off that the fruit begins to ripen. So in life—it is when the romance is past that the practical usefulness begins.

American millers are invited through four diplomatic officers, to take part in a great fair, to be held in Leipzig, Germany, next May.

The attempt to collect a debt of \$20,000, in Red Rock, Iowa, the other day, resulted in the debtor being wounded in four places and the creditor having his head gashed.

Fretting is a perpetual confession of weakness. It says "I want to and I can't," and is like a little dog pawing and whining at a door because he can't get in.

It is said that a poor German mechanic in New York has just invented a sounding board which solves the long sought problem of the prolongation of sound in the piano.

Mrs. Ernestine L. Rose presents her remedy for infanticide, which among other things, proposes to make the father of illegitimate children recognize such children as legitimate; of course compelling them to do so by law.

Two American companies are at work in the petroleum districts in the north of Italy. Sufficient money has been subscribed to test the matter thoroughly as to the extent of the existence of petroleum, which is now found in considerable quantities.

The Island of Jersey, off the coast of France, but belonging to Great Britain, has become celebrated for its crop of early potatoes. The land is manured to an extraordinary degree with seaweed, stable manure and Peruvian guano to force the potatoes forward. The crop is sent to the London market early and obtains so great a price that an acre of early potatoes is valued at \$800.

They have just received a watch in Cincinnati from Geneva, which shows on its dial the month and date of the same, the days of the week, and changes of the moon, besides the hours, minutes and seconds. It is also a self-winder, or keyless watch and repeater, striking the hours, quarters and minutes, yet its interior arrangements are exceedingly simple. Two years were consumed, however in its construction.

The United States Land Commissioner states that the public lands donated to railroad companies by the United States approximate one hundred and eighty-six millions of acres. This is equal to a territory of two hundred and eighty-two thousand eight hundred and twelve and a half square miles. Larger than the immense State of Texas. Larger than California, New York and Pennsylvania combined; and almost as large as the present combined territory of the thirteen original States. This is what we would call a pretty good-sized Rail-road Empire.

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