

Such gatherings, which as a rule are so pleasant under majority auspices, are too far between in this city. I am sure he needs but to have the matter mentioned to take it in hand, and make the affair a brilliant success.

Yours truly,  
FANCY BALL.

SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Having seen on your paper, celebrated for its veracity, a letter signed "Bird on the Wing" add for truthfulness I think it would have been nearer to mark if the writer signed himself "Bird with a sting." I have simply to say that it was a *make-like* attack devoid of all truth upon myself and the other gentlemen engaged in endeavouring to promote sport and amusement.—I am, sir, yours truly,  
THOMAS O'C. DEWITT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Permit me to express my satisfaction at the letter of "A Bird on the Wing" which appeared in your publication of Tuesday last. I hope that few, if any, of your readers failed to join in the condemnation of the writer as regards the cold-blooded and wanton cruelty which he denounced. Are we to be surprised at the demoralised state of our unfortunate country, exemplified in the mutilation and torture of its offensive animals by inhuman "Moonlighters" when we find those who ought to know better setting such barbarous examples, and teaching the young spectators "how to shoot?" Just think of poor, tame birds, suddenly liberated from a box and alighting on the ground, probably expecting to be fed from the hands of those to whom their destruction, dare I say their agonised struggles, can afford pleasure, or what is cruelly misnamed "sport." I hope we are done with this horrible kind of enjoyment, and that you will not again have to be appealed to either by "A Bird on the Wing" or by

A BIRD ON THE GROUND.

8th April, 1882.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Might I trouble you to insert the following remarks in reference to a letter which appeared in Tuesday's *Chronicle*, and signed "A Bird on the Wing?"

The writer evidently seeks to throw cold water on the introduction of pigeon shooting into this city, but the most cursory reader of his letter can see that he has failed in his object, and instead has got himself into hot water; and though there was no difficulty in getting *Mim* "on the wing," there shall be as little trouble in having him "grasped."

He does not seem exactly to know what he found fault with in the recent shooting match, as the objections he mentioned in one part of his letter, he explained away in another part.

He says that some of the birds did not rise properly, but immediately mentions that the day was very wild, which is also my explanation, as every sportsman knows that birds do not rise well when the wind is blowing hard, which was the case on that day, and prevented several gentlemen from shooting.

He recommends the case of Blue Rocks, and I can tell him that it was always the intention of the promoters to use that class of pigeon; but I must remind him that he cannot expect perfection of arrangements at the first match of the kind ever held in Limerick, and if he happens to be "on the wing" at next match, he may be better pleased with the arrangements, but it might be better to bring with him an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as he suggests himself.

I will not here discuss the merits of pigeon shooting; but if "A Bird on the Wing" appoints a time and place, I shall be happy to argue the point with him.

In conclusion, I would recommend this "bird" when next he "wings" his way into the newspapers to understand his subject more thoroughly, and to handle it with more ability than he has done in his letter.

Apologising for occupying so much of your valuable space,  
I remain, yours, &c.,  
T. G. W.

HYDROPATHY IN SCOTLAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Having visited various places of interest in Scotland for about three months, I was so pleased with the Hydropathic entertainment at Peebles, I made there rather a lengthy stay. The building is quite new, built in the French renaissance style, and was opened the 15th of last July. The baths are excellent, having the usual douche, spring, wave, seeder, sitz, Turkish, etc. But there is one bath to which I would like to call the attention of your readers viz., the *Russian* bath, which is only to be found at Peebles Hydropathic. It is composed of one chamber, heated to 120 degrees at most. After undressing and being supplied with an apron, the patient walks into a chamber provided with seats. You are allowed to remain there until you perspire freely. It differs from the Turkish bath in this, that instead of a *dry heat*, it is a *moist atmosphere*. The room is heated with steam coils, steam jets also being in the chamber to allow vapour. If the room is properly heated the vapour is not visible. Cold water should be occasionally taken while under perspiration in the bath. Those who cannot perspire freely in the Turkish baths can *always* do so in the Russian. After you come out of the steam chamber you are put on a stool in a hot bath and sopped all over with a hair glove, after which you get the wave or rain. Then you recline on a couch to cool from a quarter to half an hour. Such is a short account of the treatment which a patient or visitor receives undergoing a Russian bath.

