

vidual's tastes, where the birds are as carefully raised each year as chickens and then let loose for such men as he, who opens his eyes in wonder at a man who can carry a gun that will kill a bird at 50 or 60 yards, that is allowing the bird, say 10 or 20 yards' law after he rises at say 40, in a straight away shot. The bird that "R. J. M.," fires at must have very poor "law," notwithstanding his exaggerated style about "sporting shots," "3,500 or 4,000 pheasants" by single shots and so forth. I never myself tell sporting stories, about either fish, or birds. It will no doubt be a source of gratification to Sir Richard J. Musgrave's friends to learn that he has children old enough to take an interest in his stories of sport and adventure by land and sea.

However, there is a little story told somewhere about a class of Irish donkey that has to live in England, because the Irish people cannot bear the sound of his voice, and it is my practice never to try to convince that animal, whenever he brays, that he has not a voice like Santley or Foli.

As was only to have been expected, the directors and cashier of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland have been arrested on a charge of presenting a false statement of the position of that institution, they having included in its assets securities which had already been hypothecated to offset overdrafts. If this charge be sustained, although, as is said, there are no charges of personal misappropriation, the offence ought to be visited with proper punishment, the fact being that the Bank was in reality doing business under false pretences.

It may interest Rev. Mr. Cleaver to learn that already an experiment has been made of dancing in which the gentlemen danced only with gentlemen and

the ladies only with ladies. Contrary to expectations, the participants avow that the new order of things was a gratifying revelation to those who engaged in the pastime.

The cold weather which has recently prevailed has been widely extended and the generally balmy state of Florida has been under the icy grip of Old Boreas to an extent which has materially damaged the orange and vegetable crop of that productive state. This loss in the orange crop and the injury to the trees is estimated at not less than two million dollars. It may therefore be expected that an advance in the value of this fruit will take place.

The recent football match between Yale and Harvard has brought out some plain speaking in the American press. One journal says of it: "Saturday's game was undoubtedly the worst exhibition of recklessness and brutality that has been publicly made since the days of the Roman gladiators. It was worse than a prize fight in every way. There were more men engaged, more of them injured, and three of them were hurt more severely than is usually the case with the defeated pugilist in the prize ring. Six men were so badly disabled that they were forced to leave the game, but many of those who were on the field at the end of the contest were so weak that they were scarcely able to stand. Another journal states that in the game between Harvard and the university of Pennsylvania, five of the Harvard players were injured so badly as to be taken off the field, while a third newspaper points out that the percentage of combatants placed hors de combat in the first mentioned game was larger than that of the Federal troops in the battle of Cold Harbor—the bloodiest battle of modern times." Various remedies are proposed, all of which no

doubt are good, but there is nothing said about the money influence in these contests. Where professionalism, gate money, and betting gets in sport generally goes to the wall.

There is an old saying that you must expect only a grunt from a hog, and the force of this oft-repeated remark was thoroughly exemplified the other evening. For some days past, a young man, who through some accident has been deprived of an arm and a leg, has been earning a living by whistling on the streets. Many, no doubt moved by compassion for the unfortunate young man, bestowed upon him a liberal amount of small change. The other evening, a person, in the form of a human being but with the instincts of a hog, approached the poor cripple and made a motion as if to give him something. When the young fellow minus the arm and leg reached out to receive as he thought the proffered donation the hog drew back his hand and began grinning and grunting at his clever trick. He evidently deceived himself as to how his action would be received by the crowd around him, for he was greeted with a chorus of hisses. It speaks volumes for the law-abiding spirit of our people that they refrained from lynching the hog.

The first offender brought to book by the Lexow Committee in New York has been tried, found guilty and sent to Sing Sing for three years and nine months. There is also a fine of \$1,000. If all the officials in New York who took bribes and were false to their trust are similarly disposed of, the number of situations vacant will furnish comfort to the army of unemployed.

Lord Jersey's report of the Colonial Conference is anything but "funereal" in tone or scope. On the contrary, it is destined to increase the bond of union which