

## Miscellaneous

Two wild cats, weighing 35 lbs., were shot on the neighborhood of Goderich, and are brought to London to be stuffed.

A woman was left the cow that she had been milking, and went into the house to get a bowl of milk against the door.

Two were caught in the paw of Harris A. Shepp, on Saturday, the 11th inst., and were worth fifteen pounds.

A woman, who had been taken to a hospital, and a half inch in length and weighing seven pounds. The individual who seemed it was fishing for cod, but put on the moment of capture he thought it was an infant sea-serpent.

One Southern newspaper says: "A hen held by one leg will not squawk half as much as when both legs are grasped." Another Southern newspaper quotes the statement, and adds: "no trouble to put it in their hat."

Large Owl Shot.—On Thursday last W. G. C. was out on the premises of Mr. C. C. C. in a Malgrave. The plumage of the owl was snowy white excepting a few of the feathers which were heavily tipped with dark brown. When extended the wings measured five feet three inches from the extreme points.

A new thing came out with the Serenading bands is the manner in which many of the regiments carry the big drum. Instead of a man carrying it, it is slung in front of the man who plays it, this instrument is put upon a small two-wheeled cart drawn by a large dog, the latter being so trained that he keeps his place in the band even through the longest marches. The drummer walks behind the cart and performs on the instrument as he goes along.

There is an old man residing near Gridley's station, Cal., who follows the peaceful occupation of sheep herding. For some time he has been depositing in the bank the sum of \$5 per month to the credit of his dog and a mule of which he is the fortunate possessor, so that in case of his death they would have something to live upon. The other day the dog died, and the mule is sold to the estate. He is probably the only mule in the United States with a bank account.

The store in the vicinity of Washington market, New York, reap large gains from tenting spaces on their sidewalks. A man pays \$15 monthly for the privilege of standing three baskets containing fruit and vegetables on the corner of Greenwich and Vesey streets—no doubt the highest rent, in proportion to the space occupied, paid in that or any other city.

There are scoundrels for whom hanging is too good. The St. John N. B. News says: A correspondent from Narrows, Queen's County, informs us that a short time ago some person entered the stable in which Mr. Alexander Belyea, of that place, keeps his horses, and to avenge himself of some grudge, which it is supposed the party had against Mr. Belyea, drove a ten penny nail into the horse's foot up to the head.

How he knew it—Some ten or twelve years since, Mr. B. V. Sargent had a pet fawn, which he carried about, and kept for some years around his ranch house perfectly tame. It was eventually driven away by hounds, and for five or six years was not seen around. On Saturday morning Mr. Sargent identified a fine buck which was brought out by express as his old friend. So pinch our pet.—*Monterey Cal.*

A curious accident recently occurred at a fencing school in Havre. M. Roussel, a professor, was engaged in a trial of skill with an advanced pupil, when the button of the latter's coat accidentally dropped off, and immediately afterward M. Roussel fell to the ground with a loud cry. On being taken up, it was found that he had sustained a dangerous wound in the chest, the steel having penetrated deeply into the lungs.

Mr. James Bradfield, well known in racing circles, met with a fatal accident at the Adolph Hotel, Liverpool. The unfortunate gentleman's leg became entangled in the lift as it ascended, and he was carried downwards to the first aperture, when he fell on his head and was killed instantly.

Industrious Girl.—A young lady in Ulster County, New York State, is making a cloak almost entirely of partridge feathers. It will be a unique piece of clothing and very pretty and comfortable, though it requires an amount of labor and perseverance to put it together. In it will be at least ten thousand feathers of different sizes, and then, ranging up, the first feathers are next, while the various

A REMARKABLE PAIR OF SHOES.—G. W. App, of this city has just finished a remarkable pair of shoes for a negro man who lives in Arkansas. The shoes were ordered by S. H. Cowan & Co., of Marvel, Ark., and for size have no equal. The length of the shoes is 17 1/2 inches, and 6 inches across the sole. The man's foot, according to measurement, is 14 inches around the ball, while the instep is 13 inches. The man is over 7 feet in height, weighs 400 pounds, and is not more than 26 years of age. He has worn a pair of boots for years, and this pair is intended for Sunday, they, with the last on which they were made, costing \$16. This big-footed negro is a preacher.—*Memphis Appeal.*

