### Pennies.

The Philadelphia Record gives an interesting account of the use of pennies, from which the following is derived: "There is no part of the United States hardly where they are not used; but there are some sections where they are strangers and as rare as gold dollars are here. In the South the penny is almost unknown, the smallest coin being a five-cent piece. Recently, howover, there has been some demand for them from merchants in Georgia and Alabama.

In the far West there is but little call for the penny, but when one gets to St. Louis or east of that point, then the penny becomes a familiar friend. Wherever there are six-cent fares on the street cars, then there is demand from that city for pennies. Now, Louisville seldom, if ever calls upon us, while Cincinnati is continually crying for the one-cent piece. New York consumes a big lot, and so do the Eastern States. The two-cent was a good help to us for the time, but none of them have been coined for ten years, and all that are sent in and redeemed are recoined into one-cent pieces.

'It is a wonderful thing, but such is the fact,' continued the official, "that competition in trades induces and increases the demand for pennies. Whenever trade is briskest then the penny is needed most -that is, retail trade. What the banks take from us, although large, does not fluctuate like the calls from tradesmen. The Eastern States are the penny centres, and it is only as the population of the west increases that it wants pennies. The five-cent piece is the standard coin in the west, but the penny is making inroads on it, and great ones, too."

### Hours and Minutes.

Why is one hour divided into sixty minutes? and each minute again into sixty seconds? Why not divide our time as we do our money, by tens, counting ten, or 50 or 100 minntes to the hour? This question was asked by an intelligent boy a few days since; and the answer given him may both interest and instruct other young people. The answer is this:

We have sixty divisions on the dials of our clocks and watches, because the old Greek astronomer, Hipparchus, who lived in the second century before Christ, accepted the Babylonian saystem of reckoning time, that system being sexigesimal. The Bablonians were accquainted with the decimal system; but for common and practical purposes they counted by sossi and sari, the sossos, representing sixty, and the saros, sixty times sixty, is 3,600. From Hipparchus, that mode of reckoning found its way into the works of Ptolemy, about 150 A. D., and thence was carried down the stream of science and civilization, and found its way to the dial plates of our clocks and watches .-Presbyterian.

Bishop Wilbeforce was as full of fun as Sydney Smith ever was. Once having to preach at a fashionable church in London, on arriving at the door he encountered his friend, Mrs. A., in the act of returning to her carriage. "What! going away?" "Only because I can't get in." "Do you mean that you wish to stop?" 'I came on purpose.' 'Then take my arm.' The crowd at the door was excessive. At last the beadle appeared, to whom the Bishop, in his blandest mauner, said: "You will be so good as to give this lady the best seat in the church." "Impossible, sir; church quite full." The Bishop calmly, but with emphasis, repeated his orders. "Quite impossible," repeated the beadle; "I tell you, sir, the church is full." "O, but" (was the rejoinder) "I won't preach if you don't!" This elarming threat at once opened Bumble's eyes. "O, I beg your perdon, my Lord" (winking): "this way, marm," and he deposited Mrs. A. in the church warden's luxurious empty pew under the pulpit.

Our sun, compared with some of the suns of other systems, is only a star of

the second magnitude. It is different our daughters. They stars of the first magnitude; and it is very discouraging that we must worry along with an inferior sun when there are better ones. Sirius is from 1000 to 8000 times brighter than our sun, and an effort should be made to procure it, in order to rival the effete monarchies of the Old World. The attention of Congress should be called to this matter. Less money should be appropriated for dredging rivers and more expended in getting a better article of son.

Some of the firey streamers that shoot up from our sun reach 210,000 miles. The man who measured them was born of rich and correspondingly honest parents, but he wouldn't lie about a thing like

The stars are not approaching us. They are going away from us. And we don't blame them, when we remember the shameful condition of things in Mine not long ago. - Puck.

UDITOR'S NOTICE.—E. T. Fox, vs. E. W. Ellis, Phillip Ellis, and John Ellis, No. 263, Dec. Term 1876.

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