

ment, from her appearance. She was a little girl up and down a little and the auctioneer grew eloquent over her fine cat and her splendid tail, but it was all in vain. Thirty dollars was the outside bid that could be obtained for the peerless old mare on her cooek, and at that figure she was bid in and led back to Old Charley's tender care, while those in the secret enjoyed a hearty laugh over the excellent joke.

Many of the agricultural journals are sorely troubled to know whether a hen 'sits' or 'sets.' If some editor of dignity would set the hen on the nest and the little editors would let her sit it would be well for the world. Now a man, or a woman either, can set a hen, although they cannot 'sit' her; neither can they 'set' on her, although the old hen might 'sit' on them by the hour if they would allow it. A man cannot 'set' on the wash bench, but he could 'set' the basin on it, and neither the basin nor the grammarians would object. He could 'sit' on a dog's tail, if the dog was willing, or he might 'set' his foot on it. But if he should set on the aforesaid tail, or sit his foot there, the grammarians as well as the dog would howl. And yet, strange as it may seem, the man might set the tail aside and then sit down, and neither be assailed by the dog nor the grammarians.

The Chatham Planet says:—"On Thursday last (15th ult.) a shoemaker known as Patt Dunn, whose place of business is in North Chatham, near McNaughton's Hotel, laid a wager of a pair of boots to cost \$6, against \$5 cash and three cords of wood, that he could saw three cords of wood during the ordinary ten hours of labor. Promptly at 7 a. m. he commenced, and at noon he had sawed one cord and three-quarters. At 4.45 p.m. he had but twenty-seven sticks to win with one hour and a quarter to do it in. Shortly after five he failed, and though fifteen minutes of prolonged exertion would have been sufficient, he was so overcome that he was obliged to give up, notwithstanding every encouragement. The contest took place at John Ticks' wood yard and attracted many spectators, whose sympathies were freely given to the man who pluckily to the last tried to win. Want of condition beat him."

IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Welland Telegraph has the following, which should be read with advantage by all delinquent newspaper subscribers: At the Division Court held here last Thursday before His Honor Judge Macdonald, a very important decision was given affecting delinquent subscribers to newspapers. In one of the defended suits brought by the proprietors of this paper against one in arrears for subscription, the defendant claimed he had not subscribed with them for the Telegraph. He had paid Mr. Dewhurst one dollar to January 1st, 1874, after which time he did not subscribe. The paper came along, however, and he took some out of the post office. He afterwards moved his residence, and for over two years had not had it. The judge ruled that he was liable for the amount, \$1.50 a year, if not being paid in advance, and gave judgment accordingly, he having acknowledged being a subscriber by taking some of the papers from the post office. His Honor said the law was very distinct on this point.

Commenting on the above, the St. Catherine's Review says:—"The fashion of taking the paper till the subscriber thinks his time has expired, which is in reality from two weeks to six months past the date for which payment has been made and then requesting the Postmaster to return it 'refused,' has left the place, 'times expired,' etc., is considered a fraud by the law and treated accordingly. If a man wants to stop a newspaper, the proper is to look up his receipts, enclose in an envelope what arrangements there may be, whether 5 cents or \$5.00, and ask the publisher to discontinue from that day. The law also states distinctly that a man is responsible for payment if he takes a paper from the Post office, no matter whether he ever subscribed for it or not, or whether he ordered it to be discontinued months before."

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HOW WOMEN PLAY WHIST.

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Penelope is the euphonious title of a new candidate for trotting honors, in the shape of a blue mare seventeen hands high, by a son of Kemble Jackson, out of a mare of unknown blood, standing 17½ hands high. She was bred near Allentown, Pa., and brought out green this season at Ambler Park, where she won the first heat in the three-minute class in 2:37, being beaten for the race by Iron King. At Mount Holley she was also beaten, a portion of her harness breaking in the third heat, and the turns of the track being unsuited to her great stride. At Point Brevo Park she astonished the natives by winning in the 2:35 class, from a field of ten, in 2:30, 2:29 and 2:30, the time being made faster by outside watches. This was a most creditable victory and stamps her a "coming" mare.

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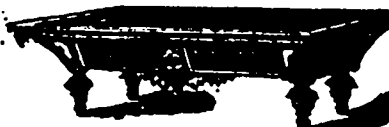
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