Tourists coming to Ireland, whether from England or Scotland, complain very much of its humidity; but since I left the Emerald Isle during my sojourn in Scotland two fine days a week was the average. The review of the Volunteers in Edinburgh by the Queen is a day that will long be remembered, for the drenching rain which fell, and of which I experienced some of its discomforts, having been two and a-half hours on Arthur's seat until prudence compelled me to beat a hasty retreat to the Edinburgh Cafe in Prince's street, after getting a glimpse through the winding rain of her Majesty's umbrella, which was my first sight or view of royalty.

Peebleshire is rich in historic and poetic associations, which Sir Walter Scott has rendered famous in prose and verse. The town of Peebles is most charmingly situated on the banks of the river Tweed, and in the early ages the Kings of Scotland now and then resided there. It is also the scene of a celebrated poem of James the 1st, called "Pebbles to the Play." This was the King who was captured on his way to France by an English vessel and detained a prisoner for eighteen years in London.

Drives of a varied and pleasant nature can be made from the Hydropathic. St. Ronan's well is about seven miles distant, quite close to the rising manufacturing town of Innesleithen, and which is the scene of one of Scott's novels. At the Vale of Manor, distant only four miles, the visitor is shown the cottage, statue, and grave of David Ritchie, the original of the "Black Dwarf," while along the banks of the "Silver Tweed,"

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE BY A SOLDIER.

Yesterday morning a most melancholy suicide occurred at the Strand Barracks, about 11 o'clock. Corporal Patrick Troy has been stationed with the Royal Munster Fusiliers for the last 24 years, and has not been fortunate as he has been addicted to the use, or rather to the abuse of stimulants. Some time since he procured some "necessaries" from the Quartermaster's store, and yesterday morning the amount (10s) was deducted from his pay. This matter seems to have affected his mind and he once went to the arm-rack and took down the rifle, when he went to a lower room. He had previously obtained from Mrs. Tuohy, her husband's pouch, which contained ball cartridge, and after having loaded one of the rifles, took on his right boot and tied a leather thong to the trigger, he placed the muzzle to his neck, and putting his finger on the leather thong pulled the trigger, causing instantaneous death, and producing the fearful wounds on the head described by Doctor Enright at the inquest. The bullet which caused the death of the deceased was produced, the wooden plug was missing, and nothing remained only a twisted piece of lead. The suicide was a most cool and determined one. On yesterday six years, in a room in the extreme end of the opposite wing of the building a similar suicide was committed by a Sergeant Lambert, of the same regiment. Major Mawe and the Non-Commissioned officers express the greatest sorrow and regret for the untimely fate of the deceased. He was unmarried and has a brother, Sergeant Troy, in the same regiment.

THE INQUEST.

Mr. Coroner DeCoursey held an inquest on the body of the deceased in the Strand Barracks, at 12.30 o'clock this morning. A respectable jury having been sworn, who viewed the body, the following evidence was given—

Sergeant Thomas Troy deposed—I have seen the deceased. He is my brother. I saw him last alive between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening of the 6th. He was a Corporal in the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was then in his usual state of health. He is aged about 80 years, and is about 25 years in the regiment. I would know his handwriting if I saw it. Paper (produced) is in his handwriting. He never told me he was in any trouble.

Mrs. Emily Tuohy deposed—I saw deceased yesterday morning. He came to my rooms at a quarter past 11 o'clock. He said my husband sent him to get his "ball-bag." He took the "ball-bag" away. I saw him to move. When going away he said it was a glorious morning. He ran up the stairs.

Private Win Morrison deposed—he knew the deceased. He saw him about five minutes past 11 in the room they now were in. He wrote a piece of paper and put it into his pocket. He opened the lock of the chain that was on three rifles and took them down stairs into the room he now lies in, for the purpose of apparently of cleaning them. He was in the habit of cleaning them. About two minutes after he heard an explosion and a rifle fall. Drummer Boland said "that was a shot." He opened the door and looked down and saw Corporal Troy shot and lying on the ground dead. He reported the matter to the Sergeant-Major.

