

...ing day on the farm of Mr. Elsie  
Sander, lot 17, con. 14, township of Brooke,  
an enormous milk snake, which measured  
8 ft. 8 in. in length, and 8 inches in di-  
ameter.

The London Agricultural Gazette gives a  
photograph of six Canadian steers shown at  
the Great Exhibition, London, summer show.  
This is an indication of the attention Cana-  
dian beef cattle are now receiving in Eng-  
land. That paper says of them: "They  
are a little fairly ripe, roughish common  
short horns, but for the greater, the but-  
cher, and the consumer alike."

The Pittsburg Gazette says this story is  
authentic:—At Hawkins station a day or  
two ago a dog attempted to pass under a  
train, but was not quick enough, and the  
tip end of his tail was caught and cut off.  
He whined around to see what was the mat-  
ter with that extremity, and almost instan-  
tly had his head cut off.

The Australian Blondin, Mr. H. L'Estrange,  
has several times crossed the Middle Harbor,  
at Sydney on a rope extended from cliff to  
cliff on either side. The length of the rope  
is 1,400 feet, and the height above water is  
considerably more than 300 feet. He pro-  
poses coming to America in the course of  
this year in order to cross the Niagara Falls.  
He is a native of Fitzroy, in the vicinity of  
Melbourne, and is about thirty years of age.

The horse frame business has, it seems,  
become a leading branch of New York indus-  
try, supplying junkmen and others with  
skummy, cast-off nags at anywhere from about  
thirty cents down. This reminds the Com-  
mercial Advertiser of a story of a ragman  
who had bought six of these boneyard spec-  
ters in succession, and had them all die on  
his hands within a week. At last, driven to  
despair, he made known his determination  
to buy no more Rosinantes. "I'll have a  
gold horse next time," swore he, "if I have  
to pay as high as \$2.75 for him."

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Two horses were recently killed by light-  
ning near Dansville, Livingston County, N.  
Y., and a very curious story is told by the  
owner, Mr. Smith, concerning their death.  
He was on a grain-drill in a field, and a  
hired man was about twelve rods from him  
dragging. Suddenly Smith heard the noise  
of thunder, and became unconscious. The  
hired man also heard the noise, but neither  
of them saw any flash of lightning. The  
man went to Smith and in about twenty  
minutes he was restored to consciousness.  
Then attention was given to the horses. One  
of them was standing erect, with one foot  
lifted a half way from the earth, and other  
was lying on its side, with its nose in the earth, and  
both were still dead, and retained their  
position until they were pushed over. Mr.  
Smith finds his health seriously affected by  
the shock he received, and it is doubtful if  
he will ever fully recover from it. The sup-  
position is that in this case the electricity  
went from the earth to the sky, instead of  
from the sky to the earth.

## A BULLDOG'S VICTORY OVER AN AL- LIGATOR.

One day last week an alligator was seen swim-  
ming in Sampit river, near the wharf. Captain  
David Steele's bulldog was soon brought forward,  
and, upon viewing the enemy, plunged off the  
wharf to meet it. The alligator saw what was  
up, and made for the dog. While they approach-  
ed each other not a sound could be heard from  
the spectators, who were expecting, the moment  
they met, to see the dog submerged, never to  
rise again; but the dog got the first hold,  
plunged his ugly teeth into the head of the  
ferocious monster, and caused it to sink. It  
soon reappeared, looking as fierce as ever.  
The dog and the alligator were mouth to mouth,  
nip and tuck, until it was thought that the dog  
had conquered, the alligator disappearing. The  
dog, being exhausted, was then picked up by a  
boat. The alligator, however, soon appeared,  
and made for the opposite shore. Several per-  
sons got in boats and pursued him until he pass-  
ed under the wharf. It was nip and tuck again  
for a while, but the dog, soon gaining the ad-  
vantage, brought out his foe dead. The reptile  
measured five feet and several inches.—George-  
town (Fla.) Comet.

## A MECHANICAL HORSE.

The Gazette Continent says:—"An ingenious  
gentleman of Berlin, Herr Frederick Netzs-  
ch, has invented a horse. The animal is made of  
iron, and the motive power, instead of being his  
own legs, is derived from the legs of the rider.  
The iron horse, as the Berlin papers call him,  
showed off his paces the other day in the garden  
of Hagen's Summer Theatre, in the presence of  
the leading mechanics and journalists of the  
German capital. The concern is described as  
consisting of a couple of wheels, two meters  
high; between these finds itself the horse, upon  
which mounts the rider. The latter moves his  
legs after the English fashion of riding (this  
means, we presume, that he rises and falls in  
his saddle) and the thing goes along as fast as a  
quick trotting horse. The road makes no differ-  
ence—it is all the same whether the machine  
goes gently over the stones or moves swiftly on  
the hard high road—and the facility with which  
the strange steed turned round corners excited  
the admiration of all beholders. Herr Netzs-  
ch believes that his invention will be of great use  
to porters and others for the carrying of light loads,  
and he has confident hopes that it will be highly  
appreciated by the numerous classes who are  
fond of saddle exercise but are destitute of the  
wherewithal to buy and maintain horses of flesh  
and blood; he contemplates, too, its application  
to the drawing of cabs and other carriages. It  
is even conceivable that in this invention we  
have the charger of the future. An animal that  
does not eat and cannot die would be of inesti-  
mable value in warfare. There are one or two  
rather significant omissions in the description  
from which we quote. We are not told how a  
man of flesh and blood is expected to support  
the fatigue of moving, by rising in his stirrups,  
a creature of iron, or if it be possible to keep it  
going in any place less flat than Berlin, a city  
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