

Miscellaneous.

Californians domesticate quail and rear them as tame as barn-yard fowl.

A Boston physician says that blowing cornets or trombones is the best exercise for women, expanding their lungs, and making them straight.

An animal supposed to be a cross between dog and wolf, was shot in the village of Mar-mora a few days ago by Mr. D. Bently.

A Colorado paper says:—"The Canon City girls don't take kindly to croquet. They say it isn't high-toned enough for them. Leapfrog is their best hold."

The future pitcher and catcher of some champion baseball nine are practising with a half brick done up in an old stocking. This is what may be called the ragged edge of the game.

At Tedish, in the County of Westmoreland, New Brunswick, there is a boy nine years old that measures three feet nine inches in height and weighs 140 lbs. His name is Louis Corneer, which signifies French origin.

Mr. Andrew McMillan, the market gardener, Dundas, says that early on Tuesday morning on his way to Hamilton, he passed through a shower of tons in Beasley's Hollow, which lay as thick on the ground as the hair on a dog's back.

A mare belonging to Mr. Alexander McMaster, Low Point, C. B., gave birth to a foal recently, which only had one fore-leg and that one somewhat misformed. Otherwise the animal was fully developed, and at last accounts was thriving.

Mr. Urbain Arsenault, Egmont Bay, N. B., has a cow which brought four calves in ten months. Two last spring and two this spring, only ten months intermission; three of these are heifers. The cow is twelve years old and she has brought twelve calves.

Mrs. Whitshire, a woman of small stature, walked 100 miles in 28 hours and 40 minutes, in Dunedin, New Zealand. She is said to be the fastest female walker against time that has ever appeared in Australasian colonies. The feat was accomplished in a public hall, and she netted about \$50 for her work.

This is a sample of the arithmetical problems proposed at the Storey County (Nov.) Teachers' Institute:—"A man puts down a certain sum of money on the corner of the ace to take the tray, in a \$25-limit game. They both win through. At the end of the deal he finds that he has \$57. How much did he put down and how much did he win?"

Millions of young fish from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches in length, and apparently having been dead for some time, were observed floating down the river or were washed ashore on the river banks above Amherstburg on Tuesday forenoon last. It is believed this is something that has never before been observed in the neighborhood, and it is possible these are some of the young fry placed in the river by the various breeding establishments.

CHAMPION CANOEISTS.—Mr. Geo. Major, of the Civil Service, and Mr. Christie, of the Ontario Bank, "paddled their own canoe" from Ottawa to Grenville in eight hours on Saturday last, returning by the steamer this morning. We are given to understand that Mr. Major has challenged the celebrated Mr. Brown for a race of twenty-five miles, to come off as soon as preliminaries are arranged.

SHAKE OUT YOUR PINBACK.—"Pull down your vest," "Wipe off your chin," "Shoot the lat, these were three samples of slang we heard yesterday within five minutes from as many young bloods, and we were just on the point of saying something about the abominable growth of slang phrases, when two young ladies passed by, and when one of them audibly said to the other, "Shake out your pinback," we concluded to reserve our lecture.

A CAPTURE.—This morning as Mr. T. B. Williams, who is gardener to Mr. Lowe, of the Department of Agriculture, was engaged at his work, he espied a large porcupine coming from the fence. He and his mate "circumvented the varmint," and turning a wheelbarrow over managed to place it in a cage. The animal is of most extraordinary dimensions and might form a most interesting addition to the menagerie coming here shortly.

A team of horses belonging to Mr. Robt. Higgins, of the 6th line, hauled to Watford on Monday last, 81 bushels of spring wheat, the largest load of the season. It was weighed and purchased by Mr. Fuller at \$1 per bushel. The grain and bags weighed 4,300 pounds, the wagon 1,200 and two men that were on the load 805, making a total of 6,305 pounds. Has any of our readers heard of anything to beat this? We are not sure.

A gentleman at Fort Games, a few days

ONTARIO CURLING CLUB.—The ANNUAL meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was held at Toronto on Wednesday last. The following officers were chosen:—Patron, Earl Dufferin (re-elected); President, Dr. Hamilton, Dundas; first Vice-Pres., Mr. Gillespie, of Hamilton; second Vice-Pres., J. S. Russell; Secretary and Treasurer, David Walker (re-elected); Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Barclay; Managing Committee, the officers and Dr. Ford, James Pringle, Captain Perry, Robert Crawford and John Harvey. It was agreed to print an Annual for 1877, the publication to be in charge of J. S. Russell, D. Walker and Rev. Dr. Barclay.

