

Miscellaneous.

It is reported that large numbers of deer are dying in the north woods from starvation.

The Troy papers say that there is a school in that city for the instruction of young men in the art of gambling.

A Coroner's jury, in the case of a man who was killed by a falling icicle, rendered the verdict "died of hard drink."

The way the King of the Sandwich Islands carves a chicken is to take hold of both legs, draw a long breath, and pull for all he is worth.

A wild duck, which was flying down a stream at Westport, Conn., a short time ago, struck a telegraph wire, which was stretched across a bridge, with such force that its head was severed from its body.

Down east, recently, a man took a hog to fat on shares, and the very next day the beast was killed and a fair half promptly delivered to the owner.

A remarkable painting, "The Dying Saviour," has been placed on exhibition in Leipzig by the artist, Prof. Emil Pischau. A peculiar feature of the work is that near by the eyes seem closed, as required by the conditions of the scene, but at some distance they appear open and turned to heaven.

There does not like that President McMahon should be addicted to the sports of the field. The President of France is not a studious man, but a soldier and a sportsman, who takes lightly and gayly to amusements, enjoys billiards and his pipe with his children about him, and is content over a game of cards with his wife afterward.

A physician complains in the London Times that people still continue to believe that the water test is sufficient to prove or disprove canine rabies. In opposition to this popular delusion the most eminent physicians and veterinarians have proved by a vast number of cases, in hospitals and elsewhere, that the rabid dog suffers from intense thirst, but, owing to uncontrollable spasms in the larynx, cannot swallow. Prof. Hawkins positively maintains that hydrophobia does not exist in the dog.

A girl, eighteen years of age, living in Missouri, was sitting in a darkened room with her face to a window. Seeing what she supposed a piece of rope on the floor, she stooped to pick it up, when she was bitten in the thumb by a huge rattlesnake. Turning up the light, she at once cut the bitten thumb off with a large knife, while her betrothed killed the snake, which measured over four feet long. She showed remarkable presence of mind, as well as heroic pluck.

LION SHOOTING.

The favorite plan adopted by the lion hunters in Algiers for luring their prey is to select a favorable plot of level ground below a commanding eminence, where the hunters, armed with rifles, conceal themselves. A stake is driven into the centre of the plot, to which a kid is tethered. It is about two in the morning, and the moon full and bright. At about twenty minutes' delay, and the heavy silence of the place is broken by an ominous sound in the distance. It is not quite a howl, but a greatly magnified imitation of that long wailing cry of a lonesome cat in the dead of night. Then the moon reveals a dark object among the heavy grasses and shrubbery, and in the form of the king of beasts, whipping his haunches with his tufted tail, and slowly following the scent. The piteous bleating of the doomed kid accelerates his pace, and within a few feet of his victim he crouches down to gloat over the prospective meal. He advances, and with a stroke of his paw nearly despatches the kid. Almost dead, it attempts to crawl away. Then the lion's feline instincts are apparent. He plays with the dying kid as a cat does with a half dead mouse. While he is thus engaged the hunters take steady aim at a point near one of the fore shoulders or behind his ear. He sends up a terrible yell, and rolls over dead.

NOVEL CRICKETING.

A novel match of cricket was played in May, 1827, for a considerable sum, on Harrow Common, near Rickmansworth. The match was between two gentlemen of Middlesex and Mr. James Fennell, farmer, of

Horse Notes.

The French Government has bought for the national breeding studs the following entire horses: Galba, Drummond, Eole II., Gilbert, Manille, Trombone, Marmot, Solo, St. Cyr, Mont Valereim, Postillon, M. de Carpiquet, Hippomane, Narvaez, and Le Vainard. Of the number, the first half-dozen belonged to M. Lefevre, and were well-known winners of the tri-color on England's side of the Channel.

