

Miscellaneous News Items.

An Indiana woman committed suicide because her husband, persisted in attending a spelling-school.

One of the famed Siamese twins, who has for some time been in ill health, is reported to be rapidly approaching death.

Mrs. Sturdevant, wife of the Superintendent of the Blind Asylum, at Nashville was burned to death on Sunday night by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

A boy at Hudson, a man at Newburg and a man at Cornwall were drowned while skating on the Hudson river on Sunday.

At New York, James Carroll was murdered by James M'Cartney on the 20th ult., while the latter was quieting a row in his rum shop.

Over the door of a cobbler's shop in Savannah, Ga, appears this legend: Boots and shoes is made here—ladies and gentlemen repaired. Kum in hear."

William Wilson, of Howard county, Ind., slaughtered a hog, which weighed, dressed, one thousand and ninety-two pounds three ounces, and wants to know who can beat it.

A Sioux City swell was on the point of saluting some ladies when to his utmost chagrin a dirty sock fell from his hat at their feet. Their surprise and his confusion may well be imagined.

A disgraceful prize fight took place in Hyde Park, on the day before Christmas. At the close of the first round, one of the combatants, named Michael Quinn, stabbed his adversary in the right eye, ending the fight in a general row.

At East Arlington, Vt., on Christmas day, a fight took place in a drinking saloon, and the two proprietors, Farwell and Lawrence, shot five persons, two of whom have since died. Two others are not expected to recover.

Wm. Dennis, was arrested recently in New York, for forcibly abducting, chloroforming and otherwise abusing a young school girl. One Madame Florence was also arrested as an accessory. Both were held in \$5,000 bail for trial.

A phenomenon has occurred in Indianapolis. A well, the water in which has been of a remarkable coldness, has been growing warmer, and is now almost hot. The inference is that the city is rapidly growing worse and worse, and consequently the infernal regions are approaching.

Milton Lee of Coburn Station, Ind., who died last week, was buried ten feet deep in a triple coffin, the outer one being of two-inch oak, securely spiked. These precautions were taken to insure a quiet rest and immunity from artificial resurrection.

A mouse in Belfast, Maine, was found the other day frozen stiff upon a hammer. Investigation showed that in picking up something that lay upon the iron head of the hammer, the tongue of the mouse had frozen to it, and being unable to get away, it had died.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has finally decided that suicide is not a crime known to the laws of the Commonwealth. This opinion is given in the case of The State vs. Dennis. Persons wishing to commit suicide will of course govern themselves accordingly, and need have no fear of the law.

On Sunday evening last, at Atlantic city a large bloodhound, kept in the stable of Mr. Charles H. Rogers, of the Alaska hotel, was kicked by one of the horses. The dog turned upon the horse, killed him and then proceeded leisurely to eat him up. In the morning there was very little left of the horse, and the dog had to be shot.

Mr. Samuel Gordon, of Tuftonborough, N. H., found a fine two-year old colt dead in the pasture, and supposed that some natural cause brought its life to an end. His wife dreamed that she saw a man shoot it, but the husband pooh-poohed the idea as the result of indigestion. The wife finally had to be satisfied by having the animal examined, and it really proved that some one had shot it.

Dr. C. J. Smith, of Philadelphia was burned to death on Sunday night about 7 o'clock at a hotel at Mount Carbon, where he had gone on Saturday. The servant girl while going to the cellar to draw some coal oil, tripped and fell, setting fire to her dress.

While Dr. S. was extinguishing her dress the oil ignited and exploded, injuring him so severely that he died on Christmas morning. The hotel was burned to the ground.

One of the boldest robberies ever recorded recently took place in the jewelry store of Geo. W. Russel in 6th street Phila. Mr. Russel and several of his assistants were busy showing goods, one party having the tray containing diamond rings. While they were looking at them, a man opened the door and grabbed the tray and placed it under his coat and made his escape though closely pursued for several blocks. In his haste he dropped about \$600 worth on the floor, but secured over \$4,000 by his daring attempt.

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