

...port at last a head of cattle
...during the next year from the De-

Recently, while a man named Archibald Cameron was driving and parading a horse at Arden County of Ontario, which he does for a fall, and for which he had been offered \$150, the animal fell and broke one of its legs, and had to be shot.

Harness and other articles of leather that are injuriously acted upon by the ammoniacal exhalations common in stables, may actually, according to Prof. Artus, be thoroughly and effectually protected by the addition of a little glycerine to the oil or linseed with which their services are treated.

Mr. Parnell, a member of the International Gun and Fido Club, has performed at Brighton, England, the extraordinary feat of shooting a hundred punny pieces successively at fifty minutes, thereby winning a heavy wager of £100 to £10. The arrangement was that the "throw-up" should stand eight yards from the shooter, and that he should not throw a coin more than three feet above his head.

It is no uncommon thing to meet with cases in which damage has been done to the bodily constitution by indulging too recklessly in athletic exercises when the muscles have become flabby and feeble from disuse. A man accustomed to sedentary pursuits takes suddenly to boating or to running, or the horizontal bar, and if he escapes straining his heart, he is sure to make himself stiff and uncomfortable.

A quail in Paris has been kept for two years in a cage with other quails destined for the market. Whenever a customer appears the quail we speak of perches on one leg and truzzles himself up into a fluffy ball, which is a sign of illness in quails. The customer looks at him with disgust, and says, "No, not that quail, the bird is sick," and so this ingenious volatile lives on in peace and comfort, while his companions depart one by one to their allotted toasts.

To prepare skins for fur, mix bran and soft water sufficient to cover the skins. Immerse the latter and keep them covered for twenty-four hours; then remove, wash, clean, and carefully scrape off all flesh. To one gallon of water (hot) add one pound of alum and three-quarter pounds of salt. When dissolved and cool enough to admit entrance of the hand, immerse the skins for twenty-four hours, dry in the shade, and rub. Stir the liquor again, immerse the skins for twenty-four hours, dry and rub as before, immerse for twenty-four hours in oatmeal and warm water, partially.

The King of Burmah is very proud of his new Krupp gun, and lately amused himself by throwing shot with it into the Irrawaddy river. One struck a rich laden dhow, which sank, drowning the captain. The King was in raptures, for he had pointed the gun himself. Shells was then tried at long ranges, a village on the opposite side bank being the target. All Mandalay turned out to watch the sport, and the village was soon in flames. The inhabitants "ran about like mad" in such a comical manner that his Majesty laughed heartily. Then the crowd on the Mandalay side tempted the military ardour of the graces sovereign, who suddenly gave the lighters a dose of grape and canister. The crowd instantly scattered, leaving some twenty men, women, and children dead on the ground. His Majesty was highly amused; the next criminal is to be blown from the mouth of the gun after the English fashion. The King feels quite equal to the exigencies of a European war.

Smelt fishing at Damariscotta Mills, Me., is now at its height. The ice of the bay is dotted with nearly 100 of the small huts. At the commencement of the fishing season when the fish are thick and bite well, red flannel is used for bait; and later in the season when they begin to thin out, the inner parts of the smelts themselves are held out as a temptation to their unpaught brethren. Two

...your preaching.
Dr. Allen replied, "I am glad of it."
"But I understand every word you say."
"I hope so," said the doctor, "for I try to make myself understood."
Again the old man came to the charge.
"Yes," he said, "I understand you jes' as well as if you was a nigger."
Dr. Allen considered it a rare compliment.

THE PLEASURE OF THE CHASE.

Speaking of the pleasure of the chase, says Sir Francis Head, in giving an anecdote of a hard arguer in favor of fox-hunting: "Said the haughty Countess of — to an aged huntsman, who, cap in hand, had humbly invited her ladyship to do him the honor to come and see his hounds; 'I dislike everything belonging to hunting—it is so cruel.' 'Cruel!' replied the old man with apparent astonishment. 'Why, my lady, it can't possibly be cruel, for—logically holding up three fingers in succession—"we all know that the gentlemen like it, and we all know that the hesses like it, and we all know that the hounds like it." After a long pause: "None of us, my lady, can know for certain that the foxes don't like it."

THE BOY WHO WAS ASTONISHED.

A frightful runaway took place in the northern portion of St. Louis recently. A large cur came trotting leisurely down the street, all in harness, and drawing a sled upon which, in a state of supreme bliss, was the surprising urchin who had conceived the idea of utilizing dog-power. They conducted themselves with a calm dignity, that boy and dog, and when the boy met a couple of other boys of his acquaintance and stopped his conveyance for a chat, there was just a shade of condescension in his manner to those who had to walk. The youth on the sled entered into earnest conversation with one of the boys on the ground, and, while the two were thus engaged, the other boy took occasion, unobserved, to pull out a piece of string, and attach an oyster can firmly to the dog's tail, leaving interval enough between the tail and can to allow the latter a degree of play.

The interview finally terminated, and the boy on the sled started up his dog. At the first move, the animal discovered that his tail wasn't all right, and at the first rattle of the tin he took in the situation, and acted precisely as other dogs have been known to do under similar circumstances. He just raised his hair all along his back, curled his tail under him, laid his ears over, opened his mouth, struck up som thing from Wagner, and started! Commodore Vanderbilt, when he takes a special train, and travels sixty miles an hour, doesn't make half so good time as that dog did. He straightened himself out, and gathered himself up, in awful leaps, and when he straightened, there wasn't an inch of space between him and the ground, and when he gathered, he looked like a horseshoe magnet, three feet high. The boy gave one gasp when the dog started, and then tightened his grip on the sled; he slid down into the position known among the youth as "bolly buster," and there he stuck. The procession—dog, can, boy and sled—went down the street like a whirlwind, swerving neither to the right nor left. When a waggon crossed the dog's path he flew under it, and on such occasions the boy's hair would flop up like the wig of the end man at a minstrel show. Finally, a coal waggon came in sight, and it became apparent that it would be a close shave, unless the dog turned a little. But the dog never swerved—he was too intent on reaching the end of the world. The waggon didn't cross the road quick enough; there was a crash against one of the hind wheels, and a boy with a bloody nose, and one runner of the sled, remained in the immediate vicinity, while the dog and the rest of the sled passed into the dimmest kind of perspective.

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