

Miscellaneous.

Four rattlesnakes were recently killed near Col. Skinn's residence, Ingersoll.

Ottawa, one of the eleven gentleman cricketers who visited Canada in 1872, has now come for his bride, a Hamilton belle.

At Goderich, on Wednesday, Edwin Edwards undertook for a wager to hang fifty rolls of paper in ten hours. He won his bet, having hung up the last sheet within nine hours. This was fast work.

Mr. George Clark, of Ancaster township, is the happy possessor of a calf which has three ears. The third ear grows immediately behind one of the others, and is well developed.

They call Mr. Hiff "Old K. K. K." which means "Cattle King of Colorado." He owns 16,000 head, and for sixty miles along the Platte no brand but his is seen.

A game of quoits was played on Tuesday between Mr. F. Morrison, of Norwich, and Mr. Ed. Nichols, of Ingersoll, which resulted in favor of the former. Considerable money changed hands on the result.

THE QUEEN OF CLUBS.—There is a young lady, the daughter of a well-known restaurant keeper in Lower Town, Ottawa, who wields the clubs like a professional athlete. Yesterday morning a gentleman christened her "The Queen of Clubs."

The Farriers Company (one of the most ancient guilds of London) has decided upon offering prizes for an essay on the Veterinary Treatment and Practical Shoeing of Horses.

A little boy was attacked by three water snakes in Voluntown, Conn., the other day, and when his father, who rescued him, came up, all the snakes were wound around the child's body.

HEARD FROM.—Geo. Landlaw, a young man who used to amuse himself in Aylmer by walking a rope stretched across streets, has turned up in California. He was advertised to walk a rope on the 4th inst. at a bull fight at San Luis Obispo, a summer resort about 800 miles south of San Francisco.

Some mention of the extent to which base ball is played in this country, may be obtained from the fact that a single firm in New York has sold 85,000 bats, 180,000 balls, 2,500 pairs of ball shoes, 8,000 pairs of colored hose, 5,000 caps and 500 complete uniforms.

Mrs. Barber, of Ovid, Mich., was recently bitten by a rattlesnake. Her mouth and back turned perfectly black in a few moments, but a physician packed her body in salted mud and administered antidotes in large quantities, and she will recover.

A dwarf girl of 12, only 20 inches high, and weighing only 5 pounds, arrived in New York from Mexico, Monday. Her name is Lucia Zarate, and her father is Ferenc Zarate, of San Carlos, in the State of Vera Cruz. Her parents are of the natural size, but her brother, who died recently at the age of 16, was only a little larger than herself.

VERY TOUCHING.—The Hamilton Times says: We witnessed a very touching scene in Guelph the other day. A full-grown, healthy looking married man was going towards the suburbs with a base ball club over his shoulder, and in a few moments thereafter while passing his house, we noticed his wife sawing wood in the back yard.

The New York papers say it is now promised that war to the knife will be waged by the professional base-ball players against the gamblers, and that in a few days there will be given to the public most conclusive proofs of numerous attempts at bribery on the part of the latter.

A quarrel interrupted a game of poker in Carson, Nev., and while the players were thus occupied bystanders stole the \$200 that was on the table. One of the thieves was afterwards caught, and a threat to lynch him induced a return of his part of the plunder.

A HOUSE COMMITS SUICIDE.—Brockville furnishes the last sensation in the shape of a house suicide. The Recorder says Mr. A. S. Manhand's horse, while being driven into the river east of the brewery, suddenly plunged into deep water and was drowned. As people might think that the animal was straining to hay and oats, the Recorder explains that he was worth \$100.

At a base-ball game at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the other day, a ball was knocked into the out-field. The object of the players was, of course, to get it to the home-plate as promptly as possible, to prevent a tally. The pitcher threw with great force to the young man on the second base, and the ball passed through his hands and struck him on the head. He seized the ball, threw it home, and dropped over dead.

hunter, when at the distance of about 15 yards he received the contents of the other barrel. The buckshot, front and rear, rather went for the "native of the forest," and he died in his tracks. He proved to be a very large bear, and Mr. Cryslor takes his skin to Petrolia.

DRAGHT MATCH.—The match game of draughts, between Mr. Henry Neil, of this place, and Mr. McNab of Hamilton, which has been in progress, in Sarnia, for some days, was brought to a conclusion at noon Tuesday, by the resignation of Mr. McNab at the end of the 46th game. The score was as follows:—Draws 16, McNab 18; Neil 17; Mr. Neil consequently takes the stakes of \$100. Quite a large sum of money changed hands.

