



BROOKLYN BUDGET.

THE CHURCH CITY BAND APPEARS TO BE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

Outdoor Practice Begun and Ready For the First Game--The Pitchers Give Much Promise--The Local News of the Week.

Brooklyn, March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Dave Foutz has his first game of the season on the card for next Saturday, but unless the weather sharpens...

Outdoor Practice. That Foutz is preparing his men for any emergency, is proven by the fact that he has had them out practicing in snow storms...

Two Men of Nerve. Daub and Sharrott were the take turns with the shoemaker in putting them over, have gone into practice with that refreshing air of confidence...

About the Infielders. Gilbert has given evidence of the fact that he is capable of lively work, and his kicking the cockles of the manager's eye...

Beyond the Bases. Tom Burns has dropped a lot of meat during the winter, and has been ever since he will be recognizable to those who see a slim right fielder bob up for Brooklyn...

Two on the Way. Treadway and Griffin have not arrived as yet, although Foutz has heard from the latter and all is well. Treadway evidently stopped to catch the train...

As to Uniforms. The uniforms of the Church City Club will not differ much from that of last season, excepting that the men will wear red stockings all the time...

Tereba's Little Slip. Patsy Tereba has followed his master, Frank Robinson, and went to the city and city by ignoring Brooklyn altogether...

Altitudinous Allentown. The "King" Capturing Some Old League Players For the Local Club.

Allentown, Pa., March 27. The advent of Mike Kelly into State League base ball may be good thing for "the \$10,000 beauty" and the League, too...

Samb Old Jolier. Kelly was in New York on Saturday, and he challenged Manager John Montgomery Ward and his Giants to play a game...

REMINDER OF OLD TIMES.

Last Friday Mike had an experience which brought to mind the days when he never dreamed of becoming the King of the diamond. Kelly is a silk weaver by trade...

Local Plans. President Al Johnson proposes to make the grounds at Rittersville one of the finest in the State. He awarded the contract this morning for an addition to the grandstands...

MILWAUKEE MEMS.

The Men Who Are to Carry the Cream City to the Front. Milwaukee, March 26.—Only a few weeks more and the base ball season will be in full swing...

Manager Cushman was never known to have been in a bad temper, and he is now no third place in the championship race, and there is no reason to expect that this season will be any exception to the rule...

Following are the names of the players: Pitchers: Hastings, Williams, Schiele, Carish, Fitzgerald, and 400. Catchers: Lohman, Roberts, Bates, Johnson and Glibner; first base, Carey; second base, Shields; third base, Clinegan; short stop, Langford; left field, Newman; center field, McGee; right field, Johnson.

The Milwaukee boys will play their first practice game on April 7, having the Cincinnati Reds for their opponents. They will also play the Reds on April 8. The "Blue Ribbon" boys will then go to Cleveland...

SAVANNAH SAYINGS.

A New Park Worthy of the City and the Local Club. Savannah, Ga., March 26.—Editor "Sporting Life":—For the past two weeks or longer Mr. Jeff D. Miller, the owner of the Savannah franchise, and Manager McCloskey has been working hard...

For a time it looked as though the situation of the grounds would have a very material effect upon the starting of the season. But Mr. J. S. Collins, president of the Electric Railway Company, will run a line right up to the park gates...

I trust that our team will be in keeping with its surroundings, and I really see no reason why it should not be. The fact that it is certainly have under contract players who have before now given good account of themselves. We expect a great deal of Tom Ramsey. There is hope that he would play with us...

The Infield. Some strong, for a long time on first base, Leona second base, Hutchison third base and Peoples short stop. The outfield, too, is very strong, with Clark at left, McChann center and Welch at right.

Double Dealing. Jantzen signed with us to catch, and accepted advance money. He was ordered to report here at once for practice. In the letter, Manager McCloskey, received on the 17th, he said that he would come before April 1st...

McCluskey is also considerably cut up by the announcement that Charleston had signed Dan McFarland, the semi-professional pitcher, from Louisville, Ky. This young player is on Savannah's reserve list, and McCloskey purposes holding on to him.

Manager McCloskey begs to apologize to the many players throughout the country who have written him relative to playing with Savannah. He states that the team is completely and that his whole time is so occupied that he cannot find the time to reply to each one.

LOUISVILLE LINES.

ONLY TWO PLAYERS NOW HOLDING OUT.

Pitcher Stratton and Catcher Grim Join the Re-calitrants—The Deal For Morgan Murphy Or—Pete Browning For Allentown—A Pitcher's Opinion, Etc.

Louisville, March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Manager Barnie hopes to be able to play the game on the 31st of the end of the week. All the players have now reached the city with the exception of Stratton and Wesver.

Manager Barnie had absolutely no trouble in signing the others, as when he presented contracts each man was entirely satisfied with the figures named. So far as Stratton is concerned no overtures, whatever have been made to him. Scott drew the biggest pay of any pitcher on the League last year, but is not likely to do so again.

Without him until such time as the catcher concludes he needs his pay more than the club needs his services. With a view not to being disappointed in the long run, the manager has offered a good contract to Stratton to Cincinnati for Morgan Murphy. It had been understood that Comiskey was entirely willing to make such a trade.

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Table with columns: Player Name, Batting, Fielding. Lists stats for various players like Grim, Brown, Pfeiffer, Richardson, Denny, Tom Brown, O'Rourke.

BINGOS BUSY.

The Team Signed and Ready For a Long Campaign. Binhamton, N. Y., March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The following named men have been claimed by Manager Doscher and from these the Bingos for '94 will undoubtedly be chosen: Barnett, Dolan, DeLaney, and Davis, pitchers; Dowse, Lohbeck, Rafter, Roach and Fritz, catchers; Jones and O'Brien, first base; McKeen, second base; Raymond, third base; Lang, short stop; Long, left field; Lyttle, center field; Willis, right field, with Friel and Deady extra men.

The Spring Program. They will report in Philadelphia on the 10th of April, and the following exhibition games will be played: With Philadelphia, April 10 and 11; Brooklyn, April 12 and 13; with New York, the 14th; with Newark, the 15th, and back again to New York for the 16th. On the 20th and 21st the Scranton Club will do battle with the Bingos, at Bingo Park; the 22nd and 23rd at Scranton; the 24th and 25th at Scranton. These games should put the team in apple pie order to open the season with the Eries on the 1st of May.

To Increase the Interest in good ball playing here Mr. A. Gemett has offered Manager Doscher an elegant badge medal which will be given to the Binhamton player who has the largest number of stolen bases to his credit at the close of the season. To entice a player to compete he must have played in at least 45 games. The badge will be of solid gold. On the base or centre will be a figure of a player in raised gold with the words over and encircling his bat and head: "For Bases Stolen." Around this base or centre will be a wreath in green gold. Over this base and directly under the bat will be to cross bats with a ball over and the player or bat beneath. The badge will be made of metal and will be connected with the extra base and will be valued at \$75 and will doubtless increase the base running ability of all the players.

"Tuscaraugh" grass-yaller weeds "Conley" has been released to Atlanta, where our genial guardian of the first cushion will figure this season. Mr. Conley has been a great trouble to the team through trouble. He is a first-class player and will doubtless make hosts of friends in Atlanta as he has here. Manager Doscher credits him with being one of the strongest teams for the three games. The Bingos have fared well by the schedule and Manager Doscher is perfectly satisfied with the arrangement of games as far as the Bingos are concerned.

PROVIDENCE POINTERS.

Some Changes in Dates—Making up the Team, Etc.

Providence, R. I., March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Only about five weeks intervene between now and May 1, when the base ball season of '94 in the Eastern League will be inaugurated. Everything points towards an auspicious opening and profitable season here.

One thing pleases the Providence base ball officials not a little, and that is the strong probability of a change in the management of the Providence Recreation Day games to be played here and the 4th of July games at Springfield. May 30 is a much better holiday for base ball in Providence and the 4th of July is a much better holiday at Springfield. Powers recommended that the Providence players should report earlier than the 20th of April, and it is quite likely that his advice will be taken and the players will report on the 15th. The season is likely to be earlier than last year and a number of profitable exhibition games can be easily arranged.

Pettit has signed for the field and has gone to the Providence grounds. He is to get into shape for playing. Jim Sullivan was up from Boston a week or so ago and affixed his name to a Providence contract. Sullivan has put in considerable time at gymnasium work this winter and is in fine condition. The contract of Muller, the left-handed Southern League pitcher, has arrived. The management did a claim for the services of Lovett as soon as he was released from the Boston grounds. Lovett is a resident of Providence and would doubtless pitch great ball for his native city. If Boston don't want him he will doubtless sign with the Grays, Bassett still being in the market for the 15th. The season is likely to be earlier than last year and a number of profitable exhibition games can be easily arranged.

Swartwood's appointment as umpire in the big league is pleasing to his many friends here. The Boston play with the Brown University team April 3. The Brown team will probably be made up of White, Russell and Brady, pitchers; Tenney, Lang and Greene, catchers; Bustard, first base; Donovan, second base; Lowrey, third base; Steere, short stop; Millward, left field; George, center field; right field, open. This is a combination that will make the best of the college teams hustle.

ON NEW GROUNDS.

Atlanta, March 27.—The baseball season of '94 will be opened on new ground, and when Ted Sullivan brings his team to the Gate City of the South a new park will be ready to receive the base ball ball.

The new grounds are the finest and most desirable in the South, and will become the most popular base ball grounds Atlanta has ever had. The grounds are accessible by both the Consolidated and the Traction Company lines, and are within easy walking distance of the centre of the city. Already the surface of the earth has been graded to the level of the ground, and the lot is in perfect and complete shape. This morning the Consolidated Company will put to work an army of men on the grounds, and before it is time for Manager Sullivan to report on the 10th of April, the grounds and grand stand will be up and the people will have the most liberal and complete accommodation for base ball Atlanta has ever shown.

FARRELL'S CASE.

In Pittsburg They Are Inclined to Censure New York Club. Farrell's case is not an ordinary one. He was engaged by the Washington Club last year at a salary of \$3000. He and Pitcher Meekin were "sold" to the New Yorks for the large sum of \$7500. Generally speaking, the rule is that when a player was "sold" for a big sum he benefited by the transaction, at least, he was not the sufferer financially. But Farrell was "sold" for a big sum, which means that his salary was reduced \$600. It is the principle underlying this transaction that has in the past caused considerable trouble in the base ball business, and it is not surprising that Manager Ward himself has so often fought, and fought very ably. When everything connected with the deal, or proposed deal, is taken into consideration, it is not surprising that full justice is being meted out to Farrell.

STAR SCINTILLATIONS.

The Men Signed to Date by Syracuse—Also Signed Arranged, Etc. Syracuse, March 28.—Exhibition games are booked as follows: Scranton at Star Park, April 13 and 14; Syracuse at Ithaca with Cornell, 16 and 17; at Harrisburg, 18 and 19; 20th open at Scranton; 21 and 22, 24 and 25 open; at Brockton, 30.

The players actually signed to date, March 26, are Eagan, Haurahan, Fantz, Mincham, Wilson, Hess, Driscoll, Donohue, Smith and Welch. Jimmy Wolf, Payco, Callahan, Bauswine and Hoover are still outside for numerous reasons, but they will capitulate.

The signing of Curt Welch is regarded as a big stroke, and it is all credit to the opportunity offered. Welch is certainly a king pin when he is out for business. Third baseman Van Alstine is still unsigned, and at his home at Fayetteville, N. C. He is likely to be signed for a big sum, and in addition to any minor league team. G. WHIZ.

FOREST CITY FINDINGS.

THE CLEVELAND BOYS ARE NOW IN GOOD FORM.

Cleveland, March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Seventeen Cleveland players worked in the hand ball courts this afternoon. All the players, in fact, are here, except John Clarkson, and he is expected week after next. It had been the intention of the local management to begin the series of games with the amateur clubs of the city five days ago, but a dizzy snow storm interfered.

Old "Cy" Young is not exactly a subservient mood this year. Although the other players have been working like good fellows in the hand ball courts for two or three weeks, Young has been taking things very easy indeed. He has been working on the farm all winter, and has got it in his mind to split over 1000 bushels of wheat. He is a big fellow, a "Cy's" big right arm is very like a piece of steel, and in practice to-day he pitched a ball that bothered both Zimmer and O'Connor to hold. The big fellow is ten pounds overweight, and nearly all of his surplus flesh seems to have gone to his muscles, making up that big right arm of his.

The batting order of the Cleveland Club of 1894 is likely to be that of that of last year. Either Childs or Burkett will lead off. Then will follow Ewing, McKean, Tebeau or Virtue, McAleer, McGarr and the batteries. Where is there a club in the East that has a greater number of hitters than Childs, Burkett, McKean and Ewing?

A BIG WELCOME COMING. Plans for the first trip to Louisville are well under way. The big crowd of fans will go along with the local team. Letters and telegrams received here go to show that the men from the Forest City will get a great greeting at the hands of the Colonels.

There are exactly seventeen men on the Cleveland Club's salary list to-day. When Clarkson signs—and he is expected to affix his name to Cleveland's contract next week—there will be exactly enough men on the pay roll to make up two teams. There are six pitchers—Clarkson, Young, Cuppy, Fisher, Dewald and Ewing; three catchers of name, O'Connor and Gann, and McGarr, Tebeau, McKean, Childs, Virtue, McAleer, Burkett, Ewing and Grancy in the other positions.

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FLORIDA FACTS.

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BASE BALL

NEW YORK NEWS.

RUSIE SIGNS A CONTRACT WITH BRUSH'S AID.

Farrell Expected to Fall in Line, Too

The Players Report to Manager

John M. Ward--Other Morsels of Free Lunch.

New York, March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The deadlock is broken. Amos Rusie, the star pitcher of the New York team, has been signed by that hypnotic expert, John T. Brush. The news came to-day in the shape of a telegram from Brush, to the effect that Amos had signed the club, never wanting a dollar more than last year's salary, and was in the "pink condition." It is my firm belief that Rusie will receive more money than he did last season. If he had weakened and accepted the club's figures Messrs. Talcott and Ward would have said so loud enough to be heard by Coxey and his army. But instead, they decline to answer the direct question, "Did Rusie sign for last year's salary?"

Farrell's case at the present writing bids fair to be settled amicably. Treasurer Talcott told me to-night that he expected Farrell to sign before Saturday, and that after that talk about Cheever playing in some other town was bosh.

THE PLAYERS' CASES.
Rusie, as I understand it, wanted something like \$4000 for his services this year, as against \$2400 received by him last season. The club offered the big Hoosier \$2400 to sign a new contract, and Amos went around with his nose in the air. Talcott and Ward said this offer was final and that if Rusie didn't accept it he could stay in Indianapolis all summer. In Chicago last September when the New York was struggling along in fifth place, Farrell pitched a phenomenal game. He was in his best form, and Mr. Talcott told him after the game that if he would report here in the spring ready to pitch such effective ball he would make him a present of \$1000. Amos evidently took it for granted then and there that he would receive an increase in salary. Did he get it?

FARRELL IS REASONABLE.
Charles Farrell's case differs from Rusie's in many respects. At the first price he offered in Washington last year was \$2500. In addition to this he got \$500 bonus, or in other words, \$3000 for the year. He then offered \$3000, and was recently that he would sign for \$3000, the same money he got in Washington, and that he wanted \$1000 of the purchase money paid by Talcott and Wheeler to the Wagners. Ward consulted with the directors and they offered Farrell a contract calling for \$2400 and agreeing to pay him \$100 extra for signing, \$2500 in all. John declared that this offer was final and that Farrell could accept it or not play ball here in the spring. The club offered the \$7500 paid for him and Meekin does not concern the New York Club, and it has been the general belief that if Farrell could get a contract for \$3000 he would waive the above and sign for \$2400, and have something to ask for as much money as he received last year.

It doesn't make any difference how Farrell got \$3000, the fact still remains that he got it, and it is a bum club, too. Consequently it is fair to presume that the New York Club could well afford to pay Farrell his price, inasmuch as he is a star, and able to catch as many games as any of the League bachelors.

WILSON WANTS ERRS.
Before I get off the trolley let me say that I beg to differ with Manager Ward on just one point. He claims that players' salaries and other financial matters are of no interest to the public, and consequently he refuses to discuss them. Now my argument is that the public is just as much interested in the players' welfare, and consequently their salaries, as in their ball-playing. It wasn't half a year ago that I signed myself up for a year, and I published columns about his differences with the New York Club. When he signed, his salary was announced in big numbers, and everybody knew that he had made a big mistake. He was getting the same salary as Tim Keefe. When he hung off in 1888 and 1889, every New York paper knew the circumstances of his case, and when he signed, every base ball reporter printed his salary. It cannot be said that the public was not deeply interested in the welfare of Ward and Keefe, and Ward's argument at this late day seems a little inappropos. A club does not do itself much good in suppressing legitimate news. Better get out the facts and have them right, rather than compel base ball writers to wonder within themselves and possibly make mistakes, as I myself have done more than once.

THEY'RE ON DECK.
The players, with the exception of German, Meekin, Rusie, Farrell and Murphy, are all here. Connor, Stafford, Davis, Van Haltron, Fuller and Westervelt reported to-day and Doyle, Clark, Burke, Tierman and Wilson are expected to appear tomorrow. German has just recovered from an attack of the grip, and will not be here before the last of the week. Meekin has received permission to remain in New Albany, Ind., until April 1st, and his return is the Republican candidate for Mayor of that city. Young Murphy will be here about the same time, as he wants to complete certain courses at the Yale Law School. Rusie will sign this week and will probably turn up next Monday or Tuesday.

