

and the gravity of full-blown motherhood, with five chickens from her own eggs, hatched on the 19th.

One of those most noble of the birds of prey—an eagle—was shot a few days ago by a sportsman at Allamsville, Prince Edward. It was a fine specimen, and the lucky hunter who shot the bird found a purchaser for it in Mr. Charles Gillen, who will add it to his already fine collection.

There is a considerable commerce in toads between France and England. A toad of good size and in fair condition will fetch about twenty-five cents in the London market, and a dozen of the extra quality are worth five dollars. Market gardeners employ them to keep down insects.

Colonel Thomas G. Bacon, of Edgefield, S. C., who died recently, was well known as one of the oldest and most honorable racing men in the country. He was a colonel in the Confederate army during the war, and after the war served as State Senator. He left the turf about two years ago, and has since been a breeder of blooded horses. His stud comprises some of the best stock in the United States.

A WARNING.—People should be very careful as to the position in which they hold pop-bottles in their hands while removing the corks. A few days ago a hotel-keeper in Hamilton was struck in the left eye by a cork from a soda-water bottle which he was opening, and inflammation set in, it is feared he will lose the sight. This accident will serve as a warning to others.

Charles Bradlaugh and Mrs. Besant, while lecturing in an English town the other night, were interrupted by persons in the audience. Mr. Bradlaugh intimated that the next man doing it should be put out, whereupon a local tradesman "dared him." Down came Bradlaugh from the platform, and the subsequent proceedings were painfully interesting to the local tradesman.

Amateur sportsmen from Elmira have been scouring the woods in Chemung county for squirrels, much to the annoyance of a worthy member of the Farmers Club. One day he procured two or three squirrels, had them stuffed, took them to the woods, and nailed them to the limbs of trees where they could be easily seen. His young friends have been improving their marksmanship, with a maximum outlay of powder and lead, and a maximum consumption of squirrel pie.

The Providence Journal says: Since Monday last, on Swinbourne, Peckham & Company's wharf, a very small spider has been raising from the ground to the roof of a shed a flint pebble twenty times as large as himself, and up to late evening it had reached a height of about five feet from the ground. It is lying in a web as skillfully and systematically as could be done by the most skillful human hand. Two and a half feet higher will place the stone on the roof, from which the insect commenced its labor."

A specimen of the small horned toad has been sent to Edinburgh by a gentleman residing in Western America. It went in a small box by post, and when taken out showed signs of life. Some tepid water re-animated the little creature, and in a short time it sat up, truly awakened from the other world, one might almost say from two other worlds. The tiny thing had travelled over 6,000 miles, and had been for three weeks excluded from both light and food.

A serious calamity is attracting considerable anxiety in Egypt. Many of the cavalry horses that returned from Abyssinia, came with a malignant disease upon them. The doctors pronounced it a kind of Typhoid fever. It is infectious and terrible, rapid death resulting in many cases in a few hours. The Government, instead of isolating the infected animals, sold them all at very low prices. They have been distributed throughout the country, and in the neighborhood of Cairo several hundred horses are already reported lost.

tank. "Monsieur et Mesdames, there is the father, there is the mother. His Majesty Louis Philippe having, unfortunately, sent for the offspring, I shall be deprived of the honor of showing it to you until the Royal curiosity has been fully gratified." The showman at the St. Lazare fair at Marseilles should have followed this prudential system. He advertised a living mermaid, and there she was, a fine fair creature with a girl's head and a fish tail, floundering in a huge tank; but Frenchmen have an itching propensity to pinch tails, which led to the discovery that the desinens in piscem was caoutchouc, and in the mulier formosa superne the Marseillais recognized the features of a phryne well known on the Canotiere. A riot ensued, during which the syren slipped her extremities from her indiarubber tail and bolted behind the scenes, whilst the crowd demolished the booth and insisted on being refunded the two sous which they had paid for intermission. Lord Eldon's brother, Lord Stowell, had a strange fancy for these spectacles, and was well known to all the showmen. He was attracted in Holborn one day by the picture of a mermaid to be seen living within; but the conscientious Barnum stepped him at the door, "It's only the old say sarpiant, my lad," and would not take his money.

FROM FIELD TO TABLE IN ELEVEN MINUTES.

