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## BREVITIES.

Diseases have got into trouble with the Ritualists.

Why should tying a slow horse to a post improve his speed? Because it would make him fast.

A matrimonial agent in Paris announces that ugliness is no bar to his arranging marriages.

"Anything to please the child," as the nurse said when she let the baby crawl out of the window.

Illinois has 8,224 miles of railroad, built and equipped at a cost of \$148,610,000.

The greatest novelty in sewing-machines—one that would follow the thread of an argument.

Goulding, the thousand mile walkist in New York, has walked his toe-nails off.

The New York Herald calls the National Bank "the greatest eleemosynary institution of the age."

Would you hear a sweet and pleasing echo—speak sweetly and pleasantly yourself.

The Rev. Thomas Morley, the writer of the chief leaders of the London Times, it is stated, gets ten guineas or more an article.

"I am on the bright side of seventy," said an aged man of God; "the bright side, because nearer to everlasting glory."

It is a highly gratifying feature in the biographies of most great men that they had intelligent, high-minded, discreet, and virtuous mothers.

Liebig has recently announced a greatly improved process for the silvering of glass, differing from the known methods by the introduction of a small portion of copper.

Josh Billings on Autographs:—"We never furnish orographs in less quantities than by the packig. It is a bizness grame men have got into, but it don't strike us az being profitable or amusing. We furnished a very dear friend our orograph for ninety days' and it got into the hands of the banks, and it kost us \$275 tew get it back. We went out of the bizness then, and have not hankered for it since."

Dave McHale, who prided himself on being possessor of an imagination that could conceive the biggest lies on record, once made a wager that he could tell a greater falsehood than any man in the town where he resided. The stakes being deposited, Dave then proclaimed that he once threw a tenpenny nail with such force that it pierced the moon.

"Aye, that is true!" exclaimed the man who had bet with Dave, "I saw him do it, for I stood on the other side and cleuched the nail." The clencher, by unanimous consent, won the bet.

The Reverend J. L. Garret was met recently by a young ecclesiastic of Oxford University, accompanied by a few pupils under his care, who very jocosely exclaimed: "Sir, we have had a dispute in our school about the difference of the terms phenomenon and phenomena; what is your opinion of the difference?" The question excited all the risible faculties of the philosopher, who, when sufficiently recovered, wrote as follows:

"When one bright scholar puts the fool's cap on

He makes himself a real phenomenon, If others join him and like asses bray, They all together make phenomena."

Voting in Greece is somewhat different from voting in America. The polling places are churches. Thirty ballot-boxes are placed on the floor of the church, each of them bearing the name of a candidate. Upon one-half of the box, painted white is written "Yes," and on the other half, painted black, is written "No." A clerk attends the voter, with thirty bullets, and when opposite a box pronounces the name of the candidate and hands the voter one of the bullets. Passing his arm up a funnel about a foot in length, the voter's hand arrives unseen at a division in the box, and he drops the ball to the right or left "yes," or "no," as the case may be, and so on throughout the whole thirty. The system is said to secure secrecy and perfect order.

A new thermometer which is not affected by radiation, consists of a copper tube surrounded by another tube, which is open at the top, and having a hinged-bottom; in the smaller tube is suspended a fine wire in a spiral form, suspended by a silk thread, upon which is a small mirror. When the bottom is closed, the mirror stands at 0 degree, but when open, the air inside is usually warmer than the outside atmosphere, a current is established twisting the silk. One degree Fahrenheit causes a complete turn of the mirror.

The cause assigned by the author for this elevation of temperature inside the copper tube is, that copper absorbs light and heat from the atmosphere, and causes an internal radiation.

In the mountains of Tyrol, says some writer, it is the custom of the women and children to come out when it is bed time and sing their national songs until they hear their husbands, fathers, and brothers answer them from the hills on their return home. On the shores of the Adriatic such a custom prevails.

There the wives of the fisherman come down after sunset and sing a melody. After singing the first stanzas, they listen awhile for an answering melody from off the water, and continue to listen and sing until the well-known voice comes borne on the waters, telling that the loved one is almost home. How sweet to the weary fisherman, as the shadows gather round him, must be the songs of the loved ones at home that sing to cheer him, and how they must strengthen and tighten the links that bind together those dwellers by the sea.

Truly it is among the lowly in this life that we find some of the most beautiful customs in practice.

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