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HUNTING WILD-CATS.

Thrilling Sport with Which Floridians Are Well Acquainted.

Chatting over their cigars, a few gentlemen passed a pleasant hour exchanging personal experiences of the chase. Mr. M. N. Bryan, of Madison County, Fla., told, with much interest to his listeners, stories of the hunting of the wild-cat. He said:

"The Florida wild-cat, when fully grown, weighs about fifty pounds, is as large as a good-sized fox-hound, and when in full chase of a pack of hounds is an object to startle and baffle a Northern hunter. With fur thrown back, claws extended, leaping with great springs through forest or swamps, the ordinary sportsman, at the first sight of the animal, turns pale and wants to leave instantly. The cat will attack sheep, lambs, young hogs and poultry, but the human family, except young and unprotected children, need have no fear of him. I know of no sport so exciting and demanding effort so hard and long-continued as a 'cat drive'." The hunting party having been agreed upon, they meet an hour and a half before daylight, mounted on their best horses and attended by hounds, often to the number of forty. The wild cat is generally found foraging at this hour and, being surprised, runs quickly to the cover of the nearest swamp, or climbs a tree. If he seeks a tree, he is not shot, but the tree is cut down or he is otherwise killed. The hounds are held in leash until he gets a good start, when the leader blows his horn and the pursuit is resumed. If the cat enters a swamp, the hounds follow him there and ultimately drive him out and the hunting party, guided by the noise of the dogs, is ready to take up the chase near the point where the game emerges. And so we go over the hills, through the farms, jumping fences, leaping ditches! No English fox hunt can compare with the Florida 'cat drive,' and few are the farmers who can resist leaving team and field and running to the house for saddle and the blowing of horns tell that a 'cat drive' is on. The hounds of every farmer hearing the din leave their kennels, and are found loud-mouthed in the pursuing pack. At last comes the end, as all sports must end.

"After an all day's chase the wild cat at four o'clock in the afternoon, of at five o'clock at the latest, can go to the kennel. The snapping jaws of the hounds come closer and closer. He turns his glaring eyes a moment behind him and staggers on. The pack of dogs that had been in full cry in the morning is now broken. Only the hardy ones have kept up with the long chase. Horses and riders are worn and jaded. The cat can run no more. He prepares to battle for his life. He turns his back, raises his feet and strikes his long claws viciously at any hound that dare attack him. The battle is long and bloody, and before it ends hounds are frightfully scared and often lose an eye. Many a time after a cat chase have I sewed up the ears of my dogs. The cat I drove is the Florida man's favorite sport. It is not pursued with the purpose of exterminating the species, but to test a State law, a hunter, 'who will show a cat in front of his dogs, is fined \$25, and, by a rule of the Hunters' Association, he is fined again for the same offense. You see if the cat is killed by a bullet the hounds that have followed it are forever spoiled for the chase. Their proper discipline and future usefulness require that they should kill the cat. On this account shotguns and rifles are usually left behind."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PLEASURES OF REVERIE.

Day-Dreaming and the Enjoyment That Can Be Derived From It.

Reverie is a natural condition, so common to children that they are hardly able to distinguish between the reports from the external world and the images presented by their imagination. But reverie is a common experience of the human race in all stages of development. It differs from abstraction in the fact that the latter is the intense pursuit of a train of reasoning or observation, which absorbs the mind to such an extent that there is no attention left for the reports of the senses. Hence the abstracted man neither looks nor listens, and a noise or an impulse far greater than would suffice to awaken the same man if asleep, may be sufficient to divert him from the train of thought which he pursues. Reverie is literally day-dreaming. It is not reasoning. The image-making faculty is set free and it runs on. The judgment is scarcely attentive, hardly conscious, and the tear may come into the eye or the smile to the lip, so that in a crowded street or even in an assembly attention may be attracted to the person, who is wholly unconscious of the same. A person may imagine himself other than he is, and derive great pleasure from the change, and pass an hour, a morning or a day unconsciously. In reverie persons frequently become practical somnambulists—that is, they speak words which others hear that they would not have uttered on any account, strike blows, move articles, gesture and do many other things, sometimes with the effect of immediately recalling them to a knowledge of the situation, when they as well as others are amused, but often without being aware that they are noticed. In extreme cases the only distinction between regular reverie and dreaming sleep are regular breathing and the suspension of the senses which accompany the latter.—Dr. Buckler, in Century.

