

...he broke more balls than any one else, not because he missed the best shot and nearly killed his mother-in-law, who was standing some thirty yards to the left of the trap. There is, sometimes, a method in this shooting mania.

A sporting friend writes us as to the naming of three young setter puppies. He informs us he has been so unfortunate in his nomenclature heretofore that he is about discouraged. He had, previous to these, another three, which he called respectively Shot, Fite, and Powder. He claims that these were more than well named, for a neighbour shot the first while after a chicken. Fite died with distemper convulsions, and Powder went off and was never more heard of. We can sympathise with our correspondent, but after the above experience the circumstances would not seem to warrant us in the attempt of standing as godfather.

A travelling minister observed a rough-looking man lounging in front of an Elko saloon last Sunday, and approaching him, asked "My friend, do you know where men go, eventually, who hang about saloons and gambling houses on the Lord's day?" "Yer whistlin', I do, pard. They spar for grub here till the hash factories tumble on their racket, an' then some of 'em strike out for Tascara, an' a few drift over to Eureka. I'm flyin' at that programme, pard—bin over the routes myself." The minister pinned on an agonizing smile and sadly passed on.

Dougall McLarty, son of Mr. Donald McLarty, of Pashinoh, is remarkable for his extraordinary height. The second of September last was his fourteenth birthday, and he measures in his stockings a little over six feet. For the past few years he has been stretching at the rate of about seven inches a year. In reference to this case two important questions may be asked. First—What height will he reach, growing at the same rate, at twenty-five years of age? Second—Where in Canada is there one to surpass his height at his age?

The Clifton Springs Press tells of a horse owned by Rodwell Brothers, of Clyde, N.Y., in the eye of which a kind of snake was recently discovered. It is said to be about three inches long and about the size of aarning-needle in circumference. It keeps constantly on the move but does not seem to trouble the patient animal but little. Professor Law, of Cornell university, says the parasite is the *Filaria Pannosa*, which is frequently found in the intestines of domestic animals and sometimes in the brain, but so rarely in the eye that the best authorities have doubted it till recently. Professor Law says they do not reproduce rapidly, but this one would probably injure the eye if allowed to remain.

Draw poker used to be the feature and the curse of a passage on all the Mississippi River steamboats. Four or five years ago, some gamblers on one of these boats sat down to play with a singularly guileless young man. Several thousand dollars had already been staked, and then one of the gamblers pulled out \$20,000, and offered to bet them. "Put them on the table," said the guileless youth, and he then slowly produced a vast pile of notes from his pocket, adding, "I see the \$20,000 of the gentleman, and go \$200,000 better." As the gamblers did not possess \$200,000, he became the possessor of the \$20,000. The gamblers were aghast, and asked him whether he habitually carried about with him such enormous sums. "Frequently," he said; "I am clerk in a New Orleans bank, and I carry notes up to the branch banks." In vain the gamblers complained that he was playing with money that did not belong to him. The guileless youth pertinently remarked that this was a matter that alone required the directors of the bank.

of the court. Mr. Lewis caused his letters to be revoked, and Gen Wolf is trying to get possession of the eleven horses held by Capt Clifford. The County Court of the new county may possibly be induced to back Minnie and Boston in the races, but if they should be defeated, either the court or General Wolf may be held responsible by the creditors and heirs. The law in regard to race horses belonging to an estate has never been settled by the Court of Appeals, and the decisions of the Supreme Court on the question are not very clear under the new constitution.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

A NEW USE FOR DOGS.

The suggestion of the Wehr Zeitung is that a race of dogs should be attached to armies in their campaigns, or at least to the corps of ambulance service attending upon them, and that after every battle the dogs in question should be sent forth to range over the field of battle in search of those wretched wounded soldiers who have not been killed outright, but who have hidden themselves in some refuge, and after figuring in the list of "missing" men too often perish miserable before any relief can find them out. It seems that the idea of employing dogs in this way is by no means a new one, but was brought forward two years ago at Dresden, where some dogs qualified for this purpose were shown in an exhibition. Since that time experiments have been by means of crossing the St. Bernard with other races, with a view of obtaining the most suitable breed, and a very satisfactory result is said to have been arrived at by the German fanciers. The precise mode of employing the animals on their beneficent mission is described in the Vienna paper, which explains that the dog is furnished with a leather and plate, having marked upon it his number and the division of the army to which he is attached, and the Geneva cross. To this collar is suspended a small leather bag, containing pencil and slip of paper, and even a little lantern in case of his being sent out at night. The wounded man, upon being found, opens the bag and writes his name if he can upon the paper, together with the nature of his injuries, and on the return of the animal to the ambulance, assistance is sent under its guidance to the spot where the sufferer is concealed.—*Land and Water*.

A bill has been introduced into the Pennsylvania Legislature which makes it a penal offence for one man to ask another to take a glass of beer!

A cat belonging to Mr. T. D. Warren, of St. Thomas, recently gave birth to a monstrosity in the shape of a kitten with two fully developed heads.

A Georgia farmer smeared his hogs with tar to rid them of fleas, and turned them loose in the woods. At night they did not return to the pen as usual, and in the morning he found them stuck together, the tar making them adhere in a mass. They might have gone home, nevertheless, by concert of action, but it isn't in a hog to harmonize.

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