

BREVITIES.

A social glass to which ladies are addicted—the mirror.
A Broadway policeman is six feet nine inches in length.
Five counties in Wisconsin have sixty-two breweries among them.

Henry De Barger of Trenton, N. J., aged 74, is cutting a new set of teeth.
"My boy, what does your mother do for a living?" was asked of a little barefooted urchin. "She eats cold victuals, sir."

At Kew Observatory, near London, the sun's photograph is taken once or twice every day when the sky will permit.

Garibaldi's new work is described as being "one long bitter, furious attack on priests and priestcraft."

An inland young lady wishes to know who the Egrossing Bill at the State House is, of which she sees so frequent mention in the legislative reports.

The man who discovered that Paducah is a corruption of Pat Dugan, the name of its first settler, has just ascertained that Dictator is the short for Richard Potatoes.

Philadelphia has a "Day Nursery," where on an average twenty-three children per week are taken care of and fed while their mothers go out to work.

English publishers retaliate for American piracy of their great authors' works by reprinting Cobb and Buntline in penny volumes.

The following advertisement is published in a country paper: "Wanted.—A young man wishes to obtain board in some respectable private family, where his moral deportment and example will be considered sufficient remuneration."

Some of the towns in Ohio are holding "hard-time balls," the invitations being printed on brown paper, and everybody wearing his old clothes.

A little girl was recently choked in Toledo, Ohio, by a straw that she had swallowed, and which had lodged in her throat in such a way that it could not be got out.

The pains of a noble soul are like the May-frosts of a life—a spring follows them. The pains of the wicked are the frosts of autumn—they precede the punishment of winter.

Little Johnny was being catechized by his brother, who asked him what he was made of. Johnny replied: "You and me and papa are made of dust, and mamma and sister are made of men's wigs."

The following recipe will preserve all kinds of grain and garden seeds from the ravages of cut-worms, birds, etc. One pound sulphate of iron, one pound of aloes. Dissolve in water heated from 90° to 95°, and pour over one bushel of grain, and in a similar proportion for a greater or less quantity.

A prize of a silver watch was offered in Birmingham, Pa., one night recently, to the individual bringing the largest number of ladies to a ball. There were several aspirants. One brought 36, another 52, another 54, and another 87. The last mentioned gentleman was awarded the watch.

A very simple but infallible test of life or death is to hold in a dark room the hand of the actual or apparent corpse toward a flame. If the subject is not dead, then the fingers, especially the outlines of them, will appear transparent with a rosy hue; but if life is extinct the hand will cover the light like a hand of marble, and be sharply relieved against the rays of the flame.

B. H. Baldwin, of Bergen county, New Jersey, says: "When cows are fed on turnips or cabbage, the taste may be prevented in the butter by adding about four tablespoonfuls of a solution of saltpetre (1 oz. to the pint of water) to the cream pot before putting in any cream, and stirring thoroughly each time cream be added."

It is related in Harrisburg that Governor Major General John W. Geary was recently invited to address the children of a public school, and in alluding to Washington's birthday, put the following question: "Now, boys, why should we celebrate Washington's birthday any more than mine?" In the midst of profound silence a little fellow at the foot of the class rose and said: "Because he never told a lie."

Conversation calls out into light what has been lodged in all the recesses and secret chambers of the soul. By occasional hints and incidents, it brings old useful notions into remembrance; it unfolds and displays the hidden treasure of knowledge with which reading, observation and study have before furnished the mind. By mutual discourse the soul is awakened and allured to bring forth its hoards of knowledge, and it learns how to render them most useful to mankind. A man of vast reading, without conversation, is like a miser, who lives only for himself.

Councillor Lamb, an old man when Lord Erskine was in the height of his reputation, was a man of timid manners and nervous disposition, and usually prefaced his pleadings with an apology to that effect. On one occasion, when opposed to Erskine, he remarked that he "felt himself growing more and more timid as he grew older." "No wonder," replied the witty but relentless barrister, "every one knows that the older a lamb grows the more sheepish he becomes."

The winter in Europe has been very rich in the presentation of extraordinary atmospheric phenomena. In the Southern Alps the month of October was very cold. In Galicia, Russia and Poland the severe frosts did not begin till the middle of January. Sweden and Norway have had (February 16) hardly any winter, while Spain and Italy were suffering from cold. On the 5th of February the thermometer stood at 19° at Cracow, 21° at Lemberg, 20° at Warsaw, 19° at Posen, 15° at Danzig, 13° at Breslau, 6° at Vienna, 17° at Konigsberg, 22° at St. Petersburg, 25° at Moscow, 2° at Stockholm, and 2° at Trieste. Within a few days the cold increased to 24° at Cracow, so that the schools had to be closed.

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