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BREVITIES.

Imitation is the sincerest flattery.

The hardest thing to copy is simplicity.—Steele.

There is a fixed connection between what a man admires and what he is.

If thou hast a loitering servant, send him of thy errand just before his dinner.—Fuller.

When a man has "no mind of his own," his wife generally gives him a piece of hers.

Many have withstood the frowns of the world, but the smiles and caresses have hugged them to death.

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed.

A Jew on seeing a prodigiously fine man, remarked:

"Thou almost persuaded me to be a Christian."

Cowards die many times before their death.

The valiant never taste of death but once.—Shakespeare.

The only way for a rich man to be healthy is by exercise and abstinence—to live as if he were poor.—Sir W. Temple.

Byron calls slander:

"That abominable little-fallie,
The cud of a woman's tongue."

A woman in Terre Haute glances her husband's eyelids together when he gets drunk, and when he promises better things she looks them in warm water and restores his vision.

Eighteen years ago the writer was in Australia, and at that time trees had not been discovered in the Otway district, six hundred feet high, and as straight as an arrow.—Denver Tribune.

Lady Lindsay said of her brother's (Lord Guildford's) library, "that it contained but two sorts of books—books that could not be read and books that ought not to be read."

Trees have been found in Australia taller than those of California, though not as large. One has been measured and found to be 450 feet high. The wood closely resembles the cedar, and the bark sometimes eighteen inches thick.—Ex.

Our usually sedate and philosophic namesake, the New York Post, is "all torn up" in its mind by the present political situation. It can't support Grant, and it's helpless before the opposition of the Democrats. It is in the event of the latter's indorsement at Baltimore, will be to follow the example of the Kansas horridness, described by a discriminating traveler, that "just sat up on his hind legs and howled."—Chicago Post.

The following story of sorrow and absence of mind is told as a fact by the Portland Advertiser.

A short time ago a little babe belonging to this city died, and, as is sometimes the case, was laid away in a bureau drawer. The funeral came, and the bereaved mother was convulsed with grief over the little corpse, and sobbing, laid it away in the bureau drawer. On her return home she thought she would go to the drawer and gaze once more at the place, which would henceforth be consecrated to it, when what should meet her eyes, when the drawer was opened, but the lifeless corpse of the child that had been entirely forgotten in preparing for the funeral.

Useful Hints.

Why are some things of one color and some of another? All every ray of light is composed of all the colors of the rainbow, some things reflect one of these colors and some reflect all.

Why do some things reflect one color and some another? Because the surface is differently constructed, both physically and chemically, and therefore some things reflect one ray, some two rays and some none.

Why is the rose red? Because the surface of the rose reflects the blue and yellow rays of light, and reflects only the red one.

Why is the violet blue? Because the surface of the violet reflects the red and yellow rays of light, and reflects only the blue one.

Why are some things black? Because they absorb all the rays of the light, and reflect none.

Why are some things white? Because they absorb none of the rays of light, but reflect them all.

What is the cause of the wind? The

sun heats the earth, the earth heats the air resting upon it; as the warm air ascends the void is filled up with a rush of cold air from the poles, and this rush of air we call wind.—Ex.

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.)

By Telegraph.

PEN WIREMAN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Summer offered a joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution, providing for the election of President directly by the people, and abolishing the vice-presidency.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

PHILADELPHIA, 30.—A Reading special says that President Grant has written a letter to Mr. Barr, saying that while he recognizes the personal integrity of Greeley, and approving the Cincinnati platform and Greeley's letter of acceptance, he fears the Democrats will not support him; and if a Democrat of undoubted strength is not nominated at Baltimore, he views with apprehension the possibility of the election of President being left to the House of Representatives.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 30.—The county Democratic Convention to-day endorsed the Cincinnati platform of candidates, and instructed the delegates to the State Convention to endeavor to shape the action so that the influence at Baltimore be directed to secure the endorsement of Greeley and Brown.

NEW YORK, 30.—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the ceremony of decorating the soldiers' graves in the various cemeteries of New York and Brooklyn, was observed to-day in a fitting manner, by a procession of the Grand Army of the Republic marching up Broadway to South ferry, where they divided and proceeded to the different cemeteries, and strewed the graves of their fallen comrades with flowers and garlands.

