

Plenty of Game.

Now that the game law is off, our woods will swarm with hunters of all descriptions, from the "cockney" sportsman down (or up) to the professional hunter.

The severe ice storms destroy more quail than the hunters kill, because quail generally roost together on the ground, and if snow falls during the night and crusts over, it simply smother them.

Partridges are also very plenty, and what is still better, they are full grown and plump. Of woodcock we have seen but a few.

New Lakes on Mars.

There is one point of view from which the formation of a new lake in southern California by the overflowing of a sandy desert with water from the Colorado river possesses peculiar interest.

But a few years ago a change occurred in the color of "Lybia," and some of the observers thought that it must have been suddenly overflowed with water.

Other similar changes have been seen by telescopes on Mars. Now that a new lake has actually been formed on the earth by the unexpected filling up with water of a depressed area of dry land, those who believe that a similar occurrence, on a larger scale, has taken place on Mars will probably be strengthened in that interesting opinion.

Snibbling Beans.

Snibbling beans is at this season of the year an evening occupation for German housewives. They are the common string beans, which can be bought by the bag, about two bushels. They are washed and strung, and then, with a very sharp knife or special implement, they are cut into very thin slices and packed in layers in an earthen crock.

A Spanish Born Missourian.

James Ryan, better known as Uncle Jimmie, is now eighty-six years of age. He has never lived outside of what are now the confines of the state of Missouri. Yet he was born a subject of Spain.

A Banana Tree That Bears.

Mr. L. Gillen has a genuine curiosity in the form of a banana tree, ten feet tall, bearing one bunch of bananas. He has a number of other banana trees, but none bearing fruit save this one.

Plenty of Young Vipers.

While Theodore Burns was cutting hay on a farm near Hunter the sickle cut a spotted viper into four pieces. It was four feet long and within it were found eighty-five little vipers, four to six inches long.

A Small One.

A Connecticut couple have a child seven weeks old who weighs less than a pound. The infant enjoys good health and will probably live. Its waist is the size of a small child's wrist and its legs about as large as a lead pencil.

Work of School Children.

As the school season advances, the subject of mental overpressure becomes important enough not only for parental consideration, but for scientific investigation. The capacity of the child, the number and nature of the studies, and especially the length of the recitations, are features which ought not to be overlooked or be left to the direction of educators.

Simple addition and multiplication sums were given to two classes of girls, of an average age of eleven years and eleven years and ten months, and two classes of boys of the average age of twelve years and two months and thirteen years and one month.

Photography and Crime.

The exhibition of the Photographic Society of Great Britain is of great interest, both from the artistic and the scientific point of view. Dr. P. Jeserich, a German, has devoted his attention to the development of photography as a means of assisting the administration of the law.

Similarly, where a name has first been written in pencil and then traced over in ink, however carefully the pencil marks have been erased, some faint traces of the plumbago are sure to remain in the interstices of the paper, and these are revealed in the magnified photograph.

Lost His Leg in a Bear Fight.

Two of the crew of the schooner Marguerite, of Seattle, met with a severe accident at Port Muller, on the north side of the Alaskan peninsula. Their names are Thomas Boswell and J. Schiefelin, and they were ashore prospecting for coal. Both were armed with rifles.

A Wonderful Dakota Rainbow.

Dr. McVean has arrived in the city after a tour of the country. The doctor resides at Armour, S. D., and has much to tell about that region. "A few days ago," he said, "the people, among the number myself, witnessed one of the most remarkable phenomena seen in that or any other portion of the United States."

A Sail on His Lawn Mower.

One of our neighbors had a sail on his lawn mower one day last week. At any rate it looked like a sail, for he had several square feet of canvas attached to the back side of the machine, and people thought he was trying to have a regatta all to himself.

No Choice.

"Sure, Mrs. McCarty, an it's meself would have loiked to have been a birrod on St. Valentine's Day.

An Interesting Old Couple.

An interesting old couple dwell in Knoxville, Tenn. They are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Osborne, aged respectively one hundred and one and ninety-two years ago.

Fair Warning from a Burglar.

Robert C. White, of Georgetown, Del., has received a letter from a party calling himself a professional burglar, who signifies his intention of entering the attorney's house six months from date and carrying off what valuables he can safely take.

The writer continues: "I saw John Cummins whipped at New Castle yesterday with twenty lashes. It is a very barbarous institution, and I can defy such a barbarism and likewise your law."

What They Did in Vacation. The pupils in a Berlin girls' school received instructions from their teachers to give an account of some incident during their holidays in the form of a letter.

There is some humor in the following: "My mother desired me to make a pancake, and I fetched some flour and made it. It was so light that it broke in two and fell upon the sanded floor.

A Curious Union.

The news comes to us of the celebration of a marriage contract between Lieutenant Francis Brant, one of the heroes of the Zulu war, with the daughter of King Massirrie, of Umbongavatos, a portion of the territory of Africa.

Water at Fifty Cents a Drink in Maine.

A Lewiston gentleman driving in the country found the watering places by the roadside dry as herring bones. Seeing a farmer in a yard by the roadside he drove up to the door and asked for water for his horse.

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