Burlington Hawk-Eyetems.

THE electoral bill fell like oil on the troubled waters; fusel oil.

THERE does seem to be something mighty cureous about this blue glass.

A GERMAN woman in Sacramento keeps an asylum for stray cuts. Stray ducats, probably.

WE wish, if the electoral compromise count has time, it would come over some Sunday afternoon and tell us who's elected.

THE people have been so absorbed in politics that the usual number of hunters' lies have not been told nor published this winter.

THE Boston people are raving over Phœbe Couzzins' eyebrows. The most extravagant adjectives are two Phœbel to express their admiration.

WHAT is the difference between proxy-line and a truant school boy caught rabbit hunting? One is gun cotton and the other is caught gunnin'.

MRS. MIDDLERIB says, speaking of effective irony, her husband's heelless hose present the most striking specimens of sock chasm she ever saw.

A MAN out in Ford county caught 22,000 rats last year. We can't imagine what use he has for so many rats, unless he is going to start a hotel or a livery stable.

"WHAT shall I do to collect this bill of Watkins'?" a butcher asked his lawyer. The man of the law reached forth his hand for a retainer and said briefly, "Suet."

"GENTLEMAN," remarked a Kansas horse thief to the vigilance committee, just before the aerial dancing began, "fun's fun, but I object to this practical choking." But they capital pun-ished him, jest the same.

Detroit Currency.

THE increased price of whalebone effects horses a good deal. Men who can't afford to buy a whip now use a club.

ALL the "mutual" there was in that New Jersey insurance company was the mutual stealing by the four highest officers.

THE *Graphic* calls upon all the lawyers to cut down their fees one-half. The best way is for one-half the public to cease going to law.

THERE is at the present time in the Mexican treasury the sum of seventeen cents in specie. It has slipped into a crevice, and cannot be got at.

SENATOR CAMERON'S experience with treasury girls has so unnerved him that he has taken down a bust of Minerva which has always stood in his room.

THE Cincinnati *Commercial* calls snow-clouds "cirrusses." It is evident that the political strain on the nervous system hasn't injured our brightest and best men.

THERE are lots of men in this country who don't care for money, but they feel just like using a postage stamp over again if the ink has only touched one corner.

GRACE GREENWOOD makes a fellow wink when she asks: "Where will we all be fifty years hence? What is life that we should fret? Why make we such ado?"

THE manufacture of crooked whisky should cease, even if revenue officers have to kill a small procession of American citizens. It's bad enough to endure the straight article.

THE prisoners at Sing Sing have petitioned for the removal of the warden, on the ground that he is high-toned and reserved. They want some one who doesn't feel above them.

THE Chicago reporter who was booted by Fred Grant has never rallied from the kick, and is looking for a situation with some man who travels around renovating feather beds.

DON'T spend too much time laboring for the good of posterity a thousand years to come. Get up a good dinner for your own posterity to-day, and you will be doing about the right thing.—*Chicago Journal.*

Wit and Humor.

A BIRD in the hand—will fly away unless held tight.

"SHURE, and where is the entrance out?" asked an Irishman of a jailor.

TIMES are getting a little easier. For fifteen cents you can now buy a genuine imported Havana cigar that tastes of tobacco.

"WAITER," he yelled, with an awful roar.
"This napkin, I'm sure, has been used before."
"By four, sir, no," did the waiter say;
"You're only the third that's used it to-day."

AN Illinois chap, in describing a gale of wind, said: "A white dog, while attempting to weather the gale, was caught with his mouth open and turned completely inside out."

MADAME DE Z. had just returned from a tour in Italy. "Well, and was not it beautiful?" asked her friend. "Was not Venice picturesque?" "Mon Dieu," said Madame de Z. "I had no chance of seeing anything in Venice. All the streets were flooded when I was there."

