

An East Berlin (Conn.) cat recently swallowed a \$5 gold piece which her master had dropped, and the village butcher offers \$2.50 for her.

A pedestrian man with a wooden leg, residing at Portland, Me., offers to walk any other pedestrian man with a wooden leg five or ten miles for the championship and a round sum.

A tavern keeper of Orangeville was recently ordered to pay \$105 and costs, the value of a traveller's baggage lost in the house. He had neglected to keep the notice required by statute posted on his doors.

A Fairfield (Me.) woman, aged 40, is the mother of seventeen children. Inside of a year she gave birth to two at different times, married off two and lost three by death. One of the two married sons lost his wife and was remarried within the same year.

'I killed ninety-nine pigeons at one shot this morning,' said an old fowler. 'Why didn't you make it a hundred while you were about it?' said his friend. 'Do you suppose I would tell a lie for one pigeon?' was the reply.

'Boys,' said the man holding an inverted match in one hand and a dark cigar in the other, 'never acquire the pernicious habit of smoking. I am a slave to it now, and yet I hate it. I never see a cigar that I do not want to burn it up.' And then, with extreme satisfaction, he burned up the one he held in his hand.

The Bedonins never allow a horse at the moment of its birth to fall upon the ground. They receive it in their arms, and cherish it for several hours, occupying themselves in washing and stretching its tender limbs, and caressing it as they would a baby. After this they place it upon the ground and watch its feeble steps with particular attention, prognosticating from that time the excellencies or defects of their future companion.

A few days ago Mr. Archie McInnes, of Morris, caught a fine speckled trout in his well. His pump had become frozen, in consequence of which he had to raise the platform and draw the water out with a bucket in which upon one occasion he found a live trout about four inches in length. How the trout got there is a mystery, but it is supposed that it must have been through some subterranean passage leading to the well from a neighboring brook.

Capt. Paul Boynton the celebrated swimmer who has made himself famous by taking long voyages in a rubber suit, in all parts of the world, took a little pleasure trip on Wednesday in the East River at New York and was seized by the Convict guard opposite Blackwell's Island, thinking he was an escaping convict. Although it is a cold time for a swim he said he enjoyed it immensely. He says he intends taking a swim from the head waters of the St. Lawrence, down through the lakes to the gulf.

The Philadelphia Record has somewhat interfered with the success of a sale of 'valuable horses' by exposing the fact that one of the 'choice lots,' a gelding, six years old, is set down as the get of a horse that died in 1865; there being further small gaps of twelve and eighteen years in the case of the grandsire and the great-grandsire. Or to put it in another form, Messenger died in 1808 and in 1826 he begat Mambrino Paymaster, who died in 1847, and twelve years later begat Bay Chief, who died in 1865, leaving among his get a horse that is six years old next grass.

An empty stomach is not a very desirable possession, except to take exercise upon, but it saved the life of Auditor Thomas Hanlon at New Albany, Ind., the other day. An assassin shot him in the abdomen, the ball passing directly through his body, between the stomach and diaphragm, and lodging under the skin in the back. He has recovered, however, and the doctors say that he owes his life to the fact that he had eaten neither dinner nor supper that day, so that the bullet was able to cut through him without injury.

For, according to the Duke of Magenta, all three being handicaps. The Duke of Magenta is also in the Great Metropolitan. For the Epsom meeting Parole is in for the Epsom Gold Cup, about a mile and a half, over the Derby course, for which he will receive an allowance of 10 pounds as an American bred horse which will make his weight 188 pounds. For the Ascot meeting Duke of Magenta is in the Gold Cup, two miles and a half, at 122 pounds, and in the Alexandra Plate, about three miles, at 119 pounds, he receiving an allowance of 7 pounds as an American. As was generally expected, the English and French owners have nominated a fine class of horses for both the cup and plate, Count Lagrange being represented by Verneuil, who won both events last year, while he has also Insulaire and Inval. Lord Falmouth has nominated Silvio, the winner of the Derby and St. Leger in 1877, and Jannette, the winner of the Oaks and St. Leger in 1878. Mr. Crawford has nominated Sefton, he winner of the Derby in 1878, for the cup. Prince Sotykoff has nominated Thurio, the winner of the Grand Prix, for both events, whilst among the other nominations are such good horses as Paganet, Belphebe, Master Kildare, Lord Olive and Glengarry. For the New Stakes at Ascot (five furlongs 186 yards straight) for two-year-olds, Mr. Lorillard has nominated Papoose and Oherokes, and for the Rous Memorial of 1880, he has put in Uncoas. The 'cherry and black' may be seen, however, previous to the above dates, as Parole is in the Newmarket Handicap, a mile and a half, on April 16.

KILLIGREW, THE JESTER.

The jester Killigrew frequently had access to Charles II., when admission was denied to the first peers of the realm. Charles, who hated business as much as he loved pleasure, often disappointed the Council, either by not attending or withdrawing before the business was concluded. One day the Council sat a considerable time in expectation of his Majesty, when the Duke of Lauderdale, so conspicuous for his haughty demeanor, quit the room in a great passion. On his way he met Killigrew, to whom he expressed himself more freely than courteously toward his Majesty. Killigrew bade his grace be calm, for he would lay a wager of £100 that he would make his Majesty attend the Council in less than half an hour. Lauderdale took him at his word, and Killigrew, getting immediate admission to the King, told him all that had happened, adding: 'I know your Majesty hates Lauderdale, though the necessity of your Majesty's affairs obliges you to receive him. Now, if you wish to get rid of a man you hate, come to the Council, for Lauderdale is a man so boundlessly avaricious, that, rather than pay the wager, he will hang himself, and never plague you more.' The King laughed at the observation, and attended the Council.

SMUGGLING BY BIRDS.

The Epoca, of Madrid, states that the Cadiz Custom House people have recently captured a flock of turkeys engaged in business quite unworthy of that estimable bird, which, as the students of the World's questions know, Dr. Franklin thought the fittest of all fowl to be the emblem of our country. For some time past a flock of some thirty turkeys had been daily driven twice a day to and fro over the road between the blue sentry-boxes of the English at Gibraltar and the white sentry-boxes at Spain at El Rocadillo. The attention of the local Wm. H. Smith having been attracted to this circumstance, he ordered the officers to watch the birds narrowly. Shortly afterwards a Spanish sentry observed as one of the turkeys passed near him that his left wing seemed to be considerably higher than his right wing upon which he halted the turkeys and their guardians. Upon a close examination it was found that every blessed turkey was carrying a quarter of a pound of tobacco from Gibraltar into Spain, tucked up under each of his wings.

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