"Never be ashamed of confessing your ignorance, for the wisest man upon earth is ignorant of many things, inasmuch that what he does not know, there can not be greater folly in the world than to suppose that we know more than we do."—The Man in the Moon in Good Housekeeping.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

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Engine Ditched. There was a serious accident on the Lake Valley railroad near Rowlands, Cal., caused by malicious persons turning a switch. An engine was ditched and badly wrecked, the engineer and fireman receiving several bad cuts and bruises.

Went Ashore During a Fog. The schooner Gracie B. Richardson went ashore near Fish's mill, Sonoma county, Cal., during a heavy fog, and became a total wreck. No lives were lost.

Killed by the Cars. Tyson J. Wood, son of Rev. Jesse Wood, editor of the Chico Chronicle-Record, was killed on the narrow gauge road in Chico, Cal. The young man jumped from the train as it passed Julian street, and in doing so fell to the ground. His foot flying up as he fell, caught in the truss under the car and he was dragged along with the train. He died shortly after.

Arrested for Murder. Michael Cunningham was arrested at San Francisco, charged with the murder of Joseph Fay, who was picked up on the streets a few days before. Cunningham says he knocked Fay down with his fist in self defense, after he and a friend had been set up by roughts.

Collision in San Francisco Bay. The ferryboat San Rafael collided with the tug Frolic in San Francisco bay, off the Washington street wharf. The tug was towing a barge, and struck on the side by the prow of the other boat. A large hole was made in the Frolic, but she managed to reach her landing.

A Mad Butcher's Crime. Two butchers, Oscar Gabriel and Charles Kline, quarreled while feeding cattle in a slaughter house at Spokane Falls. Gabriel accused Kline of being lezy, at which the latter seized a butcher-knife and nearly disemboweled Gabriel. Kline is in jail, and Gabriel lives, with small hopes of recovery.

Hanged Himself. A marine named Fritz Oppinger, who has been confined for drunkenness at the Marine barracks, near Vallejo, Cal., hanged himself with a piece of his coat from the grating in his cell.

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Spiritualism Exposed. The once celebrated Fox sisters, who are patentees of the medium spiritualists, appeared before a large audience at the academy of music in New York, to expose the frauds of spiritualism. Mrs. Margaretta Fox Kane read a lecture in a flattering voice, and produced the famous rappings so they were plainly audible by a movement of her big toe joint. She thanked God she was able to expose spiritualism.

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Passengers to be Returned. Among immigrant arrivals on the steamship Sp-in at New York was a party of destitute men and women, six in all, from the Duke of Buckingham, from England. They will be sent back. The steamer Britannic brought one Chinaman, the first who has attempted to land at this port in years. He will be returned. Work was slack on the other side and the duke was appealed to with the above result. Some were sick, and none had money. So the whole party will be returned to his grace in a few days, with Collector Magon's compliments.

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Suicide of an Arson Fiend. John Nutz was arrested on suspicion of setting fire to the Capitol hotel, also to a livery stable, at Salinas, Cal., both of which were put out with but slight damage. After Nutz was lodged

in jail the officers searched him and took everything from his pockets with the exception of a two ounce vial, which Nutz said was cough medicine. Later it was discovered the medicine was laudanum, and the prisoner had taken it. He died the next morning.

Killed His Wife and Children. Near Columbus, Ind., James Ford, a farmer, while suffering from delirium caused by fever, sprang from his bed and made an attack upon his wife and two children. He seized a chair and killed the youngest child, and fatally injured his wife, and his 10-year-old son was so badly injured that he will die.

Train Wrecked. The westbound special freight train was wrecked seventeen miles west of Tucson, Ariz., and seven cars and the engine were badly wrecked.

Dropped Eight Hundred Feet. J. H. Berryman and John Fidell were instantly killed at Leadville, Col., in a shaft of the Wolfstone mine, the cable parting and letting them drop 800 feet.

Shot His Wife and Himself. Sam Scanlon shot his wife three times and himself once, at Louisville, Ky. Scanlon had been on a continuous spree since his brother, Jim Scanlon, a race-course sport, was killed at St. Paul about a month ago.

Drowned at Niagara. Two bodies were seen in the whirlpool, Niagara Falls, which are supposed to be the remains of William Robinson and Harry R. Wilson. The former's hat was found near the whirlpool.

A Jealous Man's Crime. Sylvester Grub, of Oakland City, Ind., fired three shots at Miss Gertie Dowling, of Francisco, inflicting fatal wounds. The deed was done in the presence of thousands of people. Jealousy was the cause.

