

Attorney-General Brewster.

In describing the appearance of the counsel in the star route cases in Washington, a correspondent says of the attorney-general:

But the head and front of the trial and the queerest, oddest, most indescribable individual you will meet with in a year's trial, is Benjamin H. Brewster, the brusque and burned attorney-general. His whole face from his eyes down is a cicatrix. He was horribly burned when a five-year-old child in attempting to rescue a little sister from the flames, and he is as hideously ugly as any "false face" or caricature you ever rested your eye upon. He is the observed of all observers. His costume contributes to the curiousness of the character before you. He appears in court dressed in patent leather pumps, with white gaiter tops and straps, lavender pants, a double-breasted buff vest, a turtle-green cutaway coat, a blue, white-dotted silk scarf, diamond pin and tall, pointed collar, the ends of which project out and upward like sleigh-runners. Instead of cuffs he wears lace ruffles about his soft, small white hands. Each hand supports handsome rings. A tiny gold watch chain sweeps around in a crescent across his yellow waistcoat front, and he dries his weeping eyes with a snow-white lace kerchief. His tall, old-fashioned, yellowish beaver hat has fur on it longer than that of a mallee cat. He drives around in a white and yellow coach, emblazoned with his coat of arms. These and a bunch of other eccentricities and idiosyncrasies make up one of the ablest lawyers in the land and the attorney-general of the United States. He is of good height, with a well poised and phrenologically rounded head. His arguments are as clean cut and trenchant as the circle of a Damascus blade in a giant's hand. His language is chaste and clear, and cuts to the marrow. His "insulting" ugliness reminds me of a speech Tom Marshall made, when under the influence of liquor, to a man whose wife he disliked. Said the Woodford orator: "Bill, your wife is a blamed ugly woman." "Well," replied Bill, flushing up, "that is her privilege." "Yes," replied Tom, "but she abuses the privilege." And it looks that way in Brewster's case. He is said, however, to be a charming man in conversation and in the social circle.

California Pears.

A San Francisco correspondent writes: Mr. Mills, the editor of the Sacramento Record Union and the president of the California Associated Press, during a long ride around Sacramento, took me to see a Sacramento valley pear orchard. There are millions of acres in the valleys of the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Yuba and Feather rivers, where splendid crops are raised without irrigation. There is no rain, but still the ground is constantly moist from seepage. The Yuba, Sacramento and Feather rivers are several feet above the surrounding farms—caused by the debris from the hydraulic mines in the mountains. The levee holds them up above the farms.

The pear orchard visited has twenty acres in it. There are 175 trees to the acre. It is four years old. Last year the trees paid the owner \$2.50 a tree and nearly \$450 per acre. In a few years each tree will pay \$10. The orchard is beautifully cultivated. Not a weed is to be seen. Every fall the top of every pear limb is cut off eighteen inches, to keep the tree down. All California grapevines are cut down in the fall to one main stem, with a few stub limbs at the top. The vines thus stand alone.

Chinamen do all the work in these grape and pear orchards. They cultivate the trees, trim them and pick the fruit.

Fun in Africa.

I had capital fun—for even in African traveling we have our hours of ease—in my attempts to take some photographs of the people. I found this a matter of the utmost difficulty. At most places my attempts had proved abortive, owing to the suspicious and superstitious notions of the people, who would just as soon have stood at the cannon's mouth as face the camera. While the instrument was being erected they usually gathered around in crowds, open-mouthed with wonder and curiosity. But no sooner did I slip the black cloth over my head for focussing purposes than they fled incontinently, and neither bribery nor cajolery could avail to make them stand again. They were always thoroughly imbued with the idea that I was working witchcraft, and that my supposed charming would take some vital essence out of them. Hence not a few villages remained absolutely deserted as long as the camera continued on its legs.—Good Words.

Frankfort on the-Main, containing a population of about 100,000, is said to be the richest city of its size in the world. If its wealth was equally divided among its inhabitants every man, woman and child would have, it is said, 20,000 marks, or some \$4,000 a piece.

THE FAMILY DOCTOR.

HOT MILK AS A RESTORATIVE.—Milk that is heated to much above 100 degrees Fahrenheit loses for the time a degree of its sweetness and its density; but no one fatigued by over-exertion of body and mind, who has ever experienced the reviving influence of a tumbler of this beverage, heated as hot as it can be sipped, will willingly forego a resort to it because of its having been rendered somewhat less acceptable to the palate. The promptness with which its cordial influence is felt is surprising. Some portions of it indeed seem to be digested almost immediately; and many who fancy they need alcoholic stimulants when exhausted by labor of brain or body will find in this simple draught an equivalent that shall be abundantly satisfying and more enduring in its effects.—Phrenological Journal.

