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BREVITIES.

The total receipts of the California State Fair were $22,277.

There is great excitement at San Bernardino, Cal, in consequence of rich quartz having been discovered in that vicinity.

Among the latest discoveries in the animal kingdom in Missouri are "feathered turtles."

Mrs Partington says whisky passes through the acaopolis into the diagram, thence through the military ducks into the duodecimal, producing a refrigatory effect upon the mucous mandarin of the interrogatory canal; is highly connubial, a gentle tonic, and a delicious stimulant.

An English firm is manufacturing for the Russian Government a huge steam hammer which will weigh in all about one thousand tons. The hammer head alone weighs forty-two tons, and the anvil block five hundred tons. The hammer, which is believed to be the heaviest in the world, is to be used in forging steel guns.

An Englishman has lately patented the following process for preparing houses out of straw. The straw is first cut up into pieces, and after soaking for a time in a saturated solution of soluble glue, is dried; and then, by means of a machine, pressed into compact bundles or bricks, which are completely incombustible. The house is built up of these masses of straw, as if really of bricks, the successive layers being united by cement or mortar. As an excellent non-conductor of heat, these houses are warm in winter, cool in summer, and always dry, and can be erected at a little cost.

The English Press is becoming alive to the immense commercial advantages which will accrue to us on account of the completion of the Pacific Railroad, and is trying to console John Bull with the reflection, that the richer the United States becomes by its trade with China and the East, the better customer it will be for English wares. This is all very well and pretty in theory; but the time is surely approaching when the United States will not be a buyer but a seller,—when she will manufacture all she needs within her own borders and export an immense surplus to other countries.

An invention has been produced in Paris for settling disputes between cabhirers and cab-drivers. It not only reckons the distance but indicates the exact sum of money due to the driver. Two dials are fixed on the back of the driving seat; one contains a clock, while on the other the distance traveled is indicated by a hand acted on by the wheels; it is entirely beyond the control either of cabby or his "fare." The apparatus is put in and out of gear by the lowering and raising of a lever, bearing the word "libre," which is only visible when the cab is empty and the "compteur" consequently unemployed. There is no danger of the driver omitting to lower this lever as soon as he is hired, as it is his interest to have the greatest possible distance paid for.

A writer in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* tells the following anecdote: "Four years ago a tanner of Dijon, who had affirmed that the French budget represented in bank notes the hight of the steeple of St. Benigne, was cited before the Correctional Police on acharge of using seditious language. In court, however, he maintained his assertion with vigor, and was acquitted. The judges, in fact, evinced some shrewdness on the occasion, and admitted implicitly that the accused was not in error. A thousand notes of one thousand francs piled up exactly ten centimetres (four inches) in hight. Taking the budget in round numbers at two thousand millions, the notes in question and would attain a hight of two hundred metres. But, according to the *Annuaire du Bureau des Longitudes*, the spire of St. Benigne is only ninety-two a half metres high."

A recent invention in Newark is calculated to work a change in photography. By it all kinds of photographs are taken under the gaslight as successfully as by the aid of the brightest sun. The apparatus resembles a sort of Turkish dome, standing on the floor, about six feet high, five feet wide, and six and a half feet long. In front of this stands a camera, and within are a chair and steadying apparatus. Near the top and at the left front of the structure is a clock lamp for burning and feeding the magnesium wire that furnishes the light for the art purposes required in photography. In taking a picture the subject enters the rear of the structure and seats himself. The camera is adjusted, a match is applied to the magnesium wire, and a brilliant light results, which in half a minute produces as fine a picture as is ever made by daylight.

The argument against the possibility of spirit photographs, on account of the invisibility of spirits, is thus treated by the *British Journal of Photography*: "Whoever asserts that anything that is visible to the eye of the camera and thus capable of being depicted by photography, must, therefore, necessarily, be visible to the human eye, is surely ignorant of that important branch of physics popularly known as florescence, which, to the physical eye, are utterly invisible. Why, for the matter of that, a room may be full of the ultra violet ray of the spectrum, and a photograph must be taken by means of that 'dark light.' Objects in a room so lighted would be plainly visible to the lens of the camera; at any rate, they could be reproduced on the sensitive plate, while, at the same time, not an atom of luminousness could be perceived in the room by any ordinary human vision. Hence the photographing of an invisible image, whether that image be of spirit or a lump of matter, is not scientifically impossible. If it reflect only the florescent or ultra-violet spectral rays it will be easily photographed, while it will be quite invisible even to the sharpest eye.

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