CHARITY AND GENEROSITY.—All the world knows, or ought to know, that the lovers of horse-racing are distinguished for kindness of heart and liberal charity. A very pleasing instance of this is before us in a late issue of the London Times. Upon the road to Epsom there is at Sutton the South Metropolitan School, in which 1,600 poor children of tender years are fed, clothed, and instructed. Those who drove to the races on the Derby day saw the children in the school grounds by the roadside drawn up in three classes—boys, girls, and infants; and, as is usual, many threw small coins among them. The amount picked up is reported by the managers at one hundred and six pounds, sixteen shillings. This is ten pounds more than it was last year. The money is to be expended in giving the children a treat to the Crystal Palace, or some other place of recreation.

ENORMOUS HORNS.—Mr. John Connolly, of the 10th concession, Minto, recently found a deer's horn while logging a piece of new land. The horn, although much decayed and broken, has at present five prongs, and must have measured six feet in length. The diameter at the root is now six inches. The horns could not have been less than eight feet across the top—when attached to the deer's head, and must have been from ten to fifteen feet in height, taking into consideration the height of an animal wearing such horns.

Horse Notes.

SALE OF LONG NINE.—Mr. A. Wech, of Chestnut Hill, has purchased this mare—the dam of Nettie Norton—from Mr. John Coffee.

Mr. A. Baltazzi has dealt most liberally with the trainer and jockey of Kisher. Hayhoe has received the handsome present of £2,000, and Maidment £1,000.

BAD NEWS FROM GRAFTON.—Mr. Bonner's horse Grafton, we are sorry to learn, has been suffering from a bad fistula on his left shoulder for several weeks. It was confidently expected that it would yield to treatment, but the recent symptoms have not been so favorable. We hope the horse will recover, for Charles Green, who has him in charge, feels confident that Grafton, when fully himself, is able to wipe out the best existing record.

A LUCKY COMBINATION WAGER.—The Derby of 1876, and many former Derbies, have produced no more extraordinary bet than one just won by two gentlemen, one of them a well-known artist. By risking one sovereign they have netted £800, punctually paid on settling day. They got 800 to 1 on a "triple event"—Thunder for the City and Suburban, Petrarch for the Two Thousand, and the Mineral colt for the Derby. All these came off.

FAR FROM CORRECT.—A contemporary says: "The wonder of the summer meeting at the Hartsburg (Ky.) trotting course, is Blackwood, Jr. He is the fastest five-year-old on record, having trotted in 2:27 1/4 at Nashville, in the sand." Unfortunately for the correctness of this item, Lady Maud, when five-year-old, in 1872, got a record of 2:22 1/4. Unfortunately again, Blackwood, Jr. trotted at Nashville, in 2:22 1/4. Unfortunately again, no such fine splitting as eighths of a second is known on the turf.

FAST TIME AT MR. BONNER'S FARM.—A fine exhibition of trotting speed was given at the farm of Mr. Robert Bonner a few days ago. A few amateur horsemen were visiting there, and for a little sport a race was organized between Mosey and Music, whose respective records are 2:21 1/4—2:21 1/4. Mr. Robert Bonner driving the former to wagon, and his son the latter to harness. This race was a close victory for Music, in 2:23 1/4, Mosey lapping her out, though drawing a wagon and 180 lbs. of live weight. Mosey was then put before a sulky, and Mr. David Bonner, who had never pulled a rein over her before, took the ribbons over her. The mares kept together without a break to the three-quarter pole, when Music left her feet and fell back a little. She made a nice break; however, and was coming for Mosey, but the driver of the latter shook her up on the homestretch, she responded nobly, and finished the mile in 2:19 1/4—the fastest she has ever shown in public or private.

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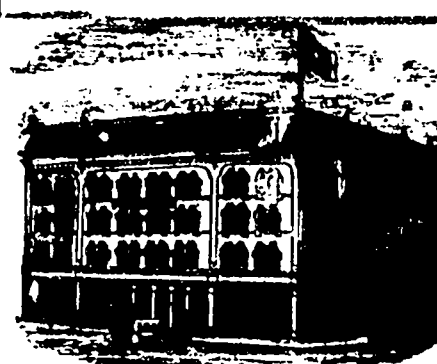
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