

Miscellaneous.

Snow ball has taken the place of base ball. In Du Quoin, Ill., a girl with four legs advertised as a side show.

About 500,000 seals were captured in the Arctic regions last year.

A young eagle measuring seven feet from tip of wing was caught in a trap in Drummond town ship.

Card players are thoughtful people. In writing dates they will not forget to put the seven up.

The duty on English playing cards last year amounted to £12,528, which covers the duties of Lords Beaconsfield and Derby, and leaves £528 over.

A large wild cat was trapped in North Hodge the other day. Numbers of these animals are being shot in different portions of Western Ontario.

Mr. John McCully, Southwold, has caught four foxes this season. On the 2nd inst. he caught two between the hours of 2:30 and 3 o'clock.

The Chatham Planet is informed that but twelve licences to spear fish off the mouth of the River Thames, in Lake St. Clair, have been issued this winter, and that no more will be issued.

A man caught fishing for trout on another man's land the other day completely silenced the owner, who remonstrated, with the majestic answer, "Who wants to catch your trout? I am only trying to drown this worm."

Six brothers named Magee, living in Albion county, N. B., can claim a chromo for being tall. Their united height is forty-two feet. "Where is there another family that can beat this?" says the St. John Telegraph.

A London, England, correspondent writes: There is a stir in the Canadian meat trade. Measures are being taken to secure the necessary co-operation of salesmen here, and to import at least 500 head of cattle a week during the next year from the Dominion.

Recently, while a man named Archibald Cameron was driving and parading a horse at Brechin, County of Ontario, which he desired to sell, 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 blacking with which their services are treated.

Mr. Parnell, a member of the International Gun and Polo Club, has performed at Brighton, England, the extraordinary feat of shooting a hundred penny pieces successively in fifty minutes, thereby winning a heavy wager—£300 to £15. The arrangement was that the "thrower-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 to 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 salt water sufficient to cover the skins. Im-

lines are used—one for each hand—and an expert pair of hands can build up a pile of them in a day. Last Tuesday one man drew in one hundred and fifty pounds. They average about twelve to the pound; this would make a grand total of 1,800. They are selling now at from 10 to 12 cents per pound—wholesale—in the Boston and New York markets, whither they are immediately shipped in a frozen condition.

A paragraph is going the rounds of the papers to the effect that a son of Judge Bell's, of Colorado, mounted on a blood horse, succeeded in running down a deer, as if this were something extraordinary. It may not be generally known, but it nevertheless is a fact, that any fair saddle-horse can easily outfoot a deer. We remember forty years ago, when riding with two companions across a small prairie, we "bounced" a spike buck, and all three of us overtook him without much difficulty, and one of the party lashed the flying deer with his whip as he rode beside him. It is well-known that a greyhound can easily outfoot a deer, and yet the hound has not the speed of a tolerably good race-horse.

Mr. John Puntine, of the first concession of Malahide, lost quite a quantity of fowls, and on Christmas Day he set a trap to catch the thief. In the morning he was rewarded by finding a large owl caught by the leg in the trap; the bird measured nearly 5 feet, and was very powerful. Again he set the trap and was the next night rewarded with another owl, about the size of the first. The most remarkable part of the affair is that the second bird had a large steel trap fastened to his foot, which trap a neighbor had lost some three weeks before.

UNDERSTOOD HIM.

Dr. Allen, of Philadelphia, told a good story on himself in his speech anent the freedmen. He was preaching one day away down in Tennessee, when an old Methodist brother, of the African persuasion, came to him after one sermon, and said: "I like to hear you preach, for I understand your preaching."

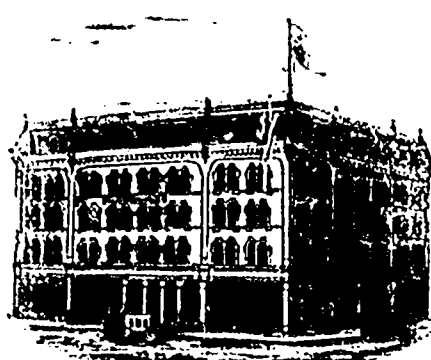
Dr. Allen replied, "I am glad of it." "But I understand every word you say." "I hope so," said the doctor, "for I try to make myself understood. Again the old man came to the charge. "Yes," he said, "I understand you jes' as well as if you was a nigger." Dr. Allen considered it a rare compliment.

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 hounds 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 enterprising 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, who was thus engaged, the other boy,

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