The citizens of Carrollton, Mo., have been employed in ascertaining in how short a time wheat can be taken from the field and put down in bread on the table. The Miller's Journal prints a letter signed by the judges, county officials, editors and other citizens of Carrollton asserting the truth of following experiment which they watched with watches in hand. The statement is as follows:—"The undersigned citizens of Carrollton and vicinity certify that a trial made this day for the purpose of ascertaining the time in which bread could be made from wheat taken in the field standing, the following time was made by J. F. Lawton, proprietor of the mill: Commenced cutting with reaper at 8:01, p. m.; finished cutting, 8:02; began threshing, 8:02½; finished one bushel at 8:03½. Commenced grinding at 8:04½; finished bread at 8:06½. Mrs. Lawton began making bread at 8:08½. Griddle cake baked at 8:09½; and biscuit baked and eaten at 8:12; the whole accomplished in 11 minutes. The reaper and thresher and the mill were thoroughly cleaned out before the trial commenced and not a particle of flour was used that did not come from the wheat cut in the above trial. The witnesses kept separate time and in the result all time agreed.

WEANING COLTS.

The proper time for taking a colt entirely from the dam's milk will vary from three to six months old, according to circumstances. If a mare is a poor milkmaid, and the foal is growing poor and smaller instead of larger, at three months old it will do better to be taken from her and fed. Then, on the other hand, if a mare is a fine milkmaid, and the colt growing and doing well, and the mare is not with foal, it will be an advantage to the colt to run with her until it is six months old. Then, again, whether the mare is a good milkmaid or a poor one, if she is kept for breeding purposes, and is with foal, the colt should be weaned at from four to five months old, and at the farthest should not be allowed to run with her more than four months after the mare is again with foal. A foal weaned at three months old would be the better for a few quarts of cow's milk twice a day, fresh and warm. For the first ten days after being taken from the mare the colt should be shut up in a small yard and the mare removed to such a distance that they cannot hear each other's calls. After that the colt may be turned in an enclosure where there is good pasture. Always keep plenty of fresh water where the colts can get at it, as they will be thirsty and drink small quantities often.

the following singular occurrence: "While Mr. Ludwig was driving his trotting stallion Black Shark home from the races, a barking dog made the beast run away. Mr. Ludwig was thrown out. The horse jumped over a stone wall into a field, where there was an apple tree with two limbs in the shape of a letter V. Into this crotch the horse leaped, and was held as though screwed in a vice. To release him, Mr. Ludwig sawed a limb of the tree."

A NEW WAY TO KILL FISH.

We have heretofore advised killing fish by a blow on the head. Dr. E. Sterling, in Rod and Gun, suggests inserting the cutting edge of a "hook extractor" into the fleshy base of the triangle between the gills. He says that "from the incision the blood is all let out with a gush through the opening made into the heart, killing the fish instantly and in a way that ought to be very satisfactory to the most sensitive humanitarian. The fish so treated keeps longer and is in better condition for the table."

FOR DOG BITES.—The following remarks are suggested by Dr. Napheys:

1. Tie a string tightly between the bitten part and the body. This can always be done when it is a leg or an arm which is bitten, as is usually the case. It is to prevent the poison from being absorbed into the system.

2. Wash the wound thoroughly, pouring abundance of water on it from a height, or hold it under a full steam from a pump or hydrant.

3. Rinse the mouth and suck the wound as hard as possible, and for fifteen or twenty minutes, spitting out the blood, etc., which flows.

4. The wound should finally be cauterized or burned. Carbolic acid, and nitrate or silver, or lunar caustic, are the best for the purpose. But nitric or sulphuric acid will answer, or a red hot poker, or live coals. It is no time to be timid about the means.

When these are done, put a light poultice on the wound, keep quiet until the slough comes off and dismiss the matter from your mind, for all danger is past.

Too Much for Him.—There is a Frenchman at Mount Sherwood who counts himself somewhat more than a match for the common run of folk. Yesterday, however, he met with a tough customer in the person of a gypsy, with whom he proposed to trade horses. To make sure, the Frenchman secured the services of a compatriot, and the "dickers" was begun by a close scrutiny of the gypsy's nag, and while the two Frenchmen were intent on a thorough examination, the gypsy mounted on the Frenchman's horse, by way of trying what he was made of, and rode away—away, much to the surprise of the cute Frenchman, who found himself in possession of a \$20 horse instead of one that cost him \$100 a short time since. Moral—Don't trade horses with people sharper than yourself.

FATAL PRIZE FIGHT.

A despatch from Contesville, Pa., says that on Tuesday afternoon two miners, employed in the Chester County Iron Mines, engaged in a prize fight to settle a difficulty between them. One of them, Edward Warren, was so severely beaten by his antagonist, James Moore, that he died. His friends then set upon Moore and fatally injured him. The friends of the two men engaged in a riot on Tuesday night, during which several of them were seriously wounded.

So eager are the members of the Montreal Snow-Shoe Club to enter upon the weekly tramps that even now there is a goodly muster on Wednesday nights. Last evening a jolly company started from the Gymnasium, and did "The Mountain," enjoying a snow-shoer's supper at Prendergast's.

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