Recently a young man named Tom Walker, a pupil of Capt. Boyton, arrived at the North Pier, Scarborough, having swum from Whitby, a distance of twenty miles, in twenty-one hours. The night was starlight, and he kept within a mile of the coast, finding his distance by the noise of the breakers. For eight miles the tide ran against him, but the weather being fair he experienced no difficulty, and was not the last exhausted on landing.

"HORSE-TAMING" IN SHEFFIELD, ENG.

At the Rotherham Court of Quarter Sessions (W. Overend, Esq., in the chair), a case came on for hearing in which G. Laycock, dyer, Whittington, appealed against a conviction of the Sheffield Stipendiary, who had imposed upon him a fine of 50s. and costs for having, on March 29, at Sheffield, unlawfully and cruelly ill-treated a mare by galvanizing the same. Mr. Barker and Mr. Gatty appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Thomas for the respondent (E. M. E. Welby, Esq.).

Mr. Lockwood opened the case and stated the circumstances, which were as follows: The fine imposed by the Stipendiary would have been a nominal one, but on the application of the appellant, for the purposes of appeal, it was made one of 50s. and costs. It was alleged that the offence in respect of which the fine was inflicted was committed on March 20 last, at the Queen's grounds, Sheffield. It appeared that on that day persons were by advertisement asked to bring their horses to the ground named, and if they had any vice the appellant stated he would cure them of it. The public were charged 1s. and 2s. each for admission. The learned counsel then read the specifications of Mr. Laycock's patent in the matter, and said he hoped that gentleman would not attempt to defend his conduct by saying he was justified in the conduct he displayed by the terms of his patent. The appellant sought to cure horses of vice by using electricity to them, and it was in respect of an exhibition of his treatment that the present proceedings had been taken. The facts of the case were these: The appellant had advertised an exhibition of this mode of treatment to take place on March 29, at the Queen's Grounds. During that exhibition a horse belonging to Messrs. Cooper & Howard, butchers, Sheffield, was galvanized. It was led on the ground by a boy in the employment of Messrs. Cooper & Howard, a rope was put around her neck, and attached to a post which was set upright in the ground. A wire was then attached to each of the hind legs of the animal, and the other ends of the wires were brought in communication with a magnetic machine which was carried by a servant to Mr. Laycock. The mare was then "tickled," and when it began to kick the current was applied. The wires, however, became disarranged, and one was then attached to a bit in the animal's mouth, and the other to one of its hind legs. It was driven slowly round the post, and when the current was applied the second time the mare reared, fell back on its haunches, and then rolled over on the ground, where it lay panting, sweating, and in evident agony. The current was, however, continued whilst the mare lay on the ground, and when the operation had been completed the animal had to be roused with a stick before it would get up. It was said that this was an invention to cure horses of vice, but it could not have been successful in this instance, for when the mare was being ridden off the ground it commenced kicking just as it had done before the experiments. No doubt it had been cruelly treated and subjected to unnecessary pain, and he held that the fine which had been imposed by the Stipendiary was a very proper one. Evidence having been heard in support of the case, a long argument then ensued, Mr. Barker holding that it must be shown that the appellant had an intention to commit this offence. No such intention he held had been shown. The learned counsel quoted several cases in point as bearing out this view of the case. The Bench, however, held that the only question before the Court was whether the appellant had used cruelty on this occasion, and that must be judged from the facts of the case. Mr. Barker, resuming, recapitulated the facts of the case, and said that Mr. Laycock, instead of having been guilty of cruelty, might be said to have introduced a system of humanity. The bona fide of his intention might be gathered from his patent, which set forth his method of treatment. Although the horse might suffer momentarily, yet the instant the current was shut off the pain ceased, and this cure was infinitely preferable to the thrashing and ill-usage which vicious animals received at the hands of grocers and owners, not merely from day to day, but year by year. He denied that in this case there had been any cruelty, and this would be proved by the

The summons against the appellant was taken out at the instance of the Sheffield Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.—*London Sporting Gazette.*

BRUTES IN BATTLE.

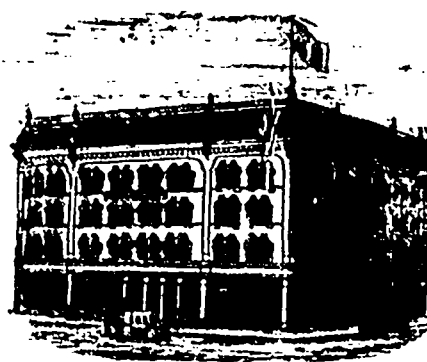
A MAN WAGERS TO FIGHT A BULL DOG ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES.

