

## Miscellaneous.

A Nevada miner staked the savings of his life on a lode, lost, and then killed himself.

Wild pigeons are so numerous in the timber along the Iowa river, in Hardin County, Iowa, as to be a nuisance.

Washington, Oxford County, has a pig with five ears, three on one side and two on the other.

The girls of Guilford, Conn., have formed a ball club, and challenged the men to play them.

Dr. George B. Winship, the athlete, died in Boston a few days ago, at the age of forty-two years.

On Wednesday last, Mr. Hugh McConnell, a man over fifty years of age, swam across the Algonnetto Lakes at Pembroke, a distance of nearly two miles.

At the zenith of his fame Lord Macaulay lost his seat in Parliament, for Edinburgh, not as was generally believed, because of his vote upon the Maynooth grant, but because, says the London Telegraph, unlike his predecessors, he refused to give £50 to the Members' Plate at the Musselburgh races.

BROCKVILLE—The Monitor says either an enormous snake or a huge seal has been disappearing itself very frequently lately in the St. Lawrence opposite Brockville. It is represented as nearly twenty feet long.

Two large pelicans were shot at Hamilton recently by Mr. Jno. Dynes. One of the birds was taken alive, being wounded only in the wing. They measure nine feet from tip to tip, and stand six feet in height.

For the past few days buyers from the other side have been purchasing horses in Exeter. Some of the horses brought good figures. Amongst them was noticed Mr. S. Cornish's prize team, for which he received \$100. They are wanted for the lumber woods.

"I don't see how you can have been working all day like a horse," exclaimed the wife of a lawyer, her husband having declared that he had been thus working. "Well, my dear," he replied, "I've been drawing a conveyance all day, anyhow."

Mr. W. Penhale, lot 23, con. 3., Stephen, has a three year old heifer giving about eight quarts of milk per day. This is most peculiar, when it is known that the heifer never had a calf nor even was with calf.

There lives at Boston Highlands, Mass., a venerable dame named Harriet Hawley, who is 103 years old, and who has never visited a theatre nor ridden in a railroad car. Her father stood by the side of Gen. Warren when he fell at Bunker hill.

A large pike, says the London Field, was captured by the Hon. E. Willoughby, of Birdall House, and on being opened a fine sandpiper was found inside. The bird, which had evidently been just bolted whole, has been sent to Mr. Ripley, of York, for preservation.

A druggist at Little Falls, N.Y., has for several years had a brook in a large aquarium placed in one of his store windows, by conducting through the aquarium the water of a brook near by led by springs and remarkable for its purity and beauty.

During a recent visit to Cowes, the Prince of Wales ended upon the main board an Earl's yacht to race his own. Believing that the commands of Royalty should be obeyed they consented without their master's permission, which the Prince had not sought. The Earl regarded this as an unexcusable imperfection. At the prize shortly afterwards, and as he was about to tack him. The Prince retorted: "Voices rose higher and higher until the pair had to be separated."

A cat in the stables at Badminton, England, says the London Field, has had five or six consecutive times a black kitten among the litter, which kitten alone of all the lot was she bringing up. She either destroys the other kittens soon after birth, as in the instance just before us, by pushing them off a high place to the ground, or carries away the black one, leaving the rest to starve.

On Monday last Socrates Hunter, the eldest inhabitant of the County of Elgin, died near Port Bruce, at the great age of 95 years. Deceased was perfectly intelligent until the time of his death, and de-

There was once a Mayor of an ancient borough who was a staunch teetotaler, and well known to be so. He attended the festivities promoted by a neighboring borough, and somebody who knew the Mayor well put a glass of milk punch close to his plate. The Mayor saw the glass; he could not resist it; he took it up and quaffed it off, and set it down, saying, "Lord, what a cow!"

Some idea of the ground squirrel pest in California may be gained from the statement that in one year past, Lake County alone has paid fifteen hundred dollars bounty in squirrel scalps, at the rate of five cents each. A resident of Capello gathered in Gordon Valley, Napa County, between July 18th and August 18th, 9,942 scalps. He shoots with cold poison. His gains have been, it will be seen, for one month \$497.10. He gives his whole time to the business.

