

BREVITIES

ODDS AND ENDS.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Lord Rayleigh is the only senior wrangler in the house of lords.

Susan B. Anthony calls Senator Peffer the most sincere champion of woman's rights in the United States senate.

Matilda Davis has been employed in a Lawrence (Mass.) mill as a weaver for 50 years. She claims to be the oldest weaver in the United States.

Jack Sweatman of Allen, Ky., coughed up an oak splinter the other day. He says he swallowed it 27 years ago, and that it lodged in his throat and had been there ever since.

Dr. Livingston of Bennettsville, N. Y., has built up an extensive practice, notwithstanding that he had been a deaf and dumb mute from the age of 3 years up to three years ago.

In his early youth Sims Reeves' voice was a baritone. It was not until he was 26 years old that the strength and beauty of his tenor became manifest.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge of England has decided that it is best that clergymen should not take part in criminal investigation. He declined to swear Rev. Thomas Cook to serve on the grand jury at the Berkshire assizes recently.

When Dr. Furness, the nonagenarian Philadelphian, reads Shakespeare, as he does in a way to charm the most critical audience, his son sits in the auditorium and prompts the venerable speaker by raising and lowering his hand, so that he may get his voice at the right pitch.

It was only about a dozen years ago that Bourke Cockran, the Tammany orator, used to wonder where he would get enough money to pay his car fare up and down town. Now he is the private counsel for George J. Gould and William Waldorf Astor, and his law business readily yields him \$100,000 a year.

PADOCK AND PIGSKIN PHILOSOPHY.

It is quite a knack to get them in shape without knocking them out.

First class stock sells; other kinds do not. That is the situation in a nutshell.

"He lacks road qualities"—a common expression which explains many a low sale.

In the race for the dollars satan makes the best time when disguised as a reformer.

There is a Spanish proverb which, being put into English, says, "He who would travel by a perfect ass must go about."

The leading question among all horsemen is how to make money. There is no use in denying the fact, it's money, money, money everywhere.

Thousands of horses all over the country go into winter quarters fat and sleek and come out in the spring too poor for any use. Are yours some of this number?

The value of the horse of the present day depends either on his being able to afford man a certain amount of physical pleasure or to render him a pecuniary service.

It looks better for a stallion to begin at \$10 and then raise the scale to \$200 than it does to begin at that price and run the scale the other way until he reaches the \$10 limit.

The breeder who stocks his farm with producers of established reputation has seven chances at least of success to three for the man who lets the tried mares go and fills their places with filly bred breds, perhaps, but untried.—Turf, Field and Farm.

RAILROAD TIES.

Steel rails, it is said, average 130 tons per mile; iron, 145.

The first line of railroad in Norway was opened in 1855.

The Union Pacific railroad was begun in 1862, and the first train through left Chicago for San Francisco on May 1, 1869.

The fastest time between New York and San Francisco was made by a special theatrical train in 1886—3 days, 7 hours, 39 minutes and 16 seconds.

An electric engine has been tried on the railway between Havre and Paris. It was attached to a train of 13 carriages and attained a speed of 75 miles an hour.

J. B. Kinkle, Prussian commissioner of railroads, who has been studying American railroad methods, is reported as saying that, while Germany surpasses this country in the construction of tracks, he finds American car equipment superior.

Vestibled trains have proved such a success in the prevention of serious results where accidents have occurred that these trains are much more popular even with railway men, and a belief is expressed that the time is not far distant when accommodation as well as through trains of all leading roads will be vestibuled.

SPRING NOVELTIES.

Platinum is holding its own.

Silver soap baskets for the bathtub are produced.

There are new designs in toast and muffin racks.

Italian and French renaissance forms prevail in table silver.

Tubular vases of silver are brought out in various forms. The prettiest are like twisted horns.

The newest standard for a Farina cologne bottle has sparklike forms resembling a beak of wheat, which, attached to round capsule base, hold the bottle.

A safety hatpin is accompanied by a plate that is attached to the under side of the hat. The hat has a dent that fits in a groove in the slot of the plate.—Jewelers' Circular.

MY LITTLE KING.

I met a king this afternoon. He had not a crown indeed. A little palm leaf hat was all. And as he was barefoot, I'm afraid.

But sure I am he ermine wore Beneath his faded jacket's blue, And sure I am the ermine he wore Within that jacket's pocket too.

For 'twas too stately for an earl— A monarch would not go so grand— 'Twas possible a czar he felt. A pope, or something of that kind.

If I must tell you, of a horse My freaked monarch had the rein, Doubtless an estimable beast, But not at all disposed to run.

And such a ragon! While I live Dare I presume to see Another such a vehicle As then transported me!

Two other raged princes His royal state partook— Don't let the horse extendion These sovereigns ever took.

I question if the royal coach Round which the footmen wait Has the significance on high Of this barefoot estate!

—Youth's Companion.

His Plaintive Plea.

He had loved her very tenderly and for a long time, but she had scorned him. He was no worm either, for he would have turned when trod upon, but she recked not this. It was enough for her that she did not care for him.

This is usually enough for any woman; also for any man when the boot is on the other foot, for of such is the kingdom of Cupid.

