Grave-robbing.

It may not be generally known, but nevertheless it has been proven to be a fact, that there are some men in this city who make a business of robbing graves. [illegible] the bodies to medical men for dissection. [illegible] that parties in charge of grave yards would try to get the body, agreed to watch the grave at night for awhile. The first night their vigils were not rewarded by seeing any one, but on the second night, at about 11 o'clock, a light hack containing two men, drove up and stopped at the fence at the southwest corner of the cemetery, near where the body was buried. One man got out and looked at the grave and then went over to the Indian camp close by, probably for the purpose of getting some of the bucks to assist in digging. The Indians had evidently seen the parties who were on watch, and told the man of it, for he almost instantly returned to the hack on the run, and jumping in, put the "lead" to his horses and drove away in a hurry. From their actions one cannot believe otherwise than that the two men came purposely to lift the body, and they were only prevented by the presence of the guards. As it was bright moonlight of course the body-snatchers were recognized, but the names will not be made public at this time, and the only description of them which we are allowed to give is that one is of medium height and very corpulent, while the other is sparely built and slightly hunchbacked. A few days afterward a young lady was buried, and her friends have also taken it on themselves to watch her grave until the danger of the removal of the body is over. We can not find words strong enough to express our disapprobation of this horrid work of body-snatching, and do hope that those miscreants who have been making it their occupation will be brought to justice.—*Albany Democrat.*

Church Notes.

The Bible is now freely circulated in Portugal.

The Baptist Church in Paris numbers 175 members.

Rev. T. K. Beecher, of Elmira, N. Y., favors cremation.

The Episcopal Diocesan Convention of Maine reports 21 clergymen.

The Cardinals have decided that Pope Leo XIII is indeed a prisoner.

In the Cathedral at Bristol, England, the electric light is a dazzling success.

The first Church Almanac in America was published by William Bradford in 1701.

In 1850 the Roman Catholic population in this country was 3,000,000, now it is 6,408,000.

Five lawyers and two clergymen are to examine Archbishop Purcell's financial operations at Cincinnati.

The New York Baptist ministers are discussing the propriety of establishing a library for their own use.

The Reformed ministers of New York are discussing the question: "Is wickedness increasing in the earth?"

A Connecticut Judge decides that it is unlawful to sell cigars on Sunday, but perfectly proper to buy them.

The Presbyterian Board of Relief for Disabled Ministers has distributed during the last twenty-six years over $1,[illegible].

There are two Congregational churches in St. Petersburg and vicinity, of which English Congregational ministers are pastors.

Towards the end of January eighty-five churches in Glasgow will be opened of night after night for services throughout two weeks.

The celebration of the centenary of Robert Raikes, who is generally regarded as the founder of Sunday schools, will take place in 1890.

The Presbyterians of Scotland have heretofore been greatly opposed to Sunday travel of all descriptions. But now the Glasgow Presbytery takes action in favor of street cars.

Professor Heim predicts the downfall of the Cologne Cathedral before the close of the present century, on account of the crumbling of the stone in the pillars and foundations.

A workingwoman says that if the sturdy, industrious girls should stop marrying and supporting the fellows who stand on the street corners and smoke 15-cent cigars for a living, there would be ten tramps on the road where there is one now.

Alexander Dumas has published an article in which he states that Napoleon intended by conquest to snatch India from England. The war was to be prosecuted in India, and England disappear, like Carthage, from a magnificent reign.

The distance for the English Chester Cup has been reduced from two miles and a quarter to about a mile and three quarters.

Agricultural Notes.

Paint your farm implements with crude petroleum.

Japanese farms average about one acre each in size.

In Japan, the land is so valuable [illegible] the poetry of the field.

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A farmer's team should never be hitched near a groggshop door. It looks suspicious.

Collect fertilizing material upon every possible occasion. There can never be too much of it.

The farmer builds up manufactures, enriches the cities, gives value to the wilderness.—[Eugene Lawrence.

Sheep fatten quicker when loose, in pens of half a dozen, than by any method of stalling or tying up each sheep.

Draining low and wet lands always pays. Many a failure in farm operations can be directly traced to neglect of this important requisite.

Mr. Hoffman says the milking machine is a miserable cheat and an unmitigated humbug. It shrinks the amount of milk, and causes it to be lumpy and bloody.

The farmer who is ashamed of his calling should abandon it at once, and set up a corner groggshop in the country or a peanut stand in the city.—Then he can look his equals square in the eye!

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The temperance experience of Maine seems to be that the suppression of one class of intoxicants produces increased indulgence in another, as it is said that the people of that State now consume less rum and more opium than those of any other in the Union.

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