

Philadelphia churches furnish accommodations for 250,000 people; New York 140,000, and Boston 110,000.

The latest novelty out West is the placing of a deaf man in a haunted house, and thus dumbfounding the spirits.

"Of the gods," said Mr. Smith, to his spouse, as they started by rail. "You are wrong," said Mrs. Smith, "for this is the mail train."

A young lady of seventeen, in Illinois, has achieved local fame by attacking a midnight burglar with a bed slab and clubbing him from the house.

Cincinnati claims the largest population of the great cities of the West because at the recent city elections Cincinnati cast 23,000 votes, Chicago 19,000 and St. Louis 14,000.

A wedding in Chicago was frustrated the other day by the non-arrival of the bridegroom, who mysteriously disappeared, and left his bride to be carried home a saving man.

In an Illinois town last week, two little girls, while hunting eggs under a house, thrust their hands into a nest where lay a large rattlesnake. They were bitten, and died the next day.

A man named McCall has recovered, in the United States Circuit Court of San Francisco, \$500 compensation damages of G. McDowell, for causing his arrest in 1866 for exciting over Lincoln's assassination.

James Buchanan, ex-President, entered upon his seventy-seventh year on the 23d inst. He is still in vigorous health, and occasionally makes the trip from Wheatland to Lancaster, Pa., nearly a mile and a half, on foot.

A little boy named Mages, was hanged in open in Orleans county, Vt., last week, a companion playfully putting around his neck a rope which was fastened to a scaffold, and which by some mishap became tightened and choked him to death.

The whole number of sewing machines manufactured in the United States, from the first invention of that ingenious machine down to the close of 1866, is estimated at 750,000. At present, the rate of manufacture is about 200,000 a year.

Orrin White, a prepossessing youth of nine years, who is in jail at Auburn for setting fire to the Express stable recently, has a man for a father, and confesses attempting at various times the firing of numerous bombs, workshops and other structures.

The police authorities of St. Louis have hit upon the novel idea of disgusting a member of the police force in woman's garments and sending him to those localities in the city where respectable ladies are insulted by loafers. The result is that several of the loafers are in custody.

George Francis Train says our modern marriage service should read: Clergyman—Will you take this brooch, stone, carriage and span, these diamonds for thy wedded husband? Will you take this unpeppered miller's mill, this high waterfall of foreign hair, affection, accomplishments and feeble constitution for thy wedded wife? Yes, then, what man has joined together let the next divorce court may tear them asunder.

Kate Carrigan was the name of a poor courtesan who, near Louisville, last year, was strangled to death by falling from a fence upon which her bonnet strings had caught. Kate's history is the old, old story. She was once an accomplished, respectable girl, the daughter of wealthy Virginia parents, well educated and refined. Having been seduced, she drifted towards the bad, and eventually became the lowest of the low. Her parents attempted many times to reclaim her, but without effect, and now the once petted child fills a pauper's grave.

A Sad State of Affairs.—A New York Journal expresses the horrid crime of decaying and kidnapping girls of an early age, and forcing them into lives of infamy and woe. Several startling cases of it have occurred lately, and how many of the same sort occur which do not become known to the public, it is difficult to imagine. It is said to be a systematic business, not confined to the great cities, but carried on by sordid agents in country towns and villages. Sometimes the victims are seized and carried away, but sometimes they are tempted to leave their homes, by promise of honest employment and high wages, and afterwards betrayed to the horrible doom of an abandoned life.

Mr. Bancroft perpetrated an unintentional joke—on "Fishing for minnows across the river"—at the Centaur Club banquet at Cyrus Field. This has brought out several little stories about the historian, which have, on account of their charming simplicity, been called "Bancroft's minnows." Among them, it is said, during a morning rife at Newport, last season, while tele-a-tete with a charming young lady, the historian whispered, in the intervals of a trot, "Don't call me Mr. B., call me George." The young woman was not a word, but some time after, in a large company at dinner, across the table, she said, "George, hand me the salt."

The breaking up of a gambler's retreat in Boston, the other day, led to the discovery of a closet with a small pane of colored glass, and inside of which a man was discovered with a telegraph machine. The man in the closet and the telegraph were useful in this way: Whenever a countryman entered to play and try his luck at cards, he was seated at the table with his back to the colored door, thereby giving the man in the closet a fair chance to see the cards held in his hands. The telegraph machine was supplied with a wire running from the machine under the carpet, to the business man at the table, who was thus signalled as to the cards he was playing against, thus gaining advantage and ultimately fleeing his victim.

A frightful crime is reported to have come to light at Blainville, Ballard county, Ky. A man named Hudson went to that place about eleven years ago, from South Carolina, leaving his family behind him. In Blainville he secured a girl named Bolcher, and on her asking him to marry her, he told her that he had in the world alone; I'd like to keep the poor creature company to-night." "So would I," replied the widow. "Say we do," said the widower, a bright idea striking him. "Agreed," responded the widow. The first ceremony was no sooner through, accordingly, than up marched the hero and heroine of our story to the altar, and in less than ten minutes were made one flesh, to the utter bewilderment of the assemblage.

A THOUGH FOR THE DISCOVERED.—In the days of the Old Brewery, at the Point, New York, a woman and her only daughter, a child five years of age, occupied a lean-to room at the corner of the street. It was the custom of the mother, after covering the child with all the rage which had been collected during the day, to place a few broken boards, dignified by the title of a door, in such a position as probably kept the horrible place half a degree warmer than it would have been without such a shelter. On one occasion, after the mother had adjusted the boards for the night, the child, probably expressing her sensations of comfort, said: "Mother, what does poor people do that's got no door to cover them?"

A man is in trial in Detroit for the seduction of his wife, after having been divorced from her and married to another woman.

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CHICKEN JUSTICE IN LA CROSSE. Monday forenoon, there came off before Police Justice Hubbard, in this city, another law suit, the particulars of which are as follows: Reinhard Hendricks, on the 17th of September, brought suit against "KITTY" Pomeroy for recovery for two chickens shot by the defendant with a revolver, the chickens being longed to the plaintiff to the value of 50 cents each. Through the kindness of the Judge, the case has been adjourned from week to week till the return of the defendant from an electroneering tour of Indiana.

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