

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Jay Gould's income is reckoned to be at the rate of nine dollars a minute.

At the last town meeting at Hopkinton, N. H., Deacon Weeks and Deacon Currier cast their first and sixtieth annual ballots.

Mrs. John C. Fremont is writing her recollections of the noted pioneer she has known since her father began to go to Congress years ago.

The most expensive book ever published by a single individual is Lord Kingsborough's "Mexico."

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe denies her publisher's statement that she would have taken one hundred dollars for the MS. of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Henry W. Shaw, the Josh Billings of comic print, ruthlessly crushes another fond fallacy of the people.

Of three noted millionaires, C. P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins and Governor Stanford, all of whom made their enormous fortunes chiefly out of Central Pacific, none but the third has ever had a child.

HUMOROUS.

"A happy medium"—one who makes money in the clairvoyant business.

"An" that's the pillar of Hercules?" she said, adjusting her silver spectacles.

It is a sir-prize the girls are after this year. But the men are growing cautious and are not to be mistaken thus easily.

Ladies are said to be working their way into the watch business, because they produce handsomer faces and more delicate hands than men.

A young and briefless lawyer who calls upon his lady acquaintances a good deal in the evenings, deceives his father with the story that he had a great deal of court practice.

James, who was trying to sew a new button on his coat, murmured: "They say there's a new yacht that makes fifteen miles an hour, but this thread makes twenty knots a minute."

A lady in Toronto got to laughing so hard over some amusing incident that she couldn't stop. Finally a doctor was called in, and he couldn't quiet her.

An engaged couple having appeared several times before a clergyman to get married, who on each occasion declined to perform the ceremony because the groom was invariably drunk, at last reproved the girl for bringing her lover before him in such a condition.

"Waitaw, I will weally have to wemove to another table. There appears to be a terrible dwarf here."

"Is there a dude club in this city?" asked a stranger, entering the editorial room.

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A Burial in 1664.

The unveiling of the tablet with the bust of Pepsys in the church of St. Olave's yesterday took place on the anniversary of his brother Tom's burial in that church more than two centuries ago.

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A Leap-Year Episode.

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Appearances.

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"He struck out with his right fist, following with his left, and I expected to see the audacious little cuss knocked into the street."

"You see, divinal," said the little fellow, dusting off one of his gloves with the fingers of the other.

A Familiar Street Scene.

A teamster with a load of wood waded up the avenue, and blithely did he crack his whip o'er the horses staunch and true.

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Temperance Reading.

Young ladies, pray listen to me, And keep just as quiet as mice.

Don't marry a man if he drinks, Don't marry a man if he drinks.

An Overshadowing Question.

It has been said that the end and the best of good government is the greatest happiness to the greatest number.

All these evils, all this mischief, all this destruction of human souls and intellects, go on among us daily and hourly.

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National Drink Bills.

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