

A Novel Rat Trap.

They do tell such a good one of our good-natured driver, Phillips, that we think it well worth the putting in print. It appears that George went to his stable last Saturday morning to fodder his horses, and on moving his grain-box, found a nest of some half-a-dozen young rats, with the old 'un quartered behind it. Of course he stirred them up at once, and the old rat in her hurry hid in George's unwhisperables. Not an old rat that time though—for when, in her search for the best hiding place, she reached their most roomy portion in the rear, George grabbed her with his hands, and going home, hanging on, though something ailed him, he opened the trap and removed his victim, consigning her to the tender mercies of the feline genus, even less tender than the gripe which heretofore had been her jailor. We do not learn that it is intended to take out a patent for this trap and would recommend it to any of our readers who heretofore have found traps baited with richly scented cheese and 'Magnetic Powders,' alike ineffectual.—*Dunelmville (Ct.) Telegraph.*

A gentleman in Woonsocket made a successful trial of this 'novel trap' on Monday evening. As he was sitting in his wood-house, enjoying a social smoke with a friend, a monstrous rat started from the opposite side of the room, and impelling our friend to make sundry gyrations and some not faint screams. He however, had the presence of mind to grab the varmint as it reached his thigh; and although the Statutes of this State forbid strangling to death, the deed was accomplished. We reckon our hero would not like to have had his Daguerrotype taken just as the rat was drawn from his unwhisperables!—*Woonsocket Patriot.*

CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.—Mr. James A. Hubbard, of Boone county, Illinois, in a letter to the St. Louis Republican, gives the following receipt:—

Eighteen years ago my brother and myself were bitten by a mad dog. A sheep was also bitten at the same time. Among the many cures offered for the little boys, (we were then ten or twelve years of age,) a friend suggested the following, which he said would cure the bite of a rattlesnake:—Take a root of common upland ash, (generally called the black ash), peel off the bark, and boil it to a strong decoction. Of this drink freely.

Whilst my father was preparing the above, the sheep spoken of began to be afflicted with hydrophobia. When it had become so fatigued from its distracted state as to be no longer able to stand, my father drenched it with a pint of the ash root decoction to ascertain whether he could depend upon it as a cure for his sons. Four hours after the drench had been given, to the astonishment of all the animal got up and went quietly with the flock to graze. My brother and myself continued to take the medicine for eight or ten days—one gill three times a day. No effects of the dreadful poison were ever discovered on either of us. It has been used very successfully in snake bites, to my knowledge.

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A Column for Every Body.

AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.—In spite of the laws making this trade piracy, the number of negroes taken from Africa, during the last ten years to Cuba, is sixty-six thousand, and to Brazil three hundred and twenty-six thousand. The traffic is still regularly carried on, notwithstanding the utmost vigilance that is exercised by the various British and other cruisers on the coast.

FRATRICIDE.—The Louisville Democrat says that a melancholy event occurred in Estill county, Ky., on the 13th inst. Two brothers, W. H. and Andrew J. Lawrence had an altercation relative to a partition fence. A. J. L. went and got his rifle, came back, and in the presence of four or five persons, shot his brother while standing on the fence, the ball taking effect in the eye and killing him immediately.

LIBERALITY OF SLAVES.—A gentleman from Maine, on a visit to Charleston S. C., writes in the Christian Mirror, that there are five thousand Methodist colored communicants in and near Charleston, and their contributions for benevolent purposes during the year past amount to more than three dollars to each member.

SINGULAR ELECTRIC PHENOMENON.—When the shower commenced, yesterday afternoon, each flash of lightning so acted on the wires of the fire alarm that all the bells throughout the city which are included in the circuit struck as powerfully as when operated for an alarm. The phenomena was a singular and beautiful one.—*Boston Bee, 23d inst.*

The Cincinnati Nonpareil mentions a doubtful story, that a party of near 500 Cuban invasionists have been formed in that city and Louisville, and that they are ready to depart at a moment's warning.

SEVENTEEN YEAR LOCUSTS.—As was predicted last year, the seventeen year locusts have made their appearance in Connecticut. In 1818 and in 1835 their presence on a lot of land about fifty rods square, some three miles from the North Glastenbury post office, is chronicled. The woods on that spot are now alive with their music.

"Bobby, what is the highest latitude known?" "The highest latitude known is that which Bill Jones allows to his feelings when waltzing with our Kate." It is unnecessary to add, that Bobby was immediately marched off to bed.

Some Yankee has invented a new kind of ink, called "The Love-Letter Ink," it is a sure protection against all cases of "breach of promise," as the ink fades away, and leaves the sheet blank again in about four weeks after being written upon.

A GOOD HIT.—Among the resolutions introduced into the Women's Rights Convention in their recent session at West Chester, Pa., is the following. Legislators are requested to "make a note of it."

Resolved, That it is true that it is woman's province to soothe the angry passions and calm the belittled feelings of man, we know of no place where she would find a riper harvest awaiting her labor than in the halls of our National and State legislatures.

A new gold dollar is to be issued from the Philadelphia mint. It will be about the size of a ninepence, with a hole in the centre. The present gold dollar is too small for convenience.

WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE.—Mr. Webster, at the solicitation of his friends, it is said, has consented to remain in office until the expiration of President Fillmore's term. He, however, will shortly leave for Marshallfield, to spend the summer months, as has been usual with him for many years. Mr. Graham will continue in office. Gen. Scott, it is also stated, will not resign unless elected President, and in that event will follow the example of Gen. Taylor, by resigning, to take effect in March.

HEAVY BETTING.—It is stated that Gen. Lane has accepted a bet from Mr. Garland, of Georgia, of \$10,000, that Gen. Scott will be elected.

We will bet our old hat that—the man who gets the most votes—will be elected.

SERVED THEM RIGHT.—J. P. Smith, who was under bond to the amount of \$3,000 for rescuing Shadrach, the fugitive slave, has left his bondsmen by the bill.

A box of Strawberries sold at Boston on Saturday last for \$4.

Rum is now called in Maine "Oxygenated Bitters," and is sold as medicine at the shops of the apothecaries.

A Washington paper says:—"An industrious friend lately returned from a two years' residence in California, has made twenty thousand dollars—in experience, and brought home with him sixty-two cents!"

"We go in" for women's rights. Every woman has a right to a husband and a baby. Perdition be the man who would deny her the inestimable blessing of an inalienable privilege!

A beggar boy, applying to a lady in Boston one day last week, for money to get a dose of cast