John Connolly, better known as "Butcher" Connolly, who was employed on the Monticello and Port Jervis Railway during its construction a few years since, and who obtained considerable notoriety about the country by matching himself to kill rats like a terrier, and to fight with dogs, recently died from injuries received in a fight with a bull dog in St. Clairsville, Pa., the details of which brutal affair are given in a private letter from that place to a gentleman in Port Jervis.

Connolly had been hostler at a tavern in St. Clairsville for some time previous to the affair mentioned above. On the 8th of July he got drunk and went into Way's saloon. Lying on the floor asleep was a large hound, old and harmless, belonging to the proprietor of the saloon. Connolly walked deliberately up to the sleeping dog, and stooping down, seized it with his teeth by the ear, and raising to his feet lifted the hound clear off the floor, and in spite of his piteous cries shook him a moment, and then bit off the portion of the ear that was in his mouth and let the dog fall to the floor, and it ran bleeding and howling from the saloon. Several men witnessed the sickening sight, but were afraid to interfere. Connolly spat the piece of ear upon the floor, and offered to bet \$10 that he could whip any dog in the place in ten minutes.

No one paying any attention to him he finally went out and proceeded to a place kept by a man named Bryan Fogarty. Fogarty owned a full-blooded English bull dog, which usually lounged about the saloon, and which despite its savage appearance, never offered to interfere with any one. When Connolly entered the saloon this dog was lying under a small table in the room, with its eyes half closed. Connolly got on his hands and knees and put his head in under the table. The dog looked lazily up into his face and wagged his tail good naturedly. The human brute however, by a sudden movement, seized one of the dog's ears, which were half cropped in his teeth, and, dragging him from under the table, commenced shaking him. The bull dog, true to his nature, did not utter a sound, although the blood streamed down from his ear over his face. After two or three shakes given by Connolly his short hold on the dog's ear tore loose and the dog fell to the floor. He did not run away, as the hound had done, but, with a savage growl, rushed upon his inhuman assailant. Connolly dropped on his hands and knees and met the dog with a blow of his fist, which staggered him back; but he at once renewed the onslaught. At this juncture two men who were in the place offered to interfere, but Fogarty exclaimed, "Let 'em alone! And I hope to God the dog will kill him!" The second rush of the dog was more successful, and he seized Connolly in the fore arm that was raised to knock him off. Connolly clutched the dog by the throat and choked him loose, and remained on his knees to receive his attack. The dog made another rush, this time for the throat of Connolly, but was again foiled, and caught the man in the muscle of the left arm, biting it clear through, and tearing out a piece of flesh. Still Connolly remained on the floor, apparently waiting to seize the dog in some advantageous spot. The latter, in his fourth attempt, sunk his teeth into the left shoulder of Connolly, and the man could not shake nor choke him off. The dog shook his head, and sank his teeth to their full length into Connolly's flesh, but the man possessed of the very nature of the brute, and gave no sign that he was suffering or of surrender. By a peculiar movement, he seized the forehead of the dog—the most vulnerable point—in his mouth, and then the two brutes rolled about on the floor tearing each other's flesh. The blood ran in streams from each, and mingling with the dust that rose from the floor, gave them both the appearance of demons. This lasted about five minutes, when the three spectators were sickened at the sight, and an attempt was made to separate the combatants. The dog was seized, but all the beating, twisting and burning that was inflicted upon him failed to loosen his hold a particle. Finally, Fogarty drew a pistol, and with the remark, "It's a shame that the best of the two has to die to save the worst," placed it to the dog's side and shot him through the heart. Even after he was dead his jaws had to be pried loose from Connolly's flesh. Connolly attempted to get upon his feet, but he fell back, exhausted and weak from loss of blood. He was given a glass of brandy, and a doctor was called in to see him. Half of the large muscle of his left arm was bitten away, and the bone was torn frightfully, the bone being exposed in one place. His shoulder was literary a pulp mass, both bones and flesh being ground together by the teeth of the dog. There were other severe injuries on Connolly's person, and the doctor at once gave it as his opinion that the condition of the man was critical. Three days afterward he was seized with most violent convulsions, in one of which he died in his bunk in the tavern barn. Although the fate of the man was fearful, the general opinion is that the disgraceful, inhuman affair was caused entirely by him, and there is little sympathy manifested for him, and there is no disguising the truth that more regret is expressed over the death of the dog than that of his brutal assailant.

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