CURES FOR BALDNESS.—The *Chemists' Journal* says: Dr. Xavier Landerer, of Athens, has again been so obliging as to send us some notes from the cradle of pharmacy: Numberless remedies for baldness of French, English, German and American origin stock our markets, but none, according to Dr. Landerer, equal in efficiency the following, which he has used and prescribed for many years past. Prepare a tincture of the cups of the *Quercus agrifolia*, which are known in commerce as valonia, and digest with it powdered cloves and cinnamon. Make a tincture by digesting the leaves of the *Laurus apollinis* in acid wine, and mix the two together. Before applying this remedy the skin of the head should be well washed with a decoction of saponaria root (*Saponaria leucotica*), to cure any *eczema pityriasis* which may be present. Instead of pomatum or hair oil, laurel oil should be used, this being the usual hair oil in vogue among the ladies of the East. Dr. Landerer calls this remedy for baldness *alexitrichon*, or hair preserver.

Utah and the Mormons.

A visitor to Salt Lake City writes in the *Congregationalist* as follows: Several days lately spent by the writer in Salt Lake have afforded a fresh and interesting view of the matter as it appears from this standpoint of the Mormon Mecca. At the Sunday service the tabernacle, which will seat 13,000 when filled, was not occupied at all in the galleries, though they were formerly well filled. The addresses were shaped specially for the benefit of the non-Mormon hearers, of whom there must have been at least 200 present, seated in front by themselves as usual. One of the speakers, the superintendent of Mormon schools for the county, argued at great length the reasonableness of a new revelation to Joseph Smith, and both the addresses had about them a good deal of the assumption that the doctrines preached must be true because I, the speaker, say so. The praying was to a very large extent similar to that in evangelical churches, though there was once or twice a more direct supplication that all the world may be converted to Mormonism. The (Mormon) men and women were seated by themselves, and the babies and little children, of whom there were a good number present, cried vigorously, keeping up sometimes a sharp competition with the choir. Bread and water are distributed to the entire congregation every Sabbath as a communion service, those who do the preaching stopping to allow the announcements and the short prayers, but going forward with their address while the elements are being distributed. On Sabbath mornings Mormon Sabbath-schools are held in all the ward school houses of the city, and the same buildings are used for local meetings in the evening. Since the passage of the Edmunds bill the Mormons are somewhat more reserved in their intercourse with others, though heretofore they have done their trading almost wholly at shops kept by their own people. The non-Mormon population of the city is between four and five thousand, out of twenty thousand in all, with a Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist and two Episcopal churches. It is a mistake to suppose that polygamy, as bad as it is, is the worst and most dangerous feature of the Mormon church. The offense is one of which only about one-tenth part of the people are guilty. The infallibility accorded to the Mormon church and its priesthood is the thing most to be feared and hardest to uproot; and polygamy rests upon this. A lady of our party meeting a married daughter of Brigham Young, drew from her the frank statement that like other women she should shrink instinctively from such a step as her husband's taking a second wife, but added that she should submit without protest, as the church requires it. Here is the keynote to this bondage of polygamy, but contact with the outside world is beginning to be felt, and polygamy is looked on with decreasing disfavor among the young people, as they begin to see how it is regarded by others.

About \$25,000,000 are now given to foreign missions where but \$1,000,000 was given sixty years ago.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.

How People Die.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in one of his sermons says: "I think the great majority of people die very much as a leaf does. Its supply of juice grows less and less, and the stem is less and less nourished, and it gradually retracts and shrinks within itself, and hangs on the branch; and some day when the wind blows in very gentle puffs the leaf is lifted a little and the connection breaks, and it wavers and wavers through the air and settles without a sound upon the ground. I suppose that the majority are as unconscious of the phenomenon of dying as children are of going to sleep; it is so like it that it is called in Scripture 'falling asleep'—only there the figure is sweetened and made more beautiful, in that we fall asleep in Jesus, or in His arms."

Worrying.

Every mortal has burdens and discomforts. By picking the burden up fifty times a day and weighing it, it becomes no lighter, but rather produces an increased sense of heaviness. By worrying over the discomforts they become none the more comfortable, but are harder to endure and give cause for more and more worry and complaint. To ignore them may be impossible. We are not called upon to do that. But by turning the sunlight upon them and greeting them with the merriest laugh we can raise we can lighten them and melt them as cakes of ice are melted in the noonday sun, so that when we look for them we find they are gone and wonder who has carried them away. Blessed be the sunshine that comes with its benediction to the weary and lightens the burden of the heavy heart.

Religious News and Notes.

