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A JAPANESE JOLLY

LS TO BASE BALL IN THE MIKADO'S DOMAIN.

Prs idnt Hart, of Chicago, as Usual, Ca lld on to Lend a Helping Hand Toward Establishing the Game in the Land of Chrysanthemums.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Base ball has invaded Japan, and to such an extent that the Tokio Athletic Association has written to President James A. Hart for rules and suggestions relative to the furthering of the American national game in the land of the Mikado.

Last summer a lively little gentleman attended several games at League Park, Chicago, in the company of Mr. Hart, and showed the keenest interest in and appreciation of the contests. He was Tora Hiraoka, of Tokio, Japan, and he explained then that base ball already had been introduced into his country, displaying two or three crooked fingers as indisputable evidence that he himself had already played the game. He said he was thoroughly in love with the sport, and was sure it would become immensely popular among the Japanese when once generally introduced.

Yesterday Mr. Hart received the following letter:

"Kinschicho, Honjo, Oct. 14.—J. A. Hart, Esq., Chicago, U. S. A.—My Dear Mr. Hart:—I have the pleasure to inform you that I was asked by the president of the Tokio Athletic Association to occupy the seat of chairman of the chief committee of the base ball department, which my brother has declined to take, from want of time. It may happen that I shall call upon you for some assistance from time to time. First of all, I should like to secure some documents through which I could get various points of information regarding base ball in America, such as daily records of the professional and 'varsity teams, with their description, general prospects, etc. Any information you may give me on these lines will be highly approved, as it is the purpose of our club to introduce the game generally here."

When here last summer Mr. Hiraoka explained that it was the ambition of himself and others who were playing the game in Japan to become so proficient at it that they could bring a team at some time to America. It is Mr. Hart's opinion that the Japanese should learn the American national game without a great deal of trouble, as they are agile and naturally like athletic sports. Judging by the success of the Australian team that visited this country last season the Japs should be able to get a nine that could win the international championship between Japan and Australia.

WAGNER WISE, TOO.

He Also Believes That the Brush Penalty is Too Radical.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Earl Wagner has declared against the Brush blacklist rule. He says: "I do not regard this Brush amendment as practicable and at the spring meeting in St. Louis I will make a motion to modify it. You will remember that the penalty inflicted on a jockey by the judges of running races years ago was a fine. Taking the money of the rider failed to correct the evil. But when the race track officials were given authority to set down the offenders for a week or a fortnight, or for just as long as the offense warranted, there was an improvement in the conduct of the boys. Now I am in favor of modifying the Brush law by giving the umpire the power to put the offending player out of the game for a week or ten days, or even a month, according to the offense; that is, deal out punishment to fit the crime. This rule would surely prove more practical than Mr. Brush's blacklistment idea, which is as severe as the old English laws."



WILLIAM F. DAHLEN.

William F. Dahlen, the brilliant short stop of the Chicago Club, has played with but two teams in his career. He was born in White Plains, N. Y., and is in the vicinity of 27 years old. He started to play ball when he was about 16 years of age. His first professional engagement was with the Cobleskill team of the New York State League. That was in 1890, and he stayed there for one year, playing the latter part of the season with the Albanys. That, however, was not a regular engagement, as he simply filled out the season with them. A friend of Anson heard of the little fellow, who was reputed to be very clever at the game, and, as the Chicagoes were greatly in need of good men to strengthen their infield, Dahlen was signed after short negotiations. He was a great hit with the Colts, and one of the first men on the team that brought about the name of Colts. He was signed in the fall of 1890, and played his first game in a Chicago uniform in the spring of 1891. He was originally a third baseman, but was played at short by Anson, and has not since left that position for more than one game. He is of an erratic disposition, and, while sober and careful in his habits, is a hard man to control.

GRAND RAPIDS HAS HOPES.

Deacon Ellis Expected to Put in a Ball Team.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 6.—"Deacon" George Ellis has sold his mosquito league team and franchise at Newark for a cash consideration, and it is believed here that he will take a hand in the disposition of the Grand Rapids franchise by the Western League magnates. Although he had a tail ender team Ellis made money as manager of the Grand Rapids Club, and it is believed he could do it again. He is not here now, but his friends say he will be in it when the League meets to make the final arrangements.

Holliday's Consistent Batting.

During the nine years Holliday has played in Cincinnati he has batted above .300 in all seasons save two—'90 and '92. His batting average for the period is .311, and during all these campaigns he was at bat 3504 times, and cracked out 1128 safe hits. During the past three years he has played but little—only taking part in 106 games in all that time.

BALTIMORE'S PARK.

Extensive Improvements Being Made at the Orioles' Home.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 6.—Ground-keeper Murphy is making extensive improvements to the diamond at Union Park. The sod of the infield has been torn up, and the space between first and second base has been filled in to an additional elevation of one and a half feet. This is in order to level up the first and second bases with third base, which has been a couple of feet higher. The right field is also being raised five feet, so as to bring it nearer on a level with the home plate. The place graced by Willie Keeler has long been considerably lower than the plate.

Privileged Too Much.

There are some sections of this civilized land of ours in which a gentleman would lose the top of his head for indulging in some of the language turned out by a few diamond ruffians last year. To curb the temper of such over-exuberant souls is what the League has determined to do.—Cincinnati "Post."

A BASE BALL SUIT.

THE SLAGLE CASE TO BE AIRED IN COURT.

Manager Comiskey, of St. Paul, Not Satisfied With the National Board's Decision, Will Endeavor to Get Legal Satisfaction Out of Boston.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Charles Comiskey, manager of the St. Paul team of the Western Base Ball League, on Saturday notified President Young, of the National League, that he would bring suit at once against the Boston Club. The suit is based on the Slagle case, a somewhat complicated affair involving at least four teams in different parts of the country. The suit will be for money expended on the player and probably damages.

James F. Slagle is an outfielder, and was under contract to the Boston team. Manager Leadley, of the Grand Rapids team of the Western League, "borrowed" the services of Slagle in the spring of 1897. He played in the minor-league that season and attracted the attention of Manager Comiskey, of the St. Paul Club. The latter got into correspondence with Frank Selee, of the Boston Club, regarding the release of Slagle. In July Selee wrote to Comiskey and stated that he could have the release of Slagle as soon as the sum of \$450 was paid into the hands of President Young. Comiskey accepted this statement as a contract, and some time later sent his check for the amount to Washington, the headquarters of the League.

President Young having been furnished with a copy of Selee's letter to Comiskey, at once forwarded the money to the Boston Club. A little later Comiskey received the information that Slagle had been sold to the Kansas City team. In the meantime Slagle had been advised by Comiskey that he had secured his services and drew for salary on the St. Paul manager and received the sum of \$325, the amount that was due him. Now Comiskey says he has neither player, check nor money, the National Board having awarded Slagle to the Kansas City Club.

TO GO TO THE ROOT.

Spectators to be Restrained as Well as the Players.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Manager Watkins intends inaugurating a reform among certain classes of local spectators next season, and by doing so he will please not only the better class of patrons but the players as well. It has become notorious throughout the League that about the worst class of spectators are those who occupy the bleachers, who during recent seasons have become very open in their profane criticisms, thus making life miserable for the player who is unfortunate enough to be located anywhere near them.

This nuisance has become so flagrant over at Exposition Park that it more than anything else made Elmer Smith pray for a change to some other city. Manager Watkins does not propose to have Smith's successor subjected to any such treatment, and will take steps to remedy this evil. The first move will be to have officers stationed at convenient points, and the first spectator to indulge in obscene criticism will be ejected from the grounds.

If this remedy does not prove beneficial then the bleachers will be removed back to their old position, in deep centre field, and room made for just 300 25-centers, and as soon as 300 tickets have been sold the gates will be closed, and no one else admitted to that part of the field. There will also be a determined effort made to stop all betting in either the bleachers or grand stand.

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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

All correspondents of the "Sporting Life" are requested to return their credentials for renewal for 1898. Prompt compliance with this request is necessary in order to facilitate the annual labor of reorganizing the correspondence corps, which is, by the way, quite a task, owing to the immense number of contributors the "Sporting Life" has upon its staff. Failure to return the old credentials will be considered a declination of further service as correspondent.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

THE POTTER OVER SECURING A SUCCESSOR TO GRAND RAPIDS.

Omaha Likely to be the Chosen City With Either Anson or Pfeffer, Both Famous and Deserving Veterans, in Control of the Club.

Western League circles have been somewhat torn up over the uncertainty relative to the definite location of the Grand Rapids franchise and team. This matter is now likely to be settled in the near future. President Ban Johnson has returned to Chicago after a visit to each of the Western League men for conference, and announces that a meeting of the Western League will be held probably during the coming week. At this meeting the Grand Rapids franchise will be definitely disposed of and also the committee appointed to confer with the Eastern League delegates at the Buffalo conference.

NO CLUB IN CHICAGO

It is almost assured now that there will be no Western League club in Chicago. President Hart, whose consent would be absolutely necessary for such an establishment, refuses to discuss the matter, but it goes without saying that unless he could use the Chicago Western League Club as a farm he would refuse to give it territory. President Johnson is known to favor Chicago as the Western League's eighth city, but it is believed that a majority of the Western League magnates are opposed to the move unless it could be accomplished without submitting to the very condition the Western League has been striving for years to escape or lighten. Even with Anson in control of the Chicago Western League Club, it is held it could not prosper if used as a Chicago League Club farm. It is also a question whether President Hart would tolerate the establishment of a rival club with Anson at its head under any conditions.

OMAHA IN FAVOR.

With Chicago disposed of the most available cities are Omaha, Des Moines and Sioux City. Grand Rapids would like to remain in Sioux City has been tried and found wanting, while Des Moines is not

specially attractive even could it secure the National Board's permission to leave the Western Association. This leaves Omaha as the most desirable town, and the general opinion is that that city has been practically settled upon as the successor of Grand Rapids, and that the reason for delay is simply to determine in whose hands the club shall be placed. There was a time when George Stallings or Tommy Burns could have had the franchise for the asking. It is now believed that Anson can have it, has been offered it, and that the moguls are merely waiting for Anson's return from Europe for his decision in the matter. The Western League magnates won't admit that this is the real situation and profess entire ignorance as to Anson's movements or intentions, yet it is significant that whenever Anson is mentioned they immediately sound his praises and fall to discussing his availability as Omaha's owner and manager, and the advantages of such a move to himself and the Western League.

TWO OTHER FACTORS

In the problem have appeared in the persons of George Ellis, late of Newark, and the famous Fred Pfeffer, thus making things easy for the Western League even should Anson not be available. It is believed that Ellis, having disposed of his Newark Club, is more than willing to cast his lot and cash once more with the Western League. The strongest card the Western League now has, however, is an application from Fred Pfeffer, the veteran second baseman, for the Omaha territory. Mr. Pfeffer will associate with himself the noted Chicago score card man, J. D. W. King. Pfeffer claims to have ample financial backing, which ought to secure him the franchise, as he has excellent qualifications to make the movement a success.

FRED PFEFFER

is known to almost every patron of base ball in the United States, his long and honorable service on the diamond having endeared him to magnates and players alike. As a second baseman he has had few equals until ill health necessitated his withdrawal from the game last summer, and as a tactician he has no superiors. If the Grand Rapids franchise is sold to Mr. King and himself, Pfeffer will manage the team and play second base, and as he is an excellent judge of players the Omaha Club will undoubtedly make a fine showing in the Western League race next season.

THE EXACT SITUATION

as it now appears is that Omaha will be the eighth city of the Western League, with either Anson or Pfeffer, or possibly George Ellis, in control.

EDITOR "SPORTING LIFE."

ADMIRE UNCLE ANSON.

Comiskey Speaks Highly of the Famous Chicago Manager.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—"I have the highest regard for Captain Anson personally," said President Charles Comiskey, of the St. Paul Club, yesterday, "and, knowing his reputation and the big following he has in base ball, I should be very glad to see him in the Western League, if he has any thought of taking a franchise in our circuit. But, as I understand it, Captain Anson has not intimated any such desire. In fact, I know nothing more than gossip to the effect that he will not continue to be at the head of the Chicago League Club.

"There is no question that the Chicago Club, and the National League, for that matter, are under obligations to Anson," Comiskey continued. "He has been a stalwart, determined fighter; whether or not he has been a success with the club under his management during the last few years, he has certainly tried to do his best. Nobody will deny that. Anson stood by the Chicago Club and the League during the Brotherhood fight, and, as one who was on the other side, I will assure you that Anson was a big factor in that contest. In addition to putting up his own money, and losing it, to back the League, for everybody interested in base ball lost money that time, he was by all odds the best drawing card the League had that year.

"Now, I don't know whether Anson wants to get into our League or not. I haven't the remotest idea whether he could get a Chicago franchise if he wanted it. My impression is he would apply for a franchise in some other city if he should come into our League, but that is only a guess. I know nothing about his ideas on the subject."

BACK TO BUFFALO.

Greminger Will Again Cavort in a Bison Uniform.

Buffalo, Nov. 8.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Big, good-natured Ed. Greminger will be seen in a Buffalo uniform next year, and we welcome the news all the more from having resigned ourselves to the disconsolate thought that he wouldn't be. Brooklyn has recalled her draft of the staunch third baseman, and he will again cavort at Olympic Park, if some other club doesn't see him in the light we do. A fact touching on the might-have-been for fans to chew on is that it may appear singular to some that Brooklyn's recall of Greminger's draft, Pittsburgh's recall of Atherton's and Manager Watkins' assertion that his club had acted for another, all took place within a very few days. Atherton is a comer, but Greminger has already arrived. With either Frank Shannon, Barry or Sullivan at short, Clymer at second and Wise at first, we won't envy anybody's infield. Manager Rowe gives out the news that he is after a catcher and a pitcher, now under reserve to a Western Association, and a State League club respectively. I pick Sullivan for the catcher and Mullen for the pitcher. C. F. HOLCOMB.

Western League Records.

Neither the batting nor the fielding averages of the Western League have yet issued from the official hopper, although they are nearly ready to receive President Ban Johnson's stamp of approval. All are completed save the figures on pitchers—an installment, by the way, that is yet to come from Uncle Nick Young to complete the League '97 records.—Cincinnati "Post."

NEWS AND COMMENT.

—Pitcher Gallagher is studying law in a Newport law office.

—Breitenstein is going to Hot Springs with his wife in January.

—McPhee is expected back from his hunting trip in Arkansas soon.

—Newport's crack pitcher, Marlon Hawley, is wintering at Conneaut, O.

—League umpire McDonald is refereeing boxing matches out in San Francisco.

—Billy Hallman is back on the vaudeville stage, doing a turn with Tom Mack.

—Arthur Irwin expects to have catcher Casey returned to him by Washington.

—Joe Quinn is said to have the finest undertaking establishment in the West.

—The latest Cleveland tale is that Ed. McKean is to be traded for McGraw.

—Louisville is said to be dickering with Chicago for Everett, Connors and Thornton.

—Short stop Moss, of Pawtucket, has signed with Billy Shaisig's Allentown Club.

—George Yeager, Boston's utility man, has gone to Hot Springs for a boiling out.

—The St. Louis team has had more than 12 managers since 1890. This is a record.

—Frank Bancroft is arranging to give Cincinnati a taste of indoor base ball.

—The daily average of attendance in Toledo (Interstate League) this year was 2200.

—Charley Irwin still lingers in Chicago. He is not yet certain that he will go to California.

—John Murphy, now of Buffalo, is the new groundskeeper at Exposition Park, of Pittsburg.

—The Pittsburg players, it has been determined, will start on their spring trip March 7.

—Tommy Leahy is dickering in neckties, and socks in a Springfield, Mass., haberdashery store.

—Players desiring to play on an independent team for '98 should address F. J. Shea, Nashua, N. H.

—San Antonio fans are highly pleased over having the Cincinnati team train there next spring.

—At present Washington has five catchers on its pay-roll—Farrell, McGuire, Leahy, Casey and Snyder.

—John McGuire, of New Orleans, is to be manager of the Savannah Club of the Southern League.

—It may be set down as a fact that there will be no Western League team located in Chicago.

—President Hart says the Colts will not train at Hot Springs this coming March, as they did last March.

—An uncle of Connie Mack died recently and Connie is assisting the heirs in taking care of the property.

—Umpire Hank O'Day, arguing from an umpire's standpoint, thinks well of the double umpire system.

—Billy Barnie is quoted as saying that Jack Ryan will do the bulk of the catching for Brooklyn next season.

—Serappy Joyce is reported as saying that he intends to make a first baseman out of pitcher Doheny next season.

—It is reported that Clark Griffith, the Chicago's star pitcher, was married recently. The story is not confirmed.

—Lange and Dahlen, who have seen Chance, Chicago's new catcher, at play in California, says he is a crackerjack.

—Arthur Swain, a brother of Hillary Swain, of the Senators, has signed to pitch for Fort Wayne in the Interstate League.

—Jack McCarthy has signed a Pittsburg contract, and expresses confidence in himself to hold his own in fast company.

—Win Mercer, of the Washingtons, is conducting a dancing academy at his home in East Liverpool, O., this winter.

—"Chic" Frazer, of the Colonels, is a coal dealer in Chicago during the winter, and is making money at the business.

—Second baseman Glenalvin is now on the road selling a vapor bath, which he claims is just the thing for ball players.

—Out in Frisco there is a base ball night every week at each of the theatres, and the visiting players attend in a body.

—The enmity that is supposed to exist between Breitenstein and Hawley is not acknowledged by either Breitenstein or Hawley.

—The Pirates have received a liberal proposition to train at Little Rock, and they are likely to join the ranks of travelers to Arkansas.

—Thanks to the touting they have received McHale and McCarthy will have a rather hard time coming up to expectations in the League.

—Jake Gettman, the silent Teuton of the Senators last season, came to America six years ago from Germany and settled at Hastings, Neb.

—Rhody Wallace has gone into partnership with Jack Frost, and will run a skating rink at Millvale, Pa., if the latter will only furnish the ice.

—President Brush avers that long as he has been in base ball he has never urged any man upon President Young for appointment as umpire.

—The Eastern League official averages, which will be published after January 1, will show Dan Brouthers to be the leading batsman, with .415.

—Manager Tebeau has definitely decided to take his Cleveland team to Hot Springs in March and trust no more to gymnasium work at home.

—Vice President Dehler, of Louisville, says his club is negotiating for the purchase of three real star players. Taylor, Clements and Cross?

—John Ganzel, the first baseman drafted from Grand Rapids by Pittsburg, does not want to become a Pirate. He prefers to remain a minor leaguer.

—With Frank Selee and Billy Barnie both on the Pacific coast there isn't much chance for any talent running around loose there to get away.

—Pitcher Hawley wants more than the limit from Cincinnati. It's good betting he won't get it until after he proves himself worth it to Cincinnati.

—Frank Torreyson is reported as having taken the management of Peter Sheehan and Jack Kinlow, the McKeesport boxers, and is looking for matches for them.

—Frank Killen denies "Pink" Hawley's statement that he and "Pink" were friends in Pittsburg last season. Evidently Hawley has more politeness than Killen.

—Either Rothfuss or Harry Davis will take Brodie's place in Pittsburg's centre field, al-

though Tannehill may have a look-in in the competition for the position.

—Barrister Mike Sullivan, alias the lawyer-towler, alternates his winter perusals of Blackstone with the study of a slow ball that he will blend with his speed next season.

—The relatives of pitcher Hawley, of the Newport Club, would like to know his present whereabouts, as his aged mother is lying very ill at her home in Conneaut, O.

—The T. E. Beltz Cycle Company, of 935 Eighth avenue, New York City, have sold over 400 pairs of the Reach bicycle skates in one day for delivery before Christmas.

—Glenalvin has signed for the new California League, which was to have been organized December 8. Pitcher Hall, catcher Felver, first baseman Johns and short stop Myrtle.

—While hunting in Illinois recently Breitenstein cut down a tree in which he thought there was a possum. After an hour's work the tree came down and Breitenstein found he had tackled the wrong tree.

—A witty writer on base ball has styled the committee which is to be appointed to enforce the new rule in the National League against the use of rowdy language the "League College of Languages."

—Manager Watkins is proceeding in a business-like way with the problems that confront him at Pittsburg, and already he has wrought changes that have caused the fans of that city to pin their faith to the new official.

—The new California League, to have been organized Dec. 8, is to consist of eight teams, two being located in San Francisco. The other towns will be: Los Angeles, Fresno, San Jose, Oakland, Sacramento and Stockton.

—Frank P. Rinn has signed to manage the Lancaster Club another season. He would like to hear from a good first baseman, third baseman, left fielder and pitcher. He can be addressed at the City Hotel, Lancaster, Pa.

—Manager Clarke, of Louisville, does not intend to burden the club's pay-roll with a lot of idle extra pitchers next year. He wisely believes that four good, steady men can do the work every day, without any breakdown.

—President Watkins, of Pittsburg, makes a suggestion that the next fall annual meeting of the National League be held in December instead of November, as the public is too much interested in foot ball during the latter month.

—Arthur Irwin gives Jimmy McHale a high rating—some would call it extravagant. He says McHale is the peer of Little Eva Lange and Billy Keeler. That in itself is enough to queer McHale with all who know anything about base ball.

—Walter Hewitt, the ex-owner of the Washington Club, is in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company, and Henry Lucas, whose bank roll was warped by the lamented Union League of '84, has a prosperous insurance business at St. Louis.

—Manager Finn, of Newport, writes that if the left-handed pitcher named Porter, claimed by Wheeling, is O. O. Porter, of Borden, Ind., Wheeling's claim doesn't go, as that player has been the property of the Newport Club for quite a long time.

—The Chicago Club will not sign any of the reserved or drafted players until January, by which time the future of the team management will have been definitely decided. It is now a case of Anson vs. Burns, with the chances in favor of the latter.

—Al Lawson, who was last season identified with the North Adams Base Ball team, is trying to arrange a league in which North Adams, Pittsfield, Troy, Albany, Schenectady and one other city will figure. Lawson says he will manage the Troy team.

The notorious ex-shortstop, William H. Geer, accused of numerous crimes, is reported to be still pursuing a criminal career in the West. This Geer should not be confounded with George H. Geer, who is to manage the Youngstown Club next season, and who has a clean record.

President Barrows, of the Atlantic League, has suffered heavy bereavement within the past three months, his father and two brothers dying during that time. Mr. Barrows has just returned to Philadelphia from Des Moines, where he attended the funeral of his young brother, just deceased.

The many friends of Jack Toft, catcher, who played in Springfield, Mass., and Wheeling, W. Va., and who was severely injured by falling from a second-story window of a Wheeling hotel, will be glad to hear he has quite recovered from that accident, and will be found in harness the season of '98.

—Hoy positively refuses to play in a minor league. Two years ago, when the Cincinnati Club wanted to send him to Indianapolis he refused to go, saying that when he was not good enough to play in the big League he would quit the business. He can afford to do that, being very well off, financially.

—Washington's new pitching sample, Donohue, from the Connecticut League, will be one of the most notable twirlers in the major League in point of avoidpudlos. He is five foot eleven, and constructed on broad, heavy Herculean lines from the ground, being fashioned on the same heroic mould as Amos Rusie.

—With the Baltimore and All-American teams playing ball for sweet charity at San Francisco it must mean that the tourists have been doing well financially and can well afford to donate their services to a worthy cause. How different from other Western trips, where the players themselves were objects of charity.

—The consensus of Eastern League opinion is that when the campaign opens Rochester and Jersey City will be found occupying the places of Scranton and Wilkesbarre. The matter is believed to be practically settled now, and only left in the hands of a committee for a mail vote after certain settlements are made.

—Treasurer George Wagner, of the Washington Club, on Tuesday became a happy father for the third time. It's a fine boy. Coming at the same time as the triple deal with Baltimore, which is a splendid one for Washington, Mr. Wagner has good reason to feel that this is not such a bad world after all.

—We have letters for Arthur Irwin, Robert Rothermel, Dick Gorman, Jimmy Graham, Con Lucid, third baseman Cecil, Dennis Long, Harvey Smith, E. G. Barrows, Peter McBride, Manager Lytle, Manager Meyer, of Ft. Wayne; F. K. Torreyson, Ollie Beard, Mark Polhemus, second baseman Sholta, D. D. Dextraze, Umpire Sheridan, Mr. Bruce, P. Moore, Lon Beckwith and Mr. O'Brien.

—In referring to the Yale-Princeton foot ball game the New York "Sun," in the introduction, spoke of foot ball as "the greatest of American sports." The premier sport of America is base ball, and it is acknowledged as such throughout the world. The universality of base ball is on a par with its popularity, and the time will never come when foot ball will prove a formidable rival of the great national game of base ball.

THE WORLD OF BASE BALL.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

TRIPLE DEAL BETWEEN BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON.

Three Players of Each Club Transferred—Pittsburg and St. Louis Also Make a Trade—Eastern League Moves—Anson's Retirement About Settled.

DEALS MADE.

A Triple Exchange Between Baltimore and Washington.

Special to "Sporting Life." Baltimore, Dec. 9.—Manager Hanlon today completed a trade with the owners of the Washington Club which will result in a great change in the Orioles' infield and break up the big four. Under the deal first baseman Doyle and second baseman Reitz, with either pitchers Amole or Nops, are exchanged for De Montreville, second baseman and short stop; McJames, pitcher, and McGann, first baseman. The Washington Club owners are to take their choice of either of Baltimore's young left-handed twirlers.

Two Catchers Exchanged.

Pittsburg, Dec. 9.—Catcher Joe Sugden, of Pittsburg, has been exchanged for catcher Morgan Murphy, of St. Louis, even up, no money being involved. Catcher Merritt will also be traded.

THE EASTERN LEAGUE.

Some Movements of the Scranton and Montreal Clubs.

Special to "Sporting Life." Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—The story that the Eastern League franchise of Scranton and Wilkesbarre had been transferred to Newark and Rochester is denied here. In fact, the Scranton owners have given an option on the sale of the club to promoters of a local stock company. The matter is to be definitely settled about the 26th. If the deal goes through it is probable that Thomas R. Brooks, and possibly H. P. Simpson, the active members of the present ownership, will be interested in the new company.

Deals by Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The Montreal Club has sold short stop Frank Shannon to Buffalo for Barry and a cash consideration. Gensinger and Murray, of the California League, have been signed, and the management claims that Russell Hall, the short stop claimed by St. Louis, will play in Montreal next season.

ANSON TO RETIRE.

He is to be Given a Sinecure Place by Chicago's Club.

Special to "Sporting Life." Chicago, Dec. 8.—Adrian C. Anson's retirement from the management of the Chicago Base Ball Club has at last been practically decided upon and means found whereby it can be done satisfactorily to all concerned. The veteran player, captain and manager will be given a berth in the club which will carry with it few duties, but a liberal salary, and which will also permit the captain, if he so desires, to branch out in the minor league business.

Details of the agreement will not be given out until the Chicago captain's contract expires next February. President Hart can now go ahead and engage a manager for next season, and the man in view is Tom Burns, the ex-Colt, about whom there was so much talk during the Philadelphia meeting of the League. The rumors current that if Anson was released by Chicago he would probably manage Philadelphia are entirely unfounded.

SWAIM'S TRIP.

The Tall Pitcher Goes to Florida on Business and Pleasure Bent.

Cadwallader, O., Dec. 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—"Cy" Swaim, pitcher of the Washington Club, left on Nov. 25 for Florida, where he intends to play ball this winter. "Cy" has a brother who is principal of a high school in Florida, and may teach a short term himself in the sunny clime if base ball does not pay. We predict for Swaim a good future, not only in base ball, but in any profession which he may enter, as he has good habits and a fine education, acquired by hard and earnest study in the country school, and his base ball work, although quite creditable to any pitcher, is only a stepping stone to some other profession. "Cy" won more straight games the past year than has ever been won by a Washington pitcher on their home grounds.

Silver King Retired?

Silver King is out with a denial of the rumor that he has signed with Der Prowns. Silver is at work on his real estate in St. Louis, and writes Tom Brown that he will never again feed batsmen on his historic King cross-fire. Silver has a younger brother who is anxious to secure an engagement as twirler in a minor league, and he is being coached this winter by the veteran Silver.—St. Louis "Republic."

ST. PAUL SAYINGS.

Some Recent Moves of Manager Comiskey Commented Upon.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—There is not enough local base ball news to wad a gun. Comiskey returned from his long hunting trip in the northern part of the State just in time to get in on the Thanksgiving turkey. Since his arrival, however, he has given out nothing new in regard to his team for next year.

WELCOME ADDITIONS.

Some of the local fans were somewhat surprised when President Johnson's revised list of players reserved, claimed and signed by the various clubs of the League, was published, to find the names of "Hoss" Twineham, catcher of last year's Grand Rapids team, and Steve Griffin, the good-natured short stop of the same team, in Comiskey's reserved list; but the fact is the deal for these men was consummated just as the past season was coming to a close. "Hoss" Twineham was always very popular with the local fans and will undoubtedly strengthen the team. Spies has done about all the backstop work for the Saints the past two seasons, principally because there was not another man on the list to alternate with him; but with "Old Hoss" in it Heine will have a chance to lay off like the rest of them.

GRIFFIN

is best remembered by his continual "kidding," but he has good ball playing concealed about his person, just the same. In speaking of that last year's Grand Rapids team of the past season it's difficult to forget what a huge "josh" it was, especially on their last appearance here. There seemed to be no head to the outfit—each player was his own manager. The name of catcher Kline is omitted from the list altogether, with those of Denzer, McBride and Isbell, although it was not supposed young Kline was to be disposed of. Kline was Isbell's backstop when the big fellow was pitching among the amateur teams of this section.

GLENNALVIN'S CASE.

In the claimed list are the names of R. J. Glenalvin, J. O'Connor, Ray Patterson, Charles Stewart, catcher Belt, third baseman Lyons, fielder Schroll and pitcher Cook. As Glenalvin is laying lines to break into the proposed league on the Pacific coast it is doubtful if he will again wear a St. Paul uniform. Glen has had considerable experience in base ball out that way and will undoubtedly land something good if a league is organized there. Harry Cook is the only other player on the claimed list known locally. He is a St. Paul boy and is one of the best pitchers in local amateur ranks. He is a left-hander.

MINOR MENTION.

It was thought all along that Comiskey had done with Willie McGill, the cherub; but once more William looms up in the reserved list. William got through about the middle of the last season. Preston's name is also in the reserved list, and may be seen in the outfield regularly, instead of on the bench, as he was the major portion of last year. BROWNIE.

REACH RECANTS.

He Now Believes Eternal Blacklistment Too Severe a Penalty.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—President Reach, of the Philadelphia Club, met several interviewers here yesterday. He said: "There is absolutely no truth in the report that the Philadelphia Club will play Sunday games abroad." Mr. Reach said that he was sure that the blacklist plan proposed for disorderly players would be amended. He remarked: "I must confess that I think the punishment fixed by the resolution, blacklisting, is a little too severe. It is likely that, when the League meets in St. Louis next spring, the rule will be slightly modified, and suspension will be provided instead of expulsion. When the League met in November the magnates were all of one mind, but a feeling has developed that expulsion is too severe."

MOBILE MOVES.

A First Baseman Signed and Other Players Being Dickered With.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The date for the meeting of the Southern League has been changed to Dec. 12, and will be held in Atlanta, Ga. There seems to be some little misunderstanding as to the ball park, but it is thought that everything will come out in the wash. Yesterday Manager Kelly received a telegram from W. G. Bowman accepting terms of contract. Bowman is a splendid first baseman, having held that position for the crack New Orleans team of '96. He stands over six feet in height and weighs about 200 pounds.

The Mobile Club has sent its terms to a second baseman in Williamsport, Pa. By his request his name is withheld.

Manager Kelly has already signed four crackjack players, and is still reaching out for good material.

Good Words For Pitcher Lever.

Sam Lever, the ex-Norwood Maroon, who goes to Pittsburg next season, stands high in the estimation of his old manager, Jake Wells, of Richmond, who says: "I would sooner have Lever as a pitcher than any man in the Atlantic League. He has all the requirements of a first-class pitcher, and he only needs practice to make one of the best in the business."—Cincinnati "Post."

Joyce All Right.

From Boston "Herald." Scruppy Joyce is now at Hot Springs, Ark. Joyce is not worried at the story going the rounds to the effect that George Davis is booked for the management of the New York Club. Davis got enough of that position once before, and has the greatest admiration for his scrappy manager.

PROVIDENCE POINTS.

Henry Lynch Added to the Grays by Manager Murray.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 5.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The foot ball season closed Thanksgiving day, when Brown University finished a successful season by defeating Wesleyan at Adelaide Park. Roller polo, the winter sport of New England, now claims the attention of the people, and will continue to do so until the ball players make their appearance again next spring. This city has grown more and more enthusiastic over this exciting game, and very often crowds of 2500 to 3000 attend the games at Infantry Hall.

A PAYING SPORT.

Murray is making good money, and is not afraid to put some of it out for a player if he is in need of one. Last week he gave one of his players and \$500 for Cunningham, of the Pawtucket team, who is well-known as an umpire of the New England League. Should the new roller skate find favor with the people it will be only a question of a short time when polo will spread all over the country.

A NEW PLAYER.

Manager Murray has begun the work of next season by securing Henry Lynch, who played with Rochester and Montreal last season, and it is safe to say that he is just the kind of a man that will be appreciated by the public. Lynch's temper has been his worst enemy, and it is said to have deprived him of a position in the big League. He has the qualities of a good hitter and base runner, and can play either in the infield or outfield. It has not been decided where Lynch shall be played, as Murray expects to make a few deals at the Eastern League meeting in New York, and we may expect to see some new men on next season's team who will play good, lively ball from start to finish.

MINOR MENTION.

Treasurer Kirby, of the base ball club, is again looking after the finances of the polo team. Manager "Bill" and Treasurer "Bill" make a great combination, and one that is hard to beat.

Jack Egan has obtained employment in this city and will remain here all winter. "RHODY."

FALL RIVER FACTS.

The Club Elects Its Officers For Another Season.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The annual meeting of the Fall River Base Ball Association was held last Tuesday evening at the Wilbur, and the officers were re-elected as follows: Charles A. Marston, president; Jeffrey E. Sullivan, vice president; Patrick F. Egan, secretary and treasurer. These officers, with Frank Crosson and William Kennedy, constitute the Board of Directors. The president and vice president were chosen delegates to the annual meeting of the New England League in Boston, Jan. 12. After the transaction of business a general discussion of base ball matters followed. It is not at all unlikely that New England will contribute four members of the League corps of umpires, in Tom Lynch, Carpenter, Connolly and Doe. Carpenter will surely be on the staff, as his work was extremely satisfactory to Mr. Young last season. The League president has been after Connolly for two seasons past and that young man will surely accept. Fred Doe ought to make a first-class umpire. This was evidenced by the work he did in the New England League last season.

THE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS.

President Young Installed in His New Washington Office.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President N. E. Young moved into as pretty a suite of rooms at 1417 G street northwest last Wednesday as any one could desire. They are situated on the fifth floor, newly and tastefully papered and painted in light blue with dark trimmings, the floor being covered with rich rugs of the same colorings. The furniture is of the old oak pattern, massive and strong, but without extremely tasteful, and the suite has a comfortable and welcoming look that cannot help but be attractive to the president's legion of friends. Robert Young, the president's son, is with his father as private secretary and clerk to the different committees and will be found "at home" any day during the week from 9 till 5. Everything is quiet at the present time around League headquarters, the schedule for next season not being thought of, much less worked on, as the magnates have not yet sent in their requests for favorite dates. The adjustment of claims for different players is about all Mr. Young will have to do from now on until about the middle of next month, but thereafter it will be a case of work with a capital W.

SPRINGFIELD'S CLUB.

Manager Whistler is by No Means Idle.

Springfield, Dec. 3.—President S. L. Nelson, of the Springfield Interstate League Base Ball Company received a letter to-day, dated St. Louis, from Manager Lew Whistler, stating that the Springfield team for '98 is practically completed. Among the strong new men signed is Eddie Mazena, second baseman, formerly in the Eastern League and late of Chattanooga. Pitcher Whittridge, of Indianapolis, who deserted last July, will be given another chance. Whistler thinks there is a good deal in him. S. L. Nelson has declined to be a candidate for re-election as president and Mayor Wood will probably be elected to the place.

TED SULLIVAN'S SAY.

HE AGREES WITH CAPTAIN ANSON ON ONE POINT.

The Game Has Advanced Only in the Matter of Team Work—In All Other Points the Old-Timers Were as Fast as the Latter-Day Crop of Players.

Milwaukee, Dec. 5.—"Ted" Sullivan was in a reminiscent mood one night last week as he sat in the billiard room of the Plankinton House and hobb-nobbed with "Adonis" Terry, and discussed base ball as it was played in the early days of the game, comparing the teams of the '70's with those of the past season. According to the veteran ex-manager there has been only one change in the work of the players during that period, in that they use their heads now instead of playing mechanically, and have attained a higher degree of efficiency in team work.

SULLIVAN WAS ONCE A PITCHER.

In the early days of base ball in Milwaukee "Ted" Sullivan was a member of the Stars and blossomed out as a pitcher of high degree; at a later period he became the manager of the Milwaukee Club and subsequently had charge of the Washington Club. After leaving the Senators he drifted South and became identified with the Southern and Texas leagues, and is now regarded by National League magnates as an exceptionally good judge of ball players.

ENGLISH EXPERIENCES.

Last fall he went to England as the advance agent of the Baltimore team, which he considers is without a peer in this country, and his experiences abroad, as he quaintly relates them, would make an interesting volume. "I went to see a game of cricket while in England," he said, "and was surprised to see people bring with them huge hampers containing lunches. The game began in the morning and I asked one of the gentlemen I accompanied when it would end. 'In three or four days,' was the reply, so when at noon the spectators began to unload their hampers I left to return to London. My friends thought I had gone 'daffy,' but I told them I was content to see the start and would return at the end of the week to witness the finish. The Englishmen were surprised to learn that our base ball games are generally played in about two hours, and wondered how the spectators got their money's worth."

THE GAME AT HOME.

In speaking of the growth of the national game in the United States Mr. Sullivan said: "When I was a boy I pitched for a Milwaukee team named the Stars. That was in the pioneer days of base ball, when the boys played for pleasure and recreation, and at that time the Cream City and Stars, the last-named including Hooley, Taintor, Van Dyke, Waldo, Simonds and Jennings, were the champion teams here. For three years the Stars were not defeated until they played against the Burlington, Wis., team, which humbled the pride of our men. Never in all my experience did I take a defeat so much to heart, but the Burlingtons were so highly elated over their victory that they wore their uniforms for several days afterward."

DEVELOPMENT OF TEAM WORK.

"In those days the infielders did not wear mattresses on their hands as they do now, and the pitchers were also restricted to an underhand delivery, so that the fielders of necessity faced harder drives than they do now. The playing of the game has improved in only one respect in the last fifteen years, as the players are no longer machines, but use their mental faculties to better advantage, and the art of team work has reached a higher stage of perfection. In the days of Ferguson, Burdock and Wright the infielders stopped the hottest drives with ungloved hands, when a slow, underhand delivery was in vogue, and a lively ball used; while at the present time the pitcher throws the ball overhand with terrific velocity and the infielders wear gloves the size of pillows."

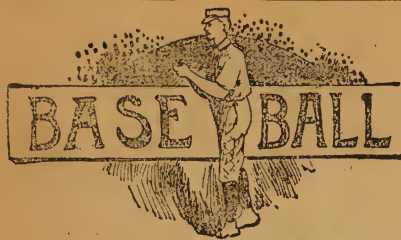
THE GREATEST TEAMS.

"In my opinion the Chicago team of 1880 to 1886 and the St. Louis Browns of 1885 to 1887 were the greatest in the history of the game. But the Baltimore team at the present time lay claim to being the star team, and to a certain extent their style greatly resembles that of the St. Louis Browns of 1886. The Baltimore team has a style of play peculiarly its own, which has been imitated, but never duplicated, and it lost the pennant this year by a streak of phenomenally bad luck. That does not imply, however, that the Bostonians are not fast, as they certainly played a fine game."

Another War Relic to Go.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The old Brotherhood Park, upon which the Chicago Base Ball Club has paid \$5000 rental every year for seven years, will soon pass back to its owners, as the lease has about expired. The owners of the Chicago Club are not sorry, as they have not had a cent in return for the \$35,000 paid out in rentals. It is said that the grandstand, which originally cost some \$65,000, is almost in a state of total ruin, no attempt having been made to keep it in repair.

Pittsburg fans are figuring on having their club finish the season on the home grounds next year, as the Knights Templar conclave will be held there in October.



FROM THE CAPITAL.

PRESIDENT WAGNER MAKES SOME EXPLANATIONS

Relative to That Proposed Big Deal With Philadelphia—His Plans to Strengthen the Senators For Next Season—Manager Brown Has Views.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Earl Wagner, the genial and able president of the Washington Club, has been taken to task by some of the constituents of his club for offering to give Philadelphia the pick of his team for \$30,000 or to reverse the proposition and give \$30,000 to the Philadelphia Club for the pick of the Quaker team. President Wagner in a newspaper card very cleverly shows where the deal would have been a good thing for both clubs. In his card he says:

WASHINGTON'S GAIN.

"It would have put a strong club in Philadelphia, a consummation devoutly wished by all the League clubs and would have left me with as strong a team as I now have, as I will show you. I would have lost Mercer, McGuire, De Monteville and Selbach, and possibly McJames and some of our new men. I would have received Taylor, a pitcher who will win as many games as Mercer. He is one of the star pitchers of the League when properly surrounded; John Clements, a catcher who has no superior and few equals in the League; Tommy Dowd, a fast and reliable fielder; Dick Cooley, another fast man and hard hitter; Lave Cross, a third baseman above the average, and, in addition, I would have got some youngsters that are said to be fast enough for any company. In addition to these men, in case the deal had gone through, the Cleveland Club agreed to let me have Childs and Young for \$15,000, which, under the circumstances, I could have afforded to pay.

HOW HE FIGURES IT.

