

**LARGEST GAME FISH.**

The Tuna Sometimes Attains a Weight of 2,000 Pounds.

Charles Frederick Holder, the California naturalist, thus describes that remarkable fish, the tuna: "The tuna is a pelagic fish, a free lance, an ocean rover, a sort of swaggering musketeer of the sea, the largest of what may be termed the game or bony fishes, attaining a maximum weight of nearly 2,000 pounds and an approximate length of fourteen feet or more. Such a fish is very exceptional, though specimens weighing 1,500 pounds have been taken on the New England coast. I once entered a school of such tunas in the Santa Catalina channel in a big launch. The school divided to port and starboard as we passed through it, and I had a view of one or two fishes that appeared to be more than half as long as the boat.

"These fishes spend the winter in warm latitudes and migrate north as far as the mouth of the St. Lawrence. They are found in the Mediterranean and north to the Lofoden island, yet so far the efforts of anglers, except at Santa Catalina, have failed to take them with the rod. Even here there is a stretch of but eight miles or so where they can be satisfactorily played and taken with rod and reel.

"This region lies on the north side of Santa Catalina, from Avala to Long point, and to the east as many more, facing the north, and generally smooth—more like a Scottish loch than a fishing ground twenty miles out at sea."—Chicago News.

**THE FRENCH DUEL.**

Tricks That Are Invoked to Make the Meeting Bloodless.

A French paper has been describing the various contrivances to insure pistol duels ending in "coffee for two." A favorite trick, it seems, is to use projectiles that look like ordinary lead bullets, but crumble to pieces when fired. In more serious cases bullets are used of smaller caliber than the pistol, thus lessening their penetrating power.

Sometimes the wad is intentionally left out, so that when the duellists face each other with the pistols held downward the bullets roll out. In many cases bullets of the right caliber are used, but only with a third of the proper powder charge, so that they are practically harmless. A variation of this trick is to load with a double powder charge, which also causes the bullets to go wide of the mark. This, however, is dangerous to the spectators.

Again, well meaning seconds sometimes use the right bullets and the right charge, but stiffen the triggers so that the extra pressure causes the bullets to go wide. Perhaps the most amusing device is the use of pistols fitted with a sort of secret safety valve, which opens when the weapon is loaded, so that the bullet drops out and only the powder charge remains—Exchange.

**A Drop in Rhetoric.**

"I remember," said an official of the East Indian service, "the speech of an Anglo-Indian who was delegated by a certain district to place before the government's notice the horrible slaughter of their stock by tigers. A very noticeable titter could be heard in the audience when the delegate shouted very dramatically:

"Mr. Chairman, the tiger is the most ferocious animal that prowls and runs at large in India. He creeps from his lurking place at the hour of midnight, when all nature is locked in the arms of Morpheus, and see the portals of the east are unbound or bright Phoebus rises in his golden majesty whole hordes of pigs are destroyed."

**The Cat and the Tail.**

Once upon a time a cat who prided herself on her wit and wisdom was prowling about the barn in search of food and saw a tail protruding from a hole.

"There is the conclusion of a rat," she said.

Then she crept stealthily toward it until within striking distance, when she made a jump and reached it with her claws. Alas, it was not the appendage of a rat, but the tail of a snake, who immediately turned and gave her a mortal bite.

Moral—It is dangerous to jump at conclusions.

**Hotel Insurance Against Robbery.**  
At a well known hostelry in Venice it is the practice to charge guests 25 centimes per diem for insurance against fire and robbery, the amount covered for this premium being 1,500 francs. This is a very convenient arrangement, as robbery is far from uncommon in Italy.—London Truth.

**A Pugilistic Feat.**

"Clancy, who give yez th' black eye yez have?"  
"If I knew I'd hick 'im."  
"Sure, an' don't yez know?"  
"How c'd I know? Me back was turned at th' tolme."—Toledo Blade.

**What He Got.**

"What're ye comin' home with your milk pail empty for?" demanded the farmer. "Didn't the old cow give anything?"  
"Yep," replied the chore boy, "aino quarts and one kick!"—Exchange.

**Her Specialty.**

Miss Crimsonbeak—I'd like to be a lawyer. Mr. Crimsonbeak—I guess you'd rather be a judge. "Why so?" "Oh, you'd have the last word then."—Yonkers Statesman.

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