A MEMBER from the rural districts, who had been feeding his hens on a patent egg producer, says that on going to the hen house one day he with great difficulty opened the door, and found to his surprise nearly a foot of eggs and no hens. The hens had layed themselves entirely away, nothing but feathers being left.

THE Chicago *Tribune* tells a story of a young man belonging in Boston who had been to "Yurrup," and came back just in the heat of the political campaign. He burned with patriotic fires, and besought the Republican managers to let him make a speech. They sent him into the country a few miles from Boston. He began, "Ladies and gentleman—it must be pleasant for you to have gentlemen come down from Boston to instruct you in regard to the political—" That was as far as he ever advanced. A howl of derisive laughter drove him from the stage, and his political career came to an abrupt end for the time being.

HE sat alone in her father's parlor, waiting for the fair one's appearance, the other evening, when her little brother came cautiously into the room, and gliding up to the young man's side, held out a handful of something, and earnestly inquired, "I say, Mister, what's them?"

"Those?" replied the young man, solemnly, taking up one in his fingers, "those are beans."

"There!" shouted the boy, turning to his sister, who was just coming in, "I knew you lied. You said he didn't know beans, and he does, too!"

The young man's stay was not what you could call a prolonged one that evening.—*Chicago Journal.*

Cardiff, Wales.

Cardiff, the handsome seaport town which sits at the mouth of the Taff, does not owe its importance to the ancient ruins which besprinkle Glamorgan-hire, but to the fact that the county is the greatest coal centre of the British Empire. To iron and coal Great Britain chiefly ascribes its grandeur among nations, and from Glamorganshire it draws vast quantities of these; the deposits are deemed well-nigh inexhaustible. Cardiff is but an outlet for this wealth, and is not, as some suppose, a smoky and sooty sort of Pittsburgh. It is clean, handsome, with broad streets and fine edifices, and a clear blue sky over head. From the collieries and iron-works of the mountain cities on the Taff by railway and canal the mineral treasures of Glamorganshire are brought down to Cardiff and shipped upon salt water. As regards its relations with American shipping, Cardiff is the second seaport town in Great Britain, the first being Liverpool. But it is only within the last forty years that Cardiff has assumed this importance, and it is barely a hundred years—a bagatelle in the history of Cardiff, though a somewhat important period of time from an American point of view—since it was a small town, with no better means of communication with the mining regions than by donkey-power. It was customary for women and boys to drive into port mules laden with coal in bags, and iron came down the hills in scanty wagon-loads. It is related that "Mr. Bacon's contract guns in the American war" were thus transported to Cardiff. In 1798 a canal was opened from Cardiff to Merthyr Tydvil, over the mountains, which was considered one of the seven wonders of the world, rising to a hight, within twenty-four miles, of five hundred feet, by means of thirty locks. This canal is still used, though there are three lines of railway to rival it. The grand impetus to the business of Cardiff was given by the construction of the enormous stone docks, begun in 1834 by the late Marquis of Bute at his own private cost—a matter of some five million dollars. Precisely what is signified by a work of this character no untraveled American can easily comprehend. There is nothing of the sort on our side the Atlantic. Imagine a stone-shored lake cut in the land, as it might be a vast deep cellar dug out of the ground and walled about with huge blocks of dressed stone. Give imagination scope until you realize cellars so large as to afford a mile or more of stone wharves, at which, and in the waters inclosed in which, innumerable ships may ride at ease as in a walled room. About one hundred acres of water surface are thus inclosed, remote from the open channel, and in the midst of town. No storm that ever raged could ruffle to anger the placid bosom of this stone-shored lake or combination of lakes. Wide fields of sandy plain stretch between and around these lakes, levelled and gravelled, having long lines of iron gas-lamps and graceful iron fences, and huge stone warehouses, and railway tracks on which the laden trucks from the mountain mines roll down alongside the sleeping ships. Huge iron steamers lie and doze as in a placid pond. Looking about in this novel marine world, you observe that there are various levels of water; here the ships ride on the smooth liquid floor not twelve inches below the sole of your foot as you stand; you walk across a bit of the sandy stretch, and there the ships are lying in a gulf below you, so that you could rest your foot on their yard-arms. Huge locks connect these different levels—locks so capacious that sometimes two vessels at once may pass in and be lifted together from the lower to the higher plane.

