

News and Other Items.

A roving laborer, if a visitor knocks at the front door, will sometimes send word "engaged" though he never had an offer in her life.

The total quota of New York state under the last call for half a million is \$9,318.

The Richmond Sentinel of the 22d Inst. says: "We believe the Democratic party will nominate a peace candidate (at Chicago), and that his nomination will probably wind up active hostilities, if not end the war."

To prevent steers from jumping fences, clip off the eyelashes of the under eye, with a pair of scissors, and the ability to jump is as effectually destroyed as Sampson's power was by the loss of his locks.

New York is fuller than ever of refugees and cowardly southerners, most of them rebels but with no stomach for powder and ball. They fill the hotels and boarding houses, keep the roads, and are a gold mine (a favorite form of helping their brethren at home) for the enrollment roll but do nothing to fill the quotas, and in every way that they have the courage for give aid and comfort to the rebel cause.

On Wednesday evening, July 20, the air in the vicinity of Odgersburg was filled with ashes, and the wind at the time was blowing from the north-west, and they must have come from miles away in Canada. About midnight dense clouds of smoke passed over the town, indicating that heavy fires were raging in the forest on the opposite side of the Alleghenese.

You would not take me for twenty? said a nice girl to her partner, while dancing, a few evenings ago: "What would you take me for?" "For better or for worse," he replied.

My old bachelor says if a young lady has a purse with two ends—silver on one, and gold in the other—she is sure to open the gold first.

"GENTLE WOMEN EVER KIND."—Dr. Kane relates that when one day, worn out with fatigue, he turned out on an Esquimaux hut to get a little sleep, the good-natured hostess of the wigwag covered him up with some of her own kaillimats, and gave him her baby for a pillow.

LEATHER PIES.—Army pies are so terribly tough that soldiers call them leather pies. A poor fellow of Grants army, whose arm had just been amputated, was being carried past a stand where a young man was selling pies, when he raised himself in the ambulance and called out, "I say old lady, are those pies sewed or pegged?"

NEWSPAPER BUSINESS, by reason of enhanced wages, high prices, taxation, &c., is so unprofitable that one of the most talented assistants of a morning daily in New York city has just thrown down the pen and opened a brookers office in Wall-street; another has turned auctioneer, and a third has gone into the country to work on a farm. From the weekly journals there are similar extractions. Mechanical labor is getting better and better every day, but brain work is growing cheaper and cheaper.

A CHILD THAT TALKED AT BIRTH.—South Troy is just now agitated by stories told about a child that talked at birth. It is prophesied that a comet was coming in a few weeks and was going to give us a terrible drought, and that in consequence of the disappearance of the atmospheric laws there would be a famine according to the inspired baby's prophecy. There are numbers who have seen the talking child and insist upon the truth of these stories.

A WASHINGTON LETTER WRITER SAYS: "Our theaters are closed, the concert halls can hardly pay expenses, and business of every kind drags heavily. Indeed Washington has seen the usual signs of a panic, and it is not probable that we shall have the Army of the Potomac heretofore any more, and the lucrative sutler's trade will soon be located at Petersburg—then at Richmond."

A tailor, who, in skating, fell through the ice, declared that he would never leave his house for cold duck.

A favorite mode of introduction in Brazil is said to be, "This is my friend; if he steals anything from you, I am responsible for it."

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?—A man was angry with his wife, and she became so much so, or for some other reason and resolved not to spend to her for a long, long time. He kept his resolution for a few days very strictly. One evening he is lying in bed and wishes to sleep; he draws his night cap over his ears, and his wife may say what she will, he hears nothing of it. He will then take a candle, and carries it to every nook and corner of the room; she removes stools, chairs, and tables, and looks carefully behind them. The husband sits up in bed, and gazes inquiringly at her movements; he thinks that the dim man has a mad idea, and that he is mistaken—his wife keeps on looking and searching. The husband loses patience, and cries, "What are you looking for?" "For your tongue," she answers: "and now that I have found it, tell me why you are angry." Hereupon they became good friends again.

REBEL DISAPPOINTMENT BECAUSE WASHINGTON WAS NOT CAPTURED.—The Richmond Dispatch of the 18th Inst. says the fall of Washington was most anxiously expected by the people, who were much disappointed on learning that the invaders had not accomplished this object, but much gratified amid their chagrin, that "the Yankee capital could be frightened out of its wits." The Engineer thinks that Pennsylvania is soon to be secured by 40,000 rebels as it invites foraging on a large scale, and a foray into that region should culminate in a most beautiful harvest of the already worn seeds of peace.

The Pennsylvanians are looked on by the Confederates as being entirely indifferent to the losses inflicted on Maryland, as they consider Maryland, if not of the Confederacy, and hence the popular desire of the South that the Keystone State should be punished by an extensive raid.

LOSSES BY THE LATE MARYLAND RAID.—We find it estimated that the entire loss by the rebel raid in Maryland will not much exceed two millions of dollars. Of this amount the Philadelphia and Washington and Baltimore Railroad suffered to the extent of something over one hundred thousand dollars; the Northern Central to about the same amount; the Baltimore and Ohio had seven bridges and four miles of track and several miles of telegraph wire destroyed; telegraph companies were damaged to the extent of three or four thousand dollars; the Chesapeake and Ohio canal had the aqueduct at Antietam destroyed, and all the locks between Antietam and Williamsport demolished with losses estimated at four hundred thousand dollars; the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal had the aqueduct at Antietam destroyed, and all the locks between Antietam and Williamsport demolished with losses estimated at four hundred thousand dollars; the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal had the aqueduct at Antietam destroyed, and all the locks between Antietam and Williamsport demolished with losses estimated at four hundred thousand dollars.

A BEAUTIFUL IDEAL.—In the mountains of Tyrol it is the custom of the women and children to come out when it is bed-time and sing their national songs until they hear the husbands, fathers, and brothers answering them from the hills on their return home. On the shores of the Adriatic such a custom prevails. There the wives of the fishermen come down about sunset and sing a melody. After singing the first stanza, they listen for an answering melody from off the water, and continue to sing and listen till the well known voice comes home on the waters telling that the loved ones are at home.

NEW DISEASE.—The Buffalo Medical Journal, describing a new disease, which appeared at Cheesecake, in Erie county, New York, of which several persons have died. It commences with diarrhoea, and is followed by emaciation until death supervenes. The autopsy revealed the cause of death to be the presence of the worm Tritrichia spiralis in the striated muscles. The same parasite was also shown in a sausage, of which one of the dead persons had eaten, and without doubt originated from the worm. The worm was undoubtedly set free in the process of digestion, and immediately pierced the walls of the intestines, creating the diarrhea, and passed through the peritoneum into the muscles. It is very tenacious of life, and will resist a strong heat. The parasites were found in the muscles of the dead persons in large numbers. The medical men had no doubt that the use of pork as an article of diet was the cause of the disease. The tape worm, it is believed, originates in a similar manner.

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