

Miscellaneous.

Nineteen foxes have been shot in East Zorra this winter by Mr. F. Vance and some of his neighbors.

The Massachusetts Legislature frowns on horse-racing, and yet if a street car is a minute behind time with members they are hopping mad.

Horseflesh eating, far from declining, has increased in Paris that 10,169 horses, asses and mules were cut up for food. In the capital there are upwards of sixty horsemeat shops, besides many in provincial French cities.

A mouse placed in a box with three rattlesnakes at Anna, Ill., killed one of the snakes, while the two remaining ones showed the greatest fear of the little beast, watching every move it made.

Miss Thomson, the lady who recently created much comment in Edinburgh by having her horse shod with gold, and who was afterward heard of in Barcelona, Spain, scattering gold coin among the street beggars, has been placed in a lunatic asylum.

To remove fish slime from the hands do not use soap, but simply water, warm, if convenient, and when it is removed soap can be used. If eels or catfish have been handled, soap will act as a lubricator and prevent its being rubbed off.

Two hundred perch, averaging an inch and a quarter in length, were taken from the stomach of a loon sent to C. A. Wylls, of Rockville, Conn., to be mounted. There were at least two hundred more broken in pieces in the stomach and gullet.

Mrs. Robert Mitchell, a widow 84 years old, who lives in Kittery, Maine, deserves a place in the list of remarkable old women. She milks ten cows daily, makes all the butter, and does all the household work of her large farm establishment.

Those people who are worrying themselves over the wholesale slaughter of buffaloes should remember that this Government was not founded 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 counterfeit 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 sailor went up to shift the gaff topsail 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.

MILITARY SUPERSTITION.

The military superstition that it is dangerous to change the color of a horse during a campaign has been illustrated by General Skobeloff. He does not like a gray horse, but he happened to ride one in the first battle, and soon came to believe that he could never be killed on a horse of that color. A correspondent of a Sodalita paper, who served under Shelby during the American Civil War, states that that officer had a similar superstition. His color was sorrel, and he firmly believed that he would never be killed while mounted on a horse of that hue. He was wounded three times, but never while riding a sorrel horse. He had twenty-four horses killed under him in the various engagements in which he was not wounded, and in every instance the horse that went down under him was a sorrel. Once a ball struck the brim of his large felt hat, and scratched his forehead, and he fell heavily from the saddle; but he was on his feet in an instant, shouting to his men, "I cannot be killed to day, for I am on a sorrel horse."

AN IRON BUGGY.

Mr. Alexander Jamieson, of Berlin, in Australia, has constructed a buggy consisting exclusively of iron and steel. In place of hickory spokes and oak felloes, he has employed wrought iron tubes and T iron. The tubes fit into the axle box at one end, and are riveted to the T iron at the other. The first noticeable effect has been to add to the weight of the vehicle. This has accrued in spite of the thinness of the part. The cost also has been enhanced. The extra weight is not considered important by the maker, in view of the strength which must result from the use of iron instead of wood, nor should it be felt, once a start is made, except in the ascent of hills. Strength and durability are regarded as a full equivalent for the increase of cost. The vehicle has a neat look, and an appearance, if not a reality, of lightness, which renders it attractive.

A LADY'S DEATH IN THE HUNTING-FIELD.

A shocking accident occurred in the hunting-field yesterday by which Mrs. William Crawshaw, of Rivordale, 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 Towkebury 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, Varsouvienne, 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, a fine yearling, by Planet, dam Betty.

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