THE DEUCE.—A gentleman in Boston was going out in his carriage to make some calls with his wife, when he discovered he had left his visiting cards. He told his footman, recently come into his service, to go to the mantle-piece in the sitting-room, and bring the cards he should see there. The servant ran upon a pack of playing cards, and thought those were the ones. Off started the gentleman, sending in the footman with cards whenever "not at home" occurred. As these were very numerous, he turned to the footman with the question: "How many cards have you left?" "Well," said the footman, "the ace of hearts is all that remains." "The Deuce!" exclaimed his master. "I left the deuce in the last house but one," was the reply.

OYSTERS BY THE MILLION.—It is stated that New York city alone consumes upwards of four thousand millions of oysters (4,000,000,000) per year. New York has nearly (not quite) one million (1,000,000) of inhabitants;—we'll call it a million for convenience sake—consequently to bear out the following statement each person, man, woman, and child and baby, must severally and individually consume (4,000) four thousand oysters per year, or nearly eleven oysters per day, in season and out. Now that can't be true, for we know lots of poor journalists like ourselves who don't get treated once in a year, and as to going on our own hook, why, bless your stars! we haven't the cash and can't get trust. We trust Divine Providence, but nobody else appears to perceive any providential affluence in our general character. Mr. Oysterman, please revise your figures.

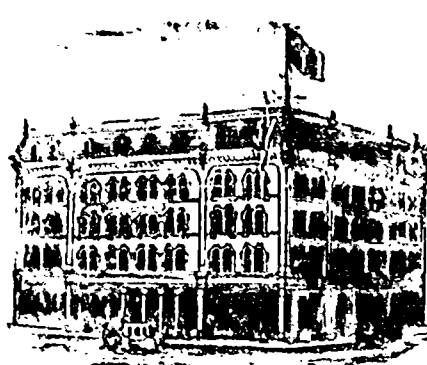
A Kentucky exchange says: "Four hunters in Grant County, Ky., killed in two days, 113 partridges, 56 rabbits, 18 squirrels, 4 pheasants, and 8 woodcocks." If these were sold in market made available among friends, we have no objection to urge; but, if, as is too frequently the case, more than half were thrown away unused in the end, then let the anathemas of all good sportsmen be hurled on the heads of the destroyers.

CANADIAN WILD CATS.—Allenstown was less thickly populated with wild cats on Saturday afternoon than it had been in the forenoon. One Freeman Godfrey, who was looking up the chances of securing enough gray squirrels to make first-class meal off from, suddenly found two "bob-tails" in close proximity upon a tree. The elderly one, a female, came down somewhat slower than "C. C. Clay's coon," because she waited until the ominous looking tubs poured forth its laden messenger. A younger "bob" also also followed, converted upon a similar line of argument. The largest one weighed eighteen pounds.

The Egansville Freeman gives an account of an encounter that a young girl, daughter of Mr. James Irwin, had with a bear in the township of Grattan. While searching for cows, she was startled by the two dogs along with her barking, and saw that they were chasing a bear, which was trying to take refuge in a hollow log. The young girl, nothing daunted, coolly picked up a club and proceeded to where the bear was kept at bay by the dogs, and deliberately dealt the bear blow after blow on the head until she killed it. The bear was about a year and a half old.

They have captured a fish in Florida, near Cedar Keys, which the inhabitants have given the name of the carpet-bagger. It has the head of a catfish, the body of an eel, and the legs of a lizard. It is allied to the screw-fish, well known in Florida, and whose habits have been made the study of Pratt, of Palatka. In the summer time, when the St. John's yields its beautiful grasses, it swims up and under its head, which, by the aid of four well-defined legs, goes out on the banks and eats the sweet grasses. When winter comes it goes back, screws the tail on and makes the water of the lovely St. John's its home. Naturalists have designated it as belonging to the family of *Spiratus Archimedeus*.

The Napanee Standard says:—"A few parties at Huntsville have sent for a quantity of wild rice, to sow in some of the many lagoons which abound in the district. It is hoped that by this means a greater number of ducks and other wild fowl will be induced to migrate to that vicinity."



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