

...over 300 pounds, and measured ten feet in length. The mouth is surrounded by a row of sharp teeth. It is one of the largest specimens ever seen.

Seven inch cows belonging to three farmers living in the parish of Glountane, near Mallow, were attacked lately nearly simultaneously, with a very fatal disease, called "charbon," and before anything could be done to relieve them four of them died. When the veterinary surgeon was called to see one of those attacked, he bled the animal to relieve the great oppression in its breathing, but the blood would not flow, and was of the consistency of and as black as tar. Some of the intestines of one of the animals that died were cut up and given to the ducks, which did not live two minutes after eating them. So the disease must have been a very poisonous one. The police had the carcasses buried, as the disease is highly contagious.

A turkey at the Grove Farm, Woodbridge, a few days ago, commenced the duty of incubation on her own eggs. Her male partner was desirous of assisting in this office, and took his station by the side of his spouse, and shared the same nest with her. The farm bailiff, perceiving that he was in earnest, put nine hen's eggs under him, when in twenty-one days were all hatched, and the chickens are in good health, and he starts about with pride and majesty with his young progeny, while Mrs. Turkey devotes her care solely to the members of her own family. Both broods live together on most affectionate terms, and at night the chicks retire to rest under the ample wings of their accepted father, while the young turkeys seek repose under the wings of their mother.

William Whittaker Barry, a London lawyer, who was an enthusiastic pedestrian, and had written several books about his remarkable tours afoot, was last fall lost in the mountains of Tyrol. He registered at a hotel at Krimme, and said that he was going to walk over the apex of the mountain, 9,000 feet high, to Kasern on the other side. The path which he took is only used in summer, and at that time the weather was cold and the snow was falling. He wore thin clothing, and, under all the circumstances, the exploit was foolhardy in the extreme. On the way up the mountain he met a shepherd who was going down, and who tried to dissuade him from going any further; but, although darkness was gathering, a snow storm was commencing, and at least five hours of fast walking would be required to take him to his destination, he persisted in his attempt. He was never seen after that nor has his body been found, although extensively searched for.

HORSE SUICIDE.—The Canandaigua Journal says: "On Monday last a strange case of horse suicide occurred at Seneca Point. A large fine black horse, belonging to William Sutton, who lives some two or three miles west of Seneca Point, was turned out to grass. Breaking from the enclosures the horse made his way to the point, and after coursing around the track and making splendid time, rushed madly into the lake near the dock, and held his head under the water until he was drowned. The horse was without doubt laboring under temporary insanity, and therefore should not be judged too harshly for committing the rash act."

SINGLE-STICK FIGHT FOR £150.—A novel match took place on Monday night at the Islington Hall, for no less a sum than £150, between Shaw, of Woolwich, and "John Smith, of London," the latter staking £100 against the former's £50 that he get the best of 100 cuts, the weapons of offence being single-stick, and those of the defence the same, in addition to the ordinary helmets worn as guards, and a light jersey shirt worn above the waist. The encounter began at eight minutes before nine o'clock, the com-

...made him go through the manual, and ended by directing him to "charge that Dutchman," which command the dog executed so vigorously that the Dutchman was driven off.

TROUT FISHING EXTRAORDINARY BY CORMORANTS AT ELDIDGE CASTLE.

Great sport was afforded by Captain Salvin, at Elridge Castle, on Wednesday last, with his three tame cormorants, named respectively, "Detective," "Sub-Inspector," and "Chang." The gallant officer's man having been safely inserted in his waterproof inexpressibles and the collars of the cormorants adjusted to prevent their swallowing the trout, the sport began under the guidance of the venerable park-keeper. The water running past the Smugglers' Cave was first drawn and several fish were caught, but the stream being considered too shallow and muddy, a move was made after lunch-on to Steel Bridge. Here the real fun of the day commenced. The master followed his paces up the stream, and several excited volunteers plunged into the water above to prevent the birds getting on too fast. At length a pool was found in which were several fish. Here "Detective" collared two, and the master, in his anxiety to catch him and relieve him of his prey, fell head-over-heels into the water, a misadventure which afforded great amusement to the spectators. Above the next bridge it was discovered that the man in the watertights had sprung a leak by running on a stake while making a rush at "Sub-Inspector," who had taken a flib. trout, but, notwithstanding this accident, he persevered and continued in the water all day. Several brace of fine fish were captured, and at length, the birds being somewhat tired, a halt was called. At the word of command the cormorants mounted their cage, where their collars were removed, and the "small fry" were given to them, and they displayed great quickness in catching the fish as it was thrown to them. This novel and successful plan of fishing afforded no small amusement to the guests whom the Marquis of Abergavenny had invited, and greatly astonished the keepers, who had never such a system before, and had armed themselves with bill-hooks to keep the voracious looking birds at arms length. Too much cannot be said of Captain Salvin as a master of cormorants, and also the falcon, which ancient sport he still very successfully practices.

