

## NEWS NOTES.

The small-pox is spreading rapidly in New York city, and is said to be more than ordinarily virulent.

Out in Kansas they call unmarried females with progeny, "grass-hopper widows."

The French government intend to keep carrier pigeons in the various fortresses of the country, and have just obtained 400 of the best Belgian broods.

Eight regiments of cavalry, twelve batteries of artillery, and twenty-eight regiments of infantry will take part in the military manoeuvres at Aldershot this year.

Charles H. Holmes is the tallest man in New England. He stands six feet eight inches high and lives in Topshfield, Maine—a very appropriate name for his place of residence.

An organ grinder in London had a standing engagement with a neighbor of Mr. Holman Hunt, of London, to grind her some music every day, but Mr. Holman prosecuted him and the judge fined him 20 shillings.

The recent doubling of the President's salary, through what is known as the back-pay grab law of March, 1873, has not been recovered from; and although it is beyond repeal or reduction during the present term of the President, we may expect to see a fierce agitation in the next campaign in favor of putting back the salary of the Executive to the old basis.—*Cincinnati Commercial*.

A fish dealer at Stoke-upon-Trent, England, has been charged with exposing unwholesome fish for sale. Mr. R. Steele, sanitary inspector, deposed to seeing the defendant with 750 herrings and seventy mackerel, which were unfit for food. They were seized, condemned, and destroyed. The defendant was told he had rendered himself liable to a penalty of £16, 400, but he was only fined about a half-penny per fish, 35s. and costs—altogether £3. 17s. 6d.

The decorations of the central refreshment room in the South Kensington Museum, says the *London Times*, were designed to resist all dirt and impurities incident to a public room where food is eaten by an average of 10,000 persons a week. The walls and columns are of majolica, the floor is paved, and the ceilings are of iron enamelled. The whole gives an impression of perfect cleanliness, and every part might be washed down by a fire-engine weekly, if necessary.

Wild Arabs and Africans enjoy nothing better than a full meal of locusts, which are only another and uglier-looking variety of insects, living on the same food as grasshoppers. The true son of the forest regards these repulsive creatures as his best windfall—as veritable manna from heaven. If he were living in Nebraska, Kansas or Missouri, he would let the crops go into the grasshopper and then put the grasshopper into himself, and be thankful for the blessing.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce*.

The Black Hills adventurer who refused when arrested with his party to give his parole not to enter the forbidden country again, finally obtained the opinion of the Attorney General that there is no law to punish criminally an American citizen for going upon the Black Hills reservation until after he has been once removed. The military have the right to remove him from the reservation, but he cannot be punished criminally by the courts. A foreigner is liable for a first trespass to a penalty of \$1,000, so is a citizen who makes a settlement or attempts a survey.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce*.

A hundred years of independence of Great Britain is not the only or the principal thing to be rejoiced over next year. Mexico will before long have a hundred years of independence to boast of, and so will Guatemala. It is the results of independence that it is proposed to celebrate, and if the theory of the condition of the South which some of our benevolent friends at the North have been recently urging on our acceptance were correct—viz., that it was inhabited in part by ignorant and helpless Africans, and in the remainder by ferocious white robbers and assassins—the American Union would hardly be a phenomena for civilized men to be glad over.—*The Nation, Ind.*

## BREVITIES.

A Philadelphia man belongs to fifty-three secret societies, and is consequently in processions most of the time.

Cheerfulness makes the mind clearer, gives tone to thought, and adds grace and beauty to the countenance.

When Sheridan was asked at an amateur play which performer he liked best, he replied, "The prompter; for I saw less and heard more of him than of any one else."

A Cincinnati woman tried to reach the bottom of the stairs ahead of a cask of vinegar, and the surgeon who fixed up her broken bones says she might try for a thousand years and get beaten every time.

With one of the new style "Longfellow" waistcoats and a pair of reasonably high shoes, a man requires no other clothing in warm weather, except, of course, a hat.—*Boston Globe*.

Julia Ward Howe declares, with considerable feeling, that what married women want is "more rest." Julia Ward Howe is a married woman, and if she'd only take what she wants, we'd all have a rest.

A young man in Grass Valley commenced to read a paragraph about a mine to his sweetheart, commencing: "Yuba Mine"—when she interrupted him with: "I don't care if I do, John."

The *Irish World* says it isn't right for preachers to accumulate wealth. This may be true enough; but what we want to know is whether it is right for editors to accumulate wealth. If it is we want to begin to "accumulate."—*Ec.*

An important work has been published in England, which, as announced, contains "sixty-nine engravings, either from wood or metal, twelve of which bear inscriptions representing scenes of Christian mythology, figures of patriarchs, saints, devils and other dignitaries of the church."

A queer bird has made its appearance about Ithaca, N. Y., which is denounced as the "canary killer," from the fact that it seems to be the deadly enemy of canaries. It is a large bird something like a hawk, and possesses a long beak, which it darts into the cages as it flies against them; and the canary is either struck by it and killed, or drops down from fright.

As long as cold pork and beans was the universal Sunday dish of church-going New England, her orthodoxy was as unquestionable as that of Calvin or John Knox. Neither the cloudy metaphysics of the Germanized philosophers nor the cold creed of Unitarianism stood any chance in New England as long as pork and beans was the domestic representative of the New England Sunday. Since it has retreated to the rural districts, and it is to be found only in historical farm houses and at cross roads, where the innovations of this age of wickedness are hardly heard of, orthodoxy has declined.—*Cincinnati Commercial*.

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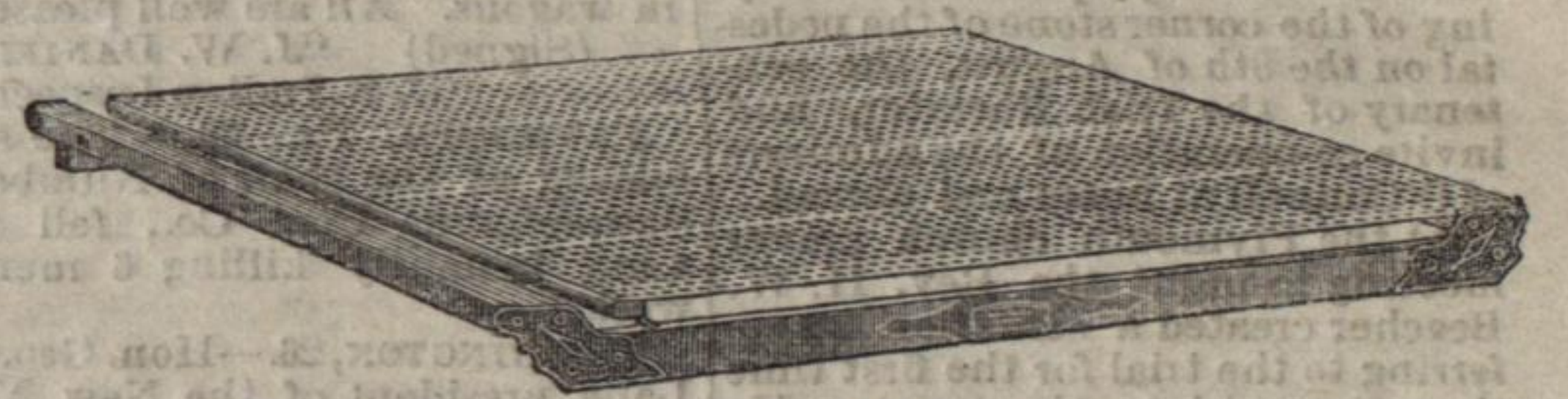
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