A THIRMAN COWHIDE.—At the conclusion of the race at the Bay District track on Saturday, a difficulty occurred between Jim Eoff, the turkman, and Henry Lyons, which terminated in a vigorous cowhiding of the former by the latter. Eoff mounted a carriage in which Lyons was seated, and concluded a tirade of abuse by spitting in his face. Lyons seized a whip and plied Eoff so vigorously that he pranced about like a two-year-old colt in a corral. Eoff threatened vengeance, but Lyons, fully satisfied, drove away.—*San Francisco Post.*

SALE OF BARITONE.—Mr. D. McCarthy, Nashville, Tenn., has sold to a gentleman in New York, the bay colt Baritone, two years, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Duet (Vocalist and Voltigeur's dam), by Highlander (son of imp. Glencoe), for \$2,000. Mr. McCarthy gave \$1,000 for Baritone at the Bell Meade sale of yearlings in May last. He was also offered \$1,200 for the chestnut colt Helmsman, two years, by Helmbold, dam Mari-posa, by Jack Malone, but refused it. He gave \$500 for Helmsman at the same sale.

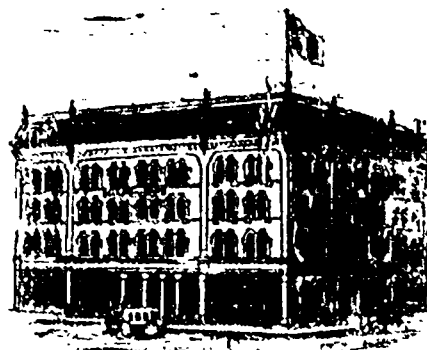
Egg shooting is the order of the day among school-boys at Stamford, Conn., and a novel sport it is. The following description of one of the shoots will show how the idea works: An open field is chosen, and an arrangement something like a gallows is erected; suspend a string from the end of the cross-bar, and tie an egg at the end of it. Place shooter 25 yards away, and the fun commences by swinging the egg. The shooter must shoot at it before it vibrates twice across or he scores a miss, and so until a dozen is shot at, or as many as the match is made for. There is considerable fun in it for boys, and no doubt it is good practice in the close season.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

The following recipe for the destruction of rats has been communicated by Dr. Ure to the council of the English Agricultural Society, and is highly recommended as the best known means of getting rid of these most obnoxious and destructive vermin. It has been tried by several intelligent persons, and found perfectly effectual. Melt hog's lard in a bottle plunged in water, heated to about 150 degrees, of Fahrenheit; introduce into it half an ounce of phosphorus for every pound of lard; then add a pint of proof-spirit or whisky; cork the bottle firmly after its contents have been heated to 150 degrees, taking it at the same time out of the water, and agitate smartly till the phosphorus becomes uniformly diffused, forming a milky-looking liquid. This liquid being cooled, will afford a white compound of phosphorus and lard, from which the spirit spontaneously separates, and may be poured off to be used again, for none of it enters into the combination, but it merely serves to comminute the phosphorus, and diffuse it in very fine particles through the lard. This compound, on being warmed very gently, may be poured out into a mixture of wheat, flour and sugar, incorporated therewith, and then flavored with oil of rhodium, or not, at pleasure. The flavor may be varied with oil of aniseed, etc. This dough, being made into pellets, is to be laid in rat-holes. By its luminousness in the dark it attracts their notice, and being agreeable to their palates and noses, it is readily eaten, and proves certainly fatal.

"WAKE ME UP WHEN KIRBY DIES."

Celia Logan explains the origin of the phrase "Wake me up when Kirby dies." Kirby was the leading man in the old Chatham Street Theatre, New York, and although a good actor of his type, and a favorite with the boys, he made no especial fame until a melodrama, was produced, entitled "Mike Martin," in which he played the character of Thunderbolt. It fell to his lot to be shot on the roof of a house. When he received his death-wound he leaped from the roof to the stage. In order to make a realistic effect, he concealed in his sleeve a small bottle of poison, which he drank. When



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