"Now figure a team out of that material and tell me whether or not, taken as a whole, the Washington team would not have been as strong, if not stronger, than the present team. The extra men which we would have had, all good ones, could have been used in trades that would be advantageous to the club. You can talk with the magnates and ball players present at that meeting, and the consensus of opinion is that it was a good trade for both clubs. Now we look at the other side of the proposed deal, from a Washington standpoint. Suppose my proposition to select 20 players and pay \$30,000 had been accepted. It can easily be seen that we would have had one of the strongest clubs in the League. Added to our own stars we would have had Taylor and Clements, Delehanty, Lajoie, Jack Boyle, Tom Dowd, Elberfeld and some other stars of lesser magnitude. Was I not justified in making the proposition?"

WAGNER'S WAY.

There are a number of magnates, notably John T. Brush, president of the Cincinnati Club, and Chas. H. Byrne, of the Brooklyn Club, who give the legislative end of base ball any amount of thought. When it comes to legislation these two men are considered the master minds of the League. None of them have ever given the players' end of the business the study that President Wagner does. Most of the magnates leave the study of players to their respective managers. President Wagner delves right down into it. He has the record and pedigree of nearly every player right at his finger, and at a League meeting he always has "the goods on him." Down in his inside pocket he carries a printed list of President Young's official averages. On a second's notice he can tell you just what the player did. He is not only posted on the field records of the players, but he is well up on their habits and disposition. He can tell you whether the player is inclined to drink or whether he is a disturbing player likely to interfere with the discipline and team work of an organization.

STILL LOOKING FOR DEALS.

Mr. Earl Wagner has been spending a few days in town to close up affairs at National Park. Mr. Wagner says that he is far from being satisfied with the present make-up of the Senators, and, although the club had a good record last season, he feels confident the coming season will still be a better one. At present there is nothing under consideration in the way of deals for new players, but there is no telling when a deal might be sprung. Mr. Wagner says he has players that other clubs desire and other clubs have players he would like to have, and when the trading spirit strikes all parties concerned a little base ball news will be created. At this time there is absolutely no news to be given out.

THE DOUBLE UMPIRE SYSTEM.

"While I never opposed the double umpire plan, still, I confess that I was never an enthusiastic supporter of it," says Manager Tom Brown. "We had two umpires to the game in the Players' League in '90,

and the system was a rank failure. In the one-sided games the umpire who was giving decisions on base plays, stood on the coach line opposite first and third base, and swapped small talk and gags with the players. It often happened that one of the two umpires was incompetent or careless. Two efficient umpires would render perfect service. But one competent and one incompetent would prove worse than one good man. At least that was our experience in '90."

ZANESVILLE CLUB LOSES.

Can Not Enforce Its Claim Against the Springfield Club.

Springfield, O., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The following letter from President Nick Young, of the National League, which is a copy of the one he sent to the defunct Zanesville Base Ball Company, has been received here by the Springfield Base Ball Company:

"L. A. Moore, Esq., Zanesville, O.—Dear Sir:—The claim of the Zanesville Club against the Springfield, O., Club was taken up by the National Board of Arbitration at our last meeting, on the 9th inst., and decided in base ball law against the plaintiff. Subsequently we are informed that you have taken the case into the Courts. It has always been the practice of the Board to dismiss a case as soon as one party appeals to the Courts. This one has been on our docket for several months, and I presume that your action was taken while waiting for the Board to meet. In view of the action taken by you in appealing to the Courts, and the Board's former action in such cases, I would not feel authorized or justified in enforcing the Board's decision without re-submitting the case to them, with the additional evidence above referred to, which was not before them when their decision was rendered. Yours truly,

"N. E. YOUNG, President."

The case grows out of a claim against the Springfield Base Ball Company by the Zanesville Base Ball Company for \$150,000, claimed to be due the company for the release of Pitcher Poole and short stop Cavanaugh, who were signed by the Springfield team. An interesting technicality is involved in the case, as the Springfield Company claims that the players were not signed until the Zanesville Company had been disbanded, and not then until after the time allowed the company for the protection of its interests had expired. The case was taken to the Common Pleas Court here, and was decided in favor of the Springfield Company. Not satisfied with this the Zanesville Company placed its claim before the National Board of Arbitration, where it was decided in its favor. According to the letter received from President Young, however, and from the reasons which he gives, the claim will not be enforced against the Springfield Company.

SOME TEAM CHANGES

Made by Eastern League Clubs at the Annual Meeting.

H. G. Merrill, of the Wilkesbarre "Record," was one of the newspaper men who attended the Eastern League meeting in New York last week. He learned a lot about changes in Eastern League teams of next season, and tells of them as follows in the "Record":

"Frank Bonner will play with Wilkesbarre next season unless he's drafted by a National League push, and Sandy Griffin will play right field. Jim Franklin has agreed to give us Clymer and another chap. Franklin is coming down to Wilkesbarre pretty soon to arrange a trade. Billy Murray has signed Henry Lynch for his outfield and Joe Knight may appear in the Wilkesbarre outfield. Montreal, along with a cash bonus, has traded Frankie Shannon to Buffalo for short stop Barry. Some one ought to arrest Montreal or Dooley for lincing Rowe. Springfield has signed Billy Lash.

"And then you'll see Joe Mulvey on third base for Wilkesbarre in '98, as Dooley has agreed to release him to Uncle Daniel. So you see what a stab Wilkesbarre can make for the pennant in the coming season. 'Tis Goeckle on first, Atterton on second, Bonner at short, Joe Mulvey at third. How would Bottens, Clymer, Scheffler and Griffin do for an outfield? Coakley, Keenan, Patton, Odwell and Mr. Blank for pitchers. Gonding and Diggins for catchers and Uncle Daniel on the bench with a spy-glass for a train?"

"Worcester is disappointed. New Haven demoralized and the Rochester big two—Engert and Leimgruber—are ready for the hurry-up wagon or any old thing because they didn't get in the League. Newark is a sure winner. They got Scranton's dope crowd. Pat Powers showed the push that he had run the League for \$1000 less than last season. And he showed them New York, and they again made him President, secretary, treasurer, pooh-bah and bah-pooh, don't kick.

ROCKFORD RECEIPTS.

Secretary Lander Shows What It Cost to Run the Club.

Rockford, Dec. 8.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Secretary Frank C. Lander, of the Rockford base ball team, has given out the figures showing the receipts for the season of 1897 in this city.

As in the past seasons, the receipts show the effects of the delay of the Rockford team in getting a place among the leaders. All the money made in base ball is taken in before July, so experience has taught the wise managers. The Rockford team did not strike its gait until well along in the season, and in consequence the enthusiasm had cooled. The receipts for the first series of games should have been much greater, and next season it is intended to have the team get in the pennant hunt from the start, which will not be a difficult thing, considering the good players now reserved.

The figures furnished by Secretary Lander are as follows:

Sixty-four championship games.....	\$7300.40
Eight extra games.....	\$24.75
Total.....	\$8125.15
Average receipts in championship games..	\$103.09
Average first 21 games.....	130.34
Average second 21 games.....	108.55
Average last 22 games.....	103.95
Average exhibition games.....	103.09

EASTERN CIRCUIT.

SOME ALLEGED INSIDE NEWS CONCERNING IT.

Rochester and Jersey City Believed to be Slated to Succeed Scranton and Wilkesbarre in the Eastern League Next Season.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 8.—It would appear that all of the conclusions arrived at at the Eastern League meeting last week were not given to the public. According to Editor Sanborn, of the "Union," of this city, a definite policy was outlined. He says: The all-important question of the circuit for 1898 was ostensibly left undecided, with Scranton the only club likely to retire, and the chances favoring the admission of Worcester, with Frank Selee's backing, while Wilkesbarre was said to be quite likely to stay another year. But in reality the circuit was practically settled and was left in the hands of the directors to be formally ratified by a mail vote.

THE NEW CIRCUIT

named was Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Montreal, Springfield, Jersey City and Providence, and that will be the circuit when the Eastern League swings into line for the season of 1898—or this is the worst guess ever made. That would undoubtedly be the circuit now, but for a little hitch in the plans of the magnates. That hitch took the form of President Andrew J. Freedman, of the New York Club, who discovered that the proposed location for an Eastern League Club in Jersey City was inside the five-mile limit of Greater New York, although the Eastern Leaguers had figured it out that it was not.

THE HITCH.

The New Jersey traction companies who are interested in the proposed location of the Eastern League, have offered Mr. Freedman big inducements to withdraw his opposition, even to the extent of \$5000 and a controlling interest in the franchise, but Mr. Freedman refused to snap at the tempting bait, and thereby plainly showed his fear of having so strong an attraction in his immediate neighborhood, especially one that could indulge in Sunday base ball.

WILL GO AHEAD.

The Eastern League will go ahead, however, and secure a location which will be beyond Mr. Freedman's opposition, or control, and will be as strong a rival. The choice of a location is a delicate matter to avoid infringement on Mr. Freedman's rights in New York, and also the rights of the Atlantic League in Newark, but the backers believe they have found the solution of the problem and the delay in settling the matter is due to the necessity of securing the right to certain property before making the location public.

THE SCRANTON MAGNATES.

The Scranton magnates acknowledge their willingness to quit the game at a certain figure, which will be forthcoming at the proper time. The Wilkesbarre magnates are equally anxious to sell out, but have refused as yet to fix the price on their franchise. If they set a fair price on their team, that too, will be forthcoming—otherwise Wilkesbarre will stay in the League, although the magnates are practically a unit against retaining one Pennsylvania town without the other. With Wilkesbarre in the circuit it would have to be paired off as follows: Buffalo and Toronto, Syracuse and Wilkesbarre, Montreal and Springfield, Jersey City and Providence.

"BIG THREE" KNOCKED OUT.

The published statement that the Rochester "Big Three" would be out of base ball next season even if the Flower City was in, proved true. The representatives of the "Big Three" at the meeting, became convinced of the fact early and went home, leaving the field clear to their rivals, to whom the franchise will be granted when there is any to be granted.

BURLINGTON'S CLUB

Is Now Fully Organized For Another Season's Business.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—At an adjourned meeting, held Wednesday, the 1st, the following directors were chosen: F. J. Rilling, C. H. Taeger, Ora J. Gould, W. W. Parsons, C. H. Ross. W. W. Parsons was chosen president; C. H. Taeger, treasurer. The selection of a secretary will take place next week. F. C. Norton, the old secretary, will keep the office until his successor is chosen. The club has nine applications for the management.

C. H. ROSS

was secretary of our 1895 club, when Paul Hines was manager. He does not wish to serve, as his business (insurance) has grown larger since the old days. Messrs. Riling and Taeger were on the 1897 Board of Directors. Ora J. Gould is the president of the "Rooter's Club." W. W. Parsons is a young capitalist, and an enthusiastic admirer of the only game.

A GOOD ONE.

Any club in search of a good all-round player could not find a better one than Leo Mesmer, of this city. He is anxious to catch on with some Eastern or Southeastern club, but would prefer to join some Atlantic League club. He refers to Paul Hines, of Washington, D. C., and W. D. Spratt, of the Reading (Pa.) Club. He has played in the Texas League, and several others in the past few years.

BOB CARUTHERS

has been appointed umpire in the Western League for next season. President Ban Johnson made no mistake when he picked the ex-ten thousand dollar pitcher to handle the indicator for his league. He

knows all the fine points, and will be a decided acquisition. Sorry to see you go, Bob, but "here's to ye," and may you go still higher is my best wish.

Busse, the first baseman; M. Flynn, second baseman, are here unsigned, and would make good material for the new Southern League. Both are good men and can be addressed here. JAS. H. LLOYD.

SHIFTLESS KLOBEDANZ.

Why This Player Makes a Small Salary Possible.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—Tim Murnane is authority for the statement that pitcher Klobedanz is once more out of funds and anxious to sign a contract at the old figures. The directors say they will not sign him until next spring, as they were given trouble enough last summer for signing him at his own terms. As Kloby received between \$600 and \$700 about one month ago out of the Temple Cup money and \$300 extra he received from the club, the management are at a loss to know what the player has been up against. It was hoped by Kloby's friends that he would be in shape to hold out for a fair salary this season, but it looks like the same old story—short of funds and a hurry for advance money by taking a salary that he would kick at when the performance was under way next season.

A NEW THEATRE.

William Gallagher in Control of the Temple Theatre, of Camden, N. J.

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NEW YORK NUGGETS.

THE QUESTION OF SUNDAY BALL NOW UPPERMOST.

The Probability of the Local Club's Change of Policy—Echoes of the Eastern League Meeting—General News and Comment.

New York, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The past week developed a base ball revival of considerable size. Rumors of an effort to have the local club play Sunday ball on the road and in time, by virtue of liberal legislation, to play Sunday games at home, set the fans a buzzing. Then came the fall meeting of the highly successful Eastern League. As usual the affairs of that organization were carried on with great tact and serenity by President Powers, who was re-elected for the sixth time. President Pat is one of the most thorough and efficient executive officers in base ball.

SUNDAY BALL

Before the present League was formed Sunday ball thrived in the American Association, and the National League prospered without that feature. While the League as constituted to-day is essentially a success, the days of the two leagues eclipse it. There is room for two great leagues to exist under the National Agreement. Argue as you will, 12 clubs in one league are too many. As for Sunday ball being played in New York, such a condition may exist in the future, as there is undoubtedly a tendency toward liberal legislation in the Empire State. But that the patrons of the game in this city favor Sunday ball is by no means a certainty. New York, Boston and Philadelphia can do very well without Sunday ball, but the weaker clubs depend upon it for existence, and the Sunday ball people control the great League. Should the local club decide to play Sunday ball on the road it would not affect the attendance at the Polo Grounds. Sunday games in this city would prove a great moneymaking device, and would become very popular. It would afford an opportunity to many who can seldom find time to attend the games on other days. There is a possibility of a radical change in the anti-Sunday playing policy of the New York Club. Of that there is no doubt. President Freedman seems to be non-committal on the question. Should a bill legalizing Sunday playing become a law, games would be played in this city. But it is not likely that such a measure can become a law just yet. The demand for harmless amusement on Sunday may become so strong in the near future that we may yet see Sunday games at the Polo Grounds. For there is no amusement more harmless than base ball, if properly conducted. The Sunday ball issue has taken root in Greater New York.

ECHOES OF EASTERN LEAGUE MEETING.

Base Ball Editor Merrill, of the widely quoted "Wilkesbarre Record," was on hand, and laid in a stock of gossip. Arthur Irwin smothered all the howls about the alleged use of Toronto as a farm by making a very satisfactory explanation to his fellow magnates. Irwin thinks Mike Grady will make a big hit here if given plenty of work. "Grady is an energetic worker and a terrific hitter," said the astute Toronto boss.

Messrs. Bogert and Long, of the Wilkesbarre Club, are not dismayed, despite the fact that Wilkesbarre lost over \$4000 last season.

The general opinion during the meeting was that Carey would prove a pleasant surprise to the Louisville fans.

President Kuntzsch, of Syracuse, was, of course, delighted with the victory for Sunday ball in the recent election in Syracuse. "While it is evident that Mayor McGuire was re-elected on the issue," said Mr. Kuntzsch, "I intend to conduct the Sunday games next season on the same conservative lines as last season. I will maintain order and prevent any undue noise, just as we did before the popular victory for Sunday ball."

Manager Dooley, of Montreal, was on the lookout for deals, and was enthusiastic over the prospects for next season.

It was reported about that catcher Urquhart, of Buffalo, will play with Wilkesbarre next season.

Mr. Leimgruber, of Rochester, was the victim of a cruel accident. When the Rochester franchise was transferred to Montreal the clerk who drew up the papers made a sad mistake by writing Mr. Leimgruber's name so as to bear a striking resemblance to a well-known cheese of far-reaching odor.

Jack Warner and Jim Stafford were seen around the corridors. Stafford wore a hot shirt, and says he is delighted with his Louisville berth, and says he has been treated in a very hospitable manner in Louisville.

THE EASTERN LEAGUE FOLKS are not delighted with all the provisions of the proposed amendment to the drafting rule. Players purchased during the season are to be paid for only after a trial of

thirty days. The League Club sends amount agreed upon to Nick Young, and gets the player on trial. Should they decide to return him within that time the minor league does not even get a look at the money, and loses the services of a player during that period.

"To sell a player during the playing season," said President Kuntzsch, "is a grave error. The public does not relish such moves, and I would never sell a player until the season is over. I made an agreement with Boston that they should get Willis for a certain amount, but not until our season was over. The price agreed upon was more than the usual drafting price, and it made Boston sure of securing the man. As Willis would have been drafted anyhow, there was no room for criticism of my action in selling him under the conditions named."

MISCELLANY.

John Stafford, a brother of Jim, of Louisville, and who played in Paterson for a time last season, is disengaged, and is anxious to sign for next season as an outfielder. He can be addressed at Webster, Mass.

The Cuban X Giants won 117 games, lost 31, and four resulted in a tie during the past season. This is a better record than 1896. This is undoubtedly the strongest aggregation of colored players in the country.

President Freedman says that Bill Joyce will in all probability play first base next season. The announcement created no surprise among the local cranks.

Kid Carsey has sold the West New York Field Club to responsible parties in New Jersey, and received a good price. Carsey is anxious to get in line with St. Louis again. He is a good all-around man and batted .269 during the past season, which is very good for a pitcher.

Louisville seems to be making efforts to make a deal somewhere. A deal fell through recently whereby "Dad" Clarke was to become a Senator.

WILLIAM F. H. KOELSCH.

AS TO FOUL STRIKES.

Another Rule That Mr. Wagner Thinks Needs Amending.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—"That foul strike rule should be revised, and Messrs. Hanlon, Reach and Hart should give this complicated ruling their attention before they report on rules at the next schedule meeting in March," is Earl Wagner's suggestion. "In two games this year the foul strike number in the League statutes was brought into play and led to kicks that would have been avoided if the rule was consistent. In a game at National Park between the Senators and Buck Ewing's Reds, Bill Schriver stepped from the right-handed batsman's box to the square reserved for the left-handed batsman, and struck at the ball. As Schriver failed to hit the ball the umpire didn't call him out, which is correct under the rules, though his decision gave rise to an irate kick from Tom Brown, McJames and McGuire, and other enraged Senators, who formed an ensemble around the home plate and exchanged endearing terms with Carpenter, who umpired the game. The rule says that the batsman is not out on a foul strike unless he hits the ball into fair ground. But the case of Bill Lange, in a game at Pittsburg caused a kick that brought the rule into question. Lange stepped from his box to the left-handers box, and with his back to the plate whipped out a two-base hit. When the umpire was about to hand down a decision on the play Anson flashed a book of rules and proved that Lange was legally entitled to his base. Anson was literally correct, as the rule vaguely says 'batsman's box.' Lange was in the left-handers box when he made the hit. Though he stepped from one side of the plate to the other he was still in the box. The rule, in order to be consistent, should read like this: The batsman is out if he steps across the plate and hits the ball into fair ground, providing his back is turned from the plate."

PEORIA PREPARED.

Manager Wright Has Matters Already Arranged For Next Season.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The fall meeting of the Western Association is a matter of base ball history now. Aside from the effort to freeze out the Illinois cities nothing of special note happened.

HICKEY'S METHODS.

Just why President Hickey or anyone else connected with the Association should attempt to freeze out Peoria, the best city in the circuit, is hard to understand. Perhaps Mr. Hickey was only making a bluff to keep the cities in Illinois in line for his re-election as president. It worked all right this time, but there are other days coming, and the gentlemen who were anxious to get rid of the Illinois cities may have cause to remember their poor judgment.

THE CIRCUIT

for next year will be the same as last, and there is every reason to think the Association will be stronger in every way. Messrs. Finley and Pinkney, the Peoria delegates, returned home well pleased with the outlook for '98.

A meeting of the directors of THE LOCAL CLUB

was held last night, and the affairs of the past season were taken care of. Pat Wright was selected as manager, and all the old players will be held unless of course they are drafted by other leagues. Everything possible will be done to have the team in winning form when the season opens. If new material is needed Manager Wright will attend to signing good men.

NOTHING IN IT.

I guess President Byrne, of Brooklyn, will wonder what kind of dope some people out here use, as the tale about Brooklyn being in any way interested here is a clear case of "pipe." Nulton has gone to Kansas City to join the Armour team, and will quit professional ball for good. This leaves Seister, Sonier and Roach still with us for the winter.

CLEVELAND CHATTER

THE HINT FOR TRAINING QUARTERS FOR THE INDIANS RENEWED.

Tebeau's Men May Not Go to the Springs—The Bunt Hit in High Favor in Cleveland—The Red-Pirate Deal—Minor Mention.

Cleveland, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Up at the base ball headquarters they are not discussing the new blacklist rule just now. Neither are they giving any attention to the rumors of deals and trades that are flying about. Instead a deal of correspondence is in progress. Just as everybody had settled down comfortably in the belief that everything was cut and dried, and that it was all fixed that the teams captained by

TEBEAU AND ANSON

were to train together at Hot Springs, along came a rumor that the grounds could not be had for a reasonable price, and that the Indians would not unlikely go to Georgia. The shift in arrangements will surprise no one familiar with the summer hotel methods prevailing at the Arkansas resort. For three or four years the spirit of "if-you-don't-want-it-at-that-price you need not take it" has been

GROWING IN CHEST EXPANSION

there, and it is next to impossible to make a respectable bargain. The place, however, is not one to turn down lightly. After a winter of idleness and, sometimes, of late hours and high living, there is nothing to my way of thinking quite equal to three weeks at the springs before a ball player essays to prance out on the green and attempt to play

MODERN BASE BALL

Mr. Robison said to-day: "I had hoped it was all settled, and that the Indians would get the benefit of a two or three weeks' 'fitting out' at Hot Springs. If this is not to be the team will go somewhere else in the South. The boys will go after the flag in dead earnest next season and not a dollar will be spared in the task of getting them in condition to play right up to the mark on April 15, when, I suppose, the season will open."

THE BOSTONS ALL O. K.

I hasten to assure my friend, Jacob Morse, that personally I have very little doubt about Captain Duffy's team landing well up in front next year. I think the task of keeping ahead of the second-raters could be made a little easier if Messrs. Soden, Conant and Billings would adopt the same liberal policy in dealing with the players as Frank de Hass Robison, J. Earl Wagner, John T. Brush and other magnates have always followed, but such a good team as the Beaneaters is bound to play great ball, anyway. Tenney is almost Tebeau's equal as a first baseman, which is saying a good deal, and Collins is about Wallace's equal at third, which is saying more.

THE COLTS FOR 1898.

Mr. Phelan could lift a big load off many minds if he would tell us frankly in his next letter how he thinks the Colts could be strengthened sufficiently to become 1-2-3 possibilities next season. It is to be regretted that so great a city as Chicago should be represented in the noblest of all sports by a team less likely to win games than the Bostons, Baltimores or Cleve-lands. Mr. Phelan's ideas on base ball are up to date, and he can do the game a positive good by suggesting a series of deals and trades calculated to give the big city on Lake Michigan a hustling, harmonious and winning club.

ABOUT THE BUNT.

I can save a bit of space and a good deal of useless repetition by simply writing "Amen" across all Brother John B. Foster wrote last week about the bunt. So long as the purpose of every base ball game is to win and not merely to afford the spectators an exhibition of long drives and dizzy catches, the bunt should be retained. To tell the batter what he may and may not do with the ball floated up to him would be as senseless as to attempt to instruct the fielders as to which balls they should make a try for and which ones they should let alone.

THE DOUBLE UMPIRE PLAN.

Colonel John J. Saunders, in his clever argument against the double umpire system, neglects, I think, to take into consideration the fact that next year the knights of the indicator will work under more advantageous circumstances than ever before. When a man with a fair knowledge of the rules of the game puts on the pad and mask in '98 he can be reasonably sure of being able to render judgment without having his ancestry called in question, and without being subjected to an insane and vulgar tirade of abuse. To work under such conditions will be a new epoch in the life of an umpire, and I shall be sadly disappointed if by June of next year the National League cannot claim the best staff of umpires it has ever employed.

THE RHINES-HAWLEY TRADE.

Has friend Goodwin been keeping tab on the work of pitcher Rhines out in California? If he has I hope he will be kind enough to tell us next week how much the best of the trade of Rhines for Hawley he thinks the Reds really received. Of course we in Cleveland, where harmony is spelled with a scare "H," have little appreciation of the broils and stews in the city on the Ohio, but a hasty glance at the scores sent back from the coast would lead a man outside the breastworks to the opinion that the cigars were on one W. Buckingham Dwing.

TRUE BLUE.

A very good letter I call M. B. M. Stuart's maiden effort from St. Louis. The

good-natured way in which he figures it out that under certain conditions the exchange of Grady and Hartman for Holmes and Donnelly was not a bad one for the Browns stamps him as a genuine sport, and one of the right stamp, too.

BOUQUETS BETTER THAN ROCKS.

One cannot help admiring the way Brother Koelsch stands up for the president of the New York team. Mr. Freedman has never turned me back to the ticket window when I have presented myself at the free gate on the Polo Grounds, but from reading the Cincinnati papers I had come to believe the Gotham magnate a very terrible person. Whether he is or not he is quite likely to be at the head of the Giants for some time to come, and I imagine the path of the news-gatherer to Mr. Freedman's office is not at least made any more rocky by tossing bouquets at the New York president than by hurling stones in that direction.

ELMER E. BATES.

RINN RE-ENGAGED.

The Capable Manager Will Again Pilot Lancaster's Team.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Since writing my last letter the local management have been doing something in the way of getting ready for next season. Frank Ward, Lancaster's popular second baseman of last season, was in town several days ago, and he was only here a day when he had attached his name to a Lancaster contract for the season of 1898. Frank is the first player to sign for next season, and his return here next season will be hailed with delight by the cranks hereabouts. "Piggy" didn't lead the second basemen in the Atlantic League, but he stood well up the ladder, and after warm weather set in there was no man in the League who played a better second base than Lancaster's rotund guardian of that sack. Frank has a host of friends in this town.

PRaise FOR LA ROQUE.

I learn through the columns of "Life" that we are to lose another of our players. I see that Paterson has taken Sam La Roque, our last season's first baseman, from us. Well, we couldn't hold Sam, as he refused to sign a contract with the reserve clause attached, and as Paterson made him a good offer to manage the team he very wisely accepted the same. Of course Sam's stickwork will be missed not a little bit, and my good friend Dill is to congratulate upon securing the Canadian. He is always looking out for his own team's success, and he takes advantage of every point in the game. Sam and Ward were inseparable companions while here and next season Frank must look about for another crum.

RINN RE-ENGAGED.

We will now have four positions on the team to fill—that of first and third base, left field and pitcher. There will not be much difficulty in securing these players, as the management are securing letters almost daily from players who are anxious to come here. Mr. Frank P. Rinn, who for the past two seasons has successfully piloted the Lancaster team to victory, has been re-engaged for the coming season in the same capacity. With Manager Rinn's knowledge of players Lancaster will again have a formidable team in the field.

I see it is given out that Seybold, who has been drafted by Washington, will be given a permanent place on the team. This will be good news to Ralph's many friends and if given a show he will be able to hold his own.

GOOD WORK GOING ON.

Oswego Red-Hot For a New York League Team.

Oswego, Dec. 4.—Another large and enthusiastic meeting was held in this city Monday evening, Nov. 29. The Committee on Soliciting Funds reported that they would have no trouble in raising \$1000.

Communications were received from the New York Central Railroad Company offering to fit up grounds free of charge, and P. Doyle, proprietor of Beach Oswego, a summer resort, three miles outside the city, easily accessible by the street car line, offering grounds and \$100 cash, if the club would locate there.

The sentiment of the promoters seem to favor using the Fair Grounds, which are only a short distance from the centre of the town, and which, with a very little outlay, can be made into a first-class base ball park.

Applications from Jos. Simmons, the old-time manager, and from Jas. Sayer, of this city, asking the management of the team, were received. The secretary was directed to make application to President Farrell for admission into the State League, and the meeting adjourned until President Farrell is heard from. O. W.

THE LATEST SCHEME

Is For a Joint Trip to England of the Montreal and Toronto Teams.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The management of the Montreal and Toronto clubs are working together in the utmost harmony. Irwin realizes that it is to his interest for the Royals to strengthen up as thoroughly as possible and he will lend a hand. There should be much rivalry between the two Canadian teams throughout the season of 1898, and although Toronto has been terribly weakened by the Washington claim, Irwin thinks he can produce a team that will give the Royals a hard fight. Thus Toronto and Montreal are the two American representatives in professional base ball that should attract some attention even among the English, both teams coming from the two leading cities of her American colony. It is really believed that these clubs will prove a paying attraction before the English sportsmen, and the Toronto and Montreal managements have arranged for a trans-Atlantic trip at the close of the championship season of 1898. Arthur Irwin informs us that these teams will then visit England under the auspices of a prominent Canadian statesman.



CHICAGO GLEANINGS.

THE DIFFICULTY IN THE WAY OF MAKING DEALS.

Why So Many Good Players Are Tied up to the Detriment of Weaker Clubs—The Composition and Management of the Chicago Club.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Hot scheme for a prize competition! Just the thing to make the guessers of the nation get up and hustle! Offer a \$5000 prize to the person who can guess the make-up of the 12 League teams for 1898.

CRANKS ARE STUDYING The cold weather has effectually killed foot ball, and so the base ball crank has the call again. He can sit around the fire and figure and guess and quarrel.

WELL, WHY DON'T THEY? Alas for human nature! Alas for lack of mutual confidence and unwillingness to take chances on the future! To my mind it is the silliest thing in the world that 12 League clubs should each reserve a small army of men, should carry twice as many names as can be used in actual battle, and yet be afraid to make the trades and exchanges which could be mapped out by any able thinker and which would give every team a fair chance and an improvement which would bring the dollars in at a glorious pace.

HUMAN NATURE, OF COURSE. Of course everybody hates to part with pet players. I can imagine the howl here when anybody makes a bid for Dahlen and Lange. There's the natural distrust, the fear that the man we let go may prove a wonder with another club, and that the man we get in his place may be a worn-out frost.

TRY THE SCRIBES. I really believe the game could be much improved by having the magnates agree to select a jury of 12 fair-minded newspaper men, one from each city, and letting them take a list of the reserved players, get together and map out the 12 clubs. They could select the players for every team and assign them just where they would do the most good.

A VARIEGATED INFIELD. The fans are speculating with much zest as to the composition of the Chicago infield for 1898. There wasn't a club in the League that presented such an infield—that is, in variety—as we did this year.

infield for 1898. There wasn't a club in the League that presented such an infield—that is, in variety—as we did this year. Nominally, that infield should have been Anson, Connor, Dahlen and Everett. That infield, whole, and with none of the four missing, wasn't on the field in a dozen games all season. There was always some discrepancy. On day Everitt would be out, the next Dahlen, the next Connor. McCormick and Callahan roved all over the infield as substitutes, and Griffith had to work now and then. Talk about patch-work—we had a lovely sample.

WHO CARES A RAP? People here don't seem to fret an infinitesimal dot as to whether Anson or Tom Burns will lead the team. When a town has been so long in the dumps, the gang don't care a hoot in blazes who's who, or what's what. I firmly believe that this city, with a club fighting for first place, would turn out the largest crowds on the circuit, and the patronage wouldn't be, as is now the case, made up from inhabitants of the neighborhood, followers of the hostile team and traveling men killing time.

PLAYERS ARE COMFORTABLE. The local players' colony is quite happy. Most of the boys are playing indoor ball and making a few dollars pin-money out of the gate receipts. Holmes and Hendricks, who have been elected to try the Western League next spring, are receiving scads of advice from Ryan, Irwin and Parker.

MILLERS MERRY.

President Hayne Considers the Local Prospects Very Bright.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Marcus P. Hayne, of the Minneapolis Club, has returned from the East, where he has been for the past three weeks. In reference to base ball Mr. Hayne said: "At the meeting of the National League at Philadelphia nearly all the requests of the Western League were granted. In fact, so many concessions were granted in the way of drafting as to protect our players from the greed of the big clubs, that the value of our franchise in Minneapolis has been increased 40 per cent. I was offered \$18,000 for this franchise by certain officers of the National League, and refused it."

THE EIGHTH FRANCHISE. "Chicago is very anxious to put a club in the Western League to fill the eighth place, made vacant by the withdrawal of Grand Rapids. Of course Chicago would have a club in the big League, but it also wants to be identified with the West with a second club. This seems to be entirely agreeable to everyone interested."

SCHMELZ'S HOPES. "We are not saying who we expect to sign till after the drafting season of the National is over, but after that time will give you the names of some men whom we hope to have signed by that time that will do honor to this beautiful city. Mr. Schmelz thinks he has some youngsters signed that will prove real finds. He will give them all a chance to show what they can do before releasing any of them. Just keep your eye on Minneapolis in '98, and see if we don't make them all play ball."

EASILY EXPLAINED.

Harry Weldon Gives Frank Hough a Little Pointer.

There are some people who rush into print without stopping to examine the subject they wish to discuss. An Eastern base ball writer, without investigating the details of the new schedule of the League, says:

"A point which is bothering many base ball cranks is how in a four-trip schedule a team can play two games in each series with every other team, in which case each would play 176 games instead of the stipulated 154. It would mean a total series of 16 games away from home and a like number at home. Seven not being divisible by four in such a way as to permit of the playing of two games in each series, arrangements may be made in some cases whereby eight will be played on one ground and six on the other. In the majority of instances, however, the schedule will be so arranged that on three of the trips two games will be played, and on the fourth and last only one."

The point is not bothering base ball cranks who have taken the trouble to investigate. In the first place the different teams are not going to make four visits a season to each city. It is true that they will make four trips each way, but they will only play half the cities of each division on each trip. They will play three games one trip and four on the other. Seven games in each city means 14 games with each club, and this multiplied by 11 gives the schedule of 154 games. There will be no trouble about understanding the schedule.—Cincinnati "Enquirer."

LOUISVILLE LINES.

SEEKING TO ADD BATTING STRENGTH TO THE TEAM.

Deals With Various Clubs For Experienced Men Now Under Way—No Doubt That at Least One More Outfielder Will be Secured.

Louisville, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The story came out this week that the club people were dickering with the Chicago team for the release of third baseman Everett and second baseman Connor. They also included the name of pitcher Thornton. This is the same deal that was mentioned in this column last week, but no names were given. My understanding is that the deal will not be made unless Anson is again the manager of the Chicago team next year, he having already practically agreed with Fred Clarke at the Philadelphia meeting that for a certain stipulation the Louisville Club could have the release of Connor and Everett, but Thornton was not included in the deal, nor was he wanted. This, as will be seen, however, depends entirely upon Anson, and if he is not connected with the Chicago team the trade of course will not likely go through.

FROM ANOTHER SOURCE. The team by which the club expects to be considerably strengthened is in an entirely different quarter—three players belonging to certain teams for whom negotiations have been open, and whom it is understood are likely to be secured. Negotiations have not progressed sufficiently far to allow the name to be given, but it is earnestly hoped that the trades can be made, in which event Louisville will have the best team that has represented the Falls City since it has been in the League.

THE PLAYERS DESIRED. Different surmises are being made of the make-up of the team next year, but all this is idle talk so far. It is hoped that the club people will be able to secure at least one of the players who filled an outfield position for Cincinnati last year. Any one of the four men who played outfield for Cincinnati last year would add strength to the Louisville team, and from present indications if the proper effort is made there is no reason why it is impossible to secure one of these men. Of course of the bunch Miller is the most desirable, and from the fact that he is said to be dissatisfied with his surroundings in Cincinnati there ought to be, but little trouble in securing his consent to stay in Louisville, and still less trouble in securing the consent of the Cincinnati officials to release him to Louisville. He would make a strong man for Louisville's right garden, and he is a big favorite with the Louisville public.

IDLE SPECULATION. There seems to be no doubt but what at least one more outfielder is going to be secured by Louisville before the season is over, and for that reason the make-up of the outfield is not yet known. For a time it was thought that it would be Dillard in right field, Clarke in left field, Wagner in centre field, and while Manager Clarke was at Philadelphia a good many people there told him that Dillard had in him the making of a wonderful third baseman, that he had formerly played that position, and consequently Dillard is now looked upon as a candidate for third base, along with Dexter and Clingman. Taking all these things into consideration, it is simply guesswork in trying to tell the make-up of the team, but at the same time from the records of the men already under contract, and those in view, it seems to indicate extraordinary efforts are being made to strengthen the team at every point which showed the slightest weakness during the past season.

KNEW PULLIAM'S VALUABLE POINT. The following is taken from the "Courier-Journal": "The Hon. Harry C. Pulliam returned to the city yesterday and registered at the Louisville as of 'Scottville, Allen County.' Mr. Pulliam is now staying 'down on the farm,' curing hams and making sausage. He says he came here to get some smoke for his hams, and will return there Tuesday and remain until the opening of the Legislature.

"In the large bundle of letters from candidates were some that contained pressed flowers, and other flowers of rhetoric, but probably not one of the writers came so near to touching his heart as did a Southern Kentucky candidate who wrote as follows: "Hon. Harry C. Pulliam, Louisville, Ky.—Dear Sir:—In the beginning I want to thank you for your quick reply to my letter, and say that I have battled what looks to me to be a political ham run, and unless some Fred Clarke makes a star throw from the centre field fence I will score easily. I don't believe that throw will or can be made."

NEWPORT NEWS.

Some Interesting Figures About New England League Pitchers.

Newport, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Base ball is quiet here just at present. The lot at Freebody Park has been used of late for foot ball, and it makes an ideal field.

A BENEDICT. Our utility man, George Grant, has gone and done it and he and his newly-wedded bride can be addressed at Portland, Me., for the winter. This makes one remember that on this season's team we had but one married man—Mills. The others were all young, gingery players.

GILBERT. Our centre fielder, has been doing the catching for a barnstorming trip at Albany, N. Y. It is the first we knew, he could

do the receiving. We have always been so well supplied with catchers we never knew what we did have.

I notice Washington's draft on Todd, of Pawtucket, has been recalled. I should imagine the Pawtucket people would be pleased.

FALL RIVER is to have an entire new infield. This will put Dan Reilly on the market, who has been at Fall River in its championship teams, also Nick Wise and Jack Cavanaugh. These men will be hard to replace, and Manager Smith must have something good up his sleeve.

PITCHERS' WORK. I enclose a few facts in the line of winning pitchers, which I have not seen published as yet, for New England League.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Dowd, Newport	3	0	1.000
Fox, Newport	1	0	1.000
Doe, Fall River	1	0	1.000
Tierney, New Bedford	1	0	1.000
Pettinger, Brockton	16	6	.727
McCafferty, Pawtucket	20	8	.714
Hawley, Newport	26	11	.676
Mullen, Pawtucket	2	1	.666
McKenna, Brockton	24	13	.649
Foley, Newport	21	12	.636
Miller, Fall River	12	7	.632
Sayers, Brockton	3	2	.600
Moynahan, Fall River, Brockton	19	13	.594
Gallagher, Newport	20	14	.588
Gaston, Taunton	4	3	.571
Wick, Brockton, Taunton	13	10	.565
Knorr, Pawtucket	14	13	.519
Todd, Pawtucket	17	16	.515
Wetchoff, Taunton	11	11	.500
Cronin, Fall River	9	9	.500
Mansfield, Brockton	3	3	.500
Cooke, Fall River	2	2	.500
Mullen, Fall River	1	1	.500
McDougal, Taunton	17	19	.472
Shechris, New Bedford	15	18	.455
Seckard, Brockton	4	5	.444
Flanagan, N. B., Fall River	17	23	.425
Johnson, New Bedford	2	3	.400
Hall, Brockton, Taunton	3	5	.375
Norcom, Fall River	5	10	.333
Horne, Pawtucket	3	6	.333
Coughlin, Brockton, Pawtucket	2	4	.333
McElroy, Taunton	1	2	.333
Taber, Fall River	1	2	.333
Willis, Brockton	1	2	.333
Reilly, Brockton, Taunton	1	2	.333
Anderson, New Bedford	9	19	.321
Day, New Bedford	11	24	.314
Gallagher, Pawtucket	3	7	.300
McGammell, Taunton	4	10	.286
Wilder, Pawtucket	3	8	.273
Fertsch, Taunton	1	3	.250
Calahan, Taunton, Fall River	2	7	.222
Gerry, Fall River	3	11	.214
Ashe, Newport, Taunton	1	10	.090
Boylan, Taunton	0	1	.000
Tessier, Pawtucket	1	0	.000
Stivits, Fall River	0	1	.000
Newkirk, Fall River	0	2	.000
Viau, New Bedford	0	2	.000
Standish, Fall River	0	3	.000
McPherson, New Bedford	0	4	.000
McBride, Taunton	0	4	.000

The above table does not include the games. The following pitchers participated in one each: Hawley, Dowd, Todd, Horner, Mansfield and McGammell. Fall River used 14 pitchers, Taunton 13, Brockton 11, Pawtucket 9, New Bedford 8 and Newport 6.

CLOSE GAMES.

	Won.	Lost.
Newport	16	7
Taunton	14	11
Pawtucket	13	12
Brockton	13	13
New Bedford	12	15
Fall River	9	20

Taunton was shut out nine times, Newport five, Brockton four, Fall River four, Pawtucket three and New Bedford three. Shut-outs were administered by Newport nine times, Brockton seven, Fall River five, Pawtucket four, Taunton two, New Bedford one.

NEW CASTLE'S CLUB.

Manager Lytle Has Many New Players Already Signed.

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 8.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Manager "Pop" Lytle, of the local Interstate ball team, will arrive in the city some time during the present week, when a meeting of the directors will take place and plans for the coming season talked over. Mr. Lytle has written to President Pierce to the effect that he has six or eight men signed, and among them is a first-class second baseman, to take the place of Miller, who is now a member of the Philadelphia's. Several of the admirers of young Gussee, who has signed to pitch for New Castle, have written from Michigan, stating that they are willing to buy his release if the local team will sell.

