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BREVITIES.

Perfumed napkins are an idea of a New York Hotel keeper.

The assessed valuation of Pittsburg is \$27,579,000.

Burlingame's Chinese take kindly to strawberries and cream.

Pascal says: "If every one knew what every other one said about him, there would not be four friends on earth."

The choruses of the Sangerfest lately held in Chicago, numbered 1,350, voices.

There is a musical hen in Great Barrington, Mass., which hops on the keys of the piano in the owner's parlor, and delights in the sport.

In England and France, dried fern-leaves are used very extensively for packing fresh fruit, grapes especially, they seem to possess to an unusual degree the property of preserving vegetables and even animal substances for a long time.

Miss Louisa Simpson, a wealthy old maiden lady, who recently died in Pittsburgh, provided in her will a fund for the support of her dogs, and ordered her horse to be killed for fear he would not be treated well by other owners.

Youatt, the well known veterinary surgeon, who has been bitten eight or ten times by rabid animals, says that crystal of the nitrate of silver rubbed into the wound will positively prevent hydrophobia in the bitten person or animal.

A Bostonian has invented an engine of one-boy power, which will throw water through a chemically prepared chamber of the machine, and in one minute, with ten gallons of water, extinguish fifty-three blazing tar barrels.

A good story is told of a boot-blacker, whose energies were taxed by the huge shoes of a private just returned from the war. The little fellow, kneeling down, looked over his shoulder to a comrade, and exclaimed, "Lend me a spit, Jim, I've got an army contract."

A French dressmaker treated herself to half a dozen oysters the other day. It was a good investment, for, in allowing the last, it stuck in her throat. It was rescued, and found to contain a pearl for which the jeweler gave her immediately seventy-five francs.

A pickpocket, who had been ducked for his malpractices, accounted to his brethren for the derangement of his appearance by coolly observing that he had not been able to change his dress since his return from a celebrated watering place.

The Supreme King of Siam has published an official list, with the names of his children, the dates of their birth, and the dates of those deceased. The whole number is eighty-one, of whom the eldest was born in 1822, the youngest in 1868. Sixty-six are now living. The late second King had sixty-three children, of whom thirty are now living.

Temptations are true tests, and accordingly are often the best friends we have. The man or woman who has no temptation can never know the strength of principle he or she may possess. The merit of a virtue brought out when it is beset by an enemy. The world likes the strong and the good, but it never sees it till it has shown itself by severe contact and struggle with the opposing elements, and been on severe trial as it were.

At the present time in France entire bodies of animals are subjected to the action of diluted hydrochloric acid, by means of which they are completely dissolved, including the bones, and converted into a uniform pulp, which is inodorous and can be kept for any length of time, to be applied when desired toward fertilizing the soil. The inventor of the process, Boucher, has already used up one hundred and fifty horses and a large number of sheep, and made from them a most valuable manure.

A very poor young fellow, named D'Argent, or "money," arrived in Paris under the reign of the first Napoleon. He had exactly forty-seven francs. He was just from the war. Reading in the newspapers that a new two-sous piece was about to be issued, he went at once to the mint and secured forty francs' worth. These he sold in the great resort of Paris, the Palais Royal, for four sous each, and in fifteen days had made two thousand francs. Then he opened a shop. In those days there were no money-changers in Paris, and he developed the art to such a degree as to make five per cent, on every operation. To this man, some years later, Baron Rothschild wrote in these words one day:

"My dear friend, I want gold. Let me have seven millions this morning."

And the Ursus of the Rue Laffitte received them, signed with the word "D'Argent." What an illustration of *nomen et omen*.

Love swings on little hinges. It keeps an active little servant to do a good deal of his fine work. The name of the little servant is tact. Tact is nimble-footed and quick fingered; tact sees without looking; tact has always a good deal of small change on hand; tact carries no heavy weapon, but can do wonders with a sharp, well-aimed thrust; tact never runs its head against stone wall; tact always spies a sycamore tree up which to climb when things are becoming crowded and unmanageable on the level ground; tact keeps a running way of availing itself of words, or feelings, or a gracious wave of the hand; tact carries a bunch of curiously fashioned keys which can turn all sorts of locks; tact plans its monosyllables wisely, so, being a monosyllable itself, it arranges its own order with all the familiarity of friendship; tact, sly, versatile, diving, running, flying tact—governs the great world, yet touches the big baby under the impression that Mother has been touched at all.

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