

**CATCHING GIGANTIO FISH.**

Muskellunge of Lake Superior Are Monsters. Chase S. Osborne, railroad commissioner of Michigan, formerly state game warden, says the first time he fished in the famous waters of Lake Superior's north shore is memorable as giving him the surprise of his life.

A party of us had gone there in a yacht," he said, "and anchoring in the shelter of a little island, thought we would try for muskellunge. Most of us took boats and went out in parties of two and three.

"I was the first one in my boat to get a bite, and when I landed it the fish weighed twenty-two pounds. We caught several more of that size, and as it was many times better than any fishing we had ever had before I never doubted ours had been a remarkable success.

**MUSIC BROUGHT TRADE.**

New York Butcher Hires Musicians to Play Before His Place. A new method of advertising has been found by a Seventh avenue butcher who not long since opened his shop.

He determined to avoid the long wait for customers usually experienced by those entering a new business and so raked his head for an idea. One day he was standing in front of his shop, idly waiting the customer who did not come. His eye happened to catch sight of a band of Italian street musicians coming down the avenue. Then a happy thought struck him.

Calling the musicians he engaged them to play each morning before his door. The polkas and waltzes gladdened the hearts of passing little boys and girls, who paused to dance to the tunes. The monotone of the street was broken.

The fine breeze of autumn wafted the music through the quarter and the servant girls and marketing mothers were attracted. Naturally the butcher shop was advertised and patronized, says the New York Times, and the butcher's success was assured.

**Value of a Mummy.**

In estimating the value of a mummy its medicinal qualities are no longer appraised, and thus the problem is easier of solution. Its value must have been greater when it formed a regular part of the materia medica. Until pretty late in the eighteenth century mummies entered into a great variety of drugs, balms and other medicaments. As the genuine mummy was then expensive, recipes were given by many ancient writers for converting human flesh into mummy.

**Victim of a Joker.**

The amusing mistake that people make in the matter of foreign phrases are well exemplified by the proprietor of a Philadelphia restaurant. Gaudy pink cards advertising his place of business are being distributed, containing this astonishing sentence: "The cafe is not only considered the bete noir place to stop for refreshments, but the excellence of its service and viands command the respect of all fair-minded people."

**Royal Pets.**

The love of the royal family for animal pets is very well known, and there are some which accompany the court wherever it goes, even for the briefest stay. When the king and queen came up to London recently on their Christmas present purchasing expedition, at least half a dozen dogs were in the train, and among them a very corpulent and disorderly poodle, which was, presumably, dissatisfied at having to travel in an omnibus instead of in one of the royal landaus.

**Wine as Food for Horses.**

Viticulturists in France have just tried experiments in feeding draught animals with bran mixed with wine, which seems to be successful. It appears that poor wine can be used to replace oats as food, weight for weight, a pound of wine for a pound of oats. At least half of the usual feed of grain can be replaced in this manner without disadvantage to the animals.

Venezuelan coffee planters get only one-third the price they used to receive before Brazilian over-production flooded the market. Less Profit in Coffee. Venezuela coffee planters get only one-third the price they used to receive before Brazilian over-production flooded the market.

A large stock of ladies' hats, cashmere, to be cleared 25 cents a pair. They won't last long at this price. Abominable belts made to order. Sailor's vitals cooked here.

Proprietor's wife, and who will carry on as usual to-morrow morning. New York Press.

**SOME FUNNY**

Advertisements. Some persons who read the reading notices in the newspaper, reading the notices of the first class traveler, the first class traveler was displayed in a window of a shop.

Ladies and gentlemen sold and washed by the truck. This is the old shop just come from above.

Abominable belts made to order. Sailor's vitals cooked here. Why go further and be gullied elsewhere? Step inside.

Closed for the day owing to funeral of proprietor's wife, and who will carry on as usual to-morrow morning. New York Press.

**How Birds Migrate.**

Many of the smaller and weaker birds, like the fly-catchers, vireos, wrens, kinglets and bluebirds, in order to avoid their enemies, the hawks, make their long flights by night, stopping for rest and food in the day time.

**"Salivets."**

Speaking of "salivets," a Buffalo woman has a little story to tell. When she asked a clerk in a certain store for a cuspidor the young man responded with kindly forbearance, "Do you mean 'salivet,' maddam?"

Going to another store, the lady, on the point of asking again for a cuspidor, suddenly checked herself, and hesitating a moment to recall the latest fashionable name, asked with confidence, "Have you any spittalenes?"

**Where Not Even Man is Vile.**

Ten miles southwest of Findlay, Ohio, lies the peaceful hamlet of Mount Cory. It is a modern Utopia of righteousness. Seventy-five houses compose the village, and seven of them are occupied by preachers of the gospel.

**Cattle to Winter.**

Wanted, cattle or horses to winter at my ranch twenty miles northeast of Alliance. Plenty of hay, range and water. Address me at Rushville, or A. J. Gilbert, Moomaw, Neb. WALTER R. KENT.

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**Alliance Cash Meat Market.**

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**Fresh and Salt Meats, FISH AND OYSTERS**

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Cash Paid for Hides

**HISTORIC STAGECOACH.**

Preserved in the Postal Museum at the National Capital. One of the most interesting relics of obsolete postal service to be seen at the museum in Washington, says the Washington Post, is an old time Rocky Mountain combination passenger and mail coach, built in 1868.

This antiquated affair on wheels is the simon pure, typical stagecoach of the Beadle dime novel. The James brothers and the Fords may have enriched themselves by looting this identical relic of the west. There are a front and rear boot, the former, under the driver's seat, being the repository of Uncle Sam's mail bags.

**POULTRY POINTERS.**

Never give poultry water in the morning before feeding. All the stimulants breeding fowls need is wholesome food and drink in proper quantities.

To fatten the cockerels rapidly, confine them in close quarters and feed cornmeal cooked in milk.

Short legged fowls fatten quickly. Long legs are hard to fatten. Those first hatched fatten quickest in a brood.

Powls seldom tire of milk. They may eat too much grain or meat, but milk in any form is palatable and healthy.

The roosting poles should be on a level with each other. This will prevent the fowls all trying to roost on the top perch.

A fowl or animal in which an excellence is constitutional is apt to transmit all this excellence in all the developed power and beauty to its progeny.

In selecting for breeding the pullet should be at least a year younger than the cock. This will conduce to the strength and good health of the offspring.

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