

been closer up at the finish had he been out, but it is claimed that he could not have beaten Julius Caesar for third place. The runner was second.

A SHOWER OF FROGS—On Saturday evening about 5 p. m., during a thunder storm, an immense shower of frogs took place at Long station literally covering the ground. They measured about half an inch in length, or perhaps a little more. Your correspondent is not sufficiently learned to explain the phenomena. Such occurrences are probably attributed to water spouts, but how such water spouts could travel miles in daylight without being seen by some one is more than an ordinary mind can understand.

A remarkable story is told by a Troy, N. Y., paper. It says that a carpenter in that city who has the misfortune to be permanently lame from an accident received in the prosecution of his trade some years ago, has a dog which is his almost constant companion. This dog, although perfectly sound "in wind and limb," invariably limps when in company with his master, but at all other times is as nimble and as frisky as a colt. The question is whether the dog limps out of sympathy for his master, or to show his ability to imitate him.

Not long since a billiard player in London, in lighting a cigar, accidentally let his match fall upon a billiard ball, which at once burst into a flame. Efforts were made to extinguish it, unavailingly, and it had to be left until it was finally consumed, which process took a quarter of an hour. The mystery remained unsolved until explained by a chemist. The celluloid jewelry in imitation of coral, which is sold everywhere, is made of the same material, and any one having a worthless piece might experiment on it with a lighted match and see the result.

Much excitement has been caused in temperance circles in England, owing to an analysis of some "ginger cordial," made by a chemist to whom it was submitted. This drink was extensively patronized by the temperance people, who claimed for it non-alcoholic properties. It turned out, however, that there was more alcohol in one bottle of "ginger cordial" than in two of beer. The patrons were furious and had an investigation. The manufacturer said he had to make it "strong" or temperance people wouldn't buy. His occupation is gone.

The elephant in Montgomery Queen's circus, San Francisco, discovered a pocket in the back part of a girl's dress, as she was leaning against the rope and looking the other way. He reached in with his trunk and brought out an apple, which he ate. Another trial yielded a package of gum drops, and a third some peanuts. Again he essayed and got hold of a bottle of ammonia, the contents of which went the way of the apple, the candy, and the peanuts. Instantly the resentful elephant obliterated the girl's bustle, filling the air with bits of cloth, newspaper, and whalebone. They covered her with a shawl and took her home.

James W. Myers, once known in the United States as a clown, but of late years the proprietor of a circus in Italy, is said to be a boon companion of Victor Emanuel, the mutual liking for horses being the tie. Myers is the man who sent a son of Minister Washburne to this country to hire riders. He brags of his intimacy with the King, shows a watch inscribed "To James W. Myers, from Victor Emanuel, King of Italy," and tells the following story: "Why, that time my lions died in Berlin, and I knew the Emperor was coming to see the show, I telegraphed to the King, knowing he had just received a valuable lot of lions as a present, and told him I must either borrow, buy, or steal them. By the next conveyance they came on to me, and were as five animals as the B. H. ever saw."

A shooting tournament will be held at Suffolk Park, Philadelphia, commencing July 2nd, and continuing the 6th and 7th, under the management of Capt. A. H. Bogardus.

Mr. James Hall had been making some experiments on hatching eggs by artificial heat, and on one occasion observed in one of his boxes a chicken in the act of breaking from its confinement. It happened that just as the creature was getting out of the shell, a spider began to run along the box, and the chicken darted forward, seized and swallowed it.

A "MONSTER" CALF—We are informed by a friend that on Sunday morning last, a three year old grade heifer, owned by Mr. Chas Bundy, of the Township of Oneida, calved, and that her calf weighed 120 pounds. This weight we believe to be unprecedented, but we are assured upon the veracity and authority of a reliable person that the above is a true fact.

It seems that baseball is an old Hebrew game, as Solomon refers to the pitcher being broken at the fountain. The fact of its being broken shows that the old Jewish players were much like those of the present day, though it is difficult to understand what he was doing at the fountain, unless all the lagerbier shops were shut up.

Banting has been out-done in the art of reducing the too ponderous frame to reasonable proportions, a doctor in Delaware, having found a remedy for obesity which requires no change of diet. He says the Sargossa or Gulf weed, which is cast up in large quantities all along the sea coast, is a safe cure for too great adiposity. A tea is made of the weed, which should be carefully washed before steeping, and is drunk *ad libitum*. The doctor tried it on himself, taking no other drinks, and in a few weeks was relieved of an uncomfortable corpulence. Those stouter persons for whom he prescribed it, lost from twelve to thirty pounds within a few weeks' time.

A NATURAL PHENOMENON—A driver in the employ of Messrs. Bronson & Young, at the Chaudiere, has a curiosity in the shape of a four-legged chicken. Two of the legs are feathered like those of bantam, and the other two spurred like those of a game bird. It is certainly a curiosity well worth seeing.

RESIGNATION—The Lexington Daily Press has the following item:—"Mr. B. G. Bruce has resigned his position as Secretary of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association. It is said that Mr. Bruce was moved to adopt this course by reason of the adverse comments upon the management of the meeting just closed, the result of which has been so disastrous. It is doubtless placing too much of the burden upon one man's shoulders to lay the whole blame for the failure upon Mr. Bruce, but, upon whomsoever the responsibility rests, it is plain that there was incompetency somewhere, and, perhaps, a change of some, at least, of the officers will be of benefit to the association."

A STRANGE HEN.

A hen in the possession of Mr. R. Snider, 3rd con. of Brantford, has signalized herself by an extraordinary display of misplaced maternal instinct, or desire to be motherly. A cat around the farm had a litter of kittens a month ago. Before they were able to see, the hen, by some means, succeeded in obtaining the kits from the mother, and took charge of them, sitting upon them in her nest in the barn entry, and nursing them in every way with the fondest care, with the single exception that she cannot suckle them. This the natural parent performs as opportunity permits. In short there seems to be a perfect understanding between the feline natural parent and the strange foster mother. In her solicitude to be kind and keep her four-footed nurslings warm, the hen smothered two of the kittens shortly after getting them under her charge. The kits are now beginning to get old enough to be frolicsome and do not care to remain in the nest, but the motherly old hen still looks after them patiently, but doubtless with even more growing wonder than she would have displayed had she hatched a brood of ducks and seen them launch themselves into the nearest pond.—*Paris (Ont.) Star*.

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