A Large Hotel Burned. The Occidental hotel, the largest in Tombstone, A. T., burned, with its contents. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$10,000. The Spanish opera troupe lost all its wardrobe and a lot of valuable jewelry.

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MARKET REPORT.

RELIABLE QUOTATIONS CAREFULLY REVIDED EVERY WEEK.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1 40@1 42; Walla Walla, \$1 32@1 35.

BARLEY—Whole, \$0 85@1 00; ground, per ton, \$20 00@21 50.

OATS—Milling, \$2 34c.; feed, 28 @30c.

HAY—Baled, \$10@13.

SEED—Blue Grass, 12@15c.; Timothy, 7@8c.; Red Clover, 11@12c.

FLOUR—Patent Roller, \$5 00; Country Brand, \$4 50.

EGGS—Per doz, 25c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound, 32 1/2c.; pickled, 30@32c.; inferior grade, 27@30c.

CHEESE—Eastern, @13c.; Oregon, 13@14c.; California, 14c.

VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack, \$1 00; cabbage, per lb., 1c.; carrots, per sk., \$ 75; lettuce, per doz. 100 lbs., 30@40c.; radishes, per doz., 15@20c.; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

HONEY—In comb, per lb., 18c.; strained, 6 gal. tins, per lb., 8 1/2c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per doz., \$2 50@3 50; ducks, per doz., \$5 00@6 00; geese, \$6 00@8 00; turkeys, per lb., 12c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams, 12 1/2c. per lb.; Eastern, 13@15c.; Eastern breakfast bacon, 13c. per lb.; Oregon 10@11c.; Eastern lard, 10@11c. per lb.; Oregon, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$ 35 @50c.; Sicily lemons, \$6 00@6 50; California, \$6 00@6 50; Navel oranges, \$6 00; Riverside, \$5 00; Mediterranean, \$4 25.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried apples, 4c. per lb.; machine dried, 10@11c.; prunes, 7c.; Italian prunes, 10@12c.; peaches, 10@11c.; raisins, \$2 40@2 50.

WOOL—Valley, 15@18c.; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c.

HIDES—Dry beef hides, 12@13c.; culls, 6@7c.; kip and calf, 10@12c.; Murrain, 10@12c.; tallow, 4@4 1/2c.

LUMBER—Rough, per M, \$10 00; edged, per M, \$12 00; T. and G. sheathing, per M, \$13 00; No. 2 flooring, per M, \$18 00; No. 2 rustic, per M, \$18 00; clear rough, per M, \$20 00; clear F. 4 S, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 flooring, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 rustic, per M, \$22 50; stepping, per M, \$25 00; over 12 inches wide, extra, \$1 00; lengths 40 to 50, extra, \$2 00; lengths 50 to 60, extra, \$4 00; 1 1/2 inch, per M, \$2 25; 1 1/2 inch, per M, \$2 50.

BEANS—Quote small whites, \$4 50; pinks, \$3; bayos, \$3; butter, \$4 50; Lima, \$4 50 per cental.

COFFEE—Quote Salvador, 17c.; Costa Rica, 18@20c.; Rio, 18@20c.; Java, 27c.; Arabuckle's roasted, 22c.

MEAT—Beef, wholesale, 24@3c.; dressed, 6c.; sheep, 3c.; dressed, 6c.; hogs, dressed, 8@9c.; veal, 5@7c.

PICKLES—Kogs quoted steady at \$1 35.

SALT—Liverpool grades of fine quoted \$18, \$19 and \$20 for the three sizes; stock salt, \$10.

SUGAR—Prices for barrels; Golden C, 6 1/2c.; extra C, 6 1/2c.; dry granulated, 7 1/2c.; crushed, fine crushed, cube and powdered, 7c.; extra C, 6 1/2c.; halves and boxes, 4c. higher.

HUMOROUS.

—Bill collectors sometimes imitate the promoters of a colonization scheme and offer special inducements to settlers.—Detroit Free Press.

—The Russian law prohibits joking about the Emperor. That's why no one in Russia ever refers to Alexander as an old Czarina.—Puck.

—"Were you troubled with ennui while at sea?" he asked, airily. "Well," said the Chicago girl. "I was at first, but cracked ice relieved me very much."—Ocean.

