

Miscellaneous.

A party of young men came upon a colony of black snakes at Stratford, Connecticut, the other day, and killed 129 of them, aggregating 580 feet in length.

Not very long ago an oriental ex-potentate, resident in England, went out shooting, wearing on his finger a diamond worth three thousand guineas. Of course he lost it; but having some idea where his well deserved calamity befell him, he had the space inclosed. Every ounce of the earth was passed through a fine sieve, and the treasure turned up after many days.

Three brothers, named Brooks, living in Lobo Township, on Thursday last accomplished a feat of labor which is said to be of a very unusual character. On the farm of Mr. New McKeel, lot 2, con. 6, they sawed, split, and piled 124 cords of wood, felling the trees and sawing them into about 22 inches long, and the usual thickness, in six hours. A cross-cut saw was used.

A bright-eyed lass in Carlisle, Ky., has a doll with a china head covered with flaxen hair. When the doll was bought two years ago, the hair simply covered the neck, but it has grown out until now it reaches below the waist. It looks like human hair, and is fastened to the linen with wax and glued to the head. The growth of the hair is explained by the theory that the filament have derived nutriment from the wax.

The profits of 'Our Boys,' at the Vaudeville Theatre, London, have reached £30,000. This enormously successful comedy will have reached its 375th performance when this is printed, and still the house is crowded nightly. The orchestra has been removed to make room for stalls, and the musicians have to play behind the curtain. Truly there is nothing succeeds like success. People rush from all parts to see the piece who were never inside a theatre before. Plays may come and plays may go, but it goes on for ever. You cannot obtain standing room after eight o'clock. A gentleman drove up to the theatre door after that hour one night. "Oh, you must put me somewhere," he said to the manager, who stated that there was no room. "I would be only too happy, but there is not an inch of room; you had better order a box for to-morrow night." "Impossible," replied the gentleman, "I start for India to-morrow." "Well," said the manager, "the piece will be still running when you return."

THE DECLINE OF SHORT HORNS.

The supremacy of the Short horn is now disputable more earnestly than for a great many years. It is a significant fact that in the London Market prime Scots beef usually commands the best price. Herefords and Devons are being more widely diffused with the passing seasons. The London Live Stock Journal calls attention to the fact that Mr. Bates, according to his own account, based his selection "of the most valuable cattle ever known upon simple matter of fact experiment in weighing food, and the increase thereby of certain cows." And it admits that Mr. Bakewell's Longhorns had they been cultivated with the enthusiasm and to the extent of the Short horns. The records of Smithfield are in favor of the Short horn. In sixteen years the Champion Cup for the best ox or steer has been awarded six times to Short horns three to Devons, three to Scots, twice to Herefords and twice to Cows. A similar cup for the best cow or heifer has gone twelve times to Short horns, twice to Devons, once to a Hereford and once to a Scot. These and other figures lead the London journal to believe that the Short horn is holding its own, "especially in regard to its value for crossing," but it sees at the same time that other breeds are advancing. The Short horn men cannot afford to relax their efforts towards preserving the standard value of their favorite cattle as easy and rapid producers of best of fine

Horse Notes.

HARRY HARLEY.—This son of Columbus, record of 2:24, is being driven on the road at Springfield, Mass. He lately changed hands for \$300.

DEATH OF A GLENCOE MARE.—Mr. James A. Grinstead, Walnut Hill Stud Farm, Lexington, Ky., lost, a few days since, the bay mare, foaled in 1858, by imp. Glencoe, out of Laura Webster, by Medoc. She has left a bay weanling filly by Gilroy.

COLORADO.—W. H. Nichol (colored), Treasurer of the Colored Agricultural Society of Bourbon county, Ky., has absconded with \$1,500 of the Society's money. We learn that Nichol has returned, but the money has not.

DEATH OF LADY LUMBER.—Mr. John E. Gordon, Winchester, Ky., black mare Lady Lumber, 6 years old, by Ericsson, dam by Iron Duke, died on the 18th ult., of disease of the chest. She has a record of 2:27, and Mr. Gordon had refused \$5,000 for her.

BLUE BLOOD.—This fine yearling, by King Tom, out of Marigold (own brother to All Heart) who, it will be recollected, was sold to Capt. Machell, at the September Doncaster Sales, for \$15,000, and subsequently resold to Lord Lonsdale (report says for \$30,000), has curly hocks. He was treated for curb though not so severely as to prohibit exercise, as the colt has for some time been doing nicely, and if allowed plenty of time should be able to take high rank on the turf. It is thought, however, that his curly hocks will interfere greatly with the brilliant career anticipated for him. Lord Lonsdale may realize the fact that the highest priced yearlings do not always develop into the best race-horses.

A POOL-ROOM BURGLARIZED.—Early on the morning of the 18th ult., an attempt was made to break open the safe of Killup & Co., pool auctioneers, San Francisco. The robbers gained an entrance with skeleton keys and tried to pry open the safe with a jimmy that was broken at the foot of the safe as a souvenir of their visit. There was a large hole made near the bolts of the combination, but the safe resisted the efforts of the burglars. When the safe was opened at the morning hour, the contents, some \$2,600, were found to be undisturbed. Several boxes appertaining to the business were pryed open, but the light-fingered gentlemen found nothing to reward them for their pains.

GREAT ENDURANCE OF A MARE.—A valuable old mare, the property of Dr. D. Jayne & Son, of Philadelphia, the noted patent-medicine firm, reached that city, a few days ago, in good order, after having travelled eleven months a year, for the past six years, through Virginia and Pennsylvania, traversing during that period 46,500 miles. The distance was computed by actual measurement, from the record of her driver, Wm. Shall, made with her in his trips while collecting and taking orders for his firm. She was always driven with a mate; a new one however, had to be supplied every year, while the old mare on her return from every trip was always fresh and in good condition. It would be interesting to trace the breeding of this animal, as in all likelihood she comes from thoroughbred stock; the amount of endurance she has exhibited can be attributed to no other source.

LARGENTEEN.

It turns out that Mr. A. Keene Richards, Blue Grass Park Stud, Georgetown, Ky., sold his four year old chestnut filly Largenteen, by War Dance, dam Miss Gray, by Revell, to Messrs. Barkley & Higgins, of Texas. Of late years Mr. Richards has sold off from one to five good racehorses every season. Mr. John McKeel manages to trim their sails so as to make them beat almost everything they meet, and then they are wanted, and good prices are realized for them. We are glad to see Largenteen in Texas, and we are less pleased to know that she goes into the hands of Barkley & Higgins. There are half-a-dozen breeding establishments in Texas that gather about them and stallions with a sort of judgment cannot fail to make them very successful and profitable in the end, for while they are bred as most mares and mares are bred, they are bred to come out of them.

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