ARCHIVAL MATERIAL RELATING TO THE ROYAL (DICK) SCHOOL OF VETERINARY STUDIES SOUGHT

SIR, – The carte de visite photograph (opposite) was recently discovered online and we were able to identify it as showing staff and students of the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College at Clyde Street, Edinburgh.

Professor Thomas Walley (seated fourth from the right) was Principal of the College for 20 years (1874-1894) and Colin C. Baird (seated second from the right) was Clinical Professor over the same period (1874-1895). The gentleman sitting between them is thought to be Dr Daniel J. Cunningham, Professor of Physiology (1876-1882). If this were so, the date of the photograph would be 1880 plus or minus 3 years.

We in Edinburgh are very interested in discovering such veterinary treasures for our archive and would welcome all helpful suggestions and guidance to either acquiring them or obtaining archive copies.

Yours faithfully,

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A CARNIVOROUS HORSE

A few days since, a flock of sheep, belonging to Earl Lovelace, were turned into a field at East Horsley, and on the following morning two were found dead, and their flesh very much torn; a few mornings after, another was found dead, with the flesh also torn. The shepherd, suspecting it to be a dog who had committed the slaughter, was determined to watch for him: he did so, but to his utter astonishment saw a horse, belonging to a person named Lucas, that was in the field with the sheep, attack them, kill one, and eat part of the flesh. The circumstance was made known to the owner of the horse, who paid the value of the sheep destroyed in this extraordinary manner.