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BRIVITIES

"This is capital ale," said an old
"see how long it keeps its head!"

A wag remarks that he has seen a
"pair of sisters who had to be told
everything together, for they were so
ignorant that they couldn't be told
apart."

Two Irishmen were in prison, the one
for stealing a cow, the other for stealing
a watch.
"Hollo, Mike, what o'clock is it?"
"and the cow stealer to the other."
"and sure, Pat, I haven't any time-
piece handy, but I think it is most
talking time."

While an ignorant lecturer was de-
scribing the nature of gas, a blue-stock-
ing lady inquired of a gentleman near
her what was the difference between
oxygen and hydrogen? "Very little,"
"namely," said he, "by oxygen, we
mean pure gin, and by hydrogen, gin
and water."

A California Chinaman, having been
shown by his mistress how to make a
pudding containing three eggs, but hav-
ing seen her throw one bad egg away,
continued for months after, whenever
he made the pudding, to use four eggs,
regularly breaking, examining, and
throwing one away as he had seen her
do."

The engineers of France and England
have pronounced against the scheme of
a tunnel under the Straits of Dover.
They agree that it is feasible, but the
cost of the twenty-five miles would be
not less than \$10,000,000, and as they
are by no means sanguine that so much
money could be had, they consider the
scheme taking out of the question.

A gentleman called on a rich miser
and found him at the table endeavoring
to catch a fly. Presently he succeeded
in entrapping one, which he immedi-
ately put in the sugar bowl, and shut
down the cover. The gentleman asked
for an explanation of his singular sport.
"Tell me," replied the miser, a triumph-
ant grin overspreading his coun-
tenance as he spoke, "I want to ascer-
tain if the servants steal the sugar."

The Monterey Gazette says there is
now residing in Carmel Valley, an
Indian woman who was married and the
mother of two children when the
Carmel Mission church was built—one
hundred years ago, June 1st. All the
material for this edifice was carried to
the spot on the shoulders of Indians,
and this woman bore her share of the
labor. The church she toiled to build
now lies in ruins, but she lives on, and
though nearly 140 years old, she is noted
for her fancy sewing and fine bead work.

The novel question, whether sweet
potatoes are fruit or grain, was recently
discussed in the Internal Revenue of-
fice. The question came up from Vir-
ginia, where these potatoes are being
used to manufacture whiskey. If they
were regarded as fruit, the product of
distillation by small factors would be
exempt. If held to be grain, the full
tax would be due. The Commissioner
decided that, for the purpose of distilla-
tion, the vegetable was grain.

Few are aware of the great extent to
which straw is used for making paper.
In the town of Chatham, N. Y., 7,500
tons of rye straw are yearly used to
make paper of, and yield about 1,200,000
reams of various sizes. Okra fibre is
also coming into use for the manufac-
ture of paper. We have seen specimens
of the paper made from this material,
and are surprised by its fineness of tex-
ture, its stout body and excellent color.
Only an experienced person could de-
tect any difference between it and paper
made from rags. It is said to be some-
what cheaper than rag paper.

A little thoughtful attention, how
happy it makes the old! They have
outlived most of the friends of their
early youth. How lonely their hours!
Often their partners in life have long
filled silent graves; often their children
they have followed to the tomb. They
stand solitary, bending on their staff,
waiting till the same call shall reach
them. How often they must think of
those who have preceded them, and the tears of
sympathy which fell with theirs, now
all gone. Why should not the young
cling around and comfort them, cheering
their gloom with songs and happy
smiles.

The women of Turkey are beginning
to take an interest in politics, and to
read a Revolution of their own. The
fact is, that the traditional notion that
these women are mere slaves, who dare
not say that their souls are their own,
is one of many popular delusions. So
long ago as 1717 that acute observer,
Lady Mary Wortley Montague, wrote
to her sister from Adrianople: "On the
whole, I look upon the Turkish women
as the only free people in the empire.
The very divan pays respect to them,
and the Grand Seignor himself, when a
petition is presented, never violates the
privileges of the harem (or woman's
apartment), which remains unsearched
and entire to the widow!"

A sub-committee of a School Board,
not a thousand miles from Lynn, were
examining a class in a primary school.
One of the committee undertook to
sharpen up their wits by propounding
the following question, "If I had a
mince-pie and should give three-twelfths
to Isaac, three-twelfths to Harry, and
should keep half of the pie myself, what
would there be left?" There was a
profound study among the scholars,
and finally one held up his hand. "Well,
sir, what would there be left? Speak
up loud, so that all can hear," said the
committee-man. "The plate!" shouted
the little fellow. The committee-man
turned red in the face, while the other
members roared aloud. That boy was
excused from answering any more
questions.

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