The weather has been so cold since last Saturday, that the men are only in their shirts and ties. Dad Clark has created a favorable impression, and is well liked by the other members of the team and the cranks. "This piece of news will probably cause a compressed ball to get into one of the stitches and burn himself to death. Tierman and Burke are in superb condition, and Wilson looked much stronger than a year ago. Ward tried Stafford on ground balls to-day, and Jim did so well that he may play shortstop of the Jersey in the opening game against the Jaspers. Westervelt says he is ready to pitch against any team, and there are many close observers who predict that he will do well.

AND THEY'RE CONFIDENT, TOO.
The players have unusual confidence in themselves, and feel that with anything like good luck they ought to land very near the top of the flag pole. As Eddie Burke puts it:

"There's one thing about Nick Young's umpire staff that doesn't please local newspaper men and the cranks. That is his failure to appoint John Hartley." This man was recommended to Mr. Young by Talcott, Ward and the entire local corps of newspaper writers, and was ignored. Instead Jim O'Rourke and Spritzer Staga, of Cleveland, were appointed without any apparent rhyme or reason. Was there ever a year that Nick didn't stave the cranks with a "Herald" didn't stave the base ball public? Give Hartley a chance. Mr. President, and you'll not be disappointed.

"RUBBERS" IS THE CRY.
The editor has broken out again. He has been writing the usual slush for the "Herald," but Sporting Editor Steiner has shown good judgment in leaving a lot of it out. While "Rubbers" has been casting slurs upon the other base ball writers he has been beating out of his boots the Richardson deal "Rubbers" spent the evening writing a roast on "various averages," as used by the various big papers to show how wrong the New York and Boston teams are in batting. He had been called down for not having brains enough to get the story up, and in his squeaky voice proceeded to tell the "Herald" people what rot these averages were. The next day the "Herald" didn't stave the "Worthless Base Figures," while it was beaten by every other paper in town

on the Richardson deal. "Rubbers" was present when Barnie came into the New York Club office with the news, but as he and Billy don't speak, "Rubbers" didn't know he was on earth. His excuse is: "It wasn't my fault. I had the story, but somebody left it out of the paper!" Rats! I am able to make the official announcement that the ex-editor will wear trousers on May 1.

MR. DAVIS CALLED DOWN.
I have received the following epistle, which will undoubtedly give Mr. James Whyte Davis a pain in the neck. It is written by the pen of one who knows whereof he speaks. Whyte Davis is the man who wrapped himself up in the flag and quit the business, minus the 10 cent subscriptions of the ball players. Here it is:

Mr. Joseph Villa: Dear Sir—In a letter to Edward B. Talcott dated July 27, 1893, which was published in the "Sporting Life," James Whyte Davis calls himself the "Father of Base Ball." "Too late Davis" and a number of other titles too numerous to mention. He claims that he is the "Father of Base Ball" and that he was the first to organize the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club in 1845 and with the exception of Mr. Samuel H. Kinsman, he is the oldest living member of that famous organization. Mr. Davis proposes to be buried in the old Knickerbocker flag and to have his grave surrounded by a cent subscription collected among the ball players of the country to erect a headstone over his grave on which shall be inscribed:

Wrapped in the Original Flag of the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club of N. Y., He lies the best of us.
James Whyte Davis,
A member for thirty years.
He was not "Too Late,"
Reaching the "Home Plate,"
Born March 2, 1826.
Died—

While I do not suppose there is any great objection to Mr. Davis being buried in the old Knickerbocker flag if he wants to, there certainly is to his claiming to be the "Father of Base Ball" and the "Father of the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club." Mr. Curry was one of the organizers of the Knickerbocker Club and was elected the first president of that organization in 1845 at the club's first meeting. He was on the Committee on Rules and helped draft the first rules under which base ball was regularly played. So if any one deserves the title of "Father of Base Ball," Mr. Curry does and not Mr. Davis. Once again, Mr. Davis may be the champion dancer of the Stock Exchange, he is certainly "Too late" to claim the title.

A YOUNG KNICKERBOCKER.
HARRY STEVENS' PROSPECTS.
Harry Stevens, the bustling sports card man, has arrived, and is making friends rapidly. He is full of wit and repartee and is very speedy. His card will be a big financial success for it. The card has been neglected so long that the public will welcome Harry with open arms. Webster and Worcester, the dictionary makers, would have engaged him as an agent if they could ever have heard him spit.

FROM THE LUNCH COUNTER.
Dad Clark says Kid Nichols wouldn't spend a dollar to see Heaven.
The New Yorks will be rubbed down this year with an ointment which is partly made up of goose grease. Why not drink kerosene?

The position of assistant manager of the team is still open. There are applicants. With the ex-editor's permission, I beg to inform an anxious public that Van Haltron played in the Brooklyn Players' League team in 1890, and that Fuller played in New Orleans and Washington before "making his reputation" in St. Louis.

Roger Connor weighs 215 pounds and never looked better.
The players are enthusiastic over Meekin. Where did smooth Mr. Miller, of Washington, get his soft swag and on what where does Major General E. B. Bates smoke?
I see Jake Morse is shooting sly arrows at the villagers. Get an axe, Jake! As long as it has been officially stated that Ed Dixey didn't doze the League cup, there's no use in taking "Circle's" tip. It's too much trouble.

Marshall P. Wilder occupied a seat in the grand stand the other day while the boys were in the line. He was not only in the line of the palm for being the first of the star cranks on earth.
I have received several 40-page letters from ex-player George Herman. George is one of the greatest base ball enthusiasts that I have ever known.

The present cold snap has been too much for even the celebrated newspaper base ball protector and the far-famed rusper. Base ball, as seen from "Herald" Square, is somewhat misleading.
Lacy's son, Darcy Richardson, is a success. He will do well under Barnie. Jonett Meekin is quite a penman. He also writes a very nice letter.

"Well Well!" swallowed a beer glass the other day. In order to be in line with the back numbers he now boasts of a glass voice.
Edward Everett Bell, the long-haired prophet, is in it again. He showed up at headquarters the other day and talked base ball to the mob. Edward says he's through pickin' losers, and in the future will root for Ward's men.

Governor Flower and staff, Mayor Gilroy and many of the State and municipal officials are expected to attend the opening game at the Polo Ground on April 23. Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band has been engaged for the occasion, and the stands will be beautifully decorated with flags and bunting. It is expected that over all the way from twenty to thirty thousand spectators will be present.

So great is the interest in the coming race that a large number of local cranks will go to Baltimore on April 19 in a special train.
Arthur Bell is busy these days getting the ground in shape for the first game to-morrow. Clark and Westervelt will pitch, with Wilson catcher.

Director Gavlin has not caught on to what the managers are all in high feather over the prospects of their teams winning the pennant. Along about July some of them will feel like taking laudanum.
Every crank is getting the Brooklyn team in trim by playing schoolboys at Eastern Park. The latter are giving the alleged Bridegrooms a close rub. Jerry Donnelly has an attack of mumps, due to constant blowing of Byrne's baby boys.

And still we suffer. The scribes are howling that word "Giants" for all there is in them. It is pretty near time to see the stereotyped headline, "Giants are Giants Again."
Barnie he'll call Mike Kelly's bluff, that Allentown can beat New York, for a suit of clothes. Why not make it a keg of mixed ale and let Kelly's Killers win?
The Mets have been organizing. All their cranks are 30 years of age and weighing 300 and a spike please take notice.

Benny Barnett refereed a prize fight the other night. In the third round he knickered by a heavy left-hand punch on the jaw.
We're laying for Arthur Irwin's Stuffs. JOB VILA.

POTTSVILLE'S BALL TEAM.
The Players Selected For the New State League Club.
Pottsville, March 29.—Manager John F. Smith has met with great success in making up his State League team. He is now waiting to hear from three men, and will then have a team of fifteen, including himself. The players will report here about April 20 and will play exhibition games before May 1. All base ball enthusiasts are excited over the new turn things have taken in Pottsville, and on every side we hear words of praise for Manager Smith.

The list of players, with the clubs they played with last year, is as follows: Vivian Potts, catcher, played with Allentown; Theodore Shilsky, catcher, with Roxborough; and Maany, an amateur club; Charles Nye, short stop, Allentown State League team; Charles Humphreys, short stop, York State League team; Oscar Hill, Pottsville; Thomas Fleming, pitcher, Pottsville; semi-professional, Pottsville; Joe pitcher, Pottsville; Harry Lemmons, pitcher, Richmond, Va.; Thomas Golden, centre field, Allentown; Philip Bachman, second base, Jeunesville; William McCoach, pitcher, Camden, N. J.; and Williamsport, J. F. Smith, pitcher, with the Jaspers.

PITTSBURG PENCILLINGS.

FOURTEEN MEN ANSWER THE CALL TO ARMS.

As a Rule, All Are in Good Condition—A Guesing Who Will Be Led Go—A Story on Rea—Donovan as a Kicker 1.—News Notes and Gossip.

Pittsburg, March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life." The bell rang for reporting day at Exposition Park yesterday, and twelve members of the possible champs of 1894 put in appearance. Possibly it is said advisedly, because some of the men may not be with the club when they are given the flag in the fall. Two more stragglers answered roll call this morning, and up to this writing there remains but five unaccounted for. They are Mr. Samuel Earle, Shebeck, and the sage of Wheeling, W. Va. There is no fine attached for being a day or two late, and all the absentees will miss a chance to exercise in the summer months, with the mercury 70 above, and a blizzard getting into its hooks through every crack. Such balmy weather as this section had been having up to Sunday actually awoke, old-time Democrat President Kerr was compelled to ejaculate, "But how long had a game to-day hundreds would be there, even holiday cranks." The change for the worse was a remarkable one, and goes to show that old Western Pennsylvania can be of another thing besides a good ball club, good whisky, etc., that of having a climate cranky enough to please any man.

SNOW SURPRISES BIG TOM.
"What do you call that white stuff on the ground?" yelled Big Tom "Coonkey" to the gang, on his way to work. "That stuff has caused the death of many a man," said Bauer, dryly. "You will recognize that when I say the following few lines: 'Oh the snow, snow the beautiful—' Bauer didn't finish. He was getting the party that he had only seen snow twice in his life. Two years ago they had a moderate supply at Charleston, the first of the winter. It will be a big thing to have around," he remarked. "Yes, it's done Coxey up Brown," ventured one of the gang. After twisting Stenzel about his canary birds, and asking him to get the gang out of the way, he bid good-bye to kidding and went to work. A jolly crowd it is. All seem to be on good terms with each other, though there were stories afloat last fall that the club men didn't speak. With nineteen men in the club it's a certainty that somebody will get the snickers. It is guesswork on the unfortunates just now. All those left handed pitchers cannot be kept that certain. There is one man interested in the club who is certainly a great deal of plugging for a certain player, and from the outlook this man is safest among the new contingent.

The club owners are delighted with the appearance of all the men. Each seems to have taken the best of care of himself during the winter, and in a short time all will be in good playing shape. Denny Lyons is lighter than he was at any time last year.

Next Saturday the first encounter will take place.
LOOK OUT FOR THE DOGS.
Coxey and base ball mixed up here a little during the past week. H. B. Rea, who once upon a time held a few shares of stock in the Pittsburg Club, has done yet, for that matter, is a great friend of the commander of the Bobvay army. The Ohio man called upon Mr. Rea when here last Tuesday, and the meeting was given a good showing. Mr. Rea, it is said, gave the chief a list of 75 prominent business men who would meet the gang in this city. Out of this conference something or other started the story that the Pittsburg Club had tendered the use of 50 ball park as a camping ground for the army when it landed. Just let the gang try and get in that park "Jim the Park" and his four dogs Towser, Bowser, Souser and Mouser and that disputed ownership gallery pistol, will meet them and won't do a thing.

THE USUAL GUIDE.
It's a rather queer state of affairs that a Guide cannot be issued without a number of ugly blunders, sometimes actually being made. The reference books for this year are at hand and they seem to uphold the old reputation for inaccuracy. A friend who has gone over them hurriedly, on a mistake, has been obliged to say, "I find an error. Well I should say that I did. Spalding's, the oldest guide of the lot, has a percentage of 1000. As Albert J. Maul has not been with Pittsburgh for two seasons I have an idea that the matter is a mistake. Again, Rea's Guide has among the general fielding averages, Gumbert as pitcher, credited with .947, yet in the place where they classify the pitchers, Gumbert is given a .300 batting average. Gumbert, I believe, did play a game or two in the outfield, and had one or more errors."

AGGRESSIVENESS MADE HIS FAME.
The fact that Mr. Morse does not like Captain Donovan's habit of running in from the outfield to make a protest. This, I might say, one of the innovations introduced by the Pittsburg captain last year. It has been a very successful one, toward making his reputation as a captain. It must be remembered that last season was the first time Donovan ever held the captaincy of a big League team. He surprised everybody by his aggressive play. During one game at New York Captain Donovan came running in to kick about a trifle, and a man behind the writer yelled, "What do you think of that for a leading captain. There are few like him in the League."

ENLISTMENTS.
Charley Mitchell was a delighted man yesterday because the morning mail brought him a letter from President Johnson saying that he had been appointed to the umpire staff of the League. His salary will be \$200 per month, unless to pay their own expenses," said President Johnson.

"Jakey Stenzel had to give Smittle a long explanation when he landed. It was a lack of a nice, a terrific crack, a man who owns two. Jake said he had too much to carry.
Denny Lyons reports politics very quiet in Cincinnati, but lots of suicides.
Tommy Gavlin has not caught on to anything good as yet. The old man's former place of business has been handsomely refitted by the purchaser, and he says he will make it a go. The purchaser has had a lack of luck in the business suit, as Joe Kelly should have been in town last night. His friends, the County Democracy, held a grand catch-as-catch-can masquerade ball in Allegheny, Sport was above par that evening. The club would give a play for reviews when here last summer, and had his picture taken with Mayor McKenna, Judge Muller and other notables.
Secretary Bulletin seldom gets over to town. Pittsburg pitcher has had a very good season. He has his work to do and listens, but seldom talks.
They say Baldwin did not ask Kelly for a pit. Wonder if Baldwin will catch on at Philadelphia.

Director R. Kerr, I neglected to add last week was at one time one of Western Pennsylvania's best second basemen. He played in Oil City along with Guy Hecker, Mullane and others. Mr. Kerr can entertain a crowd for an hour with good stories of the game. Benny Gulley played for his team. Baldy had been signed on recommendation. In those days every man got a job on his rep, but frequently one game fixed him.
I'm half afraid that Cherley Morton made a mistake in writing to Nichols about ten days ago. His action made the club managers mad, because a day or so after Nichols said that he had received a letter from Morton. The story came from Erie, Pa., where the club would give a play in case he did not hold his own in the big League.

Pittsburg will cut down its free list, but not so much as some people imagine.
EXHIBITION GAMES.
The Detroitis played their first game of the season at the New Orleans last Sunday, March 25, with the New Orleans team. The latter won by 9 to 4.
The Sioux City opened their practice at Knoxville, Tenn., March 23, and in the presence of 400 people defeated the home team by 9 to 1.
March 18 the season was opened at New Orleans by a game between the New Orleans and Mobile teams, which was won by 8 to 3.
The Nashville team opened their season on March 24, with a game with Vanderbilt University, Nashville won by 25 to 3.

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CHICAGO GLEANINGS.

EXCELLENT SPRING SCHEDULE FOR THE COLTS.

Two Grounds to be Opened and a Fine Series of Sunday Games Arranged—Anson Still Lobbying in Washington—Some Contemplated Ground Improvements—News of the Players, Etc.

Chicago, March 25.—The colts have a fine series of Sunday games, and it will be noticed that the weaker clubs in the League play most of their games here during the week. President Hart yesterday arranged another game in the club's spring exhibition series. The Milwaukee of the Western League will meet Anson's men in the last game before the regular season opens, playing here April 18. Thus eight exhibitions preliminary to the opening of the season have been carded with teams representing Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, Detroit and Milwaukee.

OPENING TWO PARKS.
Before the regular season begins the Chicago Base Ball Club will open two new parks, arrangements to that end having been perfected yesterday. On April 6 and 7 the local team will play at Grand Rapids, opening the new grounds at that place. Anson men will also open the new park at Hammond, Ind., by meeting the club of that place on April 17, two days before the regular League season starts. Hammond is proud of its improved grounds and if the weather is good April 17 will be a gala day in that Hoosier city. The town council was anxious that the Chicago club should be secured to play the opening game and its members will attend in a body at the game.

President Hart has also arranged exhibition games with Indianapolis on the latter's grounds on April 20 and 21.
ANSON STILL ABSENT.
Captain Anson has not yet returned from his Eastern trip. The players were requested to report on April 1, or as early thereafter as possible, and it is not likely that the old man will stay away much longer. Captain Anson wired from Washington yesterday that he would try to reach town about Wednesday. He is working hard to secure the appointment of his father as postmaster at Marshalltown, Iowa, and hopes to succeed. A big stack of mail awaits him here. He will probably swear like a trooper and lie low for the mean chap who inserted an advertisement in a St. Louis paper, to which his name was attached, for the services of a second baseman and a good substitute for first base. Anson may not consider the "ad" a joke, but the amateurs who answered it in good faith will no doubt think that "Anse" lacks business promptness.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS.
The picket fence which cut off several possible home runs on the west side grounds last year and was deemed a general nuisance has been abolished. It was torn down the other day. Outfielders found the fence a serious barrier, and but for it several home runs that went to the batsman's credit would have found places in the "hot" column. The infield, which was sodded last fall, has grown to grass freely. The outfield, too, is in better shape than ever, and Wilmut will have no cause to complain of uneven ground this year.

