

Miscellaneous

Mr. Andrew Scott won the handicap medal of the Quebec Golf Club, making the twelve holes in five strokes.

A Macon, Miss., hunter recently found forty dead deer together. The "black tongue" is making great destruction among these animals.

Another reach of scientific fact is recorded—rats will not stay where goats are kept. The judgment of the rat is to be commended.

Recently a wild goose came to Mr. Michael Bowers, in Morrison, Muskoka district, took up its quarters with his flock, and has since remained quite tame and contented.

A whale, measuring 47 feet in length, was lately stranded in Isle aux Coudres, and fell an easy prey to the people in the vicinity.

Candidates for athletic games in Greece were dined on new cheese, dried figs, and boiled grain with warm water. They had no meat.

The North Carolina Journal reports that, in consequence of the scarcity of money, cows have become almost the medium of exchange in that State, a thin cow passing for \$8, one in good winter order for \$10, and a fat one for \$13.

The lobster factory at Peggwash, N.S., closed on the 31st ult., for the season. The number of cans put up amounted to 180,000, or 2,708 boxes, valued at \$6 per box. In consequence of the short season, of about six weeks, it is \$8,426 less than last summer.

The Rev. Joseph Cook, in his Boston lecture on evolution, declared that the law that all living beings must have two parents is not universal, and instanced the fact that drone bees have only one parent, the mother.

A Boston dog has attached himself to the police force of the city, and daily reports at roll-call with the policemen, and starts out afterward with them for a beat, which he imagines his own, and which he patrols with dignity and decorum.

A Vermont horse jockey traded horses nine times in one day at Rutland, and at night had the same horse with which he started in the morning, \$45 in money, a watch worth \$25, a double-barreled shot-gun and four bushels of potatoes.

The following from a Florida paper shows where the swallows have gone: "On Saturday last the horizon along the St. Johns, above Lake George, was dotted with swallows thick as snow-flakes and lively as politicians."

One boy, in Martinez, Cal., doubted the propelling power of the other's gun at 150 yards, offering himself as a target. The family doctor has had a job extracting shot, and that youth cannot sit down with accustomed ease. His pantaloons are now more suitable for Summer than Winter wear.

With the exception of the pyramid of Cheops, the spire of the Strasburg cathedral, 464 feet in height, has hitherto been the most elevated building in the world. It has now been exceeded by the lately completed spire of the Roman cathedral, which is 470 feet high.

MARKSMANSHIP IN COLORADO.—It was evening. Three of them were killing a cat. One of them held a lantern, another held the cat, and the third jammed the pistol in the cat's ear, and fired, shooting the man in the hand who held the cat, and the one with the lantern was wounded in the arm. The cat left when it saw how matters stood, and that ill-feeling was being engendered.

It, when any of our friends, are absent on a hunting excursion—distant from any physician, and they happen to get bones or any other mass of foreign substances in their throat, it will be well to try a smart blow between the shoulders, or a tickling of the passage with a feather. The latter will induce vomiting and consequently dislodgment. Sometimes the swallowing of a large piece of butter will effect removal without having recourse to more violent remedies.

There is a park at Tzarakos Solo, a popular place of resort for St. Petersburgers, where all horses that over carried the czar on their back are kept in idleness and abundance, when their time of active service has expired, and there is no degradation in store for them, as cart or carriage horses, when old age comes on.

WATERPROOF BLACKING.—Dissolve an ounce of borax in water, and in this dissolve gum shellac until it is the consistency of this paste add lampblack to color. This

Texas has a new game in cards—one holds a revolver, while the other holds the cards. A coroner holds the inquest, of course.

Mr. Samuel Handcock, Kinmount, Ont., went out hunting recently and killed two deer, which he disembowelled in the woods in order to make his load somewhat lighter. Returning over the same ground a few days later he found no less than six wolves engaged devouring the offal of the deer, and, creeping up quietly, was so fortunate as to shoot two of them. As there is a bounty of \$6 on every wolf killed, Mr. Handcock had what may be called a "streak of luck," and no doubt considers hunting in the neighborhood of Kinmount a profitable occupation.