The British people gave \$5,310,950 for foreign missions last year.

The Episcopal bishop of Pennsylvania has sailed for Europe, to be absent three months.

A party of 1,004 French Roman Catholics has just completed a tour through the Holy Land.

Pastor Newman, of the Madison Avenue church, New York, has had his salary raised to \$10,000.

The Boston Y. M. C. A. is said to be the oldest in the United States. It recently celebrated its thirty-first birthday.

The *Lutheran Observer* says that over one thousand ministers have been sent to America by ten theological institutions in Germany.

The American Bible society is undertaking the fourth general supply of the Holy Scriptures throughout this country. The first was in 1829-30, the second in 1856 and the third in 1866.

Mr. Kimball, the debt extinguisher, is proving quite successful in California, having recently cleared off a debt of \$45,000 on the First Congregational and one of \$20,000 on the First Presbyterian churches of Oakland.

The Methodist Episcopal churches North and South unite in a centenary conference, which will be held in Baltimore, December 25, 1884, to celebrate the famous "Christmas Conference," which was held in that city December 25, 1784.

Tindestak, Alaska, is a Chiloat village of sixteen houses and one hundred and sixty two people. Each of the houses cost the Indian owners over a thousand dollars. Their desire, however, for the Gospel was so great that the whole population left the village last October and moved to the new mission station at Willard, that they might have school and church privileges.

Lovers' Strategy.

The matrimonial aspirations of Lee Hale and Katie Morgan were opposed by her parents at Chattanooga, Tenn. She was kept so close a prisoner that all plans of elopement failed, as she was not allowed to go beyond the veranda of the house. At length Hale made up a party of friends, including a minister, and approached the house near enough to signal Katie to come out. The obliging clergyman had shortened the marriage ceremony for this occasion to a few words, and it was supposed that these could be spoken before any interruption occurred. The girl was caught on the veranda by a big brother, and in escaping from him fell down the steps, bruising herself considerably, but the ceremony was successfully performed, amid the cheers of a multitude.

An Epigram by Emerson.

In London is made public an epigram which Emerson wrote in the album of a well-known firm of photographers to whom he sat for a photograph during his last English visit. When asked to write something he readily consented, and, without hesitation, penned these words:

"The man who has a thousand friends
Has not a friend to spare,
But who has one enemy
Will meet him everywhere."

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Declined to be Married.

When a suitor at Mount Vernon, O., received an emphatic no to his proposal he was about to give up the suit and go back to his home at Columbus, but the girl's mother accepted him, appointed a wedding day, and assured him the daughter would be ready for the ceremony. He was there again at the time fixed, and so were numerous guests, who found the house decorated with flowers and a collation prepared. But the bride was missing. She was caught at the railroad station and taken back home, where she disobeyed her mother's stern command to stand up and be married, and the company was dismissed.

A Determined Wife.

When Mrs. Gutzkow found herself on the road to Redwood City, California, her buggy upset, her horse run away, and her husband disabled by a lamed leg and a broken arm, she was in a sore quandary what to do. After a while a man came driving by, and she begged him to take herself and husband to town. He refused, saying he was in a hurry. Thereupon Mrs. Gutzkow snatched up her husband's overcoat, pulled out a revolver, seized the man's horse by the bit, leveled the shooting iron at him, and threatened to put him out of the necessity of ever keeping another engagement if he did not comply with her request. He saw dead earnestness in her eye, weakened, and took husband and wife to Redwood City; and now Mrs. Gutzkow's reputation as a heroine is firmly established on the Pacific coast. Her husband is a son of the popular poet and writer who recently met his death in Germany by suffocation during a chloral hydrate sleep.

News and Notes for Women.

Queen Victoria has grown very gray. The Princess of Wales and her daughter takes exercise on the tricycle. It is proposed to revive the pillory in England for the punishment of wife-beaters.

Upon Mrs. Nellie Grant Satoris rests the responsibility of having made brick-red kid gloves popular in Washington.

Miss Hannah Reynolds, arrested recently in Ireland for conspicuous advocacy of "no rent," was sentenced at Birr recently to six months imprisonment on a charge of intimidation.

Mrs. Scott Sexton, of Louisville, Ky. has instituted, organized and successfully carried forward a school of elocution and oratory, and this summer opens a "summer school" at Fredonia, N. Y.

At a school district in Lancaster precinct, just east of Lincoln, Neb., as many women as men attended the annual school meeting, and Mrs. Perkey was elected as a member of the school board.

The Beaver City (Neb.) paper says: "The woman's suffrage movement is gaining ground in this part of the State. Miss Rankin, the county superintendent of this county, was elected unanimously."

Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, mother of the late Bayard Taylor, has presented to a dry goods house in Philadelphia a handsome skein of silk, reeled and spun with her own hands, in the eighty-third year of her age.

In her endeavors to eliminate from her clothing all products which involve the death of animals, Mrs. Anne Kingsford found great difficulty in procuring vegetable boots, but a London cobbler succeeded in making some which look exactly like leather.

Miss Lucy de Rothschild, daughter of Baron Gustave de Rothschild, was married recently to M. Leon Lambert, head of the Brussels house of Rothschild, in the synagogue of the Rue de la Victoire in Paris. She is eighteen years old, graceful, thoroughly educated and accomplished, and brings her husband a dowry of 600,000 francs, or \$120,000,000.

Fashion Notes.

Very plain skirts are in high favor. Laces were never more worn than this summer.

Tinted and colored grenadines are again worn.

Nile green and lavender are favorite tints for grenadines.

Wash dresses are almost de rigueur for children just now.

Jerseys are much worn for the jackets of lawn tennis costumes.

Lengthwise tucks and tucked yokes are features in bathing suits.

New bathing suits have short sleeves, and trousers loose at the ankles.

The mandoline is coming in vogue as the musical instrument of the aesthetes.

There is as much variety in the fashions of bathing suits as in all other garments.

Making ficelle lace is among new fancy work for ladies during the summer season.

Carrackmacross lace is used upon fancy round hats of cream-white straw, also trimmed with white ostrich tips.

The Zouave form of bathing suit, combining the blouse and trousers in one piece, is revived.

Pale yellowish pink shades are much used in fine millinery and for neck ribbons and bows on white morning dresses.

Terra-cotta satin dresses, trimmed with real Spanish lace, relieved by huge clusters of "Jack" roses, are imported.

Parisian-laced shoes, with pointed perforated toes of patent leather on French kid tops, are rapidly taking the place of buttoned boots.

Among the rapidly appearing eccentricities in fancy jewelry is an ornament for millinery in the shape of six tiny birds transfixed on a gilded spit.

The Alpine peasant hat, called the Montagnard, with broad brim bent down over the eyes, is to be an exceedingly popular head covering for seaside use.

Striped lawn tennis cottons for the skirts and white lawn tennis cloth for the aprons are worn with white on bright wool jerseys for lawn tennis suits.

Pure wool-mixed chevots with a dash of Cayenne red in the wool will be much employed for traveling dresses all summer. The facings and cordings are of red satin.

Muslin round hats, for country wear, are made of polka-dotted white and ecru muslins; the trimmings are fancy muslin handkerchiefs and artificial daisies, buttercups and white and pink Scotch roses.

Black operwork chenille wraps in the director's shape are much worn this season. They form a rich and elegant addition to promenade costumes of moire, foulard or satin, and have all the becoming effect of a black velvet mantle.

White Madras muslin dresses worn by very young ladies are draped over white moire and have sashes of satin surah. The illuminated pattern of many colors on ecru grounds makes very showy dresses with dark velvet ribbon bows looping the drapery and also a collar and cuffs of velvet.

Satinette and Turkey red parasols of lustrous cotton are more appropriate than silk ones with the cotton dresses worn in the country. They have brilliant grounds strewn with large detached flowers, or with large balls or polka dots. A bow of the same material is tied around the natural wood handle.

Chicoree or pinked ruches of heavy silk trim the foot of the cashmere dresses that are made for seaside resorts. Embroidery of the same color and flounces of silk lace are added by way of further garniture, and there is then nothing in the whole costume that will shrink in the moist atmosphere.

The coolest and most becoming morning gowns are made of linen lawn in the Mother Hubbard shape, that is, the full skirts are shirred on to a tucked, puffed, or embroidered or lace-trimmed yoke; a ribbon belt confines the fullness in front at the waist line, but the demitained back falls loose in full Watteau folds from the shoulder to the tucked or ruffled bottom of the skirt; pretty shirred and ribbon-trimmed pockets and sleeves finish such gown.

Notable Trees.

An oak tree recently felled at Chico, Cal., measured eight and a half feet in diameter at the stump.

A horse chestnut tree on the premises of Mathias Raser, 328 Washington street, Boston, was covered with pink blossoms this season.

Madison county, Ky., prides itself on an elm tree, recently cut down, that measured twenty-five feet around the body and more than 300 feet around the top.

On July 4, 1812, Dr. West, of Chester, N. J., stuck into the ground in front of his door his walking stick. To day the circumference of the trunk is seven feet.