TRUZY RURAL.
The brothers Camp are doing their preliminary training at a gymnasium in Omaha. President Hart received an odd letter from the long-eared second baseman yesterday. The writer said that neither he nor his brother would report before April 1. "Our wives are here," he wrote, "and there was so much smallpox in Chicago that they insisted on our being vaccinated. Our arms are very sore and we think it best to stay here a while longer. Would you like to move with us to a boarding place where we will not be in danger of catching the smallpox? Our wives are very solicitous about our health." The brothers Camp will be allowed to finish their training in Omaha.

MINOR MENTION.
Geo. Decker reported at League headquarters yesterday. He spent the winter at his home in Fairbury, Ill., and, although a trifle fat, he is in very fair shape. Decker brought his family with him, and from this time will be a resident of Chicago.
Jimmy Ryan, who recently returned from his wedding trip, has sold out his saloon on Thirty-first street, and will pay his attention to base ball. He has not yet signed, but will probably fall into line when the proper time arrives.
Dahlen, who has been wintering at Morrison, Ill., writes that he is taking daily exercise on the half-mile trotting track in that place. All the soreness has left him, and he thinks he is in shape to go upon the field at once and put up a fine game. Dahlen will not report in Chicago until April.

President Hart received a letter from "Jiggs" Parrott yesterday. The Portland boy is expected to arrive in the city today or to-morrow. "Jiggs" reports that he is in fine shape.
Glenavlin has gone to New Orleans with the Detroit team, and wants to remain in the South until some time after April 1. He writes that he is certain he can get into better shape here than ever. Anson will consider his case when he returns.

MERRY MILLERS.
To Begin the Long Campaign at Cincinnati Next Week.
Barnie's March 27.—Manager John S. Minnes, of the Minneapolis team, leaves to-night for Cincinnati, where the members of the team are ordered to report for duty this week. Blinds, Hulen and Maguire left California this week for Cincinnati, and the New England contingent, consisting of Garry, Lincoln, Malins, Durrell

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and Morse, met at Boston, and proceeded thence to the Ohio city. Mr. Barnes will be met in Chicago by Duryea and Hengle. Foster, the only other member, will report for duty later.

The club will play the first games of the season in Cincinnati, April 4, 5 and 6, going thence to St. Louis, where it will play on the 7th and 8th. April 11 and 12 the club will be at Indianapolis; Chicago, 13; Kansas City, 14, 15, 16; Toledo, 17, 19, 20, and Grand Rapids, 21, 22 and 23.

The season will open on the 25th at Sioux City, and the first game on the home grounds will be played May 2 with Milwaukee. In the games before the opening of the season, Manager Barnes intended to exert his men, but will go lightly at first, with a view to getting his men into shape for the actual work of the season.

PORTLAND PENNINGS.
A New Third Baseman Signed—The Circuit of the N. E. League, Etc.
Portland, Me., March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Since my last epistle one more player has been added to the team which will wear Portland uniforms this season. The tosser is Rush B. Shunway, for a time short stop of the '03 Eastons, of Pennsylvania State League. He has been signed to hold down the third base, taking the place left vacant by Oliver Eurus. Shunway feels confident that his work will be up to the mark. There are now seven men engaged—Mackey and Casey, catchers; Daniels and Gannon, first base; Shunway, second base; Hill, third base, and Hill, left field. The team will soon be completed and will report for duty about April 15.

THE N. E. CIRCUIT.
Pawtucket and Worcester are assured franchises for the League, and these two cities with Portland, Brockton, Fall River and Lewiston, make a six-club circuit. The number should not be any larger. Eight cities are by long odds too many and would be cumbersome to handle. Experience has shown that in '87 it was tried, but proved a terrible failure.

Barnie's chances for admittance are poor. It has been stated in this correspondence that no move was being made in that town to secure a franchise. Talk alone, has been the consideration. No definite action whatever has been taken in the matter. The day is late now in which to begin preparations, and it will be just as well if Barnie does not have a team in the New England League this season.

Frank Leonard cannot be improved upon as a manager, and Pawtucket is congratulated for securing his services. But will the little Rhode Island city be able to support a team? Its close proximity to Providence, which has an aggregation in the Eastern League, does it anything but good. The town was a failure in '92, although the fact that it was represented by such a weak outfit of course told heavily against it. Substantial backing should first of all be assured, and then nothing else will be of any avail. The town is certainly hoped for. Last spring it was not thought that Dover would be able to pull through the season, but under the able management of Frank Leonard the storm was buffeted. Mr. Leonard can pull Pawtucket through if anyone can.

Worcester must adapt herself to New England League ball this season if that town also is to make a success of it. The manager of that organization should give the city as good a team as the leaders and demonstrate to the patrons that this league furnishes just as high a standard as is maintained in any other minor association.

GROUNDERS.
Glad to see that Ned Hayes has caught on with Worcester. His name has been stricken off the reservation list of the Portland Club.
Madden has been coaching the Bowdoin College team the past week. He is in prime condition, but he is not yet decided on plans for this season.
John O'Brien and Ted Webster left for Nashville, Tenn., one week ago to-day to play with the team of that place in the Southern League. "Grande" Morse dreads that Western trip and wishes that he had caught on with the New England League for this season.

Pitcher Jim Sullivan, of the Providence team, was in the city last week. He is of the opinion that Jimmy Rogers would make an even better pitcher than he now does as a first baseman. Then he would certainly be a corker.
E. M. Flavin may go to the Southern League. Some team will secure a good one when it gets this player. He was not in the fold last summer, but is good enough for any of the teams in this league for the coming season.
What a fall for Tom Lovett, who pitched for Newburyport and Lynn in '86. He was a great pitcher sure and in those days gave promise of

attaining the top ladder, which he later on did with Oshkosh and Brooklyn.
Will Malins was in town last week to take a lesson on the violin. He has a great ear for music of any kind.
The Buffaloes make a tour down this way, Billy Clymer and Jim Daly would receive a great welcome.
Joe Cooper, a well-known local pitcher, will probably secure an engagement with Brockton.
The friends of Duke Klobedanz are waiting impatiently for the first visit of the Fall River to this city. EDWIN PHILLIPS.

NEW ORLEANS IN LINE.
The Team Now Completed—Campau's Intentions—A Tribute to Powers.
New Orleans, La., March 24.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The players signed to represent the Crescent City this year are as follows: Braun, Fanning and Flood, pitchers; Lavelle and Weckbecker, catchers; Heller, first base; Dowie, second base; Root, short stop; Kennedy, third base; Campau, left field; Bouchers, centre field; and one of the catchers in the right garden. The Pelicans are nearly all youngsters; only Campau, Dowie, Weckbecker and Fanning are termed men of experience. But under "Count Campau's" experienced management I would readily vote for their developing into first-class ball players.

POWERS SOLE OWNER.
By the dropping out of Mr. Gensinger, Mr. Henry Powers becomes sole owner of the local club, and the benefits which will result from this change will soon make themselves felt. Mr. Powers is liked and respected by all who have dealings with him, and his friends and admirers are numerous. That they will unite in proving their good will toward Henry by their attendance is beyond dispute. Players, press and public have expressed their delight in the change of ownership, and have promised their assistance in making this season a complete success for the home team.

THE GROUNDS AND STANDS.
The grounds have been extensively overhauled and repaired, and Sportman's Park is now in as good condition as when first opened to the public as a ball ground. The company whose cars convey patrons to the ball grounds has completed arrangements which will enable passengers to reach the park and return to the city without any delay or inconvenience; and, in a short time, electricity will supersede the "steam dummies" now in use, which change will greatly facilitate the travel of the masses to the city without travel to and fro every afternoon and evening in search of fresh air and amusement.

MANAGER CAMPAU.
He has publicly announced his intention of remaining with the local club. He states that if Washington persists in claiming his services this season he will give up playing and continue with the Pelicans in the same manner. The general opinion expressed by those well posted is that next year will see the "American Association" organized, and the National League reduced to its old-time form of eight clubs. It is generally believed here that such a move would prove extremely beneficial to the game in general and the major league in particular. Two major organizations would mean the revival of interest which existed in days gone by, and the two leagues would contest for supremacy at the conclusion of the regular championship season of each body.

THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT.
It does not propose to waste time experimenting with players who are not up to the standard at the start. This thing of losing valuable games while waiting for the market to get into condition has been tried often in the past and the result has been anything but consoling. They purpose to sign new men as soon as a weak spot is located, and to prepare for such an emergency. Count Campau has been in correspondence with several players, and as soon as a man proves weak and fails to hold up his end he will be released and his successor signed at once. Several very fine players have been left out by them to the great indignation of a success. Manager Brackett has signed his entire team, but does not care to make their names known as yet. However, they must be good ones, if of the same material as Brackett is in the habit of picking.

Peoria Pickings.
Peoria, Ill., March 26.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The new grand stand at the ball park is almost complete, and it is one of the finest in the Western country. The owners of the park say that nothing will be left undone by them to make it a success. Manager Brackett has signed his entire team, but does not care to make their names known as yet. However, they must be good ones, if of the same material as Brackett is in the habit of picking.
George B. Pinckney leaves to join his club to-morrow. Arthur Twineham left for St. Louis last week. Milton and "Hickety" Hoffman will no doubt play here today.
Charles Barton is wanted by several clubs, but he will not play again. HUD.

BASE BALL

CANADA'S LEAGUE

HOLDS A MOST SATISFACTORY ANNUAL MEETING.

John J. Ward Re-Elected President and Cal Davis Secretary---Important Amendments to the Constitution Adopted---A New Club Admitted, Etc.

Toronto, March 26.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The second annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Base Ball Association was held last Friday afternoon in the Palmer House parlors.

THE DELEGATES.

The following members of the council were present: President J. J. Ward in the chair; first vice president, Dr. Brennan, Peterborough; secretary-treasurer, C. Davis, Hamilton; T. E. McMillan, Galt; J. F. Downey, Guelph; George J. Smith, Hamilton, and the following delegates: H. E. Moore, Hamilton Victorias; R. Fee, D. McMillan, Lindsay; J. F. Webber, F. Burton, London Alerts; George J. Smith, Hamilton Alerts; Hough, Guelph; G. A. Graham, A. Dennis, Galt; George J. Smith, Hamilton Alerts; E. Le Brun, F. H. Pearce, Peterborough; C. Schaffer, W. F. H. Pearce, Peterborough; J. J. Ward, London Alerts; J. F. Downey, Guelph; J. McGarry, Toronto Dukes; F. Snyder, R. H. Eames, Parkdale Beavers; A. J. Lockhart, A. J. Bennett, Bowmanville.

ENCOURAGING REPORT.

Mr. Cal Davis, the secretary, read his first annual report. During the year 1893 fifteen clubs affiliated with the association in the senior series, and six junior clubs in the city of Toronto formed a junior league, under the association's direction. The fifteen clubs were:

- Western District—London Alerts, London Stars and St. Thomas. Midland District—Coburg, Peterboro', Lindsay and Oshawa. Interior District—Dundas, Galt, Brantford and Guelph. Central District—Dukes and Park Nine of Toronto; Athletics and Victors, of Hamilton.

In the Western district St. Thomas failed to secure grounds, and the contest was left between the two London teams. The Stars dropped out toward the middle of the season, leaving the Alerts champions of the district. In the other three districts regular schedules were played. The final competition for the Canadian championship was between Coburg, London Alerts, Dundas and Galt, and was won by the Coburg team.

Subsequent to the organization meeting of the association on April 3 last, the council held one meeting and the Judicial Committee two. The provision for taking votes by mail did away with the necessity for several meetings.

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Subscriptions, \$5 from each club, \$75.00; Six Toronto junior clubs, \$18.00; Total, \$93.00.

EXPENSES.

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After the secretary had read his report, which was considered to be an eminently satisfactory one, the questions of changes in the constitution, which last year was found to be extremely faulty, came up for discussion.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

The council, at its meeting, had considered many important points, and they were submitted for the approval of the delegates. An addition was made to Article III, Section 1, of the constitution, giving the executive power to the Judicial Committee. An amendment to Article IV, section 7, provided that the secretary should notify the club secretaries of contracts and releases within four days of receiving notification of the same.

THE LOCAL PLAYER QUESTION.

The discussion that ensued over the residence qualification of players, and the amateur question was so animated and vigorous that at one time it looked as if the association was trying to express its opinion on the subject by a vote. Mr. McMillan then moved an amendment, which was identical the same as that recommended by the council, but which made it compulsory for a player to reside in a town for at least fifteen days before the granting of a certificate. This motion likewise met the fate of its predecessor. The ire of the Galt delegates was excited, and they declared that they would leave the meeting, and the association as well. It sprang into being, and was not formed until they said it was useless for their club to compete with the team in London and in some of the eastern towns, where players were imported especially to play base ball. The game should be played on its merits, and not degenerate into a professional game.

A COMPROMISE.

Efforts were made to pacify the Galt delegates, and after they had laid their grounds for objection before the meeting, a compromise was made. A motion, which emanated from Mr. Ramsay, of the Park Nine Club. The motion was an ingenious one, and covered the ground fully. The clubs situated in towns east of Toronto are permitted, according to Section 2, to enlist players living in any part of the county in which the town is situated. The western clubs are restricted to bona fide residents of their towns. The motion was carried by a vote of 12 to 7. When all had been settled amicably the business went on as before.

OTHER AMENDMENTS.

The alteration to section IX, Article II, placed the annual subscription fee for senior clubs at \$5, and for juniors at \$2. This prevents any club from being able to sign new players for the championship games.

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After the revising of the constitution had been concluded, Dr. Brennan posed as an eloquent appeal for their recognition as duly accredited delegates to the conventions of the association. He was supported by President Ward, but the result of the meeting was adverse and the matter was given a settler.

MINOR BUSINESS.

Under the head of general business, Delegate Smith, of the Hamilton Victorias, moved that the Dukes be struck from the list of clubs, and failing to comply with the rules of the association in not posting up the \$10 called for by the constitution when a club forfeits a game. The offense, he said, occurred last August, when the "Victors" journeyed to Hamilton, only to meet with disappointment. An acrimonious discussion followed, which culminated in the resignation of the Dukes from the association. The resignation was accepted. Fraternal greetings were exchanged between the C. L. A. and reciprocated to that association, and also to the C. W. A.

THE ELECTION.

Guelph was selected for the next annual meeting, after which the election of officers was proceeded with. Following is the result:

Hon. President, Mr. Charles S. Hyman, London; President, J. J. Ward, Toronto (re-elected by acclamation); first vice president, Dr. Brennan, Peterboro; (re-elected by acclamation); second vice president, James H. Hough, Guelph; secretary-treasurer, Cal Davis, Hamilton (re-elected by acclamation); J. J. Ward, Cal Davis and P. H. Elmore, Council—Hamilton; G. J. Smith, Galt, McMillan, London; Joseph Webber, Lindsay; T. McMillan; Guelph, G. P. Downey; Bowmanville, A. J. Bennett; Parkdale, R. H. Eames; Peterboro, E. Le Brun; Oshawa, J. B. Cummings; Park Nine, Inspector Stark.

THANKS TENDERED.

On motion of President Ward and Mr. Webber, of London, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Messrs A. G. Spalding & Co. for the donation of their handsome flags to last season's district champion senior and junior clubs. A vote of thanks to the Palmer House proprietor concluded the business of a well-conducted and important meeting.

ROSY READING.

Satisfied With the Settlement of the Massey Case—Witman's Holding in Reading—Club News, Etc. Reading, Pa., March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—I have been reading through the issue of a second time has declared that Massey belongs to Scranton the base ball fraternity here does not consider it a reproach for Manager Witman or an entire vindication of Scranton. Through the conduct of certain facts in the case by Scranton the public was misled to a certain degree, and, therefore, some of the revelations at the Harrisburg meeting came as a surprise to the cranks in this city. It was not known here that the first baseman was paid advance money by the coal barons, and neither was it known that he had indulged in such an extensive correspondence with his Scrantonian claimants, his ultimate object being to compel terms far more than his worth. With this new compilation of facts confronting him, and the unproven charges of fraud and misrepresentation Witman gracefully acquiesced to the demands of the League's resolution of censure is a highly commended, and the Massey imbroglio is only another instance of the importance of National League protection in State Leagues.

There is no community in the circuit that wishes the League more success than the county seat of Berks, and Witman was championed in his correspondence because it was justifiably considered that a principle was violated and that a wrong should be righted. It is necessary to state that in the harmony now established we are in the swim and that we forgive the Scranton correspondent for his pepper and salt attack on our manager's honor and his harmless advice to retire from the League.

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The repetition of disgruntled threats that a club would be placed in this city in event of Witman's withdrawal is talk of a day and does not concern us. The only club in the existing base ball conditions here and in the past. Secretary Diddlebeck remembers as well as I the harrowing experience of the State League club here in 1892 when Witman, with his independent club and hand with his League aggregation bucked each other. Randall was traveling down hill at a very unsteady gait, losing his financial backer's money, and he was doing it by his own, which was followed by lawsuits, petty fights, indiscriminate ball playing, and the year can be recalled only because it was justifiably considered that a principle was violated and that a wrong should be righted. It is necessary to state that in the harmony now established we are in the swim and that we forgive the Scranton correspondent for his pepper and salt attack on our manager's honor and his harmless advice to retire from the League.

CLUB NEWS.

It is refreshing to note that Thayer Torreyson will play first base and captain the Reading Club. Who will deny that he is Massey's superior. His meritorious conduct results in being the pennant to this city. The club is now practically completed, and the contracts of the following are given: Catcher, George B. Fox and George Goodart; pitcher, W. C. Rhoades, W. T. Clark and W. L. Lemon; short stop, Frank Miller; first base, Thayer Torreyson; second base, W. H. Reed; third base, Frank B. Zuzser; left field, B. G. Stephenson; centre field, Edward Henry. In right field the surplus pitchers and catchers will alternate.

