

NOT FUNNY, BUT CURIOUS.

An old newspaper says if the deaths of 2,880 persons had occurred indifferently at any hour during the twenty-four hours...

SURPRISING BUT TRUE.

The St. Louis Democrat gives as the reason why the business of accident insurance for railway travel has greatly declined...

CELEBRATED ROBBERIES.

Jehan Valter, a French journalist, relates, apropos of the robbery of the Dudley diamonds, several anecdotes about jewel robberies...

HABIT.

"I trust everything under God," said Lord Deighton, "to habit, upon which, in all ages, the lawyer, as well as the schoolmaster, has mainly placed his reliance..."

Society a habit, and intemperance will be hateful; make prudence a habit, and reckless profligacy will be as contrary to the nature of the child, grown or adult...

THE HOUR OF INDEPENDENCE.

A few weeks ago the New York Evening Post asked for information as to the exact hour when the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

THE SOURCE OF SALT.

The sea depends on the disintegration of rocks on land for salt. Rains wash it and hold it in solution as particles are liberated by violence, decomposition and gradual action of many natural forces...

SEEING STARS.

If a man falls so as to strike his head violently on the ice or on the pavement, or if he gets a blow over his eye, he is said to "see stars."

"IS YOUR NAME JONES?"

"Is your name Jones?" inquired a stranger yesterday, as he pulled the bell of a second street house and got the man to the door.

PUTTING TO RIGHTS.

It is not the moving so much as the "putting to rights," which is so exhaustive to the nervous forces of the entire family...

JUSTICE IS BLIND.

Fair play is said by Englishmen to be a virtue peculiarly "English." British justice is quoted by Britons as the perfection of judicial science...

BURIED ALIVE.

Cases where men and women are buried alive occur more frequently than the majority of people are apt to imagine. We are reminded of this subject by the case which has just come to light in Paris...

A PREMONITION OF EVIL.

A case of premonition with a bloody sequel occurred lately in Sevier county, Arkansas, if the Little Rock newspapers have not been misinformed.

THE OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER.

Thank God, some of us have an old-fashioned mother, not a woman of the period, enameled and painted, with her great chignon, her curls, and bustle...

once more in the room so hallowed by her presence, and dependence comes over us, and we kneel down in the mellow sunshine, streaming through the open window...

A VERY CLEAR CASE.

"Well, my lord judge, sure it was last election day; and faith 'twas a dark, cloudy, wet sort of a drizzling day, and says I to my old woman, 'I believe I will go down and 'pos't my vote.'"

THE LAW OF THE TIDES.

The reports of the coast survey show that the tides of the United States are divisible into three distinct classes. Those on the Atlantic coast are of the ordinary type, ebbing and flowing twice in twenty-four hours...

AN UNLIER GHOST STORY.

A supernatural incident is said to have occurred in the wilds of Kerry a short time since. It seems that a woman residing in Glenfeak received a call from the spirit of her husband, a "man of the farming class, dressed in a shroud and white stockings and gloves..."

THE CARRIER PIGEON.

This is not always a pretty one. Indeed, it is sometimes ungainly in form and is never handsome in color. But it is fond of its nest and that nest's surroundings, and this fact renders it valuable to those who absent themselves of its indisposition to absent itself from the domestic locality...

AN APRIL FOOL HOAX.

Upon All Fools' Day the numerous doctors, surgeons and dentists of Southport, England, were made the victims of an amusing hoax. On that morning each practitioner received by post a letter requesting his attendance at ten o'clock at a certain residence...

THE SMALLEST DOG.

It is believed that the smallest adult specimen of the canine race is that referred to by Blyth in a footnote to Cuvier's "Carnivora."

CURRENT ITEMS.

The scale of good breeding—B natural. Cuban currency is worth six cents on the dollar. KALAKAVA BARK has expressed a desire to be present at the Centennial. It will soon be time for farmers to plant their bean poles and sow their dried apples.