A peach tree in the garden of Mrs. John Arney, North Hanover street, Philadelphia, had double blossoms almost as large as the common June rose, which they resemble in a remarkable degree. The tree is ten or fifteen feet high, of the white freestone variety, and though not prolific bears double fruit.

A Mistake.

Anatomically and physiologically it is a complete mistake to have the heel of the foot raised from the ground beyond the level of the palm of the foot. The moment the heel is raised the plan of the arch is deranged, and the elastic, wave-like motion of the foot impeded. The arch always ought to have full play.—*Dr. Fote's Health Monthly.*

Robert Bonner has put \$382,000 into horse flesh since 1859. In that year he paid \$9,000 for the famous team, "Lantern and Light." In 1864 "Pocahontas," who had a record of 2:26 3/4, was sold to him for \$40,000. "Dexter" cost him \$50,000, "Edward Everett" \$21,000, "Startle" the same sum, "Barus" represents \$36,000, and his latest purchase is that of "Keene Jim" for \$4,000.

Happy Love.

While they sat before the fire,
Nothing more did he desire,
Than to get a little higher,
If he could;
And his heart beat high and higher,
And her look grew shy and shyer,
When he sidled close up by her,
As he should.

Then he ventured to inquire
If her sister, Jane Maria,
And her mother and her sire,
Were quite well?
And from time to time he'd eye her,
As though he would like to buy her,
And his bashfulness was dire,
For a spell.

Then his hunky throat grew dryer
When he told her that the "Squire"
To himself would gladly tie her
If she would;
Might he now go ask her sire?
And he thought he would expire,
When she said, to his desire,
That he could!
—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

High heels—Doctors' bills.
A toothache is always a pain investment.

Female physicians naturally practice homeopathy.

Mummies are the only well-behaved persons who are now left in Egypt.

When the poet wrote "the bravest are the tenderest," he didn't refer to bull beef.

In trade what article is usually considered as occupying the foremost rank? Strong butter.

It is a terrible come-down for a man to fall out of a balloon and be obliged to walk home.

A party who has just paid a big doctor's bill says he wants to see high heels go out of fashion.

All flesh is grass, and that's why so many men nowadays appear to have had their hair cut by a lawn mower.

It is fun to see the weather bureau dodging about in the vain hope of hitting it about once or twice a week.

An advertisement in a Western paper says: "Lost—Two cows; one of them is a bull." So is the advertisement.

The trapeze performer is a high-minded man in more ways than one. He is always above being in the ring.

Simultaneously with the advent of narrow-gauge tractors, the papers are telling of a great increase in the number of spindles in the country.

The weather so hot
I should say is not
The pleasantest to be borne;
But please bear in your mind,
When to swear you're inclined,
It's the makin' o' wheat and corn.

Beef is so high that it is now a compliment to be called a coward. Even Bullock presses are advancing and steersmen on river boats are contemplating a demand for increased pay.

All the newspapers throughout the country are objecting to the duty on matches. We always did think that the stamp on matches was a terrible thing, especially when a man is in his bare feet.

Buffalo Bill has brought suit to recover \$4,000,000 worth of property in Cleveland, and some one expresses the hope that, in case he is successful, he will put aside twenty cents of it and get his hair cut.

"Now, George, you must divide the cake honorably with your brother Charles." "What is honorable, mother?" "It means that you must give him the largest piece." "Then, mother, I'd rather Charley would divide it."

"Ma, am I all made now?" said a little miss of three and a half years old at the breakfast table the other morning. "Why, dear?" said the fond mother. "Because I have had my ears pierced and was vaccinated yesterday," said little Tot.

The "preliminaries" of the occasion had all been settled. That is, John had asked Julia, and she had consented. They were sitting on the front veranda watching for the sable curtain of night to part and give them just one look at the new comet. "Oh, by the way, Julia," said he, a little nervously, my income is—\$850 now. Do you think we could live up to it?" "Why, John, you precious, I can live up to an income twice as big as that all by myself." The farewell kiss that night was a mere mechanical bit of osculation.

"Why are you like an oil well Kate?" The lover asked. Replied his fate, "Because I'm bored?" "Oh, no, I mean you give delight with careless ease."
"Indeed!" she laughed, "I'll ask one too; why like an oil well, sir, are you?" "Because I'm deep—in love!" said he. "And I'm"—"A gusher? Yes," said she.

"That's very good, but, Kate, I find like oil, that you are quite refined—You are my 'flame' that will"—"no doubt like you," she said, "soon be put out."
In walked her pa. "See here, my son, if you are oil let's see you run; because, if I 'strike oil' I might give you a start—with six-man-ite."

The work of the United States fish commission this year will include the distribution of about 80,000,000 shad in different sections of the country, besides innumerable herring.