MINOR MENTION.

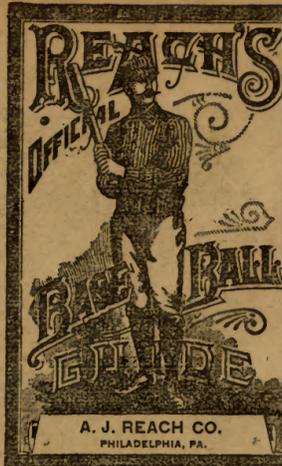
Jack Holland, who umpired in the big and minor leagues for ten years has been prevailed upon by his friends to be an applicant for umpire in the State League. The league could be hoped Mr. Holland will be selected, for he has been ball on his fingers' ends. The exhibition season will open Saturday, April 24, with the National amateur team. Erie, Binghamton, Buffalo and Syracuse have made arrangements to play here.

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A New League Proposed. Norristown, March 19.—Manager H. B. Long of last year's base ball team is negotiating for the lease of Oak View Park for the present season. One of his attractions will be frequent games of ball, for which a team is being organized. Manager Long's ambitious of forming a league with Pottstown, Phoenixville and Royersford, and arranging a series of games for the championship of Montgomery and Chester Counties.

Washington's Loss? Washington, D. C., March 20.—It is very probable that young Dave Thompson, of the Washington Club, will be given his release. He sent word to George Tebeau that he has come into the possession of quite a large sum of money by the death of a relative, and at the urgent request of his mother he was going to quit playing ball and engage in the grocery business with a brother and cousin, at Phoenix, Ariz.

BASE BALL

BOSS VON DER AHE.

HE IS GOING TO MANAGE HIS TEAM IN PERSON.

He Anticipates no Trouble in Handling the Browns--His Plans for the Season--News of the Players and General Mention.

St. Louis, March 27.--Editor "Sporting Life":--Being asked to-day as to who would manage the Browns this season, Mr. Von der Ahe said: "I am going to do the work myself, and after April 1 I propose to have discipline in the team to see that every man earns his money. Last year's team had a manager who had full swing. He did not suit some of the players, and at Baltimore he was chased out of a hotel. Now I do not propose that anything of this kind shall happen again. I started in to-day. I won't mention any names, but one of my players concluded to run things as he had run them last year, and I brought him up with a round turn. I got along quite well when Comiskey was captain of the team, and I expect to get along just as well this season without a regular manager, if not better than I have in several seasons past. Miller will captain the team, and have full command of them on the field. Off the field I will look after the men and see that they put in the regular hours at practice and all that sort of thing. If the team does not pan out well under this sort of treatment I will accept all the responsibility.

THE PLAYERS AT WORK. I took a run out to Sportman's Park Saturday afternoon to see how things looked there. I found Crooks, Werden, Cooley, Miller, Brettenstein, Kuhns, Shurt, Clarkson, Miller, and Kuehne at work in the field. The latter is a new member of the Browns, and he handled himself like a very promising young player. These players have been at work about a week, and the love and respect which they show a great deal toward helping them get into first-class shape. Jack Crooks was out at Sportman's Park to-day, but he was not taking part in the practice. Jack was already thrown his arm out, and he is now laid up for repairs. Kuehne was looking as well as ever. He has gone out of the lively business in so far as actively managing an establishment of that kind is concerned, and he will devote all his time this season to the club. He is now in charge of the St. Louis Club. He said to-day that he hoped to play his old game over again. Among the players at work on the diamond at Sportman's Park this week was that old and tried campaigner, Billy Miller. He has signed to play next year with the Erie (Pa.) Club, and judging from his playing, I am of the opinion that that team in Kuehne has secured a regular jewel.

THE ABSENT PLAYERS. The members of the team who have not yet arrived here are Dowd, Buckley, Frank, Hawley, Gleason and Goodenough. Miller arrived Thursday from Pittsburg, and Hawley came up from Fort Smith at about the same time. Dowd was sent a ticket to Philadelphia, and he is probably on the way here. Buckley is still in Chicago. A contract was sent to him, but in reply to it he sent a letter stating that he was in better shape this year than ever, and that the club that wants him would have to pay him bigger money than the contract he had received called for. The figures stated in the contract were probably based on the work Buckley did last year, but if he is in better shape than he was then there is no reason why a better salary should not be paid him. This is the way that President Von der Ahe looks at the matter, and if Buckley reports here in first-class condition and plays his old game he will be paid a good salary. Dowd is coaching the University team in Boston, and will not get here until about April 1. Frank is expected in this week, and may get here at about that time.

CAPTAIN MILLER. George Miller, the famous all-around player and former captain of the Pittsburg Club, arrived here Thursday morning. He at once repaired to New Sportman's Park and reported to President Von der Ahe. "Well, Miller, you have secured Von der Ahe for the Pittsburg Club to captain and generally handle the St. Louis Browns, and you will be given every possible encouragement and assistance in your work," said the "Boss" to the captain. Miller replied: "I want to show the public that I can play just as good ball--as well as I ever did, and will do my best to bring St. Louis to the front." Miller has a first-class record as a base ball player, and he has numerous friends and admirers who will welcome him heartily to St. Louis. Mr. Miller is in perfect condition, and he says the St. Louis lovers of base ball will be proud of the Browns in 1894.

GENERAL MENTION. Jack Milligan would like to return to St. Louis, but there is no place on the team for Jack. Jack Crooks has resigned the commission of Fred Foster's turf enterprise, and will devote himself strictly to baseball.

THE KANSAS CITYS WILL BE HERE APRIL 1, 2 and 3; the Toledo will follow, 4, 5 and 6; Minneapolis, 7 and 8; St. Louis, 14, 15 and 16. The Browns will play in Kansas City April 10 and 12. The players of the St. Louis Club are just now playing for their board money. The regular salary time does not come around until April 1. It is felt that they are not getting as much as they are entitled to, and President Von der Ahe has contracted to pay the board of each player who reports for duty at 10 o'clock each morning and who puts in the most of the day in practice work.

Right fielder, Tommy Dowd, of the Browns will be here before April 15, or just as soon as his college coaching season closes. His salary dispute will be adjusted, and the hard hitter, best base runner and superb right fielder will be one of the Browns' favorites.

Perry Werden's leg, which bothered him last year, has entirely mended, and the weighty first baseman promises to develop more speed in his base running than the season's race of last season, due to his injured limb.

Diek Cooley, the Browns' young all-around player, is one of the young players of the profession who are of steady habits and cheerful disposition, and who don't play exactly for their health, but who are in love with it just the same, and are not in the business for revenue only. Cooley is one of the young bloods who make a good showing, no matter where they play. He is a good catcher--his regular position--while he can play an infield or outfield position successfully.

Brettenstein says he has pitched repeatedly to Rappold, and he regards the Rappold as a very desirable acquisition, who will, in his judgment, turn out well this year.

The Pittsburg will open the championship season here April 19. They have so far given out that they will not play Sunday games, but President Von der Ahe has made the club an offer to play Sunday, April 22, that they would be foolish to refuse.

The Browns have announced their selection of 94 uniformed men who they will wear white with brown trimmings. On the road, blue flannel shirts and pants, with brown trimmings and the name, "St. Louis Browns," across the shirt front. The cap is of blue, with brown trimmings, and the belt and stockings are brown.

MOBILE MEMS.

Infelder Lutenberg Accused of Base Double-Dealing. Mobile, Ala., March 23.--Editor "Sporting Life":--Last Sunday the first game of the season, between Southern League clubs, was played in the Crescent City before an audience that numbered 1500, when the Mobile club

outplayed the representatives of that city to the tune of 8 to 3.

Manager Graves, of Memphis, has written Wells explaining how he secured Lutenberg. Graves states that Lutenberg wrote to him and stated that he was tired of playing ball in Mobile and wanted to make a change. Not knowing that Mobile had reserved the player he signed him for \$150. This looks very strange. Manager Wells, states that several months ago he wrote to Lutenberg and received a reply, stating that he would be ready to sign when asked, and that terms would be all right. This Wells let go a better player than Lutenberg, because Lute is well liked in this city, and Wells wanted to please him. On writing Lutenberg to sign, he placed his terms, the very lowest, at \$175. He then offered \$140, but he refused. Since then he was signed by Memphis. If there is any use in reservation, Manager Wells should insist on Lutenberg wearing a Mobile uniform. K. N.

SHUT-OUT RECORD.

The Whitewash Work of League Teams and Pitchers.

There were not as many shut outs the past season as in previous years, which is no doubt due to the increased distance which the pitchers have to throw the ball. Just 43 games were played during the past season in which one of the playing teams failed to send one of their members around the four bases. The following record includes the complete series of whitewash games:

Table with columns for Clubs, Total, and Shut-outs. Lists teams like Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Louisville, Cleveland, Washington, Boston, Baltimore.

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The following pitchers shut out teams on home grounds once: Mauck at Cincinnati, Nichols at Philadelphia, Hawke at Washington, Hemming at Louisville, Gleason at Washington, Young at Brooklyn, McGuiness at Chicago, and Maul at St. Louis. The Bostonians were the only team to be shut out without runs on succeeding days. On July 7 and 8 they failed to score in the games played at Pittsburg. The worst shut-out of the season was the Washington's winning game at Pittsburg on July 15, the home team winning by a score of 19 to 0. On July 8 the Pittsburgs beat the Bostonians 13 to 0, and on Aug. 16 the Louisville outplayed the Chicago 11 to 0. These were the only "shut-out" games in which the winning team's score was in the double-figure column. Four 1 to 0 games were played, New York defeating Cincinnati, New York defeating Chicago, Pittsburg defeating Baltimore, and Chicago defeating Baltimore. Two games were played, in which a team was shut out without runs or base hits. On Aug. 16, at Washington, Hawke, of the Baltimore, pitched in such a masterly manner that not once during the nine innings were the Senators able to place the ball safely. In a six-inning game at Cincinnati on Sept. 23 the Bostonians failed to hit Chamberlain safely.

TAKEN FOR A REAL CRANK.

The Embarrassing Predicament in Which Carney Found Himself.

Salem, March 20.--John J. Carney, of Salem, who is to be captain and manager of the Toledo Base Ball Club this season, was taken for an escaped convict last Wednesday. Carney got up at 5 o'clock on the morning of the 19th, and he had been in training in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and occasionally he has taken a long spin on the road to Lynn to get up a sweat and to reduce flesh. Wednesday he started out, and was making good time in the direction of Floating Bridge, in Lynn, to which he generally goes before returning. On the way he passed two friends who enjoy playing a joke.

They spoke to Carney, but that individual was too interested in his work to stop and talk to them. He had not gone very far after that when he was overtaken by a man going to Lynn, occupied by a man and a woman. The driver slowed up as they got near Carney, and the woman said: "My good man, there is no use in your trying to escape, as your keepers are right behind you. Carney was making good time, but he halted at this, and for the next five minutes the woman tried to prevail on Carney to wait for his keepers to come up.

Carney could not see it, and he persisted in walking on. Carney, on his return, told of the joke, and it came out that the two friends whom he had met informed the woman that they were keepers in the Salem poorhouse insane department. They were told that if they overtook a fellow wearing a sweater and short jacket to stop him.

OLD "METS" TO REORGANIZE.

Mutrie's Famous Base Ball Team to Play Games This Season.

New York, March 26.--By far the most important announcement made in base ball circles yesterday was the unexpected news that the once famous Metropolitan team, more commonly known as the "Mets" or "Mutrie's Indians," are to reorganize for a spring campaign. It is said on good authority that arrangements have been made with the players named below to meet within the next two weeks and go into practice. The team will be as follows: Batteries, Keefe and Holbert, Lynch and Reichsliager; first base, Hankinson; second base, "Sam" Crane; third base, Esterbrook; short stop, Nelson; left field, "Eddie" Kennedy; center field, "Dasher" Troy; right field, "Jimmy" Roseman. "Dave" Orr and "Steve" Brady are the only members of the great team of other days who will not be seen with the "reorganized" team. This necessitates Troy's transfer to the outfield and Crane's substitution at second base. It is the intention to play this team against the New Yorks and the Brooklyn several times at the Polo Ground and Eastern Park during the first two weeks in April.

SCHEDULE DEFECTS.

Cleveland Strikes More of Those Long Jumps.

Cleveland, March 26.--Secretary Robinson and Manager Tebeau were engaged yesterday afternoon in the laborious task of "routing" the team for the coming season; that is, they took the playing schedule and a railroad guide for the purpose of figuring out the routes to be taken by the team. They found one very bad case of long jumps in August, when the team plays in Pittsburg on August 8, in Chicago the next three days and then jumps to Washington. That last jump is a pretty healthy one in length, but they found that, unless the time cards of the railroads between this city, Louisville and St. Louis are changed, the team will have to travel by special train between Louisville and Cincinnati to reach Cleveland in time to play games. One trip will be necessary to use a special between this city and St. Louis. The train service on all roads at present is worse than it was before the World's Fair, so far as base ball teams are concerned.

TROY TIPS.

PROBABLE MAKE-UP OF THE LOCAL TEAM.

Possibility of a Change in the Infield The Case of Brockenridge--The Spring Programme--About Strothers, Etc.

Troy, N. Y., March 27.--Editor "Sporting Life":--Although politics, as a general thing, has but little interest for the average base ball fan, Troy's recent spring election--unnatural by a murder and the shooting of several citizens--has been the all-absorbing topic of conversation for the past two weeks and accounts for the absence of our usual Troy letter.

TO SET THE BALL A-ROLLING.

Now that quiet has been restored attention is again directed to the national game, and the pleasant weather of the last three or four days has set the boys a guessing as to the make-up of the team for the coming season. On this point it may be said that the complexion of the team will be very much the same as last year. A new manager and possibly two new men--may appear in the outfield, but the pitching corps and the catching staff will remain practically the same as last year, with the exception of a couple of youngsters Mr. Maloney has corralled to help the pitchers out in the early exhibition games. The infield is not made up as yet, and can't be given in its entirety at this writing, but it will contain most of last season's players. Marr Phillips' injury, received the latter part of the season, and which incapacitated him from participation in the concluding games of the championship may prove a barrier to the little short stop. The opening management thinks well of Phillips' work at short field (when Marr is himself), and his batting is all right, but his base running--well, Marr is not a sprinter. The hope is entertained that John Pickett will be with us again, although rumor has it that he is to retire from active participation in the game.

THE EXHIBITION DATES.

A call at headquarters to-day found Messrs. Maloney and Van Arman, president and treasurer of the Troy Club, busily at work on the exhibition dates. The team will report about the middle of next month. It has always been the custom in past years to test the local team's mettle by a series of games with some of the major league clubs. New York and Brooklyn, usually--but no such series has been arranged thus far. Manager Ward and his team were received right royally here last spring, and the New York management's treasury was swelled to goodly proportions by the trip. Brooklyn, also, did well here, although the weather was cold and the air raw and chilly, upon the occasion of the visit from the Bridegrooms. Manager-Captain Thomas Cahill writes from his home, at Fall River, Mass., that the Fall River team, of the New England League, is anxious to play the Troy team on the season there, playing two games, April 19 and 20, Sunday, the 22d, will open the Pleasure Island grounds. It was the original intention of the home club management to give this date to one of the National League clubs, but as the Eastern teams are to open the season in the West, the idea will have to be abandoned. An endeavor will be made to get on a few exhibition games with some of the crack college teams prior to the opening of the championship season.

WORK ON THE STAND.

A big gang of men are at work to-day on the new grandstand, and everything about the park looks bright and fair. "Gene" Derby, the genial janitor, was out looking at the grass grow, and will have things in shape for the "boys" within a week.

THE CASE OF STROTHERS.

The attention of your correspondent was called to an item in last week's "Life" of "Troy's shabby treatment of Con Strothers," and, while there is much truth in the article, the story has two sides. Troy, six months ago, when the sale of Tommy Cahill to Brooklyn, and Home-Run Breckenridge to Louisville, looked like foregone conclusions, President Maloney began casting about for a good man to take Cahill's place as captain-manager, and hit upon Strothers. Seven or eight weeks ago the men came to an agreement and Strothers was to receive advance money (merely enough to pay railroad fare) upon his signing a Troy Club contract. Well, Strothers did not get the cash because the "Troy Club" management never sent him the contract.

THE WHY AND WHEREFORE.

Readers will remember the drafting by Brooklyn of Troy's crack catcher and the contemplated sale of the big first baseman, Breckenridge, to Louisville; the withdrawal a few months ago by Brooklyn of its claim to Cahill's services, and Louisville's failure to purchase "Breck." Of course these players revert to Troy, and being first-class men, we prefer to keep them in preference to strangers. Strothers wrote President Maloney that he had a chance to go to either Lincoln or Des Moines, but he declined. Troy did not want him, and received an answer to the effect that if he could do better in the West he was at liberty to sign there. Could anything be more fair or square? No, sir, and the Troy Club management will do the right thing by every player--providing he is himself white. Here's hoping young Strothers will soon find a berth and land a pennant. J. A. W.

A ROMANCE OF THE DIAMOND.

How the Late Ed. Williamson Won a Wife.