MUCH RIVALRY. Charlie Strobel, of Toledo, is making bids for Natress, last season's short stop, but none of the players will be sold. It is not yet definitely settled that the Wheeling franchise will remain in the Nail City, for Mr. Torreyson may yet take it and the Dayton team to Jackson and Saginaw. Manager Geer, who will control the destinies of the Youngstown team next season, has written to a friend here to the effect that he will have a team that can beat New Castle if he has to go into the National League to get men.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS. The traction company has perfected the plans for the ball grounds, and will begin at once plowing up the grounds if the weather will permit. When the season broke up the fences and grand stand were sold to the traction company, and these will be utilized in part for the new ground. It is the intention of the company to put up a double fence, so that "peep holes" will be impossible. The ground of the proposed ball park is somewhat sandy, but the diamond will be made up of dirt and cement, and will be one of the fastest in the League. The traction company gives the ground to the ball association for a term of five years, and the association must maintain a first-class team here for that time.

Connie Mack, of the Milwaukee team, promises that the Brewers will finish better in 1898 than they did in 1897. The ex-Pirate claims that one wrong decision knocked the team out of third place this year.



PITTSBURG POINTS.

A CLUB CONFERENCE WHICH ARRANGES FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

The Spring Trip Will be to a South-western Point—More Improvements to be Wrought at Exposition Park—Bits of News.

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The arrival in town last week of Vice President Auten, of the Pittsburg Club, was a sure sign that a gathering of the club directors had been decided upon.

The gathering was held Saturday. All the club directors were there except the lawyer of the club, who never leaves Jersey City. A couple of important subjects were up. The first was that of a spring trip. Manager Watkins told of the various propositions he had received from ground owners and lessees.

The directors were a unit as to the best portion of the country for an early shaping up scheme. The Southwest was the true place, and it was decided upon. Manager Watkins was given the authority to select the exact location. Mr. Watkins, it is believed, will pick out Little Rock, Ark. He has a flattering offer from a street car company there. New Orleans, Fort Smith and Mobile have also applications on file.

Manager Watkins told the directors that he built a great deal on early practice games. It was in these events that the players get down to form, and for this reason there will be no trifling in the preliminary contests.

The directors reasoned that the dressing rooms at the grounds could be in better shape, and a motion to carry out this idea went through without any dissenting votes. It was also decided to establish separate entrances for each class of seats to the Park. Hereafter grand stand patrons will not be compelled to buy the pavilion seats inside of the grounds. The stands will be braced and put in shipshape.

A HOTEL CLERK'S GAG. President Reach, of the Phillies, and his business partner, B. A. Shibe, were visitors to our town last week. The morning of their arrival there was a man named Glasscock, of Morgantown, W. Va., also registered at the Monongahela House. A jocular clerk aroused the hotel reporters by a hint of a big base ball meeting. He pointed to the register and then ejaculated: "There goes Brush out of the door." The reporters glanced toward the point indicated. A light built, nervous man hurried out to the street. The hotel scribes used the phone in a jiffy and soon had their sporting colleagues on the chase. The latter landed Reach and Shibe, but were compelled to mark "N. E. I." on the Brush and Glasscock end of the subpoena.

Mr. Reach spoke entertainingly, denying that Philadelphia would play Sunday games abroad and declared that he felt sure Pittsburg would not change its policy.

PROF. SAM LEEVER WRITES. Sam Leever lives at Goshen, O. There is a mail running from the place, for Manager Watkins has received a letter from Sammy. He wrote his employer one of those clever missives which only a good school pap could write. Sam took his pen in hand to write for a jot of information. He wanted to know when and where the Pittsburgs would go for a spring trip. He was extremely desirous of knowing at what point the army would concentrate, as it meant a great deal to him in traveling comfort.

Leever said that he was delighted over the prospect of being in the highest base ball organization, and he would use every endeavor to maintain his position. In conclusion, Leever presented a few statistics which look well. He is 25 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, and 25 years old. "That's a nice weight for a pitcher," commented Manager Watkins. "I have written Mr. Leever, giving him most of the information desired, as far as matters had progressed."

THAT FOR AN ANSWER. A Cincinnati paper published a three-line note, saying that John Ganzel, first baseman engaged by the Pittsburgs for 1898, was one of the few players who would prefer playing in a little league. He was willing that such a move could be made for next year.

"I guess that statement was made by Ganzel," said Mr. Watkins, when he was asked about the affair. "At least a Grand Rapids paper said so, and it looks to be all right. What's the trouble? Well, you know that there are always cases where a man does not think that he is getting all he should get of a certain article much coveted by the human race. Of this mind they object to being advanced in their profession. There is one thing yet for me to say: Mr. Ganzel will play in the Pittsburg Club if he plays at all. You can quote me fully on that point."

The exact amount the long first baseman

wants above that offered by the Pittsburg management is not known, but is believed to run close to \$200.

HASTY HEARD FROM. Charley Hastings has been writing letters. A friend in Parkersburg has just received one of those lovely all-day billets. He didn't have his troubles making it out, but was unable to grasp all of the things spoken of. It was the first letter Charley had written him for weeks, and he had so many bits of news to tell him. Hastings declared that the twirling he had been doing with the All Americas had, to his mind, proven far more beneficial than the pitching diet he had been fed on in Pittsburg for a couple of years past. He had more confidence; knew additional about the pitching game, and was dead sure that he could soon prove this to his friends. He had never felt better for five years. The tourists, he said, were getting ready to leave for home about the 12th. They are most likely to stop at Los Angeles for a couple of games. Then they will rush for the East. Charley will land at Parkersburg, one of those towns where the stage of water is recorded by the United States Signal Service.

TUGS OF WAR. A friend of Connie Mack has received a letter from the Milwaukee chief. Connie is enjoying the winter in one of the many Brookfields in old Massachusetts. He writes to inform the friend that he has just secured the release of George Shoch, of the Grooms. He will play the Baron at short stop, and thinks that he will do well. Connie also speaks of recent base ball developments.

Reddy Mason has been having a great time since his return from Toledo. It is coming high, and he is preparing to mortgage one of the many houses that he owns. Mason, by the way, made a hundred scalping tickets during the Thanksgiving Day foot ball game.

Swarty Smith and others go hunting again this week. They will visit the scene of their jaunt to Butler County late in October. The locality is not hunted out by any means. A care taker of the place wrote here the other day that some person had broken the lock on the club house door. They failed to get in, though.

Writing from Baldwin's Hotel, Frisco, under date of Nov. 30, Donovan says: "Our good time will soon come to an end out here. All the lads are eager to be at their homes for Christmas. I think we will say good-bye about the first of next week. We are making a little cash, but at this season of the year it is difficult to play ball. Frisco is having lots of scraps and Reddy Mason would thrive on fight guff."

A new sofa ornaments the club office. There is still room to turn around in the place. Vice President Auten had a joke on the size of the room. The directors met at the Hotel Anderson.

Killen and bride have returned from their wedding trip. They had a pleasant trip. The happy couple received many handsome presents.

There is a rumor that it is Mr. William Merritt, wife and son now. The newcomer arrived last week, and is the image of his sunny-faced daddy. CIRCLE.

NORFOLK NOTES.

Planning to Sign the Successful Lancaster Manager, Rinn.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Foot ball is about the whole absorbing topic just now down here (athletically speaking), but once and awhile a little base ball news of interest crops out. Mr. Harvey Cunningham, the owner of the Norfolk team, has selected Frank Rinn, late of the Lancaster Club, to do his managing the coming season. In conversation with the owner the other day he expressed great confidence in Mr. Rinn's ability to guide the Norfolk end of the Atlantic to a successful close.

HIS WORK as manager of the Lancasters for the two seasons past stamped him as a capable man in selecting and handling players, and there is no reason why he should not duplicate his success here, as Mr. Cunningham will give him control, with a capital C, he says, and that means much, for such has never been the case in the Norfolk management. There has always been too many trying to manage, with the result of no management hardly at all—a most unsatisfactory managing, at any rate.

THE PLAYERS RESERVED. All the Norfolk players are held in reserve for next year, with the exception of Leahy and Billy Smith, who, I understand, signed with the "no reserve" clause. There is good material if it can be made to harmonize and work together. Maybe Rinn can accomplish better results than Smith did with the same men, being a non-playing manager, for it has been demonstrated that the most successful managers of ball teams are the non-playing ones. This is a fact for various reasons.

THE BALL PARK. The lease on the old grounds expiring with the close of last season, new grounds have been sought, but Mr. Cunningham tells me he is having a little trouble about a new stand. He thinks, however, that he will secure a place and have better accommodations than the old grounds afforded. Now that the street railway franchise here has changed hands, possibly the new owners will grant the game a few favors, just once. The same people controlling the Richmond Traction Company are the new purchasers, and as they interested themselves and did so much toward the success of base ball in the Capital City they will most likely do the same thing here.

THE COLONY. "Billy" Hargrove, of the Richmonds; "Jack" Wentz and "Red" Armstrong are putting in the Klondike months in Norfolk's balmy atmosphere, and all three players look "on edge," as the trainers would say. Wentz has his old position—making the old German article (beer) in a brewery here. "Red" is working in the "fleecy staple" (cotton), and Hargrove is spending Jake Well's money; that is, the portion he won for his valuable services last season. THOS. W. SPAIN.

BALTIMORE BULLETIN

THE PROSPECTS FOR THE EX-CHAMPIONS IN 1898.

A Belief That the Orioles Will Bob up in the Spring Stronger Than Ever—Some Comment Upon Philadelphia and the Other Teams.

Baltimore, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—There we go again. Pitcher Hughes. Another Californian. Good as gold. Hughie "discovered" him. Ned hired him. Another phenom. Boy wonder. The pennant's safe.

Now if we get Jim Corbett to play first base and put Jack Doyle in behind the plate there is nothing can stop us. But hold on, that won't leave any room for Dahlen. No, Hughie will perambulate around first.

It is not right to make Boston nervous so early in the winter, but what can you do? These things have to be told, if people will be sensitive why we can't help that.

We feel worried about that Boston team. Nichols has plunged on that arm a long time; Germany Loug is getting tired and Bobby Lowe is showing signs of wear and tear.

And Baltimore is going to be so much stronger next year. Corbett, Pond, Amole and Nops needed seasoning, and now they have it. They were all pretty good, but just think how new they were. They had strikes tucked away all over them, but they didn't fairly know how to use them. They were so jolly green that they used themselves all up in the first part of a game, and had nothing left for the critical times toward the end.

Next season they will know better.

THEY HAVE BEEN COACHED through a season and have a winter to reflect upon it. They are increasing in strength and knowledge, and taken altogether the Oriole batteries ought to be much more effective in 1898.

They were pretty good in ninety-seven. And in the batteries will be the vital point next year. With some exceptions, the various teams are more nearly equal in batting and fielding strength than they ever were before in the history of the League. Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland and New York ought to make very even games in that respect, and the teams having the strongest batteries win out.

OF ALL THE CLUBS in the League it would be most fit that Philadelphia should lead in the championship. If they can ever get a pennant team in that sporting paradise you will see a great League year all over the country.

The Quakers have always been a favorite club throughout the circuit, and the lavish way in which Reach and Rogers provide for the comfort of spectators, giving them luxurious surroundings as well as conveniences, is famed throughout the United States. The grounds and stands are massive and artistic, peculiarly fit for the grand athletic struggle in the arena which they surround.

Everybody appears to sympathize with such an exceptionally grand enterprise, and things would be most fitting if it could be rewarded by floating the pennant in that appropriate place.

PHILADELPHIA now has a young and ambitious manager, who should have profited greatly by the experience of one season in the League. Whatever practice a manager may have had in the other organizations, it is only the foundation for after success in the League.

So Manager Stallings ought to be now just about ripe.

THERE IS HOPE. therefore, that the Philadelphia team of '98 will develop into something better than in the past, and become a real factor in the problem of the pennant.

The strangest team in the League for the last few years, when you contemplate what it once was, is Chicago. The "Old Man," grand as he is, appears to have declined in judgment and lost his ambition. The fact is, we have petted and flattered and made him believe he was the whole show so long that he has come to believe that his presence on the team is about all that is necessary to satisfy patrons.

There was a time when Jim Hart was a pretty clever handler of a ball team, and if he has not lost his cunning and really possesses the authority, he might do something great for Chicago.

But as long as your Uncle Adrian will stick to the game it is probable that the natty magnate thinks that it is most fitting for the G. O. M. to handle the things immediately pertaining to the field.

THERE IS WATKINS, too, who may show you in one season what he can do with a once strong team, now run to grass. The Pittsburg Club has been meandering down hill quite some few seasons.

Manager Watkins may be able to bring them up. He does not lack experience in big company, and he is too old to adopt the usual plunging tactics of the minor league manager, who is pitched neck and crop among the giants and loses his head. It don't do to get rattled or to be over-confident with such men as Hanlon and Selee standing around quietly, ready to pounce down upon any little slip. It is a case of

IF YOU SLEEP YOU'RE GONE. And Manager Barrie is not to be sneezed at in that direction, either. If any of those club leaders take a nap William will be found wide awake. When Mr. Barrie is left to his own devices he has a happy faculty of measuring up pitchers and fielders. That used to be his specialty, and he has probably improved with age. This handler has had a season to see the

faults of the Brooklyn team, and he will unquestionably profit by it. The Brooklyn people are liberal payers, and their team last year cost considerably more than the Orioles.

And it wasn't so good. It is a case of the high-priced article piling into insignificance in the face of the cheaper. But sometimes you can run around with money to throw into a sewer, and yet not be able to buy anything.

EVERYBODY that is anybody will very likely have to pay higher salaries in ninety-eight than they did in ninety-seven, on account of there being no Temple Cup games.

Every club that had a chance to finish one, two had an easier time to sign their players, because the men took into consideration, or at least were prevailed upon to take into consideration, that they would have an opportunity to enhance their wages, indirectly, by the proceeds from those games.

Next season's signers will want to come right down to hard pan, and add three, four or five hundred dollars to contracts on account of loss by the ante-season games.

IT IS THE CUP that has intoxicated them, and if no equivalent is provided by some other process, Mr. Temple ought to foot the bill for the difference.

Then, if the rowdy rules go through, the boys will want to be paid something extra for keeping their mouths shut.

You may smile, but there is something in that.

Why, do you know, there is many a man that pays fifty cents or a dollar for a game just for the privilege of going out to the games to "boller." Of course he can go out in the back yard and yell, but there would be no fitness in it, and, besides, he must be provided with a good heartfelt reason.

The umpire is the reason.

A fine play is a reason. When the players are obliged to put themselves under a strong restraint and keep their minds upon the refinement of the exhibition they are to give, their service in the game will become more perfumery and they will reflect upon the money they are to get for their work. For work it will be, and not play. ALBERT MOTT.

MAINE'S STATUS.

A Season's Rest For Base Ball the Probable Policy.

Portland, Me., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Although it is a long time between now and next season the cranks of this city, as well as those of Lewiston, are anxiously inquiring as to the possibility of the two cities being represented in the New England League next season. I have talked with several gentlemen who have been actively interested in the game in the past, and while they would like to see base ball next season they were unanimous in the opinion that a rest would do the game much good in this section. One thing is certain, that there will be no more attempts at State league ball in this part of the State, but there may be a State league started in the Eastern part of the State with a short season, and it would no doubt be successful.

FAST YOUNGSTERS. There were a large number of fast young players in the State League last season and many of them secured good berths when the league disbanded. There was one whom I consider a very promising player, and the club that secures him will make no mistake. This man is Pulsifer, who was with Lewiston, where he made many friends by his wonderful work. He is a fast outfielder and a good infielder and a good pitcher. He is a hard hitter and a fine base runner, and at all times a gentleman.

Everybody in this city is pleased to see Walter Woods in the big League, as he made many friends while a member of the Portland Club. I think that Chicago has secured a promising player in Woods if properly handled.

THE REAL FACT. I noticed in last week's issue of the "Life" a statement dated from this city to the effect that umpire Carpenter was implicated in an affray with a fellow workman. This was erroneous, as Mr. Carpenter was going about his business when a stranger made a pass at him, and he was compelled to defend himself, which he did. I know Mr. Carpenter and have always found him a gentleman, and I feel justified in correcting a statement that may possibly injure him in the minds of those who know him.

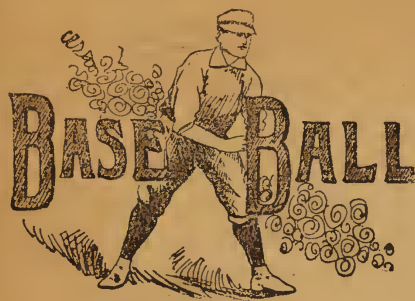
NEWS NOTES. I was talking with "Kid" Webster, who was with Belfast last season, and he tells me he has received several offers for next season, but that he is in no hurry to sign. Webster is a good utility man, as he can play either infield or outfield, and is a good catcher.

The Boston "Herald" as usual keeps us alive with a bright budget of base ball news every week, which proves very interesting to the cranks in this section. I do not believe there is a better posted man in base ball than your correspondent, Mr. J. C. Morse, of Boston.

If umpire Connolly does not make a success next season on Mr. Young's staff it will not be from a lack of ability, as he was always considered the best man that has officiated in this city for years, and those who attended the games were always sure to enjoy a game when Tommy held the indicator. I hope he will be as successful as he always was in the New England League.

Bill Mains is spending his time gunning and riding his wheel, at Windham, and "Grandpa" Morse, of the Scranton Club, is bagging lots of game in the vicinity of Lewiston.

A Player-Manager Chips In. "I'll wager ten to one that the Brush blacklist law doesn't pass at the League meeting in March. Just think of a ball player being deprived of his livelihood because he is slightly twisted in the language he uses on the umpires. Fine and suspension is the only practical remedy for the evil," remarked Tom Brown.—Washington Post.



SAD SYRACUSE.

NOT QUITE PLEASED WITH EASTERN LEAGUE ACTION.

The Awarding of the Steinert Cup to Toronto and the Vindication of Arthur Irwin Stick in the Claw—New York State League News.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The doings of the Eastern League magnates at last week's meeting, at New York, have a queer look from a Syracuse point of view. The awarding of the Steinert Cup to Toronto and the action taken in Mr. Irwin's case are peculiar, to say the least. Seven games were to have been played for the possession of the Steinert Cup. Three games here, three in Toronto, and one on neutral grounds if necessary. The record shows that but two games were played in this city, and the team then hid themselves to Toronto.

THE RESULT.

Every one is acquainted with the outcome there. Toronto was offered all kinds of inducements to return here for one more game, which was our due, but absolutely refused to do so. Howard Earl, of the local team, assured the writer that a very liberal guarantee was offered the Toronto boys to play that third game at Star Park. President Powers then gave it out that the matter would be allowed to rest, and all took it for granted that the cup would either be returned to the Providence Club, or to Mr. Steinert, the donor, and the whole thing passed out of the minds of the local cranks. Now comes the very startling news that Toronto has been awarded the cup. No good and sufficient reason is given for the action, but nevertheless Arthur Irwin gets the Steinert cup.

THE TORONTO INVESTIGATION.

And then Mr. Irwin is arraigned (?) before the Board for violation of the farming rule. Mr. Irwin is at once freed of the charge, and everything is lovely. The great fault to be found with the Eastern League magnates is not so much the action taken on the cup matter and on Mr. Irwin's case, but on the fact that the rules of base ball were not rubbed out entirely. No one here is finding any fault with Mr. Irwin. We all admire the man for getting away with things as he did. Notwithstanding the statements of the Toronto players the magnates declared the Toronto Club "no farm," and that puts the seal of approval on Mr. Irwin's methods of last season, and tells him to go ahead and do so some more, which good advice he will follow to the letter.

THE LOCAL EFFECT.

And how does this decision hit Syracuse? Manager Buckenberger has gathered together a strong enough aggregation of players to do battle in any minor league, but what will he have to run up against now? There is some talk of a meeting to be held at Buffalo, where the magnates of the Eastern and Western Leagues will confer over their troubles. Just a word from the National League magnates will be enough to drive the minors to the woods, and the conference will never be held. Syracuse does not appear to have cut much of a figure at last week's meeting at New York, and we are waiting now for the news that the pennant goes to Toronto along with the Steinert cup. Toronto has just as good a claim to the pennant as to the cup. Mr. Irwin was very much in evidence at the meeting, and the manner in which he carried his colors to victory must be admired rather than censured.

THE OTHER RESULTS.

We cannot see from this neck of the woods where any business was done at that meeting excepting the re-election of President Powers, a worthy action, and the vindication of Mr. Arthur Irwin. Seranton and Wilkesbarre are still within the fold, although it is predicted that Seranton will dispose of her franchise either to Worcester or Rochester. The Rochester people were at the meeting in force. With a good team at Rochester next season Syracuse would benefit much in a financial way, as that old rivalry will never die out. We hope to see Messrs. Englert, Buckley and Leimgruber once more in harness.

MANAGER SHANNON.

Of Wilkesbarre, is said to have captured Joe Knight, "Sandy" Griffin and Joe Mulvey. Well, there is a trio of hitters. Manager Dan always did like good batsmen. There is nothing new in local circles. Billy Lush would have been a welcome addition to our team, but he has escaped to Springfield, so it said. Matters

IN STATE LEAGUE CIRCLES

are becoming lively. Oswego has applied for a franchise, and will likely get one. Oswego talks of securing a player-manager. The officers of the club should profit by past season's experiences and start right next year by signing a non-playing manager.

There is good material to choose from. Charles Faatz, of the Palmyra Club; H. D. Ramsay, of the champion Canandaiguas, and Harry Silverman, of score card fame, are all in the market, and would fill the position creditably either of them. Utica will without doubt apply for a franchise in the State League.

Utica had amateur ball last year, and has not had a taste of the professional article since 1890. The amateur games drew immense crowds last season, especially on Sundays.

Manager Buckenberger is busy getting his rink in shape at Star Park, and from present indications it would appear that local skaters will have a fine time this winter. G. WHIZ.

LONDON'S LOVE.

The International League Warmly Commended in the Canadian Town.

London, Ont., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—That there will be an International League next year is now beyond a doubt. It was so decided at a meeting held for the purpose of organization at Port Huron, Mich., on Tuesday, Nov. 23, when the following cities were represented: London, Hamilton, Guelph, the three Canadian cities; Port Huron, Bay City and Saginaw, all of Michigan. London was represented by Mr. Sheere, who was chairman of the meeting; Mr. Lowney, of Bay City, acted as secretary.

THE PRELIMINARIES.

All the delegates were favorable to the organization of an International League and agreed to put up a bond of \$200 to remain in it until the end of the season. A salary limit of \$700 was also agreed upon. The election of officers will take place at the adjourned meeting, when the president will be chosen from one of the American clubs and the secretary from a Canadian club. It was decided to seek protection under the National Agreement, and Mr. Young will be applied to for the same at once.

LOCAL SENTIMENT.

The formation of the new league is favorably received in this city. The fact of the league being composed of three clubs on each side of the border should create an interest that will be of great benefit to the game.

MANAGER HOLMAN

is looking after some good men to strengthen his team for next year. A first-class catcher will shortly be signed to fill the vacancy caused by Andy Reid signing with Toronto, and a hard-hitting infielder will be secured, to take Jimmie Cockman's place, who will also wear a Toronto uniform next year. Several good men have been recommended to Manager Holman by members of last season's team.

OF LESSER IMPORT.

The Independent Club in St. Thomas made money last season. They played all comers and played good ball. The veteran Joe Knight participated in a few games there late in the season.

Catcher Frank Snyder, of the Washingtons, is working in this city. Abbie Johnson, the well-known second baseman, is renewing old acquaintances in this city. He was warmly received by his many friends.

Sammy Larocque's many admirers in this city were pleased to learn that he is to manage the Paterson (N. J.) Club next year. That he will be successful is the wish of all who know him. J. M. N.

MANSFIELD MENTION.

Latham Objects Strongly to His Unjustified Reservation.

Mansfield, O., Dec. 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Arlie Latham, who was captain and first baseman of the Mansfield Interstate League Club during the past season, and who, with all the other members of the team, was reserved at the end of the season, is in the city. Arlie is not pleased with his reservation, and he is anxious to be appointed a National League umpire, or to manage a team himself the coming season. He claims that he cannot be reserved, as he was exempted from the reserve clause in his contract with J. C. Strouthers, who signed him early in the season, but whose connection with the club was severed in July.

The Mansfield team will be stronger than ever for 1898, as the local ball company has been incorporated and officered by a number of substantial business men. Bart Howard has been retained as manager, and several new players have been signed, who are already sought by major League clubs. The local club will begin the season with manager and players thoroughly acquainted and disciplined, and with a ball park unsurpassed by any in the league. Five or six members of the team are spending the winter in the city, having secured employment in local manufacturing.

DIPLOMATIC NICK.

How the League President Answered a Direct Question.

Detroit, Dec. 5.—Young is nothing if not a diplomat. Last week a Western paper sent him a telegram in regard to the new drafting rules. This was the query sent:

"Can the National League draft players next year? When does the new drafting rule go into effect?"

The questions were plainly put and could have been simply answered. Mr. Young is not dealing out information in advance. This was his ambiguous reply:

"If the new arrangement is carried out, the National League can draft only such players as have twice been reserved by clubs in Class A."

If Mr. Young's reply means anything it means that the National League will be free to draft players next year as usual, the only players exempt being those who have been on the reserve list for two years. However, it is not well to borrow trouble in advance. The changes in the rules will be clearly defined, no doubt, at the spring schedule meeting.

BROOKLYN BUDGET.

WHY THE NEXT CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE A GOOD ONE.

Probability That the Teams Will be More Evenly Matched—The Strong and Weak Points of Various Teams Critically Considered.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The championship problem of 1898 in base ball promises to be vastly more interesting than that of 1897. It promises better than the very interesting year of 1892, or the brilliant campaign of 1895.

Why?

First and foremost because most of the teams are stronger than they have been for five seasons. The word stronger is used both in a comparative and in a relative sense.

As compared with the 1894 teams of Washington and Baltimore for example, certainly the Washington team of 1898 is a stronger organization than the Washington team that confronted Baltimore in former days, and the Baltimore team is not perceptibly a weaker organization.

As the relation of all the teams of the League bears to each other there can be little doubt that better contests are to be expected, closer games to be looked forward to, and a general improvement noted in team work against team in 1898, with the possible exception of the St. Louis Club, which bids fair to be merely a makeshift to fill out a scheduled season.

THE REAL FACTORS.

The League has for 1898 eight known good clubs. These are the Bostons, the present champions; the Baltimores, the former champions; the New Yorks, a splendid third in the last race; the Cincinnati, much the better for the trades that were made in their behalf at the last League meeting; the Cleveleans, undisputedly likely to forge back into the front rank if the team gets away well in the spring; the Washingtons, one of the fastest fielding organizations to-day in the League; the Brooklyns, which should make up for some lack of ability in other directions by their ability to bat; the Chicagos, possessing the strength but playing base ball at random and at haphazard.

THE UNCERTAINTIES.

Three of the four clubs that are omitted from the above list I take to be more uncertain than those I have enumerated. However, I am perfectly willing to go on record by saying that it appears to me possible for the Philadelphias, the Pittsburgs or the Louisvilles to do as good work as the eight first selected, but there seems to be a trifle more uncertainty in their case.

For instance, the Louisville Club, notably strong in many departments, seems not to have the batteries that can cope successfully with the other teams throughout the season, and the Philadelphias, while boiling over with strength in some positions, scarcely can be expected to jump in and play championship ball from the beginning of the year. It seems to me it will take long months of training to put the Phillies back to form. Pittsburg is but an instance of a team that has steadily gone down hill for the last three or four years. It will take more than one season of Watkins to restore it to championship calibre.

Of course, St. Louis cannot be reckoned as more than a common joke.

BROOKLYN'S CLAIM.

To some it may look that I have overestimated the strength of the Brooklyn team from a certain sense of local pride. The reasons, however, for placing the Brooklyn team among the eight almost certain to play good ball seem to me to be valid. For instance, during the summer of 1897 Brooklyn saved its place, with very inferior work in the box and on the infield by steady batting. If the team could finish in sixth place by working out its salvation with the bat in 1897 I fail to see why it should not do as well in 1898, when the batting strength certainly will be greater and a big gap will be stopped at second.

THE SENATORS.

The upward climb that Washington made in 1897 proved beyond doubt that that organization possesses elements of inherent strength, as present constituted, that will make it a visible factor during the coming season. Not indeed as a very dangerous aspirant for the championship, but as a team that will give many a championship aspirant an attack of heart failure in a close game where expert fielding may have more or less to do with deciding the day. Don't forget that the infield of the Washington team, as it finished in 1897, covered a tremendous lot of ground, and smothered many a hit, while the outfield is not to be sneezed at.

CINCINNATI

cannot be said to have lost by the accession of Hawley and Elmer Smith. While the former may pitch no better ball than he did at Pittsburg, owing to the disagreeable self-assertiveness and overwhelming egotism of the man, there is reason to believe that, with new surroundings, he will cut loose for all that is in sight, and try to do his level best. For one year, therefore, he may be of incalculable advantage to the Cincinnati team. Smith, not the best outfielder in the world, is a capital addition to Cincinnati, for he is a better batter than Cincinnati has among its collection of outfielders.

CLEVELAND

shows indication of going back into the fight of 1897 with the strongest pitching corps in the League, barring, perhaps, that of New York. While Cleveland's pitchers were off during 1897, those of the New York team were at their best, and it would occasion to

old students of the game no unusual surprise to see the condition of things reversed in 1898, and the New York pitchers have a year off, while those of Cleveland were at their best.

THE BIG ONES.

Of Boston, Baltimore and New York it is scarcely necessary to write a word. They stand for 1898 on what they did in 1897, and as they have received no out and out strengthening or weakening, as good work is anticipated from them during the next season as they gave evidence of during the last.

Therefore we have the New York, Baltimore and Boston teams, relatively the same toward each other, to meet the Cleveleans, Cincinnati, Washingtons and Brooklyns, from each of which we expect more than in 1897, and the Chicagos, from which we had a right to expect more during 1897.

A FAIR ESTIMATE.

It seems to me that the foregoing about indicates the outline of the season of 1898, as the teams stand to-day on paper. For that reason no one can take a look over the field without expressing the statement that the writer did at the beginning, that the year 1898 ought to bring us better base ball.

This may be a little premature, for some of the magnates have the opportunity open to strengthen their teams. Even should they do so it would but add to the general interest, for one scarcely expects to see any club owner weaken his team. Sometimes they do it by accident and now and then by reason of financial stress, but either of those cases is about the limit.

NOT BASELESS HOPE.

Let Washington, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Chicago or Cleveland win 25 per cent. more games from the leaders during 1898 than they won during 1897 and see what a difference it would make in the race. The fight would be narrowed down until all America would be agog with excitement and the standing from day to day would shift as the tiny pieces of glass shift in the kaleidoscope. It might come to pass that the winning of a game would drop a team from the top to sixth place and a middle place club would skyrocket to the top for like reason. Anyhow, there is always the probability of such a thing happening, and what may occur is half the real fun of base ball.

NOT SO EASY.

For various reasons it seems to me that neither Boston nor Baltimore will have anything like an easy row to hoe in the coming year. Baltimore, being a beaten team, will be played against with more confidence than in the past, and frankly, unless Boston adds another pitcher to its staff I don't see where it is going to stand the strain of another championship battle, for it was only by the most miraculous work of the Boston infielders that the pennant was won in 1897.

In the New York series alone during the summer of 1897 the Bostons pulled game after game out of the fire by one run—and that won, not so much as by extraordinary batting or good pitching, as by the superb playing of Collins, Long and Lowe. That kind of luck, however, will not last forever for any base ball team. With another strong pitcher, a pitcher who could be relied upon, Boston's chances for 1898 would be improved not less than twenty per cent. It would be a relief, too, for players who have been working up to the limit for the last two years.

THE MINOR LEAGUES.

aren't going to take very kindly to all the legislation proposed by the parent organization. If one thing more than another sticks in their throats it is the idea of letting a youngster out for thirty days and then taking him back, if the big League doesn't happen to be stuck on his shape.

It is a jug-handled sort of proposition. It seems, however, that the wraiths of several gold bricks are floating in the air, and certain magnates who bought scores and not players want to ensure themselves against being entrapped in the future.

A base ball proprietor in the National League who desires to strengthen his team in a wise way will not bother his head about records, but will take two or three days off and go study up the youngster who has been reported to him as worth a place in better company.

EASTERN PARK

is quiet for the first time since last April. Even the foot ball games are over now, and but for the queer jargon of the Semitic tribes who live in the neighborhood, and the squawking of the geese, the place would be as silent as the middle of Jamaica Bay. Nobody is saying a word about the proposed removal of the grounds this summer, and people only look forward and hope.

Some day, perhaps, the Brooklyns will be back in God's country, where the base ball crank goes fat on the diet and the natives cheer, until the valley between the Slope and the Bay echoes with the reverberations of the vocal artillery.

SOME SHORT PARAGRAPHS.

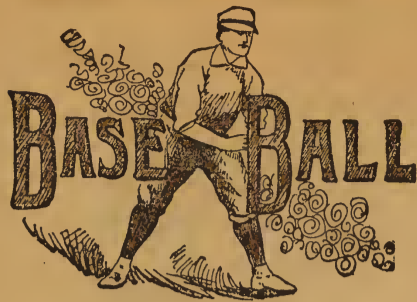
The California push write home that they are having a great time on the Slope and making a little interest on their time. They have been against the races and won. Such luck as that should turn the whole crowd back to the United States, or to the Klondike, at once. In either event they would be likely to strike it rich.

Probably one of the most interesting contributions to base ball literature during the season was the amusing account of "Cy" Seymour, in which he told why the wheels went 'round in his head. They say that there is money to burn in New York at four to five that New York wins the pennant in 1898. I don't believe it.

One question agitating a great many base ball cranks is what florist Pink Hawley means to patronize in Cincinnati.

Uncle Anson is expected back in the United States by the next steamer, and it is generally believed that it means his release by the Chicago Club, or he would have stayed away longer. His contract expires on the first of January. Perhaps he is returned to renew it.

An item in a recent Pittsburg exchange said: "Frank Killen has settled down." Tebeau couldn't have been coaching at the time. JOHN B. FOSTEL.



CINCINNATI CHIPS.

A HOWL ALLEGED TO BE BORN OF PURE ENVY.

Other Clubs Not Estopped From Building up a Team Upon Mr. Brush's Methods—Texas as a Spring Training Place, Team Make-up, Etc.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—It is a saying, venerable, it is true, but to the point nevertheless, that whom the Lord would destroy he first makes mad. If this be always the case, then there is more than one ball team in the great National League which will practically see its undoing (so far as position is concerned) even before a game is played. Base ball magnates are already turning toward the magnificent team of ball players which President Brush and Manager Ewing are hustling together, with something even more than wholesome respect. In fact, some of our Western companions and a couple of Eastern co-patriots are seemingly getting a bit jealous of Cincinnati.

Cleveland happens to be one of them.

ANOTHER HOWL.
Not that John T. and Frank DeHorse Robison would quarrel for the delectation of the public—oh, no; but F. DeH. has a happy faculty of making his friends, the newspaper men, believe that the half of the United States east of the Rockies revolves around the village by the lake, and that Cincinnati is but a jumping-off place. And some of the most silly paragraphs ever seen in print, derogatory to the Queen City, are published in the Cleveland papers. They have hardly yet been able to figure it out how it happened that Cincinnati could possibly beat out the gang of Red Men last season.

And then there is Bourbonville—yclept Louisville. Brother Saunders last week gave you a tall (?) of woe which was really pitiful in its tone. How Cincinnati had trapped all the available ball players in the country, leaving nothing but crumbs for Pulliam's people.

Oh dear, what an arch schemer John T. Brush must be, to form a corner on the market, and have half a hundred League stars at his beck and call.

Too bad, isn't it?

A DEAL THAT FAILED.
Perhaps Mr. Saunders will recall an incident of a couple of years ago, when Mr. Brush tried to talk business with Louisville, and was turned down without a hearing. The same players whom Louisville now wants were offered to Louisville in exchange for one man, who is now considered just strong enough for St. Louis. Perhaps he will remember that at that time he was sure that no player on the Cincinnati list was good enough for Louisville.

Buck Ewing wanted "Ducky" Holmes. It was given out that Fred Clarke was the man, but Holmes was really the man. And Hoy and Holliday would have been traded for "Ducky," with a couple of others thrown in for good measure. So would Stewart. But then, Louisville had a team which could easily beat out Cincinnati, and none of our men were wanted. So Cincinnati did not get Holmes; while we have several good players left on hand. Now friend Saunders wants the very men who were then turned down, and goes into a rage because they are not to be given away.

I guess we can stand it.
But what is the matter with Harry Pulliam or Frank Robison doing as Mr. Brush has done? They might build up a nursery for young players, develop them, and then take or trade such men as they want for their own club. In theory it is easy, and in the case of Mr. Brush has been successful.

Really, Cincinnati begins to look like a power which is to be feared.

THE SPRING TRIP.
It begins to look as if Texas will be the training quarters of the team next season. Of course it is far from being settled, but the cranks of San Antonio have come forward with an offer of free rent, and free street car transportation to the grounds, and such an offer cannot be idly overlooked. Then, it is not far to Mexican soil, and Bernie is already figuring on some games to be played over the line in the Greaser country.

The club owners favor Texas as a spring training grounds, principally on account of the absence of racing. It is a well-known fact that the best training the team ever did in the South was at Mobile, and both morning and afternoon were spent in hard work.

AT NEW ORLEANS
The players seem anxious to be through with their work, that they may win a fortune (?) on the flyers. Horses and base

ball have never mixed any more than oil and water, and it is to break away from this practice that Texas is considered.

Then, last year the club lost three Sunday games through rain, and the citizens of San Antonio have almost promised that no rain shall fall during the stay of the club in their city. If such a thing could only be guaranteed then nothing more could be asked.

Manager Ewing said the other day that it was his intention to take 22 players South with him next spring—two full nines and four to spare. If he does there will be hot times, as almost every day there will be games between two picked nines.

THE TEAM MAKE-UP.
Nothing is known of the final make-up of the team, and it seems scarcely possible that the matter will be settled until the club comes home. Miller's turn-down by the many teams in the League may bring him to a sense of his own importance, and he might work hard to hold his job. At present it looks as if he would either play his best for Cincinnati or go to the minor league.

Next week Mrs. Goodwin will give your readers a story of base ball from her standpoint, as I leave Sunday morning for a couple of weeks in the East.

F. E. GOODWIN.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Confidence in Irwin's Ability to Get Another Winning Team.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Base ball writers on several journals have made the startling discovery that Manager Irwin will be fully put to the test this coming season in his endeavor to successfully organize a team capable of coping favorably with their opponents in this League, and by so doing uphold his reputation as a successful judge of ball players.

NO NEED OF WORRY.
While the fact is readily acknowledged that Mr. Irwin has been compelled to part with the majority of his strong aggregation of last season, it is also understood that there remains the nucleus of a first-class team, which, together with the heretofore sirewdeness and capability of the man at the helm, should easily succeed in obtaining as representatives to the Queen City a team fully competent of landing a notch higher than the one occupied last season. With pitchers Gaston, Williams, infielder Taylor and outfielder Freeman, of last season's talent left, and prospects of a wholesale "smuggle" being returned to the fold, the records of the new players already secured should supply the local enthusiasts with imaginations other than those at present in vogue, viz.: Lamentations over the loss of players who have made themselves the biggest favorites that ever crossed the pike. Of the

NEW PLAYERS
signed little is known here regarding their abilities outside of the records achieved during the past season, and with one or two exceptions it looks as if the men would succeed in upholding the confidence placed in them by Manager Irwin.

In procuring the signature of outfielder Sheehan from Newark, Manager Irwin has collared a player that had no superior in the Atlantic League last season. His achievements, traced through the columns of "Sporting Life," would indicate him as being an exceedingly hard hitter and an excellent fielder. Well, if he can occupy the position as cleverly as his predecessor he will completely fill the bill.

PITCHER JOHNSTONE,
however, cannot be spoken so favorably of, as his offerings appear to have been quite regularly dappled with when officiating on the slab. However, under skillful direction, he may become a winner, a la Dineen.

REMARKS.
Pitcher Gaston departed for home last week, looking little the worse for his long siege of typhoid fever. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly regaining his strength, and that the attempt of the "grim destroyer" to make him officiate "in the box" or "on the slab" proved highly unsuccessful.

In a letter received from "Wallie" Taylor we are informed that a couple of phenoms have been unearthed in the Blue Grass regions, who would successfully hold their own with Manager Irwin's collection. "Wallie" also explained the absence of Bobby McHale from the All-America tourists. It appears that "Rabbit," after receiving orders to report, was informed that all the positions were occupied, and his services would not be required.

"Dan" McGann has also taken a literary turn, and informs us of a successful "shooting" expedition of which he was a member. "Dan" finished sixty cents ahead.

McGann is inclined to look on the double umpire system with disfavor, unconcernedly remarking that the score is still "nine to two" in favor of the players.

It is generally believed here that Alfred Strouger, a local production, is entirely competent of occupying a position as an outfielder in the Eastern League. Mr. Strouger has plenty of experience and his achievements in former seasons would uphold the confidence placed in him by his associates.

"Jeff" Blakey has returned to town, and reports his arm having completely recovered. "Jeff" is very desirous of proving his worth in the Eastern League, and is quite confident that he would prove a winner.

I wonder if Mr. Joseph Lyndon will get a position on President Powers' staff this coming season.

As a handler of the indicator "Joe" could discount the work of some of last season's staff.

JOE MANLEY.

Would Help the Game.

With the New Yorks and Pittsburgs playing Sunday ball the game will experience a new life in the West. There are thousands of enthusiasts in the West who never have seen either of these teams for the reason that they did not play Sunday ball, and their coming on that day no doubt would result in a decided increase in patronage.—Cincinnati "Times-Star."

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MILWAUKEE GETS SHOCK.

The Ex-Brooklyn Man Purchased From the St. Louis Club.

Milwaukee, Dec. 7.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The annual meeting of the Milwaukee Base Ball Club, which took place last night, was a most enjoyable affair in every sense of the word. The prospects for a fast team during the coming season enlivened the occasion, while a good big dividend for each stockholder made the session an especially welcome one to the members of the club. Accordingly, after the regular routine business had been disposed of, the directors repaired to a banquet board and participated in all sorts of good things, notwithstanding the immediate past of Thanksgiving Day.

