

Rat-catching as a Business.

Mr. Fullerton is a man of thirty-five, and has practiced rat-catching seven years. He was five years in Liverpool, and has been two years in New York City. He took up the business from an instinctive perception that nature had designed him for its performance. As he never shrinks from duty, he obeyed the promptings of destiny and thus has become what he is. Mr. Fullerton is very ready to converse on the subject, of whose importance he has long had a powerful conception. He has but one rival in the city, Richard Toner, better known as "Dick the Ratter." The business is always performed at night, and Mr. Fullerton averages four nights in a week.

The places most infested with rats are hotels, restaurants and slaughter houses. From one of the former he took 164, while in one of the latter the catch was 216. The task requires much patience, and three nights are generally devoted to one place. He took from one hotel 100 the first night, 200 the second night, and 15 the third. For this important service his terms are \$10 per house, but hotels are required to pay a larger fee. There is some risk in the business, and Mr. Fullerton has been occasionally bitten severely, but he now knows how to handle a rat with safety. Mr. Fullerton says that "rat catching" as a trade cannot be taught.

He has taken 15,000 rats in one year. Who then can doubt his genius? If any one be curious to learn what is done with these animals, the reply may be given that they are worth \$10 per hundred at the rat pits. Mr. Fullerton has constant orders from these establishments, one of which killed 2,000 in a week. The fox terrier and bull terrier are both used for this purpose, but the former is preferable. One rat biter owns a fox terrier which kills 100 rats in eight minutes, and this animal could not be bought for \$100. Should Bergh break up the rat-pit, which is now highly probable, it would seriously impair the profits of the trade. Mr. Fullerton thinks that rats know too much to be killed with poison as it is ordinarily administered.

Hard Work But Good Pay.

The Speaker of the English House of Commons has a hard life. He must always be present from the beginning to the close of its sessions, and as these begin late in the afternoon and sometimes lasts till morning his constitution needs to be of the strongest to endure the fatigue. He must keep the House in order and compel the observance of all rules, which is no easy task in times of political excitement. After his election to this important post he is expected to lay aside his party preferences and maintain the most rigid impartiality. He does not allow the reading of speeches, but calls to order any member who attempts to read from a manuscript. During a vote the House is emptied, those voting "aye," passing into a lobby on the right of the Speaker, and those voting "no" into a lobby on the left. Every member in the House at the time of voting must vote. The Speaker holds his office during an entire Parliament, which lasts seven years, unless sooner dissolved by the Queen. For his hard service he receives the generous compensation of \$25,000 per year and a furnished house. When his term of office expires he is promoted to the peerage, which gives him a seat in the House of Lords, a reward which an ordinary man could hardly be blamed for coveting.

Terrible Cutting Affray.

Accounts have been received of a terrible cutting affray which occurred at Yellowbud, twelve miles from Chillicothe, O., on Sunday night. A man named Murphy, upon being ordered to keep quiet by Hart the keeper of a drinking saloon, where he was creating a great disturbance, drew a knife and stabbed Hart in the breast and arms nine times. One Barlow, attempting to interfere, received a cut across the abdomen. The wounds of both men were pronounced fatal.

An Innocent Man Nearly Lynched.

The Troy, Ala., "Enquirer" tells of an insane woman, Miss Carrie Boatrice, aged 45 years, in the Andrews' settlement, Pike county, who left her brother and was lost in the woods for twenty-one days without other food than the buds of trees. She was found by friends and forced to return home. A brother, during her absence, was charged with having murdered her and a mob had been formed to lynch him.

A Mother and Daughter Killed.

A singular accident occurred on the Genesee Valley railroad near Avon, N. Y., the other afternoon. The victims were deaf mutes—mother and daughter. They were struck by a locomotive attached to a passenger train, while walking the track, and instantly killed. The mother was thrown down an embankment ten feet high and the daughter was tossed in the air higher than the smokestack.

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Attest: CALVIN NEILSON, Clerk. April 1, 1879.

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