The late Ed. Williamson graduated with Charles Bennett from the Neshaunocks at New Castle, Pa. His wife was with him when he died at Mountain Valley, out in Arkansas. The story of their courtship reads like a romance. She was Nettie McDonald, and her father, F. C. McDonald, related the story of their meeting to a Chicago newspaper. He said: "It was in the spring of 1881 that my Nettie first met Ed. It was in New Orleans. My wife and daughter were visiting in the Southern city, and at the hotel where they were putting up the Chicago base ball team was also stopping. The club was there practicing and getting in shape for the season's play. My wife thought that professional ball players were not just the class of people she would like to have picked them up, and in with, and therefore she refused to allow Nettie to meet any of the men. But old 'Silver' Flint, who was catching for Anson then, had his wife along with him, and she, before we were two months married, became fast friends. Nettie told Mrs. Flint of my wife's antipathy to the base ball profession, and as she expressed a strong desire to see a game Mrs. Flint arranged to take her two girls to the game, and Ed. happened to be there. He was not long before Nettie observed Williamson's superiority and spoke her admiration of him. The game was close and exciting, and Chicago needed two runs to tie the score, when Williamson came up to bat. Nettie was carrying a large bouquet and remarked: 'There, now, if that man makes a base hit I am going to throw these flowers to him.' Well, there were two men on bases, and Ed. pounded the leather for a home run. That placed the Chicago in the lead, and when Ed. came panting to over the home plate Nettie tossed him the flowers. He picked them up, smiled and lifted his hat, and that evening Mrs. Flint brought Williamson over to the table where my wife and daughter sat and introduced him. My wife treated him

with cool politeness. She could not cover up her displeasure. After that, however, she saw more of Williamson, and soon grew to like and respect him. He was in a very short time, and was married in June, 1882, and since that time I do not believe the pair have been separated for more than a week at a time. She accompanied him on the famous trip around the world of the Chicago Club."

BARNES SCORED.

Charged With a Double-Cross by Vanderbeck.

Detroit, March 24.--Editor "Sporting Life":--At the recent Western League meeting in Milwaukee, Detroit got it when the turkey grows his whiskers. Catcher Lohman and outfielders Carroll and George were all taken from Vanderbeck. Luckily, there are other players in the country, but it seems to have been a small pool of trick. Vanderbeck lays it all to the treachery of John S. Barnes, of Minneapolis. This is what the Detroit manager has to say: "It was a low-down trick Barnes played me and perhaps it was my fault ever placing any confidence in him. Barnes is pretty well known here and his country not towards Detroit will not raise him in the estimation of base ball men. I shall take great satisfaction in beating the life out of his team in the league if it costs me every cent I am worth."

"At the Indianapolis meeting where reserved lists were considered and presented I could not be present, and so I gave Barnes my proxy and a list of the players I had on my list. I expected to place my proxy with Jim Hart, of Chicago, but I understood Hart would not be at the meeting. "Well, what did this man Barnes do? Of the list of fourteen I sent in to be reserved I now have but two men. Barnes took some from my list and placed them on his own. He gave others to other clubs, outside of wherever he could. All these facts I did not learn until the meeting of the schedule committee. Before I went to Milwaukee I was confident I would win, but I was hindered under the delusion that Barnes had treated me better than he did."

"The schedule committee could do nothing more for me than was done, for Barnes had double-crossed me from Dan Boshoff. Of course I could have fought the matter out, but the League would have taken my franchise and given it to St. Paul or some other city anxious to get in the League. "The only man I really regretted losing was Lohman. I had him on my reserve list, but could not do business with him. I made him an offer which he refused and then I struck him from my list. Milwaukee took him up and then Lohman accepted my terms and signed my contract. He also accepted Milwaukee's terms, but did not sign with the Beer City and the chances are that he will play with no club."

Mr. Vanderbeck visited Chicago on his trip and had a long conference with the list over Glenavlin. Glen will accompany Van's team on the spring trip South to play second base and manage it. Glen has not been released by the Windy City and Van refused to state the situation regarding him between Chicago and Detroit, but it is more than probable that Detroit will have him until such time as he is needed by Chicago. Vanderbeck has not been grieving over the loss of his players to the detriment of the team. He has been carrying on a huge amount of correspondence by mail. He has placed Boverman, Cliff Carroll, Burns and several others on his reserved list. "The proposition to admit ladies free was sent out by the Associated Press, a man who conveyed a wrong impression. The action announced was only for Milwaukee, but any club may declare ladies' day whenever they see fit. "Work on the grand stand of the Troy Club is progressing rapidly. They are to be finished in 30 days. "The weather in the middle of March is a novelty in this part of the country. Cranks are becoming restive. C. F. MATHESON.

JERSEY JOTTINGS.

Outlook For a Lively Base Ball Season in Trenton.

Trenton, N. J., March 26.--Editor "Sporting Life":--The outlook for the coming season is quite good, as there will no doubt be a Commercial League in existence. There is also a possibility of two different leagues, as two leagues are in the field. The electric road may fit up grounds at the end of their Broad street line, which by the way would be a big boon to traffic on their line. Mr. Andrew Cochran, owner of the well-known summer resort bearing his name, may also bid for popular favor by starting a league to play on his grounds. This would be a very good move on his part, as the crowds at his park last season at times reached up in the thousands. "The old Trades League grounds, where for years the local leagues contended for championship laurels, will no doubt be a thing of the past, as Albert Hayes, the lessee, has turned it over to the owners. Mr. Hayes lost money last season owing to the Cochran of Cochran Park offering better inducements to the amateurs. Mr. Hayes has done more to help the game in this city than any other one man. I would also state there will also be other clubs in the field that will be a league at all. The Catholic Club may put a team in the field the coming season, with M. E. Fitzgerald, late manager of the Hartford, Conn., and Trenton Clubs, at the helm. The Y. M. C. A. will also have a good club out for the coming season. The Trenton Athletic Club will also make a bid for popular favor by trying to produce a good team. "The Crossley team is the first local club to have its roster of players and from the men they announce I am sure they have a cracker jack. The Kilduns, under Mr. Lawson, may be in the swim. The Hardings will also try it again. "Among the local boys, professionally speaking, who are here John A. Smith, James McGuire, Bernard Uplander and Edward Behan, all good men still unsigned. Smith, by the way, is an A. No. 1 first baseman for some good club. "The Crossley team has signed with Lewiston, Maine. In him they get a fine player, and one who is good for every day in the week. Jack Tiernan, the well-known umpire, is still here unsigned. M. E. FITZGERALD.

WATERBURY IN IT.

The New Connecticut League Received With Favor.

Waterbury, March 20.--Editor "Sporting Life":--The Connecticut State League has been organized with a good eight-club membership. It is "in" in the minds of the satisfaction of the small army of base ball enthusiasts in this city. The franchise has been secured by Jimmy Peoples, the old League catcher, and he is expected here in a few days to look over the ground and arrange matters for an old time season of the national game. Local players as have the ability to hold up their end will be given a place on the home team, and all of them will be given a chance to show their mettle before the opening of the regular season. There is an abundance of players here for nearly all the positions on the team except a catcher and unless a good local man turns up from some unexpected quarter a good catcher will be secured from elsewhere. "Frank Donohue will probably not be a member of the Waterbury team this season, as he is negotiating with clubs in the Eastern and New England Leagues. "The selection of Harry Durant as president-secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut State League is a most deserved tribute to a clever and courteous young gentleman, who is thoroughly versed in base ball lore. "An interview with several gentlemen who have always taken much interest in base ball affairs your correspondent finds that the local players are in a very good mood. The proposed salary limit is lived up to, the new League will be a success; but on the other hand, if the managers of the teams go beyond those figures in order to get a club that will go to the front in the present race, the result will be as it has always been in small cities where the expenses will more than offset the receipts, and another minor league failure will be the result. "The Bostonians will play here April 10. Timmy Carmody, a popular local twirler will probably be given a trial as pitcher. Northampton Notes. Northampton, March 15.--Wm. Garmon, the left-handed pitcher, late of Northampton, is not yet engaged. "Pitcher William Carey, late of the Binghams, is in the city. He can be engaged for this season. He is engaged by Manager Jimmy Donnelly, of the South-

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Lancaster Will Have a Club. Lancaster, March 10.--This city will again have a good base ball club this season, something it has been without for several years. One has just been organized under the name of the Lancaster Base Ball Club, and the players already booked include some who were members of the State League last year. Edward Jeffries and Peter Flora, of Philadelphia, and Thomas Goodhart and Walter Kantz, of Lancaster, will compose the batteries. An effort will probably be made to secure a franchise in the State League. "But Harry Wright Paid the Bill. The signs of prosperity in base ball are returning with conservative pace. The managers opened the first half dozen cold bottles last Tuesday since the memorable year of 1889. If things go well this year larger glasses may be used at the next meeting.--New York "Herald."

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CAUSERIE. FAULTS, FAILINGS AND FOIBLES OF CYCLING'S GREAT ONES.

In Defense of a Slandered Liver—A Case For Hands Off—A Cycling Cabal—The Mixing of Porous Plasters and Pneumatics—Potter Pays the Penalty of Being a Worker.

My far Western friend, Editor McGuire, of that particularly bright and artistic journal, "Cycling West," has honored my liver in the last issue of his paper with an editorial dissection. In paying me this honor he has seen fit to discover in me certain virtues I have not and in my liver certain defects I was not before aware that it was afflicted with.

Dealing with the figures Editor McGuire has kindly supplied me, let us see what it will cost for the average Eastern rider to partake of Denver's hospitality. From Boston, Philadelphia or New York a ticket will cost \$40. Sleeper, \$11; meals en route, \$10; board in Denver, \$15; incidentals, which always exceed any estimate made of them, \$25, and you have a total expenditure of over \$100 necessary for the average Eastern rider to attend the meet. How many men are there who can afford at the present time to spend \$100 and six or more days in traveling for the pleasure of a League meet, no matter how enjoyable the occasion may be? Certainly not over a couple of hundred, if that.

About the worst thing in the world is too much of a good thing. It pulls on the taste and brings in its train surfeit, dyspepsia and goodness only knows what else besides. For a month now the rumor mongers have been crying out: "Look out for the Cyclone! Beware of the whirlwind! The end of the world is nigh at hand!" A mole hill has been magnified into a mountain, the trade and the sport have been warned that an awful calamity was to be visited upon them and that prices were to go dogwile with a greyhound's speed.

The result of all this rumpus has been that intending purchasers have held off from buying and the trade, which under the unusual open weather we have had should have been unusually well advanced has been retarded and an injury forced upon agent and maker alike for which they have no one to thank but their friends the wheel papers. Had the two contending concerns been allowed to settle their differences in the usual way without the wheel press attempting to make such an affair both combined to do for our friends; they must get a finger or a pen into the pie, and there you are. From the very start of the whole affair I have refused to take any part in the disagreement, believing that it was not within the province of a paper to enter into any differences existing between individuals, it matters not whether those individuals were members of the wheel trade or only readers of the paper which professes to speak for the trade.

I have often in the past had occasion in these notes to comment upon the non-progressiveness of the English wheel papers. I have as often wondered what would happen if some real, live, wide-awake paper was to find lodgment in the English journalistic dormitory, and, preferring not to pass its days in sleep and sloth, was to, in consequence, to make it impossible for the dozing dodos to continue their well-acted roles of the seven sleepers. I no longer wonder; I know now what these gentlemen will do to anyone who wakes them up—they will boycott him. They resent any such intrusion upon a Briton's right to slumber untroubled. Strange as all this is, it is still stranger that in this case it will be the English who will attempt to boycott the Irish instead of the other way around.

When R. J. McCreedy graduated from a university to an editorship and first began to publish the "Irish Cyclist" in Dublin, the English papers patronizingly favored the new journal, thinking that from far off Ireland no noise could arise of sufficient magnitude to disturb their slumbers. In this they were mistaken. Early and late, ever and always, McCreedy was awaking them up and at it slowly at first but rapidly at the finish he fought his way into the very innermost roost of the sleepers and his journalistic shillelagh played round the heads of those who slept until in sheer desperation they were forced to either cease their slumbers or else rid themselves of their wide-awake companion. Awake they would not, so disposes they must, and they resorted to a boycott of McCreedy.

That this boycott might have the life-giving air of the land it was born in, the war was carried into Ireland, and a rival paper started there. This attempt to turn the enemy's flank was futile, for in place of McCreedy ceasing his energetic campaign, he placed his forces further afield, and began issuing a paper right in London. Then there was trouble; sleeping was out of the question with such a paper as "The Cycle," not only knocking at the doors of the English trade, but actually having those same doors opened to it with a welcome. The sleepers were troubled with unpleasant dreams; like a nightmare that green paper ever haunted them. "The Cycle" came "anything but down McCreedy" and still that cry continues, for nothing the sleepers have yet done has had the slightest effect upon "The Cycle's" steady and continued advance. It is the old fight all over again—England against Ireland—and my name would not be what it is, did I not espouse the cause of the green against the red, and wish McCreedy an early realization of the victory he is sure eventually to win. Brains and energy never yet were beaten by sleep and sloth, nor will they in this case.

Did you ever go to a blacksmith to get a dress coat made or to a carpenter to be fitted with a pair of shoes? Certainly you did not. Each man to his trade and the better he knows that trade the less he will attempt to invade the territory of another tradesman. All this comes to me when I see that a Chicago genius has arrived at the conclusion that the man who goes to buy a pill will also purchase a pneumatic, and that the seeker after soothing syrup is the very man to sell a bicycle to. Acting upon this brilliant idea the Chicago genius has concluded to display his wheels amid a surrounding and background of porous plasters and liver pills in other words, the gentleman from Chicago is going to introduce the bicycle as part of the stock-in-trade of the pill peddler and the soda-water supplier. While I will admit that the bicycle has great curative properties and is a medicine which should be more widely taken by the public than it is, yet I am afraid that the percentage of profits is not quite as great in selling bicycles as it is in the disposing of drugs, and in consequence the genial drug clerk will not do very much to make a sale of a bicycle when he can dispose of any one of his "just as good" articles with which all drug stores are so plentifully stocked.

In the anxiety of the smaller makers to sell their products I have seen bicycles offered for sale in some very queer places. Banks, undertakers' shops, tonsorial parlors, plumbers palaces, hardware, dry goods and crockery stores, have all been favored with a trial at the game and have without exception grown tired of their trials in very short order. A bicycle is at no time an easy thing to sell and to those who have not made a study of a machine and the wants of those who ride one, no possible success can be achieved by pretending to act as a wheel agent. The man who is himself a rider makes always and ever a better agent. He can not only talk intelligently regarding the beauties of cycling in general, and those in particular, of the wheel he is offering for sale, but he can by precept and argument make riders and consequent customers out of people who of their own volition or inclination probably never would have thought of buying a bicycle. As an example of the class of agents some wheel makers are content to have represent their interests, I will narrate a little thing which happened me only recently. I went into a hardware shop to purchase a paper of tacks, and while

the proprietor was filling my order, I espied a brand new wheel back among a lot of clothes wringers and hay rakes. I asked the gentleman if he was a rider. "No, indeed I'm not," he answered, as though the question was an insult. "Those things are good enough for dudes and kids to run around on, but I don't want none of them in mine. A young fellow came in here the other day and insisted in leaving that bicycle on consignment; he said he could sell a lot of them if I would take the agency," and as it did not cost me anything, I just let him leave it. I wish I hadn't thought, because the darn thing is in the way all the time."

I asked him if he expected he would ever sell the machine, if he kept it where I saw it, but he said "He didn't give a darn whether he sold the old thing or not."

Now this is a fair sample of the way a manufacturer hurts his business when he makes an agent out of a man in some other line of trade, who looks upon the selling of wheels as a "side line," which he is neither posted nor interested in. The cycling industry has grown great and strong upon the lines laid down by its founder, Colonel Pope, whose policy has from the very beginning ever been to place the selling of bicycles in the hands of live, energetic agents, whose time and talents were devoted to but one thing, and that the sale, repair and rental of wheels, a field so broad that the man who attempts to cover it completely soon learns that it is practically limitless, and needs every iota of ability he has, leaving none to devote to other branches of business. This is the only legitimate, permanent and successful way to sell bicycles, and all attempts to jumble up porous plasters with pneumatics or rakes with racers cannot but in the end react upon the trade in general, and that portion of it in particular which seeks to sell cycles by men and methods which are totally unfit to perform the task allotted them.

What a dear old wind-bag this League of American Wheelmen really is, when, from behind the scenes, you see the rhetorical inflater inserted into the official valve and the consequent inflation made visible. For weeks and months we have had nothing but good roads both in a magazine and a legislative form dinned in our ears, until those who did not know the real base-drum and cymbals policy of the L. A. W. actually thought the organization was interested in doing what it could to improve the highways. Of course we on the inside knew the whole thing was a mighty bluff, brought about by a fight among the bluffers over a division of the spoils resulting from the League's supposed influence and interest in road reform. All this was never so evident as in New York last week. The introduction in the New York Legislature of a "Country Road Law," a distinct advance in the production of decent highways throughout that State, brought before the Legislature and representatives from farmers' clubs, State rangers and good roads leagues from all over the State, who by petition and otherwise aided in the passage of the measure. But where was the great old bluffer, the League? Where it always is—off in a corner wrangling. Not a single representative of the white wheelmen's organizations appeared before the Legislature to speak for that association in favor of the measure, despite the fact, too, that its president and the editor of its famous magazine were both residents of New York.

The truth of the matter is that there isn't but one man in the League who understands the road question thoroughly and that man is Isaac B. Potter, but the management of the road bureau has been taken from him because—well, can anyone tell me? At any rate Potter has been fired and the League will go on doing nothing but carrying out its hybridizing of amateurs, wrangling over office fighting, negroes and other such important matters of a like character as may drift into the minds of its mighty and brainy leaders and officers. I am sorry to see Potter on the outs because he is really an honest, capable and energetic laborer for the League, and he has met the reward of all such by being retired to obscurity. The League does not want such a man as Potter; he is not enough of a talker and he is not a worker, not a bluffer, and as such he is out of place in a League office. While all this is in my mind regarding Potter, the idea comes to me that he is the man the trade association should have in charge of its affairs. While he is not himself connected with it, he is thoroughly in touch with the trade and its abuses, and as a lawyer he is capable of attending to its affairs as no layman can be. An honest, thorough, and tireless worker in anything he takes up, Isaac B. Potter would make of the new association a thing of life and action. Potter is the man to build a good road for the new trade association to pass over to a successful career. Will the association let him build it? F. A. E.

