

SWILE HUNTING.

The Sticking Point Presented by the Slaughter of the Young Newfoundland Seal.

In Newfoundland a seal is, in common speech, a "swile," and great is the slaughter when, on the 12th of March, all the world goes out to kill the poor little brown-eyed creature.

The destruction of the baby seals begins without prelude, while their miserable mothers stand moaning by; and the whistling of the whips yet to be slaughtered sounds strangely and awfully like that of the human young.

But the effect on the seal hunters is evidently not that of hardening their hearts. As a famous writer says: "Cruel sports do not make a cruel people."

The author of "The Tenth Island" says that this man told how he awoke one night, and found himself standing over the bed of his crying child with a seal's head in his hand.

"S'help me God," he said, "I didn't sleep an honest sleep for many nights after that! I never heard the kid cry without thinkin' first off of the whimp'er o' them swiles, an' how near I'd come to killin' my own flesh an' blood."

"I tried to laugh it off, but 'twas no use; an' so when the swiler came to start, I give my place to another man. I knew after that I was no good for swillin' any more. Faith, the gaff would ha' fallen out o' my hands!"

SPANIARDS PLAYED FAIR.

That It Was Long Ago When They Were Engaged in War with England.

In the year 1744, when England was engaged in war with Spain, Capt. Edwards, of the Elizabeth of London, coming through the gulf from Jamaica, richly laden, met with a violent storm.

Here was fairness. The ship departed and arrived without any other accident in the port of London.

A certain woman of this town is noted for her kindness to animals, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. She has a way of bringing stray dogs and cats into her own and her friends' homes.

"I can't see why they should be running a blind pig," she said very earnestly, "the poor thing can't have harmed anyone, but anyway it ought to be stopped, and the marshal solemnly agreed with her."

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British property was so shocked at the appearance at a variety theater of Piper Findlater, just decorated with the Victoria cross by the queen's own hand for continuing to pipe at Dargat after he had been wounded by the Afridis, that the war department bestowed itself and found him a place as janitor at once.

The dragon fly can outstrip the swallow. It can fly backward and sidelong, to right and left, as well as forward, and can alter its course on the instant without turning. It makes 28 beats per second with its wings, while the bee makes 190 and the horsefly 300.

THIEVES AT A WEDDING.

How Some Valuable Jewels Were Stolen at a Swill Function in Paris.

That the high social function should prove a valuable field for the exploitation of the sneak thief is not an entirely new idea. Such operations have been going on more or less since the world first heard of the proverbial wolverine sheep's clothing.

Orders were given to bar all exits until a search could be made. A lady reached a side entrance just in time to see a tall man pass a woman in evening dress and opera cloak through the door.

The general body color is a pearly gray, notably delicate and iridescent. A glistering jet-black band runs around the head, through the eyes, and terminates at the lower margins of the gill openings.

Two shining dark blue spots, like the "eyes" in a peacock's tail, mark the anterior part of the dorsal fin and the tail. These spots are surrounded by pure white rings, and the background is dark velvety brown.

Querrits (and his cuadrilla) lingered a few days at Nimes, and dined with us one evening. Minuto, whom I met, and who posed for me before his departure, proved attractive, and was very courteous in manner.

How the Mantle of Porkopolis Knew Her Customer Was from the East.

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"I notice the difference in our customers. A Chicago girl never forgets her purse, but always takes it with her wherever she goes, because she thinks she may need car fare. Now the eastern girl leaves her purse at home unless she is on a definite errand which requires money, and very often has to borrow money from her friend, who has her's along, in case an emergency arises."

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RUSSIA'S PRICELESS JEWELS.

There Are Gems Worth a King's ransom Exhibited in the Emperor's Private Vault.

A whole guide-book devoted simply to the Hermitage could give no sort of idea of the barbaric splendor of its belongings, writes Lillian Bell of the famous St. Petersburg museum, in Ladies' Home Journal.

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CROWS FIGHT A TURTLE.

A Maryland Man Comes to the Rescue of One of the Birds Held Prisoner by the Reptile.

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