

Miscellaneous.

Croquet is called billiards gone to grass.

It is said a man is known by the umbrella he keeps.

Good partners at cards—a chimney sweep and a bugler. One can follow suit and the other trumpet.

An ewe belonging to Jeremiah Riordan, Peel, gave birth to a lamb in the first week in May last and to another on the 18th ult.

The death of two of the great ones of the earth is announced.—Ruth Berton, of Wisconsin, age 64, height 7 feet 4 inches, weight 585 pounds; and Modesto Malhot, of Quebec, age 68, height 6 feet 8 inches, weight 618 lbs.

The Prince of Wales and the three Stewards of the Jockey Club have each subscribed £100 to the stous Memorial, which is to take the form of an almshouse, at Newmarket, bearing the name of the illustrious deceased.

An Oro farmer, living on the 12th concs., eqn, has got a pot-garter-snake that evinces the most praiseworthy ambition to devour unlimited numbers of potato bugs. It patiently and diligently wends its way among the potato hills, shooting up its little head and picking off the bugs with consummated skill.

MILTON CURLING CLUB.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the new rink last week, it was decided that stock to the amount of \$2,000 should be issued in 200 shares of \$10 each. Every confidence is felt in the enterprise, and a number of shareholders have doubled their original subscriptions.

Guysboro' has a resident—Mrs. Catherine Fleet, widow (maiden name Reily), living at Eum Secum—who was born in 1772, at Blandford, Lunenburg county, and is consequently upwards of 208 years of age. She is still vigorous, and able to walk without assistance.—Halifax paper.

In Otonabee township, near Keene, lives a family of four brothers named Macfarlane, of whom the eldest, Duncan, stands 6 feet 7 inches; two brothers, Peter and Alexander, are between 6 feet 2 inches and 6 feet 3 inches in height; while Donald is something over 6 feet.

The managers of the London Zoological Gardens have offered a reward of \$2,500 for the safe delivery in England of a monster anaconda, measuring thirty-six feet in length, and a yard in diameter, now holding undisputed possession of a large pond near Maraim, Venezuela. These serpents are caught with live dogs as bait. After swallowing the dog the snake takes a nap and the fisherman takes the snake.

A remarkable natural curiosity may be seen on the farm of Mr. O'Brien, Shanty Bay, and doubtless would be gladly picked up by Barnum if he were made aware of its existence. It is a thoroughbred Devon heifer calf a month old, without a particle of hair on any part of its body. It is well proportioned, lively, and healthy. The color is a peculiar pinkish buff.

Oh, the flies! the horrible flies! Buzzing around like election lies, Dodging about like a maniac's dream, Over the butter and into the cream; Holding conventions all over the bread, Biting your ears and tickling your head, Crawling, Buzzing, Too busy to lie— Dog gon the nasty, pestiferous fly!

The Shelbourne Free Press has been informed by Mr. George Doney, that during the last few weeks the beavers have dammed the Grand River, near lot 21, in the 7th concession, new survey, Melancthon, and raised the water fully four feet. He says that the dam is quite ingeniously constructed, and is apparently of considerable strength. The industrious animals are still at work.

The monument erected to Owen Marlowe, the actor, will be placed in position in the cemetery at Forest Hill, Mass., this week. Mrs. Adela Dauncey Maskill will read a poem. A. Leslie Allen will give an account of the manner in which the funds were raised for the monument, Miss Laura Joyce will sing, and short addresses will be made by professional and literary gentlemen.

AMUSEMENTS IN A COSSACK CAMP.

Then came a new dance, and when it was over we had out some horses of different breeds to look at—ugly little beasts, some of them but showing good points—evidently animals that endure much work. On speaking of the riding of the men and the training of the horses, our hosts offered to show what the Cossacks and their horses can do. In a short, a straight run was cleared, a fur cap thrown down and instantly a string of horsemen charged at full gallop. As they neared the cap each in turn swung himself round in his saddle, so as to reach the ground with his hand, and snatched at the cap. There were many misses, as there are in juggling, and some tremendous falls; but whenever the rider fell, though he rolled over like a ball, he kept hold of the bit, and his little horse stopped short in full career. I threw down a little forage cap that I was wearing and offered a piece of money to the man who should pick it up. It was missed once, but seized by the second rider, and held up in triumph. Then we sat down outside the colonel's tent, to drink wine and tea, apparently without any apparent reason for one or the other, except that the evening was warm and that the tea and wine contrasted each other. There were not many of us, but somehow or other we succeeded in finding the bottom of two small dasks of wine amid a good deal of excited talk and healths. Always the men danced and sang outside. A Cossack officer attached to the headquarters of the Grand Duke arrived. We drank his health, and the men picked him up bodily and threw him into the air several times, always catching him again. He was big and burly, but the arms beneath him were strong, and he rose and fell like a shuttle-cock, till, at a word from the colonel, they set him down again.

THE VOCAL CORDS.

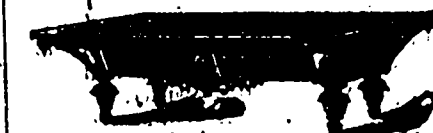
In a recent letter on this subject delivered by Dr. G. Whitefield Ward, of the London Throat Hospital, he showed models of the interior of the mouth and windpipe, and the reed-like chords that, vibrating by means of air from the lungs, produce sound. These cords are of a delicate pearl color in the female, but of a salmon color in the male. Little muscles at the ends tighten or relax the cords, just as the violin string is regulated by the key or peg. Diseases of the cords, the doctor said, have heretofore been almost impossible to cure, because the organ is so delicate and difficult to get at. With the laryngoscope this difficulty is obviated. It has already saved many lives. Then the doctor showed how, by putting a little mirror, affixed to a long prong, down the throat, the tongue being pulled out as far as possible, and throwing light on the mirror, the whole of the singing apparatus could be distinctly seen. Then he told the young ladies that they shouldn't sing when they are hoarse, because the two cords are inflamed, and as the singing is the striking of the cords together, they become thereby all the more inflamed. "Often," he added, "you can't speak aloud when you have sung too long or have a cold; that is when the cords are paralyzed. The treatment for it is to run a slender wire down the throat, touching the cords, and passing an electric current through them. Almost instantaneously the cords have been thus restored so as to give a pure tone."

WILL OF ADMIRAL ROUS.—The will of Admiral the Hon. Henry John Rous (dated Dec. 17, 1874) is in his own handwriting. The executors are Viscount Torrington and Mr. George Payne. The effects are sworn under £80,000. The Admiral has left a legacy of £500 to each of his executors, and given £25,000 to be divided between the five daughters of his brother, the Earl of Stradbroke, an attaining twenty-one. There are legacies of £4,000 each to three nephews and a niece, and a few other legacies to servants and others. His silver plate testimonial presented to him by the Jockey Club and his racing friends is given to the Earl of Stradbroke, and the three pictures of Eclipse, Gimcrack, and Pique are left to the Jockey Club at Newmarket. The residuary legacies are the five daughters of the Earl of Stradbroke.

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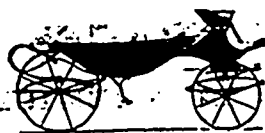
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