

BREVITIES.

"Camilla Uro Musical Festival Neckties" have appeared in San Francisco.

Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do any."

Ohio proposes to give \$3,000 for a monument to Gen. William Henry Harrison.

It is stated that \$228,000,000 are annually spent by the British nation in intoxicating drinks.

The Indianapolis Journal says that the "remains" of an epidemic in that city.

Ripe plums were picked on the 1st of January from an orchard near Milwaukee, Wis., being part of the second crop of 1869.

The erection of two cottages intended for the use of the Empress Eugenie, at Saratoga, is soon to begin, under the superintendence of Warren Leland.

A Michigan husband agreed to leave his wife upon the payment of seven dollars. She mortgaged her cook stove and paid him.

The Kennebec (Me.) Journal says that all but five of the 159 paupers in that city owe their present position directly to the use of intoxicating liquors.

"Dr.—wants to know if you'll please pay this bill now. Old gentleman looks at the items and replies: 'Well, Dr.—I'll pay him for his medicine and return his visits.'"

The wife of a St. John druggist made her biscuits for an evening party with tartar-emetic instead of cream of tartar. The result proved the efficacy of her husband's drugs.

A paper in Augusta, Me., reports that at one of the residences in that city a lady sits at an open window even during the coldest days of winter. There is probably a young man over the way.

A London court has decided that a cigar case and tobacco pouch are necessary for a wife of the period. She had bought them for her lover, and the husband refused to pay until compelled.

The government is now contemplating the protection of the small arms, rifles, pistols, etc., used by troops in the field, by a cheap coating of nickel, to keep out the rust. Nickel is incapable of oxidizing, and will take as much a polish as steel. Besides, nickel is not tarnished by the gases from burnt powder.

The New York Sun says, "The Prince has left, after dining with a lot of old fogies and dancing with two dowdy wives and daughters, and will carry away with him the impression that our men are all sixty years of age and upward, and that there are no women here younger than his mother."

A colored man lately attempted to steal a ride on a train on the railroad between Washington and Baltimore, by lying on the truck, face downwards, with his feet resting against the break of the car. He had "head-headed" it in this position for nearly eighteen miles before being discovered.

At a religious meeting at Allanburg, Canada, on Sunday night week, an old man arose, and calmly said he had but a short time to stay, and was determined to live in such a manner as to secure an entrance to heaven. He sat down, but in a few minutes again arose apparently ill. A friend near him caught him as he was falling, and in a few minutes he died.

The Ames company, at Chicopee, are fitting a contract for a peculiar adjustable horse-shoe—the invention of a Baltimorean—which is made to be taken off at night or when the horse is not being used, and put on as readily when wanted as a pair of boots. The corks of the shoe are also adjustable, and new ones can be fitted when one set is worn out.

A farmer wrote as follows to a distinguished scientific agriculturist, to whom he felt under obligations for introducing a variety of wine:

"Respected sir—I found several pigs of your species. There were a great variety of hogs, and I was astonished at not seeing you there."

A man, whose wife hung herself in his presence, on being asked why he did not prevent the tragedy, replied:

"I cut her down three times last week, and I can't be always cutting her down."

Two Pennsylvanians have obtained a patent for manufacturing writing and printing paper from the leaves of corn-stalks, and have already manufactured samples of an excellent quality.

Two young misses, discussing the qualities of some young gentlemen, were overheard to say:

"Well, I like Charley, but he is a little girlish; he hasn't got the least bit of beard."

"I say Charley has got a beard, but he shaves it off."

"No he hasn't either, any more than I have."

"I say he has, too, and I know it, for it pricked my cheek."

"That's how she knew."

A young wife remonstrated with her husband, a dissipated spendthrift, on his conduct.

"My love," said he, "I am only like the Prodigal Son—I shall reform by-and-by."

"And I will be like the Prodigal Son, too," she replied; "for I will also go to my father."

And accordingly off she went.

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