

and found for the benefit of wild beasts. If the buffalo doesn't like our laws he can easily get into Canada.

The story comes from Deadwood, that a member of a certain church congregation was bowie-knifed by a zealous deacon for putting a counter-feit quarter in the contribution box, and the excited pastor, without leaving his pulpit, shot the good deacon for creating a disturbance during divine service.

A Michigan paper says that "A cow in Pontiac goes fishing, and when a fish pulls on the line she takes her horn underneath it and pulls out her booty." How interesting it would be to know what she baits with and whether she believes in spitting on the hook, etc. Also, if after taking her horn under the line she throws away the bottle or hides it in the fence corner.

A schooner was two days out from one of the South Sea Islands when a snail went up to shift the gaff-top-sail tack over. He had reached the doubling of the mainmast, when he discovered coiled around it a huge snake. The man scudded around to the peak balyard, followed at a more leisurely pace by the reptile. One of the mates seeing the man's danger, seizing a piece of wire rope, ran up the rigging, and, attacking the reptile in the rear, succeeded in killing it. It measured over 12 feet long.

The honest and ingenious executor of an Iowa estate was recently approached by a clergyman who wanted to buy a horse. The estate contained a valuable \$25 steed, for which the executor asked \$125. Finally a compromise was effected, the preacher having offered \$75, an offer which the executor feared he might withdraw, and probably would withdraw if a drop were made at once from \$125 to \$75. The executor took \$75 in cash and \$25 in prayers, the minister and his congregation being bound to offer five formal petitions on five successive Sundays for the welfare, temporal and spiritual of the widow.

The Lynchburg Virginian of the 7th inst. says: "Mr. Hunter's Dog bill passed the House. This bill allows owners to value their dogs at \$100, and to pay to the Commissioner the tax on that amount, which is \$1 for the first dog, and 50 cents for all others. After the dog is so listed for taxation, he becomes as much personal property as a cow or a horse. Of course no one is compelled to pay the tax; it is purely voluntary. It will have the effect of stopping the stealing of valuable dogs, and a stolen dog will be as rare as a stolen horse. This tax will place some thousand dollars in the State Treasury."

In the tearing down of a large henry lately a singular circumstance came to the notice of the writer. During the time the henry was occupied by its feathered tenants, rats became so numerous as to be a nuisance. Just before the taking down referred to, as the owner did not wish the rodents migrating to his house or barn, the virtue of phosphorus paste was tried and with the most beneficial results. Not a rat was seen or heard of for a week. The building was taken apart for setting up in another location. During this a single pair of rats were seen and killed by the terror on the place. Upon removing the floor of the building, a circle was found, the outer rim of which consisted of thirty-odd rats' tails. The whole body part was a nest of short straws and hay. This being removed, nothing was found save the bodies of three of the rats which formed the circle, in a half eaten state. The two which were killed by the dog were evidently the only living members of the colony after the paste had been administered. These, as the supply of grain was cut off, upon the removal of the fowls, had subsisted in cannibal fashion upon the bodies of their less fortunate companions. The effect upon the human system of the introduction of decayed animal matter to the blood, makes the probable result of a bite from one of those survivors while living upon that carrion a frightful thing to contemplate.

A LADY'S DEATH IN THE HUNTING-FIELD.

A shocking accident occurred in the hunting-field yesterday by which Mrs. William Crawshaw, of Riverdale, Newham, Gloucestershire, and wife of Mr. W. Crawshaw, ironmaster, was killed. Lord Fitzhardinge had a by-day with his hounds at Norton. Mrs. Crawshaw, who was very fond of hunting was following the hounds, and when near Towkesbury Park her horse jumped a hedge and came beneath a somewhat low apple-tree. The lady stooped to avoid the branches and her head came violently against the trunk of the tree, and her neck was broken. She fell from her horse, and died instantaneously in the arms of Captain Kennard's groom, who was in attendance on her, and was the only person near at the time. When the sad news reached the field they at once desisted from the chase. Deceased was a young and beautiful woman, and the daughter of Mr. Gordon Canning, of Harpur House, near Gloucester.

Horse Notes.

INJURY TO LADY NELL.—This chestnut mare, record 2:32, broke her near forward leg while being driven on the road near Boston, one day last week.

DEATH OF VARSOUVIERNE.—The fine race mare, Varsouviere, 8 years, by Australian, dam Geneva, by Lexington, the property of Major B G Thomas, died March 6, at his farm.

MISCHIEF, by Gilroy, dam Mishap, was killed at Lexington, March 12, by striking her head against a tree. She was three years old, and the property of James A. Grinstead.

SALE OF SUNBURST.—Geo. W Miller, Salt River, Mich., has bought of Geo. Odell, Westchester county, N Y, the chestnut horse Sunburst, five years old, by Planet, dam Betty Ward by Lexington.

SALE OF YEARLINGS.—Col. McDaniel's first annual sale of yearlings, the get of Harry Bassett, numbering about twenty, will take place at the Messrs. Barker's, New York Tattersall's, corner of Broadway and Thirtieth street, on Monday, June 17.

ACCIDENT TO LEONARD.—Mr. H. P. McGrath's brown colt Leonard, four year by old Longfellow, Jam Collen Bawn, and Aristides got together a few days since on the track, and the former received some severe bruises and scratches in the melee, which may interrupt his training.

MR. CARL S. BURR, who returned from California a few days ago, reports that he saw Smuggler and talked with Marvin. The stallion was looking well, and his complaining leg is smaller than it was before he went west of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Burr doubts the report that Smuggler has fallen lame. He also saw Judge Fullerton in Fullerton in California, and says that the chestnut son of Edward Everett looks as if he would make a good campaign on the turf this year.

A curiosity of recent date at Gatineau Point, near Ottawa, is a dog that is employed to draw goods across the ice to and from that place. He is harnessed to a horse train and has been seen drawing as many as six bags of flour at one time. People dare not venture on the ice with their horses, as they would break through. The dog makes a handsome thing for his owner.

Two courses are to be laid out on the Thames at New London for the race between the Yale and Harvard crews. One of these will follow the river channel and the other will be a straight line from start to finish. The general expenses of the regatta are to be borne by several railroad companies, and the captains of the crews are to select out-houses.

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