

Miscellaneous.

Eugene Blackford, of Fulton market, New York, has discovered an American anchovy.

The Indianapolis News having rashly as at "hip-pockets are a comparatively dern invention," the classical Courier points out that they were invented Hippocrates.

The "trout" which sportsmen in the White Mountain region have been catching in such quantities are without a doubt the young salmon with which the New England Fish Commissioners at great expense stocked the streams.

Captain James Slocum was trawling for bluefish in Warren River, Massachusetts, when a huge fish hawk swooped down upon his bait and carried it off. Recovering from his surprise the Captain began hauling in his line, and after ten minutes' hard labor secured the bird.

The Belfast (Mo.) Journal says that a seaport man, in order that his cow may be better adapted for fly-time, has lengthened her tail by attaching thereto a piece of frayed Manila rope. She can whisk a fly from her nose every time.

During a cricket match recently between the Viceroy and the Zingari clubs, at Dublin, Mr. Kempster, one of the first cricketers in Ireland, received a blow from a ball which entirely paralyzed his lower limbs. He may not recover.

It was the widow of M. Eiano, former proprietor of the gambling tables at Monaco and Hamburg, who paid nearly \$40,000 for the diamonds of ex-Queen Isabella's diadem. The piece was broken up, and the brilliants sold by weight.

Near Bromley, Ont., stands a log house, erected over two years ago, built of poplar and Balm of Gilead logs, which can now be seen growing, as green as a green tree, sprouts having been thrown out from the logs both inside and out, and making the structure one mass of foliage.

"By Jingo!" means "By God!" and is a common Deaver oath, the dialect forms of the word being Jingo, Jinco, Jainco, Gincos, Yinko and Yianko. To "be jiggered" is an importation from the West Indies, and refers to the suffering caused by the chigoe insect, which burrows in the feet of barefoot negroes.

A Scotch clergyman has pointed out a remarkable misprint occurring in all editions of Shakespeare's works and never before noticed, by which the bard is made to say: "Books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything," when what he really said was undoubtedly "stones in the running brooks, sermons in books, and good in everything."

The unhappiest visitor in the mountains is a New Jersey man, who has come up to look at some land—850 acres, for which he traded last spring a very fine colt. The trade was made on the Jersey flats, and the Jerseyman had never been to the mountains. He tells the story pathetically, and ends with—"Stranger, that three hundred and fifty acres is a little more than perpendicular!"

Mr. Copland, who resides on lot 18, con. 12, Brooke, lost a valuable ram under peculiar circumstances on Monday last. The animal was seized with a sort of frenzy, and butted its head ferociously against the corner of the barn, till unable to move. Its injuries were so severe that Mr. Copland was obliged to kill it.

In the city of Y— there lives the proprietor of a livery stable, who is noted for the bony horses he keeps. One day there came loitering along a green-looking fellow, who halted at the stable for a few moments. After looking around at the horses he remarked to the proprietor: "Say, is this a boss factory?" "A horse factory? No! Why?" ejaculated the proprietor. "Oh, nuthin'," was the reply, "only I saw some frames stanin' 'roun', and I kinder thought it was."

chicken snake, with its head firmly held by a spider's web. The actions of the spider, which was of the small, ordinary red species, were watched, when it was found that it was gradually drawing the snake up from the floor to the seat of the chair. The snake was about eight inches long, and at a late hour in the evening, despite its desperate struggles to free itself from the meshes of the spider, it had been drawn up until two inches only of its tail remained on the floor.

Mr. George Barnett has just returned from a hunt in Union county, Va., and tells quite a marvellous tale about a snake he killed when near Brownsville. He and Mr. Schlater were walking along a short distance from the river when they saw an unusually large black snake lying by the side of the path evidently in a torpid condition. Barnett raised his rifle and the snake happened to be lying in such a position that the rifle ball split it open from head to tail disclosing four young rabbits which the reptile had evidently just swallowed. This is a snake story but witnesses are ready to vouch for its correctness.

"A veritable joint-snake" has been captured in Georgia. The pupil of its eye is not oval nor is its head diamond-shaped; its largest diameter is about half an inch. It is in four pieces which, if joined together, would have a total length of about thirty inches. Above it is brown and regularly spotted, and below white. The divisions or fragments are all "below the viscera. Each joint shows six little cogs on one side corresponding to six apertures on the other, and the skin extending to the ends of the cogs and the mouth of the holes, so when the cogs are put in the holes the fit is exact. The first and second fragments are each one and a half inches long; the last, including the tail, is about nine inches long."

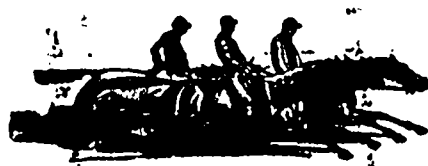
The Deaver brothers were riding in a buggy near Ashville, N.C., when they met a man against whom they had a grudge. One of them jumped from the buggy and taking the whip gave his enemy a terrible thrashing, ceasing only from exhaustion. Then they drove off, but had gone but a little way when the other Deaver said he would like to thrash the man too. So he got out and went back to where the whipped man was. The latter seeing him coming ran through the woods. Deaver followed close at his heels. Finally the pursued man's strength gave out and he could go no farther. As his pursuer came up with him he stood at bay, and told him to come no further, that he had submitted to one whipping, but would stand no more. Deaver yet came on, when the man shot him through the heart. Better late than never.

The editor of the Marshall (Iowa) Statesman says that, after considering the question all winter, he comes to the conclusion every spring that the circus is immoral; but then the bill poster comes along with the big pictures, and his mind changes as follows: As we gaze at the lions, tigers, and monkeys, and think that nature made all of them, we are not sure. And when we look at the beautiful young lady, with nothing on but a blue ribbon round her waist, with one leg pointing to six o'clock and the other to high noon, and think that nature made her, too, just as she was, except the ribbon, we begin to lean up to the circus. But when the brass band begins to play and the elephants go round, we rush for a front seat to get in ahead of the ministers, who always wear stove-pipe hats and won't sit down in front.

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