The annual election resulted in the unanimous selection of the following officers: President, M. R. Killilea; vice president, Charles Hellberg; secretary-treasurer, F. C. Gross; manager, Connie Mack; official scorer, R. W. Rogers; directors, M. R. Killilea, Charles Hellberg, Charles Polachek, F. C. Gross and Christian Gross.

TEAM NEWS.

Milwaukee now has 23 men on its staff next season. Out of this number ten of the men will be found in the box and five behind the bat. The players that Mack has landed up to the present date are as follows: Pitchers, Wolf, Husting, Blackburn, Weyhing, Vollendorf, Reidy, Rettger, Taylor, Barnes and Terry; catchers, Rath, Fox, Powers, Bergen, Speer and Johnson; second baseman, Daly; third baseman, Lawrence and Myers; short stop, Hall; right field, Waldron; centre field, Nicol; left field, Weaver. All that the Brewers will require to build up a strong club, providing the new men pan out, is a first baseman and one heavy hitter. Upon Charlie Cushman's recommendation Manager Mack has just signed pitcher T. F. Dixon, late of the Jackson Club.

A SPRING TRIP.

Manager Mack is looking well into the future. He has already decided to take the team south next spring for a training trip, which will probably take up a week during the fore part of April. He has arranged for a game with Louisville and will also play St. Louis and other smaller cities in the South. The Louisville players will train at Thomasville, Ga., for three weeks in March, at which place all of the new men, including Newton, Dillard, Stafford and Lewee, will report for duty. The little South Georgia village is a great health resort and after a brief stay there the Colonels expect to return home and play Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Detroit in succession.

TED SULLIVAN

the well-known base ball manager and former resident of this city, will leave for Washington, D. C., to-morrow. Mr. Sullivan has been spending the past few months in Milwaukee visiting his brother, Detective Denny Sullivan. Ted is one of the best-known base ball men in the country and has managed more clubs than any other man, with the possible exception of Denny Long. He says all this talk and worry in regard to Russell Hall, who was recently purchased from the Dallas Club by Manager Mack, is of little account. He says that while Hall is a fairly good infielder, he is by no means the equal of Lewee. Sullivan had Lewee with his team three years ago and says the little fellow can play all around Hall. He admits, however, that Hall has improved wonderfully during the past year and is one of the finest throwers across the diamond he has ever seen. He is also batting much better than when he played for Cushman in the Southern League.

GEORGE SHOCK SECURED.

As I write these lines a telegram informs me that Manager Mack has succeeded in purchasing George Shock from the St. Louis Club, and that he will be our regular short stop next season.

The negotiations for Shock's services began last summer, and had it not been for the injuries sustained by Canavan, which necessitated playing Shock in his place at second base, he would have come to Milwaukee at that time. He is a very reliable batter and during the past nine years had an average of .287. As a base runner he has also ranked high, and in sacrifice hitting can be relied upon to advance



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the baserunner. Pitcher Terry voiced the sentiments of the base ball fraternity to-day, when he stated that in Shoch the Milwaukee Club has secured a great player to fill out its team.

MINOR MENTION.

Manager Mack now has thirty players on his reserve and claim lists. "Kid" Speer thinks the club will be obliged to enlarge the dressing room at Milwaukee Park before the season opens in order to accommodate all the players.

Now it is reported that pitcher Dowling will be returned to Milwaukee by Louisville. Dowling has all the earmarks of being a coming pitcher and a star left-hander.

Dungan, of the Detroit, is anxious to secure his release from Vanderbeck. He would like to come to Milwaukee.

"Kid" Speer spends most of his time in skating at Milwaukee Park, and is getting in trim to do good work next year.

H. H. COHN.

THE BUNT HIT.

Some Modification Suggested by Manager Watkins, of Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—Editor "Sporting Life."—One of the most important topics concerning changes in the rules is the abolition of the bunt hit. Manager Watkins does not favor any change in the rule, but he suggests that it be modified somewhat. When interviewed on the subject Watkins said:

"I do not believe that the patrons of the game would like to see the bunt abolished. It would not be fair; nor would it be progressive to prevent it. There is the finest quality of skill and patience needed to be a successful bunter, and by all means we must do nothing that will retard the development of these qualities among our players. The national game has become simply what it is, one of the finest games in the world, by its exponents becoming more skillful.

"But I think that the bunt was carried too far last year for the enjoyment of the spectators. Whenever a game was anywhere close and one side got the first man up to first base all right, the next man was sure to bunt. This was so much the rule that it became wearisome. Probably two or three teams did not do this at all times, and these teams were Baltimore and Boston, for they relied on the good hitting of their players and the hit-and-run game. And it is worthy of note that in the vast majority of instances the man for whom the bunt was made did not score, and there was a general howl all round.

"Now, what I think would be a better plan than the one at present is to not allow a bunt when there is a man on first and no one out, and to permit a batter to bunt when there is a man on second, and another on first and no one out; or even a man on second only. This would retain the bunt, and at the same time only permit it at times when it was most interesting to the spectators. By this change there would not be near as much bunting as there was last year, for, as I have said, it became tiresome last season among teams that, strange to say, were not at all noted for bunting. If a batter were prohibited from bunting when there was a man on first base and no man out, the batter would try all the harder to get the runner to second by some other plan; the batter would be compelled to try and hit the ball hard and safe, and it may be the batter and the runner would try the hit-and-run plan. This would be more interesting for the spectators than at present. I would like to see this change effected, for it certainly could not do any harm, and it would, in all probability, do lots of good."

Engagements Wanted.

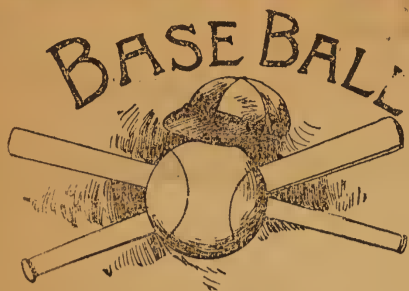
John P. Luby, pitcher and first baseman, is open for engagement. Address Osborne House, Hornellsville, N. Y.

Andrew Costello, catcher, and Adolphus Osborn, pitcher, of the Sunbury Club, are disengaged. Address either or both at Sunbury, Pa.

Jack Toft, catcher, who played with Wheeling Interstate and Springfield Eastern League, is at liberty for season of '98. Address Jack Toft, 2433 Redner street, Philadelphia.

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EASTERN LEAGUE.

IMPORTANT RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A Conference to be Held With the Western League Relative to the National Agreement Amendments and a Uniform Salary Limit.

New York, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Eastern League held its annual meeting in this city at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Dec. 1 and 2. The delegates were as follows: Toronto, A. A. Irwin; Buffalo, James Franklin; Montreal, George W. Cameron, J. F. Mackie, J. A. Clarke and George A. O'Neill (a brother of the once famous player "Tip" O'Neill); Syracuse, George N. Kuntzsch; Scranton, H. P. Simpson and T. R. Brooks; Wilkesbarre, E. F. Bogert and C. W. Tammany; Springfield, C. T. Shean and Thomas E. Burns; Providence, E. Johnson and J. M. Battey.

THE DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday morning and took up nearly the entire day hearing protests, after President-secretary-treasurer, P. T. Powers' report had been accepted, and his account audited.

The Montreal-Providence game of Aug. 1 and the two Rochester-Syracuse games of July 1, played at Hamilton, were declared championship games. The protested Buffalo-Syracuse game of July 1 was awarded to Buffalo. The official standing of the clubs of last year was declared to be as follows: Syracuse, Toronto, Buffalo, Springfield, Providence, Scranton, Montreal, Wilkesbarre. The pennant was officially awarded to Syracuse. The Board of Directors will hereafter meet about Sept. 1 to take action upon protested games. All protests will then be decided before the close of the season.

THE LEAGUE MEETS.

After the Directors adjourned the Eastern League went into session, with President Powers in the chair, but after a short session adjourned until next morning. It was also decided to amend the constitution so as to make it possible for clubs to transfer scheduled games from one city to another by obtaining the consent of three-fourths of the clubs in the League, or by the mutual agreement of the managers, if endorsed by the president.

As a result of many protests it was decided to amend the constitution so that a visiting club shall receive a \$50 guarantee in case a game is postponed on account of rain. If the game has actually been begun and stopped by rain the home team must double the guarantee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, and the report of the Board of Directors was laid on the table pending further discussion.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

When the League went into session Wednesday morning the following officers were elected: President, Patrick T. Powers; directors, E. F. Bogert, James Franklin, C. P. Shean and G. W. Cameron. The president is also a member of the board. The question of the selection of umpires for the coming season was left to President Powers. The single umpire system will prevail next season as heretofore. The Committee on Transportation consists of Powers, Bogert, Franklin and J. A. Clarke of Montreal. The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution includes Bogert, Shean and A. A. Irwin. This was President Powers' sixth consecutive election as chief executive. He was tendered a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which he has handled the League's affairs.

THE CIRCUIT.

The question of changing the circuit was not definitely settled. Wilkesbarre concluded to remain in the game for another year, but the Scranton delegates expressed a willingness to sell out if a proper purchaser can be found. The bidders for the franchise are Worcester and Rochester. In order to afford time for a proper settlement of the matter, it was decided to give the Scranton Club until spring to settle the matter. It is probable that Wilkesbarre will also sell, in which event matters would be simplified, Rochester buying one franchise and Worcester the other.

THE TORONTO CLUB.

During the past season the Toronto Club was generally termed "Wagner's farm," or, in other words, it was an adjunct of the Washington League Club. Several members of the League filed protests against alleged irregularities, and they came to the meeting prepared to make trouble. But Arthur Irwin had such convincing documentary evidence that he is the sole owner of the Toronto Club that the fault-finders subsided with good grace. Irwin also secured a triumph when the disputed Steinberg Club was formally awarded to his club.

ALLIANCE WITH WESTERN LEAGUE.

A communication was read from Presi-

dent Ban Johnson, of the Western League, asking that the Eastern organization appoint a committee to confer with a committee from the Western League, at Buffalo, at some future day, yet to be agreed on, in order that the mutual interests of the two leagues may be considered. Accordingly P. T. Powers, president of the League, was appointed as the head of the committee, he being given power to appoint three other members.

THE PURPOSE.

This move is significant. Both organizations have a salary limit, the Eastern's now being higher than the Western's. It is this difference in limit which has caused much trouble to both, for players have been accustomed to use one league as an instrument by which more salary could be secured from the other.

To put a stop to this kind of double dealing an agreement will be drawn up whereby both leagues will name the same salary limit, in which case, should a player be offered the maximum salary by a club in one league he cannot force such club to give him more by saying that a club in the other league has offered him the sum that he demands.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS.

President Powers submitted to the delegates an important communication from N. E. Young, president of the National League, in which were proposed amendments to the National Agreement, which will go into effect as soon as leagues in class A give their consent. The communication relative to the amendments is as follows:

Gentlemen:—Your petition of November 9, 1897, to the National Board of Arbitration, asking for a modification of the National Agreement by adding to Article X the following, to wit:

"And provided the number of players to be drafted from a minor league club in Class A in any one year shall be limited to two, and that no player shall be subject to draft from a club in Class A until he has been on the reserve list of a minor league in Class A for two consecutive seasons," was duly considered by this Board, and recommended to the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs for approval. That body, after full consideration of the subject, resubmits to this Board the following changes and amendments, subject to the approval and ratification of the leagues in Class A, operating under the provisions of the National Agreement, as follows, to wit:

Add to Article X of the National Agreement the following:

"And provided, further, the number of players to be drafted from a minor league club in Class A in any one year shall be limited to two, and that no player shall be subject to draft from a club in Class A until he has been on the reserve list of a minor league in Class A for two consecutive seasons."

Add Section 1 to Article XIII, as follows: "Any club member of the major League may at any time between April 1 and October 1, by mutual agreement, loan to a club of a minor league a player who may be recalled upon a 30-day notice or sooner upon mutual agreement of the clubs interested."

Add section 1 to Article XIV, as follows: "Any club member of the major League may, at any time during the playing season, negotiate with a club member of a minor league, party to this agreement, for the release of a player from minor to major League. In all cases where such negotiation is carried out the amount of compensation agreed upon by the parties interested for the release of such player shall be deposited in the hands of the President of the National Board of Arbitration. The releasing club shall give the major League securing the release of such player the right to the services of said player for a period not exceeding 30 playing days, and if said major League club determined to retain the services of said player it will direct the President of the National Board to pay over to said minor league club the amount agreed upon for such release. The major League club, however, shall have the right, if it sees proper, to return said player to the releasing club any time during said 30 days, in which event the amount deposited with the president shall be refunded to the major League club. Provided, however, that the said player is not disabled on account of injury while in the employ of the major League club."

Please submit these proposed amendments to your respective organizations for their consideration and action, and advise me at your earliest convenience of their disposition. Yours truly,
N. E. YOUNG, President.

Washington, Nov. 22, 1897.

The delegates were greatly pleased with these amendments, with the exception of a part of the last one, whereby a National League club can have a minor league player on trial for 30 days without recompensing the club from which he was secured, provided he fails to fulfill expectations and is sent back.

EXCEPTION TAKEN.

As the Eastern League delegates construe this proviso the idea is that if at the end of that time a player does not meet the requirements he can be returned to his original employers and the money for his release can be withdrawn from Secretary Young's custody. The "thirty playing days" is so indefinite that the minor leagues believe that in the case of a pitcher who did not take part in more than that number of games all season the big League could hold him indefinitely. In other words, the communication from the National Board is so worded that the Eastern and Western League men feel that by accepting it they will put themselves in a more awkward position than they now hold.

WILL TALK IT OVER.

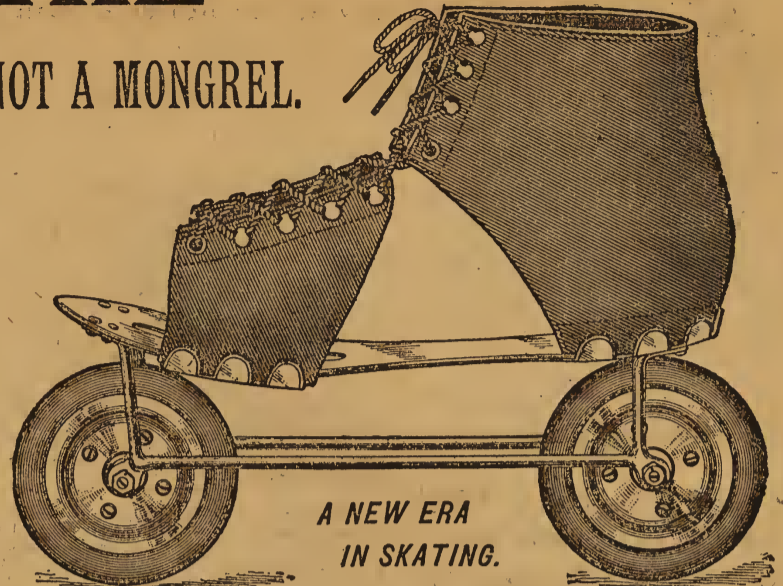
It was the sense of a majority of the delegates that the National League, in adding this condition to those submitted by the minor leagues in class A, is exacting altogether too much. President Powers was instructed to confer, through the Conference Committee, already referred to and to be appointed by him later, with the Western League upon the matter at the Buffalo conference next month. The Eastern League then adjourned, subject to call of the chair.

A Change of Heart?

President Freedman who a year ago was a bitter opponent of Sunday ball, now refuses to commit himself on the subject. This indicates that he has experienced at least a partial change of mind on the subject, and that, no doubt, he is giving the matter some consideration.—New York "Sun."

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WESTERN PROTEST.

THE PROPOSED THIRTY-DAY CLAUSE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

The Move For a Conference With the Eastern League a Surprise—Comiskey Expresses Disapproval of Proposed National Agreement Changes.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The news that there is dissatisfaction in the Western League over the recent legislation of the National League in its relations to the minor organizations comes as a sort of surprise. When the Philadelphia meeting closed there were all sorts of praise for the favors shown the minor leagues of class A. The Eastern League owners were the first to be heard from in dissent to the provision adopted by the National League that clubs of the major organization could at any time step in and take from the minors any players whom they had disposed of to the latter, all that should be necessary being thirty days' notice. Now the news comes that President Johnson, of the Western League, has asked the Eastern League to appoint delegates to a conference between these two leading minor organizations at Buffalo, at which the new legislation of the National League would be the subject of discussion. From what Johnson and Comiskey have just been saying in Chicago, it is evident that the Western League is desirous of protesting to the big League against the legislation that practically legalizes "farming."

VANDERBECK'S IDEA.

President Vanderbeck was surprised, too, when he heard of this yesterday, and remarked that Johnson would be spoiling his stand-in with the National League if he didn't look out. He thought the ground for objection to the "farming" clause well taken, and pointed out that under it a Western League club could be practically despoiled of players right in the middle of the season, while the new rules as to the drafting of players from the minor leagues would be practically worthless. They prevent the National League drafting more than two players from any one club, and do not allow any player to be drafted until he has been in the minor league two years. That would be all very well as to the new players, but the Western League, as everyone knows, is made up to a great extent of former players in the National League, and they could be called back to the club from which they came at any time, under the new rule.

A RULE NULLIFIED.

Formerly the Western League has had rules of its own that were designed to prevent the clubs making arrangements with the big League clubs. The principal method of preventing this was the rule that when a player had been loaned to a Western League club, and was afterward recalled to the National League, the Western League club which had him should forfeit all games in which he played. Of course this could not prevent all cases of "farming," because managers can have secret agreements between themselves. However, it could prevent the wrecking of a Western League Club in the middle of the season and thus doing damage to all the clubs in the league.

COMISKEY DISAPPROVES.

Manager Comiskey, who is now in Chicago, touched the heart of this subject when he said:

"I am very sure that the Western League will not accept the amendments imposed upon the minor leagues in regard to the drafting of play-

ers at the recent Philadelphia meeting; for, while the League may have seemed to favor us in that they granted the two points we asked for—restricting the number of players to be drafted from any one club to two each year and not allowing a man to be subject to draft until he has been in our League two years—these favors are more than offset by the condition imposed in the way of giving the National League a right to reclaim a 'loaned' player on 30 days' notice. Why, we would a great deal rather leave the rules as they were than to allow them to do that. With that rule in force they could wreck one of our clubs any time they wanted to and force us to do what they wanted in the way of deals. I do not fully understand whether the National League insists on this clause before it grants us the concessions we asked for, or whether they have simply requested us to make the concession in regard to loaned players; if the three changes have to live or die together I am by all means in favor of letting them die, and I think the other members of our League will think the same way about it."

It is probable that at the special meeting of the Western League next week or the week after delegates will be appointed to attend this joint conference of the Western and Eastern Leagues on the subject of the drafting rules, etc.

THE AIM.

of the meeting will no doubt be to protest to the National League with the view to having this objectionable rule as to recalling players on 30 days' notice withdrawn, while the minors will of course seek the retention of the rules limiting the drafting of players. In order to be of any force this rule as to recalling players would of course have to be adopted by the minor bodies, that is, their rules would have to be changed to admit of it. Under the present sentiment it is safe to say they would not agree to this.

JOB FOR HOLLIDAY.

Has a Fat Offer to Run a Summer Resort Club.

Cincinnati, Dec. 8.—"Bug" Holliday, the Cincinnati Club's great utility outfielder, is better fortified than most ball players are. "Bug" has an offer from a well-known millionaire to work at his chosen profession that he can accept if he see fit. The other evening while "Bug" was in company with Herman Blair, the wealthy distiller and nephew of Senator Charles F. Fleischmann, and a number of his friends, the proffered engagement was made. Senator Fleischmann has a summer home in the Catskill Mountains. The two sons of the Senator, Julius and Max, are base ball enthusiasts.

A SUMMER CLUB.

Last summer they had a first-class team at their summer place and won a number of games. The team needs some first-class professional to coach the players and direct the team. The other evening the question of "Bug's" future in base ball was discussed. As the Reds have seven outfielders it is but natural that some of them should feel a little concerned about their future. The subject was discussed, and Herman Blair, in an off-hand manner, told "Bug" that he didn't need to go to a minor league. "I will place you on the Fleischmann team at a better salary than you can get in a minor league," said Herman Blair, who is himself an enthusiast and manager of the Manhattan.

"BUG'S" OFFER.

"Bug" said jokingly that he might hold him to the offer, and Mr. Blair told him that there would be no trouble on that score. Talking about the offer last night "Bug" said: "Of course I cannot say at this time what I will do next spring. If I can stay in the big League I will not accept it, but if I have to go back to a minor league I think I would give the Fleischmann offer very serious consideration. I know that the Fleischmanns are nice people to work for. It is too early to talk about next season at this time."

There is little danger of the Reds' hard-hitting utility outfielder going back to a slower class. Captain Ewing said during the League meeting in Philadelphia that "Bug" would in all probability be retained as a utility outfielder next season.

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ST. LOUIS SIFTINGS.

HURST'S ENGAGEMENT WOULD BE A POPULAR MOVE.

The Best Man in Sight as Manager For the Browns—The Need of Stern, Repressive Measures Upon the Toughest of the Game.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—Editor "Sporting Life:"—The suggestion to make Tim Hurst manager of the St. Louis Base Ball Club next season has created a bigger stir in this city than the recent Philadelphia deal. Some think it would be putting a premium on rowdiness to give him such a conspicuous and responsible position after his reputation by the League as an umpire, while others (and these are far in the majority) would hail his appointment as the beginning of an era of unprecedented prosperity, and believe no man could direct the field operations of the Browns so well as Hurst.

POINTS IN FAVOR.

Said a prominent man to me yesterday, while speaking of this matter: "Chris would make a ten strike if he got Hurst, and it would put many extra thousands in his purse next season. Tim is an unique figure, has a large personal following, is solid with all newspaper men, and would get columns of free advertising, where another would not get lines. He understands the game thoroughly, and would get a square deal from umpires and visiting clubs. Every player would give his best efforts, and this infusion of ginger would put the St. Louis Club in the first division to a dead certainty. Chris would make a barrel of coin, and St. Louis would go base ball crazy."

HURST IS WELCOME.

There is considerable truth in this gentleman's remarks, and I agree with him that the selection of Mr. Hurst would be an excellent move in the right direction. Tim is honest, has determination, is competent and why should he not make a howling success? For my part, I feel confident that he is the long-sought-for Moses who will lead us out of the wilderness of continuous defeat. Here's hoping we get Tim. Take one on me.

TRIBUTE TO ANSON.

Some of the old-timers have suggested that the managerial toga would look well on old man Anson, and have advised Mr. Von der Ahe to go out after him and grab him as soon as Chicago lets him out. There is no doubt that Adrian C. Anson is a great drawing card, and I yield to no one in my admiration and respect for him, but I do not think he would be a future success, and I base it upon the knowledge that the game is so much faster and different from what it was, and my belief that Anson has not progressed in a corresponding ratio. However, I put no faith in the reports that the great Anson will part company with Chicago, for he has as great faith in himself as ever, and his personal interests in the club are so extensive that he can suit his pleasure about resigning.

IN DEMAND.

The demand for Taylor and Clements still continues, and President Von der Ahe is besieged with letters and telegrams asking him to put a price on these men, but he answers "Not for sale or exchange," to all inquiries, and every now and then with a smile (not one of those you pay 15c. for) he turns to Secretary Muckenfuss and remarks: "I guess we didn't do a thing to those Philadelphia fellows, eh, Muck?" "Nor Mr. Freedman, either," responds the secretary, thinking of Grady's jags, and Hartman's heavy feet.

SUNDAY PLAYING.

Why all this hullabaloo because Pittsburg will play Sunday games abroad next season? Years ago they did it, and lost no home patronage on account of it, and neither will it cost them a dollar now; but on the contrary, will swell their foreign receipts to four times what they have been. Does any sane man mean to say that Baltimore, Washington, Brooklyn and Cleveland are injuriously affected because they play Sunday games abroad? Of course not. When in Rome do as the Romans do, and in the course of a few years every club in the National League will be playing Sunday games, both at home and abroad.

THAT EXTREME RULE.

When those objecting to the rule adopted by the magnates to "expel forever any player using foul and indecent language on the ball field" do so on the ground that it is too severe, they evidently do not realize the difference between profane language and that which is foul and indecent. In the excitement of the moment a player may suddenly, from habit, break forth into profanity, and let "cuss words" roll off his tongue, but only an inveterate scala-

wag, and one too obnoxious to breathe the pure atmosphere of free America, will sink into indecency, and expulsion for life is too good for such a one. Shame on the gentlemen who think the punishment too severe. Mr. Brush's idea is strictly correct, and if we cannot have absolute decency in our ball business, let us do away with it altogether. Base ball is the only honest sport! It is the grandest game on earth! For God's sake let us make it and keep it clean.

NEWS NOTES.

Breitenstein and Werden start on a hunting and fishing trip this week. Those lads know how to enjoy themselves, and life is one continuous round of pleasure to them.

Donohue told me yesterday he was pleased to go to Philadelphia, as he would have Delehanty, Cooley, Lajoie and Douglas to bat out games for him. "Donny" will do great work for the Phillies.

The rest of the St. Louis colony of professionals are taking things easy, swapping lies at Jack O'Connor's grocery store, and spending a few dimes occasionally.

Next week I will have something to say about the schedule and its benefits.

E. M. STUART.

CRESCENT CITY CHAT.

Manager Abner Powell Now on the Scene of Action.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Editor "Sporting Life:"—The postponement of the meeting of the Southern League from Dec. 5 until Dec. 12 was due to the fact that several cities were unable to be represented at the meeting at the time scheduled, so President Powers decided to have the date deferred until Dec. 12, when each of the cities would have a representative present.

SAVANNAH.

through its hustling manager, Jack Husten, has signed Stultz, one of the best pitchers in the Texas League. He played with the Houston team, and Jack considers that he did great deeds when he induced the player to sign a Southern League contract. Sullivan, catcher of the Austin team, is another player signed to play with Savannah, and it is very likely that Joe Dowie will also join the team. The entire team will be completed in about a week or so, which will give the fans of that place a chance to size up the team and their chances for the pennant of '08.

ABNER POWELL.

has at last arrived, and of course has a few words to say of the Southern League, and especially of the home team. Abner thinks the South will enjoy a successful base ball season, and that the present league is no doubt the most compact league ever formed in the South. In regard to the signing of players for his team Mr. Powell prefers waiting until the Atlanta meeting is over. Then the salary limit would be decided upon, and the signing of players can be done to better advantage.

Mr. John McGuire, one of the gentlemen interested in the Savannah franchise, will leave here on Wednesday evening for that place to arrange matters with the railroad people for the erection of a new ball park, etc. Mr. McGuire is very popular throughout the South, and is of strictly business principles. He has been connected with the management of minor leagues for many years, and that Savannah will profit under his tutelage is most assured. From present indications it seems that Savannah will have a winning team for 1898.

Another Texas Leaguer has been signed—Frank Welkart, who played first base for the Austin team last season. His batting record is above the .350 average. Frank Herbert has also been signed. Herbert served a season with the Texas League, and is considered the best hitting pitcher of last season. Jack Huston says that his team will be completed in full by the 15th of December.

Pat Meaney, who pitched for the Memphis team several years ago, has arrived here from Philadelphia. Pat finished last season with the Wilkesbarre (Pa.) team, playing in the out field. During his stay here he will play with McGuire's professional team each Sunday. P. CAHILL.

THE NEW SCHEDULE.

A Good Thing Though It May Cost Considerable.

The new departure in the way of a schedule should be an improvement over the old system under which clubs played at home for almost a month and were on foreign grounds for a like period. The fans will approve it, but whether the magnates will find it profitable is another question. Not more than 14 successive games will be played in one city under the schedule of 1898, and in all likelihood when one of the Eastern sections is in the West, a Western section will be battling in the East with no other contingent of that section. This means an immense outlay for railroad expenses and the patronage must be correspondingly increased to meet it. This will be the case in the cities whose clubs are in the race, but the proverbial difficulty in arousing enthusiasm in the tail-end communities is sure to be encountered. The non-Sunday clubs of the East while in the West will be the chief sufferers from the four-trip system.—Boston "Journal."

HUB HAPPENINGS.

A CHAT WITH THE FAMOUS VETERAN, GEORGE WRIGHT.

He Discusses the Temple Cup Mess and the Idea of Extra Emolument For the Players—Another Contribution to the Bunt Hit Question, Etc.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Editor "Sporting Life:"—I dropped in to see the veterans George Wright and John Morrill last week. George was looking finely. As it was the first time I had been in his establishment since it was enlarged he took me over it with evident pride. It is certainly one of the finest sporting goods emporiums in the country. The store is very deep and has a basement and a sub-basement. In the basement I met the well-known veteran left fielder, "Andy" Leonard. The well-known premier bicycle rider of his day, "Billy" Rowe, has charge of the wheel department. "Rather different, George," I said, "from the days you used to keep a store on Elliot street?" "Yes, indeed," said he. "In those days I used to be money out; for you more than lost in winter what you made in summer. But I stuck to it, feeling confident that there would be a change for the better some day." And there certainly was.

A VETERAN ON THE GAME.

George is always willing and ready to talk base ball. Unlike many retired players he dearly likes the game, and though he goes in for cricket very strongly is a good hand at golf, and is fond of wheeling and driving, he is seen every now and then at the South End grounds. Talking about the Temple Cup series he said: "The abolition of the Temple Cup series was no more than I expected. It could have been foreseen from the beginning. When the League accepted the cup I said to myself, that will make trouble. There will be sure to be trouble, for the players will get into squabbling and the championship will be lost sight of in the endeavor to get a share of the cup money. It was natural that the Temple Cup series should be responsible for almost all of the rowdiness there was in base ball since it was a matter for contention. The only course the League could take was to do away with it. Now, if the magnates want to offer some extra incentive to the players, or give them extra reward for good work during the season, why not offer a percentage of the profits to the players. This would virtually make the players partners and they would work hard enough, so that their club would lose nothing by such an offer. If this were done there would be more discipline in the clubs. The players would be on their behavior all the time. They would stand no monkeying from players on their team who would not toe the mark. There would be an incentive for players of the tail-end clubs as well as those of the leading clubs. There would not be, as has been the case for four seasons, money to be shared by the two leading clubs, but the players in all the clubs would be benefited."

A PRECEDENT.

The magnates seem wholly averse to any plan which will take from them any of their profits. President Freedman has indeed offered \$5000 to his players, provided they win the pennant. The New Yorks can be depended upon to make a strong bid for the pennant, but most will consider Mr. Freedman's offer a safe one.

What led to Mr. Wright's offering his suggestion was what happened to him when a member of the Providence Club. The offer of salary was not sufficient inducement to secure him, and he thought he ought to have more salary; but the Providence people said they could not afford to pay him more than was proffered. Thereupon he said he would be willing to take a chance of a percentage of the profits, which was accepted. The club made money, and I think George got some \$400 more at the close of the season.

THE BUNT HIT.

If what Mr. Wagner says is true he will need but one vote to do away with the bunt in addition to those he now has. I do not agree with those who assert that the abolition of the bunt would give the value to the batting percentages they deserve. It will be noticed that our best batsmen are our best bunters. Take Keeler, Burkett, Duffy, Hamilton, Jones, Cooley, Donovan, Clarke, and you will find that they can bunt and bunt well. Some of the hardest hitters in the country cannot bunt a little bit, which shows that it is not such an easy thing to perform. There is a great deal to be said on both sides of the question, no doubt. Take away the bunt and you will tickle the infielder. No more will it be necessary for the third baseman to come in on the dead

run, gather the ball with one hand, and scarcely pausing to take aim drive the ball into the first baseman's hands, making one of the prettiest plays in the game to-day.

SHOULD APPLY TO ALL.

Your Newport correspondent has it about right in reference to the minor leagues not in Class A. Why this tremendous discrimination? In Class B a player can be taken for the paltry sum of \$300. Now everybody who knows base ball at all is well aware that if a pitcher is worth a sou he is worth \$300 to the club that owns him, no matter what class it is in. Everybody knows, too, that pitchers are the most valuable men in the team. No difference is made. The price is \$300 a head. Your Class B team moreover cannot hold on to a man for two seasons before losing him. If he is wanted he goes instantly. Now the Class B League expected to have their players drafted. That is part of the game, but they should be treated fairly in the matter of the draft. The drafting price for pitchers should be not less than \$500. Perhaps the leagues will take some action on this matter in the future.

THE DOUBLE UMPIRE SYSTEM.

Ancient Friend Saunders' rejoinder on the double umpire system, I can only again quote my friend George Wright, who is certainly well qualified to pass judgment on this bit of legislation. Mr. Wright says that the League never accomplished a better piece of work than when it adopted the double umpire system. "It was as necessary," said the veteran, "as any rule in the game, for it is absolutely essential that the decisions given in the game should be as nearly correct as possible, and I know this is totally impossible with but one umpire. They have two umpires in cricket, and it is far more necessary that there should be two in base ball. One umpire cannot watch balls and strikes, the bases and the base runners. With three on bases one umpire cannot possibly see that the runners touch all of the bases in running. It is a move that will help the game immensely, I am sure."

It seems to me that Mr. Saunders is stretching it considerably when he asserts that in nine times out of ten one umpire is "interfering with a fielder or else he is standing on first or third base interfering with either coachers or players." The umpire interferes far less than does a runner on the bases with a fielder; in fact, if he knows his business he is not a bit in the way. In the games here in the last of the season the umpires took pretty good care of themselves on that score. It can be safely said that the ball cranks here are hugging themselves over the fact that the League adopted this system.

SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

John Irwin is an aspirant for a position on the League staff of umpires, with excellent prospects of success.

Now that Captain Duffy is back in the city he has resumed his position on the St. James Candle Ball Bowling team, and is "trowing 'em down" with his usual fatal effect.

I must make my apologies to Brother Charles B. Power, of the Pittsburg "Leader," for omitting to enroll him among the scribes at the Philadelphia meeting.

Manager Finn, who winters in Natick, has gone over to New York for the big bicycle race.

Deals are made in roller polo as well as in base ball. Manager "Bill" Murray gave \$500 for George Cunningham, of Pawtucket. Fred Doe offered \$50 for either Pierce or Bone, of Pawtucket, but it was refused.

J. C. MORSE.

NOT TOO SEVERE.

Why the League Rules Should be Enforced to the Letter.

From Wilkesbarre "Record."

Undoubtedly the National League had an abundance of rules that were sufficiently specific to cover every abuse that came under the head of rowdy ball playing and rowdy tactics, as well as unseemly deportment in the way of objectionable conversation. But the new rules are more of a protection for the umpire, and the "Record" does not think they are in any sense arbitrary. The umpire must necessarily be an autocrat—a czar, and czar rule is warranted. Clothed with power to summarily send offending players out of the game to answer grave charges, the players are bound to hold themselves under subjection and restraint to a degree that has never before been the case with any of them. Every minor league should endorse and introduce these rules. Then the players will universally recognize that the game is for them to play and the umpire to furnish the rulings. Then the umpire will certainly be unhampered by the old historic endeavors on the part of the player to make him out a robber, a thief and an incompetent official, leaving the player adorned in the snow-white uniform of meekness—an abused angel.

The new rules were formulated in deference to public sentiment, and in deference to that sentiment they should be carried out with faithfulness, regardless of the havoc they may create among the ranks of the players who have been guilty of disgracing the greatest sport and pastime known to this day and age.

—Jim McGuire, his wife and brother, are occupying a shooting lodge about ten miles from Albion, Mich., and will make this bosky dell their home till February.



MORE STATISTICS

REGARDING THE PLAYERS OF THE NEW YORK LEAGUE.

Official Averages Compiled by President Farrell Show "Cyclone" Ryan to be the Leading Batter and Toman the Greatest Run-Getter.

Below will be found the official averages of the New York State League for 1897 as compiled by President John H. Farrell. Householder leads the batsmen's list, but his average is for only 11 games. The real leader is "Cyclone" Ryan, who for 41 games has the fine record of .383. It will be noticed that short stop Toman was far and away ahead the champion run-getter of the league. The figures follow:

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.						
Rank.	Games.	A.B.	Runs.	Hits.	Perc.	
1	Householder	11	49	9	21	.428
2	Ryan	41	172	33	66	.383
3	Duggleby	71	268	53	98	.365
4	Genegal	86	359	83	131	.364
5	Ithuland	81	342	86	124	.303
6	E. Murphy, A'n.	65	254	41	90	.354
7	Twaddle	91	375	72	131	.349
8	Bernhard	39	189	37	65	.343
9	Nelson	61	244	44	83	.340
10	Ross	61	253	46	85	.336
11	Croft	59	246	51	82	.330
12	McNamara	39	157	35	52	.330
13	McQuade	86	367	80	121	.329
14	McCall	86	349	51	82	.327
15	Shea	91	393	77	123	.323
	Larkin	22	99	15	32	.323
	Ashe	16	65	14	21	.323
	Frick	86	349	78	113	.323
15	McManus	68	275	52	98	.320
17	Toman	91	404	102	129	.319
	Gorman	83	312	63	109	.319
	Barber	88	354	78	113	.319
18	Carey	56	213	52	67	.315
19	Keenan	17	64	17	20	.312
	Lever	83	359	88	112	.312
20	Wittrock	49	188	34	58	.308
21	Gannon	79	323	74	99	.306
22	Hayward	77	329	85	100	.304
23	Moran, Batavia	10	33	6	10	.303
24	Cargo	66	288	55	87	.303
	Case, Lyons	68	281	56	85	.302
25	Cohn	81	350	73	105	.300
26	Villman	37	127	21	38	.299
27	Mullens	20	64	13	19	.297
28	Houlihan	31	125	25	67	.296
29	Mitchell	20	61	11	18	.295
30	Connor	59	252	71	74	.294
31	Freck	57	215	69	63	.298
	J. Benner	12	44	10	13	.293
32	Sorber	83	327	69	90	.290
	S. Murphy, Lyons	75	321	51	93	.290
	Townsend	61	248	41	72	.290
33	Case, Auburn	72	294	62	85	.289
34	Moran, Lyons	76	306	56	83	.288
35	O'Neill	52	204	28	68	.284
	Cronin	24	109	14	31	.284
36	Kanaley	18	71	10	19	.282
37	Heine	23	100	21	28	.280
38	Frary	38	143	19	40	.279
39	Meara	42	176	36	49	.278
40	Shinnick	84	381	81	105	.276
41	Northwang	76	313	46	86	.275
	Stout	54	225	42	61	.275
	Ketchum	49	196	35	54	.275
42	Luby	18	73	15	20	.274
43	W. Friel	37	139	20	38	.273
44	Yought	50	196	30	53	.270
45	M. Friel	26	108	16	29	.269
46	Vorhis	10	34	6	9	.264
47	Hart	20	77	14	20	.259
48	Harris	72	306	72	79	.258
49	Dennis	70	295	45	74	.254
50	White	72	300	44	75	.250
	Rall	21	76	11	19	.250
51	Young	25	89	7	22	.247
52	Berger	16	61	12	15	.246
	Mosler	17	65	8	16	.246
53	Halbritter	44	180	23	44	.244
54	Morre	22	89	16	21	.235
55	McBride	10	34	3	8	.235
56	Dextraze	18	73	8	17	.233
57	Fantz	13	48	5	11	.229
58	Tull	54	197	30	45	.228
59	McNary	80	335	54	76	.227
60	Russell	14	53	9	13	.223
61	Dannehower	34	116	8	26	.224
62	Roney	10	27	7	6	.222
63	Wagner	29	113	11	25	.221
64	Sweeney	67	300	45	64	.218
65	Miller	34	112	14	22	.198
66	Dailey	58	210	27	40	.190
67	J. Benner	23	92	8	17	.185
	Nugent	60	221	23	41	.185
68	Milligan	33	106	17	19	.179
69	Sheehan	17	58	6	10	.172
70	Yerkes	31	105	10	18	.171
71	Pfrom	31	100	12	17	.170
72	Van Alstine	11	31	7	5	.161
73	Moriarty	15	36	5	5	.133
74	Heberling	11	37	5	5	.133

FIELDING AVERAGES.						
Rank.	Games.	P.O.	A.	E.	Per Cent.	
1	Berger	16	85	16	1	.990
2	Young	25	97	11	2	.989
3	Nelson	61	292	34	6	.985
4	O'Neill	52	197	45	10	.960
5	Moran	76	352	100	22	.954
6	J. Benner	12	46	12	3	.950
7	Northwang	70	415	66	25	.950
	Frary	38	145	29	10	.945

8	White	72	263	58	23	343	.933
9	McNamara	39	154	34	19	297	.908
10	Moore	22	63	15	8	86	.907
11	Case, c. & rf.	72	150	37	27	214	.874

PITCHERS.								
1	Villman	37	23	59	3	85	.964	
2	Murphy, p.	16	65	196	87	13	296	.958
3	Friel	37	40	77	7	7	124	.943
4	Tull	54	40	87	8	135	.940	
5	Bernhard	39	12	92	7	111	.937	
6	Dug'by, p. c. rf.	70	79	13	162	919	.919	
7	Milligan	33	12	67	7	85	.918	
8	Dannehower	34	9	41	6	59	.910	
9	McFall	47	5	64	7	76	.908	
10	Mullens	20	5	32	4	41	.902	
11	Yerkes	31	6	57	8	71	.887	
12	Miller	22	14	49	9	71	.887	
13	Larkin	22	13	44	5	67	.886	
14	Witt'k, p. rf.	49	76	18	15	109	.862	
15	Moriarty	15	3	22	4	29	.862	
16	Mitchell	29	9	13	4	26	.846	
17	Pfrom	31	4	37	8	49	.837	
18	McBride	10	7	26	7	40	.825	
19	Sheehan	17	4	21	7	32	.781	

FIRST BASEMEN.							
1	Luby	18	172	2	3	177	.983
2	Householder	11	104	2	2	108	.981
3	Townsend	61	613	14	20	647	.969
4	Sweeney	67	685	22	25	712	.965
5	Fantz	13	132	4	5	141	.964
6	S. Murphy	75	623	25	25	673	.963
7	Ryan	41	366	16	19	401	.952
8	Genegal	86	724	27	39	790	.950
9	Dailey	58	506	15	27	548	.950
10	Vorhis	10	92	2	8	102	.921

SECOND BASEMEN.							
1	Shinnick	84	265	248	39	552	.929
2	Stout	54	141	143	28	312	.910
3	McManus	68	184	150	37	371	.897
4	Connors	59	178	155	39	372	.895
5	McQuade	86	195	233	54	482	.888
6	Roney	10	28	26	7	61	.885
7	Cohen	81	172	234	64	470	.864
8	Ball	21	47	41	14	102	.862
9	W. Benner	10	23	59	35	118	.839

THIRD BASEMEN.							
1	M. Friel	26	34	57	10	101	.900
2	Heberling	11	13	20	4	37	.892
3	Hayward	77	127	129	34	290	.883
4	Shea	91	130	250	59	439	.865
5	M'Nary, 3b. lf.	80	152	134	45	331	.864
6	Gorman	83	103	164	40	313	.853
7	Nugent	60	73	109	54	266	.817
8	Van Alstine	51	9	25	7	41	.780
9	Halbritter	44	53	63	34	151	.772
10	Mosier	17	22	42	20	84	.762

SHORT STOPS.							
1	Toman	91	173	334	55	562	.902
2	Heine	21	53	67	13	136	.882
3	Houlihan	36	42	87	19	148	.872
4	Cargo	66	130	204	50	384	.869
5	Yought	50	83	139	36	258	.860
6	Freck	57	76	110	40	286	.860
7	Ross, ss., rf.	61	78	118	32	228	.850
8	Cronin	24	42	67	20	129	.845
9	Keenan	17	28	40	17	85	.800

OUTFIELDERS.							
1	Carey	56	190	8	11	209	.947
2	Twaddle	91	182	21	13	216	.940
3	Ketchum	49	128	9	10	147	.932
4	Gannon	79	147	13	12	172	.930
5	Case (Lyons)	63	123	9	10	142	.929
6	Rubland	81	168	43	15	229	.921
7	Harris	72	180	12	15	187	.919
8	Wagner	29	41	3	4	48	.917
9	Lever	83	126	2	12	140	.914
10	Barber, lf., 2b	88	195	61	24	250	.914
11	Hart, rf.	30	61	12	9	82	.910
12	Meara	42	98	4	13	115	.887
13	Dennis	70	193	40	31	267	.884
14	Frick	86	145	44	26	215	.879
15	Croft	59	125	11	20	156	.872
16	Dextraze	18	26	7	5	38	.868
17	Ashe	16	16	8	4	28	.857
18	Kanaley	18	29	3	6	38	.842
19	Sorber	83	154	21	32	247	.829
20	Moran (B'ta)	10	10	5	25	50	.800
21	Russell	14	20	7	9	35	.763

PITCHERS' RECORDS.							
Rank.	By	Oppo- nents.	At bat.	Runs scored by oppo- nents.	Runs earned by oppo- nents.	AV. run per game by oppo- nents.	
1	Duggleby	32	1292	313	194	116	1.31
2	Mitchell	15	476	114	62	57	1.45
3	Murphy	29	850	275	111	43	1.48
4	Larkin	18	623	151	92	28	1.55
5	Bernhard	34	1289	312	184	57	1.48
6	Tull	24	815	236	166	41	1.70
7	Mullen	20	690	169	100	36	1.70
8	Friel	27	964	255	153	51	1.88
9	Sheehan	1					



CREAHAN'S CHAT.

