

What is the result of the case? "Yes," answered the court, "I only wanted to know a matter of fact," remarked the court, with a smile at the enlightened lawyer, and the case proceeded.

Owls are of immense service as vermin destroyers. An English gamekeeper found an owl's nest with one young bird in it. He visited it for thirty consecutive mornings, and in that time removed from it 105 rats, 11 mice, 11 shrew mice, 2 robins, 1 sparrow. The owl and wife might have been, over and above what the owl's consumption denominated.

Some of our exchanges are wrestling with the old, old problem that has puzzled the heads of the steady-minded and virtuous for ages. They ask, "How is it that there is a class of young and old men in almost every village in the country, who toil not, neither do they saw wood, and yet drink more beer and wear better clothes than those who work six days in the week?"

When Farmer Budge read that a bull painted by Rosa Bonheur sold for five thousand dollars, he remarked to his wife that he didn't see how a coat of paint could so greatly enhance the value of the animal, but if Rosa didn't charge more than ten dollars he would get her to paint his bull in the spring. And his economical wife replied that she thought he might paint it himself and save his ten dollars. The indications are now that the bull will be painted.

A favorite deal with Chicago grain "scalpers" is what are called "straddles." Suppose corn is 55 cents a bushel to-day. A man will pay a dealer say \$25 for the right to sell him corn to-morrow at 53 cents, or buy it of him at 57 cents. If the deal is for 5,000 bushels, and goes up to 58 cents, the man who pays the straddle clears one cent per bushel, or \$50; if it goes down to 52 cents, he makes the same amount. If it does not rise or fall below the "straddle" figures, namely, 53 and 57 cents, the speculator simply loses his \$25.

In a discussion in the Sazerac Lying club last night, a member asserted that mules never die. He said they took on the semblance of death, but it was a deception. Sometimes they are turned into newspaper editors and Roman wrestlers, but they never cease to exist. He said there is a mule now used on a whim on a mine in Humboldt county that was used as a breastwork at the battle of New Orleans, was owned and ridden by Grant in California, went all through the war of the rebellion, was blown up in a nitroglycerine explosion while assisting in the construction of the Central Pacific railway, was in the Indian battle in which Custer was slain, was in St. Louis when the Southern Hotel was burned, and is a pretty good mule yet, with the strength of its hind-leg only diminished to about the striking power of a 400-ton steam hammer.

#### DEATH OF LAZY.

The North Elkhorn Stud, near Lexington, Ky., M. H. Sanford, Esq., proprietor, sustained a severe loss on Tuesday, 1st inst., through the death of the thoroughbred brood mare Lazy, by imp. Scythian, dam Lindora by Lexington, out of Picayune, by Medoc, aged twelve years. As the dam of Vagrant, the name of the old mare will hold a high place in turf annals, she having passed away with honors thick upon her. The mare also leaves another candidate for fame to honor her memory—a bay colt, suckling, full brother to Vagrant, which at this early stage, so far as appearance and outward indications may be relied on, promises to rival his speedy brother as a racer. Although Mr. Sanford numbers a choice lot of brood mares in his breeding stud, there are many that could be better spared than the one whose death it is our unpleasant duty to record.

three times at about her best, but she did not seem inclined to settle down to her work. The sight of the Little Horse worried her. They took her out and cleaned her off, but when she came back, she was still ugly. Dan spun her round a bit, and by that time, she was rung up to score. Just as I said. The mare wanted to win, and tried hard. It looked like anybody's heat—the first one did—until they turned to come home. The mare saw she could not do it. The Little Horse began to slip away from her. Thorn threw up the sponge. Her heart was broken, sir. I believe to this hour that she could have beaten any horse in the world that day, except Dexter, and she would have beaten him if she had not known him. Yes, sir," added Sim, as if this closed the case, "horses know each other, as well as we do." I was present at the race, and so far as Lady Thorn's conduct on the track went to verify Sim's theory, it did so fully.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

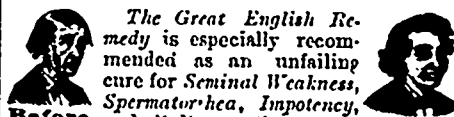
#### CLERICAL SPORTING.

The gambling propensities of the Russian priesthood are amusingly illustrated in the following story:—A Russian priest who loved whist as much as the ceremonies of the church, chanced to have a good hand at trumps, but at the critical moment of triumph the bell rang for service. It was agreed to continue the game when he came back, and, still holding the cards, he threw over his shoulders his canonicals and went to the church. During the service the cards fell on the floor below the altar. Nothing abashed, the priest turned to his congregation, and calling to a boy, one Peter Petrovitch, asked him successively the names of several of the cards, to which Peter promptly replied. He then asked him the names of the saints whose portraits adorned the church. Peter knew them not, and glanced hopelessly at the priest. Then turning to the congregation the priest exclaimed, "Is it thus that you rear your children, ye generation of sinners, teaching them to play cards and leaving them in ignorance of the lives of the blessed saints?" This quick wit, it is said, saved his own reputation and enabled him to return to the card table, where he won his game.

Mr. L. H. Smith, of Strathroy, Ont., me with a great loss at the New York Dog Show, in having stolen from him his Laverack setter bitch Victress. She was in a box in one of the passages under the seats of the Hippodrome. Thursday night a scoundrel broke the slats off and got her out. A reward of \$50 has been offered from her, but she has not been recovered.

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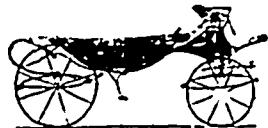
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