GENERAL BREVITIES.

It costs $5 to swear out loud in the street at Springfield, Mass.

A FULL-BLOODED African with straight red hair is one of the curiosities of Chicago. He talks of lecturing.

MRS. GOUGH thinks it better for a woman to be laughed at for not being married than to be unable to laugh because she is married.

A MERCHANT who should sell his signboard and attempt to carry on business without one because money is scarce would be considered little better than insane. Those who stop advertising for the same reason are equally foolish. Hoarders of money the country over are waiting to learn who will sell cheapest those articles of comfort and necessity which even the closest hoarder cannot do without.

DR. EDWARD WARREN writes from Cairo, Egypt, to a friend in Baltimore that there is "a splendid opportunity for women dentists in Egypt, as in the East women are forbidden to consult with men." There are three or four English women practising dentistry in Cairo, according to Dr. Warren's letter, and all are doing well.

THE horned toad, according to a writer in the *American Naturalist*, is an exceedingly prolific animal. He gives two instances of its fecundity, in one of which twenty-five and in the other twenty-seven young were produced at a time. The little "toadies" were exceedingly active, and could run, it is stated, as fast as the mother.

A MAN at Lockport, N. Y., of intelligence, respectability, and not lacking in cash, has been at work for twenty years on the supersedure of steam as a motive power by electricity. He has made small machines, which are propelled readily by electricity, but has not yet surmounted the difficulty of generating the electricity in sufficient quantities to propel larger ones. He is hopeful.

To go up Salt River will lose its meaning, if Salt River valley, Arizona, continues to be a happy, prosperous settlement. This year the valley produced 3,000,000 pounds of wheat, 600,000 pounds of barley, 300,000 of beans, and sweet potatoes and vegetables in great abundance. There is a prompt market for everything raised, and the valley has eight dry-goods and general merchandise stores, three blacksmith and wagon shops, two bakeries, a school house, a flouring mill, only four saloons, and no lawyers.

PERHAPS one of the oddest elections on record occurred at the last general election for member of the General Assembly in Germany. A certain district had only one legal voter, who walked proudly up to the polls and voted for himself, the only eligible member in the district. But when his name was announced as the elected member, he pompously arose, said, "Messrs. Commissioners, I do not accept the election!" and walked gravely off.

THE veritable pins used by the Salem witches, and now on file in the office of the Clerk of Courts of Essex county, Mass., have been so often appropriated by relic hunters that the balance are sealed in a vial and can only be seen through a glass. The death warrant of one of the malefactors, with the return of the officer that he had caused the prisoner to be hanged until she was dead, and buried (though the two last words are erased), still hangs on the walls of the clerk's office in an excellent state of preservation.

AN extraordinary shoal of herrings lately visited Waterford harbor in Ireland. The fish were wedged together in a compact mass, and there was great danger of the immense weight breaking the nets. The farmers from the surrounding country came with carts to carry away loads of fishes. The first Dungarven fisherman who arrived, in two days sent his poor wife and family a check for £9. The harbor was soon crowded with fishing craft and buyers came over from England and bought as many fish as they could barrel.

CONCERNING MEMORY.—It is doubtful if there ever lived a man who possessed that quality in so remarkable a degree as the historian Niebuhr. When only twelve years of age he astonished all by his knowledge of history, statistics, and geography. He acquired twenty languages. His memory never gave up what he had once made his own. His wife and sister tried him in Gibbon, and questioned him, according to the index, on the most trivial points; but they soon gave up the hope of finding him ignorant of any point of history, however unimportant. Yet, with all his learning, he delighted in lively and witty conversation, and the joyous games of children.

A BOY'S FIGHT WITH AN EAGLE.—The New Bedford *Mercury* says that a few days ago Nelson H. Stevens, a boy living at East Fair Haven, Mass., saw a large eagle swoop down on a flock of fowl, seize one and fly into the woods. The boy went for his gun, which was loaded with shot for rabbit-shooting, and, on pursuing the eagle, found that the fowl had escaped, and that the eagle was chasing it through the bushes. He then fired, wounded the eagle, and a fierce hand-to-hand tussel ensued, in which the boy thought he had killed it. He seized his prize and started for home, threw it over a wall which came in his way, when it again flew back to the wood. The boy followed, and in another fight made sure of killing the bird. He then took it home and found that it measured six feet nine inches from tip to tip.

THE length of a flash of lightning is generally greatly under-estimated. The longest known was measured by M. F. Petit, at Toulouse. This flash was ten and a half miles long. Arago once measured a series which averaged from seven to eight miles in length. The longest interval ever remarked between a flash and a report, was seventy-two seconds, which would correspond with a district of fourteen miles. Direct researches have shown that a storm is seldom heard at a greater distance than from seven to ten miles, while the average are barely heard over four or five miles off. This fact is the more curious as cannon may be distinctly heard double or treble the distance, and in special cases much further. During the bombardment of Paris, in the winter of 1870, the Krupp guns, which had been left over from the exposition of 1867, were heard at Dieppe, a distance of eighty-four miles. Arago states that the firing at Waterloo was audible at Creil, 120 miles distant.

