

Gladstone is very fond of fresh milk and wood-chopping.

Women's lap-dogs are allowed to ride in the English street cars.

Northwestern skies are darkened by millions of wild pigeons.

Nilsson has just uttered her sweetest note. She has settled a handsome annuity on her aged parents.

Victor Hugo is said to be so ignorant of geography that he is not aware that he was not born in Lorraine.

An Englishman has a cat, three years old, which he thinks is worth £2500. He has her pedigree in a frame.

The first patient of a Chicago institution for the reformation of drunkards has become a supreme court judge.

A moose from Nova Scotia that can trot a mile in harness in 2:20, is amusing the novelty-seekers in Philadelphia.

England is now importing live American sheep. Mutton in the British market has long been held at an extravagant price.

Pine logs sunk in the water at Nantucket fifty six years ago are so well preserved that their "smell of pine" is still distinct.

Four years ago two Californians planted 1000 acres in walnuts and almonds, and their crop this season will yield them a profit of \$250,000.

There is to be an industrial exhibition at Sydney, Australia, during April and May next, and the Australians hope to see a good show of American machinery.

A newspaper correspondent, who saw Uncle Samuel a few days ago, writes that the old governor's step is firm and elastic, and that he has gained in flesh and vigor within the year.

Now that poor Frances Thompson (see Congressional reports on Southern outrages) is in his grave, an ungrateful Republican journal speaks of her as an impostor, and spells the "impostor" with an "e."

A Michigan editor, on discovering a fire, rushed out into the street, shouting, "Conflagration! conflagration! conflagration!!! Approximate hither with the implements of deluge and extinguish this combustion."

An English Baronet has been fined \$125 and costs for assaulting his cook. She "brushed against him with a fish-kettle," and he struck her three blows in the mouth, breaking her jaw and knocking out four of her teeth.

Two Waltham (Mass.) men have a novel bet on the election. The loser is to go to Boston, hire a hand organ, bring it back with him and play it on the streets a certain number of times, while the winner passes round a hat and pockets the pennies.

With the exception of the pyramid of Cheops, the spire of the Strasburg Cathedral, 464 feet in height, has hitherto been the most elevated building in the world. It has now been exceeded by the lately completed spire of the Rouen Cathedral, which is 490 feet high.

The bones of a skeleton in a sitting position was recently exhumed by workmen near Salem, Massachusetts. The skull was of immense proportions. The relics were delivered over to professors, and now probably they are puzzling their wise old heads over them.

According to information published by the Statistical Department at Christiania, the late census shows that on the 1st of January this year the total population of the kingdom of Norway was 1,817,237 souls. The total population of the towns in Norway was 332,938, the remainder living in the country.

Pittsburg looks like the tail-end of an earthquake. The curtain of smoke that hangs over the city is thicker than a London fog, and the grime upon the faces of some of the inhabitants amounts almost to bark, as Mark Twain said of the dirt on some of the noble Arabs of the Holy Land.—*Indianapolis Herald*.

Dr. Allen Thompson, at the recent meeting of the British Association, exhibited and described two skulls from the Andaman Isles, and referred to the custom the natives had of preserving portions of their friends' skeletons and wearing them as ornaments. The skulls of their husbands were actually worn upon the shoulders of widows.

The Crown Prince of Germany has recently distinguished himself in the world of letters by a well-written little narrative of his trip to Egypt to attend the opening of the Suez Canal. The book is entitled "My Journey to the Land of the East," and only forty copies have been printed and distributed among those persons who were the Crown Prince's traveling companions on the occasion.

The Cologne Gazette observes that Bulgaria has on several occasions figured in history as the scene of "atrocities" no less horrible than those lately committed by the Hashi-Bazouks. The Greek Emperor Basilius II was nicknamed "Bouraroktonos" because he ordered 15,000 Bulgarian prisoners to have their eyes put out, a few only being left with one eye in order that they might guide their fellow prisoners back to their homes.

The congregation at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, England, were recently much astonished at the officiating minister before commencing his sermon announcing that he had to express his extreme horror and sorrow at a lamentable desecration of the sacred building. On inquiry it was discovered that the "desecration" was the marriage of a divorced man, Mr. Adrian E. Hope, to Miss Scott, daughter of the late Sir Francis and Lady Scott; and, although, as is generally admitted, he was more sinned against than sinning in the lamentable circumstances which led to the proceedings in the Divorce Court, the High Church party hold in horror the remarriage of one who has been put asunder from his wife by man's decree.