

## Miscellaneous.

Fur dealers from the Upper Ottawa report the supply of furs plentiful but prices very low.

The Rond Eau News says the wife of a gentleman near there killed seven quails at one shot a few days since.

Mr. James Loadman, of Hay, owns a three-year old filly, which weighs 1,770 pounds.

The Hainoon remedy for sleeplessness is to imprison a snake in a hollow bamboo, and place it under a pillow. The hissing sound emitted is said to be highly soporific.

The salmon product of the Columbia river, Oregon, this season, amounts this year to 40,000,000 pounds, and the value of the portion of this great product canned for shipment exceeds \$3,800,000.

Saturday, September 30, was a lucky day for the fishing smacks of New London, Conn., which on that day struck a shoal of mackerel a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide. The haul amounted to \$10,000.

Frank Buckland, the English naturalist, tells of finding a trout lying dead on its back with a dace fixed tight in one of its gills. The big fish had tried to swallow the little one, and both had perished in the attempt.

Mr. P. Guntor, of Andover, a few days ago, killed one of the largest deer ever seen in that part of the country. The carcass weighed 280 pounds, and the horns measured from tip to tip over six feet.

FOOT RACE.—Between the interval at the Races at Ottawa, on the 10th, a foot race of 100 yards took place between W. Williams, of Ottawa, and a stranger who entered his name as Saratoga. The race was won by a few inches by the stranger.

According to the Glasgow Herald of the 29th ult., a brood of chickens hatched Feb. 26, 1876, at Baginbrie, Finty, began to lay on July 2, and now one of them can be seen in all 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 Allisonville, Prince Edward. It was a fine specimen, and the lucky Nimrod 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 supply of powder and lead, and a maximum consumption of squirrel pie.

The Register, published at Waco, Texas, says: "A wild horse, without saddle, made its appearance in this section of the State not long since, bearing the body of a man. The horse was at length caught, and the body was found strapped to the horse, and had been dead for some time."

We have been shown, says the Kingston News, a curiosity in the shape of a small swordfish, which was caught in the harbour. It is nine inches long, with a snout nearly three inches in length. We believe that there are large numbers of these animals in the harbour and below the bridge, where they pick the oakum out of the seams of barges and vessels, causing sometimes considerable damage.

Mr. A. Reid, merchant, Bonnygate, Cupar-Fife, was fishing recently in the Eden and, bending a little over the stream, a large otter sprang on the bank and attempted to seize him. His wife fetched a gun, and he was successful in shooting the animal in the neck. On being dragged to the shore and measured it was found to be four feet one inch in length, and weighed twenty-two pounds. It was chocolate in color, and considered to be about eight years of age.

A CURIOSITY.—A few days ago one of the horns of a wapiti was turned up by the plough on the farm of Mr. Robert J. Hinton, Nepean. The horn measures three feet nine inches from the base to the offshoot of the first branch, and twelve inches in circumference near where it sprang from the skull. This horn when complete must have been at least seven feet high, and belonged unquestionably to an animal of the largest kind of the species. The finding occasionally of horns of this description established the fact that there majestic animals once abounded here.

## UNTAILING A MERMAID.

In the good old days of Louis Philippe a showman advertised at the fair at Caen a strange monster, the produce of a rabbit and carp. When the crowd flocked to the booth the Barnum pointed out a rabbit munching in his hutch and a carp bounding in a tank. "Messieurs 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 deities in piscem was cautehouse, 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 lud," 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 at 8:06½. Mrs. Lawton began making bread at 8:08½. Griddle cake baked at 8:09½; and biscuit baked and eaten at 8:13; the whole accomplished in 11 minutes. The reaper and thresher and the mill were thoroughly cleaned out before the trial commenced."

## Horse Notes.

VERY FINE.—This promising three-year-old filly, by Enquirer, dam Fanny Wells, on her return from the Louisville races, was allowed to run freely in a large lot. In galloping about she slipped and broke her right fore-leg.

CALVIN.—This fine four-year-old brown colt, by Tipperary, dam Lucy Fowler, met with a serious accident while running loose in his paddock a few days ago. His groom had just left him, when he started to gallop around; not seeing very well, he plunged through the gate, blinding him forever, besides receiving several severe cuts on his head, neck, and body.

THE RINGERS.—We are informed, on unquestionable authority, that the old trotter, Myron Perry, record 2:24½, appeared as a ringer recently at Sharon, Pa. Hotspur, record 2:24, trotted, a short time ago, in a race for a slow class, and got one heat in 2:31½, but a prior arrangement had been made with the judges that no time should be announced faster than 2:35, and it was hung out at that figure. The idea of Hotspur objecting to a 2:35 record, is rich. The crop of ringers this season is unusually large. We hear of them all over the country.

BLACKWOOD, JR.—This remarkable young stallion, who won the Championship Cup at Breeder's Centennial, is now in New York, in charge of his trainer and driver, A. J. McKimmin, of Nashville, Tenn. For a five-year-old he has had a remarkably busy season, having trotted fourteen races, served sixty-three mares, and travelled many hundreds of miles. He seems to be the toughest of the tough. In training for his races, he is given little, if any, track work, but gets his exercise drawing a buggy with two persons. The day before he made his final at Suffolk Park he drew two persons from the track to the Centennial grounds, and back, over heavy roads, a distance of about sixteen miles. Queer treatment of a trotter, but this horse seems to thrive under it.

A HORSE MEETS WITH A SINGULAR DEATH.—The Pottstown (Pa.) Ledger publishes 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."

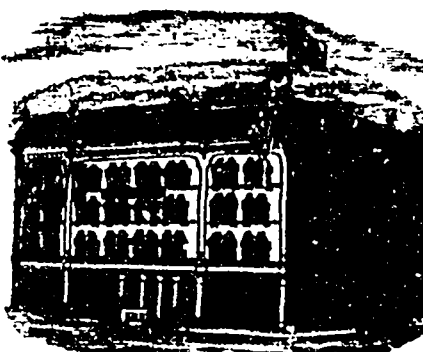
## A NEW WAY TO KILL FISH.

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



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