

no apparent diminution in their numbers. Last year 6,254 eggs and young of the species were destroyed, and great numbers of mature birds shot; but still they are as numerous as ever.

MARK TWAIN'S ADVICE TO YOUNG LADIES.

Mark Twain delivered a couple of addresses at Baltimore, (says the New York correspondent of the "Telegraph"). In the first, speaking at the breaking up ceremony of a girls' college, he said: "There are three things young ladies I want to advise you not to do. The first is, don't smoke—that is don't smoke to excess. The second is, don't drink—that is, don't drink to excess. The third is, don't marry—I mean to excess." It was fully five minutes before the audience stopped laughing.

FUTURE OF THE HORSE.

Is it not a little curious (remarks the "Bystander" that at the very time when the horse is supposed to be on his death bed as it were as the result of the fierce antagonism of the motor car, a magnificent show should have arisen in our midst at which all horse people seem to be combining to glorify the precious animal. I suppose horses will gradually cease to be the hard worked beasts of burden of the past. The future for them will be one of higher estate. Mechanical traction will probably oust them from the useful duties hitherto performed, but they will be more prized than ever for private driving, and all sporting purposes.

DEFINITION OF "LADY."

A prize offered by the 'Gentlewoman' for the best definition of a lady was won by the following effort—To be a lady means, rightly, to be a gentlewoman who shows by her every word and action a sweet and gentle dignity, with a gracious charm of manner. A woman whose heart is pure and true, who is tender towards all suffering, who sympathises with those in trouble, and is ever ready to give that which costs her some effort and self-denial. A lady thinks no work derogatory, and no one is deemed too low to receive courtesy and kindness. She is pure and good in every detail of life, a true friend and a 'ministering angel' in sorrow and in sickness.

The United States Senate have agreed upon a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on cut and 5 per cent on uncut diamonds and other precious stones.

The death has occurred at 27 Devonshire place, London, from heart failure of Sir Charles Howard, late Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

seconded, an amendment in as much as the declaration was not in order, the scheme should have come into operation in April.

In the division the amendment was negatived by 13 votes to 7.

THE LATE MISS CHAROLETTE O'BRIEN.

A resolution of condolence was unanimously passed with the relatives of the late Miss Charolette Grace O'Brien, whose death took place at Ardnoir, Foynes.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. M. KIDD

The remains of the late Mr. James Morgan Kidd arrived in the city yesterday from Dublin by the 1.25 train, and were met at the terminus by a large attendance of mourners who came to pay the final tribute of respect to a gentleman who was connected with the commercial interests of Limerick for nearly half a century. As the funeral passed on its way to St. Mary's Cathedral Cemetery where the interment took place, many of the business houses were closed, and en route the cortege increased. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. R. H. Sample, M. A., who delivered a very impressive address at the graveside.

The chief mourners were—Mr. William M. Kidd, Mr. Edward Kidd, Mr. Robert Kidd, and Mr. Allan Kidd (sons); Mr. J. H. McClean (son-in-law), and Mr. J. W. Elliott.

The general public included—Rev. D. F. McCausland, Rev. T. B. Robetson, Messrs. T. Ewart, T. Grubb, D. S. Waters, J. Riddle, P. Hartigan, A. Rowand, M. Herriott, R. F. Hartigan, W. Pike, W. H. Owens, Dr. Gelston, W. Woodhouse, W. Berrington, C.E.; A. Woodhouse, D. Begley, B. Barrington, solr.; E. Eudlow, A. Murray, T. Hassett, J. G. Wilkinson, H. L. Stewart, M. Moriarty, J. R. Wallace, S. E. Lee, J.P.; T. Wheatley, S. Johnston, W. Christy, J. Anchemuty, W. Christy, E. G. Fitt, R. Wallace, solicitor; R. Rookby, P. Rookby, W. F. Goodwin, W. Holliday, J.P., G. Hill, T. Waugh, C. Hill, J. Stewart, T. Rookby, W. Cutbush, W. B. Smyth, W. O'Connor, J. Forrest, R. Keatinge, W. A. McArthur, A. DePrins, W. Halpin, E. H. Wright, P. R. Toppin, A. J. Barnett, G. Belshaw, T. O'Grady, W. Pike, W. F. Harca, E. C. Winter, V.S., M. O'Sullivan, T. Meod'e, E. Harris, J. Toomey, B. R. Archer, T. Reid, T. Hill, J. H. Greene, H. Coyle, V. Moorhead, E. Norman, J. McKinley, A. E. Goodwin, A. Knox (Ennis), S. Johnston, and G. Johnston.

During an attack on a Dreadnought on Saturday one torpedo at least pierced her nets and would have exploded disastrously in actual warfare.

Field Marshal Sir Frederick Paul Haines died on Friday evening at his chambers in London after a brief illness. Deceased, who was in his 90th year, was one of the oldest officers in the British army, having 70 years of service, mainly in India.

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