

brilliant feat.

It is estimated that the late Phillip Briggs of Marion, Mass., who has just died at the age of 84 years, during his life cut nearly 10,000 cords of wood, sufficient in quantity, if corded four feet in height, to reach from Marion to New Bedford, a distance of 12 miles.

A sportsman who knows the fact is becoming well established in the mind of every true sportsman that shooting ducks in the spring must be stopped if good shooting in the fall is to be secured. There are very few ducks which are fit for food in the spring and thousands of broods are lost by the general slaughter.

An exchange observes: "Did you ever notice that when a young man stays at home evenings and plays a game of chess that he hardly ever has any wild oats to sow and seldom learns to cheat?" Perhaps so, but it has also been noticed that he is the same young man who develops an undisguised interest in the stranger with three cards, whom he encounters on the train, and confidence men of all descriptions find in him a pleasant acquaintance.

An Assessor remarked the other day in acquiring turn of mind, with pencil and book in hand, to an honest and hardy stoic—"You have a dog, haven't you?" The answer was—"My dog is shot." And the innocent Assessor closed his book and went off satisfied, while the honest (?) ratepayer chuckled in his sleeve, at the smart trick he had played, and afterwards boasted of it. The dog's name was "Shot."

Mr. George Hood, ex-reeve of Gnolph, left last week for England, his being in connection with the disposal of seven car-loads of cattle purchased by William Gordon, of this county, in Chicago. Mr. Hood overtook the shipment at Albany and left New York on Saturday. It is intended if markets and sales warrant it, to send a weekly shipment, under the same management for a few months. Mr. Hood will be absent about three months, and will probably take in the Paris exposition during his tour.

A good story is told of Mr. Parsons, the eminent preacher of New York. In his travels near Doncaster he was always meeting with men who thought of nothing else but sport. One of this type happened to be Mr. Parsons' companion in the coach, and as they drew near Doncaster he pulled out his watch and exclaimed, with evident satisfaction, "Ah, we shall be in time yet." "In time?" says Mr. Parsons. "In time for what?" "The Selling (St. Leger) of course. But perhaps you are not a racing man?" "I never was at a race in my life," declared the minister. "I thought not," rejoined the stranger. "You are like myself, I dare say; I like a good cock-fight better any day."

FEEDING ON DOG FLESH.

NOT A STORY OF DESTITUTION BUT ONLY OF EXTRAORDINARY TASTE IN MEDICINES.

The inhabitants of Elizabeth, N. J., have been excited for the past about a story in circulation among them that two poor German women of the city have in their utter poverty been feeding their families on dog's flesh. The story originated somewhat in this wise: At one of the "mothers' meetings" of the Catherine street Mission, or, more properly speaking, of St. John's Mission on Catherine street, a lady director read some recipes from Miss Corson's "Fifteen Cent Dinners" to a woman who sat by her side, and then offered her the pamphlet to take home. To her astonishment this woman said: "We are too poor to cook by these recipes; there is a woman here who kills dogs and eats them, she is so poor." This woman being called upon to give in her testimony, said: "She was sick. She could get no work. Her doctor kept telling me get her some fat meat. I kill mine little dog, take off the fat and fry it. Dot make her feel good unt so strong already. Another woman she been eating der meat. I eat not der meat; I fry der fat."

Upon investigation it was ascertained that the

good for them and that it made them strong. Mrs. Trope's husband is about again and at work.

Mr. Leoman, a carpenter, who attends the evening lectures of St. John's Mission, and a resident of Elizabeth for twenty-eight years, says that twenty years ago, at the cross-roads near Mrs. Trope's present abode, a restaurant keeper invited a party to dine with him on what was represented to be a roast of goat meat, which afterwards proved to be a dog. The man was arrested, but finally set at liberty, as none of the guests came to grief from the effects of the dish, which they had heartily enjoyed while partaking of it.

Horse Notes.

ROCHESTER.—Mr. Fred. Turpin, of Rochester, N. Y., has sold his interest in the bay colt Rochester, by Rysdyk's Hambtetonian, dam Lady Kimball; also, filly Alice Kimball, by Seneca Chief, dam Lady Kimball, to James La Traco, of Rochester, N. Y.

"Oli" Woodward, one of the best drivers in the East, will have a fine stable in his charge this season. He will soon come down from Vermont with Aristos (record 2:27), Highland Gray, Stephen L., Col. Peabody, Cassius Prince, Wild Lily, and two Lambert green ones.

SALE OF PROTINE.—Mr. John A. Steele has sold his trotting mare Protine, by Blackwood, out of Belle Brassfield's dam, record 2:24, to Messrs. Olver & Kahel, of Ohio, for \$4,000. She is a very promising mare, and has been steadily improving her gait, and it is claimed for her that she is now able to trot in 2:10.

SALE OF BOBBY BURNS.—Mr. Robert Dempster sold on the 80th inst. to Edwin Hulick, of Easton, Pa., the fast trotter and roadster Bobby Burns, record of 2:50. Bobby Burns acquired considerable notoriety at Ambler Park last Fall, where he won a five-mile trot in 14:12, showing no distress at the end of the race. He is said to be able to trot now in 2:35.

DEATH OF ELLA ANDERSON.—The chf Ella Anderson, 8 years old, by Enquirer, dam Dolly Anderson, by imp Australian, out of Sally Anderson, by imp Glencoe, recently purchased, together with other thoroughbred stock, in Kentucky, by Mr. L. B. Dubois, of Oakland, Cal., died while in transit to the Pacific slope. The remainder of Mr. Dubois' stock have arrived safely at their destination.

DEATH OF A NOTED DRAFT STALLION.—The noted draft stallion Sir Colin Campbell, owned by Mr. James Fekley, Genesee County, Mich., died on the 17th inst., after a two days' illness, of acute indigestion. He was considered the best stock horse in that section of the country, and has left some fine young stock to represent him. His owner recently refused \$2,000 for him.

SALE OF HORSES.—Mr. Rymel, of the City Repository, London, Eng., recently conducted on auction sale of horses, principally cab and coach stock, belonging to Mr. Harry Goddard, of the Old Kent road line. The horses, forty-two in number, realized an average of \$200 each. Many of them were purchased for military uses—artillery, &c. Straws show which way the wind blows.

AN AMERICAN HURDLER IN ENGLAND.

Among the horses taken over to England by Mr. Sanford was the filly Donna, by Baywood, out of Dot. She won several races as a three-year-old last year, and at the end of last season was sold to the Duke of Hamilton, who at once put her to jumping, at which business she made her debut at Croydon on the 18th when she won a selling race for £100, carrying 147 pounds. She started the favorite, beat a field of four and won handsomely by half a length. She was then purchased for 200 guineas by a Mr. A. Mason.

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