

M. Jacotin, French Senator and Judge, caught cheating at cards, has resigned both of his dignities and will be expelled from the Legion of Honour.

Several negroes at Raleigh, N. C., are declared to be gradually losing their black color, and this curious phenomenon is attributed to the peculiarities of the drinking-water in a well in the yard of Mr. J. P. Prairie.

A London police magistrate has sent a professional dog-thief up for three months at hard labor, and recited the case of a lady of his acquaintance whose valuable dog was so often stolen that, between rewards and advertisements, the cost of the animal was nearly \$460.

It has been generally supposed that the breed of Irish deerhound is extinct, but in July last a specimen was exhibited at the National Dog Show in Dublin, and took the first prize in the miscellaneous class. In general appearance it resembled a magnificent deerhound, but more massive.

A man may sneer at a woman all he will because she can't sharpen a lead-pencil, but she has the smile on him when he stands holding an unoccupied suspender button in his hand, and wondering whether it will hurt less to pull the needle out of his thumb the same way it went in, or push it on through.

Mr. C. D. Saunders, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is a tall, straight, robust man, between fifty and sixty. He has not slept for fifteen years; he feels tired sometimes, but never sleepy, though he has tried working continuously for ten or eleven days and nights. Heavy opiates have no effect upon him. At night he goes to bed "so as to be out of the way," and lies there and thinks, but does not sleep.

The New Orleans Picayune requests politicians to make less noise at their meetings, as their vociferations disturb the yellow-fever patients. Which state of things reminds the Baltimore Gazette of the persistent card-player who crawled out from under the wreck of a steamship saloon on the Pacific and cried out above the shrieks and prayers of the passengers and the howling of the tempest, "Remember boys, I played the tray for low."

George Morgan has just died at Streatham, England, within a few weeks of completing his 108th year. He was born at Bristol, September 19, 1770, of Welsh parents; his father lived to be ninety-eight. In 1795, as the books of his house in Longacre testify, Mr. Morgan went to London and established himself as a coach-builder, a business in which he continued for eighty-three years.

For the last few years hog cholera epidemic has raged in Central Illinois incessantly, making a loss to farmers and others of \$200,000. A few days since a peculiar kind of beetle commenced coming in great numbers to this country, which the hogs devour with a voracious appetite. Most cholera hogs are getting well from eating them. The people consider them a God-send. What they are and where they came from is a mystery. They are fast spreading over the country. The farmers are in hopes that they will effectually subdue the dreaded disease.

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ward her. She likes the Putes, and even seeks their companionship. They have never yet seen her in need but they would shoot some rabbits or kill a few birds for her relief, and in cold weather have even shared the warmth of their blankets with her. In height this singular woman is five feet six inches, and in actions sprightly. Her dark autumn hair lies in wavelets about her forehead, and hangs about her head in long curls. Her dress is neat, and in no way conforms with that she is reported to wear in the mountains. She is a native of Massachusetts, has two brothers living in Westport in that state, and a sister living in Lowell. Her living a recluse was brought about by troubles in her married life years ago

A BUTCHERING MATCH.

The beef butchering match at Masel's slaughterhouse yesterday afternoon drew together all the butchers in the city. Edward Green of Masel Steffen's meat-market, and William Friend, a Prussian bullock-surgeon, who has recently arrived on the Comstock, were the contestants. At 2 o'clock two fat steers were drawn down to the bull ring, and knocked in the head with an axe. They had hardly ceased to kick before the two men fell upon them with their knives and began to rip off the hides in a style that excited the highest admiration among nearly a hundred spectators, most of whom were butchers or had been during some portion of their lives. Green took the pole, as it were from the start, and led the Prussian a trifle most of the way. When Green was disemboweling his steer the Prussian had not opened his, and when Green came down the home stretch by splitting his meat in twain the Prussian was just skinning the neck of the other animal. There was great excitement at the finish, and the crowd gathered around in such force that the men hardly had room to work. Green finished his steer in eight minutes and four seconds, while it required nine minutes and fourteen seconds for Friend to finish his work. The match was for \$50 a side, and considerable money changed hands on the result.—*Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle*, Aug. 26.

COMBAT BETWEEN A DONKEY AND A RAM.

The other afternoon at Fuiwood, near Preston, a fight, which proved fatal to one of the combatants, took place between a donkey and a ram, in a field in the occupation of Mr. Wilkinson, farmer. The ass, belonging to Mrs. Kellott, had been in the habit of visiting one of its own kind which grazed on Mr. Wilkinson's land, and his trespasses had often been revented by an old black-faced ram, one of a flock of sheep pasturing in the same field. The next day the ram seemed determined to have it out with Noddy, and attacked him furiously, goring him grievously with its formidable horns. The ass, however, met his assaults bravely, plunged round with astonishing agility, kicked out at the old ram with terrible force, and sometimes with stunning effect. At last he seized the ram by the nose and shook him as a dog worries a rat, bit him about the head and neck repeatedly, and left him weltering in his blood, marching off victoriously, their combat having lasted nearly half an hour. Shortly afterwards the ram died from loss of blood and the injuries he had sustained.

A NEVADA GIRL.

A daughter of Dan Newman, over at Sierra Vally, captured the first prize at last year's Nevada State Fair for being the best equestrienne. After the young lady had been declared boss she turned around and told the world at large that she would just like to see somebody trot out something in the shape of horseflesh that she couldn't ride, if they thought she was sailing under false colors. The result was that although she has since been on horses animals that were brought forward she has not her seat in every instance. Now there's a girl that's good for something! She can bake cookies and bread and all such things; she can stockings, make her own dresses and do anything and everything that makes her a good housekeeper, and when it comes to playing the piano she is no slouch either.

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