

man of striking promise and ability.

Mr. John Glassford, who lives on the 5th concession of Howard, killed a couple of deer one day last week while on his way to and from the neighboring post office.

It announced that Lieut. Zubowich will again put his mare Catadoc to a severe test. He is in England, where he intends endeavoring to cross the English Channel from Dover to Calais on the animal's back, supported by his swimming apparatus.

J. W. Riley contributes to the Toledo Blade a poem entitled 'The Song I Never Sing.' Whereupon the Albany Journal remarks: 'If the song you never sing, Riley, is 'My Grandfather's Clock,' may heaven bless you, and your aunt in the country leave you all her property.'

A novel feature of a Baptist church fair in New York, last Friday, was a rifle match between twelve pretty girls, divided into American, Scotch, and Canadian teams. The target was immediately over the pulpit, and the fair markswomen fired down the centre aisle of the church. The Canadian team won handsomely.

A cat that kills rattlesnakes is owned by Chas. Baker, a Granger, who is reclaiming desert land on the Gila, opposite Mohawk. The cat watches them until they uncoil and start to glide off; then jumps and catches them by the back of the neck, chewing the vertebra till the snakes are dead, and with his claws tearing loose any coils that may be thrown around his body. He has already killed several.

The Rev. Levi Little handed to a conductor on the Old Colony railroad, instead of fare, a religious tract, at the same time explaining that, in his opinion, a distributor of tracts ought to be allowed to ride free. The conductor demanded money, but the clergyman refused to either pay or get off the train. A fight ensued, and Brother Little was forcibly ejected.

An instance of the ruling passion strong in death is afforded by a man who used to bet at every opportunity. The doctor came and told him he could not live two hours. The poor fellow thought a moment, and then brightening up said, "Doctor, I'll bet you a bottle of champagne that I'll live three hours;" and summoning his strength he just won the bet by five minutes, and then died.

At Vergennes, Vt., a wager was lately laid by William Laduke that inside of ten hours he would eat two pounds of pork steak, four large potatoes, half a pie, two slices of bread, one-quarter of a pound of butter, half a bushel of apples and drink two cups of tea. He did it within the specified time and half an hour to spare. His weight when he began was 145 pounds; when he ended, 163 pounds. He felt no inconvenience from the gorging.

On Wednesday a horse attached to a milk wagon, belonging to the Dawson dairy, Guelph, became frightened and started off on a run. After proceeding a couple of blocks, the bell used for attracting the attention of customers fell out of the wagon and made a loud noise. The horse, accustomed to stop when the bell was rung, immediately forgot all about running away and stopped as suddenly as though a curb bit had been used to throw it on his haunches.

Most of our readers have heard the story of the man who shot a number too numerous to mention of wild ducks with the ramrod of his gun. Some people refuse to believe that; well they can please themselves. All the good shots are not dead, however, for in preparing for the St. Andrew's dinner at the Elgin House, Dundas, one of the boarders with a small rifle shot two turkeys through the head and the same ball cut the throat of a third one so that it bled to death—three birds killed with one bullet. There is no "cram" about this story, as the fact was witnessed by several reliable parties.

The following is narrated in the Dumfries Standard:—At a farm house not far from Newton Stewart a rather uncommon circumstance took place recently. A hen's nest had been made in an out-of-the-way place, in which eggs to the number of 17 had been laid. The cat took possession of the nest, covered the eggs over with straw, and there brought forth kittens. Puss and the kittens remained in the nest for a considerable time, and the result was that 15 out of 17 eggs sent out birds. The cat was seen lying with its brood, but no one ever saw a hen near the nest, or knew the eggs were there until the birds came out. The gudwife was 'uncoly t'ion' when the 15 chickens presented themselves.

A CANARY'S INCIDENT.

A curious incident is related of a canary bird by a Georgia paper. The door of the bird's cage was occasionally left open that he might enjoy the freedom of the room. One day he happened to light upon the mantel-shelf, where there was a mirror. Here was a new discovery of the most profound interest. He gazed long and curiously at himself, and came to the conclusion that he had found a mate. Going back to his cage, he selected a seed from its box, and brought it in his bill as an offering to the stranger. In vain the canary exerted himself to make his new-found friend partake, and becoming weary of that, tried another trick. Stepping back a few inches from the glass, it poured forth his sweetest notes, pausing now and then for a reply. None came, and moody and dispirited he flew back to his perch, hanging his head in shame and silence for the day, and, although the door was repeatedly left open, he refused to come out again.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

It is related that when Wardo, the actor, came to New York city with his wife and three little children he waited long for an engagement. At last he was employed to play Othello to Edwin Booth's Iago in Baltimore. He was nervously anxious about his part, as he had never played it. At last he set off, leaving his wife and children for the first time since their arrival in America. At night his boy, five years old, knelt to say his prayers; first came 'Now I lay me,' and then he said, as usual, 'O God, bless papa and mamma and dear grandma in England;' and then, after a little stop, 'O dear Lord, please help papa through Othello!' Mr. Wardo was told of the incident, and he wrote to a friend afterward—'I have been more successful than I hoped to be, and I believe that Arthur's prayer has been answered.' This story was told at a dinner-table, where the wife of a clergyman was present. After she had heard it she exclaimed, with wonder—'Why, I didn't know that actors' children ever said their prayers!'

AN INGENIOUS FRAUD.

A fraud has, according to the Figaro, been committed upon a wealthy merchant residing in the neighborhood of Paris. A week or two ago he received a letter informing him that the writer had ascertained that a box containing treasure was buried in his garden, and offering to indicate the exact spot if he would agree to divide the spoil. The merchant was at first inclined to treat the letter as a hoax, but upon receiving a second and more pressing one, he sent an answer agreeing to the proposal. The next day he was waited upon by a gentleman of agreeable manners, and it was arranged that the search should be made at night, in order to prevent the neighbors from talking. The box a very weighty one—was duly unearthed, and when taken into the house and opened was found to contain 8,000 francs in silver pieces of 5 francs each. The merchant, much pleased at the result of the search, at once handed over the half which he had promised to his informer, who remarked that it was rather a heavy lump to carry to the railway station, distant about one mile, and that, perhaps, the merchant could oblige him with gold or notes instead. This the merchant was very happy to do; but he regretted it bitterly the next morning, as he saw by the light of day that the 5-franc pieces were spurious.

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