A London paper says:—"The other day a No. 6 Ward wood merchant went into Mr. Thomas Morkin's hotel, leaving his team at the door. He played dominoes for some time, and then left for home. The night was dark, and he was much annoyed at the team for providing rather refractory. His astonishment can be better imagined than described when he found, on his arrival at the family domicile, that some practical joker had taken out one of his horses and hitched an old cow belonging to Mr. Morkin in the wagon. The wood merchant now says he believes his eyesight is failing."

EXPORTATION OF LIVE STOATS TO NEW ZEALAND.—An exportation of live stoats, which have been collected from various English counties, is about to be made to New Zealand, to kill down the rabbits which swarm to excess in some parts of the colony. This consignment is made by Mr. W. H. Campbell, (father of Mrs. Bravo) of Buscot Park, Berks, a large breeder and dealer in English and foreign cattle. Several rabbit trappers are also engaged to go out to New Zealand in charge of these stoats, and which will be turned down in the colony, and the keepers will remain to trap the rabbits.

A speaking monkey from Brazil is to be one of the distinguished visitors to the Paris Exhibition in 1877. This animal was found in the arms of its mother, who had been mortally wounded in a fight with a polecat, by M. Coulembert, while shooting on the banks of the Amazon. Little Jean Larousse—for so he is named—was given over to the charge of a negress who was addicted to the use of the word "caramba." The monkey was noticed to have caught the first syllable of the word, and by dint of proper teaching has been taught to say "papa," "mamma," "Maranon," and "Brazil."

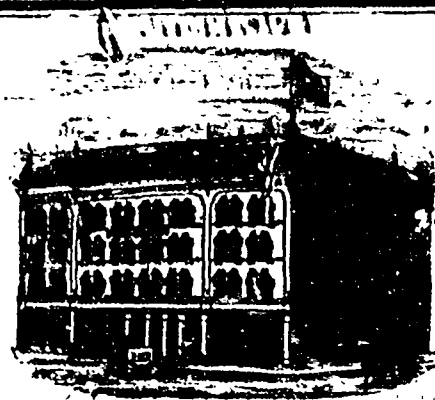
A FAIR SHARP SHOOTER.—Mrs. Frank G. Edwards, of this city, can claim the honor of being the first lady in the United States who has ever shot from a rifle at a 1,000-yard target. For some time this lady had been practising with a Winchester rifle at the 200-yard target, and became an excellent shot. On the 10th inst. she was induced to fire a shot, at the Bay View range, at the 1,000-yard target, with a Creedmoor rifle. She fired a la Creedmoor, struck the target, and made an eighty per cent. shot. The California Rifle Association for this shot voted the lady the gold medal of the association.—San Francisco Call.

Between 17,000 and 20,000 alligator skins are tanned yearly, which are consumed by boot and shoe manufacturers in every portion of the United States, as well as exported to London and Hamburg. The alligators formerly came almost entirely from Louisiana, and New Orleans was the great centre of business. The Florida swamps and morasses are now the harvest fields, and Jacksonville, in that State, the great depot.

Stuffed dogs, according to English rules, ought to resemble the original animal; no likeness, no pay. A stuffer summoned a man named Footit for the balance of an account for stuffing a black-and-tan terrier belonging to the latter. Mr. Footit had declined to pay the balance because the job had been done so badly that "he positively did not know his own dog." The dog he had sent weighed 4½ lbs. only, but the stuffed one which was brought into court represented a dog of 8½ lbs. After hearing overwhelming evidence as to change of shape under the plaintiff's reckless hands, the magistrate gave judgment for the defendant.

A remarkable game of cards was played in the basement of a house on Washington street, yesterday. The boy of the house had just turned up a diamond, and was waiting for the other boy to lead, when the old man appeared at the head of the stairs, ordered the other boy up, turned up his own boy, discarded some of his apparel, and swung a club. The old one played it alone, and made every point although the neighbor's boy cut.

HOOD CHOLERA.—The cholera is making



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