A PASTOR'S IMPROMPTU SPEAKING.—The Boston *Traveller* relates an incident which lately occurred in a village church in New England. By invitation from the regular pastor, a divine from the city filled the pulpit on a recent Sunday, delivering an able and eloquent extemporaneous discourse, much to the gratification of his auditors, but somewhat to the discomfiture of the regular pastor, who is adapted neither by nature nor education to extempore speaking, and consequently always always reads his sermons. On the following Sunday he entered the pulpit as usual, announced his text, and, much to the surprise of his listeners, deliberately closed the Bible, and proceeded to speak extemporaneously. For about ten minutes he moved along nicely, and his hearers were charmed with the change; but then, in the middle of an eloquent period, with hand outstretched and attitude perfect, he hesitated, his arm dropped, he could not collect his ideas, and perceiving that something must be done at once, said: "Brethren, let us hold a prayer-meeting."

HOME INTERESTS.

BROWN BREAD.—Two cups of rye meal or Graham flour, three cups of cornmeal, three cups of sweet milk, one cup of molasses, one cup of raisins. Salt and one teaspoonful of soda. Steam four hours.

RICE PUDDING.—One cup of rice, which should be soaked over night in enough water to cover it; six eggs, one cup white sugar, five quarts sweet milk. Bake two hours, stirring often till nearly done; flavor with nutmeg.

DELICIOUS FRUIT CAKES.—One pound flour, one pound butter, one pound white sugar, twelve eggs, a large glass of brandy, one glass rose water, one pound citron, two pounds raisins, two pounds currants, two tablespoonfuls cloves and cinnamon, two nutmegs. *Another without eggs.*—Two pounds flour, one and three-fourth pounds sugar, one pint milk, one-half pound butter, one-half teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little hot water, one nutmeg, one pound raisins, one glass brandy. This makes three loaves. Warm the milk, add to it the salt—work the sugar and butter to a cream, add the milk, then the flour, then soda, lastly spice and fruit.

POP-CORN AT DESSERT.—I think I need not tell how to pop corn, need I? It is the best way to have a corn-popper; then you can watch the progress of the corn and vary the degree of heat as seems necessary. Many imagine that the pop-corn is more tender or brittle if taken from the hot fire and shaken about in the cold air as quickly as possible. Children are not to stuff themselves with pop-corn when they are not in the least need of a meal. Pop-corn is food, and such a crowded condition of the stomach produces discomfort, and so pop-corn is supposed to be unwholesome. It is quite the contrary if eaten as food with the regular meal and properly chewed. Try it with milk and apple-sauce, or with any good fruit sauce.—*Exchange.*

RAISIN CAKE.—Wash well one pound of sweet butter, and cream with it one pound of white sugar. In winter, when the butter is very cold, it is better, before washing it, to set it near the stove, where it will soften but not melt, and use tepid water for washing it. When the sugar and butter are well creamed, add slowly one quart of tepid new milk and four pounds of sifted flour; mix well into it a teacupful of lively home-made yeast, and put in a warm place until light. This should be in four or five hours, then mix into this batter another pound each of butter and sugar, well creamed together, and, if needed, a little more flour. Have ready two pounds of raisins, seeded and cut fine, and half a pound of currants. Mix a small quantity of flour through the fruit, and stir into the batter with a very small portion of pulverized mace. Let the batter rise again, stir well with a spoon or the hands, and pour into thin well-buttered tins, putting them in a warm place until they commence to rise again; then set into a slack oven, increasing the heat gradually until hot enough, and bake about an hour and a quarter, trying them with a broom splinter before taking out.

ALUM FOR EXTERMINATING INSECTS.—Mrs. S. O. Johnson writes to the *Country Gentleman*: "Powdered alum or borax will keep the chintz bug at a respectable distance, and travelers should always carry a bundle of it in their hand-bags to scatter over and under their pillows in holes, etc. While staying at a hotel in Denver, Col., with a party, most of whom complained sadly of the nightly attacks of these disgusting insects, I was able to keep them entirely at bay by its use, and I distributed the contents of my bundle among the party, not only to their great relief, but to the utter discomfiture of the bugs, who were forced to seek new pastures. No insect which crawls can live under the application of hot alum water. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, spiders, chintz bugs and all the myriads of crawling pests which infest our houses during the heated term. Take two pounds of alum and dissolve it in three or four quarts of boiling water; let it stand on the stove, until the alum is all melted; then apply it with a brush while nearly boiling hot, to every joint and crevice in your closets, bedsteads, pantry shelves, and the like. Brush the crevices in the floor, of the skirting or mop boards, if you suspect they harbor vermin. When whitewashing a ceiling plenty of alum should be added to the lime; it will also serve to keep insects at a distance. Cockroaches will flee the paint which has been washed in cool alum water. Sugar barrels and boxes can be freed from ants by drawing a wide chalk mark just around the edge of the top of them. The mark must be unbroken, or they will creep over it; but a continuous chalk mark, half an inch in width, will set their depredations at naught.

