

Miscellaneous.

The latest sensation in Dalton, Ga., is a female blacksmith.

Physic—a poor substitute for fresh air, exercise and sleep.

Mr. F. T. Barnum is said to calculate that he has sold since he began his business of amusement, no less than \$63,000,000 worth of tickets.

Mr. D. Molton has lately purchased, on the Quebec market, over 500 mink skins from a trapper named Jas. Pearson, who captured the valuable little animals on the Saguenay river.

A Sarina, Ont., woman has reached the age of 130 years, and it is a pitiable sight to see her 100-year-old son sit in the corner and widdle. "Ma, kin I go out?"

The "monster cat" is claimed by a man living near Richmond, Mo. The animal is of the common species, of the yellowish color, 11 inches high, 32 inches from the tip of the tail to the nose, weighs 37 pounds, and is some thing over three years old.

On Saturday last Messrs. J. McLeod and Jas. Wiggins, of Goderich, took 1,200 pounds of trout and whitefish, on the summer fishing ground, with nets. This is an unprecedented circumstance at this season of the year and the haul is a big one in any season.

Switzerland has closed the last of the gambling establishments in that country, which were at Saxon. The 31st of December was the last day, and the roulette tables were in operation all day. Toward midnight the officials entered, and rouge et noir was no more.

A small turtle is found in New England, which bears the name of the box turtle, on account of a hinge joint before and behind, at the ends of the flat shield, which close up both ends, protecting the feet and head. This is accomplished at the pleasure of the animal.

Pereon Haldeman, of the Louisville Base Ball Club, always used to supplement his morning prayers with the following: "O Lord, it is Thy pleasure to catch me out on a foul today, good enough! Grant that I may run my bases well, and when at last you put me out, let me be buried beneath the home-plate."

The amending the license law has passed its second reading in the Manitoba Legislature. It abolishes saloons entirely, and provides stringent regulations for hotels, limiting the number also according to population in each locality. The number for Winnipeg is twenty-three.

The Montreal Witness says it is learned from the Cowasville Observer that the man Gilbert Porter, of South Granby, P.Q., whose body was snatched a few days ago, had died of the deadly catarrh disease known as "Carbon." It appears that the unfortunate man while skinning a beast which had died with the disease, became inoculated with the virus through a slight cut on the finger.

Mr. Watson, of Newton-Stewart, "the champion weight lifter of Great Britain and Ireland," gave one of his exhibitions of muscular power at the Mechanics' Hall, Dundee, on the 26th ult. The first feat of strength was lifting half a ton. He then lifted four hundred weight with the under jaw. He then walked along the platform at the rate of two miles an hour carrying ten oil tins, weights, and sundry other exhibitions of strength were given.

About two weeks ago Mr. Stroud, 7th con. of Perham, Ont., caught a live fish over two and one half inches long. Last August after taking a drink of water Mrs. Stroud took to her bed that she thought she had swallowed something in the water. Since that time she has been constantly ailing, and her illness terminated in the strange way above described. The fish lived for twenty-four hours in water and then Mr. Stroud killed it.

A gentleman has brought in in Jalisco to the City of Mexico a cat which speaks. The cat is a white cat, and is said to be a

Two young cinnamon bears were caught last summer by a farmer near Susanville, Cal. He killed the mother and secured the cubs at a time when they did not weigh five pounds apiece. They are now in Gold Hill, about two feet high, and very gentle if handled carefully. They devour immense quantities of raw meat, and always want more. It is the intention of the owner to get two black bears at the race track and hitch them with the cinnamons, as a four-in-hand to pull a sled about town when the first good snow comes.

The "English Gough," who lectured in this city a short time ago, is beginning to receive some very sincere and appreciative notices in our exchanges. One of them says: "Allcock, who replied to Colonel Ingersoll in the Utica, N. Y., opera house last night, spoke to seventy-three people besides the auditors. The entertainment was opened by a song, entitled 'No one Cares for Me' which was evidently quite appropriate. The Herald says Mr. Allcock said nothing new. He has a broad brow, and his manner of delivery is painful."

An exciting incident happened in a recent review of Austrian cavalry by the Emperor and Empress. About 30,000 cavalry were in line and charging down in a mad gallop to salute the sovereigns, when a little four-year-old child, escaping from her mother, ran directly in front of the rushing horses. The Empress screamed, and everybody expected to witness the instant death of the child, when a trooper in the front rank bent forward from his saddle, seized the child without slackening speed, and placed her at his saddle-bow. The crowd cheered the gallant deed lustily, and the Emperor, taking from his neck the cross of the order of Marie Therese, hung it upon that of the soldier.

WOMEN IN THE CRICKET FIELD.

Ladies made their appearance in the cricket field so long ago as 1797, when eleven married women of Bury beat eleven unmarried women by 80 notches. In the British Museum there is a sketch by Rowlandson of a match that took place in 1811, between two female teams, of Surrey and Hampshire, for 500 guineas; and Mr. Box tells us that the performances were of all ages and sizes, from fourteen to sixty; the young had shawls, and the old long cloaks. The match was won at three o'clock on the third day by the Hampshire eleven, one of the latter making a score of 40 before she was thrown out. There is said to be a girl's school at Somersetshire where cricket is allowed, and where a special dress is worn for the purpose, and it is added that the best cricketers make the best scholars. The account of ladies' connection with cricket is, however, very limited; for, with the exception of these particulars, and two or three matches in 1823, and one in Australia in 1874, there is nothing else recorded of them. From gentle remarks overheard at Lord's during the University "pic-nic" we should be inclined to think that ladies had not made much advance of recent years either in their appreciation or knowledge of cricket. *The Saturday Review.*

A SHOT.

Sarah Pierpont says: "I've heard before now about a 'son of a gun,' Maria; but I never expected a relative of mine would marry one." "Why, Aunt Sarah," expostulated the niece, "how can you talk so disrespectfully of my George?" He is the best shot in the team, and I am very proud of him, as you ought to be, to be sure." "That may all be," retorted Aunt Sarah, putting down her knitting for the moment; "but if he wants to go shooting why don't he be a sensible man, as your uncle used to be? He never went shooting in a team—he allers went a-foot." "But you don't understand, auntie," interrupted the young wife. "No, I don't understand, I suppose," rattled on Mrs. Pierpont. "It's different now than it was in his time. He used to fire shot and balls; and now they've got new-fangled weapons they call breeches and muzzle-loaders, although, for my part, I can't see any sense in loading guns with muzzles and breeches they'd better put the muzzles on spitz dogs and wear out their pants themselves, or give them to the poet. There's many a poor fellow who is out in the sack—Maria was by this time overladen, and went off in sup-

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