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BREVITIES.

Charles Keen is to have a monument in Westminster Abbey.

Porte Crayon is losing his eye sight.

Glory enough for Iowa—she is out of debt.

The elevated railroad up the White Mountains will be completed this spring.

The Fishermen of Nova Scotia are suffering for the want of food.

Trains between London and Liverpool run 81 miles per hour.

In the city of Philadelphia there are 101,504 buildings.

Ninety-two thousand nine hundred and ninety-three buildings in Philadelphia are supplied with water and about 65,000 in New York.

Thaddeus Stevens, when asked if, as he approached the grave, he did not feel like forgiving his enemies, straightened back and replied:—"Yes, just as God forgives Satan."

There are fifty million dollars invested in the development of the copper regions of Lake Superior, and about seventy thousand persons are directly or indirectly supported by the product.

A Southwestern editor apologizes for the lack of news in his Monday edition by the statement:—"In consequence of having gone courting yesterday, we beg our readers to excuse brevity this morning."

Virginia City, Nevada, is caving in. A gentleman went to look for his boarding house the other day, and, on returning, was asked his success. "Well," said he, "I found everything settled except my bill."

It's ungenerous to criticize the young ladies of the present day for walking on their tiptoes. They can't help it. The waterfalls on the top of their heads draw up their back hair so tight that they can't put their heels down squarely without great pain.

It was a law among the ancient Jews that every man should learn a trade. He was not bound by any obligation to follow it, for if his inclination afterwards prompted him to seek other occupation, he was at liberty to do so. The wisdom of this law commends itself to every mind.

Alaska has 577,390 square miles; Dakota, 250,567; Montana, 143,776; New Mexico, 121,201; Arizona, 113,916; Idaho, 90,932; Utah, 80,056; Washington, 68,994; Indian Territory, 68,991; District of Columbia, 10.

The postage rates in Canada after April first are to be three cents per half ounce on mail that is prepaid and five cents on not prepaid.

A young man, the other day, rushed in great alarm, and asked a doctor if benzine was poisonous. "No," said the doctor; "why?" "Because," said the fellow, "father went to the closet to take down the gin bottle, and by mistake took several swallows before he knew it." "He's all right," exclaimed the doctor; "the only difference between benzine and modern gin is the smell."

The Leavenworth Times says the thieves of Chicago cover the lower end of their walking sticks with glue, and insert into saloons, call for drinks, and while the barkeepers are compounding them, reach their sticky sticks across the counter into the piles of postal currency kept for change. The consequence is frequent deficiencies in the cash accounts of the publicans.

A correspondent of the Scientific American commends onions as a specific against epidemics—not as an esculent, but sliced and kept in a sick room where they will absorb any atmospheric poison. They should be renewed by fresh ones every hour. It is noticed that in the room of a small patient they will blister and decompose with great rapidity, but will prevent the spread of the disease. Their application has also proved effective in the case of snake bites.

The Westminster Review thus cordially notices "Language and the study of Language," by Prof. Whitney of Yale College:—"If the Americans go on writing so many excellent treatises on philology, we shall soon have to call the English the American language."

A movement is making in Missouri to modify the law excluding Texas cattle from that State, so as to reduce the price of beef. An amendatory act has received the approval of the Board of Trade of St. Louis, and has been sent to the Legislature for enactment.

There are 64 publishing houses in the United States that issue school books, and at least 27,000 different text books are in the market, the average cost of which is \$1.32. The school population of the United States is five millions, consuming twenty millions of volumes a year, at an annual expenditure of \$18,750,000.

A Kentucky stockraiser passed through Nashville a few days ago, literally loaded down with gold watches and every description of jewelry, which he had obtained in Georgia and Alabama in exchange for one hundred and sixty head of mules, which he took South. In the absence of currency many people of that section found it necessary, in order to procure farm animals, to part with what few valuables war had left them.

A "real image" stereoscope has been produced in Paris. In the ordinary stereoscope the observer places his two eyes opposite two lenses, and sees the virtual images of two pictures apparently at the same place. In the "real image" stereoscope the observer stands about two feet from the instrument and looks at a frame containing a single lens. He then sees—just in front of the lens—a real and inverted image of each of the two pictures, the union of which forms the appearance of a solid figure or object in the air, between himself and the apparatus.

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