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The most interesting edifice in Cardiff is the Castle. Right in the heart of the town, its tall towers looking down on the huddling roofs of inns and shops, stands this noble old fortress, the scene of many a stirring passage in history. Passing out into the Cowbridge Road, a continuation of Angel Street, we may look up at the New Tower, as it is called—a modern addition to the castle, glittering with gilding on spire and roof, and coats of arms and statues, where they stand high up in sheltered niches. Here also we see the stone gallery stretching to the Curthose Tower, sometimes called the Black Tower, and again Robert's Tower. The legend of this tower is historical. Robert, Duke of Normandy, eldest son of William the Conqueror, having been captured in battle by his brother Henry, whose crown he coveted (and with good cause, since it was Robert's by right), was brought to Cardiff and confined in this tower early in the twelfth century. For twenty-six years he continued imprisoned here, and here he died. So much is undisputed fact. Embroidered on this fact are many tales more or less fanciful, but all having some threads of probability: as that he was kept constantly confined in the dark dungeon underneath the tower throughout all those years; that he was blinded by his cruel brother, his eyes being plucked out as soon as he arrived at Cardiff; and that he died at last of chagrin at being given one of his brother's cast-off garments to wear. On the other hand, it is asserted that Robert had the range of the whole castle, with ample space for exercise and air within its far-stretching walls; that he had buffoons to amuse him, and was fed on the fat of the land; that his eyes were not ever put out; and that he died comfortably in his bed.

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From an opening between the trees we get a square front view of the residence portion of the castle—a handsome building with early English turrets, partly overgrown with ivy in picturesque fashion. This is the home of the present Marquis of Bute, a young man of twenty-six, who here passes the larger portion of his time each year, although he has other seats in various part of the queendom. His wife, the Marchioness, is a very comely young lady, who presents a pleasing picture, standing in the terraced walk upon the rampart, and leaning her elbow on the vine-embroidered battlements—indeed, so comely that, were she not known to be the Marchioness, she might easily be mistaken for one of our graceful New York or Baltimore girls, and I know not how more warmly to compliment her ladyship's beauty. Lady Bute is popular in Cardiff, and the people will not tire of telling you how fair and gentle she looked on the day when she presided at the opening of the latest completed basin in the Bute Docks, and smilingly saluted the American flag as it came sailing up the road, a Yankee skipper having been the first to enter the new basin.—*Wirt Sikes, in Harper's Magazine.*

LINCOLN'S advice "never to swap horses when crossing a stream" is set at naught by fashionable inventors, who just in the dead of winter have changed the style of muffs. They are now to be made large enough for but one hand at a time.

The Care of the Unknown Dead.

At the foot of East Twenty-sixth-st. there is a small building, apperently constructed as an addition to the Bellevue Medical College. The lower rooms are fitted to display the bodies of the unknown dead, so that every facility may be afforded those who visit this place to identify a missing relative or friend. This is the New York Morgue, which was constructed in 1866. Paris has two of the institutions, one of which has existed since the seventeenth century; the other was built in 1866, and is placed behind the Cathedral of Notre Dame, near the river Seine. Those who have visited the Morgue in this city and those in Paris unhesitatingly pronounce the former the more perfectly adapted to the purposes for which it was constructed.

