

BREVITIES.

“I want an engagement,” as the old maid said to an eligible young man.

It is more disgraceful to distrust one's friends than to be deceived by them.

It is said that there are about 200,000 native Christians in India. There remain 149,800,000 to be converted.

The mark of an extraordinary merit is to see those most envious of it constrained to praise.

The constancy of sages is nothing but the art of locking up their agitation in their hearts.

If we had on faults ourselves, we should not take so much pleasure in remarking them in others.

A boy died recently in N. Y., in convulsions, from drinking out of his father's whiskey bottle.

We often make a parade of passions, even of the most criminal; but envy is a timid and shameful passion, which we dare not avow.

Paris is looking at a plan of a theatre which may be made large or small at pleasure. The walls are moveable and shut together like an opera glass.

Professor Agassiz says the Emperor of Brazil is a man of more culture and refinement than any man who now wears a crown.

“Do you like codfish balls, Mr. Wiggin?” Mr. Wiggin, hesitatingly: “I really don't know, miss; I don't recollect ever attending one.”

Napoleon's stable cost him last year no less than \$180,000. When he was President in 1848, his whole salary was but \$100,000.

In Milford, Mass., recently, a large number of little children were playing on a sand bank, when it caved in, burying five of them, of whom only two were taken out alive.

The “city fathers” of Chicago are considering an ordinance to prevent geese from running at large. They cannot prevent the running at large of geese that wear hats and coats.

Integrity is the foundation of all that is high in character among mankind. Other qualities may add to its splendor, but if its essential requisite be wanting, all their lustre fades.

A certain fop, who was arguing with Diogenes on the immortality of the soul, asked him: “Now, where do you think I shall go after death.” “Wherever your tailors go,” was the reply.

Lord Amberly thinks the population is increasing too fast in England, and wants a measure to limit the number of children in each family to three. His own family, however, has already exceeded this standard.

Dr. Francis was once at a dinner when thirteen people were present, which some one gravely remarked was an unlucky number. “I admit,” said he, “that it is unlucky in one case.” “What case is that?” “When there is only dinner enough for twelve.”

William Wheatly, who made three-quarters of a million by the “Black Crook,” “White Fawn,” and other spectacular dramas, has taken his final farewell of the New York stage, and has gone on a tour to Europe.

A member of a fashionable church electrified a music seller some time since by inquiring for “Solomon's Song,” saying his minister had spoken of it as a production of great genius, and that he wanted his daughter to learn and sing it.

A simple epitaph in St. Pancras churchyard is touchingly commemorative of the gluttony of a husband and the grief of his widow—

Eliza, sorrowing, rears this marble slab
To her dear John, who died of eating
crab.

A Paris newspaper contains the following interesting advertisement: “A father wants to find for his son a school where he can get healthy and manly instructions, and where the teachers do not fill the head of the boy with humbug stories about nations which died and were buried thousands of centuries ago.”

The manufacture of wool-soled boots and shoes is one of the latest Boston novelties. It is claimed that they will last much longer, are impervious to water, and only cost about one-half as much as leather. Several hundreds have already gone into use in Boston, and orders have been filed for New Orleans and St. Louis.

There is an anecdote told somewhere of a dispute in which a boisterous ill-bred fellow called his adversary no gentleman. “I suppose you think yourself one,” was the reply. “Certainly I do,” answered the bully. “Then I'm not offended that you don't think me one,” said the other.

A writer in the Gazette de France mentions, in a very pathetic appeal to the ancient fables of France, whom he implores to keep their blood pure, among the numerous symptoms of the decay of the blooded (legitimate) aristocracy of France, that some families, instead of bearing their poverty with dignity, have stooped to matches between their daughters and “vulgar American shop-keepers and oil-dealers.”

A good joke is told of a young man who attended a social circle a few evenings since. The conversation turned on California and getting rich. Tom remarked that if he was in California, he would, instead of working in the mines, way-lay some rich man who had a bag full of gold, knock out his brains, gather up the gold, and skedaddle.

One of the young ladies quietly replied that he had better gather up the brains, as he evidently stood more in need of that article than gold.

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