MOTT MOVES. He Has Already Begun to Make Arrangements For the Denver Pilgrims.

Albert Mott, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the L. A. W., has sent the following letter to general passenger agents of all roads having Denver connections: Dear Sir: The dates for the annual meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Denver, Col., have at last been fixed. They are August 13-18, 1894. I shall now proceed at once to fix the "official routes" from various principal points in the United States to Denver, which will necessarily take into consideration the lowest rates and best service. I do this under the following by-law of the organization: "The Committee on Transportation shall arrange and secure special rates and agreements for the carriage of members of the League and their wheels; shall have power to represent the League in negotiations with transportation lines and to make contracts for the same."

From various sources I gather that there will be a larger attendance from the East than was at first anticipated, but much of it will depend on how cheap a rate can be gotten. I have learned that Chicago men are always placed under a heavy handicap in most cases deservingly, which shuts them out from the prize list to a great extent. It costs money to come to Milwaukee and return. The prizes, such as may be offered, will hardly be such as to attract many riders from out of town, so that for the most part none but Milwaukee riders and those of the suburban towns will compete in these events. Last year the value limit of prizes was \$150, but this was easily evaded by putting the values of pianos and big prizes way down. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether any man will this year present a high-priced article and then have it rated at but \$50. Certainly no cycle maker will do so, and the bicycles are barred—nothing but cycle sundries will go. READY FOR BUSINESS. The M. A. C. C. Has New Officers and New Plans. New York, March 24.—The Metropolitan Association of Cycling Clubs held their annual meeting last night at the Columbia, in Fourteenth street. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and it was decided that the association will hold a century run with the New Jersey Cycling Club. The run will cover the hundred miles from Newark to Asbury Park and return and will take place on

WEIGHTS. SOME ADVICE REGARDING AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Light Wheels Are a Luxury and Should be Treated as Such—The Danger They Are Responsible For. The weight of one's safety is a very important matter, and a question on which a great deal of misapprehension exists. A few broad facts should be borne in mind before deciding definitely. First of all, a light machine scientifically constructed is stronger than a heavy machine in which the design or disposition of the metal is faulty, but when two machines are equally well-designed the heavier one will last far longer than the light one; also, a light machine, unless it is scientifically constructed, and the weight saved where not needed, will prove absolutely slower and harder to drive than a heavier but better designed mount, either through the bearings binding, frame twisting, or some other cause; and there are many such light machines on the market, which have been thrown together by rule of thumb. The purchaser will therefore see what difficulties surround him in choosing a light mount. It is AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY. At best, for no matter how good it may be, it will not last nearly so long as a full roadster of the same make. Unless treated with the greatest care and attention it is liable to break down, and even when well treated the workmanship is so delicate that a defect in the material, which in the heavier machine would be immaterial, may eventually result in an accident. The frame is necessarily exceedingly light, and a side fall is apt to twist it out of shape, put the chain wheels out of line, and, in fact, do damage which it is almost impossible to thoroughly rectify. Of course, all this means personal risk as well as trouble and expense. Hence it appears that a featherweight, no matter how good, entails additional expense and additional risk, even to the expert, but more especially to the careless and ignorant.

DESPITE THESE DRAWBACKS it is a luxury, however. The comfort of a good, light machine can hardly be exaggerated, and, just as in the case of pneumatic and solid tires, the rider who has once ridden one will not care to go back to his former roadster. Apart from the construction and weight of the machine, however, there is another important point which must be taken into consideration. Some men are incapable of riding a light mount, and I have known a 10-stone rider who would knock to pieces in a month or two a machine that would carry a 13-stone rider safely for a whole season, either through carelessness, or from pure inability to humor it in rough places, and by skillful manipulation of the pedals and sympathetic alteration of the weight from saddle to pedals and vice versa, to ease it over obstructions. This is why one so often meets a man who has invested in a light roadster of some well-known make, because HIS FRIENDS HAVE RODE ONE with advantage, and who after a few months' load in his denunciations of the said machine and the firm who built it. All makers of light cycles are open to this danger; they cannot build light mounts strong enough to stand such riders, and this is the reason that some of the old-established firms refused for so many years to build such machines at all. From the foregoing the reader will doubtless be able to make up his mind, and to assist him I will CLASSIFY IN FOUR DIVISIONS, according to weight, the safeties on the market. (1) The featherweight road-racer, weighing, stripped, about 28 pounds, and suitable only for the very smoothest of roads, or, if used on average roads, for very light and careful riders. (2) The light roadster, weighing, stripped, about 32 pounds and with light mud-guards and brake, complete, about 36 pounds. (3) The average roadster, weighing, complete, about 40 pounds. (4) The heavy roadster, weighing about 44 pounds. No. 1 will not stand a brake under any circumstances, and No. 2 only carry a rough, heavy rider safely, and in extreme cases even No. 3 will not give satisfaction. For the average rider, however, who does not go in for fast work No. 3 will, as a rule, be found the most satisfactory. R. J. McCREEDY.

LOOKS BLUE. Road Racing the Victim of the New Amateur Classification.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Milwaukee cyclists are just now actively engaged in a discussion as to the effects of class A and class B on road racing. It has always been customary in the big road races to offer several bicycles for the first prizes. In last year's Pullman race the first fourteen prizes were bicycles, with a total value of \$135 each, while the first six prizes in the Waukesha-Milwaukee race were bicycles valued at \$150 each. The North Side Club headed its list last year with a piano, and have received the promise of another for the race set for June 16, besides several bicycles valued at \$150 each. But this year it promises to be different. The promoters will have to choose between an event for amateur or semi-professionals—classes A and B respectively. It must necessarily be class A, while the rules governing this class provide that a member must not compete for prizes valued at more than \$50, and then a list is enumerated outside of which the prizes cannot go. Another ruling which will also keep away many riders will be that which declares that no member of class A shall compete in races more than 200 miles from home. This practically kills road racing so far as fast riders from outside the State are concerned, except the Chicago people. But the attendance from Chicago at Milwaukee road races, according to expressions already made, promises to be exceedingly slim. Chicago men are always placed under a heavy handicap in most cases deservingly, which shuts them out from the prize list to a great extent. It costs money to come to Milwaukee and return. The prizes, such as may be offered, will hardly be such as to attract many riders from out of town, so that for the most part none but Milwaukee riders and those of the suburban towns will compete in these events.

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ASHINGER FINISHED LAST. The American "Champion" Rode up to His True Form.

Paris, March 25.—The great eight day bicycle race which began last Sunday was closed to-day in fine style. A great crowd witnessed the exciting finish and gave Huret, the winner, repeated rounds of cheers and applause. The score was: Huret, 1749 kilometers; Linton, 1743; Williams, 1736; Meyer, 1720; Garin, 1670; Ashinger, 1473; Riviere, 1422; Masclet, 1373; Descamps, 1302. "Charley" Ashinger, the American crack, stopped to-day at the end of the third hour's riding. He came out again and covered 21 kilometers, but stopped again at the end of the fifth hour. He did not return to the track again. Huret was almost buried in flowers after the result of the race was announced, and he was carried on the shoulders of his admirers from the track. He looked haggard and worn. Linton, however, looked fresh and strong.

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AIMED AT SCORCHERS. Failure to Give Warning Will Cost Wheelmen \$20—Some Exceptions Provided, However.

Boston, Mass., March 24.—The Committee on Cities, of the State Legislature, has reported a bill to regulate the use of bicycles on public ways. The bill provides in Section 1 that whoever, without a permit provided for in the bill, rides a bicycle or tricycle at a rate exceeding 10 miles an hour, or rides on a sidewalk, or rides a machine without a bell or gong, or fails to sound the bell or gong whenever necessary to give reasonable warning of his approach, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$20 for each offense, and shall be further liable for all the damages occasioned to any person by such unlawful act. Section 2 defines the meaning of the word "sidewalk" as used in the bill as intended to cover any sidewalk laid out as such by a city or town and any walk in a village which is reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians or specially prepared for their use. It is not to include footpaths on portions of public ways lying outside of the thickly-settled parts of cities and towns which are worn only by travel and are not improved by such cities or towns or by abutters. Section 3 provides for the issuing of special permits by town and city authorities to persons to ride machines during a specified time upon specified portions of public ways at any rate of speed. City and town authorities are also allowed to permit the use of velocipedes by children on sidewalks. By Section 4 proceedings for the enforcement of the penalties imposed by the act are to be instituted within 60 days from the time the offense is committed.

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CYCLING.

"REV." ALICE.

SHE WAS ARRESTED FOR A NEW WAY OF SELLING BICYCLES.

She Sold the Purchasers and Kept the Purchase Money and the Wheel, Too—She Should Have Called Herself Surewin, Not Goodwin.

New York, March 26.—Among the prisoners in the Harlem Police Court yesterday, was a self-possessed and reticent young woman, who, if police theories are correct, is one of an organized band of swindlers whose victims in this and neighboring cities are numbered by the hundreds.

An advertisement appeared two weeks ago simultaneously in Boston and Baltimore papers, offering for sale two Columbia bicycles at \$35 each. It was signed "George Goodwin, No. 46 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York City."

A. T. Mooney, of Salem, Mass., promptly communicated with "Mr. Goodwin."

The answer arrived by return mail written in a strong masculine hand upon rich paper of creamy tint, each page surmounted with the following in handsomely embossed lettering:

"Christ's Church, George Goodwin, D. D., pastor, Rectory, No. 46 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street." And the letter read thus:

Yours to hand. The wheels referred to in my advertisement are this year's patent Columbias—brand new. By this I mean not nearly new or almost new, but positively new. Owing to a painful injury, riding for me is now an impossibility and my wife will not "wheel" alone.

Mr. Mooney decided, instead of forwarding the necessary \$10, to put the matter in the hands of his brother, C. M. Mooney. Then it was discovered that No. 46 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street was occupied by a bookseller, who adds to his revenue by the rental of private mail boxes.

ARRESTED "MISS WEBSTER." Realizing that "Pastor Goodwin" was a myth, and the bicycle sale a swindle, Mr. Mooney reported the facts at the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station. Detectives Foye and McCabe learned that a well-dressed woman had hired a mail box two weeks previous in the name of George Goodwin, and had called almost daily to collect letters, which were surprisingly numerous.

She appeared early Saturday evening, and had pocketed fourteen letters and one telegram when she was arrested. She is about 25 years old, petite and pretty, and showed no surprise beyond a slight gasp as the detective placed his hand upon her arm.

"ANSWER." Machines, even in this year of grace, '94, are not by any means perfect, although of outward and visible defects of construction there are not many.

AS GOOD AS NEW. How to Make Your Old Wheel Look That Way. There is a right and a wrong way to do most things, and this holds good particularly when home enamelling a cycle.

able to remove the old coat of enamel altogether. Then it should be brushed on evenly and thinly—it is far better to have a little than too much—and in one direction only, and the machine kept as free from the contact of dust as possible till the application is dry.

FIGURES.

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It is easier to learn to pedal fast than to find more power. On a home trainer a mile under two minutes is within the reach of even a second-rate rider.

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MAY BE A CHAMPION.

If Early Training and an Appropriate Name Count For Anything the John Morris is a Future Great.

John Morris Wheeler is the name of a 5 1/2-year-old cyclist of Asbury Park. He is the pride of all the Park and the surrounding places, too, and, as a result, he can do pretty much as he pleases in the matter of selecting a place to ride, and everyone is willing to seat him on the wheel and give him a "push-off."

He wears high top button kid shoes, black stockings, little bits of corduroy breeches, a gray cloth jacket and a bicycle cap—one of the long-peaked, rakish-looking kind. In fine weather he spends much of his time on the wheel, and no one can even guess as to his powers of endurance, as he rides up and down Founder Bradley's boardwalk along the ocean front for hours at a time, and goes flying here and there through the city.

HOLY ELLIOTT! A Velograph Which Completely Knocks Out Our Own Cycling Chronograph. The representative of a Brussels temporary was present last week at a series of trials of the velographe, a new speed registering apparatus, the invention of General Le Boulenger.

DOWN TO RIPLEY.

Scenes on England's Famous Cycling Roadway.

Long Ditton to Ripley itself has been gradually but surely come to be looked upon almost as the sole property of those who cycle. In the old ordinary days, cyclists swarmed to Ripley: in the trike days, trikeists swarmed to Ripley, and now in the days of the fashionable safety it's a pretty hard matter for anything to percolate through the serried ranks of cycular cavalry that sweep the mighty road each week end.

MAKES A PRO. OF HIM.

Life Saving on a Cycle For Money Prizes Makes the Rider a Professional, of Course.

An act, brave as it was uncommon, excited plaudits from the pedestrians near the corner of Woodward and Grand River avenue, says the Detroit Journal, and although the scene was witnessed by at least two hundred, there is no one to be found who can call the names of the principals in the drama.

NARROWNESS.

Treading on Dangerous Ground, so This Critic Thinks.

Commenting on the "Bi News" article, "Narrow Tread," in last week's issue, a contributor expresses the opinion that "the craze is being carried too far. An excessive narrow tread is as hurtful as one too wide. The object of the narrow tread is that the leg may be perfectly straight from hip to instep,

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slightly cut, but he made light of the incident and to several inquiries refused to give his name. Some one passed a hat around in the crowd and before the bicyclist was allowed to go he was made to accept the money thus donated for the repair of the wheel.

CYCLING COLTS.

Some Good Advice to Speedy Youngsters Who Have Been Smitten With Racing Fever.

Racing should not be commenced till after 21. It often is, and in a few cases appears to suit the youth of 18 or 19. But it is a most risky experiment, as the energy that should be used in building up bone and muscle right on till the time of maturity is dissipated in the severe competition of racing.

WASN'T BUILT THAT WAY.

In Place of a Drop-Frame It Was a Case of Drop Rider.

A lady whose name has appeared a good many times in print, but who does not favor national dress, suddenly became possessed of the evil one the other evening, and resolved to try a diamond-encased safety. It was quite dark, and she selected a private avenue as the scene of trial.

CYCLING.

NO CLASS B.

CANADA WISELY DECIDES AGAINST HYBRIDIZING AMATEURISM.

Canadian Wheelmen Prospering—Prize Limit Fixed at \$50—Makers' Amateurs Not Wanted—Dues Lifted to Seventy-five Cents Per Annum.

Toronto, March 24.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association was held to-day at the Toronto Athletic Club, College street, and was largely attended by delegates from nearly every portion of the Dominion, between Quebec City on the east and Victoria, B. C., on the west. Considerable business was transacted during the two lengthy sessions of the convention, several matters of interest being dealt with, and while at times wide difference of opinion upon questions of importance made its appearance, the greatest good-feeling prevailed and the minority in every case showed ready acquiescence in the decisions of the majority.

President W. A. Hunter called the meeting to order shortly after 10 o'clock and appointed the Credential Committee, which brought in a report showing that there were 94 delegates present representing 37 clubs and 1533 members. Before the report was read the question of proxy representation was raised and the ruling of the chair asked thereon. President Hunter, in reply, ruled that no proxy representation could be allowed.

And then, amid applause, he rose to deliver his annual address. He said it must be most gratifying to the members to learn that the total strength of the association membership was now 2306. An increase of 501 during the year, but good though this was he had no reason why their strength could not be easily raised to 5000.

HE EXTENDED HIS PERSONAL THANKS to the retiring Racing Board for the excellent manner in which it had performed the arduous work of the year and proposed that an allowance of at least \$100 be paid the chairman of that board in future to meet the expenditure to which he was put in the service of the association. This outlay might be partly repaid by charging a fee to all those applying for the services of the board. He also advised the appointment of one or more official handicappers, who should be paid a fair remuneration for their services. The president further recommended that in future the association offer a banner or other trophy to the club carrying off the one mile and five miles championships. He referred to the salary paid the secretary and claimed that it was altogether inadequate to the amount of work he was called upon to perform. Speaking of the association's official organ he expressed the opinion that it should in future be published from some prominent cycling centre. The report concluded with a hearty expression of thanks to the officers and members for their support and co-operation during the past year. The report was adopted without discussion. Secretary H. B. Donly presented

HIS ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The document stated that although every year in the history of the club had been an advance on its predecessors, the year now closing had far exceeded any before it. While the L. A. W. across the line had barely held its own, the C. W. A. had increased over 50 per cent. In 1891, two years ago, the membership was 1096; last year it was 1505, and to-day the total had reached 2306. The membership had spread to all parts of the province and into distant provinces and territories. A year ago there were forty-five clubs affiliated with the association, now the number had risen to eighty-one, and the signs for still greater increasing in the immediate future were to be seen on all hands. The finances were in good shape and the moneys of the association had been carefully and wisely expended. With reference to the "Canadian Wheelman," the official organ of the association, the secretary stated that it had been his steady aim to improve the paper and always give the members the best periodical possible for the money.

Mr. R. A. Robertson, chairman of the Racing Board, presented his annual report, in which the association was congratulated upon a most successful year, viewed from a racing standpoint. The sport had made gigantic strides, and had now an assured place in public favor. After a reference to the appointment of H. B. Donly to represent Canada at Chicago, the report stated that the rule making it compulsory upon race-promoters to first receive sanction before holding any race meeting had been strictly enforced, and only two unimportant races had been run without this approval.

THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL TIMERS AND STARTERS WAS DECLARED TO HAVE WORKED MOST SATISFACTORILY, AND THE GENTLEMEN WHO HAD ACTED IN THAT CAPACITY WERE THANKED FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Referring to the amateur standing of "makers' riders," the report stated that affidavits had been made by all members coming under this head, together with their employing firms, which covered any possible infringement of the amateur rule. Upon resuming in the afternoon the proposed amendments to the constitution, of which notice had been given, were taken up and considered. The first change proposed was to make the association year end March 15, instead of June 30, and this was agreed to, as was also a proposal to make the per capita contributions of each affiliated club to the association 75 cents, instead of 50 cents, as heretofore. A proposal to pay to each consul 25 cents per capita to form a district fund for local purposes was withdrawn after a brief discussion.

THE LAST PROPOSED AMENDMENT

had to do with the creation of a special class for "makers' amateurs," and was presented by Mr. Robertson, of Hamilton, chairman of the Racing Board. The idea had been thoroughly canvassed for some weeks before the meeting, and when the subject came up it was quickly evident that the delegates had made up their minds that no change should be made at present in the existing rules of qualification, but that the effect of provisions similar to that proposed by Mr. Robertson, which have recently been made by the U. C. of England and the L. A. W. of the States, be noted for twelve months before considering the like modification of the C. W. A. constitution. When a vote was taken on the amendment only three delegates supported it. The proposed amendments to the by-laws, of which notice had been given, were then considered. The first was a motion to rescind the clause which allowed clubs to pay the railway fares and entrance fees of their representatives at race meetings, but the suggestion did not receive much encouragement and was lost on a next amendment. The second was to the effect that "no prize shall be offered or awarded valued at more than \$25." Messrs. Orr and

Hunter wanted the limit raised to \$50, and Messrs. Darby and Higgins were willing to go as high as \$75, or half the existing maximum, but, after a warm debate, the \$50 men carried their point on a close vote.

WHEELED AND WEDDED.

UNITE IN PASTIME AND FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY.

Violet and Charley Give a Practical Example of Daisey Bellism—He Bader Ride to the Minister's and She Rode.

Newark, March 23.—It is not often that a bride and a bridegroom appear at the altar in clad in bicycle costume to be united for life. That was the case here on Tuesday night, however, when Charles Bader, a well-known bicycle rider of this city, and Miss Violet Hervey, of Ringoes, were married.

Mr. Bader last summer spent most of his idle hours on his wheel, and when he had the time took long jaunts through the country. One of his trips led him to Ringoes, a little village back in the country. While in the village he stayed at the farm of Mr. Hervey. During his visit he became acquainted with the farmer's daughter, Miss Violet, and fell in love with her. Needless to say, it was not long before his wheel bore him towards Ringoes again.

From that time until the snow fell Mr. Bader no longer wandered aimlessly about the country, but instead his wheel was always pointed either towards Ringoes or from it. Miss Violet learned to ride, and became as fond of riding as Mr. Bader. He had given her a bicycle, and she had entered the church and walked to the altar. There the ceremony was performed, and they walked out, remounted, and rode away on their wedding trip. When they return they will live here.

BITS OF RACING NEWS.

—Belgium is to have a great road race open only to tandem safeties. —Lumden is given as a probable winner of this year's Bordeaux-Paris. —The Racing Board has reinstated the suspended intercollegiate bicycle riders. —The Cycling Club of Paris, long looked after in its training by Wheeler's negro, Rue. —The road-racing men are all getting in trim for the Irvington-Milburn road race. —The wheelmen of Riverton, N. J., are talking of building a cycle track in that town. —To the pure all things are said to be pure, yet this does not include pure amateurs. —Frank E. Kilpfer, the great rider, thinks of going for "century" honors again this year. —Culver has made application for the position of trainer to the Syracuse Athletic Association. —The role of pure amateurism has an intimate connection with the pay roll of the wheel-maker. —Out of 69 League records which have been accepted no less than 50 are credited to S. McIntosh. —The Racing Board has only two open dates left for the National Circuit. They are July 11 and 30. —Honesty is the best policy, but many professionals, and amateurs as well, are believers in other policies. —The Amateur Athletic Union has decided that it will permit only Class A riders to compete at its meetings. —Billy Penney rides a 76-gear. He says it is only a question of time when all road riders will try the big "76". —The Cycling Club of New York has sanctioned from Mr. Raymond that road race of his from Massillon to Washington? —A draft of spring air, taken on the wheel, is the true cocktail. It is the cup that exhilarates but does not befuddle. —Even the skilled rider, when dismounting, has a tendency to feel nervous when a mounted wheelman passes him moving rapidly. —Adolph Goehler and Jake Linneman will ride tandem this year. They ought to make a speedy pair, especially on the road. —The Class B advocates say the whole of the League are back of it. Good! Now, gentlemen of the L. A. W., all together—kick!

—Leather neckties for wheelmen's use have been introduced in England. What idiosyncrasy will we next see tacked on to poor, suffering cycling? —Misfortune and experience are the greatest teachers in cycling, but they are obliged to wait for their pay all the same, like a school teacher. —Charley Callahan is showing phenomenal speed. It is said, and he will make his fellow-townsmen, Dirnberger and Bald, hustle this season. —Melntosh's success last year threatens to flood England with "South African" champions. Two have already arrived and more are on the way. —The person who argues in favor of pure amateurism has about as much sense as the man who rides his wheel through the streets of New York. —The amateur with a Class B rating intended to disguise his true professionalism is very much like a board house painted in squares to simulate brown stone. —French wheelmen have sent a petition to the Government that they receive a share of the money given by the Republic as prizes for horse and yacht racing. —"Oh!" said the fast one when he heard the announcement that he had been disqualified for foul riding. "It is never to have won and lost than never to have won at all."

—The Pittsburg Bicycle Club is trying to arrange with the newly-formed Braddock Driving Park Association for the use of its half-mile track for training and racing purposes. —"Tell me a fairy tale, mamma." "I don't know any, dear. Wait till your papa comes home from the race meet. He'll tell you all about how near he came to being a champion." —The date of the Kings County Wheelmen's race meet has been changed from June 3 to June 30. The club was unable to secure the use of Eastern Park on the former date. —Englishmen are so original! The Overman advertising border, in which the scorching figures as a component part, has been appropriated by a cycle accident insurance company. —The French wheelmen paraded on Palm Sunday to the grave of the dead racer, Frederic de Oury, and deposited upon the tomb a floral offering to the dead champion's memory. —The Century Bicycle Club, of Pittsburg, will soon move to secure grounds for the construction of a track, club house and grandstands. Should it succeed it will give a big meet this summer. —Among the new racing rules will be one providing for punishment to racing men who send entries to race meets at which they do not appear without giving good reason for their absence. —Records are going early this year. Two French riders on a tandem have just ridden a lap of 365 yards in 23 2-5s., while an other rider has ridden 3 miles 183 yards (five adventures) in 7m. 17 2-5s.

—Cycling life has two surprises. In youth one is surprised that he knows so much of the sport, but when he has matured he is surprised that there are so many things he does not know. —It cost Schofield just \$100 to get too sick to race his Parisian match with Wheeler. This was the amount of the forfeit money which Wheeler, of course, pocketed when "Joey" refused to race. —Do not expect great success in racing to begin with. Confidence, endurance, nerve and many other qualities, besides actual

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strength and speed, can only be learned by racing, and, perhaps, many defeats. —"Tommy" Relp, the ex-Springfield crack, has had his license refused by the N. Y. State Cycling Association. —The Cycling Club of New York is not of the amateurs most pure. We thought so some time since. —Cycle racing is a grand form of athletic excitement, and only those who have experienced it can appreciate the delights of a hard-fought race, when muscle, nerve, pluck, judgment and eye unitedly strive for the mastery. —When we listen to the arguments of some of the rabid supporters of pure amateurism we are reminded of those lines of Pope's, wherein he says: "For virtue's self may too much zeal be bad; the worst of madness is a saint run mad."

—Harris is reported to have said that Schofield is the only man of whom he is afraid. Schofield has given up racing; ergo, Harris is afraid of no one. How modestly and ingeniously this fact is thus arrived at by clever Mr. Harris! —A cycle club has been formed at Lexington, Mass., with the historical name of "The Minute Men." Should this club ever hold a race meet it would develop the fact that some of its members are only second men when it came to the finish. —It is amusing to read occasional announcements by some of the amateur firms to the effect that "Mr. Scorchier" or "Mr. Pedalquik" will ride such and such a machine, and will order no other this season. As though they dare ride any other.

—The Racing Board has appointed Francis P. Pral, of New York City, official handicapper of the New York and New Jersey district; Henry Goodman, of Hartford, official handicapper for Connecticut, and C. J. Kerrison, of Boston, has been placed in charge of Massachusetts. —We wonder if the French men who paid \$300 for the expenses of Waller and Ashinger think that they got their money's worth. The performance of both these teamsters was certainly very interesting in that six-days' race. One quit the first day and the other finished last. —If the N. C. U. strictly enforces its laws during the coming racing season there will be such a dearth of amateur riders, ranks, and such an influx of new blood into the professional class, that cash prizes will eventually become all the rage in England, as it already is in France. —The bicycle track at the Orange Oval is to be lengthened to quarter of a mile. This will be obtained by either leasing new ground at the northeast corner of the oval or using the tennis property. Several meetings under L. A. W. auspices will be held during the season on the improved track. —Metrell says he knows some angels who will put \$2500 against a like amount from Shock, that he can beat Shock in a six-days' race. Some one must have a stock of Continental tires, for they want to get rid of, for under no other conditions could \$5000 in backing be found for these two babies. —A daily newspaper says: "There is a movement on foot to start a fund to send the Englishman in England. What idiosyncrasy will we next see tacked on to poor, suffering cycling?"

—The delight of being perfectly fit, which really means nothing more nor less than being in a perfect state of robust and vigorous health, when the mere sensation of living is an exquisite pleasure, and breathing and moving are something more, when hard exercise is revealed in, and competition for athletic mastery almost longed for, like racing itself, can only be realized by those who have actually trained wisely and well. —The Wheeling Cycling Club will hold a road race from Pittsburg to Wheeling. This will occur in the latter part of April or the first of May. The race will be for \$1000, besides which he gets \$200 for pocket money, a second \$200 if he beats the record, and a \$200 bond of the Credit Ponder, giving him six chances of winning \$20,000. The second man gets \$250; the third, \$150; the fourth, \$100; the fifth, \$75. There are certainly some great prizes here for a paltry twenty-four hours' riding. —Pale with suppressed indignation, Algerine McStub uncrossed his legs, rose stiffly and parried his coat collar. "Glycerine McCurdy," he said, "you have seen fit to sneer at me. You have accused me of having a wheel in my head. If I have, false beauty, it is at least a better one than the one you have in yours." "Yes," replied the young woman, with a pensive, far-away look in her soulful eyes, "and yet I hardly want you for a hub, you know."

—The winning of the first prize in the California twenty-five mile road race on Washington's Birthday by Ulbricht created so much dissatisfaction among the various clubs that the Associated Cycling directors decided not to assess the clubs for the prize, but to pay for it out of the funds in the treasury. Most of the clubs argued that Ulbricht had no right to take part in the race, as they considered that he only joined the Bay City Wheelmen in order to enter. —They must be very strict in the enforcement of racing laws in France, judging from the following: A young man was on the track of the Champs du Mars, rearing for his start, and it appears that he did not hear the customary announcement that it was time for closing, so he went on riding round the track. A policeman laid hands on him in no time, and took him to the Commissariat, in spite of the fact that the young man's and the large crowd's protestations that he had done nothing wrong, at least not so wrong as to warrant the action of the guardian of the peace. —A French inventor has just produced a cycle trunk for the safe carrying of racing machines about the country. It only necessitates the removal of the front wheel, that makes the machine absolutely secure from injury or malicious tampering. —"Cycle" is the fourth inventor, had never been in America he would have learned considerable about cycle-trunk building. For years our crack "amateurs" have traveled all over the country with their trunks, and they have never had to remove any portion of the machine, except the handle-bars, to get the wheel into its case. —As for the mutual protection of manufacturers engaging Class B riders to



will risk their reputations against his cash. —A record broken means some sort of fame; but it is of that sort which endures not, for with the breaking of the record fame flies away and alights on the head of his successor. Fame lies in doing what no one else can do, or thinks it worth while to do. Thus, if you ride to Timbuktoo, and get back alive, you may be hailed as a hero, and your name placed on the sky and the wreath of laurel placed upon your brow. —We have grown into the habit of believing almost everything we read regarding French racing, but when Frank Shoreland's health, when the mere sensation of living is an exquisite pleasure, and breathing and moving are something more, when hard exercise is revealed in, and competition for athletic mastery almost longed for, like racing itself, can only be realized by those who have actually trained wisely and well. —The Wheeling Cycling Club will hold a road race from Pittsburg to Wheeling. This will occur in the latter part of April or the first of May. The race will be for \$1000, besides which he gets \$200 for pocket money, a second \$200 if he beats the record, and a \$200 bond of the Credit Ponder, giving him six chances of winning \$20,000. The second man gets \$250; the third, \$150; the fourth, \$100; the fifth, \$75. There are certainly some great prizes here for a paltry twenty-four hours' riding. —Pale with suppressed indignation, Algerine McStub uncrossed his legs, rose stiffly and parried his coat collar. "Glycerine McCurdy," he said, "you have seen fit to sneer at me. You have accused me of having a wheel in my head. If I have, false beauty, it is at least a better one than the one you have in yours." "Yes," replied the young woman, with a pensive, far-away look in her soulful eyes, "and yet I hardly want you for a hub, you know."

represent them on the track, it has been suggested that all contracts made by the various firms be recorded by an officer engaged for that purpose, and that manufacturer refuse to engage any rider who has violated the terms of a contract so recorded. It was proposed that a similar plan be made a part of the L. A. W. Racing Rules, but the Racing Board has decided not to do so on account of the difficulties to be encountered in settling probable controversies, and because the matter involves the personal interests of Edwin F. Straus rather than the sport itself. —The board of Ripon, chairman of the racing board of Wisconsin Division L. A. W., recently proposed the formation of a circuit of bicycle meets to be held in the interior cities of the State. The object of arranging this circuit is to give wheelmen in the different cities and throughout the interior of the State some chance of acquiring track experience and developing their speed in some degree before venturing into the larger cities for meets. It is proposed to hold one-day race meets in each city in the circuit, and to limit the prizes in value to about \$15 each, in order to insure financial success. Meets will probably be favored for prizes, and races will be open only to Wisconsin amateurs. The circuit will probably cover the months of June and July. —Commenting on the new League racing men, the "cyclist" says: "The Class B men, in all other countries but America, will, of course, be looked upon as professionals. That is to say, no Class B man will be permitted to compete in amateur contests in Europe, so that, if these men wish to try their powers against the British and Continental riders they will have no other course open to them but to ride as professionals when here; and that, of course, will necessitate their being classed as professionals upon their return. The effect of this will be to keep the American makers' amateurs at home, or else to lead to the speedy incorporation of all the flippers in the professional ranks, and the abandonment ere long of the intermediate class."

—At last there is a strong probability of a fast bicycle track being constructed in Toronto. The Toronto Lacrosse and Athletic Association wisely have decided to remodel and perfect their present path in Rosedale, and consider any pecuniary assistance from the bicycle clubs. Bids are being advertised for, and if all goes well, the work will be commenced so soon as the frost is out of the ground. The track will be in shape on or before May 15. In the meantime the Kingston road track project is being quietly discussed and investigated. Mr. Dugan, owner of the site of the proposed bicycle track, intends having the land under consideration measured and surveyed during the week, after which he will be in a better position to talk to the wheelmen. Strange, indeed, if two first-class bicycle tracks be laid in Toronto this year.

—A little racing soon shows a man at what distance he is best, and, as a rule, his staying powers increase with his age, so that at, say 25, he is far better at distance than he was at 21. Staying power, or sprouting can, alike be wonderfully developed by judicious training. Still each man has his forte, and it is rare for exceptional talent to be shown for both in the same man. When they do go together their possessor is generally a champion. No one should, unless quite certain he possesses perfectly sound heart and lungs. The call of these organs is tremendous in competition, and many a man who is fit for years of active cycling is not strong enough to stand the stress and strain of last-lap sprints. Such a man may even win races by his determination and will power from men who are physically better than he. But while they are unharmed by their beating, he has probably done himself life-long injury in conquering them. He may feel but little ill effect at the time, but the damage is done to his constitution all the same. —The only way to make absolutely sure that racing may be safely indulged in is to be thoroughly examined by a competent medical man. If possible a cycling doctor should be consulted. Nowadays so many doctors cycle that it is not usually difficult to find one. It is perfectly right and natural that a man who is a man should want to race, but it is worse than madness for one not perfectly fitted for it to lay up the seeds of future weakness and weakness for the sake of the mere, though transient joys of the path, and, worst of all, to perhaps be medically forbidden ever to ride again. The same man, but in the seeds of future weakness, got stronger year by year, and most likely would, by the aid of fresh air and healthful exercise, have overcome his weakness and lived to be an older man than he otherwise would have done. On the other hand, the doctor once satisfactorily passed, no anxiety need be felt, and common sense and prudence are all that are required to enable a man to pass through his racing career without internal injury.

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TRAINING IN VERSE.

AN AGED CAVALIER WHO SINGS THE PRAISES OF TRAINING.

If You Follow These Ideas You Will be Fit as a Fiddle—A System Which Makes a Man of Seventy Feel Like One of Thirty.

Cavalier Sebastiano Fenzi is more than 70 years of age, but by means of a series of physical exercises, which he has invented and used constantly, he has the appearance of a man of middle age, and says that he feels like a youngster of 30. The cavalier lives at Livorno, in Italy. He spends the best years of his life in cultivating his mind as well as his body, and is an accomplished linguist, with some pretensions to poetry. A specimen of his talent in this direction is a little pamphlet in English verse, entitled: "One Word in Rhyme, on Physical Training, so as to Live Long and Well."