As soon as a body is taken to the Morgue a full account of how it was discovered, at what time and place, and all the particulars regarding the appearance of the body and its surroundings, every portion of the clothing and all the peculiarities noticed, is carefully placed upon the record book. In all cases where the death evidently has been caused by violence or the cause is not known, notice is sent to the coroner's office, and in case a crime has been committed the facts are laid before the police. The main room is arranged to enable those endeavoring to identify a corpse to do so with as little discomfort as possible. After the body has been laid upon a marble slab, the head is propped up and the features made to appear as natural as possible. In the cold r months a body can be preserved for a long time, if necessary, without material changes from decomposition. In the hot weather this is more difficult, and a series of jets has been so arranged that water from a tank can be constantly showered over those portions of the body that are most susceptible to changes. Although visitors cannot touch the bodies, as the portion of the room where they lie is surrounded by a plate-glass screen, they can closely scrutinize every part of the remains, and easily distinguish any peculiar mark. The clothing is hung in another apartment, the articles being carefully ticketed with a number corresponding to that attached to the body. This clothing is preserved a year unless sooner identified, and then, if it is not fit for use, it is destroyed. The ornaments and valuable articles found upon the dead are also carefully preserved, and if no claimant appears, they are turned over to the city. When it is no longer proper to keep the bodies exposed they are sent to Hart's Island and interred. A careful record is kept of the exact place and the number at the head of each grave, so that if the clothing or other property should be identified at a future time, the body can be removed if desired to another burial ground. Photographs also are taken of all bodies that are received, and thus the history of the dead person can be obtained, even if many years should elapse between the finding of the body and the time of identification.

At the end of each month a report of all the bodies taken to the Morgue is made to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. The statistics for the past ten years show that the number of males is seven times as large as that of the females. About 75 per cent. of the bodies of unknown persons are taken from the rivers. There are also four times as many bodies taken from the rivers in the warmer months as during the winter. This also has been found to be true in the city of Paris. This is believed to be due to two causes; one that the number of suicides and cases of accidental drowning are much less in the winter than during the summer. Even though the suicide has determined to destroy himself, he apparently seems to shrink from the idea of the suffering that he imagines must ensue from a leap into water filled with floating ice. Another reason is stated to be that, even though a person may be drowned in cold weather, the body will not rise to the surface until the water reaches a temperature high enough to promote decomposition. This causes the body to remain at the bottom of the river until the warmer months, and then it comes to the surface and is discovered. If the record of the number of bodies found in the North and East rivers during the winter is compared with that of the months of April, May, and June, it will be seen that the number of bodies sent to the Morgue in the latter three months fully bears out the previous statements. Besides the bodies of the unknown dead, many are sent to the Morgue by the coroners on account of the conveniences for holding autopsies there. The bodies also of those who die in destitute circumstances, in the public institutions or otherwise, are sent to the Morgue previous to burial at the city's expense. The records show that from Jan. 1, 1876, to Jan. 1, 1877, there were 4,326 bodies taken to the Morgue in this city. Of this number, over 1,100 were coroner's cases.

The photographs that are taken of the dead when brought to the Morgue are roughly arranged in a case at the right of the main entrance from Twenty-sixth-st. In the great majority of cases excellent likenesses have been secured, and this has proved a greater help to the identification of persons than any other. The greater part of the suicides by drowning have been by foreigners. In many cases the dead persons had made few friends in this city. Their sudden disappearance was noticed and commented upon, but there was nobody who had sufficient interest in the missing persons to make inquiries. In such cases the body is buried in Potter's Field, and only the records of the Morgue furnish a clew to the missing person. In some few cases, after a lapse of several years, relatives have come to this city to obtain facts concerning the disappearance, and the fact and date of death have been arrived at by the identification of a photograph taken long before, when the body was brought to the Morgue. The fate of a clergyman who died suddenly in this city, and whose body was taken to the Morgue, was cleared up and the body restored to his family several months after his death through the recognition of a slip of paper preserved with an old pocket-book that had been found upon his person. Several persons have also been identified many months after burial by peculiar marks that had been carefully recorded on the books of the Morgue. Every scrap of paper and all other articles that might give the desired clews are systematically preserved, so that they can be referred to at any time.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

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