

Miscellaneous.

Why does an Irishman who sports his gamecock become at once a bloated real-estate owner. Answer.—Because he owns his chaunticleer.

Four of the solid men of the Peterboro' neighborhood got weighed together at the market recently, drawing 1,120 lbs., an average of 280 lbs. each.

It cost over \$1,800 to kill bears in New Brunswick last year, and the government have appropriated \$2,000 for the like purpose this year.

Frederick Fletcher of Fulton Co., N.Y., is visiting his father and mother in Gouverneur, N.Y., the former being 104 and the latter 105 years old, and both enjoy good health.

A strolling theatrical company was at the dinner table. A waiter approached one of the members and said "soup?" "No, sir," replied the guest, "I am one of the musicians."

A young man just engaged on a ranch in Truckee, Cal., was set to driving a yoke of cattle, and at noon, when he wanted to feed them, was observed trying to unscrew their horns in order to get the yoke off the animals.

We see by the Music Trade Review that Miss M. E. Nolan, of Brantford, has taken the high-flown name of Mademoiselle Augusta Cortada. We trust that the change will not hurt the fair cantatrice's voice.

A man by the name of Danielb, of Swift Falls, Minnesota, has a dog that supplies the family with fish. He has been known to take out as many as thirty pickerel in a day. He will watch the chance, and when he spies a fish will make a dive and bring it out.

Boynton's last exploit was to swim across the Straits of Gibraltar to Tangier, a distance of between twenty and twenty-four miles, traversed in seventeen hours. The swimmer narrowly escaped being carried out to sea by the high waves and spring tides.

An old resident of Cookstown, Ann Stewart, a native of the County Tyrone, Ireland, and widow of the late Alex. Stewart, of that village, died on the 30th ult., aged 103 years. She leaves 83 grand and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Mary Johnston, a resident of Don Mount, Ont., died last week at the advanced age of 102 years. She was born in Queen's County, Ireland, in 1776, and had lived in this country for about forty years. The old lady was fond of relating stories of the Rebellion of '97 and was in possession of all her faculties to the last.

The Chicago Times says: Whenever a New York newspaper publisher has a note to meet, he puts in Yee a column advertisement for a piano manufacturer who took a prize at the Centennial, and goes home with a sweet smile. By 8:15 next morning the advertising clerk has taken in \$10,000 worth of reptiles to the decoy advertisement, each fairly bristling with libels, malice, envy, and all unchristianlike.

A Florentine friar has constructed a watch only a quarter of an inch in diameter. It has not only a third hand to mark the seconds, but a microscope dial which indicates the days in the week and month, and proper dates. It also contains an alarm, and on its front cover an ingeniously cut figure of St. Francis of Assisi. On the back cover two verses of the "Te Deum" are distinctly cut.

The Thistle Curling Club of St. John, N.B., on April 2, elected the following officers: President, Alex. Duff; Vice-President, Thos. Finlay; Secretary, Andrew Malcolm; Chaplain, Rev. D. McCrae; Treasurer, Samuel Girvan; Skips—Jas. Anderson, T.M. Patton, A. Miller, T. E. Morrison, G. T. Purver, D. Rose, J. Willet, J. Dunlop, D. H. Thomson, Fred Butcher, Fred R. Titus, R.H. Sancton; Representatives to Royal Caledonia Club—W. C. Whittaker, and Samuel Welsh.

acter are reported from London, New York, Philadelphia. An able-bodied woman in a New York horse car, in reply to a kindly admonition from the conductor about getting off the car, gave him a stinging blow in the mouth, and then pounded him severely; another woman beat a man in the street for making fun of her; while in Texas thousands of people gather to see a lion and a bull eviscerate each other. Why is this thus?

BORN IN 1764.

James James, or "Double Jimmy," as he is more familiarly called, lives on a farm twelve miles south of Weatherford, Parker county, Texas, with his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Wheat, 63 years of age. This old gentleman was born near the Red House, in Prince Williams county, Virginia, May 10, 1764. His father resided on a plantation near the Potomac, adjoining Lawrence Washington's. Mr. James has seen Washington often at his father's house. He and his brothers were in the war of 1812. Mr. James was a "jack of all trades," as he says he learned to be a carpenter, bricklayer, stonemason, blacksmith, painter and tinsmith. During his long life he has never been one month in bed with sickness. Mr. James was married in Virginia soon after attaining his majority, and raised a family of ten boys and five girls. Leaving his native State some years after the war he settled in Roan county, Tenn. From that place he moved to Lauderdale county, Ala., thence to White county, Ark., and in 1848, came to Dallas county, Tex., in his 84th year. He continued his residence there until 1872, when, in his 108th year, he selected, as he says, Parker county to spend his last days in. In his 109th year he cultivated an acre patch of watermelon in Parker county, and raised the finest brought to market. He realized \$125 from this crop. Mr. James talks very well and his hearing is pretty good.

THE WHITE DEER OF CAPE COD.

There are said to be about five hundred deer in the forest of Plymouth and Barnstable counties, and among them there is a white deer, believed to be an albino, which is thus described by a writer in the Forest and Stream. This marvel was first seen in 1871, and thus he has run the gauntlet and evaded the barbarous hunters for seven years, and, strange to relate, has been shot at but twice during these years. The grazing and ranging grounds of this white prince of the forest is comparatively small, and it is believed by the good people of North Falmouth that his nightly lodge has been not over three-fourths of a mile from the village. He has been seen hundreds of times, and all relate the same story. In size he is unquestionably enormous for his race, and to use the same language of an individual who saw him last week lying down in a field in company with three red, or brown deer, in proportion, judging from his footprints in the sand, he will compare favorably with a decent-sized cow. When he rose to his feet, and while stretching he faced our informant, who says his ponderous horns reminded him of a large, rustic looking chair. As this, the prince of the forest, is not a humbug, I hope some students of natural history, a Barnum, for instance, will feel induced, with some Yankee hurdle device, to capture this deer alive, and place him in some one of our American city public parks, and show to the world the renowned albino deer from Cape Cod.

A STAGE TRAGEDY.

In the Opera House, Pawtucket, R. I., an actress came to an untimely end through imitating those sensational and reckless exhibitions in marksmanship, originally introduced on the stage by Frank Frayne and his wife, Miss Clara Butler. In this instance the holder of the rifle was a woman, and she caused the death of another woman who was holding the apple aimed at on her head. On the evening of the 5th, Miss Jennie Fowler, (Miss Jennie Franklin), was as usual, firing with a reflected aim at an apple placed on the head of Miss Volante, (Miss Nellie Malloy,) of Williamsburg, Long Island. The latter stood motionless as a statue, when Miss Franklin took her station near the footlights in front of the mirror, and deliberately aimed over her shoulder through the glass at the ill-fated friend. The audience sat in silence, curiously watching the performers and spectators.

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