

Gaily the oyster
Opens his shell,
Murmuring gladly,
"Now, all is well!"
In the bright Summer
No one may care
For broiled or for roasted,
Juicy and rare.

Now then the chicken,
Hatched in the Spring,
Sadly concealeth
His head with his wing;
Full well he knoweth
That while oysters rest,
Broiled little chickens
Are at their best.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Hope, an old settler of East Bolton, (P.Q.) claims to have killed 36 bears during his life.

Plympton has a curiosity in the shape of a calf with two heads, owned by Mr. D. Macdougall.

Thirty-five young wolves were captured in Emmet County, Iowa, last week. The bounty amounted to \$105.

About 500 feet of nets have been seized in the Massawippi Lake, Que., for illegal fishing.

She was carried across the ocean in a box, from South America to England, and she lived a whole year without tasting a bite of food. Her name was Anna Conda.

George Sleeman and Hiram Anderson, of Guelph, went fishing Monday of last week, and brought back over 40 pounds of the finest trout that have been seen in Guelph for many a day. Some of the speckled beauties weighed 2½ pounds.

Shops have actually been engaged in London for the sale of horseflesh for human food. Hippophagy is likely to become as common there as in Paris, after all the jokes indulged in by the cockneys at the expense of the Parisians.

A very large black bear, weighing over 300 lbs., was shot by a man named Britton, on May 10, three miles from Bobcaygon, Ont. The bear had been devouring some of Britton's sheep, and was shot while in the act.

A novel suit has been brought against Thomas Maguire, Jr., a member-elect of the Rhode Island Legislature, at Warwick. He is charged with selling a horse which he knew was glandered, and the extreme penalty for the offense is two years' imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

Mr. J. W. Kerr, Inspector of Fisheries, lately paid a visit to Bertie, and had Messrs. Fuller and Hardison fined \$7.50 each and costs for fishing contrary to statute. A boat and nets were also confiscated, costing the defendants in all about \$60.

A man while fishing recently in Winnipicogee Lake, New-Hampshire, caught a loon which had dived and seized the hook on which a small fish was dangling at the end of a line forty feet long as bait. The bird was secured alive and will be exhibited at Boston.

A hen at Cameron Bridge, Fifeshire, has exhibited a penchant for the companionship of bees. For several days regularly she has laid an egg in a nest she has occupied between two beehives. The insects surround her in swarms, but she seems rather to like than dislike their company.

On Monday last a girl eleven years of age living in Bullitt County, Kentucky, while engaged at work in her father's chicken-house, was attacked by a large game-cock. The fowl's spur pierced the side of her head, entering the brain. Partial paralysis followed, and at last accounts the girl was slowly dying.

man with the request that he pay the sum of \$4.80 at once and thus save costs. It is not stated whether or not the Young Men's Christian Association intends to pay this amount, but certainly such a curious transaction is worth of record.

A GAMBLER'S DAUGHTER.

There is one more heiress to be met in France now. No other than Mlle. Blanc, the daughter of the late proprietor of the Monte Carlo Casino. Her sister a year or two ago married Prince Radziwill, a member of one of the best families in Europe; and now this young lady is likely soon to be led to the altar by another nobleman bearing one of the oldest names in France, whose proud and well-known motto informs us that his house could not be kings, and disdained to be princes. The gambling establishment is at present carried on by the widow of the late Mr. Blanc, his two sons, and the daughter above mentioned. They each have an equal share of the business, and the profits are enormous; so that the intending bridegroom will make what is generally called a good match. Mr. Blanc here discouraged the match during the last year of his life. What a strange turn of events! The suit of a Rohan rejected by the keeper of a gambling hell!—*London World.*

BEHOLD A GREAT "MYSTERY."

John Bardette has a new dog, and in a spirit of malicious daring, has named him "Mister." And every time he waves his hand at the canine and shouts in savage tones "Go home Mister, or I'll land a brick at ye!" every man on the street rolls up his sleeves and waits up to the auditor and wants to know "who he's talking to, and what he means by it?" And the result is the boy is on fighting terms with half the men in Burlington.—*Burlington Hawk-eye.*

The late Lord Leitrim was a man of strong likes and dislikes, and one of his chief antipathies was a horror of goats. An old woman, one of his tenants, had a favourite goat, which he espied one day and made her bring up to him by the side of the road. Without a word of warning he took out his knife and cut its throat. The woman, as far as she dared, reproached him with his ruthless act, whereupon he gave her a £20 note, saying, "Take this to buy a cow with." It was characteristic of the man; hard, unyielding, easily moved to anger, but as swift to make amends.

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