

BREVITIES.

Chignons made of thread are sold in Paris for 16 cents.

Cornelius Vanderbilt is in his seventy-sixth year. His bride is said to be about thirty.

Bears are carrying off hogs from the farms in portions of Minnesota.

The disestablishment of the Church in Wales is the most recent step spoken of by the English dissenters.

Table napkins made of paper are the latest German invention. The Japanese use a peculiar kind of tissue paper for pocket handkerchiefs.

A figuring fellow computes that the hands of magazine readers in this country travel 12,000 miles a year in cutting leaves.

A young woman of Memphis has followed the advice of the *Revolution*, "proposed" to a man she liked, and married him the next day.

The wife of Fred Douglass, Jr., is described as a beautiful brunette, whom nine persons out of ten would take to be a white woman.

Gilmore's errand to Europe is to concoct a musical festival in New York, compared to which the Boston jubilee would be less than a jewsharp.

Among the attractions advertised at the Arkansas hot springs, the other day, we observed a bear fight, gander pulling, barn dance, etc. Good places for invalids.

"Employment so certainly produces cheerfulness," says Bishop Hall, "that I have known a man come home in high spirits from a funeral because he had the management of it."

He who does good to another man, does good also to himself—not only in consequence, but in the very act of doing it, for the consciousness of well-doing is an ample reward.

"Are those fresh eggs?"
"Yes, Madame."
"How do you know? You speak so positively."
"Why I laid them in that box myself, early this morning."

Alexander Dumas, Sr., has been informed by his physicians that, unless he will confine himself to a very simple diet, and abandon the epicurean life which he has been leading for so many years, he will die at an early day.

The Germans of New York have determined to have a monster concert, more monstrous than the Boston monster. The rest of New York is undecided whether to be delighted or horrified at the intelligence.

To remove old, hardened putty, dip a small brush in nitric or muriatic acid, and with it anoint or paint over the dry putty adhering to broken glass, or frames of windows. After an hour's interval the putty will become quit soft and easily movable.

Paris has a new invention, a portable fresh butter churn, to be used at the table each meal. It is made of cut crystal, and mounted on silver feet. A silver rod revolves quickly in the cream, and presents a pat of butter every three minutes.

At Orleans, in France, as the wife of the manager of a menagerie was passing a lion's cage with a babe in her arms, the animal caught the babe, and tearing it through the bars, nearly devoured it before the screams of the mother brought assistance. The beast was shot.

The fly has its uses. It serves to keep bald-headed sinners awake at church on a warm day, so that their unregenerate hearts may be touched by the preached word. It also encourages the spirit of invention, inducing the inventive to tax their brains in contriving fly-traps.

A steamboat captain on one of the lakes was recently feeling his way along in the dark, when the lookout ahead cried out, "Schooner without a light." It was a narrow escape, and as the steamer passed the schooner the captain demanded, "What are you doing with your infernal schooner here in the dark without a light?" To his dismay, the skipper, who was a Frenchman, answered, "Vat ze diable you do here viz your old steamboat in three feet of water, eh?" and just then the steamer landed high and dry on a sand bank.

A young lady residing near Earville, Canada, wearing a highly-polished silver pin, was looking the eclipse considerably, through the ordinary smoked glass, during the time of the transit, and afterward discovered that the eclipse had daggered itself upon her pin at the time that the sun was about half obscured. The impression remains there permanently, resembling the action of rubbing, as well as exposure to the atmosphere.

A Swiss journal mentions that the neighborhood of Mondriao, in the Ticino, is infested with a plague of black caterpillars, which enter the houses, creep into the beds and cause painful swellings by their touch. Some persons have endeavored to protect their dwellings by laying a train of sulphur around, but without avail. Thousands of these insects have been killed, but the number does not seem to decrease. In some localities prayers have been offered up for the removal of this scourge.

The stormy times in France have yielded a rich harvest to "Gabrielle," the beautiful and well-known "news-paper girl," at Paris. She is a handsome young woman of undisputed virtue, who has established such a reputation that all Parisians and strangers consider it an honor to pay her double price for the papers which she sells, and during the riots she received as much as fifty francs per journal from many of the rich young men about town. She has amassed a colossal fortune already.

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