A TOURNAMENT WHICH HAS UPSET ALL PREDICTIONS.

Slosson's Victory of Inestimable Benefit to Billiards—Critical Comment on the Contests and the Unexpected But Nevertheless Gratifying Result.

It was a daring, if not a reckless, piece of business on the part of the managers of what should be one of the greatest billiard tournaments of modern times to have Jacob Schaefer and Maurice Daly appear as the opening attraction.



GEORGE F. SLOSSON. Character. And thirdly, the strongest games should be reserved for the closing days of the tournament.

Thus it will be seen that hero worship, even in billiards, is not yet dead, but that at the opening of this tournament one of the strongest, or greatest, and one of the weakest, among such experts, were the attraction.

The result of the first game proves, if it roves anything, the folly or fallacy of attempting to make or convert a second or third class expert into a first-class master of the game.

equal at any game that can be played on a billiard table, not even at cushion caroms—confessedly Daly's greatest and practically only game.

We take Mr. Daly as an example. Simply because in this new game, as in others, it has been the effort, study or desire of the manufacturers and leaders of billiards to create, "concoct" or invent a game which would equalize such experts as we now refer to.

It is also a question in our mind if it is good professional policy, to say nothing of the injustice to such great masters as Slosson, Schaefer and Ives, to eliminate or dwarf their art to such an extent that they are no longer but professional pignies, compared to what they were in the past.

There is no doubt also that the public favor games where it is possible to make great runs and high averages, no matter how much we may croak about the technique or the most exquisite art in the really critical points of the game.

These remarks of ours are not, as it must be obvious to the men for whom they are intended, written with the view of criticising the relative merits or work of the experts.

BILLIARD TABLES. The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., Manufacturers of Billiard, Pool and Combination Tables.

SLOSSON WINS

The Championship at the 18-Inch Balk Line Game in the New York Tournament.

The tournament for the championship at 18-inch balk line, which took place at Madison Square Garden, New York City, during the week from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4, ended in a victory for Slosson.

Table with columns: Players, Won, Lost, Run, Average, Grand. Rows for Slosson, Schaefer, Ives, and Sutton.

When our report for the great tournament closed last week, three games had been played—Schaefer defeating Daly by 500 to 279, Slosson beating Sutton by 500 to 388 and Ives winning from Daly by 500 to 256.

Fourth Game.

"Wizard" Jacob Schaefer won the fourth game of the billiard tourney at the 18-inch balk in Madison Square Garden Concert Hall December 1 from George Sutton, the young Canadian expert.

Fifth Game.

The evening contest of December 1 was between George Slosson and Maurice Daly. Considerable interest was taken in the game owing to the principals having individual factions.

Sixth Game.

Frank C. Ives was pitted against George Sutton in the sixth game on the afternoon of December 2. He played in brilliant form, and had scored his 500 points while Sutton was rolling up 140.

Eighth Game.

This was played on the afternoon of December 3, between Daly and Sutton. Daly won the game by 500 to 317. Daly played all around the table, on the lines and in the corners, and made every kind of shot in the game.

Ninth Game.

The ninth game played on the evening of December 3 was between Ives and Schaefer, and was largely attended. In a game full of sensational incidents Schaefer defeated the cham-



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pion by nearly one hundred points, and in addition gave an exhibition second to only Ives' phenomenal play Thursday afternoon. The defeated man played well also, and without doubt a good average game for that style of play.

Final Game.

The last game of the tournament was played on the night of December 4. The contestants were Slosson and Ives, and Slosson by winning won the championship.

Seventh Game.

Schafer and Slosson crossed cues on the night of December 2, and to the surprise of everybody Slosson won by a score of 500 to 266.

Tenth Game.

Slosson beat Schaefer by 234 points. Average, Slosson, 12 8-41; Schaefer, 6 20-41. High runs, Slosson, 61, 44, 39; Schaefer, 65, 24, 22.

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THE WORLD OF CYCLING.

SIX DAYS AWHEEL.

THE GREAT 142-HOUR RACE IN NEW YORK.

Forty Men, Some of the Greatest Reputation, and Including Many Noted Foreigners, to Race a Whole Week at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 7.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Despite the so-called cruelty of it, forty men have entered to compete in the great six-day race which opened in this city last Sunday night in Madison Square Garden, on a nine-lap track, and twelve or more men had to be refused entry for one reason or another. For 142 hours these forty men, or as many of the number as are able to stand the terrible ordeal, will circle round and round the small track before thousands and thousands of admirers, in competition for a purse of \$5000, of which about \$2000 will go to the winner.

TEDDY HALE

realized last winter \$3800, part of which was of course from tires, wheel and saddle. Hale is again present to win, if possible. He is confident of beating the record held by himself of 1910 miles, and brings five caretakers from England with him to aid him in his hard task. Fred. Schineer, winner of the Chicago race of last year, which brought about antagonistic legislation against such contests in Illinois, is also entered, as is Chas. W. Miller, the second man in the Chicago race. Joe Rice, of Wilkesbarre, is also entered. Rice gained a most sensational second last season. Fred. Titus will make his debut in this kind of work.

MANY FOREIGNERS.

That the present contest is international in importance there can be no gainsaying, for many other countries than American are liberally represented. From France there are Gaston Rivierre, the grand old man of France; G. Emile Rivierre, cousin to Gaston; Stephane, the long-distance champion among the frog-eaters. There is Hale, from Ireland, who arrived yesterday; Maurice is from Brussels, and Canada sends Hardy Davidson and Burns Pierce. Scotland is represented by McLeod, and England has Cartwright. Fred. Forster is from Germany. Every section of this country is represented.

PEOPLE BENEFITED.

The contest will give active employment to over 500 people during the week, necessitating a total expense to the promoters of \$12,500, which, with added expense to the contestants, will easily bring the entire expenses to \$25,000. The total expense will be offset by an attendance which will run into the hundreds of thousands, for New Yorkers admire such a contest, and not without cause. Ten more men will start this season than last, in spite of the \$50 entry fee.

THE ENTRY LIST.

The complete list is as follows, with the country represented:

Teddy Hale, Ireland; Joseph Rice, Wilkesbarre; Albert Shock, Brooklyn; Gaston Rivierre, Paris; Fred Schineer, Chicago; Maurice, Brussels; Charles W. Miller, Chicago; Stephane, Paris; Thomas A. Sarnaby, Boston; Oscar J. Allus, Sweden; John M. Reading, Omaha; Burton D. Blakenlee, Chicago; Rudolph Gartner, Austria; James Busted, Jersey City; Edward Beacom, New York; G. Emile Rivierre, France; Charles W. Ashinger, New York; Fred Forster, Germany; Frank Waller, New York; B. W. Pierce, Canada; D. MacLeod, Scotland; Andrew Johnson (colored), Long Island; Frank Albert, New York; Peter Golden, New York; Harry E. Elkes, Glens Falls; Theodore Bache, New York; Lewis J. King, Bloomfield; Albert Eutermaan, Brooklyn; J. F. E. Gray, New York; W. C. Moore, Philadelphia; E. C. Smith, Saratoga; Joseph Gannon, New York; Stephen Fallow, Jersey City; John Scheussler (polkeman), New York; Henry Davidson, Canada; Fred Titus, New York; George Cartwright, England; Austin M. Luce, Buffalo.

THE FIRST DAY.

The six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, started at midnight, Dec. 5, is now running smoothly. The big saucer-like track is nine laps to the mile, and is banked seven feet at the ends. It was built by Charles W. Ashinger, one of the contestants.

Waller at 2.35 P. M. was 35 miles and one lap ahead of the world's record, made by Rivierre in last year's race. Miller, Stephane, Gaston, Rivierre, Pierce, Moore and Schineer have also lowered the record.

Of the 40 men who started in the race at 12.15 this morning at 9.15 o'clock tonight only 26 men were riding. Fifteen riders had dropped out of the race, owing to illness, accident or inability to keep up the pace. Waller's riding captivated the crowd to-night. He was in great form and did not look like a possible quitter. Hale was obliged to leave the track frequently, owing to illness. Late in the afternoon E. Rivierre announced that he was out of the contest and that he had been treated unfairly.

The race has begun with a marvelous record for the leaders. So far the world's record, all records have been smashed. The best previous record for twenty-four hours was Hale's 426 miles. For twenty-five hours Hale's 433 miles. For twenty-six hours Hale's 440 miles. The 12 o'clock score follows:

Miles.	Laps.	Miles.	Laps.		
Waller	433	3	Hale	371	4
Stephane	406	0	Eutermaan	384	0
Rivierre	417	4	Smith	364	3
Schineer	410	4	Barnaby	342	2

Rice	446	6	Gannon	332	0
Miller	447	7	McLeod	327	0
Pierce	441	4	King	337	6
Moore	440	0	Jullius	310	5
Reading	445	7	Mauroice	287	6
Elks	423	6	Beacom	280	4
Golden	417	1	Blakeslee	287	0
Hicks	397	7	Gray	270	8
Ashinger	394	6	Johnson	250	4

On Tuesday the pace began to tell still more in the terrific race, in which all the world's records to date have fallen like chaff before the wind. Waller remained in the lead until the afternoon, when he gave out and retired temporarily from the track, a broken man. Stephane, the Frenchman then jumped into the lead, but held it for only a short time, when Charlie Miller, the "Flying Dutchman," forged to the front and remained there up to the time of "Sporting Life" going to press. Rice is riding well within himself and keeping up within hailing distance of the leader. Hale has recovered from his sickness and is now plodding along steadily. Pierce, the Boston rider, is also riding well. During the day Ashinger and Reading withdrew from the race. The record at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning stood:

Miles.	Laps.	Miles.	Laps.		
Miller	572	2	Elkes	725	0
Stephane	520	2	Hale	725	0
Rice	511	5	Eutermaan	663	6
G. Rivierre	511	5	Kinz	639	5
Schineer	500	4	Gannon	603	5
Moore	479	0	Jullius	569	4
Pierce	470	2	Johnson	533	6
Waller	466	1	Beacom	510	6
Golden	474	4	Gray	491	5

ELLIOTT A CANDIDATE.

Publisher of the L. A. W. Bulletin Will Run For President.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—All sorts of efforts are being made to throw cold water on the movement in this State to nominate Sterling Elliott for the national presidency at the assembly of the L. A. W. in February. Stories have been put in circulation in several of the large cities to the effect that Mr. Elliott was not a candidate for the office. Here is a sample published in a New York evening paper of Wednesday: "It was announced yesterday that Sterling Elliott, chief consul-elect of Massachusetts, declined absolutely to be a candidate for the presidency of the organization against Isaac B. Potter."

The statement is false from first to last, for Mr. Elliott said emphatically yesterday afternoon to a "Journal" reporter that he had made no such announcement and that he was just as much in the race as ever, only a little more so, perhaps. Mr. Elliott is not doing much talking in regard to the subject, nor does he make any effort to withhold the publication of an amendment to the national constitution of the League, offered by Conway W. Sams, of Baltimore, Md., a near friend of Chairman Mott, of the Racing Board, and very intimate with President Potter.

The amendment, as published in yesterday's issue of the L. A. W. "Bulletin," is as follows: "Amendment offered to article vi, section 1, of the constitution, by adding to the end of section 1 of article vi, the following words: 'No person who is a party to a contract with the League of American Wheelmen shall be eligible to the office of president, vice president, secretary or treasurer of the organization.'"

It will be readily seen that this is a direct slap at Mr. Elliott, for he holds a very important contract with the L. A. W., and only goes to show how hard the opposition to his candidacy is working to prevent his election. But according to the method of procedure at previous assemblies, and it is to be presumed that no departure will be made from this mode in the coming St. Louis convention, the election of a president takes place a day or two at least before the proposed amendments to the constitution are taken up for action, therefore this effort to dislodge Mr. Elliott from the strong position he now has will not be an obstacle to his election as president.

It will prove interesting to League members to know that there will be 357 people entitled to vote at the coming assembly in St. Louis. This total includes 288 regular delegates, 110 consuls, vice consuls and secretaries and 9 national officers. Last year there were but 162 regular delegates.

According to the figures of one pretty familiar with the feeling in each State Mr. Elliott can have within three of a majority over Potter at the very start. The person so figuring makes a very liberal allowance of the uncertain delegates to Potter, and arrives at this conclusion after dropping a number of the States that are so far away that the delegates will not be present.

AMBITIOUS BRUSSELS

Arranging to Hold an International Tournament Next Year.

Bicycle racing has attained great popularity in Brussels. Professional competition is conducted on a high standard, and keen interest is manifested in all bicycle contests. Arrangements are now being perfected for an international tournament, to be held at Brussels in July next, at the Bois de la Camba track, in which purses amounting to \$6500 will be distributed. The following programme is proposed:

International one mile, open, to be run in one heat, two semi-finals and a final; six men in first heat, six in first semi-final, four in second semi-final and three in final—Prizes, \$1200 to first, \$700 to second and \$200 to third. Multicycle handicap, five kilometers (578 yards), eligible to tandem, triplet, "quad," "quint" and sextuplet teams—Prizes, first, \$600; second, \$250; third, \$150; fourth, \$75. One-hour race, paced. Prizes, first, \$1000; second, \$600; third, \$400. If the record of 32 miles

1084 yards is broken by the winner he will receive a special prize of \$250. One-mile handicap, professional—Prizes, first, \$300; second, \$160; third, \$120; fourth, \$100; fifth, \$70. One mile, professional, for "second-raters" only—Prizes, first \$300; second, \$200; third, \$150; fourth, \$100.

STUART'S IDEAS.

Radical Changes Expected in the L. A. W. Racing Rules.

The Racing Board of the L. A. W. has under advisement some radical alterations in the racing rules for next season. G. D. Stuart, the official handicapper of the Michigan division of the L. A. W., who is recognized as one of the best posted men on the racing situation in this country, predicts that next season will witness many changes. He says:

"While the L. A. W., under whose auspices racing has been conducted for years, has certainly done itself credit in the past, the organization is not too old or too wise to learn and profit by past experiences. Chairman Mott's new rule of putting in pacemakers in trial as well as final heats was one of the best changes effected since the racing game became popular. This rule will no doubt be continued during 1898 unless something better is suggested. I believe, however, that pacemakers should be drawn by lot and not by selection, thus doing away with any unfairness or partiality. The abuse of the rule relative to referees should be corrected, and only the services of an official and not appointive referee allowed. I furthermore believe that no man dealing in wheels, whose men probably may be entered in races, should be eligible as a judge. This question will eventually be settled by the Racing Board appointing official judges for each division or State, or in changing the rule that makes the judge's decision final as to the finish of men at the tape. State circuits will be the feature of racing in the future. The idea of giving medals only in amateur events I think is good for championship races.

"Sunday racing will never be adopted by the L. A. W. The majority of its members are against it, and believe that it would be impossible to sustain the high character of the sport were it permitted. It has taken years to reach the present high standing, and experiments would be dangerous. The boys who race should have better protection than they receive. It is not enough to punish promoters who do not pay purses and prizes with suspension and blacklist. The rule should be amended so that before a sanction is granted to anybody a deposit or guarantee of prompt payment should be made."

INDOOR RACES.

American Tandem Victorious Over the Frenchmen.

New York, Dec. 4.—As a curtain raiser for the great six-day race, in which thirty-eight men will start Monday night, the races to-night at Madison Square Garden proved an entire success. The entry list included over a half hundred professionals and twice that number of amateurs.

That Jay Eaton is the indoor king was not left very much in doubt after the finish of the mile open race to-night. The New Jersey rider went from the back of the line of seven and for three laps held a lead of four or five lengths. At the finish he was a wide open winner. Weinig, of Buffalo, and Earl Stevens, of Buffalo, finishing close together second and third. Gougoltz, the much-heralded French rider, who had won his heat in 2.09 3-5, after setting most of the pace, coming in fourth.

Zimmerman rode his half mile exhibition amidst a storm of cheers in .59 2-5.

Through others falling in front of him Eddie Bald received a serious fall, knocking himself out for some time. Charley Church, the Philadelphia rider, broke his arm in the same fall. Hoyt, the two-mile champion, also fell. Bald fell, third man down, and two other men shot over him into space landing far away. The accident happened in the first heat of the third mile handicap just entering the home-stretch. The summaries follow:

One-mile open, professional—Final heat won by Jay Eaton; A. E. Weinig, Buffalo, second; E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, third. Time, 2m. 9 3-5s. One-mile handicap, amateur—Final heat won by F. L. Kramer, Newark, 15yds.; W. P. Kuechen, Brooklyn, 80yds., second. Time, 2nd. 8s. Half-mile exhibition, paced, professional—Arthur Zimmerman, Towhead, N. J. Time, 59 2-5s. One-third mile, handicap, professional—Final heat won by Clint Davis, Buffalo, 35yds.; Smith, second; Murphy, third; Crooks, fourth. Time, 42 3-5s. Half-mile open, amateur—Final heat won by O. V. Babcock, W. C. Roome second. Time, 1m. 3 4-5s. One-mile exhibition—E. C. Bald, Buffalo. Time, 1m. 55 2-5s. Five-mile international tandem pursuit race between Jay Eaton and F. P. Goodman, of this city, and Jean Gougoltz and Dominique Lamberjack, won by the former in 13 laps. Time, 2m. 52s.

Arthur Chase in America.

New York, Dec. 4.—Arthur A. Chase, the London bicycle crack, last year's middle distance champion of the world, the holder of the world's 100-mile record on the road and of the world's one mile indoor record and other honors, who has accepted Michael's sweeping challenge, arrived on the Campana to-day. He was accompanied by his younger brother, F. W. Chase, who with him holds all the tandems from one mile to fifty miles, and Percy Wheelock, who owns the fifty miles' road record, was also on the steamer.

Kiser Creates a Five Mile Record.

Dayton, O., Dec. 4.—Earl H. Kiser broke the five-mile record here last night. He made the five miles in 8m. and 13s. Jacquelin, of France, previously held the record, at 8m. and 23s.

BALD A BIRD.

HIS REMARKABLE RACING RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

The Buffalo Flyer Has Won From Every Man on the Circuit and Has Been Beaten by Few—The Work of Other Good Ones.

Eddie Bald has raced against 328 men during the season on the National Circuit. Of this number he has beaten 284 and in turn has been defeated by only 44. The percentage is figured as in all tables, or 44-328ths, giving a percentage of .865.

O. L. Stevens, who is in second position in the percentage table, does not rightfully belong there. Stevens gained a high percentage during the early part of the season through the aid of his team mate, and in the latter part of the season, and towards the close of the National Circuit would not qualify in open races where the prominent men met, in order to save his percentage. Stevens has defeated Bald but once during the whole year, and this alone shows his standing among the other men. Stevens gained his percentage when the prominent men were off the circuit in most part.

Bald has defeated Cooper 21 times this season, and has been defeated but seven times. Tom Cooper is the only rider of the present season who has not beaten every man on the circuit.

C. R. Newton, of Stafford Springs, who has been a most promising youngster on the circuit this season, alone bears the honor and distinction of not having been defeated by Tom Cooper in the finals of open scratch events. Newton joined the circuit at Erie, Pa., July 13, and was a constant follower of the circuit to its close. At Waterbury, Newton defeated Bald twice in one day. He has defeated Bald three times during the season and in turn has been beaten eight times. Newton's proportion in the number of defeats against defeated stands better than that of the other men.

Arthur Gardner has been defeated 26 times and has only six victories over Bald. Fred Loughhead, the Canadian, and the mile and a quarter champion of the United States, has suffered defeat at the hands of Bald 15 times during the season. Loughhead in turn has defeated Bald five times.

The first ten men in the percentage table have defeated Bald only 28 times, while those below the .500 mark have credits of beating Bald 16 times, no man more than once or twice.

LONDON'S SHOW.

The Light Display of Chainless Wheels the Cause of Comment.

The great Stanley Cycle Show, held at London last month, was a great success. Everything new in the '98 wheels was exhibited, and while no radical departures from the present style was shown minor improvements provoked considerable interest. General comment was provoked at the small display of chainless machines, and the indifferent interest shown in this style of bicycle propulsion. A well-known cycling expert, who was present at the show, speaks of the absence of the chainless models as follows:

"The chainless safeties did not materialize to such an extent as might have been expected, and it is evident that few English makers believe in them. One company had a number on view, and also a novelty, the invention of a Dane. In this the tendency of the bevel wheels to spring apart was to a great extent avoided, as the gear wheels were of a totally different pattern. The one on the crank axle was placed in the centre of the machine, while, instead of having teeth of the ordinary pattern, its edge was simply turned over, and cut to gear with a wheel consisting of two pieces of steel. Between these a number of pins worked upon ball bearings, and acted as the cogs for the teeth of the crank axle wheel to engage with. A similar pair of wheels was employed at the rear end of the driving shaft, but in this case the turned-over wheel was on the shaft itself and the ball bearing pin-wheel upon the hub. The shaft was carried inside the rear fork leg, after the manner of one of the first chainless safeties made in England, and the frame was suitably bridged to hold the independent bearings of the crank axle. This type of gearing seems to run more freely than the majority of the bevel gears exhibited.

ROAD RECORDS

Accepted by the Century Road Club of America.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Committee on Road Records for the Century Road Club of America has accepted the following claims:

Washington-New York record, 27 hours 29 minutes, made by Lieutenant Hugh D. Wise, of the New York Athletic Club, Oct. 14-15, 1897.

Thirty-day century record for Wisconsin, 20 centuries, made by John M. Coates, of Milwaukee, between Sept. 4 and 29, 1897. A meritorious medal has been granted to Mrs. C. P. Sterns, of Cleveland, O., for a double century, Sept. 19 and 20, 1897, made under adverse circumstances, such as wind, mud and rain.



CYCLING

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ABOUT CYCLING MEN, WOMEN AND MEASURES.

Club Runs on the Decline—Uses For Old Wheels—Boston After the National Meet—A Hint to Women Riders—As to Cyclometers, Etc.

The popularity of the bicycle club run seems to be on the decline. In the early days of cycling the "club run" was the most popular feature of cycle club life. Now, however, the increased number of riders has brought about a division of interest, and the club runs lack the support of the veteran riders. New members display an interest in club runs and attend these weekly features religiously until the novelty wears off. It is claimed that at the present time the cycling field is so broad that riders can travel in almost any direction with comfort and ease. This circumstance makes it impossible for road officers to choose runs acceptable to the tastes of all riders. The custom of holding a run each week is still maintained by most of the local organizations, but the lack of interest in such events is gradually reducing the regular schedule.

The French Minister of the Interior and Public Works has issued a circular to the prefects asking them to set aside special roads and paths for wheelmen exclusively, wherever it is possible, and he adds that these highways must be kept clear of horses, cattle and vehicles.

What becomes of all the old wheels? This is a question as common to-day as the old one of "where do all the pins go to?" The query is partly answered by the fact that whole car-loads of ancient wheels are shipped every year to those sections of the South where poor negroes most abound. The black man on a wheel of long forgotten model is no uncommon sight south of the Mason and Dixon line. Sold at ridiculously low prices these discarded wheels are eagerly sought for by the young men and women descended from Ham. Impromptu races in "the quarters" are as much a feature on Southern plantations today as were the picturesque dances and cotton-harvest festivals of the bygone period. That there is more fun in affairs of this sort can easily be imagined, and that the wearing qualities of a wheel are severely tested is a fact none will dispute who ever saw a pickaninny astride a bicycle for the first time.

They have a good way of stopping record-breaking on the roads in England, and one which should be tried in this country. A cyclist recently broke the record from London to Brighton, and the feat was given due publicity by the newspapers, with the result that he was arraigned in Court on the charge of "furious riding" and duly fined, he having pleaded guilty.

It has been hinted that Indianapolis is likely to be sacrificed on the altar of political ambitions when it comes to awarding the national meet. Indianapolis has been considered a certain winner, inasmuch as it has had practically no opposition. Last week its official application for the meet was received and filed at President Potter's office. Mr. Potter has been supposed to be a supporter of the claims of Indianapolis, and perhaps does favor that city. The hints set forth that when the time comes Indianapolis will get the go-by, and the meet will be awarded to Boston, in order to placate Massachusetts and defeat Sterling Elliott in his run for the presidency. However, the talk of Boston getting the meet comes more from the track managers and race promoters of Boston than from the L. A. W. members in the Bay State.

While Chairman Mott is somewhat severe in his punishment of wrong-doers on the bicycle track when sure of their guilt, he is also liberal in his views, and is the most broad-minded man that ever held the position.

The man who hasn't a new patent cycling device concealed somewhere about his person is a rare bird these days. The van clerks of the Patent Office at Washington are breaking down under the strain of overwork, and the quantity of startling new things for attachment to bicycles outnumber other inventions three to one. The amusing thing about most of these cycling novelties is their hopeless impracticability. Meanwhile the patent attorneys wax fat and buy brownstone houses, while competing cycling manufacturers add to their stock of junk and deplete their bank accounts by purchasing every queer mechanism likely to be acquired by their business rivals. The game is exciting, though costly.

Otto Zeigler, the well-known professional racer, who was identified with the Sunday racing movement in California this season,

and who has been reinstated by the L. A. W., figures that he has won less than \$25 on his season's work, after deducting the expenses incurred in training and racing.

The wheelmen of Boston have taken the first steps toward securing the L. A. W. meet for their city next season. At a meeting of prominent wheelmen, held on Tuesday evening, "The Boston '98 Meet Club" was organized with the following officers:

President, F. H. Porter; first vice president, C. E. Fay; second vice president, C. Wray; third vice president, H. B. Morine; secretary, A. W. Pease; assistant secretary, Ralph Moses; treasurer, George A. Perkins.

It was decided to draft an invitation to send to the executive officers of the League, requesting their support. There is a strong feeling that Massachusetts will stand an excellent chance of getting the meet for next season, in spite of the efforts of the Indianapolis wheelmen to secure this privilege. The new club will hold a meeting next Tuesday to learn the position of the various clubs and division officers in relation to the proposal.

The L. A. W. has been annoyed during the past season by parties traveling around the country and securing concessions from hotels on the strength of alleged membership in the League. In Pennsylvania this practice became quite common, and the division officers now announce that legal proceedings will be taken against any unauthorized person wearing the badge or button of the L. A. W. It is expected that similar steps will be taken in all other divisions of the League.

The greatest care must be taken of the hands if the wheelwoman indulges in winter riding. Very few women, if they have pretty hands, can afford to neglect them, and large, ill-shaped members can be greatly improved with attention at the right time. Independent of appearances, it is extremely uncomfortable to be afflicted with chapped hands of this description. The wheelwoman on her return from a frosty ride should be careful not to bring her hands in contact with the fire, no matter how cold she may feel. When retiring she should apply a mixture of glycerine and lemon juice and draw over them clean gloves or mitts.

Since the experiments testing draught and friction in bicycles were made by Prof. Carpenter at Cornell University, an English expert has been making some similar tests to show how great is the increased friction caused by grit on the chain. He found that with a clean chain the frictional loss was about 1 per cent., under rather than over, while with a chain in its average condition of dirt the loss is from 30 to 40 per cent.

One of the features which will be seen on nearly all the '98 wheels will be adjustable handle-bars. These are made so that any shape of drop may be secured by loosening the screw and turning the bar until the shape desired is attained. Many will have adjustable stems also, so that any height of handle-bar may be secured. The arrangement of the screw-head is such that there can be no slipping of the bar or scratching of the nickeling. The medium drop seems to be the popular style of stationary handle-bars on the '98 wheels.

Chairman Mott is not going to take any nonsense from the racing men. He believes that when a man enters a race and expects to get money he should give the promoters and public the best contest they are capable of.

The almost universal demand for cyclometers of the "barrel" pattern has caused a great many attempts to produce this form of instrument and a corresponding competition. In this connection it is interesting to hear that the highest and most valuable award ever given for this class of goods was conferred by the Brussels Exposition upon an American cyclometer, and on top of this comes the news that the National Exposition has selected the same instrument for the highest honors in its class.

The weekly bicycle papers are going by the board at a rapid gait. The three Chicago sheets have been consolidated into one good one named the "Cycle Age," and the "American Wheelmen" last week came out as a trade paper pure and simple.

That the wood rim is not altogether unappreciated in England is shown by the following extract from "Wheeling," one of the ultra-conservative English cycling periodicals: "The unsuitability of the climate is a very general argument used in reference to the unpopularity of the wood rim in this country. As a matter of fact, climatic conditions in the States are just as eccentric and unfavorable as here, and the great reason, if not the only one, why the wood rim holds good there and not here, is that the single tube cemented-on tire is the rule, not the exception. The cemented-on tire, instead of killing the rim with lateral pressure, serves rather to hold it together and increase its strength. For detachable tires of the clincher variety one cannot but conclude that the steel rim is without a competitor. Used, however, in conjunction with the cemented-on or band type of tire, we are inclined to look upon steel and wood with equal favor."

The following points on the testing of cyclometers are given in the "Wheel": A 28-inch wheel with a tire absolutely incompressible will revolve 720 times per mile. If the tire compresses a quarter of an inch—that is, if the diameter is equivalent to 27 1/4 inches—it will revolve 733 times per mile. The wheel will then move ahead 87 inches for each revolution. To test machines place the bicycle on a smooth floor with a rider in the saddle, mark the tire and the floor under the centre of the wheel, then carefully push the machine ahead in a straight line until the mark on the tire again comes under the centre of the wheel. Then mark the floor again where the mark on the tire touches. If the distance between the two marks on the floor is 87 inches the cyclometer will register correctly.

OFFICIAL NEWS

CONVEYED IN CHAIRMAN MOTT'S WEEKLY BULLETIN.

The Usual Batch of Suspensions, Reinstatements and Transfers of Racing Men—A Big Lot of Professional Records Accepted by the Board.

Baltimore, Dec. 6.—For failure to deliver a prize, Thos. E. Benner, of Philadelphia, will be refused further sanctions, and is ruled off all tracks in every capacity.

Unsanctioned races having been held on Montesano track, Montesano, Wash., all sanctions will be refused for it in the future.

The suspension placed upon A. M. Boyden, Marysville, Cal., expired Nov. 23, 1897. The suspension placed upon Coll. Murray, Aberdeen, Wash., expired Nov. 24, 1897.

SUSPENSIONS REMOVED.
Chas. Hadfield, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Zellner, Slaton, Pa.; Arthur C. Kern, Slaton, Pa.; Victor Smith, Hoffman's P. O., Pa.; Irvin Kraus, Hoffman's P. O., Pa.; H. C. Jensen, Chicago, Ill.

TRANSFERRED TO PROFESSIONAL CLASS.
James Zellner, Slaton, Pa., clauses a and b. Arthur C. Kern, Slaton, Pa., clauses a, b and l. Victor Smith, Hoffman's P. O., Pa., clauses a, b and l. Irvin Kraus, Hoffman's P. O., Pa., clauses a, b and l. S. A. Hepler, Dayton, O., own request. Jerry M. Ashley, Burlington, Vt., clause a. A. D. Bradford, Jericho, Vt., clause a. R. G. Page, Burlington, Vt., clause a. L. M. Pedigo, Augusta, Ga., own request. Mac Gamba, Robt. Gamba, G. A. Branch, Tom Branch, G. O. Warring, B. D. Sanderson, Clyde Cox, Dr. J. G. Paschel, Horace Place, Walter Gardner, Memphis, Tenn., clauses a and d. C. P. Trask, P. S. Start, Burlington, Vt.; Clinton Corso, Underhill, Vt.; E. W. Cooney, Fred Cross, Burlington, Vt.; E. Bushey, Shelburne, Vt., clause d.

SUSPENDED.
W. Wood and W. A. Bochau, Baltimore, Md., to Feb. 1, 1898, failure to ride. John S. Young, Philadelphia, Pa., to Jan. 3, 1898, failure to ride.

For repeatedly competing in unsanctioned races after warning and under assumed names the following men are suspended to Nov. 30, 1900: Morgan S. O'Brien, alias John Bornman; Philip Nickel, alias Geo. Pleasun; Herbert Mason, alias John Smith, and John McDonald, Jr., alias Willie Putz, Milwaukee, Wis.

RECORDS ACCEPTED.
Following are the professional records of the Board to date:

COMPETITION STANDING START.
One-third mile, made by F. E. Schefski, Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 22, 1896. Time, .45.

One-half mile, made by Otto Ziegler, New Orleans, June 13, 1896. Time, 1.00 4-5; 2-3 mile, made by C. R. Coulter, Denver, Col., Oct. 3, 1896. Time, 1.21 1-5.

One mile, made by James Michael, Buffalo, N. Y., July 3, 1897. Time, 1.49; two miles, time, 3.37 3-5; three miles, time, 5.28; four miles, time, 7.16 4-5; five miles, time, 9.05 3-5; six miles, time, 10.50 4-5; seven miles, time, 12.42 2-5; eight miles, 14.32 1-5; nine miles, time, 16.19 2-5; ten miles, time, 18.08 1-5; 11 miles, time, 19.56 2-5; 12 miles, time, 21.46 3-5; 13 miles, time, 23.35; 14 miles, time, 25.27 1-5; 15 miles, time, 27.14 4-5; 16 miles, time, 29.05 3-5; 17 miles, time, 31.01 2-5; 18 miles, time, 32.53 3-5; 19 miles, time, 34.48; 20 miles, time, 36.41 1-5; 21 miles, time, 38.30 3-5; 22 miles, time, 40.25 4-5; 23 miles, time, 42.14; 24 miles, time, 44.08 3-5; 25 miles, time, 45.58 4-5; 26 miles, time, 48.56 2-5; 27 miles, time, 50.51, 28 miles, time, 52.43; 29 miles, time, 54.38 2-5; 30 miles, time, 56.33; 31 miles, time, 58.30 4-5; 32 miles, time, 1.00 3-5 3-5; 33 miles, time, 1.02.17 4-5; 35 miles, made by F. Waller, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 16, 1897. Time, 1.30.39 1-5; 40 miles, time, 1.44.09 1-5; 45 miles, made by F. Albert, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 16, 1897. Time, 1.57.40 3-5.

Fifty miles, made by F. Waller, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 16, 1897. Time, 2.11.09 3-5; 55 miles, time, 2.24.54; 60 miles, time, 2.38.46 3-5; 65 miles, made by T. A. Barnaby, time, 2.53.42; 70 miles, made by F. Albert, time, 3.07.15 2-5; 75 miles, made by F. Waller, time, 3.21.14 4-5; 80 miles, time, 3.35.13 2-5; 85 miles, time, 3.48.45; 90 miles, time, 4.03.22; 95 miles, time, 4.18.48; 100 miles, made by T. A. Barnaby, time, 4.33.52; 105 miles, time, 4.48.55 2-5; 110 miles, time, 5.03.59 2-5; 115 miles, made by F. Waller, time, 5.17.35; 120 miles, made by T. A. Barnaby, time, 5.34.59 2-5; 125 miles, made by F. Waller, time, 5.50.33; 130 miles, time, 6.06.17; 135 miles, time, 6.23.02 1-5; 140 miles, time, 6.39.05 1-5; 145 miles, time, 6.54.51 3-5; 150 miles, time, 7.10.36 4-5; 155 miles, time, 7.27.05; 160 miles, time, 7.42.24 2-5; 165 miles, time, 7.57.34 1-5.

AGAINST TIME, FLYING START, UNPAID.
One-quarter mile, made by Arthur Gardner, Denver, Col., Dec. 3, 1897. Time, .26 1-5.

One-third mile, made by W. W. Hamilton, Coronado, Cal., March 2, '96. Time, 34 1-5.

One-half mile, made by Arthur Gardner, Denver, Col., Dec. 4, '96. Time, 57 2-5.

One mile, made by C. R. Coulter, Denver, Col., Oct. 2, '96. Time, 1.59 1-5.

Two miles, made by A. B. Hughes, Denver, Col., July 31, 1897. Time, 4.24 4-5; three miles, made Aug. 21, 1897. Time, 6.46 4-5; four miles, made by E. F. Senn, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18, '95, time, 9.36 4-5; five miles, made by Henry Bradis, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 21, '96, time, 11.42; six miles, made by A. F. Senn, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18, '95, time, 14.25; seven miles, time, 16.50; eight miles, time, 19.15 2-5; nine miles, time, 21.42 3-5; ten miles, time, 24.10 1-5; time, 26.38; 12 miles, time, 29.08 2-5; 13 miles, time, 31.38; 14 miles, time, 34.07; 15 miles,

time, 36.36 1-5; 16 miles, time, 39.07; 17 miles, time, 41.38; 18 miles, time, 44.11.19 miles, time, 46.44.35; 20 miles, time, 49.20; 21 miles, time, 51.35 4-5; 22 miles, time, 54.31 2-5; 23 miles, time, 57.10 2-5; 24 miles, time, 59.54; 25 miles, time, 1.02.37 2-5; 50 miles, made by John Lawson, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17, '96, time, 2.16.03; 55 miles, made by Chas. W. Miller, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2, '97, time, 2.34.30; 60 miles, time, 2.50.57 2-5; 65 miles, time, 3.07.12; 70 miles, time, 3.23.12; 75 miles, time, 3.39.03 2-5; 80 miles, time, 3.54.57; 85 miles, time, 4.11.15; 90 miles, time, 4.27.00 2-5; 95 miles, time, 4.42.53 1-5; 100 miles, time, 4.59.27 4-5.

AGAINST TIME, PACED, FLYING START.
Two-thirds mile, made by W. W. Hamilton, Coronado, Cal., March 2, 1896. Time, 58 3-5.

Three-quarter-mile, made by John S. Johnson, New Orleans, La., Nov. 12, 1896. Time, 1.10.

One mile, made by J. W. Stocks, Crystal Palace, London, Sept. 9, 1897. Time, 1.35 2-5. E. A. McDuffie, Willow Grove, Pa., Oct. 28, 1897. Time, 1.35 2-5.

Two miles, made by E. A. McDuffie, Willow Grove, Pa., Oct. 27, '97. Time, 3.27.

Three miles, made by James Michael, New Orleans, Nov. 12, 1896, time, 5.22 4-5; four miles, time, 7.15; five miles, time, 9.07 4-5; six miles, time, 11.00 1-5; seven miles, time, 12.53 3-5; eight miles, time, 14.46 3-5; nine miles, time, 16.40 2-5; ten miles, time, 18.33 1-5; 11 miles, made by Lucien Lesna, Charles River Park, Aug. 14, '97, time, 21.28 3-5; 12 miles, time, 23.27 4-5; 13 miles, time, 25.22 3-5; 14 miles, time, 27.25 3-5; 15 miles, time, 29.24; 16 miles, time, 31.25 2-5; 17 miles, time, 33.26 1-5; 18 miles, time, 35.24 1-5; 19 miles, time, 37.21 3-5; 20 miles, time, 39.18 4-5; 21 miles, time, 41.16 3-5; 22 miles, time, 43.14; 23 miles, time, 45.15; 24 miles, time, 47.11 4-5; 25 miles, time, 49.08 2-5; 26 miles, time, 51.05 1-5; 27 miles, time, 53.01 1-5; 28 miles, time, 54.59 2-5; 29 miles, time, 56.57 4-5; 30 miles, time, 58.44 4-5; 100 miles, made by F. Waller, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 19, 1896. Time, 3.52.14.

