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It is less than six years since the first six miles of railway were opened in Minne-

Oysters in England cost forty dollars a bushel.

Switzerland sends two million gallons of absynthe to Paris annually.

The receipts of the billiard tables in Paris are \$53,000,000 per annum.

The census of 1870 it is said, will show the population of the United States to be \$55,000,000.

Corn is extremely fashionable this year.

The new style of pants will be small at the bottom and large at the top, thus presenting a direct contrast to the conic fashion of the other sex, which style may be considered upside down.

We should like to know why a woman who is as good a teacher as a man, should not receive the same wages.

There is this difference between happiness and wisdom; he that thinks himself the happiest man, really is so; but he who thinks himself the wisest man, is generally

There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment and yet can waste years.

State Items.

A big fox hunt comes 'off on' Christmas day, at Marshall, Chester county. Fifteen foxes have provided for the occasion, and it is said a pack of forty dogs will be let loose by Mr. Franklin Clayton, who originates the entertainment.

Almost invariably, where the journals of Pennsylvania record the arrest of a thief, or burglar, and the capture of his "tools" the kit comprises not only the regular appliances of the rascally trade, but a batch of the Snowden naturalization papers. Can anybody account for this?

Pittsburg has 89,258 inhabitants and Allegheny City has 51,202. The population of the county is estimated at 240,000.

A man in York county predicts that we are to have eighteen snows this winter, and

The house of Mr. W. Barr, in Harrisburg, was entered and robbed of \$5,000 recently. He was kept asleep by the use of Chloroform.

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Personal.
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Mrs. Colfax is thirty-two and weighs 140 pounds.

Wm. B. Astor is seven-six, and reputed worth \$100,000,000.

The Emperor of China is fourteen years old, while his intended wife is nearly dead.

The veteran Bryant has severed his connection with the N. Y. Evening Post.

Reverly Johnson is said to have upwards of forty grandchildren, and is proving himself a garrulous granny.

Dunan Moussere, a French journalist, died recently in Paris, 42 years old. We are told that several years past he did not do anything else but get up advertisements for Parisian dry goods dealers. He was a perfect genius in this line. *The French*

advertisment which began with the words "Well, we have failed, we are *bankrupt*," and which proved a perfect gold mine for the *Marchants Tailors' Company*, was written by him. He received as much as 500 francs for a single advertisement.

Facetie.

GOOD.—An exchange says : Among the gifts to a pair married last week was a broom, sent to the lady accompanied by the following sentiment :

"This trifling gift accept from me

A bright little boy was asked by a lady if he studied hard at school. He replied that he did not hurt himself much at it. "Oh," said the lady, "you must study hard or you will never be President of the United States." "Yes ma'am," he replied, "but I don't expect to be; I'm a Democrat."

round top to the deck, stunned, but little hurt. The captain exclaimed in surprise: "Why, where did you come from?" "From the north of Ireland, yer Honor!" was the prompt reply as the poor fellow gathered himself up.

The witty and wicked Louisville Journal says: "Women with all her beauty and worth, should remember that man was the chief matter considered at the creation. She was only a side issue."

"Why did Adam bite the apple?" said a

schoolmaster to a country lad. "Because he had no knife!" said the urchin.

Anybody can tell where lightning struck last, but it takes a smart man to find out where it is going to strike next time—this is one of the differences between learning and wisdom.

I have got a first rate recollection, but no memory. I can recollect distinctly of losing a ten-dollar bill but can't remember where, to save my life.

The fear of the law here, and the law

herafter, has furnished us some very clever specimens of Christianity.

"Wife, wife, what has become of the grapes?" "I suppose, my dear, the hens picked them off," was her modest reply.

"Hens—hens—some two-legged hens, I guess," said her husband with some impetuosity; to which she calmly replied, "My dear, did you ever see any other kind?"

A gentleman just returning to this country from a tour in Italy, was asked how he liked the ruins of Pompeii. "Not very

well," was the reply, "they are so much out of repair."

The fact that a cat has three tails is thus logically proven :

"No cat has two tails . a cat has one more tail than no cat ; therefore a cat has three tails."

A Connecticut "merchant" placed the following notice over his door when about to be absent one afternoon: "B back about T time."

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Some descendants of Solomon has wisely concluded that those who go to law for damages are sure to get them.

A western paper gives itself the following pleasant obituary notice on Thanksgiving day "No paper will be issued from this office to-morrow—nor any other day." The sheriff's officers were around.

Fools don't know their strength; if they did, they would keep still.

Common sense is most generally despised

by those who haven't got it.

f. **Monuments are poor investments—the**
a **bad don't deserve them, and the good don't**
| **need them.**