

... heavy out as can be found anywhere in seven and a quarter hours. The work was done on a farm about two and a half miles from Port Stanley. Mr. Week wants to know the man who can beat this.

The old horse of an East Weymouth (Mass.) milkman has had a romantic death. As soon as his young rival had started on the familiar route, the old horse, too, stopped at each door, as usual, and then went back to his stable and died.

President Porter, of Yale College, says that billiard tables should be provided for the students, whereupon the Presbyterian students: "Shades of the Puritan founders! Billiard tables for Yale College! Men a God, think of it!"

A certain resident of South Oshawa knows more of natural history than he did a week ago. A young man set a trap to catch rats. In it one morning he found a lively and handsomely striped animal caught by the fore foot. Now there is a hole in the ground where a skunk and a suit of clothes lie buried together.

How to Cook Trout.—During the "long vacation," when most of our legal friends fish for a living, it may be well to give them a receipt for cooking trout: "Wrap your trout in brown paper, put him into the ashes with a few live coals, and in fifteen minutes he will be fit for a king to eat." But first catch your trout.

A few evenings ago a young man in Godrich, named W. Wallis, started wrestling with a young man named Sprout, throwing him down, breaking his collar bone. Wallis was soon after arrested and arraigned before the magistrate and fined \$10 and costs, amounting in all to \$16. Wrestling at this rate is not a profitable amusement.

Woodcock at Sea.—A correspondent writing to the London Field, says: "In crossing from Quebec to Liverpool on the 8th of July, and when in 56 degrees 7 minutes latitude, 33 degrees 24 minutes longitude, 1,000 miles out to sea, a woodcock flew round the steamer, but I did not observe in which direction the bird was going.

Accident.—During the races the noted driver Charles Green and his wife have been staying at the Osborn House, Rochester. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Green met with a severe and painful accident. As the two were leaving the house for the races in a private carriage the horses became frightened, turned suddenly, and threw out Mrs. Green. In the fall she broke her arm very badly. She was taken back to the hotel and the fracture reduced by Dr. Whitbeck.

Mr. R. B. Vining, Superintendent of the Meriden trotting park, has a fine setter dog, which has a curious habit of catching runaway horses. He seizes them by the bit and stops them at once. Several instances of his remarkable sagacity might be given when he showed his power to stop such excited animals, thus saving their owner's loss, and preventing injury to the horses. Mr. Vining has been offered \$150 for Sam, but refuses to part with him for any amount.

#### A STRANGE FRIENDSHIP.

A strange friendship has sprung up between two very dissimilar animals at Mrs. Stratton's place in town here. A black rabbit came to the place some three months ago and took up its abode. Mrs. Stratton keeps on the place a couple of cows, and a short time since the rabbit took up the strange habit of sleeping with one of these cows. It goes out to the cows wanted place of rest, waits her coming, and when arrived the motherly 'bos' licks the little protegee with much of the same affectionate tenderness that would be bestowed on a calf, the rough tongue and tremendous licks nearly raising the little animal off its feet, and it the meanwhile bracing itself with all its four feet spread to withstand the pressure. Then little 'Bunny' keeps its nose up to the cow's nose and appears to kiss it, after which he rabbit nestles up to old 'bos' and goes to sleep.—St. Helena (Cal.) Star.

Whole Dominion and a half, respectively of the province to which they belong, the present mode of selection aims to obtain a team selected from the marksmen of each province. This would be well enough, if it could be accomplished without interfering with the efficiency of the team, but that is impossible. We are satisfied that the twenty riflemen who went to Wimbledon this year are very far from representing the shooting strength of Canada, and the manner in which they have been defeated both in the Kalamazoo competition, and the contest in which England, Scotland, Australia, and Canada took part, shows that the team is composed of second class material. This should not be. Canada should send every year the best twenty that could be selected, without regard to the province to which they belong. Another fatal error, we think, is selecting the members of the team nine or ten months before they have to go to Wimbledon. A man's shooting may deteriorate greatly in that time, or new men, much his superior, may come to the front. The selection of the team should be based on the shooting done at the local competitions. We suppose that half a score of teams could be obtained in Canada to-day that would beat the Wimbledon team of this year.—St. John Telegraph.

#### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

R. H. Clark, Esq., tells of a remarkable escape from the jaws of death of a hunting party, composed of himself and four others, near Zelinople, Butler Co., Pa. They had succeeded in killing about forty woodcock, when game became scarce, and the party started in the afternoon for fresh preserves. While passing through the woods a violent wind storm overtook them. A large oak, divided into three sections, fell across the wagon. Mr. Clark says that the only sensation he experienced, as he saw the tree coming, was an uttered wish that he would be killed instantly. The crash came. The wagon was thoroughly flattened. The tire of one wheel being broken and spread out almost straight by one of the three limbs striking it. After what appeared to be an age of suspense, one of the party ventured to inquire the extent of the damage done, when it was found that, with the exception of the driver, a coloured man, no one was injured. He had an arm broken. The party were imprisoned by the debris, and were held until they, by shouting, attracted the attention of some persons. The horse was uninjured, but like the men, was imprisoned in the wreck until it was removed by a party of axe-men.

#### A WOMAN'S INGENUITY.

A Dublin chambermaid is said to have got twelve commercial travellers into eleven bedrooms, and yet to have given each a separate room. Here we have eleven separate rooms:

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11

"Now," says she, "if two of you gentlemen will go into No. 1 bedroom and wait a few minutes I'll find a spare room for you as soon as I have shown the others to their rooms." Well, now having bestowed two gentlemen in No. 1, she put the third in No. 2, the fourth in No. 8, the fifth in No. 4, the sixth in No. 5, the seventh in No. 6, the eighth in No. 7, the ninth in No. 8, the tenth in No. 9, the eleventh in No. 10. She then came back to No. 1, where, you will remember, she left the twelfth gentleman alone with the first, and said: "I've accommodated all the rest and have still a room to spare, so if one of you will step into No. 11 you will find it empty." Thus the twelfth man got his bedroom. Of course there is a hole in the sansepan somewhere, but we leave the reader to determine exactly where the fallacy is, with just a warning to think twice before declaring as to which, if any, of the travellers was the "odd-man out."

A novel contest took place in London the morning of Friday, 10th inst., between two well-known blacksmiths and their helpers. The match was between Messrs. Mustill and Fitzgerald and Messrs. Wilkinson and Bryce—which could make six dozen horse-shoes quickest and best—sixty dollars a side. The parties started work punctually at seven a. m. In 8h. 34 m. Mustill and Fitzgerald had completed their task, whereas it took Wilkinson and Bryce 4h. and 29 m. to complete theirs. The judges accordingly decided in favor of the former, adding that the shoes made by them were equally as good as those turned out by their opponents. Wilkinson and Bryce had no sooner finished their work than the latter fell to the ground exhausted. Medical aid was summoned, and at the time of writing the affected man was still very low.

#### ACCIDENT TO JOHN MURPHY.

John Murphy, the noted rider and driver of trotting stock, while driving the trotting gelding, Dan Bryant, at Fleetwood Park, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., met with a severe accident. While driving the horse at full speed the bit broke, the horse ran away, overturning the wagon and dashing Murphy to the ground. He was picked up senseless. After returning to consciousness it was found that his collar bone was broken and that he was badly bruised. Murphy had just driven the horse a mile in 2:23, the fastest he had ever trotted. Murphy had entered Bryant to trot in the great trotting circuit.

A WONDROUS WOMAN SWIMMER AT CAPE MAY.—I have seen some of these ethereal ladies swimming and diving as fearlessly as fish. Recently I saw a couple, I suppose man and wife, a little further out than seemed to be safe. She would get upon his shoulders and dive from them through the heaviest breakers, then she would attempt somersaults over his arms; for a moment her head and half her body would be in the deep, and her feet toward the zenith. Sometimes, before she had completed the revolution, a big breaker would strike and toss her fifteen feet away, when I expected to see her half drowned and in need of masculine assistance, she would simply spout like a little whale, snatch the brine from her eyes, and was ready for another trial.

A HORNE SNAKE.—John Lee and Samuel Berry, says the Arnprior Review, while up on the White Lake lately, saw a great number of large black snakes, some of them as a man's arm and three and four feet long. Among the rest they observed one which seemed to be of a different species, having on its head a projection resembling a horn, which it had the power of erecting or depressing at pleasure. It was about four feet in length, and was more active in its movements than the ordinary black snake, as it was seen to gather itself into a coil and leap a distance of three or four feet with apparent ease. This is the first time that we have heard of a horned snake being seen in the vicinity, and its discoverers were not at all anxious to cultivate an acquaintance with it.

THE DAY YOU WERE BORN.—Here is an infallible method of discovering the day of the week on which a given day of the month any number of years previous occurred. To the number representing your age at your next birthday, add one-fourth for leap year; this amount divided by seven and the remainder count back from the day of the week on which you were born. For instance, on your next birthday you will be 24 years old. This divided by 7, and the quotient, 6, added to 24, gives 30, the amount, which divided by 7, the number of days in a week, gives four weeks and the remainder of two days. Now, if your birthday in 1876 comes on Monday, count back two days and you have the day on which you were born Saturday.

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