

BREVITIES.

A poor circulating medium—a bankrupt Spiritualist.

Potter Palmer's marble building on State street, Chicago, has 1,300 gas lights.

New York has a clock that runs by electricity from the earth, without works.

The present reigning family of Japan has occupied the throne for nearly 740 years.

Sojourner Truth, now 82 years old, is lecturing to crowded houses in New York.

French hints that magistrates might give attention to light weight grocers as well as heavy weight prize fighters.

A "congress of poets," recently assembled at St. Remy, in Provence. They ate, conversed, and, alas, wept.

The "Amateur Authors' Magazine" has been started by some disappointed literary aspirants in London.

Three girls joined hands and jumped off a London bridge, recently, committing suicide in company.

The mines of New Zealand have produced \$55,000,000 a year since their discovery.

A man in Chicago was recently fined \$1 for shooting himself in the mouth and failing to kill.

"Bogus Detectives" are said to be perambulating New York annoying people by prying into their business affairs.

The charitable institutions of New York furnished more than 5,000 poor people with Thanksgiving dinners on Thursday.

A universal alphabetical piano, on which children can be taught instantaneously to read, to calculate, and to play music, costing six francs only, is sold in Paris.

A lamp which transmits light through the animal tissues, was recently exhibited to the British Society.

A farmer in Washington Territory brags of having eaten bread from four made of wheat sown only four months before.

A District Attorney in New York State, it is said, recently challenged a juror whom he wished to have go home and go to work for him.

It is stated that a new trade has been opened up by the Chinese in Australia, who are buying up worn-out horseshoes for export to China, where they are eagerly purchased by the gun manufacturers.

Ariadontopelization is the title of a style of trapeze performance, in which the sensible performers hold each other by the teeth, suspended in the air. Hence the odonto in the title.

A man in Trumbull county, Ohio, a few weeks ago deposited \$800 in greenbacks in his parlor stove for safe keeping, informing his wife of what he had done. Next day she had company, forgot about the money, lighted the fire in the stove, and the money vanished.

The entrance to New York harbor, by way of Sandy Hook, it is asserted; is slowly filling with sand. For the last 130 years the depth of water over Sandy Hook bar has been decreasing at the rate of ten inches every ten years. In a short time it is feared that the port of New York will be closed to vessels of the largest class. Attention has, therefore, been directed to the removal of the rocks in the East river, which, it is estimated, will cost \$4,000,000.

Those engaged in the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad have a good deal of fun with the Indian tribes they encounter. Never having seen or dreamed of such a thing as a locomotive or train of cars, they are greatly astonished at seeing the trains running to and fro backing and prancing about with no (to them) visible motive power. When the cars came among the Plutes, they named them "smoke wagons," but the Shoshone tribe were not so happy in naming the new "What is it?" They called it: "Heap wagon, no hoas."

A few years ago at the conclusion of a sermon, the preacher requested some one to pass around and take up a collection. A young man, a stranger in the place, jumped up and commenced "circulating the hat" in such a way as to finish the job at the door, and pass out with the proceeds. The preacher eyeing him as he went out, observed: "If that young man runs away with that money he'll be damned." A deacon sitting by the window, seeing him make off down the street, responded: "And if he has not run off with the money, I'll be damned."

FANCY BREADS.—Persons who are accustomed to breakfast at restaurants will be at no loss to account for the dyspepsia that has so long been the scourge of the American people. Hot bread, as everybody ought to know, is highly indigestible, and never should be eaten under any circumstances, unless as an alternative with death by starvation. Observe the feeders at restaurant tables of a morning, and you will see that eight out of every ten, or thereabouts, prefer hot bread to cold. A majority of them order two or three kinds of fancy bread, all hot, and all these are soaked thoroughly with butter by the bolters of them, so as to render them, if possible, more indigestible than they were served. In England dyspepsia is absolutely unknown among the agricultural classes, who live much upon bacon and well baked cakes, or bread eaten cold. In some parts of the Western States nearly every farmer and farm laborer is a victim to it, and there is good reason for this, it is mainly owing to the universal hot dough cakes which form the staple of country fare in those districts, and to the collateral abomination in the way of fancy hot cakes gorged by the farmers on festive occasions.

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