Hog Breeding.

The hog is subject to remarkable changes of form and character, according to the situations in which he is placed. When these characters assume a certain degree of permanence, a breed or variety is formed; and there is none of the domesticated animals which more easily receives the characters we desire to impress upon it. This arises from its rapid powers of increase, and the constancy with which the characters of the parents are reproduced in the progeny. There is no kind of live stock that can be so easily improved by the breeder, and so quickly suited to the purpose required. And the same characters of external form indicate in the hog a disposition to arrive at early maturity of muscle and fatness, as in the ox and sheep. The body is large in proportion to the limbs, or, in other words, the limbs are short in proportion to the body; the extremities are free from coarseness, the chest is broad, and the trunk round. Possessing these characters, the hog never fails to arrive at earlier maturity, and with a smaller consumption of food, than when he possesses a different conformation.—*Exchange.*

A Lady Carries a Needle in Her Body Twenty-Five Years.

About twenty-five years ago a lady, now living in Mt. Vernon, accidentally swallowed a needle. She experienced no serious results from it at the time, and in the course of events the circumstance became almost forgotten, except at intervals, when as she states, a ticklish, crawling sensation in her right side, near the stomach, was felt. The sensation, as time advanced, changed localities, gradually working its way downwards. Still there was no serious pain attending the changes from one locality of the body to another. She, in company with her husband, attended the late fair in St. Louis, and while there walked about considerably. On the last day of their sojourn in St. Louis, the old crawling sensation manifested itself near the knees, and it soon became very painful—so much so indeed that she found it necessary to take a car to get to her hotel as soon as possible. The pain continued with increasing severity, and as soon as possible she was brought home—suffering all the time the most intense agony. Arriving at home, a physician was called, who was at first somewhat puzzled as to the real cause of the difficulty. He did not believe that it was a "rising," as had been supposed by herself and husband. Nevertheless, he applied the usual "drawing" remedies in such cases, and in the course of a few days was enabled to ease the patient by the extraction of a full, perfect steel needle of the usual length. It was undoubtedly the needle that she had swallowed twenty-five years ago. The question as to how it had passed from the stomach into the flesh without serious consequences, is one we leave for the doctors to answer.—*Mt. Vernon (Ill.) Sucker State.*

Select the Breeding Stock.

The season for fattening and marketing our poultry is upon us, and a word to farmers now is in order in reference to saving the best for the reproduction of future flocks. The customary method is to pen and fatten the largest and best developed first, and to continue the process as long as any are left to be marketed, thus leaving the cullings of the whole year's production to reproduce the flocks of the succeeding year. This is not the universal practice, but it is much too common. Farmers in this exhibit a lack of gumption. While few would be willing to breed stock of any other kind from their poorest specimens, there seems to be an indifference on this point which is little short of foolishness. The proper way to proceed is to fix in the mind a type or ideal form of what a first-class market fowl should be, and then work up to it. The way to form your ideal is to study the subject. Examine improved breeds; attend poultry shows, not for the novelty of the thing, but for information; visit the yards of fanciers and amateurs; and above all, study the defects of your own flock, and how to eradicate them. Mark a large number of the earliest and best of the whole flock. Fatten and market the poorest first, after this begin to weed out from those that have been marked, leaving only those that come nearest your type of standard. All leggy, scraggy, or ill-shaped specimens are to be marketed, and only the best saved for breeding purposes.

A good market fowl should have a small bone, a plump round body, as great width and depth of breast as possible. It should stand firm on its legs, which should be moderately short and well apart; the more weight of carcass there is in front of the leg the better. The English Gray Dorking is perhaps the nearest approach to the ideal table bird; but like many other ideals, it is difficult to realize with us. The Houdon of the French, and the Plymouth Rock of our own New-England, both of which have Dorking blood in them, are our best acclimated breeds for table use. The Plymouth Rock fowl will in time become as famous with us as the Dorking is in England. Here is a hint that farmers may elaborate for themselves. If they will begin this year to select their breeding stock, the improvement will be so obvious that it will be continued from year to year with ever-increasing advantage.—*A. M. D., in N. Y. Tribune.*

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THE commission which was organized for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of the plague which for so long a period ravaged certain provinces of Persia, attribute the source of the poison to caverns in the earth, in which those who died of the plague forty years ago were buried, and which caverns have been recently reopened.

A LOVING couple at Atlanta who wanted to start right off on the tour were married by telegraph the other day, the minister being fifty-one miles away.

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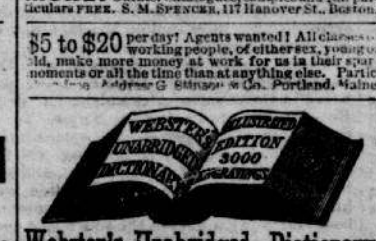

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