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The New York female doctors only charge half the regular fee for attendance, and they are beginning to monopolize the business.

A letter from Brussels announces that a M. Landuran has invented an apparatus by which he is able to extract firedamp or any other vicious air from mines.

The largest wrought iron beam ever rolled at a single heat is on exhibition at the Buffalo Industrial Exhibition. It is seventy feet long, twelve feet high, and weighs three thousand pounds.

Ernest Renan, that naughty and seductive writer, is now in his forty-seventh year, and is described as a person of sacredotal appearance, with large face and ugly nose, and much petted by ladies.

A Chinaman in California thinks that when one man is hit by another and the assailant is fined twenty dollars, the money ought to go to the hit man instead of to the Government. This is the way they do things in China.

Captain Hall has a borealis theory which is a roarer, truly. He thinks the Northern Lights are the reflected rays of the sun, thrown back and forth by the ice and snow of the Arctic regions and the clouds surrounding the pole.

Catharine Beecher, the oldest of the Beechers, is 69 years old. She was betrothed early in youth to a very brilliant young scholar, who is still remembered—Prof. Fisher, of Yale College; and he having been lost at sea, Miss Beecher remained single all her life.

A farmer, who had engaged the services of a son of the Emerald Isle, sent him out one morning to harrow a piece of ground. He had not worked long before nearly all the teeth came out of the harrow. Presently the farmer went out into the field to take notes of Pat's progress, and asked him how he liked harrowing. "Oh!" replied Pat, "it goes a bit smoother now since the pegs are out."

Goethe's mother said of herself: "Order and quiet are my characteristics. I dispatch at once that which I have to do, the most disagreeable always first, and I gulp down the devil without looking at him. I always seek out that which is good in others, and leave that which is bad to him who made mankind, and knows how to round off the angles."

A manufacturer of tombstones lately received a call from a countryman, who wanted a stone to place over the grave of his mother. After looking around for some time, and making sundry remarks about the taste of his deceased mother, he finally pitched upon one, which the stone-cutter had prepared for another person.

"I like this one," said he.

"But," said the manufacturer, "that belongs to another man, and has Mrs. Perry's name cut on it; it wouldn't do for your mother."

"Oh, yes, it would," said the countryman. "She couldn't read. And besides," he continued, as he observed the wonderment of the stone-cutter, "Perry was always a favorite name of hers, anyhow!"

A strange story comes from Jerusalem, by way of a Rabbi of Hungary, concerning a vision which appeared to an Israelite worshipping near Solomon's Temple last month. It was a column of fire, from which proceeded a voice warning the devotee of the coming of the Messiah. The man so addressed then went to the city and spoke prophetically of what he had heard. Thereupon the people treated him as an impostor, and some even went so far as to seek his life, but he—as if miraculously endowed with more than human strength—fought hundreds of his assailants, and when afterwards a battalion of soldiers was sent to arrest him, baffled them in their efforts to capture him.

A Japanese Parliament is one of the startling innovations in that empire. It was summoned to deliberate on the measures originating with the recent revolution, but has no legislative authority. The Parliament consists of 276 members, or one representative from each of the families of Daimios. The members are nobles, but receive written communications from the untitled classes. The propositions to abolish the practices of wearing swords and of committing suicide by the harikari, or the "happy dispatch," were debated with great animation by the Parliament, and were rejected on the ground that swords were essential to the dignity of a chivalrous people, and that "harikari," or suicide, was the only death worthy of a hero in disgrace or misfortune.

Dr. Stevens, a Scotch physician and surgeon, saw a butcher kill a pig. He *observed* that he stirred the blood of the animal and added a handful of common salt to it while stirring, which immediately made it crimson, and on the stirring being discontinued the blood remained fluid. The change of the color of the blood awakened his curiosity. The butcher could give no explanation of the phenomenon, except that it kept it from jellying and spoiling. Dr. Stevens seized a vessel, caught some blood, and made several experiments by putting salt in it, and found that the blackest blood was instantly changed to a bright vermillion by salt. "Oh!" said he, "here is a fact which may lead to a practical rule." He had *observed* in cases of yellow fever in the army, that the blood drawn was very black and fluid, and on adding salt it became vermillion and retained its freshness; whereas putridity of the blood is one of the characteristics of the yellow fever. He therefore abandoned the usual mode of treating it and gave his patients a mixture of various salts and in a very short time reduced the mortality of fever in the West Indies from one in five to one in fifty.

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