Sergeant-Major O'Dell deposed—He knew the deceased. The piece of paper (produced) was found on him. He was in no trouble. He may have owed a few shillings, and if he had come to him yesterday morning he would have given it to him as he often had done before. He was treated with every kindness consistent with discipline. He advised him against drink. He saw him yesterday morning a few minutes before ten o'clock. He had no sign of drink on him. He was then perfectly clean.

Sergeant Morrison deposed that he knew the deceased. Saw him last alive yesterday morning. He was then in his usual state. He noticed nothing wrong with him. He was aware he owed some money for necessaries supplied from the Quartermaster's stores. This charge was made against him yesterday. The amount was 10s. Witness treated him personally with great kindness. It was not true, as stated in the document, that "the Quartermaster-Sergeant stabbed me in the dark."

Constable M'Cartie deposed that about eleven o'clock yesterday he saw deceased. He was then dead and lying on the ground with a rifle, the butt end of which was near his feet and the muzzle pointed from him. A leather thong was tied to the trigger. The rifle was opened at the breech, and the "pan" contained an exploded cartridge. The rifle was lately discharged. He found the bullet produced. Deceased's right boot was off and his stockings also, and on a box convenient he found a right boot, and the following memorandum (produced) was pointed out to him by Major Mawe on the window where deceased was lying.—"Sir, no fault with Major Mawe. Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant stabbed me in the dark.—P. Tray." The pouch (produced) was on the window near deceased. There was one cartridge missing.

Dr. Enright deposed that he saw deceased in the room where he now lies. His head and shoulders were lying in a pool of blood and the brain matter was scattered about. The front of the neck was all black and discoloured from a bullet wound. The upper part of the left side of the face and the roof of the skull were blown away. The upper surface of the brain was exposed in a pulp. All that could not be the result of the bullet wound, but was caused by the force of the explosion. Death must have been instantaneous.

Major T. G. Mawe deposed that he knew the deceased for the past 17 years, and knew the Sergeant-Major and Quarter-Master-Sergeant of the same period. With reference to the statement of the deceased, he did not believe that there was the slightest grounds for the assertion that they injured him. He had known them frequently to befriend him.

Sergeant Heaphy deposed that he saw the deceased yesterday morning about a quarter past 10 o'clock. He spoke to him, and he replied "that there are fellows who go to chapel at 7 o'clock in the morning and when they return they black-beat me. I have no pity to get—bone-yard." "Bone-yard" is a common expression for grave-yard in the army. In returning from witness's own room he met deceased. He then made use of another expression which he did not understand at the time, but immediately on hearing of the occurrence he came to the conclusion that the word he used was "bone-yard." He struck witness that deceased was insane at the time.

The jury after a short consideration found a verdict that the deceased died from the effects of a gun shot wound inflicted by himself while in a state of temporary insanity, and that no blame can be attached to any of the Staff or the Regiment, who appear to have always treated the deceased with uniform kindness.

Subsequently the deceased was buried with Military honours, the 76th Regiment supplying the Band and firing party. Much regret is felt for the brother of the deceased who is a first-class soldier and in high esteem by his officers and the members of the Regiment.

RATHKALE PETTY SESSIONS.

The usual fortnightly Petty Sessions were held on Thursday before Captain Haghell, E.M., in

at him and struck him on the head with a heavy stick.

Charles Hurley corroborated the evidence of his brother.

Crimmins was fined 20s and costs.

Mr. Doherty of Ballyallinan, summoned two young girls named Barry Harte and Catherine M'Mahon, for having milked his cows in the house by night.

Mr. Condon, solicitor, pleaded guilty of their behalf.

The bench allowed them to put in their own recognizances to come up for judgment when called upon.

Sub-constable Kearney summoned James Fitzgibbons, of Blackhall, for having been drunk on the public street on 4th April. Fined 5s and costs.

James O'Connell summoned John M'Carthy for assaulting him with a stone on 23rd March. Sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Captain Hatchell remarked that a reformatory would be the proper place to send him.

