

YARNS AND GOSSIP.

At a recent election in Beverly, Mass., one ballot was entirely blank, but on the back of it was written: "I want to vote the same as Maurice Heaphy."

An Oakland (Cal.) judge got drunk in a saloon and was published in the paper. When court opened he lectured himself for breaking a city ordinance, imposed a fine of fifty dollars and paid it.

An American has sued a dealer in mummies in Egypt for swindling. The American bought a mummy "guaranteed to be 5,000 years old," and afterwards discovered that its age was only 4995 years.

A CINCINNATI young lady, who culls fashion's latest terms from the newspapers, threw a whole millinery store into a state of excitement by calling for "a pair of hose nozzles." She wanted a pair of gaiters.

In catechizing a candidate for cook the epicure asked: "How would you serve woodcock—with or without their heads?" "Without," said the disengaged culinary applicant. "That's enough," said the questioner; "I do not want you in my kitchen." Moral, heads win.

"WHAT a nuisance!" exclaimed a gentleman at a concert, as a young fop in front of him kept talking in a loud voice to a lady at his side. "Did you refer to me, sir?" threateningly demanded the fop. "Oh, no; I meant the musicians there, who keep up such a noise with their instruments that I can't hear your conversation."

A COUNTRYMAN went to a store in Morgantown, W. Va., the other day and purchased a kerosene lamp. "That's the first one of them notions that ever come to my house," he remarked. "Candles was allus good enough for marm and me, but darter's got a beau and thinks we ort to put on a leetle style."

The following sentence is said to have been pronounced by a Scotch judge: "Ye did not only kill and murder the man, and thereby take away his valuable life, but ye did push, thrust, protrude or impel the lethal weapon through the belly-band of his regimental trousers, which were the property of his Majesty."

THERE was a novel fight in Oglethorpe, Ga., the other day. Two one-armed men were the chief participants. Another one-armed man interfered to separate them, and while these three men with their three arms were making quite a three-cornered racket a three-legged dog stood by as referee and barked three yelps at a time with three minutes' intermission, until the whole performance was concluded by the town marshal.

IN Scotland the topic of a sermon or discourse of any kind is called by old-fashioned folks its "grund," or, as they would say, its "grund." An old woman, bustling into kirk rather late, found the preacher had commenced, and, opening her Bible, nudged her next neighbor, with the inquiry: "What's his grund?" "O," rejoined the other, who happened to be a brother minister, and therefore a privileged critic, "he's ost his grund long since, and he's just wimming."

SCIENTIFIC SELECTIONS.

A NEW hypnotic called "somnal" produces six to eight hours of sleep, and is claimed to have all the advantages of chloral, with none of the unpleasant after-effects.

WHAT is known as the rhinoplastic operation has been successfully performed by a Brooklyn physician. Last October he made an entire new nose for a woman, using the backbone of a chicken as its foundation. The lady has as good a nose as any body.

THE latest electric device is for detecting fire. When the temperature of a room reaches a dangerous point the composition in the little button starts the bell to ringing and indicates the number of the room in the office. The alarm is kept up until the temperature of the room is reduced to below the danger point.

THE latest development of the electric light is likely to prove of great use on vehicular traffic. A small incandescent globe and reflector are placed on the forehead of a horse, insulated wires are arched along its body to a small battery towed in the trailing vehicle. The current is turned on at pleasure, and an unmistakable blaze of light illumines the murky surroundings.

THE latest revelations concerning Egyptian antiquities come through the research of Prof. Naville, of Geneva, made at Bubastes. Bubastes was the sacred city of Bast, the cat-headed goddess. It was supposed that its great temple had entirely disappeared, but M. Naville discovered extensive remains of it, and striking proof to show that the pyramids of Cheops and Cheferen must have been in existence at least by 3700 B. C., or about six thousand years ago. The Hyksos, or shepherd kings, came from Babylon or Mesopotamia in the twenty-third century B. C.

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