TANDEM COMPETITION, STANDING START.
One mile, made by Nat and Frank Butler, Salem, Mass., at Charles River Park, June 5, 1897. Time, 1.57.

Against time, flying start, paced, one mile, made by J. B. Fowler, C. A. Church, Willow Grove, Pa., Nov. 6, 1897. Time, 1.42 2-5; two miles, time, 3.40 2-5; three miles, time, 5.31 1-5; four miles, time, 7.25 4-5; five miles, time, 9.25 2-5; six miles, time, 11.19; seven miles, time, 13.12 1-5; eight miles, time, 15.13 1-5; nine miles, time, 17.06 3-5; ten miles, time, 19.02 4-5.

UNPAID.
Six miles, made by W. F. Sager, F. W. Swanbrough, Denver, Col., Dec. 5, 1896, time, 13.22 2-5; seven miles, time, 15.36 4-5; eight miles, time, 18.51 3-5; nine miles, time, 20.06; ten miles, time, 22.16 2-5 & 1/2 mile, made by Terrill and Taylor, Coronado, Cal., March 2, '96, time, .52 3-5; 3/4-mile, made by W. F. Sager, F. W. Swanbrough, Denver, Col., Dec. 5, '96, time, 1.25 1-5; one mile, made by Tom and Nat Butler, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 1, '96, time, 1.53 2-5; two miles, made by W. F. Sager, F. W. Swanbrough, Denver, Col., Nov. 16, 1896, time, 3.59 4-5; three miles, time, 6.07 1-5; four miles, made by Evans, Hatton, San Jose, Cal., May 28, '96, time, 8.26; five miles, made by W. F. Sager and E. W. Swanbrough, Denver, Col., Nov. 23, '96, time, 10.37.

TRIPLET.
Flying start, paced, against time. One mile, made by E. A. McDuffie, E. J. B. Fowler, C. A. Church, at Willow Grove, Pa., Oct. 26, 1897, time, 1.41; two miles, made by C. A. Church, Carroll Jack and J. Vernier, Willow Grove, Pa., Nov. 3, 1897, time, 3.38 3-5; three miles, time, 5.30; four miles, time, 7.32 2-5; five miles, time, 9.16 3-5; six miles, time, 11.14; seven miles, 13.11 1-5; eight miles, time, 15.07 3-5; nine miles, time, 17.01 3-5; 10 miles, time, 18.52.

UNPAID.
One mile, made by Earl H. Kiser, J. S. Johnson, A. C. Mertens, at Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 4, 1897. Time, 1.46 4-5.

QUADRUPLET, FLYING START, PACED, AGAINST TIME.
One mile, made by G. A. Phillips, H. Van Herick, Henry Bradis, W. S. Bainbridge, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2, 1897. Time, 1.40 2-5; two miles, made by G. A. Phillips, R. S. Boone, Clem Turville, R. McCurdy, Willow Grove, Pa., Nov. 3, 1897, time, 3.36 3-5; time, 5.29 2-5; four miles, time, 7.23 2-5; five miles, time, 9.18 2-5; six miles, time, 11.13 3-5; seven miles, time, 13.09 2-5; eight miles, time, 15.02 1-5; nine miles, time, 16.59; ten miles, time, 18.49 4-5.

UNPAID.
Half-mile, made by G. A. Phillips, Henry Bradis, Archie Irons, Chas. W. Miller, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 12, 1897. Time, 49 3-5.

QUINTUPLET.
Flying start, unpaired, against time. One mile, made by L. P. Callahan, Nat Butler, Burns Pierce, J. E. Walsh, W. Coleman, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 1, 1896. Time, 1.46 2-5.

SEXTUPLET.
Flying start, unpaired, against time. One mile, made by W. Saunders, B. Pierce, W. Coleman, F. Butler, H. E. Caldwell, A. Crooks, Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 26, 1896. Time, 1.41 1-5.

PACED.
One mile, made by A. J. Hammond, A. A. MacLean, H. MacLean, W. F. Stafford, T. E. Tarment, L. S. Grennan, Willow, Pa., Oct. 29, 1897. Time, 1.49; two miles, time, 3.40 3-5; three miles, time, 5.33 2-5; four miles, time, 7.30; five miles, time, 9.27 3-5; six miles, time, 11.27 2-5; seven miles, time, 13.22 3-5.

FOUR RECORDS, PACED, AGAINST TIME.
One hour, made by J. W. Stocks, Crystal Palace, London, Sept. 27, 1897; 32 miles, 1086 yards, N. C. U.

One hour, competition, standing start, paced; made by James Michael, Manhattan Beach, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1897; 31 miles, 1450 yards.

24-HOUR RECORDS.
Flying start, unpaired, against time. Made by Schrover G. Meixell, Denver, Col., July 30-31, 1897; 323 miles (22.50.58).

FOUR RECORDS.
Flying start, unpaired, against time: 1h, 22 1/2 miles; 2h, 43 1/2 miles; 3h, 61 1/2 miles; 4h, 81 1/2 miles; 5h, 100 miles; 6h, 120 miles. ALBERT MOTT, Ch. R. B. L. A. W.



MOTT'S MISSIVE.

A BRISK HOLIDAY TRADE IN BICYCLES.

How the Wheel Figures in the Christmas Programmes—The Relation Between Bicycles and Oysters—Correcting the New Administration.

Baltimore, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life":—When this cruel mud is over the boys may be able to get out on the road, but there has not been much riding in the past week.

Consequently dyspepsia. Consequently a cross letter. If there is anything that you have to kick and scold about, you can only do justice to the situation when you abstain from riding long enough to have your stomach go back on you. There is such a delightful emphasis to the crossness on such occasions that it seems a pity all the kicks are not saved up until "you feel that way."

And you never did see such weather. Rain, freezing as it comes, until the roads are as slippery as glass—yes, slippery as ice, because it is ice—and you have to be a combination of contortionist and acrobat to keep your wheel up and stay on it.

In fact, there has been quite some weather.

BUT THE BICYCLE STORES

have been full of people. Papa and Mama are looking out for small sizes for the children's Christmas, and the Crawford people and the Western Wheel Works are happy. But they don't get all the business, for the husband is after a wheel for his darling, and the darling is after a wheel for her noble consort, and it is all very happy and secret and nice.

And the suave dealer. Does he keep the secret? Not much.

He works them both. Under the seal of confidence he tells the cautious husband that his wife has made a great bargain for a bicycle for him, and, ah, well, if it is to be the sale of two wheels, why, the usual discount for job lots. Then he tells the wife, under the seal of confidence, that the husband has bought a wheel for her, and, ah, well, if she wants a wheel for him, it will be at the usual discount—he don't want to make a cent. Look farther? Ah, no. He knows her husband. He wants that particular make. Wouldn't ride any other. And, well, she needn't pay for it now, and he will send the bill to her husband about a month after Christmas.

THAT FETCHES HER

to get a fine Christmas present without spending any money.

Well, this is a cold world in winter. But it is a good old world.

There are a great many funny things in the world. Now, you wouldn't think oysters were any relation to bicycles, would you? But they are. A bicycle agent down the oyster-wharf-way says the law oyster season for the packers is unusually good. So he has sold more wheels than there are good oysters in England. Even the shuckers are buying bicycles, and he says it is not an unusual sight to see an oyster punny start down the bay with a few bicycles in her hold.

This is quite a few Oysterburg. They have some fine shell roads down the bay. They don't go very far, but there are a good many of them.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

will soon have more of them. When an Eastern Shore oysterman goes a bicycling it is time for the politician to build his fences by building roads.

The wheelmen are soon to have a mass meeting, looking good roads legislature-ward and pavement-ward. The fruits of the last election are not to be lost, if the cycling leaders can help it, and they think they can.

More than seventy-five per cent. of all the politicians who nowadays run for office appeal for the wheelman vote.

And yet, a few years ago they stood aghast at the idea of "bringing the League into politics."

The writer was the author of a few articles on National Highways, for "The Wheel," at the solicitation of Frank Prial, and wrote another article on the same subject for the first number of the L. A. W.'s "Good Roads Magazine," and got jumped all over for it.

WELL,

there is no telling how bad you are until you see yourself mirrored in other people's opinions. If you have any warts on your conscience that is the way to bring them to view.

They were all yelling for "wheelmen's rights" in those days, and yet wouldn't go to the only place to get them.

The courts are slow.

The politician is a scorcher. And, after all, what is this thing they call "going into politics?" It is simply asking a pledge of a candidate to vote for

things necessary to the wheelman, and, if he pledges, vote for him.

That is very innocent politics.

The horseman can do the same, and so can the yachtman, the base-ballist, the athlete, but there is not enough of him; and what there is of him don't know enough to organize like the League of American Wheelmen.

LOOK AT THE MANUFACTURERS.

Being well acquainted with it, and realizing its power for good, they took a leaf from the book of the League of American Wheelmen, and to-day they are pretty strong.

A good organization is a good thing.

THE CENTAURS are trying to make a wheelman of Mayor Malster, whom they were a great factor in electing, but he is too fat. He is a great, big, enormous Mayor, and he can build fast torpedo boats, but he can't ride a bicycle.

That's a pity. But it's true.

If the tire builders could construct a tire that wouldn't bust under Mayor Malster, they needn't monkey any more with the pure amateur. There would be a whole heap of advertisement to the square inch in that, for the Mayor has a great many square inches. If you bought him by the pound he would come awful dear. There's a chance for Colonel Pope, or Lieutenant Colonel Overman, to send him a wheel, and a chance for the wheel to send the fat Mayor to glory.

ALBERT MOTT.

THE DIFFERENCE

Between Tires Used Here and in England.

The London "Field" of Nov. 20 contains the following, relative to the tires used by English and American wheelmen: It is somewhat difficult to assign a reason for the fact that the variety of pneumatic tire used almost exclusively by bicyclists in the United States is employed to a very limited extent by English wheelmen, while the description of tire which finds favor here has little or no attraction for riders beyond the Atlantic. It is obvious that in each case the popularity enjoyed is irrespective of the merits of the different tires, and that in each country the great majority of riders adhere to the one or the other type for no better reason than that it has become customary for bicyclists generally to use it. If we examine the conditions under which road riding is conducted there and here, we find no appreciable variation—at all events not sufficient to justify a decided preference in the one case for what is taboored in the other, and vice versa. It is probable that the material of which most of the roads in the United States are constructed does not play such havoc with the tires as do many of our gravel and flint surfaces; and punctures, consequently, are of less frequent occurrence; but, on the other hand, English highways are greatly superior, and riders here are seldom called upon to drive their machines over rough tracks, such as are encountered in the United States by those who go far afield. On the whole, therefore, the advantages and disadvantages appear to be about equally balanced, and the reason for each country adhering to the particular type with which it is best acquainted is more a matter of custom than anything else. The Americans prefer the plain single-tube as a satisfactory and simpler contrivance, while English riders are deterred from using it mainly because of the interested denunciations and erroneous statements as to the difficulty of repairing it which have been so industriously circulated in this country; and, thus misled, they appear content to go on using the far more costly detachable variety.

ENGLISH OPINION

As to Universal Use in the Future of Brakes.

The London "Cyclist" discusses the question of the need of brakes on bicycles as follows:

"We believe that it is only a question of time before it will become a recognized feature of every high-class bicycle for road work to be fitted with some arrangement that will admit of free pedals for hill descending and an instantly applicable back-pedaling brake, the latter in addition to the usual spoon. Several ingenious ideas with these ends in view have been already devised, and in all probability 12 months or so hence we shall have some really valuable and practical experience to work on. The idea is particularly suitable for women's wheels, as very few of the fair sex care about descending hills with their feet on the rests. At the same time it is perfectly certain that the majority of girls get very little fun out of riding down hill, as with their low gears, pedaling soon becomes laborious. It is essential that any arrangement which allows free pedals should be absolutely definite and simple in the working of the brake, so that it would be impossible for a wheel to get away from a novice through even a momentary failure of the apparatus to work."

CHEMICAL SUBSTITUTE

For the Filling of Tires Exhausted on the Road.

An enthusiastic clubman of New York City has been sitting around this fall perceiving over the perfection of a portable device to inflate tires without effort. This suffering cyclist is a chemist, and he has invented a small reservoir, hardly larger than a hand-pump, which will carry chemicals that, in uniting, create a highly expansive gas. The device couples with the tire valve the same as an ordinary pump, but instead of working as if to save a ship, the rider has only to turn a little thumbscrew, and, like magic, the tire is blown up. If he turns the thumbscrew back quick enough the tire will not be blown from the rim. The inventor claims that the gases created by his composition will not injure the rubber in the tire.

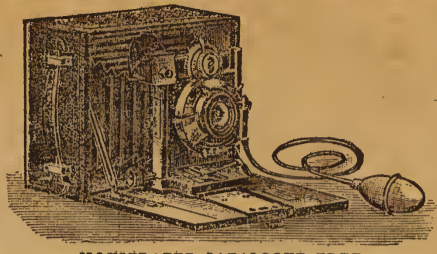
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NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

STERLING ELLIOTT'S PLANS NOT YET DEFINED.

He is Still Awaiting Further Developments—What is Going on in the Trade and in Cycling Circles Generally.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Chief Consul Sterling Elliott was asked this week by a Boston newspaper man whether he was a candidate for the presidency of the League of American Wheelmen. His reply was peculiarly elliptical. In other words Mr. Elliott does not know his own mind and is awaiting a few more days to gain courage, and is hoping in the meanwhile that some one will offer him the position on a silver platter. It is, however, a known fact that Elliott is waiting the result of the next meeting of the Massachusetts division Board of Officers, and to find out the complexion of the 31 delegates to the National Assembly.

TRADE NEWS.

The Albel Cycle Company, of this city, have signed for the Boston agency of the Falcon for the coming season. This same firm handled the line last year.

S. R. Pierpont will represent the Stoddard Mfg. Co., of Dayton, O., manufacturers of the Tiger and Tigress in New England.

The Arthur Cycle Seat Co., of Providence, R. I., are putting a cycle seat upon the market which seems to be especially intended for riders who prefer a short reach from seat to pedals.

The Pownall Cycle Fittings Co., of Providence, R. I., are out with a new two-piece crank hanger.

Twenty-eight of the 39 men in the present six-day race are mounted on Kangaroo tires.

The Nonotuck and Kathrina line for '08, manufactured by the Hampshire Cycle Co., of Northampton, Mass., have made their appearance. An original device for fastening handle bar and seat post is used.

The Spier's Mfg. Co., of Worcester, Mass., are working a full force on over time, in order to fulfill an order for 20,000 jobbing wheels.

Charles Phillips, for seven years with the Elastic Tip Co., of this city, has signed as manager of the Industrial Cycle Mfg. Co., of Springfield, Mass.

Charles Kingsbury, late of the Goodrich tire force, has joined the New England staff of the Chase Tough Tread concern.

Still G. Whitaker, the old-time "pro," has severed his connection with the Globe Cycle Works, and touched Boston last week in the interest of the Bridgeport Gun Implement Co., and reports the pedal trade good.

Popular Fred Hunt, of the Overman Wheel Co., was married last week.

Abbott Bassett, the veteran secretary of the L. A. W., wakes up once in every three years. Bassett has found out that the recently elected secretary-treasurer of a southern division was not a League member.

Julian L. Frank, Boston agent for the Sterling and Pattee last year, is on the road in the interests of Bigelow & Dowse, the New England agents for the Dayton, and will represent them as manager of the Boylston street store.

Joe Ceppo, representing the Ariel force, was in town last week, as was E. C. Bode.

The Snell travelers in New England this year are G. H. Brown, head traveler; Wm. Matthews, New England; W. J. Connell, Western Massachusetts; W. S. Achon, Connecticut; H. M. Sabin, Rhode Island, and J. B. McCune. PERCIVAL.

CYCLING AND INSURANCE.

Positions Taken by Various Companies With Regard to Riders.

Dr. R. E. Tomlin, a prominent life insurance examiner, in a recent paper read before a medical society stated that bicycling was presenting new problems to the life insurance companies, and no doubt applicants for insurance would soon be asked questions in regard to their use of the wheel. Bicycling in moderation, said Dr. Tomlin, is a commendable exercise for healthy people, as exercise in the open air is an undoubted benefit to people of every vocation. But excessive indulgence in the use of the wheel is conducive to heart and lung diseases and shortens the span of life. Examinations of young men and men in middle age immediately after bicycle exercise show a great increase in the pulse, an

irregularity in its rhythm, a tremulous condition of the whole body and murmur of the heart which continues for a considerable period. A chronic dilatation may be the result of too much wheeling. There is also a danger, in case of tuberculosis in a family, that phthisis may be developed by overexercise on the wheel. This may come from the inhalation of dust, and the rapidly enforced breathing making too great a strain upon the lung tissues. The speaker believed that any person over 50 years old ran a great risk in using a wheel, especially if he rode with young people, who would make the pace. He instanced the case of a father and son who were accustomed to ride together and of the sudden paralysis of the former while on his wheel.

OUT PRICES

Likely to be the Experience Even of the Chainless Wheel.

It seems evident that chainless bicycles will be put upon the market next season, ranging in price from \$50 upward. The leading manufacturers have agreed to maintain a price of \$125, but price-cutting among the small makers seems likely. A Western builder declares that he will put forth a chainless bicycle to sell as low as \$36. Speaking of its construction he says:

"I now have the machine in perfect running order. It has positively no back lash, is noiseless and durable. I am not at present prepared to make known the exact construction of the wheel, but can say that there is nothing in the market in which the principle of my wheel is embodied. It has no gearing. The chainless parts can be made for \$5 a set, and when it is considered that neither chain nor sprocket are needed it can be readily seen that the cost of making a chainless bicycle of this sort is only very little higher than a chain machine. I anticipate that 15,000 of this type of wheels will be put in the market next year."

ANOTHER NOVELTY

Which Ensures the Safety of the Chain Bolt.

Nearly every rider knows what it is to have trouble with the chain bolt that couples the two links where the ends of the chain are joined. Many pathetic scenes on the road have had for their central figure a perspiring victim struggling to substitute a piece of wire for a chain bolt that has dropped out and been lost in the dust of the road. Many riders have resorted to the use of wax, rosin, and even tire cement on the threads of the chain bolt to prevent the nut on the inside from working loose. For those who have suffered these woes, and for riders generally, it will be welcome news that an Indianapolis chainmaker has devised a thin plate which pivots on the side of the chain link and shoves into place, so that there is no possibility of the bolt working loose. The idea is being copied by other chainmakers, and a variety of similar devices may be expected next year.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS.

Some Good Accomplished by the L. A. W. in the West.

The L. A. W. has improved the racing conditions in some sections of the country this year, so that now the control of the organization over racing is rarely questioned, and few rebellious riders or meet promoters are encountered. Henry Goodman, the Pacific coast member of the National Racing Board, who is located in Portland, Ore., talks of the improved condition of racing in his territory as follows:

"When I accepted the appointment to the Racing Board I found affairs in all branches of sport in Portland and the Northwest to be in such a condition that the public would not patronize meets. Lax management and general disregard of the rules constantly came to the public's attention, and in all branches of sport, whatever the result might be, there was always the cry of a 'job.' In the League meets of the Northwest I have succeeded in introducing Eastern methods and discipline now, and the League has the public confidence."

THE USUAL REVERSION.

After Going So Far the Makers Go Back to First Principles.

In the face of the talk about startling changes, new departures and improvements in bicycles, it is interesting to note that nearly all the changes of the last few years have been in the nature of a return to old ideas. This includes the dropped crank hangers, low frames and short heads of the new models coming out. Now a few voices are heard favoring as a radical departure the use of 30-inch wheels, which were common here a few years ago, and are still used in England. One maker has even put out a machine with wheels of this size. Going back among old English patents, the number found on chainless wheels is amazing.



WITH THE TRADE.

NEWS OF THOSE WHO MAKE AND SELL THE WHEEL.

Some Changes in Business to be Noted, and Many New-Comers Into the Field of Cycle Making and Trading Duly Chronicled.

Probably no man in the bicycle business has given more attention to the details of construction of the bicycle than Elliott Burris, of the American Humber Co., the manufacturer of the Humber bicycle. The saddle question has been a subject of deep concern with him, and after exhaustive trials of the various makes he has decided to adopt the Christy Anatomical Saddle as the only and regular equipment on Humber for 1898. This decision was reached after he had thoroughly canvassed his agents, the consensus of opinion among them being strongly in favor of the Christy.

The Bigelow & Dowse Co., Boston, have taken the exclusive agency for the Dayton line in New England, and that of A. Featherstone & Co. for New England, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Cycle Board of Trade of Long Island has elected the following officers: President, George W. Bennett; vice president, C. Weeks; secretary, E. H. Smith; treasurer, J. H. Wilcox; finance committee, C. Weeks, Jr., J. H. Wilcox, H. Osborne, W. Devine and H. L. Wilkins; membership committee, W. H. Boynton, M. Hughson, W. H. Briggs, L. Peoples and E. A. Smith; cycle show committee, H. Osborne, W. H. Boynton, J. Roach, Jr., S. F. Frisick, W. Devine and I. P. Powell.

M. T. Faulkner has been appointed by the Barnes Cycle Co. to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of C. A. Benjamin, now president and general manager of the Olive Wheel Co.

The Victor desk pad calendar for '98 has been issued, and contains, as usual, many useful features, not the least of which is its arrangement as a diary or a daily reminder. A separate sheet for each day in the year, with ample space for memoranda, bound together at one end substantially, and all in compact form, make it a valuable adjunct to any desk. Each slip contains either a terse quotation, or a paragraph extolling the virtues of "Victor" grade.

The Lee Manufacturing Company has been incorporated at Camden, N. J., with capital stock of \$75,000, by G. F. Fries, F. J. Mitchell, H. A. Hornel and A. Duer, to manufacture and sell bicycles.

The Snow Wire Works, of Syracuse, N. Y., will market their goods in Europe this year themselves, instead of selling a lump of stock to an exporter and allowing him to control the territory, as they did last season. Their foreign trade forms a very considerable part of the business, something like 50,000 of their well-known wall and floor stands having been disposed of on the other side of the water last season.

At Buffalo, Nov. 24, Sheriff Lamy seized the plant of the Martin & Gibson Manufacturing Co., on an execution secured by the Peoples' Bank, on a note for \$5538.96.

The Electric City Wheel Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., held the annual meeting of its stockholders last week, and the condition of affairs as reported by the officers was found to be very satisfactory. Although the concern is a new one, the plant has been run at a profit and the output disposed of in entirety. The stockholders decided to increase the facilities of the plant, and additional capital was subscribed at once. These officers were elected: L. E. McKinnon, president; V. E. Ripper, vice president; John G. McKinnon, treasurer; William Breckenridge, secretary.

The Snow Cycle Chain Co., of Syracuse, N. Y., has been incorporated with capital stock of \$10,000, to manufacture bicycle chains, parts, tools and machinery.

E. C. Stearns & Co. will have several radical improvements in the "Yellow Fellow" line next season, and of course they include a chainless, which will be made under the Pope patent. The careful construction which has been placed in the line heretofore will be found in the future, and the mechanical differences are a distinct advantage. For making the chainless and grinding the bevel gears the company has the most improved machinery, and this, added to the reputation for Stearns work-

manship, guarantees a finished product that will be as nearly perfect as it is possible to make.

The American Chainless Wheel Co., of Chicago, has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$100,000, by W. T. Stanton, R. J. Frank and J. E. Daughters.

The travelers for the Liberty Cycle Co. are congregated at the factory before starting on the road. This plan is adopted by the company in order that the men may be thoroughly conversant with the new ideas introduced in the '98 "Liberty," and be able to talk in an intelligent manner about the entire mechanical construction of the wheels. J. H. Toole left the factory on Dec. 1 for a four weeks' trip, visiting the prominent Liberty agents throughout the country, who are waiting to see the new models and talk '98 business.

The Mesinger Mfg. Co., 1801 and 1803 First avenue, New York City, are now placing their new '98 saddles on the market. They claim that they have reached the highest degree of perfection in every detail in the construction of seats.

B. B. Stevens and W. H. Walk, of Philadelphia, have formed a co-partnership to manufacture bicycles.

The New York Belting and Packing Co. has been making some additions to its steam power plant at Passaic, N. J., which will give it treble the capacity it has had heretofore. With the increased power the company will be enabled to handle a tremendous trade, and special attention will be given to League tires, which are making rapid headway in the trade.

The Manufacturers' and Merchants' Cycle Co., Ltd., of Toronto, has been incorporated with capital stock of \$24,000.

The first catalogue of the Southern Cycle Supply Co., of Charleston, S. C., has been issued, and is arranged conveniently for dealers' reference. It contains all the lines handled by the company, which include everything necessary in the bicycle business, and will be sent to dealers on application.

The National Forge and Machine Screw Co., a new concern at Indianapolis, Ind., will manufacture drop forgings and machine screw work.

NEW CYCLE RACK.

An Automatic Device Now on the English Market.

An automatic cycle rack is about to be placed upon the market in England, which if successful in its operation should prove a boon to wheeling Britons. The invention is one for automatically securing and holding bicycles on the "penny-in-the-slot" principle. The idea is that cycle racks should be placed in various advantageous positions in towns, and where deemed likely to pay. The cyclist will place a penny in the slot, which will enable him to unlock and open a stand, into which his wheel can then be run and locked in. Every lock is different, and a key for a given lock can only be obtained by putting a penny in the slot of its particular wheel-holder. The rider can then go away and leave his wheel without the least anxiety, carrying the key with him, and on his return he unlocks it and releases it by the key, which then remains in the lock. It will be a most useful thing for fitting in the yards of busy cycling inns, and other places where cyclists congregate. Of course the possession of the key is taken as evidence of ownership of the machine by the man in charge, but to make the arrangement a perfect one it wants some device whereby the rack could be self-minding. As it is it should have a wide field of usefulness before it.

CRAMPED HANDS.

A Pointer For the Cycling Inventors' Consideration.

One of the minor woes befalling cycling tyros is the hand cramp which follows the first lesson. Although constantly admonished by instructors against the habit of gripping the corks as if they were the horns of an enraged bull, it seems actually impossible for the beginner to grasp the handles naturally. If the handlebars were charged with electricity the magnetic attraction apparently present in them could not be stronger. It is the magnetism of fear. As a result of his first lesson the beginner has a stiffening of the wrist and finger muscles, a species of paralysis which is apt to last for more hours than there are in a calendar day. Yet during the second lesson the beginner will again grip fiercely and his wrist muscles become lame. Is there no person who is clever enough to devise some way of obviating this?

EXTRA SPOKES.

A Useful Thing For Out-of-Town Wheelmen.

Riders who live out of town should get a dozen or so extra spokes when purchasing a new wheel. They are handy to have around, and often save trouble and expense. You need not be a skilled mechanic to put in a new spoke in the wheels of to-day. A little careful bending to thread it through the hole of the hub and a little care in screwing it to the proper tension and to see that the end does not stand up in the bed of the rim or protrude through the nipple is all that is necessary. In case the end protrudes, as said above, it must be filed down. Failure to do this may result in a puncture. Even if you do not do it yourself, but take it to a rural repairer, it is gratifying to know you have the spokes of a proper gauge and will not have to be content with thicker spokes or any kind he may have about.

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THE BIG SPROCKET.

THE CRAZE FOR IT WAS MERELY A FAD.

Wheelmen Find by Practical Experience That the Low Gears Are in the Long Run Best Fitted For Steady, General Work.

It is remarkable how the craze for higher gears on bicycles has died out within the past month or six weeks. When the riding season opened dealers and manufacturers were hard pressed to secure sprockets large enough to meet the demand, yet the craze has subsided to such an extent that now the smaller sprockets are in quite as general a demand. The change has been due to the extended rides into the country, where the wheelmen have found the hills and rough riding of a sort to severely try the muscles of those who thought a 77 or 80 gear quite the thing for boulevard work. Probably more than half of those who started in the season with high gears have already changed and others have begun to realize that for all around riding the medium gear is far more acceptable.

TALK WITH AN OLD TIMER.
An old-time racing man and road rider had the following to say on the subject:

"Everybody riding a wheel ought to know what size gear suits him or her, and yet few do. In fact, you would be surprised at the number of cyclists who do not even know what the word gear means. This may seem incredible, but it is nevertheless true. A safety bicycle has a chain running over two toothed wheels, and as the toothed wheel at the back is smaller than the one in front it revolves more rapidly. This toothed wheel at the back is fixed to the driving wheel, and consequently the driving wheel revolves more often than the riders' feet.

"Now, if the driving wheel is twenty-eight inches in diameter—the usual size on a man's wheel—and if it is made to revolve twice for every revolution of the pedals, it will propel the machine just as far each time as if a driving wheel double the size were used, which only revolved once every time the pedals go round. It is the same thing as if the diameter of the driving wheel were doubled, and we speak of such a machine as being 'geared' to 56.

"If the driving wheel is 26 inches in diameter—the usual size on women's wheels—and it is made to revolve 2½ times for each revolution of the pedals, it becomes the equivalent of a 65-inch wheel, and the machine is said to be 'geared' to 65.

GET A WHEEL THAT SUITS.
"The great thing to remember in deciding whether it is better to have a high gear or a low one is that the higher the gear the more slowly the pedals revolve when the machine is traveling at a given speed, but the harder the rider has to press on them. If he finds that he has no difficulty in getting his feet round fast enough, but that pressing so hard on the pedals makes his muscles ache, he may take it for granted that his gear is too high.

"But, if on the other hand, the pedals seem to go round almost without any pressure, and it is the rapid up and down movement of the legs that exhausts him, he may conclude that the gear is too low. In either case he will not get the full enjoyment out of cycling or be able to ride as fast or as far as if the gear just suited him.

"The really important thing is to study the convenience of the muscles. A rider who has plenty of strength in his legs, but not much agility, will need a high gear; while a rider who is not strong, but whose movements are rapid, will need a low gear.

TELLS IN HILL CLIMBING.
"Even with a strong rider a high gear is a disadvantage when there is much resistance to be overcome; as for instance, in hill climbing, or in riding against the wind or through sticky mud; while even with a weak rider a high gear is a great blessing when descending an incline at a good speed, or riding on level roads before the wind.

"These remarks will show that it is impossible to lay down any absolute rule as to the best gear to adopt. All that can be done is to throw out suggestions, which may afford some guidance to those who are in doubt.

"For men who are about the average in regard to muscularity and agility, and who have no idea of racing, but like to travel at a moderate speed when the conditions are

favorable, something like 63 to 66 inches will usually be found suitable. For good riders who aspire to do fast work on the roads about 70 to 75 will be a convenient gear.

"For riders who are below the average muscularity and have no idea of attempting to ride fast, it may be well to try from 55 to 60. With regard to women, from 56 to 58 will usually be somewhere near the mark, but delicate women may be better suited with a lower gear than 56; while those of good physique may exceed 58.

HELP IN ANKLE MOTION.
"In suggesting these gears, there are two or three points which it may be well to call to mind. The modern bicycle is more easy to propel than the bicycle of several years ago, and it can, therefore, be geared a little higher with advantage. For the same reason a light semi-racing machine may be geared a little higher than a heavy roadster.

"The above gears are supposed to go with cranks of the ordinary length, but if unusually long cranks are used, the gear should be higher in proportion, and if the cranks are shorter than usual, the gear should be reduced.

"Although it is a mistake to have gears too high, there are one or two advantages in having them as high as can be ridden with comfort, one of which is that it is easier to cultivate ankle action when the pedals move slowly than when they go round fast. It is also easier to keep the feet on the pedals, or to regain them if lost; but the higher a machine is geared the more necessary it is to have a brake fitted, as the feet are less liable to pull up the machine by back pedaling.

"Practice, and especially the practice of ankle action, will enable a rider to use a considerably higher gear with comfort than he is able to do on first commencing to ride."

STILL UNSETTLED

Is the Question Between Single and Double Tube Tires.

The relative merits of the single and double-tubed tires have been widely discussed by cyclists, but from all accounts one seems to be as good as the other. The popularity of each depends on whichever one riders become accustomed to. The most serviceable tire outside of the consideration of quality is the one that can be most easily repaired. The double-tubed tire is likely to cause more trouble than the other in case of a puncture. In this case, as is well known, it is necessary to detach it to mend it, and all riders cannot do this properly. However, in the case of only an outer-tube puncture repairing may be done by patching or plugging. The troublesome repairing of a double-tube tire is advanced as a reason why the single tube should be more popular. The single-tube tire cannot be detached, and, therefore, a puncture must be repaired from the outside. This can be more easily done than inside work, and there is not so much difficulty in discovering a leak as on the double-tubed tire. A patch or piece of tape applied to a puncture on a single-tube tire half inflated generally prevents the escape of air when it is fully pumped up.

German Champion Coming.

New York, Dec. 4.—August Lehr, the famous German bicyclist, who for nine years has been the undisputed champion rider of Germany, will sail on the steamer Trave from Bremerhaven on December 30. Lehr is a splendidly built young man of immense strength and is greatly admired by the German cycling public. It is expected that he will challenge both Bald and Michael and one or two of the Frenchmen who are now in this country.

A "Bicycle Stove."

To the innumerable and comparatively needless novelties intended for the comfort of wheelmen a bicycle stove has just been added. This device is the work of a Chicago negro, and consists of a spirit lamp, attachable beneath the saddle, and supposed to diffuse enough heat to keep a snow-crust scorcher from freezing to his wheel.

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THE WORLD OF SHOOTERS.

PITTSBURG PICKINGS.

OLD HOSS TALKS ON TARGET SHOOTING PAST AND PRESENT.

The Allegheny Natural History Association Formed—On Shooting Trips—"Uncle Bill" Going Gunning—Bags of Game—Personal.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Gun Editor "Sporting Life."—While target shooting may have been more or less of a failure during the year just drawing to a close, or at least it may be said that the sport has not been nearly so well patronized this year as it had been during the last three or four years preceding, the bright prospects for a very busy and exciting winter season's pigeon shooting must be very encouraging to the lovers of this branch of trap shooting. In the East the sport commences a little earlier than it does in the West, and already a great many matches and contests have been decided. Judging from the number and importance of some of the matches that have taken place in the East the sport must be in full swing with a great majority of the more prominent clubs. This week Chicago will fire the largest gun, and open the pigeon shooting season for the West with a royal buff and a bang. From present indications there will be very hot times out there during the week. Big champions and little champions, would-be and so-called champions, skyscrapers and windy champions, set-em-up and chase-em in the Lake champions, and a few "no account" champions will be on hand. We may expect that a few heavyweight and real, genuine matches may result from such a meeting of the doughty warriors. In Pittsburg we are not blessed with many pigeon shooting clubs, though the Herron Hill Gun Club is able to, and does, take the place of two or three good clubs. The season opened at this popular club last month, and the shooting has been fast and furious ever since. A great many matches and sweepstakes have been shot off already, and the most inveterate shooter can get about all the shooting he may want almost any day during the week. Several 100-bird matches have been arranged, and will be shot off shortly, and more to hear from; that is, they are budding. The House Committee have been furnishing first-class birds and doing everything in their power to keep the ball rolling.

In England our brothers of the trigger must also feel very much encouraged. At the opening of the winter shooting season at the Gun Club (London) the report says "upwards of a score entered for the various events, which for an opening day is far in excess of recent years."

In England the sport of pigeon shooting is a little more expensive than it is in this country, as shooters must pay about 60 cents apiece for each bird shot at.

ALLEGHENY NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION.

The "Allegheny Natural History Association" was organized last week. Dr. Charles H. Voight was elected president, Joe Davison, treasurer, and Captain John S. McIntosh, secretary. The association is composed principally of the members of the well-known Buckskin Shooting Club, and was formed at the suggestion of several of the members for the purpose of studying and discussing the natural history, habits and habitat of the moose, elk and caribou, and such other game animals and birds as the members may shoot while on their annual shooting excursions. It is the intention to have a natural history museum and club rooms, where the members can meet and exhibit their various trophies and specimens, firearms and camp utensils.

ON SHOOTING TRIPS.

Walter I. Nevin ("Whiskers"), Joseph T. Nevin, proprietors of the "Pittsburg Leader," Mr. Archer and Ed. O'Neil will spend this week on the grounds of the Revel's Island preserve, shooting geese, ducks and any other kind of game that may come in their way. "Whiskers" will mow them down.

W. A. Landgraff, Frank Depp and A. McCombs have started for a point in Forest County, where they intend to spend two weeks in shooting grouse, rabbits, squirrels and two old wild cats. The old felines chased them out of the woods last year, but they will be better prepared for an encounter this time. It will be cat or skeddadle.

J. B. Sutch, one of Pittsburg's crack rifle shots, and J. S. Seaman have cleaned out their rifles and polished up their shotguns and departed for Elk County on their two weeks' annual outing. One or two bears, a few wild turkeys, and some grouse will satisfy them.

"Brother Bill" McCrickart will knock off work at the traps for a little while and will spend the remainder of the open season on his old tramping grounds in Westmoreland County. "Bill" has a small preserve of his own out there, but does not care to do much shooting until after the grouse and quail are good and strong on the wing. "Bill" is a first-class field shot and will account for his share of the game.

H. W. Hesperheide, F. L. Ober, Henry Thomas, William Muhlbrunner and Mr. Noll have packed up their shooting kits and departed for Brookville, Jefferson County, where they will spend this week

trying to reduce the stock of grouse. This is a right "swift" party, and if the grouse do not want their family ties broken up they had better make themselves scarce.

Harry Loughran and his son, Charley will spend a few days out at Burgettstown, looking after their share of game. Charley will have to do the shooting, as Harry is very hard of hearing, except when you say "go over to McCarthy's."

BAGS OF GAME.

Robert Anderson, John Eyer, H. Brown and Mose Anderson, of the Willkingsburg Gun Club, spent four days in Indiana County last week shooting grouse and rabbits. They returned with three coffee sacks full of game, consisting of sixty-nine grouse and forty-nine rabbits. Since they have returned Bob Anderson's whiskers have grown one foot.

C. E. Dickson, of this city, and R. S. Pringle, of Butler, Pa., bagged fifty-four grouse, eighteen quail, two woodcock and ten squirrels in three days' shooting last week. They seem to know where there is a grouse pocket in the northern part of the county, but they would not tell just where it is.

Elmer Shaner and George Cochran spent three days in Butler County last week. They bagged twenty-one grouse, eleven quail and some rabbits.

Thos. M. McKee has been having some very fair duck shooting on Chataqua Lake this fall. Ducks have not been very plentiful as the fall flight has not come on yet, but Mr. McKee's 8-gauge has accounted for a goodly number of the early arrivals.

PERSONAL.

S. Harry Vandegrift (Sandy McPherson, A. H. King, W. S. King, T. R. Hostetter (Rickey) and George A. Wilson (Anson) and J. O. H. Demy, some of Pittsburg's most prominent citizens, crack pigeon shots and millionaire sportsmen, have joined the Nittany Rod and Gun Club. If there is anything first-class or real good laying around these gentlemen get after it mighty quickly. Mr. Wilson has been over the ground, and is delighted with it. He says that it is one of the best and most beautiful fishing and shooting preserves in this country, and that it is very well stocked with trout and game already, although there has not been much of an effort made in this direction so far. Mr. A. H. King intends to pay his first visit to the preserve this week. Alec will spy out the most "likely places" for future use.

Big hearted and jolly old Frank Parmelee, of Omaha, Neb., has lots of good friends and admirers in Pittsburg, and they were all very much pleased when they heard that Frank had defeated J. A. R. Elliott in their last 100-bird match. They say that Frank was rather piling it on when he made it three straight.

"Sandy McPherson" is becoming quite numerous of late. He has two 100-bird (pigeon) matches on hand at the present time, one with "Rickey" and one with "Fargo." "Sandy" will run against a snag one of these fine days, but it may not happen till he shoots his 100-Blue Rock race with "Old Hoss."

Councilman A. C. L. Hofmeister and Bob Phillips are Pittsburg's most enthusiastic coon hunters. Nothing pleases these two "night owls" better than to be on a parade after coons. OLD HOSS.

STAR RIFLE CLUB.

Charles Henz Finished on Top With J. Loebel Second.

About fifty members of the Star Rifle Club, under the command of Captain Martin Brecher, took part in that organization's annual rifle contests at the Zettler Club's range, Brooklyn, on Nov. 27. There were contests at both the ring and bullseye targets, and at the ring target each member was allowed ten shots, off hand. There were 25 prizes at this target. Charles Henz finished at the top with 243 points. Then followed John Loebel with 232, M. A. Stern 231, Frank Lindkloster 229, Henry F. Schultheiss 226, Joseph Arnold 222, Peter J. Dyroff 221, James Hall 219, P. C. Guhl 218, Otto Janicke 216, Captain Brecher 214, John Albert 214, T. A. Hergert 214, George Schlegel 213, Joseph Lachner 213, U. A. Schottcher 212, John Zapf 212, John Haberer 211, Henry Albert 210, Peter Reinhardt 208, Charles C. Koch 207, J. A. Stumpf 203, Henry Baeser 203 and J. C. Belitz 202.

At the bullseye target there were but three prizes. Each man was allowed to fire as many shots as he cared to pay for, his best bullseye to count and to be decided by measurement. Henry F. Schultheiss won first prize, his best bull measuring but 20 degrees. Charles Henz was second with 23 degrees, and H. F. Miller third with 40 degrees.

PHEASANTS IN OHIO.

This Imported Game Bird Will be Protected Until 1900.

Every county in the State of Ohio has been stocked with the Mongolian pheasants which have been bred by the commission at the "pheasantry" in Van Wert County. The commission was not able, because of the small number of birds on hand, to place as many as they wished. About twenty were sent to each county, with instructions to place them in the best cover and under the best protection possible.

