

BREVITIES.

Divulge no secret.
A blow that hurteth not—the blow of a flower.

Warm words are styled "controversial incandescence."
Politeness is like an air-cushion—there may be nothing in it, but it eases jolts wonderfully.

An exceedingly paternal man, living in Dennis Lake, Florida, aged 87, is the father of sixty children, the youngest of whom is 9 months old.

Col. B. T. Mogan, who won his spurs by bravery in the field during the late war, has been appointed Superintendent of the Carrier's department by Postmaster Jones.

A celebrated French writer says: "God made woman weak, and trusted her defense to man's generosity." Tell that to the Sorosis, says the New York Mail.

A name in bad odor through the West—that of William Oger, who is to blame for the recent terrible Missouri Railroad slaughter. He is anything but sweet William.

Is the North Pole worth \$100,000? Is a question suggested by Captain Hall asking for an appropriation of that amount by Congress to assist him in finding it.

The base drum and trombone solos of a California band are fatal to neighboring dogs. The human inhabitants move out of town while the band practices.

A young man named Frank Thorne, new stopping in Buffalo, has concluded arrangements with parties at Niagara Falls, to make a leap from the new suspension bridge into the river, a distance of 100 feet, on the 13th of next August. Seats sufficient to accommodate several thousand persons will be erected along both shores. Thorne is to receive the sum of \$10,000 for the undertaking.

"That's a gun of yours, stranger, but Uncle Dave here has one that beats it."

"Ah! how far will it kill a hawk with No. 6 shot?"

"I don't use shot or ball either," answered Uncle Dave for himself.

"Then what do you use, Uncle Dave?"

"I shoot salt altogether. I kill my game so far off with my gun, that, without salt, the game would spoil before I could get it."

A San Francisco school teacher received the following:

"I hope as to my John, you will flog him just as often as you kin. He's a bad boy—is John. Altho I've bin in the habit of teachin' him myself it seems to me he never will learn anything—his spellin is outrageously deficient. Wallop him well, sir, and you will receive my thanks."

P.S.—What accounts for John bein' such a scholar is that he is mislabeled by my wife's first husband."

A bad little Chicago boy, who had been inveigled into a Sunday school the day after specie began to be paid, kept pretty quiet until he saw the collection plate passed, on which were several dollars in silver, when he turned to a companion and said, "Hey! Billy, there's silver on that plate for Christ's sake!" The teacher, a nice young woman, took him across her knee and fanned him with her hand.

An amiable tribe in Hindostan, called Booteahs, among whom muscled warmly encouraged, are ingenious to make trumpets out of human thigh bones. The invention, says the *Orchestra*, is creditable in a constructive point of view, but the Booteahs require long bones for their purpose, and the supply is inadequate, they are apt to keep an eye on any goodly sized neighbor, and impatiently wait until he shall have no further use for his own particular trumpet material.

There was an amusing episode in the recent meeting of the American Institute of Science at Washington. On the last day but one, Prof. Pierce, of Harvard, was called on for a paper. He arose with perfect gravity, and informed the learned assembly that he had a mathematical essay in his pocket, but as there were only three members of the Institute who could understand it, and no one of them was in the hall, he must beg to be excused from reading it. The President, Dr. Henry, congratulated, wittily, the body on its escape.

We read in the papers lately how a man was saved from being shot. He had been condemned in a Spanish court, but being an American citizen, and also of English birth, the consuls of the two countries interposed, and declared that the Spanish authorities had no power to put him to death; and what did they do to secure his life? They wrapped him up in their flags; they covered him with the stars and stripes and the Union Jack, and defied the executioners. "Now fire a shot if you dare; for if you do you defy the nations represented by those flags, and you will bring the powers of those two great nations upon you." There stood the man, and before him the soldiery and though a shot might have ended his life, yet he was as invulnerable as though in coat of triple steel.

How to FALL ASLEEP.—We came across the following receipt for wakefulness, yesterday, and publish it for the benefit of "him" whom it may concern. Says the discoverer of the process: I turn my eyeballs as far to the right or the left, or upwards, or downwards, without pain, and then commence rolling them slowly, with that divergence from a direct line of vision around to their sockets, and continue this until I fall asleep; which occurs generally within three minutes, always within five at most. The immediate effect of this procedure differs from that of any other that I have ever heard of, thought into a new channel, but actually suspends it. Since I became aware of this, I have endeavored innumerable times, while thus rolling my eyes, to think upon a particular subject, and even upon that which kept me awake, but I could not. As long as they were moving around, my mind was blank. If any one doubts this, let him try the experiment for himself.

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