

A clergyman was recently telling a marvelous story, when his little girl said, "Now, pa, is that really true, or is it just preaching?"

The horse which Wilkes Booth rode from Washington, after his murder of President Lincoln, is now owned in Pomfret, Conn., and is eighteen years old.

A Clinton storekeeper recently bought a nice fat duck, which, when he came to prepare it for cooking, he found had been stuffed with sheep's liver.

Probably the best woodcutter in the Dominion lives at Sandwich. He boasts of having seen recently eight and a half cords in eight hours and twenty minutes.

Jacob Allen Shafer and Johnston Shafer, two noted horse thieves who for a long time have infested the county of Welland, have been sent to the Penitentiary for three years and five years respectively.

In the northern woods of Michigan the deer are being slaughtered by wholesale. On Thursday four tons of venison passed through Bay City by express, bound for the eastern cities.

At Portland, Me., the other night the police descended on a bar-room and found two colored women, naked to the waist, fighting according to the P. R. rules, in the presence of a large audience of men.

"Have you not mistaken the pow, air?" blandly said a Sunday Ochesterfield to a stranger who entered it. "I beg pardon," said the intruder, rising to go out, "I fear I have; I took it for a Christian's."

An English court has decided that a servant girl cannot be compelled to attend upon family prayers unless she engaged to do so among her other duties. If she goes to cook, she cannot be made to remain to pray against her will.

When a Hartford lady patted her friend's seven-year-old youngster on the head and said, "I should like to have such a little boy as you are," he looked up in her face and replied: "Well, I guess you can; I don't believe God's lost the pattern of me!"

A new bell has been blessed at Moscow in memory of the emancipation of the Bulgarians, which, though smaller than the monster Ivan the Great, still is larger, the London Times says, than any other in the world. It weighs 63,976 pounds, though the contractor asseverated that it weighed 70,288.

The children of James Howard, of Ocracoke Island, N. C., became totally blind each day immediately after sunset, recovering their sight as completely and singularly next day at sunrise. The youngest child is three and the oldest ten; two are boys, and they are all of light complexion, with light blue eyes.

During the past two months, Mr. George Wait, of Montreal, has shipped to the Eastern States 37 ear-loads of eggs, aggregating 4,440 barrels, containing 2,729,600 eggs. Mr. Wait shipped 5 cars from St. Hyacinthe and 9 cars from Montreal last week, and if the export demand continues at this rate, we shall probably see still better figures for the farmers.

A few weeks ago, while Chas. E. Gueyer, bar-clerk at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, was opening a soda-water bottle, it burst with force sufficient to shatter his right hand. Gueyer's hand did not get better, and about a week ago he went to the Toronto Hospital, and secured one of the private wards for treatment. Owing to the ragged nature of the man's wounds, they are not only difficult to dress, but will be slow to heal again. One of the fingers was amputated on Monday.

Mr. Labouchere says of the late Major Whyte-Melville that he once asked him to provide Truth with some sketches of runs

a length of time which have been many times tried, but generally died off over rapidly. Among other curious phenomena, we have a marbled or tortoise-shell lobster, the shell being most singularly and strikingly variegated in patches of color. It was thought at first when he came in that the peculiarity could not be a permanent one; but he cast his shell last week, and the new carapace exhibits the same singular marking. The young salmon still continue healthy and active, and my hopes of them increase. The smelts, noted in my last, are still doing well, though a portion of them where they lost their scales show symptoms of fungoid disease and as fast as they do I have them removed to the infirmary.

Master Prince, the young sealion, is rapidly growing too big for his tank. He is a very funny chap, as full of tricks and play as a monkey. We used to give him a short stick, like a hoop stick, to play with, and the games he would play with it were very amusing, tossing it up and catching it in full career. Once or twice he nearly broke the windows, he grew so vigorous; then he took to throwing his stick at the spectators' heads, so we had to take it away. Then he got a notion of pulling out the plug in his pond and letting the water off, and we had to sink the plug so that he could not get at it, so now he puts his nose above water, gets a good stock of air and blows it into the plug hole, as if he was trying to blow the plug out at the other side. I watched him for ten minutes the other day, constantly repeating this manoeuvre. He is getting too big for his pond, and it is not easy to say what we can do with him. One proposition was to put him in with the seals, and if he agreed with them we might do so; but we should have to put a heavy wire round, for the seals even now get out sometimes at night, and are found in various parts of the building. Charlie was found up on the terrace the other day. One would almost wonder how a seal could mount two or three flights of steep steps, but he did, and seemed to be enjoying the prospect and contemplation of an open sea bath. Still more curious was another position in which he was discovered the other morning. Three chairs had been left near his pond, close together and side by side, and on these he was found reclining gracefully, at full length, as if they had been arranged on purpose for his sleeping accommodation. How he got upon them I cannot imagine. I expect that in time you could teach seals almost anything; they are wonderfully docile, clever, and attached to their keeper, and if Prince and the seals agree they would make a most interesting show. We mean to try it.—FRANCIS FRANCIS, Naturalist Director.

TREATMENT OF PRIZE FIGHTERS BY ENGLISH JUSTICES.

Notwithstanding the severity of English laws against prize fighting, the exponents of that sport escape with light punishment when brought before certain justices. Quite recently, at the Surrey sessions, before several magistrates, William Webber, John Bailey, William Harnett, John White, Robert Totterby, John Jenkins and John Thomas were charged with engaging in a prize fight on Nov. 17, in the parish of Mitcham. The prisoners pleaded guilty. Mr. Baggallay, who appeared for the prosecution, said the charge against the prisoners was a very serious one. The chairman, after consulting with the bench, said there could be no doubt whatever that the prisoners were engaged in a prize fight, and that they knew they were acting illegally. If the prisoners were again brought before the court for a similar offence, they would be very heavily punished. Under the circumstances which had been stated, the court would be satisfied if the prisoners entered into their own recognizances in the sum of £10 each, to come up for judgment when called upon. This was equivalent to putting the prisoners on probation.

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