His condition had at last become unbearable to him, and he resolved to win all or lose all. It was late one evening when the fateful moment came.

"Will you marry me?" he asked her in pain, untrammelled English, for he could trust himself to nothing in the ornamental line.

She spurned him scornfully. "No!" she replied, with sarcastic, hateful, cruel emphasis, "No!"

The word pierced the heart in his bosom. His lips quivered, and at first he could not speak.

"Have you no more to say?" he asked at last plaintively.

"No, sir," she replied. "What more could I say?"

Again he shrank at the cruel thrust. "I didn't know," he murmured tremulously, "but I think you might have said, 'No, I thank you.'"

Then he fled away so weary with disasters, triggered with fortune, that he would set his life on any chance to mend it or be rid of it.—Detroit Free Press.

A Custom That is Very Old Indeed.

A bride made the confession to a group of young women who gathered around her after the wedding ceremony and the congratulations had been said and owned up to having worn a yellow garb for two years, that she had counted the stars and carried out the various bits of lore that are prophetic of a speedy marriage and happiness ever after.

She wore something old and something new. Something borrowed and something blue on her wedding night, and, moreover, wore a silver coin—a Columbian half dollar—in her shoe. She was showered with the usual amount of rice when it came time to get into the carriage and drive away for the honeymoon trip, and had old shoes and good wishes enough sent after her to make the after years joys ones if they all hold good, and, moreover, when she opens her trunk and traveling bag and the bridegroom opens his umbrella enough rice will come to light to make their first rice pudding, and the shoe strapped on the outside of the trunk will tell its own tale.

It is strange how much enjoyment one gets out of such harmless things, but the custom lasts, and the older it grows the more rigidly it is adhered to.—Buffalo News.

What She Would Do.

Every one has noticed the growing height of each successive year's bevy of debutantes, and the younger generations promise to be quite as tall if not taller than their predecessors. "Is it possible you are only 12?" said a small woman to a little girl who was more than an inch taller than herself. "How big you are!"

"Oh, do you think so?" answered the child. "Why, my friends consider me quite short. They are nearly all of them taller than I am."

"What Brobdignagians you will all be, and how will you get partners? If you were my child, I would put a brick on your head!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Great Mistake Columbus Made.

Schoolmaster—Why was it that his great discovery was not properly appreciated until long after Columbus was dead?

Nineteenth Century Schoolboy—Because he didn't advertise, sir.—Louisville Tit-Bits.

Natural.

Castleton—I hear you are engaged to Miss Bigglerole, the girl you went home back with so much last summer. How on earth did you manage it?

Summit—I couldn't help it, old man. We were thrown together so much.—Truth.

The cut of new walking coats and jackets has altered very decidedly, these being no longer half tight, opening over loose bodices, but fitting perfectly to the figure, showing it to the best advantage and likewise revealing the tailor's skill.—New York Post.

Fills a Long Felt Want.

An inventor has patented a device for illuminating keyholes which promises to be a boon to persons out late at night. A recess in the door frame holds a tiny incandescent lamp, which is lighted by a push button. The light is sufficient not only to illuminate the keyhole, but to permit the late comer to select readily the proper key from his bunch.—Hardware.

MRS. LANDER AND EDWIN BOOTH.

An Anecdote of Their First Appearance Together on the Stage.

Personal anecdotes are always interesting. One is told by Mrs. General Lander of Washington, one of the most original and attractive women of the capital.

Formerly Mrs. Lander was an actress known as Jean Davenport, and once when playing "Camille" in California she was supported by Edwin Booth in the role of Armand. Booth had not reached the age of 21 at the time, and Mrs. Lander was somewhat annoyed that she was obliged to have so young a "leading man."

Her annoyance, however, disappeared the first evening they played in public.

Booth had proved keen and bright, anxious to learn and to please the star-actress. At rehearsal he said: "Miss Davenport, how shall I kneel in the death scene?"

"Be sure to kneel before me, so that I can look down upon you," was the reply.

The story of the performance should be told in Mrs. Lander's own words.

"The evening came. The opera house was packed. My boy, to the astonishment of all, played with the very soul of genius. He fairly trembled with emotion. He forgot all my careful directions and acted his part with the self forgetfulness and abandon of an old actor whose intuitive knowledge is sufficient to him. I came near forgetting myself in the admiration I felt for my lover—my boy lover. The death scene came, and Armand was missing. I looked behind me, and there, instead of kneeling at my feet with his head before me, he had bowed himself in anguish on the back of my low couch. There was no time to move, to speak or change a word or a position. I simply turned so I could look at him. His stricken attitude was pitiful. Never had I seen grief so naturally portrayed. It was carried out of myself. I stretched my arms toward his bowed head, and the house rose with applause. He lifted his face to mine, and I moaned aloud from real pity and pain."—New York Sun.

Only One Week.

"Did you know this mamma's birthday?" asked little Bessie of the caller.

"No. Is it?"

"Yes, and my birthday is next Monday. Mamma is a week older than me."—Harper's Bazar.

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BALD HEADS!



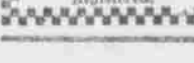
What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald.



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