

Miscellaneous.

A Montreal merchant advertises for tenders for the supply of twenty black bears.

O. A. Gilman, Paris, Ky., has shipped to Boston during the season 32,000 turkeys.

At Elmira, N. Y., fishermen are having great success fishing through the ice with grasshoppers caught last summer and preserved by dipping in gum arabic.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, of McKillop, delivered at the Commercial Hotel, Seaforth, a few weeks ago, a load of hay which weighed three tons, seven hundred and twenty pounds. This hay was taken out of the barn and was unpressed.

A horrible accident occurred near Clayton, N. Y., recently. Joseph Collins, while sailing in an ice boat, at the rate of a mile a minute, lost control of the rudder, and struck the duck with such force as to completely split his body.

A curious candle used in Alaska is a fish eight inches long, almost transparent and very fat, the fat being pure white and very sweet. The Indians dry this fish, then light it at the tail, and it burns with a clear, sparkling flame, which the wind will not extinguish.

In Pulaski County, Kentucky, last week, a farm of fifteen acres, 'with all the live stock thereon, consisting of one sow and five pigs, one quilt, two sitters of meal and a small quantity of meat,' were sold for \$30 cash, and the deed, containing the foregoing recital, put on record.

A young cow, 21 months old, belonging to Mr. James Pickard, Blanchard, gave birth last week to a calf which is quite a curiosity. It (or they) has two distinct bodies, being only attached at the hips; two heads, six legs and two tails.

The origin of the "Washington Plum" is remarkable. The parent tree was purchased in New York market, and was barren for several years. Then it was struck by lightning, and threw up a number of vigorous shoots from the root, which produced the magnificent fruit thus cultivated.

The Winnipeg correspondent of the Mail says: "Some of the orthodox profess to be shocked at some recent entertainments given by the congregation of Holy Trinity for the benefit of the organ fund, which have included the drama, a skating carnival, and two impromptu dances."

Mr. Wm. Hyde, of North Easthope had a canary bird died a few weeks ago, which had attained the age of 22 years. It died with what seemed to be a cancer in the eye.

A young woman in Belfast, Me., has a passion for killing cats. She shuts the victim in a room, watches her chance to catch it by the hind legs. Gives it a swing and dashes its brains out. At one time she had five laid out at once.

The Rev. Thos. Wynne Edwards, who recently died in England, pulled stroke in the first eight oared race ever rowed at Oxford. He was probably the oldest freholder in England, having held the estate of eighty-one years and nine months. He was also one of the oldest beneficed clergymen in England. The race in which he participated as a student of Jesus college was rowed in 1815.

Professor Cartier, the dancing master who danced for twelve consecutive hours in New York, and, twelve and a-half hours in Baltimore, is slightly built, only five feet five inches high, and with no physical evidence of his wonderful endurance, except perhaps in the broadness of his chest. He is thirty-two years old, and by birth a French Canadian.

feet and several other portions of a mule, as well as two half-digested tunnyfish.

The extraordinary statement is made that Fedor Vassilef, a peasant of Moscow, had, in 1872, at the age of 75, eighty-seven children by two wives. His first wife bore him quadrupeds four times, triplets three times, and twins sixteen times. His second wife, on eight occasions, presented him with eighteen children. Eighty-three of Vassilef's family were alive in 1872. These facts, it is said, can be easily verified by records in Moscow, where the Vassilefs are well known.

THE HORSE TO HIS MASTER.

Although heaven has given very great powers to men to use the brute creation, it dislikes the abuse of our patient and irrational servants. We are told by an esteemed friend that the publication in our columns of the following petition, supposed to be addressed by a horse to his master, will do some good in calling attention to the needs of horses and their too frequent abuse by their owners:

Going up hill, whip me not.
Going down hill, harry me not.
On level road, spare me not.
Loose in stable, forget me not.
Of hay and corn, rob me not.
Of clean water, stint me not.
Of soft dry bed, deprive me not.
Tired or hot, wash me not.
If sick or cold, chill me not.
With sponge and brush, neglect me not.
With bits and reins, O jerk me not.
And when you are angry, STRIKE ME NOT.

ON SMOKING.

A hater of tobacco asked an old negro woman, the fumes of whose pipe was annoying to him, if she thought she was a Christian.

"Yes, brudder, I 'spects I is."
"Do you believe in the Bible?"
"Yes, brudder."
"Do you know there is a passage in the Scriptures which says that nothing unclean shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven?"
"Yes."
"Well, Chloe, you smoke and you cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven because there is nothing so unclean as the breath of a smoker."
"What do you say to that?"
"Why, I 'spects to leave my breff behind when I go der."

The Congress added a new section to rule thirty-three: "Not more than two races shall be sandwiched in the performance on any one day until one has been finished, when another may be called; and when races are sandwiched, the first race shall be trotted out on time, as far as practicable." When three races are on the carpet at once a game horse is placed at a disadvantage. The speedy, soft-hearted brute can put in as many heats as he can, and thus score a victory over him. In such cases the rest between heats often is an hour instead of twenty-five minutes. With racing conducted on this loose plan, there is not much incentive to breed or purchase a horse which is dead game. The amendment was sadly needed. It is to be hoped that those who go into the stand under the new rule will work rapidly, so as to make the time between heats as near twenty-five minutes as possible.

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