

**Landing Live Stock in the Bermudas.**

A writer in the New York Sun says: It is about a year since, with all the strangers in the town, I went down to the water's side in Hamilton, the chief port of the Bermuda Islands, to see the landing of the cattle from the Eliza Barss. She had made the trip in less time than the equally ugly and vacillating, but staunch, steamship Canima had occupied in bringing us from New York to Bermuda.

The cattle, less than two weeks before their landing, had been browsing on their native prairies, and were embarked as soon as they finished their trip from Chicago in the close confinement of the cattle cars. They are sea-sick and lose appetite like human beings, and at the prospect or release they advance to the ship's side with the hopeful animation of swinging tail, willing feet, and lively shake of the head. The treacherous platform of escape leads plumb to the ship's side, which is the height of a cottage above the water. The Eliza Barss is moored a considerable distance from shore, and the beasts, weak, surprised, and reluctant, are persuaded, urged, goaded, and finally pushed down, head foremost, side foremost, tail foremost, or northeastern horn foremost into the sea, as may happen in the effort to get them to the plunge; and they reach the water sometimes on one hoof, but oftener on the eyebrow; they disappear utterly for a moment, and on coming to the surface are lassoed by men waiting in a small boat, who fasten them all around the little boat so thickly that their horns interlace. Then, their heads above water, they come ashore, dragged or swimming with the little boat, being released only in time to scramble up the steep, stony shelf below the slaughter-house and the hotel for beastly transient guests.

Cattle always swim against the wind; and if it was a strong blow from the ocean, they would, on rising from their plunge bath, strike out facing the wind, regardless of shores, and swim out to sea direct. The landing of cattle from the Eliza Barss is a never-slighted sight in Bermuda; and notwithstanding the fright of the untoward beasts, their sudden and somersault plunge is always exciting.

**The British Army.**

It appears from the general annual return of the British Army for the year 1875 that the effective strength of the regular army on the 1st of January in that year was 186,432, all arms, and on the 1st of December, 183,745. The average strength during the year was 184,669, composed as follows: Household Cavalry, 1,282; Cavalry of the Line, 16,112; Royal Horse Artillery, 5,520; Royal Artillery, 28,702; Royal Engineers, 5,647; Foot Guards, 5,550; Infantry of the Line, 115,357; Colonial Corps, 2,298; Army Service Corps, 3,002; Army Hospital Corps, 1,299. The average strength at home was 97,193, and abroad, 87,476. Of this latter number 63,105 were in India. The total number of recruits who passed into the service was 18,375, exclusive of those enlisted for the Colonial Corps and others raised abroad. The number of desertions was 4,373, the number who rejoined from desertion was 1,014, and the net loss from desertion was 2,429.

The nationalities of the non-commissioned officers and men on the same date were as follows: English, 118,721; Scotch, 13,818; Irish, 39,366; foreigners, 2,503; not reported, 1,448. Their religious denominations were: Church of England, 114,143; Presbyterian, 14,336; other Protestants, 6,371; Roman Catholics, 39,374; Mohammedans, Hindus, Jews, etc., 131; not reported, 1,501. As to educational acquirements, 9,294 could neither read nor write; 8,035 could read, but not write; 79,336 could only read and write; 77,690 were better educated; and 1,591 are described as "not reported."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

—It is estimated that not less than \$10,000,000 are invested in the wholesale florist's business, in land, greenhouses, and stock, in the vicinity of New York. The hot-houses cover 45 acres. At Union Hill, N. J., there are perhaps 20 acres under glass for the cultivation of flowers for the New York market.

**The Belfry Murder's Sequel.**

Before the Committee on Claims tomorrow the Chief State Detective will try to show that Thomas Cahill murdered Bridget Landregh. Cahill asks the Legislature to compensate him for loss of time and annoyance, by reason of alleged false imprisonment. It is said that Cahill is in Ireland. The Hon. John E. Fitzgerald, Cahill's counsel, had about persuaded the committee to report a resolution for the payment of money to his client, but the Chief Detective sent word that he would like a hearing. Gen. Stephenson thinks he can prove that Thos. Piper, who confessed to the murder of Miss Landregh, was insane, and confessed crimes which he never committed. It is possible that the last confession of Piper, entrusted to Sheriff Clark, and never published, may be put in as evidence.—*Boston Herald.*

**A Wicked Imposition.**

At 18 years of age this lady married a wealthy old fellow of 60, with one foot in the grave. Could any prospect have seemed more delightful? One foot in the grave, recollect! Ah, but mark my story's sequel. At 18, say they, she was a lovely creature, but when I made her acquaintance she was passe and worn; while he—ought to have been ashamed of himself, but was not—was a hale young thing of 88, and evidently good for another half-dozen years to come. You see he had married, as I twice before remarked, with one foot in the grave; but no earthly consideration would induce him to pop in the other—the abandoned old ruffian! Think how that woman was defrauded!

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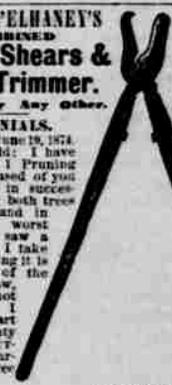
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