

THE EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, May 11, 1870.

REVIEWS.

A Minneapolis youth has invented a new system of phonography.

It is rumored that Prince Arthur will take the field in person with his regiment against the Red River insurgents.

In Paris a female is reading people's fortunes by the lines on their feet. Verily her lines have not fallen in pleasant places.

A young lady was dreadfully poisoned, the other evening, by wearing a tulle dress trimmed with rubings of green tulle.

Some of the Southern women take their knitting to church. They probably become as much interested in their own yarn as in the minister's.

The basket trade of Chicago is increasing, owing to the demand for that article in which to leave deserted babies on good men's door steps.

A Brooklyn gentleman is indignant at the impudence of four young men, who were never introduced to him, in taking his watch and money.

The theatre at Pompeii has been reopened, after an interval of eighteen hundred years, the piece performed on the interesting occasion being "The Daughter of the Regiment."

Mr. Wake, in the Anthropological Society of London, lately read a paper suggesting that the original seat of human civilization was probably the island of Madagascar.

A healthy gentleman of 106, in Bohemia, has just been cut off in the flower of youth and beauty. He appointed his funeral, sat down, fell asleep and never woke.

Gladiators' coercive measures against Ireland are compared by the French press to those of Lord North against the American colonies, and the result, it is supposed, will be about the same.

A Boston lady complains that a sweet-tempered dyspeptic, a little too spiritual for this world, and a little too material for the next, and who, therefore, seems hovering between the two, is the highest type of female loveliness.

The Greek brigands live on lambs, figs, wine, milk, etc., and enjoy themselves. But they have an unpleasant habit of cutting off the ears and noses of their captives, if their friends fail to pay a satisfactory ransom.

A harmless lunatic at Norfolk bewilders the police justice by pirouetting into court and handing him such foolish documents as:

"Why will a man be a fool? Is it pride? Is it madness? or is it for want of sense? Who is here to answer?"

A contemporary says: "A man in Chicago came near having the top of his head blown off, because he called another man an Alderman. This habit of calling names will get some one killed yet."

A Louisville bar-keeper, while being chased by a man with a drawn bow-knife, was seized with a fit of "temporary insanity" and is now in jail for homicide.

Lieut. Madame Bulan, 93 years old, has been for fifty years an inmate of the Invalides at Paris. She is credited with seven years' service, and three wounds under the First Napoleon, and received from his hand the cross of the Legion of Honor.

A remarkable marriage took place at Galesburg, Ill., recently. The parties were Samuel R. Crossley, of New York, aged 33, and Mrs. Amanda Ward, of Galesburg, aged 81. They were engaged at the age of 18 and 16 respectively, but broke the troth, and since then have each followed two companions to the grave.

The late Dr. C— was distinguished not less for his hospitality than his wit. One day a patient, who was also a personal friend, called on him in his office, which was in the basement of his house, and opened his grief. The doctor asked many questions, and finally wrote a prescription, which he handed to the patient, saying: "My dear sir, if you will take this, and be prudent in your diet, and especially in the matter of stimulants, you will recover. But it is my duty to tell you that a single glass of wine or spirits may have serious consequences. Now, let us go up and see Mrs. C—." Arrived in the parlor, the doctor walked to the sideboard, and taking out a decanter and a couple of wine-glasses, he said: "Join me in a glass of wine." "Why," exclaimed his horrified guest, "you just now said it would kill me!" "Oh," rejoined the doctor, waving his hand, "that was in the office—this is the parlor."

The decalogue has been thus tersely and quaintly rendered into rhyme:

1. I am the Lord thy God—serve only me;
2. Before no idols bow thy impious knee;
3. Use not my name in trifles or in jest;
4. Dare not profane my sacred day of rest;
5. Ever to parents due obedience pay;
6. Thy fellow creature, man, thou shalt not slay;
7. In no adulterous commerce bear a part;
8. From stealing keep with care thy hand and heart;
9. All false reports against thy neighbor hate;
10. And never indulge a wish for his estate.

A correspondent of an exchange sends the following as a sure means of preventing birds damaging growing fields of grain:

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