Sub-constable Kearney summoned a man named Noonan for having been drunk and disorderly on 4th April. Sentenced to 7 days' imprisonment.

Sub-constable Kearney summoned E. Spillane for a like offence. Sentenced to 7 days' imprisonment.—Adjourned.

LATEST NEWS.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

The Board of Trade returns issued to-day show that the imports for March were £38,008,073, against £36,842,336 for the corresponding month last year; increase, £1,166,337. The exports were £20,988,275, against £19,121,038; increase of £1,867,237. For three months the imports increase were £2,799,464, and the exports were £6,454,458.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The block chain-makers in the Staffordshire districts were to-day granted a ten per cent increase of wages.

The Press Association understands that Lord Hartington has offered the seat in the Indian Council, vacant by the resignation of Sir Erskine Percy to Sir Ashley Eden, who is at present at Calcutta but will leave for England next week. Sir Ashley is at present Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

The Marquis of Hartington left London this morning for Chatsworth, from whence he will proceed to Ireland in company with the Duke of Devonshire.

Excitement still prevails at Inverness, regarding the wholesale poisoning there, by hot crocus bulbs, yesterday. The nature of the poison has not yet been ascertained. Although a hundred persons were effected all have recovered now.

Mr. Villiers Stuart, M.P., has written a letter defending his vote in favour of the censure, saying that those who wished to defeat the Government had not considered the consequences to Ireland if they succeeded.

All is fair, they say, in love and war. According to a Lancashire paper, since the Salvation Army have had "barracks" at Cosley, the publicans have done hardly any business. They have, therefore, combined to purchase the barracks over the heads of the Salvationists and turn them into business premises. The army, however, announce their determination not to be beaten. If turned out of doors, they will meet in the open air.

LIMERICK MARKETS—SATURDAY, APRIL.

BREADSTUFFS.—1st flour, 40s 0d to 60s 0d per sack; 2nd flour, 35s 0d to 45s 0d per sack; 3rd flour, 30s 0d to 40s 0d per sack; 4th flour, 25s 0d to 35s 0d per sack; 5th flour, 20s 0d to 30s 0d per sack; 6th flour, 15s 0d to 25s 0d per sack; 7th flour, 10s 0d to 20s 0d per sack; 8th flour, 5s 0d to 15s 0d per sack; 9th flour, 0s 0d to 10s 0d per sack; 10th flour, 0s 0d to 5s 0d per sack.

WHEAT.—Best white, 6s 0d to 7s 0d per bushel; 1st white, 5s 0d to 6s 0d per bushel; 2nd white, 4s 0d to 5s 0d per bushel; 3rd white, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per bushel; 4th white, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per bushel; 5th white, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per bushel; 6th white, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per bushel; 7th white, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 8th white, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 9th white, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 10th white, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel.

BARLEY.—1st malt, 4s 0d to 5s 0d per bushel; 2nd malt, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per bushel; 3rd malt, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per bushel; 4th malt, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per bushel; 5th malt, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per bushel; 6th malt, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 7th malt, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 8th malt, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 9th malt, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 10th malt, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel.

RYE.—1st rye, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per bushel; 2nd rye, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per bushel; 3rd rye, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per bushel; 4th rye, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per bushel; 5th rye, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 6th rye, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 7th rye, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 8th rye, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 9th rye, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 10th rye, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel.

OATS.—1st oats, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per bushel; 2nd oats, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per bushel; 3rd oats, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per bushel; 4th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 5th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 6th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 7th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 8th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 9th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel; 10th oats, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bushel.

MEAT.—Best beef, 6s 0d to 7s 0d per lb; 1st beef, 5s 0d to 6s 0d per lb; 2nd beef, 4s 0d to 5s 0d per lb; 3rd beef, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per lb; 4th beef, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per lb; 5th beef, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per lb; 6th beef, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per lb; 7th beef, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 8th beef, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 9th beef, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 10th beef, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb.