THE HISTORY OF IRENE.

"C. S." of Philadelphia, furnishes the following particulars of the gray mare Irene winner of the 2:36 class at Buffalo, on Aug. 1st. It will be seen from her pedigree that Canadian blood has materially contributed to her speed.

"I inclose you pedigree and history of gray mare Irene, foaled 1870, sire Canavan's Gray Eagle, a gray stallion brought from Canada, by John Goodier, for Joseph Canavan, about 1866 or 1867. He was nearly white, of handsome conformation, and as fine limbs as a thoroughbred horse, and could trot a mile in 2:30. The dam of Irene was Minnie, by Abdallah. She was a dark bay mare with dark points and a small white strip in her face. John Wheeler at one time rode his mare a mile in the saddle in 2:30. On the authority of Mr. Chas. P. Reif, owner of Mambrino Pilot, and, in years gone by, owner of Zachary Taylor, Mac, and Old Lancet, all old-time trotters, this mare Minnie, in her day pulled a wagon two miles in 5:20. Mr. Reif bought her of Samuel McLaughlin, near New York City, and sold her when eight years old to Joseph Keller, of Philadelphia. Mr. Keller drove her on our roads for six years, and sold her to Mr. J. Canavan when fourteen

WOMEN AND DEVILS.

Old Winston was a negro preacher in Virginia, and his ideas of theology and human nature were often very original. A gentleman thus accosted the old gentleman one Sunday morning:

"Winston, I understand you believe every woman has seven devils. How can you prove it?"

"Well, sah, did you never read in de Bible how seven devbles were cast out'er Mary Magdalin?"

"Oh, yes! I've read that."

"Did you ever hear of 'em bein' cast out of any oder woman, sah?"

"No, I never did."

"Well, den, all de oders got 'em yet yet."

Horse Notes.

DEATH OF A VETERINARIAN.—We regret to announce the death of Dr. Charles C. Grice, the oldest veterinary surgeon of New York. He graduated from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, in 1826, and been in active practice in New York since 1830.

SUSIE.—The handsome little chestnut mare Susie, having gone amiss, has been sold to Mr. J. H. Batchelor (owner of John H.) for \$2,000. Susie was a game little mare; she had a record of 2:27.

TROTTER STALLION FOR AUSTRALIA.—Mr. H. O. Rogers, of San Francisco, Cal., recently purchased the brown trotting stallion Frank Medley, Jr., 9 years old. Patchen and Morgan stock, for Geo. Hill, of Sydney, Australia. Price paid \$3,000.

SALE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.—Thomas Jefferson, "the Black Whirlwind of the East," was recently sold by his owner, W. B. Smith, to J. Hart Welch, of Hartford. The exact price paid for the stallion is unknown, as the horse and the Jeffersonsables on Farmington avenue, Hartford, were sold in a bunch. Mr. John Woodbridge, of Hartford, purchased the trotting mare Lady Sheridan.

PEDIGREE OF VERSAILLES GIRL.—She was sired by Swift's Stephen A. Douglas, he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam black mare Nancy, by a horse from Montreal, Canada, said to be Tippecanoe; was bred by me; foaled May 1, 1869; now owned by Parker & Frost. I make this statement for the purpose of having it corrected in your next issue as regards pedigree. Yours, D. N. PARKER.

"Trotter wanted to hire, for two or three months. One that can trot his heats in 2:30 or better. Records or expulsion no objection."

We cut the above advertisement from a New York sporting paper. It will be seen by its terms that the advertiser wants the use of a horse for swindling purposes. Our friends and subscribers in the neighborhood of Toronto had better look out, as the author of this precious advertisement evidently intends cheating on a large scale. We have no doubt that it would have been rejected if the editor of the Spirit of the Times had observed the wording of it.—N. Y. Sportsman.

THE KIND OF CARDS SHE WANTED.

A smart looking boy about 12 years old called into a Detroit bookstore yesterday and said his mother wanted some cards. The clerk supposed he meant playing cards, and accordingly wrapped up a pack. The boy came back in the course of half an hour, flung the cards down, and said: "Mother don't want that kind—she's got five or six packs in the house now. She wants some with marked backs, so she can deal lone hands and warm it to dad!"

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