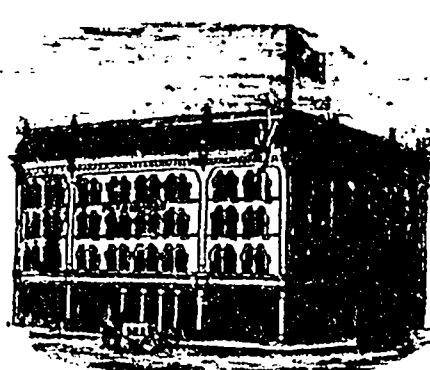
## SALE OF VALUABLE STOCK.

The New York Times of Wednesday, gives the following account of an interesting sale of valuable horses, etc.

The Assignee's sale of the horses, carriages, harness, robes, etc., owned by Henry Claws, took place yesterday morning at the private stable No. 13 West Twenty-seventh street. The bidding was slow, and the horses sold at a sacrifice. Commodore, a bay gelding, six years old, 15½ hands high, raised in Orange County, N. Y., sired by Ethan Allen, dam a Hambletonian mare, trotted on Goshen track at five years old in 2:31, 2:39, and 2:30½, and also several heats on the Fleetwood Track below 2:40, sold for \$200. The remaining horses were disposed of as follows: Brown gelding, Flying Cloud, six years old, 15½ hands high, raised by P. R. Popor, Franklin County, Ky., sired by Belmont, son of Alexander's Abdallah, dam Glory, by Jackson's Western Star. Flying Cloud took first premium at the State Fair as the handsomest and the fastest five-year-old, and trotted five heats in 2:29, 2:26, 2:28, 2:30 and 2:31½; sold for \$220. Chestnut mare Lady Goldust, six years old, 15½ hands high, raised in Scott County, Ky., sired by Hamlet, son of Volunteer, he by Rysdyck's Hambletonian, dam Lady Vaukile, by Liberty, son of Lance, by American Eclipse, grand dam known as the Capt. Snyder mare, by Abdullah; she was entered in the 2:40 class at Covington, Ky., where she got a record of 2:26, beating a field of eleven horses; she won three straight heats, in 2:28, 2:27½ and 2:26; sold for \$225. Golden Defiance, 7 years old, 15½ hands high, raised in Rutland, Vt.; sired by Vermont Hero, dam Fidget, by Shylcock, by imported Medley; he trotted at Bethel, Vt., where he won in 2:35 class, three heats in 2:32, 2:29 and 2:30; he trotted with Lady Goldust to the pole on Prospect Park track in 2:36; sold for \$210. Gelding Little Dan, 7 years old, 15½ hands high, raised Orange County, N. Y., sired by Ashland, son of Mambrino Chief, dam Alice, by Van Duzer, by Seely's American Star; he showed two heats on Goshen track in 2:47 and 2:45; sold for \$160.

## PROBABLE DEATH OF THE SEPTILATE. RAL.

The Spirit of the Times in a general review of the great Septilateral, says: "It is almost certain that there will not be a repetition of the septilateral experiment. While the western tracks come out with well-filled coffers, those in the east have had a close squeeze to pay expenses. Already, while Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester and Utica have claimed for 1877 the week corresponding to those they occupied in 1876, Springfield has made a new departure, and claimed the same week as Cleveland, while Hartford and Poughkeepsie are waiting to see what course to take. A conflict of dates between Cleveland and Springfield would be most unfortunate. The former would receive few eastern and the latter few western entries. In the slower classes the purses at both points might fill well, but these are not the events that attract spectators. The owners of the speedier horses would, doubtless, put their heads together and form combinations by which they could secure the largest moneys at both cities, to the detriment of sport, which we take it is the main object of all the leading trotting associations. We do not think the Springfield managers have chosen the best way out of the dilemma. Our suggestion would be to form a circuit composed of Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester and Utica, entries closing one week before the Cleveland meeting. Then let another circuit be composed of Springfield, Hartford, Poughkeepsie and Fleetwood, the latter track being in the hands of a gentleman who will conduct it honorably, and let the entries for this close the week before the Utica races. By this plan the grand procession of trotters would be unbroken, except by accidents to which horseflesh is subject. The faster classes would have a host of new aspirants in the four eastern cities, and the slower classes would fill brought out in the west, because horses exhibiting it would be placed in their proper company. This course, or something similar, in our judgment, would reconcile existing difficulties and give all the tracks a fair chance for a prosperous meeting."



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