

Miscellaneous.

St. Thomas is to have a big shooting match shortly.

The project of forming a yacht club at Brockville is meeting with hearty approval.

A Londonboro' farmer got nineteen pounds of wool from a sheep which he killed the other day.

When you build a dog house, do not forget to put in a bay window. It should be roofed with bark, of course.

A Dunnville fisherman brought to Port Colborne on Tuesday a muskunge weighing thirty pounds.

A lot of whitefish fry from the Newcastle hatchery has been sent to Peterboro' for distribution in the back lakes.

Mr. Jas. Glen, jr. and three friends from London, Ont., spent three days duck shooting below Sandwich, on the Canada side, and bagged 100.

Mr. Gabel, of Mitchell, sold three pairs of pigeons a week ago to a gentleman in New York, receiving therefor the handsome sum of \$70.

After the running of the grand national steeplechase near Liverpool the other day, the police were pursuing a party of three-card men over a ploughed field, when one of the fugitives dropped down and expired immediately.

The train on the Great Western conveying the horses belonging to Messrs. Geo. Patterson and T. C. Watt, of Guelph, to New York, for the English market, made a quick run from Guelph to the Bridge. The train left Guelph at 7:30 p.m., and arrived at the Suspension Bridge before midnight.

It is a question worth considering, if it would not better to keep mares upon the farms for breeding, instead of selling them to work in the cities, where their productive powers are not used. We have found mares equally serviceable with horses for farm work, and an annual colt with nearly pay for a mare's feed.

There was an exciting bear hunt in Greensboro', Vt., the other day, where a party of out-its followed an animal two days, finally overtook him at nightfall, and a shot from one of the party finished him. On examination the "bear" was found to be a large St. Bernard dog, and the hunters, at last accounts, were looking for a small hole to crawl into.

On Oct. 14, con. 3, Scarborough, a few days ago, one of Mr. Hugh McDonald's sheep gave birth to two lambs, one of which had two heads, each of which was perfect so far as the outward appearance was concerned. The lamb was dead when first found, but was supposed to have lived a short time.

Says the Leamington Post:—"Mr. Crow, an old man, who will be 104 years old next May and who lives on the 9th concession Merse, is a remarkable case of longevity. He is still hearty and exceedingly active. One day he went to cut down a large tree about four or five feet in diameter, and did not appear to be much fatigued by the work. He had been snow-shovelling about the house at the time of the great depth of snow.

Here that are hard worked during the winter should have a little rest before the spring work begins. The loose coat should be well brushed out and some linseed meal given to the feed, to help the shedding of the hair. That night the feet are muddy or wet, wash with warm water and some soap, and rub dry with a piece of woollen blanket.

A sick cow in Hatfield was recently treated to three pailful of medicine, whereat the owner of the cow marvelled greatly. "Why, bless you," exclaimed the physician, "the medicine last Tuesday I gave a cow three pailful of strong thoroughwort tea, boiled down black; three quarts of castor oil; a pintful of butt nut milk tea, steeped over a strong fire, and a quart of gum—and the lucky doctor did then!"

Some find in human form, on the 11th of Tuesday, 3rd inst., entered the city of Montreal, and on the 11th of Wednesday, 4th inst., entered the city of Montreal, and on the 11th of Thursday, 5th inst., entered the city of Montreal.

Horse Notes

BREAKDOWN OF ARAMIS—Mr. A. Hankins' (Chicago, Ill.) bay horse Aramis, five years old, by imp. Phaeton, dam Nellie Gray by Lexington, broke down at New Orleans last week.

SALE OF FLYING CLOUD, JR.—A Corbin, Jr., Gouverneur, N. Y., has bought of Dr. A. D. Johnston, Slato Lick, Pa., the trotting stallion Flying Cloud, Jr., by Black Flying Cloud, dam Mate by Morgan Sultan.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CONVERT—The California trotting gelding Defiance is entitled to be placed upon the record as one of the most remarkable animals ever produced upon this continent. As a pacer, June 7, 1878, in California, he beat Dan Voorhees and Longfellow a race, the fourth heat of which he won in 2:19. Following this, on July 6, he beat Dan Voorhees a first heat in 2:18, and subsequently beat Jim Brown, Lady St. Clair, Longfellow and Dan Voorhees a sixth heat, in 2:19. After this he was converted to a trotter and defeated St. James, a third heat in 2:24.

FORTUNATE ESCAPE OF BEN MACE—The perils of fast driving were singularly illustrated in New York on Thursday. While Ben Mace was driving the famous trotter Hopeful to a road wagon at a 2:30 gait, the king-bolt broke from the axle. Mace with great presence of mind, pulled his horse firmly back, and fortunately lapped the wagon on the shafts, holding it there until the horse stopped. It was a narrow escape for both Mace and Hopeful. The horse was seriously injured about two years ago. He is sound again, with a record of 2:17, and is valued at \$30,000.

THE TORONTO HOUNDS.

The following laughable description of a run with the Toronto Hounds is from the graphic pen of the Toronto correspondent of the Stratford Herald:—

"The hunting season of the Toronto Hunt Club is now in full swing. A pack of fox-hounds in countries where there is a scarlet-coated aristocracy consists, I believe, of fifty-two dogs, but our pack consists of about twenty, reinforced when there is a very grand meet by as many retrievers and hybrids. The fox on all occasions, the perennial reynard in short, is Mr. Halligan, a gentleman every inch of him, from the County Limerick. On hunting morns, usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Mr. Halligan repairs to the nearest druggist and buys a quantity of assafetida. This is for scent. He puts it in a bag, and proceeds to cover. Arrived at cover, John waits for the club to gather. Mr. Worts, the distiller, and Mr. Copland, the brewer, are the foremost horse-men, and there comes a motley gathering of tavern-keepers, bank clerks and livery-stable men, all more or less mounted, John then breaks cover, starting at a swinging gait over such portions of the county side as are not owned by cranky farmers who won't enter into the spirit of the thing. Then the horsemen begin to grow excited. John doubles, even troubles, climbs the snake fences like a chip monk; skips the water brooks like a young hart; and, gaining the open territory of the Dundas road, is soon lost to view, en route for Wilson's hostelry, where he shelters for a moment, and, issuing with foam on his lips, prances madly in a round about direction for the place of meeting, where he drops the assafetida and awaits results. Heavens! look at the daring horsemen. They are in fully tally-ho, especially the dogs, for the scent is good, not to so vivid! Hark!

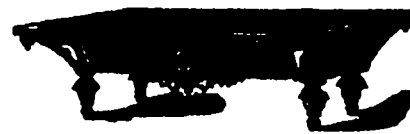
The horn, the horn, O the hunter's horn, Hark ye not its notes this hunting morn? Away, away, sail the bold chivalry. Short shrift for thee, O Fox, this hunting morn.

At Wilson's aforesaid, there is a check, and the canines are puzzled, but not so the hunters. A drink all round, and away dash again like a noble Six-Hundred-thousand, the pace beginning to tell on some of the lively horses, oats being now quoted at 45c to 46c per bushel. At length reynard is run to earth, but they don't kill him. John has buried the assafetida, and over its grave the horsemen congratulate one another on their noble devotion to what has been described as the "pastime of princes." Thus our sportsmen enjoy a sublimer degree of sports than that which falls to the share of old-country squires. The latter brutally maltreat a dumb animal and finally tear it in pieces, but in this case the hunters like it, the horses like it, and Mr. Halligan like it.

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