LAMB.—Best lamb, 4s 0d to 5s 0d per lb; 1st lamb, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per lb; 2nd lamb, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per lb; 3rd lamb, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per lb; 4th lamb, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per lb; 5th lamb, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 6th lamb, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 7th lamb, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 8th lamb, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 9th lamb, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 10th lamb, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb.

PORK.—Best pork, 6s 0d to 7s 0d per lb; 1st pork, 5s 0d to 6s 0d per lb; 2nd pork, 4s 0d to 5s 0d per lb; 3rd pork, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per lb; 4th pork, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per lb; 5th pork, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per lb; 6th pork, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per lb; 7th pork, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 8th pork, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 9th pork, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 10th pork, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb.

BUTTER.—There were 32t firkins of butter in market this day. Top price 9s, 3rd 8s, 4th 7s, 5th 6s, 6th 5s, 7th 4s, 8th 3s, 9th 2s, 10th 1s.

EGGS.—Duck eggs, 11d to 10d per dozen; hen eggs, 10d per dozen.

IRISH BACON.—Green middles, 7s 0d to 8s 0d per cwt; smoked, 6s 0d to 7s 0d per cwt; shoulders, 6s 0d to 7s 0d per cwt; 1st cuts, 5s 0d to 6s 0d per cwt; 2nd cuts, 4s 0d to 5s 0d per cwt; 3rd cuts, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per cwt; 4th cuts, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per cwt; 5th cuts, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per cwt; 6th cuts, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per cwt; 7th cuts, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per cwt; 8th cuts, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per cwt; 9th cuts, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per cwt; 10th cuts, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per cwt.

AMERICAN BACON.—4s to 5s per cwt; smoked, 7d to 8d per lb; ham, 8s to 9s; green, 6d to 7d per lb.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides, 3/6 to 5/9 per stone; kip, 1/6 to 1/8 per lb; 1st skins, 5/6 to 6/6 per lb; 2nd skins, 4/6 to 5/6 per lb; 3rd skins, 3/6 to 4/6 per lb; 4th skins, 2/6 to 3/6 per lb; 5th skins, 1/6 to 2/6 per lb; 6th skins, 0s 0d to 1/6 per lb; 7th skins, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 8th skins, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 9th skins, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb; 10th skins, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per lb.

FLAX AND STRAW.—Flax, 3s 0d to 4s 0d per ton; 1st flax, 2s 0d to 3s 0d per ton; 2nd flax, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per ton; 3rd flax, 0s 0d to 1s 0d per ton; 4th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; 5th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; 6th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; 7th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; 8th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; 9th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton; 10th flax, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per ton.

POTATOES.—1st loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 2nd loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 3rd loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 4th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 5th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 6th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 7th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 8th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 9th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton; 10th loads of Potatoes, 1s per ton.

DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET—Thursday. (L.C. and Sons report.) Although we had only a slight increase in the numbers of both sheep and cattle to-day, we have to report a worse trade for beef and mutton during the week; beasts generally selling at a reduction 1/6s., and sheep also at a reduction of 2s. per head. Beef 7s. 6d. to 7s. per cwt., secondary and inferior to 7s.; prime, weather 10s. 6d. per lb.; ewe 9d. to 1s. Beasts, 1,75s.; sheep, 3,850.

BIRTHS.

Dowd—April 7, at 7 Swanson Terrace, the wife of the late James Dowd, of a daughter.

Tottenham—April 4, at Woodstock, Newton Tottenham, county Wicklow, the wife of M. Tottenham, of a daughter.

Walters—March 23, at March Baldon Rectory, Oxon, the wife of the Rev. Edmund Walters, M.A., of a son.

Mackey—April 5, at 69 Merrion-square, Dublin, the wife of the Rev. Charles Mackey, Esq., J.P., of a daughter.

Premaury—April 4, at Trinity, Wexford, the wife of Adam H. Premaury, Esq. of the Bank of Ireland, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

James and Mary—April 4, at All Souls, Langham-place, London, by the Rev. J. L. Young, M.A., Wm. Edw. R.N., of Dora, Yeckes, Rectory, daughter of J. Trinity, Esq.—D.D. Dramatic society, Dublin.