The strikes continue and the prospects of a speedy settlement are not so encouraging.

WASHINGTON, 30.—Decorations day was observed here by all classes of citizens. Thousands of persons gathered on Arlington grounds, which were profusely decorated with flags, bunting, the cabinet officers, and a large number of persons of note were present. General Banks delivered the principal oration. The ceremonies at Greenwood are deferred until to-morrow. Disputes from all the principal cities and towns east state that the day was generally observed.

It is known from official sources that the treaty of Washington is in peril. Britain requires an unequivocal withdrawal of the indirect claims, and the President and Senate are determined to make no further concessions.

Some Senators say it is impossible for Congress to adjourn on Monday, and propose asking an extension till the 15th of June.

CHICAGO, 30.—Decorations day was observed in this city and in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Cleveland, Toledo, Nashville and all the cities and large towns west, in the usual manner.

EUROPEAN.

NEW YORK, 30.—The World's special from London to-day, says that the British government considers that the negotiations with the American government, in regard to the treaty of Washington, have failed, and the government will inform parliament to withdraw from the arbitration at Geneva.

TORONTO, 30.—John S. McDonald, premier of Ontario, is dangerously ill, with no hope of his recovery.

LONDON, 30.—An influential meeting at the Mansion House last night, to express sympathy with the Israelites in Roumania, adjourned resolutions asking the British government to interfere.

Commander Charles Brand, retired navy officer, died yesterday. He was present at the signing of Washington by the British in 1814.

"Sorry He Did Not Learn a Trade."

A young man, well dressed and of promising appearance, called at our office recently and inquired in great earnestness if we had employment of any kind to give him for a few days, if no longer, as he was a stranger in the city out of money, and unable to pay for a few days' board and lodging. He further stated that he was a book-keeper, but after a diligent search he had found no one who wanted any help in that line, nor could he obtain employment at anything that he felt competent to perform as a book-keeper. The positions of clerk and book-keeper, he remarked, were all filled, and applicants for them far in excess of the demand. "I am sorry," said he, "that I did not learn a trade."

The appeals of the young man excited our sympathy, but, requiring no further action, we were compelled to reply to his eager questioning that we could not employ him.

The door closed after him, and he again went out to continue what, in all probability, proved to be a fruitless search for employment. But his words lingered behind and, as we sat musing on them, recalled to mind the old repeated expressions of a mechanic in the workshop, who, when asked for want of forethought in selecting an occupation, here I am doomed, he says, to toil in a shop, at work which is hard, uninteresting and unprofitable.

Like a dog, I must come at the call of a whistle, or like a servant, obey the summons of a bell; had I studied book-keeping, or painted a picture, or learned any other trade, I might have been leading a much easier and more pleasurable life.

In the course of our conversation, we found each one dissatisfied with his selection, and wishing to exchange places. And the difficulty at once presents itself, as to how we shall decide for them and the clearest way to represent to them that the seeming mistake in selection may be remedied. We acknowledge we are unequal to the task.

Tools, machinery, houses, ships, and an almost endless variety of other things are continually in demand, which require the labor of farmers and mechanics; while the

phantasies of necessity comparatively few in number, and, therefore, scarce but a small force of assistants. The demand for the labor of the mechanic, therefore, is far the largest number of persons to be employed in agriculture and manufactures. Whenever then, through pride or any other motive, presents himself the young man, who says he is seeking after situations, as clerk, book-keeper, painter, rather than to engage in those pursuits for which nature has made a demand, there must be a corresponding amount of suffering as a penalty. Hence we find the so-called respectable occupations are glutted, while the me-

chanical branches are suffering through the lack of skilled laborers. An advertisement for a clerk will quickly bring to the office door a small army of applicants of all ages and ages, while the want column may plead several days for a good mechanic, and fail to meet with a response.

"Sorry he did not learn a trade."

Let apprentices and journeymen, who may be bewailing their lot, at once resolve to this resolve no longer, but by hard study and close application master their trades, and having done so, demand a fair compensation. Then by adding to skill, honesty, punctuality and economy in expenditures, there need be no fear that they shall be compelled at any time to beg for sufficient employment to pay for a day's board and lodging.—Cochet-Maker's Journal.

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