

Miscellaneous.

Mules are bought and sold by the pound in Kentucky. Doubtless the custom arises from the observation of Mr. Joshua Billings that the mule is the heaviest animal for his size in existence, except the crowbar.

Some time back Mr. Henry Julien, of Colchester, and another man husked, in one day, 180 bushels of corn, and hauled in 140 bushels of it.

Agents are at work in the neighborhood of London collecting fowl which are to be sent to Toronto alive and there slaughtered and prepared for the English market.

'Pious gambling' seems in the ascendant in the States. It appears that at the fair for the benefit of the Old South Church in Boston, Miss Clara Louise Kellogg had charge of a raffle for a ticket to Europe.

A few days since a trout weighing 23 1/2 lbs. was caught by a Mr. Paquet in Lake Memphremagog, near Georgeville, and forwarded to the Quebec market.

The Albany Sunday Argus suggests that baby shows be advertised a year in advance. This grabbing a young denizen off the floor, scrubbing his nose with a woolen rag and hurrying him into a crowded hall is apt to bewilder his beauty.

A hen belonging to Mr. Daniel Stratton, of Richmond, one day last week laid two eggs at one sitting, which were fastened together by a ligament one inch in length and about the size of a pipe stem. Who can explain the phenomenon?

I. K. Baker, the Centennial popcorn man, who made \$10,000 in Philadelphia last year, on a full swing at popcorn balls and cream candy, will attend the Paris Exposition next season with the same venture. He will shortly start for France to make his arrangements.

Among the natural curiosities on exhibition at the New York cat show may be mentioned a double-toed cat, with web feet; a three-legged kitten, a white and black tom cat, with seven paws; a barking cat, which rejoices in two noses, two pairs of eyes and two mouths; a cat that has crossed the Atlantic ocean twenty-seven times; a white cat with one black and one blue ear.

The Sarina Canadian's correspondent at Petrolia gives rather an unflattering account of the branch Bible Society and Tract Society there. The report of the former he characterizes as very unsatisfactory, and of the latter he says, that their \$15 worth of tracts on hand is likely to remain on hand for many years to come. All the preachers in the town are presidents, he says, and the society is as dead as a door nail.

The Perth Expositor says that recently Mr. Hartford O'Hara, who has been on a hunting expedition up the Mississippi, killed a bear weighing upwards of 300 pounds. The brute was housed up in a hollow log for the winter when disturbed by Mr. O'Hara's dogs, and was shot just as he was emerging from his lair. He measured some seven feet eight inches in length, and five feet six inches in girth.

Frank Buckland the well-known naturalist and Inspector of British fisheries, writes:—"I stated in a former article that I was perfectly amazed why people who have made fortunes go and live in desolate places, like so many Robinson Crusoes. I think I have found the reason. In his original state man depends for his existence on hunting. When he has obtained all he can possibly want he returns to his primitive state, and begins to hunt again, so that the savage is not instinctively very far removed from the Scotch and English rich proprietors of grouse moors and deer forests."

Several children were feeding a pet bear cub at Austin, Texas. An ear was dropped out of the roarin of the bear, and a little girl handed it to him. The bear sportively pulled her to him, when a house dog, believing the child in danger, sprang upon the bear. Bruin then carried the child to the further part of the hogshed in which he slept and returned to fight the dog, under the impression that the dog would hurt the child. A party of darkies tried to protect the child from her other protectors, but the little one did not escape until her mother had killed both bear and dog with a musket.

The Halifax Chronicle says that on the 1st of October last, an Indian shot a fine moose in Cumberland county, having received a special license to do so for scientific purposes.

point out that this arrival is a matter for congratulation on many grounds, for it is not only interesting to naturalists and fish breeders, but also to the much larger body of fish consumers in England."

THE LATE HERR DRIESBACH.

Jacob Driesbach, known as Herr Driesbach, the lion-tamer, was born in the Valley of the Mohawk, probably in Montgomery County, N. Y. When a small lad of about ten years of age, he went to live with relatives of the same name in the town of Schoharie, Schoharie County, N. Y. Here he worked on the farm of his uncle, and was recognized and treated as one of the family. As he grew up, and thinking it best to learn a trade, he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, Christian Keyser, who is still living. At what age he went to New York I do not know. He was at one time attached to the police or old watch, and that was from thirty-seven to forty years ago. The Clipper of last week puts his age at 70 years at the time of his death. I think he was older. An incident which bears upon his age, I will relate as told to me by a well-known physician of New York. While the animals of his menagerie were in winter-quarters in New York, he sent an invitation to the late Edwin Forrest, to come and see that splendid specimen of a lion which bore the name of the great tragedian. It was on this occasion that the lion-tamer and the tragedian spoke of their respective ages. Driesbach was one year older than Forrest; and the latter would be if now living, seventy-four. The writer in The Clipper was correct in his indistinct recollection of Driesbach having charge of Grizzly Adams' bears in the basement of Barnum's old Museum. The last time I saw Driesbach and spoke with him, he was there as stated, in 1863. He made many visits to his Schoharie friends before and after he became famous as a master of wild beasts. Whenever the menageries with which he was connected wintered in New York or vicinity, he would take two or three weeks' time to enjoy himself among his country friends. When a boy, with a knife, he cut or rather scratched his name, "J. Driesbach," on the face of the pointing (hard cement) of the "Old Stone Fort," a building erected for a house of worship in 1772, and used as a fort for the protection of the inhabitants of Schoharie Valley during the war of the Revolution. This building, still preserved and as solid and firm as the day it was completed, was used as a church till a few years back, and Driesbach's name stands there engraved, just as he cut it more than fifty years ago. Near by is the old church burying ground and it was there that Driesbach often expressed the wish that he might be buried after the Great Master had laid him low. He married Miss Sallie Waters (I think that is the name) some twenty years ago, as near as I can place that event, in the State of Ohio. The account of the wedding was extensively published in the newspapers at the time. A newspaper published at Schoharie C. H. says he died in Ohio City on the 6th inst., on the farm where he had lived since his marriage.

FEEDING-BOXES FOR HORSES.

We find this sensible paragraph in the Rural New Yorker: Feeding-boxes instead of racks for horses may be made equally convenient, and possess several advantages. Horses do not naturally gather their food from trees; why, then, should they be compelled in winter to take it from a rack over head? In doing so, every mouthful requires the animal to assume an unnatural position which, especially in the case of young horses, is likely to interfere with the proper development of the muscles of the neck, and with the graceful carriage of the head. Not improbably the awkward manner in which some horses thrust their heads forward and upward, is due to the force of a habit acquired in feeding from a rack. Moreover, there is danger of seed, dust, etc., falling into the eyes of the animals. All the effluvia of the stable, too, the vapors from liquid and solid excrements, the exhalation from skin and lungs, pass upward, and are, to some extent, absorbed by the hay—an addition neither savory nor healthful. The feed-box is open to none of these objections.

A \$1,000 DIAMOND LOST.

The St. Catharines Review of last week says: "On Saturday last, Mr W. Blake, contractor, residing at the east end of the city, had occasion to take his buggy to the mill race in rear of Hawmill's carriage shop to wash it, and in doing so accidentally dropped a diamond pin, which was fastened to his shirt bosom, valued at \$1,000. On discovering his loss he immediately obtained permission from the proper authorities to dam up the water and search for the pin,

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