—Collector (on his tenth visit)—"Look-a-see; how many more times do you want me to call with this little account?" Bill Ogryndue—"Why, man, I don't care if you never call again."—Laf.

—Country Minister (to boy fishing)—"What will your father say, little boy, when he discovers that you have been fishing Sunday?" Boy—"I dunno, sir; it depends on how many fish I catch."—N. Y. Sun.

—"Onions split in halves will absorb smell of foehn paint," says an exchange. So will a bull fiddle drown the sound of a flogeetote; but a man must have mustard brains to like the remedy.—New Haven News.

—Prince Pumpernickel: "Darting Miss Elsie, I love you. Pamine. I am not von of Sherman's richest princes, but I have four thousand thalers a year." Miss Elsie: "Why, pa gives \$5,000 a year to our cook." Prince P: "Veil, marry me and I will do cooking."—Town Topics.

—Benovolent dame (to tramp)—"And so you are always moving from one section of the country to another? I should think home ties would often make you balk." Tramp—"I'm often lame and' hark, mum, but it ain't the home ties that does it; it's the railroad ties."—Philadelphia Record.

—"Of all seasons of the year, Dr. Diagnosis," she said to a young physician who was helping her look at the moon, "which do you most prefer?" "I think I prefer the watermelon season," he replied in a low business tone of voice.—Epoch.

—Mrs. Smith (engaging servant)—"Can you write?" Servant—"Yes, ma'am." Mrs. Smith—"Well, here is a card; write my name on it." (Servant writes "Mrs. A. B. Smythe.") Mrs. Smith (looking at it)—"You are engaged."—Times.

Decorated with fancy floral designs in two colors, and further embellished with clinging vines in different shades of leaves, are some excellent specimens of falcons. This was always popular.

On one vase is a graceful and daintily colored lizard that peers into the vase's mouth. His body winds itself in graceful folds about the vase. A snake and a winged dragon entwined in relief is also a very artistic design.

A very pretty vase has as handles sporting dolphins, in lines almost equalling those which the fish are to possess when expiring. The rest of the decoration and the body of the vase itself are in keeping with the graceful lines of the fish.

AGRICULTURAL.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS AND STOCKMEN.

Fruit growers stand in their own light by trying to market the poorest qualities of fruit. Better throw the poor to the pigs and get a paying price for the best.

The reason why American production exerts such an influence on price quotations is that it still maintains its influence on the most important grain market in the world, namely, Great Britain.

It is a dreadful waste of cow force, says Hoard, to turn her out where she roams over several hundred acres of land. She will be doing it most all day, if there is no fence to stop her, and will be sure to do it if the pasture is thin and scarce. She had better be fed what she needs on a small space, and then lie down and attend to her legitimate mission on earth, making milk.

A well-defined belt, beginning with Ohio and extending westward so as to include Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Northern Kansas, contains the surplus corn, which will furnish the bulk of this winter's shipments to the coming season. The seven states named had a combined yield in 1887 of 780,000,000 bushels; the estimated yield for 1888 is 1,300,000,000 bushels, an increase of 520,000,000 bushels.

In almost every neighborhood there are farmers who are said to have "bad luck." Their health is good; their muscles are strong and active, and they would be highly insulted were any one to insinuate that they were in the least deficient in intellect. Yet these men and their families eke out a miserable existence, claiming that this is a very wicked world, and that the Almighty is partial in his distribution of riches.

In plowing among apple trees a great difference is noticeable between those thoroughly cultivated and those neglected a few years, as to the position of their roots. The orchard plowed every year has most of its feeding roots just below reach of the plow. That left in grass runs its feeding roots nearer the surface, and the plow necessarily destroys a great many. This does not injure them much while the tree is dormant. As soon as the leaves appear the destruction of the roots by plowing or by anything else is a great check to the vitality of the tree.

The first brood of larvae of the elm-leaf beetle will appear in June. Timely application of Paris green or London purple in water, sprayed over and over the foliage of the trees will destroy this pest. But the spray will leave some poison on the grass. The poisoned trees need not be in a pasture lot nor around the dwelling house, to be a source of danger. If there is the least possible chance of horses, cows, sheep or other animals grazing about them, or of children playing there, the greatest caution should be observed in using arsenics.

It is conceded by those who have given the subject careful attention that a turn with the roller will save the ploughed ground at least one harrowing. Then after the crop is planted it comes in for a rolling to the level surface and press the soil firmly about the seed. The harrow and cultivator will run easier and do less damage for having