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BREVITIES.

The father of vice—Indolence.

A Buffalo man offers to go over Niagara Falls in a boat for 20,000 dollars.

Mrs. Buffum, of Chicago, wants a woman for President in 1872.

New York had 11,584 marriages, 12,672 births, and 24,889 deaths last year.

The latest winter novelty—a self-heating sleigh.

Governor Gilpin, of Colorado, thinks of selling one of his farms. It contains a million and a half of acres.

The winter of 1868-9 is said to have been, at sea, the most tempestuous ever.

He is a happy man, not whom other men think happy, but who thinks himself to be so.

Massachusetts has a velocipede fever, and in one town they have actually turned a Methodist church into a "velocipede rink."

The Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession, has founded an order of decoration to recompense courage in women.

Before leaving Stockholm, the Prince of Wales was made a Knight of the Freemasons of Charles XIII., after having successfully received the six inferior orders.

A Philadelphian has taken out a patent for the manufacture of wooden shirts bosoms, the material being the same as that now used in papering rooms.

"Ah!" said a Sunday school teacher, "Caroline Jones, what do you think you would have been without your good father and mother?" "I suppose, m'm," said Caroline, "as I should ha' been a orphan."

A Duke of Orleans now exists for the first time since 1842. His mamma is Countess of Paris, who was confined at Twickenham, England, on the 6th of February. The young Duke is a great-grandson of Louis Philippe, by both father and mother.

A girl in New Orleans tried to hang herself by a cord to a hook in the ceiling. The cord was just too long, and in her struggles her heels rattled so loudly on the floor that people came up and cut her down.

A train of emigrants from North Carolina which lately passed through Richmond, Missouri, told the local editor that they left the "old North State" because "the bottom rail was on top" there now.

Two San Francisco policemen tried to arrest a Chinaman. They found it necessary to leave him for a moment, and handcuffed him with his arms each side of a lamp-post. When they returned their prisoner was gone. He had climbed up the post and swung his arms over the top.

A gent out West was invited to take a game at poker, but he refused, saying, "No, thankee; I played poker all one summer and had to wear nankeen pants all next winter; I have no taste for that amusement since."

A man in Des Moines, Iowa, has erected a house for himself built mostly of paper. The weather-boarding, inside walls, and shingling are of that material known in the West as the "Rock River Company's Building Paper." The cost is about two-thirds that of the ordinary materials, and the house it is said is much warmer than where plaster and wood are used.

"What is your consolation in this life?" asked a clergyman of a young girl, in a Bible class that he was catechizing. The young lady blushed and hesitated.

"Will you not tell me?" urged the clergyman.

"I don't want to tell his name," said the ingenuous maiden; "but I've no objections to tell you where he lives."

An occasional "unpleasantness" varies the propriety of elections in England. Colonels Somerset and Clifford, two fine old country gentlemen, contested a borough in Wales. Colonel S. accused his fellow candidate of practising coercion so far back as 1847. Upon this he was called a liar by Colonel C., and by another gentleman a "—liar." This not being strong enough, Colonel Clifford's son-in-law put his fist in Col. Somerset's face, and another gentleman who was standing by struck him twice.

A farmer, who had employed a green Emeralder, ordered him to give the mule some corn in the ear. On his coming in, the farmer asked:

"Well, Pat, did you give the mule the corn?"

"To be sure I did."

"How did you give it?"

"And sure you to come—in the ear."

"But how much did you give?"

"Well, ye see, the craythur wouldn't hould still, and keptwitching his ears about so I couldn't git but about a datt full in both ears!"

The amount of diplomatic ability representing the Buckeye State in Washington just now, is perfectly astonishing. Secretary Washburn is said to have made the discovery during the brief and fitting period of his one week term at the head of the State Department, that enough applicants were registered from Ohio for foreign consulates and first and second-class missions, to fill the entire list in the Government blue-book.

A Boston man named Professor Johnson claims to have invented a portable heating apparatus by which, without evaporation, loss of water, or possibility of explosion, a pint of water and heat enough to boil it will warm a good-sized room. It is made of common sheet iron, with wire heater, and, in addition to its merits as a heater, it is claimed to be one of the best ventilators ever devised. This apparatus is said to be rapidly coming into use in Boston.

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