The pheasants are still more hardy than the quail, and no winter, however severe, will affect them, as some of our severer winters have the quail. They go about, not in flocks as quails do, but in pairs, or at most, four or six birds together. Wet weather is harder on them than cold weather, for the reason that they have long tails that drag on the ground. When these get wet the birds cannot fly easily,

and so the more easily become the victims of their natural enemies.

It will not be lawful to kill the pheasants until 1900. In the meantime those under whose protection the new game birds have been placed will be compelled to keep a sharp watch on the hunters to see that they do not molest them.

PRINCETON OUTSHOTS YALE.

The "Tigers" Gun Club Evens up Matters With the Blue.

The blue of Yale was dragged through the dust, or rather the snow, at the shooting grounds of the New York Athletic Club, on Dec. 4, by a quintet of experts representing Princeton University. The prize at stake was a silver loving cup, which became the property of the wearers of the orange and black by a grand total of 214 killed to their opponents' 197, the highest possible being 300.

Harvard had won the cup once, and Yale and Princeton twice, and as this was the final competition for the trophy enthusiasm and interest ran high. Princeton's team was coached by Arthur Buckingham Gladwin, a former Princeton expert, while Yale's forces were looked after by the amateur pigeon shot, George S. McAlpin, of the Carteret Gun Club.

The championship of the colleges was practically settled by the event, at least as far as this season is concerned. In the last match at New Haven Eli won by a margin of ten kills.

Travers Island looked decidedly picturesque in its early winter garb, and although the trees, terraces and club houses were snow clad, splashes of green sprung up here and there, and what foliage the trees possessed was of a reddish brown tint. The conditions were far from being favorable, the light being very trying and a heavy fog bank hanging just outside the boundary most of the time, a fact which caused the boys to have their work cut out for them.

There was a nasty cold drizzle throughout the afternoon, but the ardor of the contestants was always at fever heat in direct contrast to their fingers, which were well nigh frozen. The conditions called for sixteen yards rise, three traps, unknown angles, 60 targets to each man. The scores follow:

PRINCETON GUN CLUB.	
G. E. Bower, '98	10110 10310 11011 10111—13
	00111 01101 00901 11011—11
	10110 11011 10101 01101—12—36
J. Childesder, '99	00011 00011 10101 10110—10
	11111 10011 11111 11101—17
	11100 11011 10110 10000—11—83.
E. L. Kendall, '99	11111 11110 10000 01111—14
	11111 11101 11101 11111—18
	11011 01111 01111 11011—15—47
W. W. Young, '99	10101 11100 11110 10111—14
	01110 11011 01110 11110—14
	11111 11111 10111 11101—18—46
H. S. Falne, '98	11110 10101 11001 11101—14
	11111 11111 01111 01111—18
	10111 11111 01111 10001—15—47
Total	214

YALE GUN CLUB.	
J. E. Buckley, '99	10111 10101 11111 11110—17
	10011 10111 11100 11101—14
	11010 11101 11101 11010—14—45
H. L. Loomis, 1900 S.	
	11011 10001 10001 11100—11
	10010 11110 01011 01011—12
	11101 11101 10111 01101—15—35
W. Bennett, P.G.	11101 01111 11110 01111—16
	01000 00111 11111 10111—13
	01100 01001 11100 10101—10—30
C.B. Spears, 1900	11011 11100 01011 01111—14
	10001 10111 11111 11110—15
	11110 11101 11111 11000—14—43
J. Brown, '99	00111 00111 01111 10101—13
	01111 01010 10100 11101—12
	00000 10111 00010 10000—7—32
Total	190

GLENVILLE GUN CLUB SHOOT.

J. A. C. Had the Best Score in the Bi-Monthly Meet.

The regular bi-monthly shoot of the Glenville Gun Club was held on the grounds off Lake View avenue, Cleveland, on Dec. 3. The attendance and shooting were good considering the state of the weather. The score:

J. A. C.	11101 10111 11111 11001	11111 10111	.....—30 25
Brown	11101 10111	11101 01111	.....—30 24
Wisbart	11101 10110	11101 01110	.....—36 20
Wirls	11101 00901	01100 00100	.....—34 16
Fellows	11111 11101	00001 10001	.....—33 21
Evans	10110 11101	10111 10111	.....—32 22
W. W.	10100 10100	01101 01010	.....—30 15
Aul	00000 00100	01010 10110	.....—30 9

MAINE BIG GAME.

What the Statistics Have to Prove For the Season.

Statistics prove that there is an abundance of big game "way down in Maine." One railway company in that State gives a record of the large game shipped from various stations along the line during October, showing a total of 1246 deer, 55 moose and 20 caribou, transported out of that portion of the Maine woods in one month. This does not, of course, include the large numbers killed by native hunters and consumed in camps. Singular as it may seem, there were no caribou shipped from Caribou, but several moose were forwarded from that point. This does not seem to be in accord with "the eternal fitness of things," and it may amaze experienced hunters to learn that more than one-third of the output was from the station of Greenville.

PARMELEE WON.

THE OMAHA SHOT DEFEATS J. A. R. ELLIOTT.

He Killed 97 Out of 100 Live Birds—One Lost in the Last 85—Elliott Hardly up to His Average—Details of the Match.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 2.—Frank Parmelee, of this city, defeated J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas City, Mo., in a 100 live-bird match at this city to-day. This is not the first time that Elliott has met defeat at the hands of Parmelee, who is one of the nerviest pigeon shots in America.

"Jim" Elliott has been shooting in brilliant form for some time past and concluded to give the Omaha man another race, to see if he could regain his lost laurels. The result shows that he was no match for Parmelee, who won by the score of 97 to 91.

Parmelee started off like a winner by grassing 23 out of the first 25, losing the seventh, dead outside, and the 15th, a clean miss.

Elliott started in very poorly by losing his first and fifth birds, the 13th also escaped, and the 17th and 22d fell dead out of bounds. This left the Omaha gunner three birds in the lead.

Parmelee increased his lead on the second string of 25 by killing the entire number, while Elliott lost one bird. On the third string each man killed 24 out of the 25. Parmelee ran the last string of 25 straight and Elliott lost two out of the same number.

Parmelee made two runs of 42 straight. From the 15th bird to the 58th he killed straight, and after losing that bird ran 42 more without a miss.

Elliott made a run of 23 straight, which was his best score of successive kills. He was unfortunate on losing birds dead out of bounds, four being scored against him in this manner.

The conditions were 100 live birds, 30 yards rise, A. S. A. rules, for \$100 a side. Snow fell during the progress of the match and the shooting was difficult. The scores follow:

Frank Parmelee (30 yds.)	22212 1*222 22220 22212 22222—23
	22222 22222 12222 11222 22222—25
	22222 22022 22222 22222 22222—24
	22222 22222 22222 22222 22222—25—97
J. A. R. Elliott (30 yds.)	02120 22122 21022 1*222 2*222—20
	22221 22221 22222 02222 22222—24
	22222 22222 22222 02222 22222—24
	22222 22222 22222 22222 22222—23—91

Parmelee used a Remington gun, E. C. powder and U. M. C. shells.

Elliott used a Winchester repeating shotgun, E. C. powder and Leader shells.

PENNSYLVANIA'S GUN CLUB.

They Will Meet a Team From Lehigh University.

A team shoot between the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Gun Clubs has been arranged for Feb. 26. It will be shot on the home grounds, at Fernwood, and the teams are to be composed of either five or six men, each man to shoot at 30 birds, known traps and angles. It is highly probable that a team match will also be held with Cornell at Ithaca or in this city, but as yet nothing definite has been decided. Dec. 18 is being kept an open date, and if the conditions prove satisfactory to both teams, this will be the day the shoot will come off.

An answer in reply to a challenge sent by Pennsylvania to Yale has been received, in which the latter regrets that owing to the nearness of the midwinter examinations it will be impossible to hold a team match.

MORFEY AND ZWIRLEIN TIE

At a Live Bird Sweep Shot at Morristown.

A live bird sweep was shot on the Driving Park, at Morristown, N. J., on Dec. 1. The conditions were: 20 birds, handicap rise; entrance \$15; birds extra. The birds were a very fine lot and Tom Morfey, of Paterson, and Chas. Zwirlein, of Yardville, divided on 17 out of 20. Jas. Timmons grassed 15 and Frank Wolf 13 out of the 20 birds shot at.

In a miss and out event Morfey and Wolf divided on 7 kills each. In another miss and out Zwirlein and Morfey divided.

The scores of the 20 bird race follow:
T. M. Morfey (30) ... 22220 11221 21211 10022—17
Wm. Timmons (29) ... 12212 10120 22222 01022—15
Frank Wolf (29) ... 22210 01022 01211 01022—13
Chas. Zwirlein (30) ... 11110 12121 10102 11122—17

ENGLAND DEFEATS CROSSLAND.

A Fine Score Made in a Fifty Bird Race.

An interesting shooting match at live pigeons took place at the grounds of the Hazelwood Gun Club, Pittsburg, Pa., on Dec. 3, between J. E. England, known as "Bessemmer," and J. Crossland. They shot for \$100 and the loser to pay all expenses. Each man shot at 50 birds and England won by a score of 49 to 45.

Bill McCrickart looked after England and W. S. King was referee. There was a great deal of interest in the match.
J. England. 01111 11111 11111 11111 11111—24
11111 11111 11111 11111 11111—25—49
Crossland. 11111 11111 11111 11111 11111—23
01111 11111 11011 01111 11111—22—45



THOSE YOU KNOW.

NOT TOO PERSONAL BUT JUST PERSONAL ENOUGH.

Bits of News and Gossip About Men Whom All Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

"Tod" Sloane, the American jockey, participated in a pigeon shoot at the Newmarket Gun Club, London, England, on Nov. 30. The prize was a silver cup and was won by W. Beresford.

A. W. DuBray, of Parker Bros., is now on a trip through the South in the interest of the Parker gun. He enjoyed some duck shooting at Shreveport, La., with the only one Sam Enders, and bagged 68 ducks in one day and 45 on another. At Memphis, Tenn., he enjoyed some pigeon shooting with members of the Memphis Gun Club and found J. C. Neely, Jr., and Judge Walker improving steadily in their shooting. Mr. DuBray used a 20-bore Parker on ducks one day and did splendid execution.

George Rafferty, of Campello, defeated Daniel Walker, of Pottsville, Pa., in a live bird match at Campello, on Nov. 29, by the score of 11 to 10. Each man shot at 15 live birds, Rhode Island rules, for \$100 a side.

J. D. Gay, of Pine Grove, Ky., won the Kentucky Futurity Handicap at Louisville on Nov. 25, killing 48 out of 50 live birds, 31yds. rise. Mr. Gay won the same event last year on 49 out of 50. He used a Parker gun, 3-1-3 drams Hazard "Blue Ribbon" smokeless and Leader shells, loaded by the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

J. L. Porter killed 48 out of 50 live birds in a match at Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 27.

T. W. Stake, of Schoverling, Daly & Gales, New York, won the cup at the November shoot of the Crescent Athletic Club, on Nov. 27, and the prize because his personal property. He used a Daly gun and Walsrode powder.

A gentleman has written to us wishing to dispose of a couple of young timber wolves. Here is a chance for a wolf chase in Pennsylvania.

John Dillin and Nathan Pechin, two members of the Radnor (Pa.) Gun Club, have returned from a two weeks' gunning trip in the South Mountain country. They brought home three rabbits, one grouse, three hawks and two red squirrels. They report game scarce.

J. A. R. Elliott grassed 25 live birds straight in a practice shoot at Kansas City, on Nov. 27, using the Winchester gun.

John Fanning, the clever Californian, killed 99 out of 100 live birds, 30 yards rise, at St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 24. He lost his eighth bird, and run the last 92 straight. He also killed 25 straight birds in the live-bird event of the tournament.

Charlie Zwirlein, the popular proprietor of the shooting grounds and Country Hotel at Yardville, N. J., won the 20 live bird sweep at Yardville on Dec. 2, killing 20 straight birds from the 30yd. mark. He used a Parker gun, Hazard "Blue Ribbon" smokeless and U. M. C. smokeless shells; a U. M. C. factory load.

Theo. Thomas defeated John Gerber in a 25 live bird match at Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 29, by the score of 21 to 19.

Frank Parmelee, of Omaha, Neb., defeated J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas City, Mo., in a 100 live bird match, by the score of 97 to 91. The match was shot in Omaha for \$100 a side, and snow fell during the progress of the race.

Tom Morfey, of Paterson, N. J., and Chas. Zwirlein, of Yardville, N. J., divided the 20 bird handicap sweep at Morristown, N. J., on Dec. 1, each killing 17 out of the 20 birds, 30yds. rise.

A pair of cuffs, with buttons, were left at the Silver Lake Gun Club grounds at the League shoot on Nov. 6. The owner can have same by calling at this office and proving property.

The game supply has been very fair in New Jersey this season, and many gunners who have found the right localities have enjoyed good shooting. The crop of signs, however, is beyond description. Wherever you go they will be seen. There are several varieties of signs in New Jersey game fields. Here are a few samples: "Guers

keep of," "No trespassing aloud;" while the "keep off" signs were very plentiful. A few showed shot marks and some were badly injured, but looked strong enough to withstand a hard winter. The supply of signs is likely to last in New Jersey for many years to come, at least the farmers say so, owing to the average gunner mistaking their chickens for wild game.

Neaf Apgar, the popular shooter and proprietor of the club house at Orange Lake, N. Y., is rapidly recovering from the shotgun wound in his foot, and will not lose any part of that member, as was first reported. The many friends of Neaf will be glad to learn that he will soon be around again in his usual good health.

J. J. Hollowell, "U. M. C., Jr." of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., Bridgeport, Conn., attended the monthly shoot of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League, on Dec. 4. Mr. Hollowell is a member of the Florists' Gun Club, and shot at their traps, making the highest score, and the Florists took second place, maintaining their lead in the League. "U. M. C., Jr." left that evening for Chicago to attend the big matches there during this week.

J. E. England ("Bessemer") defeated J. Crossland in a 50 live pigeon match at Pittsburg, Pa., on Dec. 3, by the score of 49 to 45.

W. H. Thompson won the prize shoot of the New Utrecht Rod and Gun Club, at Brooklyn, on Dec. 4, breaking twenty-four out of twenty-five targets.

E. R. Martin defeated S. N. Van Meter in a live bird match, under Rhode Island rules, at Bridesburg, Pa., last week by the score of 7 to 4 out of 8 birds shot at, trap and handle rule.

The following story is told on a Philadelphia gunner, but we will not give his name to the public. He was on a grouse hunting trip and carried a Winchester "brush" gun—one of the kind that you can keep shooting at a bird until it flies out of sight. One day he was out after the swift-winged grouse and one got up in front of him and flew in a circle to get out of the woods. The Philadelphia gunner began working the pump gun on the bird, but failed to hit it, but he got up such action that he completed the circle, firing all the time. When the gun was empty he was afraid to stir out of his tracks, as the air was so full of shot in all directions that a shadow couldn't make a safe exit.

James Hildreth, of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., has returned to New York from his Southern trip. He found trade somewhat broken in the extreme south, owing to the yellow fever excitement, but of course he booked a good lot of orders for Winchester goods wherever he went.

The editor of a California paper made a great kick in his editorial columns over the cruelty of leaving Blue Rocks to die a lingering death on the grounds, as none of them were retrieved after being shot. "A gun store in that city took a few partially broken targets and hung them up in their front window, and marked them "wounded Blue Rock pigeons."

Wm. Mills, formerly with W. F. Quimby & Co., New York, has accepted a position with the Iver Johnson Arms and Cycle Works, and will be in their New York office.

Jack Bethel, of New York, formerly with the W. F. Quimby Co., went to the Klondike last August. He has just returned to New York after a very unpleasant experience in the gold fields.

Mr. Ogden won the second shoot for the E. C. and Schultze Cup at Warwick, N. Y., on Dec. 2, breaking 36 out of 50 targets; Williams scored 33 and Rogers 31.

Mrs. L. C. Underwood, of Mineola, L. I., made the top score at a rifle shoot in that place on Dec. 6.

Will Wolstencroft, of Philadelphia, the expert champion, is now in the South on a quail shooting expedition. When any quail get away from "Willie" they have to fly up out of gun shot.

Rolla O. Helkes, of Dayton, O., defeated Charles Grimm, of Clear Lake, Ia., at Watson's grounds, Chicago, on Dec. 6, for the Cast Iron Medal. The conditions were 100 live birds each, 30 yards rise, U. S. A. rules. Helkes killed 91 and had two dead out of bounds. He used a Winchester repeating shot gun and Winchester ammunition, with E. C. powder. Rolla is again a champion.

John J. Sumpter, Jr., of Hot Springs, Ark., has gone for quail and ducks to Scott County, Ark., with his old friend, John W. Pemberton. The latter has a plantation of 5000 acres, and the privileges of about 10,000 more. Quail are plentiful there, and these two cracks will have lots of fun.

Tom Keller, of the Peters Cartridge Co., and King Powder Co., has gone on a Western trip for his firms. He will stop in Chicago this week, and see the big matches. If he tries his hand at live birds the Westerners will have their hands full keeping him down. In California they consider Tom a champion live-bird shot.

The many friends of Neaf Apgar intend giving him a benefit shoot the first week in January. Neaf is a very popular sportsman and proprietor of the Pine Point club house, at Orange Lake, Newburgh, N. Y. Recently he was injured by the accidental discharge of a friend's gun, and the Newburgh sportsmen have decided to give him a benefit shoot. If there is a place in the country that trap shoots are popular it is at Newburgh, and the members of that club have conducted enough tournaments to know

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how they should be conducted. Neaf's many acquaintances will turn out on this occasion, and show what real friends amount to. The shoot will last two days, one day at targets and one at live birds. There will be other attractions for the sportsmen besides shooting, and the Orange Lake Ice Boat Club will have some races. The shoot will be held at Pine Point, and all will have a good time. We hope it will be a rousing meeting of good fellows. WILL K PARK.

THE SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION.

The Fly Casting Tournament Will Again be a Feature.

Among the many attractive features of the coming Sportsmen's Exposition, to be held at Madison Square Garden, Jan. 13 to 22, will be that of bait casting. Followers of Izaak Walton who delight in casting the fly will enjoy a programme of contests consisting of 17 events, among which will be black bass fly casting, fly casting for accuracy only, also distance and obstacle casting. There will be a ladies' fly casting contest, for which no entrance fee will be charged. There will be a Switch or Pritchard style contest, open to all; also the press fly casting contest, open to members of the press only; no entrance fee charged. The prizes to be awarded will be for accuracy, long distance and obstacle casting, and consist of handsome gold, silver and bronze medals, donated by the National Sportsmen's Association as first, second and third prizes respectively. For bait casting the committee will provide one-half ounce rubber frogs. The Tournament Committee consists of Wm. C. Harris, editor of the "Angler," chairman; Gonzalo Poy, secretary; Robt. B. Lawrence, Frederick Engle, Chas. A. Bryan.

The exhibition of boats and craft for sportsmen will be far in excess of anything heretofore exhibited in this country. There will also be two of the most attractive natural exhibits from the woods of Maine, as well as the Adirondacks and Jackson Hole region. The great ammunition factories and the big power companies, with characteristic enterprise and public spirit, will doubtless as heretofore contribute some of the most striking displays in the Garden. Many of these companies have secured their old spaces, and may be depended upon to combine both the educational and spectacular in their displays. Rifles and shotguns will as at past exhibitions contribute one of the chief features of the show, while the exhibit of mounted heads and game specimens by leading taxidermists and individual sportsmen promises to be even more imposing than at any of the previous exhibitions. Quite in keeping with this interest of the tradesmen is the growing popularity of the Sportsmen's Exposition with the lay members of the craft. With the show over a month hence letters and applications for membership are pouring in on the Sportsmen's Association, at their headquarters, No. 377 Broadway, New York City.

AUDUBON GUN CLUB.

Smith, O'Brien and Lodge Won the Club Medals.

Despite the disagreeable weather a number of expert trap-shooters gathered at Audubon Park, Buffalo, N. Y., on Dec. 4, for the weekly sport. No. 3 event was the badge shoot. E. W. Smith won Class A; J. O'Brien Class B, and J. E. Lodge won Class C. In the live bird event, the last, the high honors were carried off by Uebelhoer and McCarney. Scores:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6
Targets	10	15	23	15	15	10
Talsma	5	21	—	—	—	—
E. C. Burkhardt	9	10	12	12	8	—
Norden	5	11	13	7	6	7
C. S. Burkhardt	7	10	16	12	12	8
George McArthur	6	8	17	9	8	7
J. Uebelhoer	13	11	10	9	10	8
Leo Bennet	12	19	10	9	8	—
Winchester	19	12	9	—	—	—
Jacobs	19	6	9	—	—	—
W. R. Eaton	20	14	—	—	—	—
R. H. Hebard	20	9	9	5	—	—
George Zoeller	18	10	11	—	—	—
E. N. McCarney	18	13	10	9	—	—
U. E. Storey	14	6	—	—	—	—
J. J. O'Brien	22	11	7	—	—	—
J. E. Lodge	17	11	7	—	—	—
E. P. Reynold	14	—	—	—	—	—

THE HOUSE OF LORDS MEDAL.

Chris Steinbock Won the Missouri-Kansas Championship.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 3.—The Missouri-Kansas championship gold medal known as the "House of Lords Medal," awarded to the best amateur live bird shot and held by W. E. Morgan, of Joplin, was won by Chris Steinbock, also of Joplin, in a live bird shoot to-day. Morgan won the Missouri-Kansas championship at the last annual shooting tournament, killing twenty-five birds without a miss. The House of Lords medal went with the championship, but had to be successfully defended against all amateurs. Morgan won two contests, and then received five more challenges, all of which he accepted for

last Monday. In that shoot Morgan, Steinbock and Taylor Cox tied for first place, each killing twenty-four birds out of twenty-five. In the deciding contest to-day Steinbock and Cox each got twenty-two birds out of twenty-five, while Morgan got but twenty-one. In shooting off the tie at ten birds Steinbock killed his ten, while Cox killed nine.

Immediately after the contest Morgan challenged Steinbock to shoot for the medal at Galena next Monday. The challenge was accepted.

KANSAS CITY CRACK SHOTS.

The Elliott Brothers Tied For the High Honors.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—The shooters who represent Kansas City at the intercity shooting match in Chicago next week gathered at the Washington Park traps yesterday afternoon and forming two teams shot a match race of 25 birds to a man. A thick blanket of snow covered the ground and made the shooting of white birds extremely difficult, as it was impossible to distinguish an incoming from an outgoing bird when a white pigeon rose from the traps. J. A. R. Elliott captained the winning team yesterday, and J. B. Porter was captain of the vanquished team. The score was 109 to 102. The Elliotts—Jim and Dave—tied on 24 birds each. Ed Hickman killed 23 and J. B. Porter killed 22. The score:

J. B. Porter	22222	22220	22222	00122	12222	—	22
G. Stockwell	21200	12120	12222	02122	12222	—	21
J. E. Riley	01022	12122	10100	20200	02222	—	16
J. M. Curtice	20202	12022	22022	02222	22220	—	19
Dave Elliott	22211	11112	11111	11211	11220	—	24

Total 109. The men who will represent Kansas City at Chicago are justly entitled to be called "the big ten," as the average weight of the members of the team is 210 pounds.

The monthly shoot of the Stock Yards Gun Club took place at Washington Park yesterday afternoon. The club's medal was won by R. G. Hendley. Stockwell was high man, with fourteen birds out of fifteen. Campbell, Barse, Steel, Walden and Mustion each killed twelve. The scores:

ZETTLER RIFLE CLUB.

Louis P. Hansen Led For the Evening's Shooting.

The regular shoot in the indoor or winter tournament of the Zettler Rifle Club, of Brooklyn, took place on the evening of Dec. 1, at the club's 75 yard range. All of the experts, with the exception of champion Fred C. Ross, were on hand. In the contest each fired five strings of ten shots with the following results:

	Strings	Total
L. P. Hansen	238 245 247 247	247-1,224
Henry Holges	247 244 246 243	239-1,219
Louis Flach	240 244 248 240	245-1,217
Louis Flach	240 244 248 240	245-1,217
M. J. Dorrler	243 244 243 246	241-1,216
Reinhold Busse	246 241 245 245	238-1,215
C. G. Zettler	243 243 244 238	241-1,209
Geo. P. Williams	238 243 244 238	235-1,199
C. G. Zettler, Sr.	240 236 240 238	239-1,193
W. A. Hicks	236 241 242 240	242-1,193
Bernard Zettler	238 235 233 241	238-1,185
S. A. Buzzini	224 230 235 238	242-1,178
M. B. Engel	232 237 222 235	228-1,155
H. D. Muller	210 235 233 225	232-1,144
John Bodenstab	227 238 228 228	220-1,143
Thos. P. McKenna	214 212 220 224	228-1,107

DEER KILLED IN TOWN.

White Haven Sportsmen Stay at Home to Kill Big Game.

The little town of White Haven, situated on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, about a hundred miles north of Philadelphia, had a sensation last week, so says an exchange. This time the diversion is furnished by wild game which invaded the town. Two large deer reached the borders of the town, having been chased from the vicinity of the borough a number of dogs took up the trail and between the yelping of the pack of hounds and yells of scores of boys the entire town was soon thrown in a pandemonium of excitement. One of the animals was killed in his tracks, while the other was chased into the Lehigh River and was afterward captured. He weighed 175 pounds.

Deer are said to be so plentiful in the vicinity of White Haven that few hunters visit the woods without running across one or more.

TRAP SHOOTING

WAYNE WINNERS

IN THE EIGHTH MONTHLY HANDICAP TEAM CONTEST.

Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League Hold Another Successful Tourney —Bad Weather Spoiled the Sport, But 70 Shooters Were Present.

The eighth monthly team contest and open tournament of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League took place on the new grounds of the Wayne Gun Club, at Sixteenth and Courtlandt streets, Philadelphia, on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Like all previous shoots of this strong shooting organization, a large number of trap shots were present, notwithstanding that the weather was the most disagreeable for outdoor sports. The day was close and foggy, and a constant rain fell all day, or rather a heavy mist, which was really more disagreeable than ordinary rain, as it seemed to fill the air and float into the tents and club house, while umbrellas afforded but little protection from the awful dampness, and it was impossible to keep the score sheets dry.

THE GROUNDS WERE NEW. and located on a low meadow, consequently rubber boots were the proper articles for footwear when one stepped off from the boardwalk, which led from the club house to the main set of traps. The dark day, misty rain and poor background made very difficult shooting, and the scores were far below the average.

From the appearance of the weather in the morning it looked very much as though the League would meet with its first failure, but the clubs comprising this organization are not the kind that stay at home because the atmosphere is wet and the grounds covered with mud, and by 2 o'clock nearly seventy shooting men were on the grounds. It is certainly very pleasing to those at the head of this League to know the real interest taken in these matches.

THE WAYNE GUN CLUB have lately been strengthened by the Forest Gun Club, and the two clubs have combined their forces and made a shooting ground for both. The men in charge had their hands full on this day, as the rain drove all within doors when not shooting, and the two small club houses were taxed to their full capacity.

THE OPEN SWEEPS began in the morning with a few of the faithful ones present. John Burton, Howard Ridge, Irwin Houpt, of Dresherton; Pete and Jacob Yost, of Norristown; Dr. Pepper, J. Daly and a few others could not be kept away from a shooting match by a little thing like a cold, dreary rainy day. But eleven events were shot, and considering the difficult conditions some very good scores were made.

Among the visitors was J. J. Hollowell, of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, of Bridgeport, Conn. He is a member of the Florists' Gun Club, and stopped off to help them win second place and maintain their lead in the league. He was on his way to the Chicago shoot, and the boys all wished him success. If Hollowell continues to visit the Philadelphia Trap



Shooters' League shoots the other shell manufacturers had better have representatives present or they will find a dropping off in their trade in this city. Shannon & Sons had a large tent on the grounds, which was very much appreciated by the shooters, and W. Mink, who was in charge, did a good business in Shannon's hand loaded shells. The firm of Shannon & Sons, of Philadelphia, are rapidly coming to the front as dealers in sporting goods, and their hand loaded shells are very popular with the trap shooters.

THE TEAM MATCH started shortly after 1 o'clock, with the Roxborough Club at the score. The Wayne Club should have led, but as their full team was not present they shot in second place. The Wayne Club took first honors, with 144 broken, having a good handicap of 222 targets to shoot at. The strong Florists' Club came in second after a poor start by breaking 136 out of a possible 167, which was the best average made by any of the teams. The Florists lead in the team race for the eight contests and have shot a regular steady race from the start. They surely put in a regular shooting team on this day, as three men scored 24, two 23 and one man fell down to 18. The Roxborough Club followed closely, with one less target, scoring 135 out of a possible 190. Silver Lake took third with 134 broken out of 175 shot at. University broke 133 out of 203. It proves the fairness of the handicap when four clubs are separated by only one target. The Penn Club came next with 129 broken out of 170. Glenwillow followed with 127 out of 216. Frankford fell down badly, breaking but 118 out of 189; Forest broke 114 out of 224; Southwark broke 101 out of 203, and the Independent Club, the scratch team of the League, broke 100 out of 130. They had but five men present and were obliged to take last place. Had their full team been present the result would have been different. The Keystone Shooting League, which joined the organization after its fourth shoot, were again absent.

The best shooting in the team match was done by Howard Ridge, who scored his twenty-six straight. This is really a remarkable score under the unfavorable conditions of bad light, bad grounds and rain. W. Mink "Shannon" came next, with 27 broken out of 29. Blunden lost three out of thirty-two. Hollowell lost three out of twenty-seven; Kistler lost four out of thirty-four; Jackson lost four out of twenty-eight; "Life" and Cartledge each lost four out of twenty-eight. Bell and Burton each lost five out of twenty-eight. Ritter lost five out of twenty-nine. Houpt lost five out of twenty-six.

The office work was in charge of J. K. Starr, who was an efficient man in that position. William Morison, Mr. Soistman and others of the Wayne Gun Club, did the hustling. The scores follow:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Targets	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	10	15	10	10
Burton	9	8	9	9	9	8	13	6	12	9	9
Houpt	9	9	8	8	8	8	13	8	12	10	8
Ridge	9	7	9	8	8	8	14	10	12	9	10
Gleason	9	6	7	7	7	7	5	7	5	7	5
Daly	8	8	9	9	10	5	14	5	8	8	8
McMichael	8	4	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
R. G. P.	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Johnson	8	5	5	5	5	5	13	14	14	14	14
J. Yost	7	5	8	8	9	11	5	5	5	5	5
S. P. Life	7	7	8	8	11	8	8	8	8	8	8
Jones	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cowan	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Jenkins	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
T. V. Smith	6	6	6	6	6	6	13	13	13	13	13
McFalls	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Neilson	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Landis	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	12	8	10	10
Shannon	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5
Gilmour	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Morison	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Soistman	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
"U. M. C., Jr."	6	6	6	6	6	6	13	6	14	9	3
Hagin	6	6	6	6	6	6	10	6	13	10	10
La Rue	6	6	6	6	6	6	9	7	7	7	7
Blundin	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	8
Hahn	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	14	6	6	6
Kirk	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7
Morgan	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	9	5	9
Weinman	6	6	6	6	6	6	13	8	8	8	8
Weaver	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	10	10	10	10
Vincent	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Ward	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
H. Thurman	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Ford	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Fisher	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Buckwalter	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Gordon	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

Woodstager	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Redifer	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Parrish	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
West	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Rowcroft	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Reed	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Team match, 6 men to each team, 25 targets and handicap, known angles.											
Wayne Gun Club (222)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Daly	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
McMichael	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Morgan	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Van Nort	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Soistman	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Emery	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144
Florists' Gun Club (167)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Burton	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
S. P. Life	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Cartledge	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Smith	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Bell	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Hallowell	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136
Roxborough Gun Club (190)	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Blundin	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Gilmour	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Gyles	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
McFalls	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Free	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Pepper	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
*Gilmour's score shows 10 misses, but the total is carried out 23.											
Silver Lake Gun Club (175)	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Hahn	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Shannon	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Winch'ter	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Woodst'g'	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Vincent	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
La Rue	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134
University Gun Club (203)	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Kistler	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Singer	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Steel	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Neilson	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Weaver	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Parrish	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133
Penn Gun Club (170)	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
J. Yost	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Ritter	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Smith	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Jenkins	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Hagy	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Johnson	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
Glenwillow Gun Club (216)	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Weinman	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Cowan	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Stumm	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Butler	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Innes	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Hinkle	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127

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TRAP SHOOTING AT YARDVILLE.

CHARLIE ZWIRLEIN LANDS FIRST PRIZE IN THE SWEEP.

Captain J. L. Brewer Took Second Place—Some Good Shooting Done on Fast Birds—Frank Class Again at the Traps—Details of the Sport.

A very interesting pigeon shooting contest took place at Yardville, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 2, on the grounds managed by Chas. Zwirlein, a popular sportsman and crack shot. The Yardville grounds have long had a very enviable reputation for "fast birds," and "mine hest" Zwirlein understands how to get good birds and handle them to secure the best speed. The birds on this occasion were up to the usual standard, being freshly caught, strong country birds, which had been cooped but a few hours, and most of them had been caught and brought to the grounds on the previous day.

Zwirlein's grounds are not the easiest to shoot over, owing to the location. The wind has a good, clean sweep across the flat Jersey country and nearly all of the birds are drivers.

The best record on these grounds is 94 out of 100. Among the visitors on this day were Captain J. L. Brewer, of New York; Tom Morfev and H. Wolff, of Paterson, N. J.; James Timmons and Frank Class, of Morristown, N. J., the latter being at the traps for the first time in several months; Hank White, of Red Bank, N. J., a noted one-barrel shot; Geo. Cubberly, of Yardville, known as "One-Barrel Cubberly," because of his wonderful one-barrel work; Ben C. Kuser, of Trenton, N. J.; L. Hendrickson, of Bordentown, N. J.; Jacob Pentz, of New York, and Will K. Park, of Philadelphia.

The shooting began after dinner with a couple of six-bird sweeps, and three miss and out events. Cubberly, White, Zwirlein and Wolff divided the first. Timmons, Cubberly, White and Brewer the second on straight scores. Class won the first miss and out on five kills, Morfev, Kuser and Brewer losing their fifth bird. Class and Brewer split the next miss and out on three kills each. The last miss and out was divided on the third round, owing to the supply of birds being exhausted.

The big event of the day was a 20-bird race, with an entrance of \$10. It was first intended to have the entrance \$15, but by agreement of the contestants it was cut to \$10. This was a spirited match, and Zwirlein won first alone on a straight score of 20. Brewer's eyes bothered him and he lost his 16th bird, taking second money. Class took third money alone on 18, losing his last bird. Three men killed 17 each, one 16 and two 15 out of the 20.

The day was dark, and the air chilly, and a fair wind helped the right-quartering birds. The grounds have been improved since last season by the removal of the high board fence around the outer boundary, so that the outgoing birds do not fly as high as when a high fence confronted them. Jacob Pentz acted as scorer and Will K. Park as referee. The scores follow:

Events 1 and 2 were 6 birds, \$3; two moneys; class shooting; all 30yds.	No. 1.	No. 2.
Timmons	222*22-5	222222-6
Morfev	22*222-5	211022-5
Cubberly	111121-6	121111-6
White	221112-6	112222-6
Zwirlein	212121-6	100w-1
Wolff	122222-6	222222-5
Brewer	221202-5	121222-6

Events 3, 4 and 5 were miss and out, \$1; birds extra.

	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
Morfev, 30yds	22120-4	2*-1	122-3
Zwirlein, 30yds	10-1	10-1	112-3
Wolff, 28yds	210-2	110-2	0-0
Class, 30yds	22212-5	122-3	2*-1
Cubberly, 30yds	10-1		
Kuser, 28yds	12210-4	0-0	112-3
Brewer, 30yds	2222*4	0-0	212-3
Kuser, 28yds		20-1	
Brewer, 30yds		121-3	
Wolff, 28yds		0-0	

Kuser, Brewer and Wolff made re-entry in No. 4.

20 birds, \$10; three moneys; class shooting; all 30yds.

Morfev .. 2222 222*2 01122 22222-17
 Timmons .. 21221 22202 20022 22222-17
 White .. 11010 21211 11201 12111-17
 Zwirlein .. 21121 22121 11112 11221-20
 Wolff .. 12002 11211 01012 21201-15
 Class .. 12222 22221 22222 02222-19
 Brewer .. 11112 20222 22222 22120-18
 Cubberly .. 21209 20111 22212 10912-15
 Kuser .. 22111 12002 22212 02022-16
 Zwirlein won first, Brewer second, Class third. Some of the "star kills" and lost birds were as follows: Morfev lost the fifth, an incomer, dead outside; the ninth, a fast driver, which fell over the outer boundary, and the eleventh, in same direction. Timmons killed a fast right quarterer on the fourth round, and made the finest kill of the day on the fourteenth round, a hard right quarterer. He lost the ninth, a right quarterer; the twelfth, a left quarterer incomer, and the thirteenth, a fast driver. White made a nice kill on the thirteenth, a right quarterer, and the seventeenth, a hard driver. He lost the third, a strong driver, and the fourteenth and fifteenth, two right quarterers. Zwirlein killed well on the fifteenth bird, a fast driver. He

shot in good form and grassed several birds quickly that would have been hard ones if he had been more deliberate. Wolf drew some hard birds, and his third was a twisting driver; the fourth a regular zig-zag right quarterer of the finest kind; the eleventh, a fast right quarterer; the thirteenth, a left quarterer, and the nineteenth, a fast driver, all of which he lost. Captain Brewer complained that his eyes were in bad shape, but he grassed a fast twisting driver on the twentieth round and lost but one bird, a strong driver. Frank Class said he had not shot at the trap for several months, but he got in some of his famous second-barrel kills, and his fourteenth was a good one. He lost the seventh, a driver, and the twentieth, a curving left quarterer, which was rather an easy bird. Cubberly killed a fast quartering bird on the first round and a strong driver on the fifteenth. He lost a left quartering incomer, two drivers and two right quarterers, the tenth being a very fast one. Ben Kuser started in well, killing some fine birds. His eleventh, twelfth and fifteenth were very nice shots. He lost two fast twisting drivers and two strong right quartering birds.

HUCK AGAIN WINNER

At the Boiling Springs Gun Club's Weekly Shoot.

The weekly shoot of the Boiling Spring Gun Club was held on their grounds at Rutherford, N. J., on Dec. 2. The men shot at 50 targets, Sargeant system, with extra allowance as handicap. The prize was a silver service. W. H. Huck added another win to his credit by breaking 50 out of 55 shot at. The scores follow:

Hall ..	11111 11111 10101 11111 01111	44
Huck ..	11111 10011 11111 11101 11111	44
Huck ..	11111 11111 01101 11011 11011	44
Huck ..	11111 11110 11111 11111 11111	44
Handicap ..	11111	50
Piercey ..	11111 11011 11101 10111 01010	38
Piercey ..	01101 01111 11111 01110 11101	38
Nelson ..	11901 10111 01011 01111 11111	41
Nelson ..	11111 01101 10010 11111 01101	41
Handicap (15)	01111 0w	41
Dutcher ..	10300 01010 10111 03011 11111	30
Dutcher ..	03111 11110 10099 11001 11101	30

Hall, Piercey and Dutcher did not shoot their handicap.

Events ..	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Targets ..	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

Huck ..	9 8 10 10 9 8 10 8 7 8
Nelson ..	4 7 9 7 6 7 4 8 10 8
Hall ..	8 9 10 8 10 8 .. 7 9
Piercey ..	6 8 10 8 9 9 10 6 9 8
Dutcher ..	8 5 5 3 .. 7 6 5 7 6

Hall and Piercey shot at 25 targets, the former winning by the score of 23 to 21.

On Dec. 4 the regular monthly club shoot was held. The conditions were 50 targets, unknown, with handicap. Nelson won, with an allowance of 14, scoring 50 out of 64. Banks and Huck shot from scratch and each broke 46 out of the 50. In the sweeps Banks and Huck did the best work. The scores follow:

Banks ..	11111 11111 01111 11111 11111	46
Banks ..	11111 11111 01111 10101 11111	46
Lewis ..	00111 09010 01001 11110 01111	46
Lewis ..	01111 10101 01110 11100 11101	46
Huck ..	11101 11111 11011 11111 11111	46
Huck ..	01111 11111 11111 11111 11101	46
Clark ..	00110 09011 11110 11111 11111	36
Clark ..	10111 11100 10101 11110 10101	36
James ..	10111 11101 11111 10100 01011	43
James ..	01110 11101 11111 10100 11110	43
Nelson ..	01011 11111 11011 11111 11011	50
Nelson ..	001*0 01101 11111 11101 01111	50
Domlnle ..	11011 10111 10010 11101 11110	18
C. McL. Rock ..	11101 11011 00011 11101 11111	19

Domlnle and Rock withdrew on the 25th round.

Events ..	1 2 3 4 5 6
Targets ..	10 10 10 10 10 10

Banks ..	10 8 9 9 9 7
Clark ..	7 9 8 8 8 5
Huck ..	8 8 9 9 9 7
James ..	9 5 8 .. 8 7
Nelson ..	.. .. 8 7
Lewis ..	.. .. 7 8 6

LIVE BIRDS AT DEXTER PARK.

Three Men Kill All But One Bird Out of Ten.

The monthly live-bird shoot of the Coney Island Rod and Gun Club took place Dec. 1 at Dexter Park, L. I., with four members participating. The contest was at ten birds per man, handicap rises, American Association rules governing. Lair, Judge Voorhies and Dr. Raynor tied for first place, but as the scores will count in the averages for the annual prizes, no shoot-off was necessary. The scores:

William Lair, 30yds	21*11 12212-9
Henry Knebel, Jr., 30yds	12210 222*1-9
Dr. F. C. Raynor, 27yds	2*211 22122-9
J. B. Voorhies, 27yds	22022 *1222-8

Sweepstake, 5 birds two moneys; class shooting—William Lair 5, Henry Knebel, Jr., 5; L. B. Voorhies 5, Dr. Raynor 1.

Shoot-off for first money—Lair 4, Knebel 4, Voorhies 4.

