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BREVITIES.

A locomotive without steam is on exhibition in New York. It moves by means of a system of balancing weights and springs.

"Am I not a little pale?" inquired a lady who was short and corpulent, of an old bachelor.

"You look more like a big tub," was the blunt reply.

"Two cocoa nuts for ten cents," exclaimingly exclaimed a youngster to his friend; "that will make me sick to-morrow, and I shan't have to go to school."

The New York Sunday Mercury says Columbia College owns ten millions of real estate, and disreputably styles that institution a nursery of aristocratic fops.

A New Yorker wants to know what is the real language of that city. He says he recently heard nine different languages spoken at one time on a Hoboken ferry boat.

A Minnesota farmer says, "We raised four hundred bushels of potatoes to the acre here, which would be a big thing if we didn't also raise bugs enough to eat 'em all up."

A whole family was poisoned in Lebanon, Wis., lately, by eating pie made out of canned pie plant. Most of the family were sick for several days, but finally recovered.

"What's that?" asked a schoolmaster, pointing to the letter X.

"It's daddy's name."

"No, you blockhead, it's X."

"Taint X, neither, it's dad's name, for I see him write it many a time."

The man who invented the ink with which greenbacks are printed made an immense fortune, as the chemicals of which it is made can neither be photographed nor turned black.

A gentleman walking near Oxford, was met by some students of the University, one of whom addressed him with—

"Good morning, father Abraham."

"I am not father Abraham."

"Good morning, father Isaac," said a second.

"I am not father Isaac," was the reply.

"Good morning, father Jacob," said a third.

"I am neither Abraham, Isaac nor Jacob, but Saul, son of Kish, who went out to seek his father's asses, and let I have found them."

A curious disease prevails off the west coast of Africa, especially on the Gaboon river, which consists in an irresistible inclination to sleep. If awakened the patient returns again to a deep sleep in a very short time. There is no pain. The disease does not yield to remedies, and generally ends in death.

A carnivorous colt has, it is said, been discovered in Michigan. A man who had lost several of his sheep, which seemed to have been killed and eaten, finally detected a five-year old in the process. Who will deny to the horse an intelligent soul hereafter, since this one has shown an aptitude for mutton-chops?

A highway locomotive steam engine built in Worcester, Mass., and designed to run over the common roads of California and furnish power for sawing lumber, etc., made an experimental trip guided by horses, and ran at a speed of about three miles an hour, and although not yet perfected, gave evident demonstration of its practicability and utility.

A gentleman called one evening to see Suet, the comedian, at the stage door of the theatre at which the actor was engaged. Suet, not being in the theatre, the gentleman—to whom the actor's person was unknown—resolved to wait. Presently the actor came in drenched with rain, which was falling heavily. "Pray, sir," said the gentleman, "are you Suet?"

"Egad," was the reply.

"I rather think I'm dripping."

"Two Irishmen on a certain occasion occupied the same bed. In the morning one of them inquired of the other: "Dennis, did you hear the thunder?"

"No, Pat; did it really thunder?"

"Yes, it thundered as if heaven and earth would come together."

"Why, in the devil, then, didn't ye wake me? for you know I can't sleep when it thunders."

Dr. Petermann, the eminent geographer and originator of the first German expedition to the north pole, announces that a second expedition is to leave Bremen in the first week of June. It will consist of two ships, a screw steamer of 120 tons and 30 horse power, and a sailing yacht of 90 tons. The object of this expedition, as of the former one, is to investigate the polar regions along the coast of East Greenland north of the 73rd degree of north latitude. It is to be provided with strong scientific staff, and to pass the winter in the Arctic regions, and to return by October, 1870.

The Berlin Museum has just been enriched by a magnificent acquisition, consisting of a statue of an Amazon of Pentelicon marble recently excavated in the Vico di S. Nicola di Tolentino. The type is that of the wounded Amazons, of which two copies are extant, one in the Vatican, the other in the Capitoline Museum. That now found, though resembling the Vatican one more closely, is the unanimous opinion of the archaeologists and sculptors of Rome far superior to both in conception and execution. It is altogether pronounced to be the finest statue that has come to light in Italy within the last thirty years. It is about eight feet high, and quite perfect, with the exception of a few slight deficiencies in the feet and hands, about the proper restoration of which there is, in the presence of the two replicas, not the slightest difficulty. It was sold to the Berlin authorities for 16,500 francs.

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