

OLD-TIME SOUTHERN SPORT.

Members of Hunting Clubs on Whom Big Fines Were Imposed.

Among the sports of olden times the hunting clubs were prominent everywhere, says the Atlanta Constitution. In Camden county one of the most famous of clubhouses in this country was built at Bear Hammock and kept under the supervision of Gen. John Floyd. It was there that the Camden County Hunting club organized in 1832, held its meetings, made its rules and imposed its fines.

The charter members of the club were Charles R. Floyd, Richard Floyd, Henry Floyd John Floyd, Ben Hopkins, J. H. Dilworth, James Holzendorf, John Holzendorf, Alexander Holzendorf, P. M. Nightingale, William Berrie and Henry du Bignon. Several members joined afterward. The club dress was a scarlet jacket and black pantaloons and a fine of 500 copper caps was imposed on Alexander Holzendorf at one meeting for not having on the regulation dress. No member was to be absent from the meetings unless by good excuse, and James Holzendorf was fined 1,000 copper caps for one absence. After the day's hunt, sometimes with the luck of 16 deer, an elegant dinner was served before dispersing.

The 16th rule read: "Game is considered by the club to be deer, bear, hogs, cows, bulls, wildcats and turkeys." Wild cattle and hogs abounded in the woods in those days, the latter living to an old age, which was told by the tusks, sometimes eight to ten inches long.

PASSING OF THE FAKE AUCTION.

One Kind of Business That Is Happily and Permanently Suspended.

Where has the jewelry auctioneer gone? Up to three years ago there were at least a dozen places on the South side where a gaudy display of watches, diamonds and revolvers in the windows called attention to a scarcely less loud auctioneer within. He stood on an elevation behind the counter; he had "cappers" both inside and outside the place, and his sonorous tones were ringing all the time. He watched the stream of passers-by on the street and "backed the play" of the cappers. He sold all manner of watches, and he always "got the best of it."

As a rule, says the Chicago Post, these salesmen were excellent auctioneers and knew all the wiles of their craft.

Up to two years ago some of them were still running, but they gradually faded out, and now there is not one, with the trifling exception of a Saturday night fling in West Madison street. They must do a good business, selling quantities of material at an excellent price. But there was an end of all things in their line and the jewelry auction has vanished.

Gambling in India.

Amongst the Hindoos throughout the whole of India there is a holiday celebration in honor of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune, whereon gambling is universally re-

garded as a religious duty. It is known as the festival of lamps, and on that day all classes indulge in games of chance with shells, coins, cards, dice, etc., and the future of the individual, whether good or bad, is looked upon as a forecast of his wealth or poverty during the ensuing year. The women take a most intense interest in the proceedings and, if fortunate, expend their winnings in the purchase of sweet-meats and fruits, as gifts to all their friends and relations, toys for the small children and fireworks for the boys. At Benares, their sacred city, as night approaches, small earthen lamps, fed with oil, are kindled, making the outlines of every mansion, palace, temple and minaret visible. All vessels in the river are also illuminated; so that the whole city is one blaze of light.

CHICAGO HORSES AT LUNCHEON

Man's Faithful Servants Emulate Him in Taking a Hurried Meal Downtown.

Even the horses of this city take luncheon downtown. Every business man knows what this means, the hurried bite taken in the short hour about noon every day, when business is abandoned long enough to permit the destruction of a piece of pie or a sandwich. Everybody does it, so it is as fair for one as the other, says the Chicago Chronicle.

This same haste applies to the nag which pulls the cab or the heavy draft horses used as freighters. At the noon hour on any of the downtown streets the observant person can see these faithful beasts with nosebags depending from their heads quietly munching their oats or corn with every evidence of satisfaction.

It makes no difference to the horses that the passing throng sees them in the act of taking food. They are as callous on this subject as their masters, many of whom can be seen sitting on the wagon or adjacent sidewalk with tinpail open, eagerly destroying the luncheon which the wife packed in the morning. It is all in a lifetime, and the Chicago horse has learned that he must eat when he can, and not be too particular about it. Hence he lays his ears back and munches away with placid joy.

Queen's Domestic Correspondence.

One pleasing feature of the queen's busy life is the keeping up with her own hand of a correspondence with all her children and grandchildren, besides many other relatives and dear friends, such as, in the latter case, ex-Empress Eugenie. This correspondence is particularly large when she is, as at present, in retirement in her Highland home. Perhaps the most interesting letter her majesty ever penned was that written to the prince of Wales many years ago announcing his emancipation from parental authority and control, when, after warning him against flatterers, she stated that she would never intrude any advice upon him, although she would ever be ready to give it whenever he should think fit to seek it.

GREAT PHENOMENON.

Daily Journey of the Sun Puzzled the Ancients—Many Erroneous Theories.

Strange as it may seem in this day and age, the rising and setting of the sun was the greatest of natural phenomena to the ancient scholars. They were greatly puzzled to know how the same sun which plunged into the ocean at a fabulous distance in the west could reappear the next morning at an equally great distance in the east. And, as Sir Robert Ball points out, a number of remarkable theories were advanced, and every one of them wrong. "The old mythology asserted that after the sun had dipped in the western ocean at sunset (the Iberians and other ancient nations actually imagined that they could hear the hissing of the waters when the glowing globe was plunged therein) he was seized by Vulcan and placed in a golden goblet. This strange craft with its astonishing cargo navigated the ocean by a northerly course, so as to reach the east again in time for sunrise the following morning. Among the more sober physicists of old, as we are told by Aristotle, it was believed that in some manner the sun was conveyed by night across the northern regions, and that darkness was due to lofty mountains, which screened off the sunbeams during the voyage." Another theory was that the sun actually pursued his course below the solid earth during the darkness of night, and philosophers taught the same about the stars that rose and set. These are but samples of many a theory that might be named with regard to the phenomenon of sunrise and sunset.

HOW DOGS ARE STUNTED.

Methods Employed in the Manufacture of Toy Terriers.

There is an era of tiny dogs in English society. The more diminutive a parcel of canine flesh that you can possess the more are you a swell, says the Toledo Blade. But, alas! How many feminine readers who delight in the miniature doggies know that they are an artificial product.

There is in London an establishment devoted entirely to the stunting of the animals. The proprietor is an ex-breeder of fighting dogs, but he now finds more profit in rearing the liliputian canines, for which he has a wide reputation. He does not claim to be the originator of the process, for he says that all dog men know of the dwarfing powers of alcohol, but he asserts that he is the only man in London to adopt the principle systematically.

His method is as follows: The pup destined to be stunted is taken from its mother when a few hours old and when it begins to whine for sustenance it is fed with a warm decoction of gin and water. Deprived of milk, it takes to this readily. When it reaches a certain age alcohol in various forms constitutes the animal's sole diet. The pups do not die nor do they develop. They soon cease to grow at all. After a generation or two of mating the much-prized liliputian canine is obtained.