A Southern Tournament.

The Charleston Gun Club and the Palmetto Gun Club will give a two days' tournament at Charleston, S. C., on December 16 and 17, under the joint management of those clubs. A nice programme has been arranged, and \$200 in cash added to the purses. The Rose system will be used, and professionals barred from competing for the money, but can shoot for the price of targets. Guns and shells sent to E. W. Beise & Co., Charleston, S. C., will be delivered to the grounds free of charge. The programme calls for ten target events each day, and a large crowd of amateurs will doubtless be attracted to this shoot, as the Charleston boys are a good lot of fellows, and know how to run a shoot properly.

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THOMAS DEFEATS GERBER

In a 25 Live Bird Match Shot at Milwaukee.

Theodore Thomas and John Gerber shot a pigeon match at National Park, Milwaukee, on Dec. 2, to decide a question of superiority, and Thomas won by a score of 21 to 19, each contestant shooting at twenty-five birds. The pigeons were hardy and lively, and the cold northwest wind sent them skimming to the right quarter with the speed of a bullet. At the outset Thomas secured a lead of one bird, as he had killed nine out of ten, and in the next ten gained one more, while both lost a bird in the last five shot at. Following are the scores:

Thomas ..	21111 22*22 22222 20*22 22012-21
Gerber ..	11210 12101 01*02 11222 2*212-19

Several sweeps were shot with the following result:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Gerber ..	21012-4	22022-4	
Thomas ..	22111-5	221*0-3	22122-5
F. Gumz ..	22011-4	201*1-3	11101-4
R. Gumz ..	22211-5	10021-3	11200-3
Skidmore ..			00100-1

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A New Gun Club Formed.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 3.—A gun club has been formed here with a membership of 22. The list is limited to 25. The following officers were elected: President, R. L. Owen; vice president, W. S. Hopkins; secretary and treasurer, G. H. Moore; scorer, W. S. Adair; captain, F. H. Campbell. The club will meet weekly for practice and will compete for prizes and enforce and observe the game laws. P. Howard Campbell made the highest score at their weekly meeting.

South End Gun Club Officers.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 2.—The South End Gun Club, of this city, has elected the following officers: President, Charles Mills; vice president, Joseph Downs; secretary, Peter Texter; treasurer, Martin R. Eschelman; trustees, Frank Gorhard, Francis Yost, Edward Rhoades; captain, William W. Fesick. It was decided to hold the annual holiday shoot of the club on Christmas.



IN ST. LOUIS.

THE FIRST TOURNAMENT A GRAND SUCCESS.

The St. Louis Trap Shooters' League Booming—Heikes Led on Targets—Fanning, Budd and Sergeant Won the Live Event.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27.—The St. Louis Trap Shooters' League held their first tournament on Nov. 24, 25 and 26, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the attendance was good and the shoot a grand success.

Many of the expert shots of the country were present, and the sport will receive a big boom in this part of the country.

Among the visitors were such well-known experts as C. W. Budd, of Des Moines, Ia.; C. M. Grimm, of Clear Lake; Jack Fanning, of Batavia, N. Y.; Frank Faurote, of Dallas, Tex.; W. G. Sergeant, of Joplin, Mo.; W. H. Herman, of Kansas City; R. H. Stockton, of Hannibal, Mo.; H. Hershey, of St. Paul, Minn.; O. J. Howell, of Alton, Ill.; John J. Sumpter, of Hot Springs, Ark.

The trade had their representatives present in R. O. Heikes, J. A. R. Elliott and Captain B. A. Bartlett, representing Winchester Repeating Arms Co.; Fred Gilbert, the champion shot, represented Du Pont powder; S. A. Tucker looked after the Parker Bros. gun; Harvey McMureby was present in the interest of the Hunter Arms Co., with the L. C. Smith gun; Col. A. G. Courtney had samples of the Remington gun for exhibition; J. "147" L. Winston talked on the merit of the Austin Cartridge Co.'s new load, No. 147.

Two sets of traps were used for the target events, arranged on the Sergeant system. The background was none the best, and the shooting rather difficult.

The best work on the first day was done by R. O. Heikes, of Dayton, O., who made an average of 88.6 per cent. for 150 shots. The shooting is surely hard when such men as Heikes, Grimm, Gilbert, Elliott, Budd and Faurote fall below the 90 per cent. mark. Charles Grimm came in second with 88 per cent., breaking one less target than did Heikes. Fred Gilbert broke 131 and his average was 87.3 per cent. The scores follow:

FIRST DAY—NOV. 24.

Events.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	150	Per
Targets.	15	20	15	20	15	20	25	20	25	ct.
Heikes	15	17	15	16	15	17	19	19	133	88.6
Grimm	14	15	14	19	13	17	21	19	132	88
Gilbert	14	16	15	20	11	16	19	20	131	87.3
Elliott	12	19	13	15	14	17	23	18	131	87.3
Faurote	14	18	12	16	14	17	21	18	130	86.6
Budd	13	19	14	16	14	17	20	17	130	86.6
Sergeant	14	18	14	17	14	15	21	16	129	86
Nold	11	15	14	14	14	17	23	20	128	85.3
Taylor	14	15	12	17	14	17	22	15	126	84
Connor	11	18	14	18	12	16	21	16	126	84
Bartlett	15	14	13	16	15	19	18	15	123	82
Kelley	13	15	13	13	15	17	20	16	122	81.2
Smith	12	15	13	17	11	16	21	14	120	80
Chase	13	17	12	14	11	16	21	15	119	79.3
Fanning	12	13	13	16	13	15	19	16	117	78
Courtney	13	14	12	11	17	20	14	14	117	78
Tucker	11	16	11	15	12	16	19	16	116	77.3
Kling	13	17	15	14	10	17	14	11	115	76.6
"147"	13	15	12	16	12	14	19	13	113	75.3
Howell	12	15	13	8	9	22	16	10	108	72
Herman	9	12	12	14	9	14	20	17	107	71.3
Winbinger	9	12	10	12	8	17	15	10	106	66.6
Fink	9	9	10	6	6	16	11	6	85	54
W. H. Herman	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Jones	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cabanne	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11	20	44.4

SECOND DAY, NOV. 25.

The weather was a little better and the wind was not so strong, consequently the experts came up to their regular averages. Heikes again led with 94.6 per cent., breaking 142 out of 150. Faurote, of Texas, demonstrated his ability to stay in fast company, and came in second with 92 per cent. The others were below the 90 per cent. mark. Jim Elliott was third, and Budd fourth. The scores follow:

Events.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	150	Per
Targets.	15	20	15	20	15	20	25	20	25	ct.
Heikes	13	20	13	20	13	20	25	18	142	94.6
Faurote	14	19	13	18	20	23	18	18	138	92
Elliott	13	15	13	13	18	23	19	13	133	88.6
Budd	14	16	14	17	13	23	17	13	131	87.3
Bartlett	14	17	14	18	13	22	17	13	131	87.3
Grimm	14	17	13	16	18	23	17	13	130	86.6
McMureby	13	18	12	17	15	22	15	12	128	85.3
Gilbert	14	15	12	17	13	23	18	12	128	85.3
Tucker	15	16	13	14	16	20	19	16	126	84
Winbinger	13	15	13	14	15	19	15	12	124	82.6
Sumpter	12	17	14	17	12	20	14	12	122	81.3
Fanning	13	18	14	20	12	21	11	11	121	80.6
Chase	10	17	10	16	13	18	21	16	121	80.6
Kling	11	15	13	14	11	18	22	17	121	80.6
Hershey	11	17	11	15	13	16	22	15	120	80
Smith	13	15	10	16	12	15	21	17	119	79.3
Courtney	10	16	11	13	12	17	20	14	118	78.6
Sergeant	10	17	15	14	13	16	12	12	115	76.6
Nold	10	15	12	15	13	18	17	16	114	76
C. C. Herman	9	15	12	14	14	17	12	16	113	75.3
"147"	11	16	10	14	11	17	15	11	111	74
Howell	11	14	11	15	14	14	14	14	109	72.6
Kelley	9	14	9	10	10	15	12	18	105	70
J. Cabanne	8	14	9	5	3	10	11	9	79	52.6
Taylor	13	16	12	13	17	18	18	18	88	58.6
Fink	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Velmeyer	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13

A live-bird match which attracted considerable attention, was shot between J. Fanning, of San Francisco, and Dr. Smith,

of St. Louis. The Californian won, by killing 99 out of 100 birds, 30 yards rise. He lost his eighth bird and killed the next 99 straight. Smith lost his 16th and 75th dead outside, and the 28th a clean miss. The scores follow:

Fanning	22222	22*22	22222	22222	22222	24
	22111	22222	22212	12211	11211	25
	22	21	22222	21222	12121	21112
	12112	22222	22211	22122	22222	23-99
Dr. Smith	22221	22211	22211	22122	12111	24
	11022	11111	22122	11112	21221	24
	21212	22122	21111	21221	11211	24
	12111	12212	11111	21212	12221	25-97

GENERAL AVERAGE.

For the two days' shooting at targets, a total of 300 shots, Heikes again demonstrated his ability to handle the scattered gun and landed first average money with 275 broken out of 300, an average of 91.6 per cent. He was the only one above the 90 per cent. mark. Faurote, of Texas, was second with 89.3 per cent.; J. A. R. Elliott third with 88; Charley Grimm fourth, with 87.3 per cent. Budd took fifth position with an even average of 87 per cent. These five divided the \$45 prize. Surely the experts got the plums in this shoot, and again proved that the average amateur is not in their class. The following shows the standing for the two days:

	1st	2d	Per
	Day.	Day.	Shot at.
Heikes	133	142	300
Faurote	130	138	300
Elliott	131	133	300
Grimm	132	130	300
Budd	130	130	300
Gilbert	131	128	300
Bartlett	123	131	300
Sergeant	128	115	300
Nold	128	114	300
Tucker	116	126	300
Chase	119	121	300
Smith	120	119	300
Fanning	117	121	300
Kling	115	121	300
Courtney	117	118	300
Kelley	122	105	300
"147"	113	111	300
Winbinger	109	124	300
Herman	107	113	300
Howell	108	109	300

THIRD DAY, NOV. 26.

This day was devoted to live birds, and two events were scheduled. The first was a 15-bird race, and six men made clean scores. Five men grassed 14 each and five went into the 13 hole. Only one man succeeded in killing just 12, and that was the famous J. "147" L. Of course one can see that the numbers 1, 4 and 7 foot up to 12.

The big event of the tournament was the 25-bird race, and owing to the large number of entries and but one set of traps being used, the race was not completed on this day and had to be carried over until the following day. The weather was very unfavorable, and the birds of good enough quality to keep the experts busy, and only three men killed straight, Fanning, Budd and Sergeant being the lucky ones. Fred Gilbert and Harvey McMureby fell into a lucky place on 24 kills, the money being divided, class shooting. The 23 place did not pay very well, as eight men killed that number.

The men who finished on Friday did not get any the best of it, as the wind blew harder and the air was cold.

In addition to first money a diamond watch chain valued at \$75 was given to the winner. The three straight men, Budd, Fanning and Sergeant, shot off at 10 birds. Sergeant dropped out on the 7th round, but the other two killed straight. At five more birds Fanning won, killing four, while Budd withdrew on the 12th round, having lost two birds.

The scores follow:

15 birds, \$10; four moneys; class shooting.	
Sumpter	22222 22222 22222-15
Gilbert	22222 21221 22222-15
Sergeant	22122 12112 12122-15
Heikes	22222 22222 22222-15
Winbinger	21212 22212 21122-15
Elliott	22222 22222 22222-15
Fanning	22222 22222 *2222-14
Grimm	22222 22222 22222-14
Budd	12*12 21222 22221-14
McMureby	21211 21212 21012-14
Kling	22122 20112 *2222-14
Taylor	22122 21201 *2222-13
W. Herman	22122 21121 *2222-13
Nold	22122 22122 *2222-13
Smith	22122 *2212 22022-13
Bartlett	2122* 10111 12212-13
"147"	222* 222* 2222-12
Faurote	11*11 00111 21011-11
D. Cabanne	11222 *022* 11222-11
C. Herman	02220 2121 22222-11
Chase	12*20 21022 20001-9
Mallinckrodt	0*111 20212 12000-9
De Wolf	10011 00*21 0000-5

Twenty-five birds, \$15; \$75 added; five moneys; class shooting.

Fanning	21122 22222 22222 22222 22222	25
Budd	22212 21212 22111 21122 22222	25
Sergeant	12122 22122 21112 21222 22222	25
Gilbert	22222 22222 22222 22222 22222	25
McMureby	11112 12112 02111 11221 22122	24
Grimm	22222 22222 22222 22222 02022	23
Conrades	22122 11212 10112 21222 *212	23
Heikes	22022 22222 22022 22222 22222	23
Bartlett	12222 22012 1*121 12212 21212	23
Elliott	20222 12122 22112 21111 21*22	23
"147"	222* 22210 22222 22222 22222	23
C. C. Herman	22222 222* 22202 22222 22222	23
W. Herman	22222 02222 22202 22222 22222	23
Sumpter	11101 110* 22221 11122 21122	22
Faurote	22222 22222 22222 22222 22222	22
D. Cabanne	11212 22122 22222 22222 11102	21
Winbinger	*2121 02122 22222 22122 21221	21
Chase	21222 22122 00222 22122 21222	21
Smith	1*221 22122 01221 12222 10122	21
Hershey	22222 20210 22220 21202 *22*2	18
Nold	*2002 22121 01122 20101 212*2	18
Kling	22222 01112 02022 22022 *20*2	18
J. Cabanne	22*22 20022 *2112 22000 21220	17
Taylor	20020 22001 20222 10111 12210	17

Ties on 25 divided first money and shot off for diamond watch chain. Fanning 22221 22222 22022-14 Budd 22121 12222 *0w.-10 Sergeant 21222 22*2w.-6

Trap at Vineland.

Vineland, N. J., Nov. 25.—The Vineland Gun Club held a shooting tournament to-day. There were two matches. The scores follow: First match, six pigeons—James Warren 5, William Hall 1, William Milo 3, Keigley De Antonio 0, Dan Walker 4. Won by Warren. Second match, 25 pigeons—Hall 14, De Antonio 10, Milo 3, Walker 17, Frank Coats 22. Won by Coats.

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Watson's Park, Chicago, Dec. 6.—The match for the Cast Iron Medal, emblematic of championship of America, and a purse of \$200, was shot on Watson's Shooting Grounds, at Burnside, Ill., on this day. The race began at 1.10 P. M., and was finished at 2.42 P. M., taking but one hour and thirty-two minutes. The contestants were prompt to come to the score, and everything passed off without a hitch of any kind. Mr. John Watson was referee, and not a decision was questioned. The birds were retrieved by dogs, and the work well done.

Heikes won the match by killing 91 out of 100 birds, taking the Cast Iron Medal and the \$200. He used a Winchester repeating shotgun, '97 model, and 44 grains E. C. powder, 1 1/4 ounces No. 7 1/2 chilled shot in Winchester Leader shells. Grimm killed 87 out of the 100 birds, using an L. C. Smith gun, 3/4 drams Du Pont powder in a 3-inch U. M. C. Smokeless shell, for first barrel, and 3/4 drams Du Pont powder in a 3/4-inch U. M. C. Trap shell in second barrel, 1 1/4 ounces No. 7 chilled shot in both barrels.

The day was cloudy, with a strong wind blowing from right to left, and towards the score, making a large number of incomers, which caused both contestants some trouble. Had the wind been in a direction to help the birds they would have been rattling good, but as it was they were only an ordinary lot, although many were extra fine birds, and very erratic in flight.

Among those who witnessed the match were S. A. Tucker, of Parker Bros.; Harvey McMurchy, of Hunter Arms Co.; Charles Willard, of Colt Fire Arms Co.; E. D. Fulford, of Remington Arms Co.; Tom Keller, of Peters' Cartridge Co., and J. A. R. Elliott, and Captain Bartlett, of Winchester Repeating Arms Co.; C. W. Budd, Fred Gilbert, E. S. Rice, Dr. Whittier, James Whitfield, E. M. Fish, L. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck, W. F. Quimby, Dr. Kibby and Jack Fanning.

Nearly 150 persons witnessed the match, and the interest never flagged from start to finish, as both men are well known and have plenty of followers.

Heikes led off by killing six straight. He lost the 7th and 11th, and finished the balance, scoring 23 out of the first 25.

Grimm lost his 6th and 7th, 10th, 16th and 17th, the last being dead outside. This left him three birds behind on the quarter.

Heikes then fell down, losing his lead of three birds by allowing the 26th, 27th and 28th birds to fly out, the 26th being the only one to fall dead. The 36th escaped, and the 49th fell dead over the line, leaving him with 20 out of the second string of 25 and a total of 43 out of the first half.

Grimm lost his 29th, 43d and closed the half with 42.

Heikes gained another bird on the third string by killing 23, and made the longest run of the match by grassing his last 34 straight, which gave him a total of 91.

Grimm finished 22 out of the third string, and 23 out of the last 25, giving him a total of 87.

Heikes had 22 left-quarterers, 44 incomers, 17 drivers, 19 right-quarterers and 2 towerers. He had two birds fall dead out of bounds. He made the longest run, killing 34 straight.

Grimm had 37 left-quarterers, 34 incomers, 10 drivers, 13 right-quarterers and 6 towerers. He had four birds fall dead out of bounds.

The score follows:
Match for Cast Iron Medal, 100 live birds, 30yds. rise, for \$100 a side; each man to pay for his own birds. A. S. A. rules to govern.

R. O. Heikes, Dayton, O.
22222 20222 02222 22222 22222—23
0022 21220 22222 22222 222—20
20222 22222 22222 *2222 22222—23
22222 22222 22222 22222 22222—25—01

Chas. M. Grimm, Clear Lake, Ia.
22222 00220 22222 0*222 22122—20
12202 22012 22211 21222 10211—22
*2212 *1112 22210 12222 12222—22
22222 22222 20222 222*2 22122—23—S7

VON LENGERKE DEFEATS MOTION.
A special match was shot on these grounds between Von Lengerke and Motion at 25 live birds, for \$25 a side. Von Lengerke stood at 30 yards and Motion at 27 yards. The birds were a good average lot. Von Lengerke won by killing 24 to his opponent's 20. The scores follow:
Von Lengerke, 30yds.
22222 2*222 22222 22222 22222—24
Motion, 27yds.
12210 21201 10012 22122 11022—20

Gilbert Beats Elliott.
Chicago, Dec. 7.—Special to "Sporting Life."—To-day at Watson's Park Gilbert and Elliott shot their second match for

the Kansas City "Star" cup and a purse of \$200.

Quite a large crowd witnessed the match, and both contestants were liberally applauded when making fine kills. Elliott was first to the score, and lost his 12th bird dead out of bounds, and lost three out of his first 25. Gilbert killed his first 64 straight, and his 65th dead out of bounds. He was shooting in great form, while Elliott made some fine kills, but stood no chance to win against the Iowa champion, as he was clearly outclassed. To-day the birds were a good lot, some slow and some very fast, and a hard lot to make a good score on. Gilbert had 12 right quarterers, four left quarterers, four direct incomers, six direct incomers, 32 drivers, two towerers, 32 left quarterers, 12 right quarterers. Elliott had seven right quarterers, nine left quarterers, nine direct incomers, 21 drivers, one towerer, 43 left quarterers, 10 right quarterers, and lost four dead out of bounds, while Gilbert had two of his three lost birds die outside.

Elliott shot a Winchester Repeater, E. C. powder. Gilbert shot a Smith, Du Pont powder. Both used Winchester factory ammunition.

The win was a popular one, and Fred received congratulations a plenty. At the start of the match Elliott drew a little the hardest birds, but on the later end Gilbert got some hard ones. Taking it all through, the birds were about the same to each contestant. There was but little wind, and the day was all in favor of good scores. John Watson was referee. The match was completed in one hour and 33 minutes. Watson has 20,000 pigeons in coop, and tomorrow the boys will shoot sweeps and miss and outs. Thursday Gilbert and Elliott will shoot their match for the Du Pont trophy and a purse of \$200. The score follows:
Match for Kansas City Star Cup, 100 live birds, for \$100 a side; both 30yds. rise, A. S. A. rules.

Fred Gilbert, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
22222 22222 22222 22222 22222—25
22222 22222 22222 12222 21222—25
22222 22222 22222* 22222 22222—24
2*212 22221 22022 22222 22222—23—07

J. A. R. Elliott, Kansas City.
22222 22222 2*222 222*2 20222—22
02222 01222 2220* 22221 22222—21
22022 2121* 22222 20222 222*2—21
22122 12222 22222 21222 02220—23—S7

HAWKEYE.
JACK FANNING'S EXPERIENCE.

How He Shot Seals on the Pacific Coast.

"Jack" Fanning, the expert trap shot from the Pacific Coast, who, prior to engaging in trap shooting for a living, was employed by one of the Alaskan fur companies to hunt seals, while in St. Louis last week spoke of his experience as a seal hunter as follows: "Seal hunting was full of excitement and danger. We used to sail from San Francisco in February and make an extended cruise of about ten months. A squad of expert shots would be sent along. There are two immense families of the seal to be found in the Pacific Ocean. The Bering Sea is the headquarters for all of them. The American seal inhabits Pribilof Island in the Eastern end of Bering Sea, and what we hunters call the Japanese seal swarms around the Commanderofski Island on the Siberian side. When we arrived in the seal country, skiffs containing hunters would be sent in among the game. Each hunter would have his own skiff with two oarsmen and a man to load his guns. I always carried one big gun and several rifles. My cannon was a four-bore, with a single barrel. I would charge it with 12 drams of black powder and load the shells with 38 No. 1 buckshot. When we sighted a bunch of seals, my oarsmen would pull up to within 120 yards of them, and I would pump the buckshot into the bunch. It would kill some and stun many of the rest. Then I'd turn loose with my rifles and slaughter them right and left. As fast as my man could load I would fire away. A dozen seals would be considered an ordinary bag. It required a good eye and lots of experience to kill the slippery animals from a moving boat in a rocky sea, but I got used to the ocean swells eventually, and could bring the game down regularly. A seal swims with only his head above water. They average about 75 pounds in weight and are awfully hard to drag into a boat after they are dead."

SHOOTING FROM THE TRAINS. How Wild Turkeys Were Killed Years Ago.

They do some queer things railroading in Arkansas, says the Kansas City "Star." On some of the new roads there are tracks run through a wild country where the wide swath cut in the timber for the right of way was the first blow to the primeval forest. The Hoxie, Pochontas & Northern Road, which was opened only last November, is a line of this sort. It is not a great trunk line, and it boasts of only 16 miles of main track between Hoxie, on the main line of the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis Railway, and Pochontas, on the Current River. A mixed train of one combination baggage car and passenger coach and usually a box car makes two trips daily over the line between its two terminals.

The deep bottom land forests stretch away on each side of the track, broken only by one or two new lumber camps. The wild turkeys have not yet learned that civilization has laid claim to this land, and this fall they often perch calmly on the branches of trees along the railway track. The train crews noticed this, and engineer and firemen have a daily hunt for the game. They sit on their engine boxes with their shotguns in their hands while the train ambles along at the easy pace of 12 miles an hour. When they run into the turkey regions they fire at them, and if they kill any they stop the train, back up to the spot, and retrieve the game. The passengers enjoy the sport, and occasionally some who are going to or from a hunt join in it.

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windows on the Kansas plains, and this Arkansas diversion recalls it to their mind. The sport will not last long, however, as there is no wild game more wary than the wild turkeys. They will soon become acquainted with the dangers along the railroad, and then railroading in Arkansas will once more drop back to the steady pace it holds elsewhere.

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The Milwaukee Sharpshooters made the following scores at their weekly shoot:

	King target.	Union target.
R. Kunz	190	56
A. Niedner	205	43
J. E. Schmidt	222	34
A. Fezoldt	136	34
E. F. Richter	224	60
J. Ruppel	205	52
J. W. Rappel	173	..
A. Just	213	..
A. Engel	222	65
J. J. Schmitt	188	57
Dr. Shimonek	168	41
H. Wesle	216	63
J. Meunier	..	54
William Finger	183	..
S. Meunier	217	62
C. A. Torney	130	37
Dr. Wylie	161	63
W. E. Story	210	72
F. C. Rogers	189	58
A. L. Story	195	..
C. P. Cary	..	62

SPECIAL SCORES.
J. J. Smith 195 ..
A. L. Story 215 ..

TRAP IN CALIFORNIA.

H. Stelling Defeats T. Rubstaller in a Match.

The pigeon shooting match between Frank Rubstaller, Jr., of Sacramento, and Henry Stelling, of Davisville, was decided Nov. 27, Stelling's winning by a score of 57 to 79. The contestants shot at live birds and Henry A. Bassford, of Vacaville, was the referee.

F. Rubstaller, Jr.
20211 22*11 01222 11022 22111—21 ..
2*0*1 21121 12221 10*11 0*011—17 ..
01142 22111 *1222 22011 02112—21 ..
11*21 01110 10211 12120 21122—20—79

H. Stelling.
12111 11211 02111 12122 02221—23 ..
*11*2 12121 11111 11*20 21112—21 ..
01321 12121 12121 12012 11*12—22 ..
10211 12211 11112 20*21 12110—21—37

Mr. W. H. Seaver, of Oakland, and Mr. J. F. Hill, of Sacramento, acted as official scorers. Mr. F. M. Woodson, of Sacramento, pulled the traps.

Live Birds at Pottstown.

Pottstown, Pa., Dec. 8.—Sportsmen from Royersford, Spring City, Pottstown and other places attended a live-bird tournament at Sanatoga to-day, and a great deal of interest was manifested. The birds were a strong lot and many fell out of bounds. American Association rules governed the events, which results as follows:
First event, five birds—Levengood 5, Trumbauer, Hawkins and Pennypacker 4 each, Yerger, Scheiffel, G. Shaner and F. Shaner 3 each.

Second event, five birds—Yerger 5, Trumbauer 4, Scheiffel and Pennypacker 3 each, Hawkins 1 and Levengood 0.

Third event, seven birds—Trumbauer 7, Yerger 6, Pennypacker 5, Scheiffel and Geist 4 each, Hawkins 3.

Fourth event, five birds—Hawkins 4, Yerger, Scheiffel, Nowhart and Trumbauer 3 each.

Fifth event, five birds, match between M. K. Scheiffel and C. C. Hawkins—Hawkins 4 and Scheiffel, 1.



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A grand handicap shoot will be held under the auspices of the Stockton Shooting League, on their grounds, at Seventeenth and Federal streets, Camden, N. J., on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Shooting will commence at 1 P. M., with a match between H. H. Harris and J. R. Leaming, at 15 birds each, for \$25 a side. This match is for the championship of Camden County and winner will be open to challenge. The open sweeps to follow will consist of a 20 bird sweep, \$10 entrance; 7 birds \$2.50 entrance, and 5 live birds, \$1.50 entrance. All purses divided class shoot. A Christmas dinner will be served to all shooters. Trolley cars on Market Street, Camden, run direct to the grounds every five minutes.

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FROM THE SOUTH.

A Championship Match Arranged in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Gum Editor "Sporting Life":—The leading theme among the riflemen here is centered on the great championship shoot which is scheduled to take place on Dec. 19. The joint committee appointed by the Louisiana State and the New Orleans Rifle Leagues met on Sunday at the range of the Y. M. G. C. Rifle Club, and completed the necessary rules to govern the shoot, which will decide the championship. As yet the place of the meeting has not been definitely settled upon, but it is very likely that the Athletic Park will be the place, as the railroad people are very liberal in their inducements to have the shoot take place at this park. The committee will meet again on Friday at the same club, when all arrangements will be completed and invitations issued. The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: W. A. Briant, chairman; L. M. Faulk, secretary New Orleans League; Mike Toepfer, J. J. Ziegler, W. R. Hutchinson, F. Hangle; Louisiana League, Vic Lambau, Jno. Turner, Jno. P. Raffers and L. Wyeland.

ARNOULT RIFLE CLUB.

The elegant club house of this club was thrown open last Sunday evening, and a banquet given in honor of the successful termination of the team winning again the pennant for the fifth consecutive season. "Sumptuous" is hardly expressive enough a word to describe its elegance. Everything was beautiful, restful, artistic and rich, and fully sixty-five guests sat down to an elaborate menu. After the menu had been disposed of President Ruon, as chairman and toastmaster, extended a hearty welcome to the guests and referred to the general prosperity of the past season, and stated that the club has now a membership of 150 members, and was in a sound financial condition. He also complimented Captain Mike Toepfer for the able manner in which he managed the team throughout the season, and that he felt assured that in the coming shoot the Arnoults would hold their own. Colonel Arnoult, one of the founders of this popular club, after whom it bears his name, gave a very lengthy speech and was responded to by Mr. Stofer, who spoke of the many hospitalities he has been the recipient of by the members of this club, and closed by saying that he would be only too proud to become a brother member of the club. Mr. Keper gave some clever character imitations, as did Mr. Forscher, his rendition of Salvete and Jno. L. in a fistic encounter was very clever. Among the others who responded were Captain Mike Toepfer, Daddy Weil and E. Glater, M. O'Neal, F. Miner, A. Nat, Master Albert Toepfer, C. Earens, J. Secum and Hon. John Kelly.

THE CLUB.

Proud, indeed, should the members of the Arnoults feel, now that their years of anticipation have been realized in the possession of a complete and handsome club house. The Arnoult Rifle Club was organized in 1878 with about twenty members, and quartered themselves in a small shed on the spacious lot where now stands their newly erected mansion. In the year of 1884 a team of twelve men was organized, which defeated the Olympics, who were at that time considered the State champions. Each succeeding year they have won the championship pennant. The Arnoults are known throughout the South as a progressive organization, and from its ranks have sprung not a little of the brain and brawn of the Louisiana shooting army. To the active work of the members, and especially to the hustling abilities of Messrs. Gus Ruin, Mike Toepfer, P. Kinler, P. Kerber and J. Lamartre is due the proud position to which the club has soared during the past year. The following are the officers: Gus Ruin, president; W. Skinner, vice president; P. Kerber recording secretary; J. Lamartre, financial secretary; P. Kinler, treasurer; Mike Toepfer, captain; John Cook, first lieutenant, E. Wencher, second lieutenant.

AMONG THE SHOOTERS.

Eureka riflemen are busy shooting for Christmas food at their range each Sunday. The following are the scores: Otto Krage 63, B. G. Crais 62, D. Latapie 61, E. J. Bryer 60, M. Rotchfields 58. Hon. John Kelly, of Tammany Hall here, was telling the boys how he hunted grouse in Italy about half a century ago.

Old Dad Wilden, one of the sportsmen of ye olden days, can remember many funny accidents that happened to him and old Uncle Tim Dwyer.

The Jackson Club will hold their installation of officers on New Year's eve at the club range.

E. Dusse, one of the most game and thorough sportsmen New Orleans ever had, will spend 15 days at the Lake Catherine. He will devote his time to the duck field.

Dr. Albrandt was perhaps the oldest gentleman present at the Arnoult banquet on Sunday last. He had always taken active part in all shooting events, and can give some of the greatest stories of his adventures that happened over a half century ago.

Uncle Tim Dwyer says no matter how hard the times may be a chicken never comes too high for me. Wine does, Uncle.

Burke at the dinner got the neck. He says he is so used to getting it that when he don't get it he asks for it.

Mr. Burkhardt was another one of the 1492 stock that turned out to see the eaters.

Ex-Captain Paul Kiner and his three little brothers were out on a hunt on Sunday at the Bay. I am told they returned with a fine lot of ducks.

L. Mircier delighted the boys about the range with one of his fish stories. He said in "Klondike" the fish will bite on no other bait than large pieces of gold. He says the gold fish will not bite at all.

Captain Dupas, of the Imperials, will soon send in his list of game which was slaughtered by himself on last Sunday.

PERCY CAHILL.

TRADE NEWS.

The Hunter Arms Co. has established an uptown store in New York for the sale of bicycles, at 926 Eighth avenue. The location is in the heart of the uptown cycle trade, and the Hunter wheel, being a favorite model in the metropolis, should do a rushing trade.

The Cleveland Target Company is taking out a patent on a paper target for targeting shotguns, each target measuring 33 1/2 inches square and containing a 30-inch circle, filled with outlines of Blue Rock targets, full size; with a black bullseye; same diameter as a Blue Rock. The idea is to enable anyone to ascertain the distribution of his shot charge by targeting his gun on the 30-inch circle.

The Forehand Arms Company, of Worcester, Mass., announce that they are prepared to receive orders for their old and reliable line of revolvers in 3 1/4, 4 and 5-inch barrels, nicked or blued. These arms are all made with rebounding hammer, and as the hammer is blocked there is no danger from an accidental discharge. This company issues an illustrated catalogue, which is mailed to all dealers upon application.

HIGHLAND PARK GUN CLUB.

Dr. McFarland Won the Principal Event of the Day.

The Highland Park Gun Club held an interesting target and live bird shoot on Dec. 3, at Haizer's Hotel, Old Mill, L. I. Dr. Macfarland won the main event, at 25 targets, and Dr. Ruyl the live bird shoot. Scores:

MATCH—25 TARGETS.

Dr. Macfarland 11001 11111 11011 01111 10011—19
W. Moore11000 01110 01110 10110 11101—15
Dr. Ruyl10111 10111 10110 00101 03101—15
John Weiser01100 11011 11110 10000 00011—13
R. Rhodes00100 00010 00101 03001 00001—6
L. Hart01090 10000 00101 01010 01001—8

MATCH—10 LIVE BIRDS.

Dr. McFarland10101 11111—8
Dr. Ruyl11110 11111—9
Keiser01001 11101—6
Hart01111 10111—8

Milwaukee Trap Shooters.

The members of the Wisconsin Gun Club made the following scores on Dec. 4 at Milwaukee: Hinkelstein 18, Farber 17, J. Haertle 21, A. Haertle 12, Meyers 10, Eberle 10, Peters 20, Whitmore S. Schuckert 25, Loth 14, Oochebe 6, Trapp 12, Mixdorf 15, Heiden 14, Klapinski 21, Pinta 9.

The scores made by the members of the Jolly Gun Club follow: Thomas Hause 21, John Gerber 25, Al. Fiebrantz 18, John Brill 20, J. Haertle 36, H. Doerstant 17, S. Meunier 29, C. Bodenbach 30, E. Frank 32, J. E. Farber 25, T. A. Thomas 26, L. Esser 31, L. Kurtz 28.

MONTREAL SHOOTING NOTES.

Election of Officers and Westmount Gun Club Scores.

The annual Thanksgiving Day shoot of the Montreal Gun Club was pronounced a great success by all who attended and by a large number of spectators, amongst whom were a few of the "veterans" of the club.

The match was at 30 targets, 10 at known angles, 10 at unknown angles and five pairs of doubles, the following being the result in the different classes:

Class A—W. Haigh, C. Jones, W. L. Cameron, C. Aubin, H. H. Wootton, R. Lucas, R. B. Hutcheson, W. F. Robertson, G. E. Cote, E. C. Eaton.

Class B—H. Simms, W. Candlish, Jr., C. W. Buchanan, W. Candlish, Sr., D. J. Kerney, G. S. Low.

Class C—J. Tough, F. Scott, D. C. S. Miller, J. Grant.

A number of handsome prizes were offered for competition, which were presented by some of the large wholesale hardware firms, and by friends and members of the club.

After a hearty lunch had been partaken of the annual meeting of the club was held in the club house, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. president, Mr. R. J. Tooke; president, Mr. C. J. Haigh; vice president, Mr. R. B. Hutcheson; secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. J. Kearney; committee, Messrs. E. C. Eaton, G. Cote, C. W. Buchanan, W. Haigh, G. S. Low, C. Aubin and W. H. Candlish.

The president then presented spoons to Messrs. Aubin, Candlish and Miller for first place in their respective classes at the last monthly shoot, and gave Mr. Candlish, Sr., a small token of the club's appreciation of his services. Messrs. A. Aubin and D. J. Kearney were the recipients of two large silver trophies for high aggregates during the year in Class A and B. At the close of the meeting several sweeps took place and were well contested.

WESTMOUNT GUN CLUB.

This club held their annual Thanksgiving shoot with a very fair attendance, considering the very disagreeable day that it turned out to be. Following are the scores:

Event 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Targets 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

Jos. Houston 4 7 6 6 6
E. Outhet 6 4 4 6 6
J. F. Black 6 6 7 7 3 4 6
W. Galbraith 5 3 6 5 4 3 3
C. H. Routh 2 4 8 4 3
N. F. Nash 7 5 8 7 4 6
J. F. Hanson 3 5 4 7 5 6
Geo. Houston 6 3 3 4 5
P. C. Nash 5 3 6 5 2 4 5
Kennedy 4 4 2 4 5
R. Outhet 4 4
Geof. Bayfield 3 3
B. Lewis 7 6 2 4

WAHNETAH RIFLE SCORES.

P. F. Yost Led in the Shooting For the Day.

The following scores were made on the range of the Wahnetah Rifle and Revolver Club:

Gallery ring, target centre, 25yds.
FIRST SHOOT.
M. Crane23 21 22 15 23 19 24 22 20 24—214
T. Wallace23 24 13 21 23 19 21 21 23 22—210
W. Haskins19 24 18 25 20 14 24 18 25 20—206
J. Yost24 24 22 25 21 22 21 25 24 22—230
C. Brinley, Jr.23 20 18 24 25 24 21 25 22—237
P. Yost25 24 20 23 23 24 25 24 22 23—223

SECOND SHOOT.

J. Yost23 20 24 19 21 20 24 19 21 24—215
T. A. Wallace24 20 18 17 20 14 19 21 18 16—187
P. F. Yost24 25 21 24 24 21 25 23 21 24—232

"TOD" SLOANE'S GUN BURST.

The American Jockey Has a Narrow Escape From Injury.

London, Dec. 7.—While shooting pheasants with Lord William Beresford, at His Lordship's place, Deepdene, Dorking, today, Tod Sloane had a narrow escape from losing his left hand, if not his life.

The barrel of his gun exploded just beyond the point where Sloane grasped it with his left hand.

The gun was a new English one. When it was examined by Lord Marcus Beresford and the other guests who had been invited to meet the celebrated American jockey they found it to be badly shattered. This is the second gun that has exploded in Sloane's hands within a week. He says

that if the barrel to-day had burst one inch further back he never would have been able to ride again.

GLENVILLE GUN CLUB.

A Well-Attended Shoot on Thanksgiving Day.

A well-attended turkey shoot was held Thanksgiving Day on the grounds of the Glenville Gun Club, at Cleveland, O. The scores were as follows:

Events 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
Targets 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

Monroe 3 2 4
Church 8 7 8 8 8 8 7 9 9 8 7 7
J. K. Boles 8 9 8 8 7 9
H. A. Boles 9 6 5 5
Sheldon 6 8 4 6 3 9 6 5 7 6
Everett 8 9 6 6 5 7 6
Hopkins 9 6 5 5 8 3 8 6 6 5 4 5
Goss 9 8 8 9 9 10
Fellows 3 7 3 5 8 6 9 6 8 9 6 7 8
Snow 7 8 7 8 8 5 10 9 8 9 9 7
Mills 6 6 7 8 8 7 6 8 3
Meeker 8 5 7
Brockway 6 9 8 7
Telinda 5 5 3
Mox 4 5
Behnke 7 5 5
Schneider 6 4
Webster 7 7
Dean 6
Potts 4
Robinson 5

BUFFALO AUDUBONS SHOOTING.

Forrester, Hubbard and Dr. Sauer Divided the Honors.

The regular weekly shoot of the Audubon Gun Club was held at Buffalo, Nov. 30. The club badge shoot was the third event and the honors were captured by A. Forrester, R. H. Hubbard and Dr. Sauer. The scores follow:

Events 1 2 3 4 5 6
Targets 10 15 B. 15 15 B.

B. Talsma 8 11 16
E. C. Burkhardt 10 13 20 11 12 10
Phillips 7 9 13 9 8
Burke 5 11 18 13 9
L. W. Bennett 6 6 19 10 13 7
R. H. Hebard 5 17 9 10 8
E. P. Reynolds 8 12 9
Jacob 20
A. Forrester 16 9 8
Bird 14 5 7
W. R. Eaton 15 9
R. H. Hebard, Jr. 4 4 6 7
G. A. Kennedy 10 8 7
G. O. Miller 12 12
E. R. Wilson 9 5 5
G. W. Smith 18
F. Sauer 18

Forthcoming Events.

December 13, 14 and 15.—Indianapolis tournament of Limited Gun Club. December 13, sparrows; December 14 and 15, live birds; December 15, Grand Central Handicap, 25 birds, \$25; birds extra. Entries close December 9, with \$10 forfeit; post entries, \$30; 25 to 33 yards' handicap. Royal Robinson, secretary.

Dec. 25.—At Seventeenth and Federal streets, Camden, N. J., live bird sweeps, at 1 P. M.; open to all.

Jan. 1 '98.—Ninth monthly team match and open tournament of Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League on grounds of Frankford Gun Club, at Bridesburg, Pa.

Jan. 13 to 22, 1898.—Fourth annual Sportsmen's exposition and bicycle show, Madison Square Garden, J. A. H. Dressel, secretary-treasurer, 377-379 Broadway, New York City.

Jan. 18-20—Hamilton, Ont.—Live birds, \$100 guaranteed. H. Graham, secretary, American Hotel, Hamilton, Ont., Can.

Feb. 5.—Tenth monthly team match and open tournament of Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League at Glenwillow Gun Club grounds, Glenwillow, Pa.

Feb. 22.—Special shoot under auspices of Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League.

March 4 and 5.—Riverton fifth annual 100 bird handicap.

March 5.—Eleventh monthly team match and tournament of Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League, by Southwark Gun Club, on Silver Lake grounds, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 14-16 inclusive.—New England Sportsmen's Association exhibition, Boston, Mass. Charles W. Dimick, general manager, 216 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

March 22, 23, 24.—The Inter-state Association's Grand American Handicap at live birds, Elkwood Park, Long Branch, N. J. \$1000 guaranteed by the Inter-state Association and all surplus added.

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