

## Miscellaneous.

The editor of the Bucks County (Pa.) Gazette says that it has been discovered that the jointed fishing pole was invented because one can't hide a long pole under his coat Sundays. He ought to know.

'Lou' Hubbell, the 'strong man of the world,' once well known in the circus arena, is in the poor-house of Putnam county. In his time he could back two yoke of oxen, and support a weight of 1,800 pounds resting on his arched hands and feet with his stomach upwards.

'Russian sporting men,' says the Detroit Free Press, 'are satisfied if their horses can trot a mile in four minutes, but they want their wives to do two men's work.' We believe there are several Russian sporting men in this country.

The invention of an India rubber fishworm is announced, and hereafter the poor, unoffending sucker and catfish, like their hitherto less fortunate brethren, the trout and the pickerel, are destined to fall victims to their misplaced confidence in the honesty of man.

It is said that there is a hen in Cherokee county, Ga., that is the mother of sixty chickens, ten guineas, and fourteen turkeys. Of course she is merely the step-mother of the guineas and turkeys, having hired somebody else to lay the eggs.

Of the brothers Davin of Carriack-on-Suir, the famous athletes, two put in an appearance at the Dublin Amateur Athletic Sports on the 21st ult., and scored for Tipperary four victories. Mr. Maurice Davin, in the purely Hibernian pastime of slinging the 56lb., was declared the winner, having cast this ponderous weight the enormous distance of 80 ft. 2 in.

A Winnipeg correspondent of the Ottawa Citizen says:—The Premier of the Province of Manitoba, Mr. Davis, is a hotel-keeper, and it is not an uncommon sight to see the honorable members of the Assembly adjourning to the First Minister's hostelry, and the First Minister himself going into Committee of Supply behind the bar.

The hotels of Maine have suspended the publication of wine list on their bills of fare in deference to the new Liquor law, which makes such publication a hollow mockery or a criminal offence. The Bangor House, one of the leading hotels in the city of that name, keeps up the head-line, 'Wine list,' and publishes beneath it the sadly suggestive line, 'We would if we could.'

There is a story of two Irishmen who bought a little barrel of whiskey in partnership to trade with on the Derby day. They agreed that neither should drink without paying. On the way one drank a glass and paid his partner threepence. They kept up this alternation until, when they reached the Downs, the whiskey was all gone, and they had honestly paid for every drink, and were bewildered to find that they had only threepence between them.

William Yardley, of Darlaston, known throughout the Midlands as the 'Prince of Cocktrainers,' and setters, is in custody at Willenhall, charged with having caused the death of Richard Hadley, another cock-trainer. The men were rivals, and at a recent main Yardley's birds were beaten. Recently Yardley and Hadley quarrelled and fought in a public-house, and Yardley, it is alleged, struck Hadley furiously behind the ear. Hadley fell and died without speaking. Yardley subsequently surrendered.

## LAGER BEER.

It seems, according to a newspaper writer, that lager beer was introduced into the United States only thirty years ago. That was about the time the great German immigration was beginning, and our Teutonic friends brought along with them their good Gambrinus, and certainly he has been a welcome guest.

The history of beer carries us back to the old Egyptians, who are said to have invented it, as they did many other things, including some of our religious practices. They were a remarkable people, and doubtless Moses learned much from them. Our modern beer, however, dates back only to the time of Charlemagne, when hops were first

## Quoiting.

### THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA.

Mr. Wm. Rennie, Secretary of the Caledonian Skating and Curling Club of Toronto, has sent out the following:—"Every prizeman will receive a certificate of award from the referee. The proposal for an evening's entertainment shall have due consideration. Non-entry contributions may be acknowledged in a subsequent issue. We annex a partial list of the local champions in Ontario:—Almonte, William Todd; Beaverton, A. Muir, B.A.; Caledonian Club, John Dickson; Caledonian Society, James Pringle; Galt Club, James Dobson; Hamilton, J. Weatherston; Ottawa, W. E. White; Scarborough Club, W. Glendenning; 'Thamesville, G. A. Tye, M.D. Jas. Rennie for Committee.—Box 754, Toronto.

### SWIMMING THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

For a second time the "strip of silver sea" that parts England from France has been passed by a swimmer, with no other aid than his own strength and buoyancy. This was accomplished by Mr. Frederick Cavill, who started at twenty minutes to four o'clock on Monday afternoon, 20th inst., from Cape Griznez, to swim across the English Channel. In this attempt he succeeded, having arrived within fifty yards of the English Coast, near Dover, at quarter to four o'clock yesterday morning. He was then taken into a boat, because the sea being rough and the breakers high, it was considered unsafe for him to land. This is a great achievement in an athletic sense, and beyond its mere athletic aspects it implies a wonderful vital power, for we have no doubt that the greatest obstacle to its successful performance is not the fatigue, but the refrigerating influence of the sea operating for so many hours. The men who can endure that and have also the requisite skill as swimmers for such a performance are not numerous. Captain Webb's success in swimming the Channel brought him a rich reward from the admiration of his countrymen, and that fact can scarcely remain out of sight in considering the motives of the present swimmer. In fact, unless a man can get upward of twenty thousand dollars, as Webb did, for swimming over, he had better go by the steamboat. But if people get in the habit of swimming the Channel—which is about twenty-eight miles wide—we shall perhaps get rid of the great bore, the reference to Leander and Lord Byron and the Hellespont when swimmers are discussed, though we shall still have those horrid South Sea Islanders who swim around outgoing ships for the first or second day of the voyage like so many sharks.

### ENGLISH FOREIGN CATTLE TRADE.

The Live Stock Journal of Aug. 3rd says:—"For a few weeks there was an apparent lull in the importations of fresh meat and live stock from the United States, Canada, and the Continent. During the past few days, however, a considerable improvement has taken place in the American beef trade. Last week three steamers arrived at Liverpool with 3,035 quarters of beef and 150 carcasses of sheep, while other ships landed 290 head of cattle and 10 horses. On Tuesday last the Allan steamship Caspian brought a number of horses, and the Dominion steamer Texas 200 head of Canadian cattle and 330 sheep in first-class condition. On Wednesday 160 head of live-oxen in good order were landed at Liverpool by the Lake Champlain, from Quebec."

### THE STAGE-STUCK PRINTER.

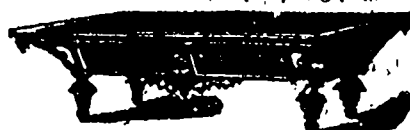
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