The cavalier begins his work with a short preface in prose, addressed "To the reader," in which the poetic Italian explains how he came to choose this peculiar vehicle of expressing his system, as follows: "People will smile, I doubt not, in seeing the argument on physical training treated in verse, and by a daring foreigner, and what is more (and very prosaic and rather repelling), an old man!

"But the only excuse I can adduce is that, yet liege to the rules of gallantry, though late in life, I could not refuse to comply with the wish expressed by an English lady, who added: 'Do so, for then people will feel curious to read it; as else who would care to peruse a volume on calisthenics, fresh or stale, if written in prose?'

"I am far from supposing that people will pay much attention to my gallantry toward the fair sex, even at this hour, but I do believe that they may perhaps have the curiosity to sympathize vibrate in my favor when I tell them that, although I am wading through my 71st year, I feel quite young both in mind and body, and that I owe this singular privilege to my having adhered scrupulously since my 35th year to the programme I have here endeavored to describe, ending with a bold defiance to all the 1,500,000,000 of human beings to confront me physically and intellectually—whoever comes forward being, however, my own age."

After a short poetical introduction the cavalier launches forth into a history of the physical training of the past, and stating that the human frame contains upward of 500 muscles, each of which should receive daily exercise, he goes on to say:

Reaching life's middle course—(as Dante says) We feel that waning age's palmy days, And that the golden age is passing by, No chance have we to meet partially. From Time, that grim and cruel heir by degrees All gaineth and consumeth as it flees. The first idea was that, once out of bed, And having dropped all dress from foot to head, Remaining thus in my room's secrecy In the most modest state a weight can be, As once a lady told me of her maid, (Making a pun, perchance): "The Western man In his idea of modesty is not Quite logical according to our thought: For to be just as God has made us here, Free from adornments of fashion's gear, Is the most modest state, as I attest, Who, as a woman, would not wish to be best, For were it not for our rich, showy dress, The peasant girl would beat us all, I guess!"

The system of training is a very rigorous one, as this, which is only the beginning of the morning exercise, will show:

But to continue—I in early morn, Thus as I said, of all my nimble shorn, Do groom myself with brushes hard and stiff, All over, some few minutes, just as if I were a horse, and then, as I should say, Feels, even in chill winter, all a flame, Affording to all parts a healthy tone, As if a mile I hurriedly had gone. And in the evening, when I comb the hair, Hard with the small-tooth comb and no place spare, So that the pores upon the scalp obtain A thorough cleansing and all freedom gain, And, not yet satisfied, I use a piece Of ivory, vitality to increase. —Then, as I sing, I use the cranial hair, By means of a comb, and ears and neck beside, To have a binding access, And its effects, I should thus express:

Then follow vigorous exercise at the horizontal bar, and an exercise intended to develop the muscles of the lower limbs, which consists in sitting upon the heels and rising to an upright position some fifty times in succession without moving the feet. He next stands on tiptoe fifty times to develop the tendon of Achilles and the muscles of the foot. Still I indulge in two or three more yet, And one of the most useful, as I attest, In ever performing it an ever slack— The swinging on two chairs placed back to back— Resting both arms well stretched down, and then These bending, let me down—then up again— This never less than 10 times, and oft more, The arms thus strengthening more than with the oar—

I, after this, oft with the clubs go through Some feat, the intention being to bed, where he partakes of a modest fare? And butter, tea and milk, after which he dresses leisurely and goes forth to take a walk, "feeling strong and lithe." The cavalier feels justly that some one may scoff at his system. I can well understand that among the few Who will peruse these rhymes, all will but view These little-wanting words with piteous smile And thus dismiss them from their sight the while.

He feels confident, however, that time will vindicate all that he has said, and that When men shall view life in its true light, They then will think it wise to be as right. With this feeling of righteousness the cavalier breathes forth this bold challenge: "Well, then, my proud defiance herewith I To all the world do send—yes! I defy Whatever man, whatever nation, age, In any feat of strength with me to engage! For sure I feel that still my veteran arm Of health and strength possesses the full charm, And that my mental faculties are not falling out. The rules that I've here—wrought to chaunt about, Can ever I dare say let—with any hope!— Expect to conquer if with me he cope!"

He does not wish to be understood as challenging to mere feats of strength, however. He has improved his mind at the same time that he has pursued this vigorous system of physical training. The pugilists of old, he says, were famed for their strength, but had no intellect to speak of: Such folks allowed material parts full run, And their flesh swayed, whilst, all castrated, the mind Was but allowed a scanty room to find; Yet such is not my case, for I have led At even pace, the muscles and the head— So that the mind is not following out. Dare all, that bear my years, with me to vie Within the lists of thought and power of mind. If there is any man, who is not following out, Extremity a tract, in rhyme, to prove, In three non living idioms to compose!

If this challenge be accepted the cavalier wishes his reward, in case he is the victor, to be the declaration that his system is the best for mind and body of any yet exploited, and to close his little treatise with the words: And now I'll take, my leave;—my work is done— But hope to have succeeded here I none!— Yet if some day, in the future, I should see And do one-tenth of what of what I in it say, They'll find that by being true they will yet reach Up to the lesson I've been trying to teach— And that, possessed of health and strength, they'll bless The man who ventured thus to put in press!

CYCLING.

BUSY BOARD.

CHANGES IN THE RACING RULES OF SOME IMPORTANCE.

Clipping the Wings of the Festive Fast One—Some New Things He Can Not Do and Some That He is Allowed to.

In the future no race promoter can advertise any noted rider for his tournament unless he has the written consent of the man to ride, under the penalty of forfeiting the privilege to secure sanction for future meets. Racing men will make themselves liable to suspension if they promise to appear at a meeting and do not give two weeks' notice of a change of mind. It has also been decided that a pacemaker put into a race will be entitled to the position and prize for the same in which he finishes, but under no consideration can he accept any cash. In the future the Racing Board must be notified two weeks in advance of all attempts at record-breaking, and twelve men must officiate at the trials, including the referee, who must be L. A. W. members. Any racer who does not pay his entrance fees at the expiration of thirty days will hereafter forfeit all right to any prize he has won, as meet managers are privileged to sell prizes which have been withheld at the termination of that time. A new system has been adopted for scoring team races. The scoring will be done by the number of teams, instead of individuals, in the future.

The applications for sanctions for tournaments are being received in large numbers. As many as half a dozen clubs have applied for the same dates. The Racing Board is now working industriously attempting to settle the disputes which arise over these facts between the clubs, and allot satisfactory dates to all the clubs. The new racing rules will be out in about a week's time.

- SANCTIONS GRANTED. April 18, Uniform Rank Knights, Birmingham, Ala. May 30, Cleveland Wheel Club Co., Cleveland, O. May 30, Jamestown Bicycle Club, Jamestown, N. Y. July 7, Prince Wells, Louisville, Ky. May 30, Diamond Wheelmen, Detroit, Mich. May 30, Cycle Track Association, Winoona, Minn. May 30, Quincey Bicycle Club, Quincey, Ill. July 3 and 4, Alert Hose Co., Norwich, N. Y. May 30, Mahoning Cycle Club, Youngstown, O. July 4, Greensboro Cycle Club, Greensboro, N. C. July 3 and 4, Ohio Division Meet, Cincinnati, O. July 4, morning, Ramblers' Bicycle Club, Buffalo, N. Y. April 19, J. W. McDuffee, Franklin Park, Sangus, Mass. April 19, Newton Athletic Association (one event), Newton Centre, Mass.

WHAT TO DO.

When You Get Your New Wheel Look After These Details.

The tires should be pumped hard, so that when sitting on the machine they scarcely "bulge" where they touch the ground. The saddle should be adjusted to the right height, i. e., so that when the pedal is at the lowest position it can be reached with a straight leg, but without the faintest sensation of stretching. It is no good testing the machine with the feet, as when sitting on a stationary machine an altogether absurd reach feels comfortable. See that the saddle is adjusted both fore and aft, and at a moderate angle say, with the peak half an inch higher than the back. If this does not seem right when mounted after it later on, till there is no inclination to slip either backward or forward when riding slowly on the level. The peak should be about 6 inches behind the centre of the crank bracket. This can be ascertained by a piece of string or a straight stick used in a plumbline. Like the pitch, it can be altered afterward if a different position be deemed desirable. The handles should be adjusted so that they can be reached when sitting upright without the least stretch. Do not have them too low, as it looks absurd for road work, and apart from being bad for the rider, does not increase the pace a yard an hour. See that all bearings are properly adjusted, without side shake or tightness, and that every nut is taut. The neglect of these little precautions often does more harm to a good machine in its first week than a whole season's fair riding. If a brake be used it should be adjusted so that when hard on it does not touch the handle, but it should come within half an inch of doing so, or it will be out of the reach when off.—"Bi. News."

SKINKLE'S IDEA.

What His Opinion is of That Far West Meet.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—"Well, what difference does it make if it has been declared off?" asked W. A. Skinkle, after he was told that the Racing Board refused to sanction a racing meet for Denver on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. "Who's going to Denver, anyhow?" continued "Pop," turning interviewer in his own behalf. "Do you suppose Boston and New York men can afford to go, even if the railroads give a rate of only one cent a mile? How many do you think will go from Cleveland? Well, I asked some Boston men if they would come to a national meet in Cleveland and they wanted to know how long since I had come out of an insane asylum. They think of Cleveland as being in the very far West. When they come to think that Cleveland is about one-fourth the distance they are appointed at the idea of traveling so far.

ELI EFFERVESCES.

He Thinks That Men Who Ride Bicycles Are Indulging in Self-Abnegation.

Firms in the cycle trade very often meet with peculiar people and peculiar letters. The following reply to an application for a reference to the club and reports of a prospective installment customer of the Raleigh Cycle Co. is characteristic of the writer, the well-known humorist, Eli Perkins. Mr. George S. McDonald.—Mr. James came to me with a note from the Y. M. C. A., New York. He was honest with me and did his work well. Your letter caused me a great shock. I am a member of the Anti-Bicycle Club, and if Mr. James has so departed from rectitude as to even desire to ride the instrument of torture, I shall have to stop indulging him. There must be something wrong about him. His head seemed level when he was with me, but perhaps he has committed some great secret crime and now resorts to self-abnegation.

gation or the bicycle torture to ease his mind. Will you confidentially to you that the only question I ask now of an applicant is, "Do you ride a bicycle?" If he confesses, that ends the matter with me. I endorse Mr. James up to his bicycle mania, but conscientiously have to draw the line there. He will not pay for the instrument of torture after he has ridden it. A worm will coil when stepped on. Yours very truly, MELVILLE D. LANDON "ELI PERKINS."

A FRENCH DAISY.

How the Translator Has Fared With the Cycling Belle.

A Parisian wheel paper has tackled a rendered back into English. Daisy Bell, and this is the result literal—"There is a flower which a young girl has planted in my heart. Her heart she responds it to mine." That is that which I am able to say. All that I know is that I wish to pass my life with Daisy Bell. "Daisy, Daisy." "Daisy, will you be answer, I you pray, for I lose the head, yes, we will marry ourselves, but our marriage will be very effulgent. Impossible of us to pay a carriage. We will content ourselves of a bicyclette tandem. "Daisy, Daisy." "We will go thus to tandem on the road of the life, Daisy, Daisy, and if the policeman me asks my lantern, I him will show the light of thine eyes. "Daisy, Daisy, etc."

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

Judie, the famous French actress, is a wheelwoman. Amherst, Mass., has voted to impose a tax on bicycles. Experience tries in cycling to teach some awfully slow pupils.

A suburban lot—city wheelmen off for a club run in the country.

French bicyclists prefer candles in their cycling lamps in preference to oil.

Sometimes a man's wheel feels lightest when he has a very heavy load on.

A newly-lighted lamp will jolt out more readily than one which has burned for five minutes.

The Century Bicycle Co.'s plant, valued at \$200,000, was destroyed by fire Tuesday at Indianapolis.

A new tire consists of a series of wavelike springs arranged within a thick indiarubber casing.

When your tire picks up a tack in the dark you do not think that it is a joke because you do not see the point.

Aluminum, it is said, will not trust or tarnish. It is pleasant to hear of something which aluminum will not do.

The Atlanta Wheelmen have won the wheelmen's inter-club pool tournament, with the Riverside Wheelmen second.

Julius Andrae has invented a new metallic compound for coating wood rims and making them waterproof and warless.

Will some sage student of human nature tell us why repairers always "adjust" bearings as tightly as they will possibly go?

If you must take a lady tandem riding, always choose a widow or your wife, because if you do not you will find it a Miss-take.

If in doubt as to the position of your handles, give the benefit of the doubt to an inch higher. For the saddle, the reverse.

The official organ is a weighty honor; it takes two tons and over of type to keep standing the mailing list of the paper.

W. B. Starrett, of the Jersey City Athletic Club Wheelmen, has won the individual prize in the Wheelmen's Bowling League.

A tandem team dressed and masked as monkeys recently amused Parisians by riding through the crowded portions of the city.

"Askem."—No, a wind-broken wheel horse has no connection in any way with a cyclist whose pneumatic tire has been punctured.

It is a rash and foolish thing for a woman to embark on lonely country rides with pneumatic tires before she has learnt to mend them.

How to keep going—where the road ends, how to subsist—these are the questions which seem to be a never-failing source of difficulty with most club members.

Where's the slump? That thousand wheels has been thrown at the market, and we are all alive yet. Can any hewers please take notice.

"Le Velocipede Illustré," the French journal, has just celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday, thus making it the oldest wheel paper in the world.

California, always boasting of the bigwigs of its products, now comes forward with a 315-pound rider, and claims that he is the heaviest wheelman in the world.

There will probably always be a number of careless men who would prefer running the risk of a break-down rather than spend half an hour on their machines.

Policeman to wheelman, who is riding on the side path: "See here, young man, you can't ride there." "Can't, eh? Well, you just watch me." And he whet out of sight.

There are many who express pleasure at the idea of a fact on cyclists, for the reason that it may debar the lower grades of the population from sharing in the pleasures of the pastime.

There ought to be on the part of every wheelman a thorough mastery of the details of his machine, as this alone would enable him to deal successfully with any mishap that may occur.

First dress reformer—"My dear, that new riding costume of yours is so short that I'm afraid they can see your ankles. Second reformer—"And it's so long that I'm half afraid they can't."

It is a safe rule to take advertising as you would medicine—when you need it. Advertising is the only medicine for sick business, but it must be of good quality, just as medicine must be good to do good.

An indolent rider of a wheel is more hurtful to the sport than an ill-natured one, for the latter will only attack his enemies and those he wishes ill to; the other injures indifferently both friends and foes.

It is obvious to all that indolent men cannot feel that security, and cannot put that confidence in their machines as the men who periodically overhaul their mounts and satisfy themselves "that they are fit for work."

It is said that certain English wheelwomen who have adopted the bloomer riding costume are so pleased and so manlike in consequence thereof that they now contemplate forming a cycling military company.

Many Pittsburg wheelmen are thinking it would be capital fun to ride out 50 miles and meet the Coxy procession. They may do so. Wheelmen had better keep free from any entanglement with cranks of the Coxy's stamp.

To those whose cycling recollections go back a few years the falling off in the matter of club runs is most remarkable. For some reason or other, what used to be a most popular feature of club life has become the very reverse.

Thirty carriers and clerks in the Kansas City post office have formed a bicycle club. It is expected that a saving of \$15 a machine can be made by co-operating in the matter of purchase. The organization will be called the P. O. D. Bicycle Club.

Some clubs absolutely refuse to fit a brake to a road racer, and they are right. Doing so will only bring discredit on their goods. Even in the case of a light roadster weighing, say, 35 pounds, all on, the brake should be applied very cautiously and gradually.

James R. Dann, ex-president of the L. A. W., is in San Francisco in charge of the United States Treasury Office at the Midwinter Fair, as he was at the World's Fair. His office is in the northeast corner of the gallery in the Liberal Arts building.

It is continuous effort that pays in advertising as in everything else. A business man doesn't keep his store open one day in the week or one week in the month, or three months in the year. He advertises that way that is the impression people will get.

"Do you believe in fate?" was the question a young lady recently asked of a peasant, who happened to be the owner of an old silk hat. "Bogob, yes, Bogob, yes," he answered, "but I never believe in it, unless I had a pair, shure what 'ud I drive the machine wud?"

There is just now a distinct movement

in favor of reviving the old club run, and we trust that success may attend it. The only question I ask now of an applicant is, "Do you ride a bicycle?" It is not probable that it can, while it is not undesirable that it should ever be put back upon the footing of a dozen years ago.

There is nothing mysterious about advertising. It is an exact science. You are selling something, and you want to get certain needed things. That's all there is of it. If you can tell them about something they want, or ought to want—if you have a good thing to offer—advertising will sell it.

The municipal authorities of Milan and Brescia last year of a total of \$2.50 per year on all cycles running in the town. The Italian Government has, however, ruled this tax to be illegal, and in Milan alone 2000 cyclists are to receive back the tax which they had paid, while the same will also have to be done at Brescia.

The stealer of wheels is always with us. But the trouble is that he does not stay in one place long enough to be caught, else might his depredations be somewhat less than his number. Another difficulty is limited. As things are, we strongly caution our readers to keep a wary eye on their wheels, especially such as are worth being stolen.

An English maker has introduced a twenty-inch road racing machine, one which combines both the features of the present dropped frame and the regular man's wheel. The change from one style to the other is accomplished by means of a movable tube. Gradually raised and lowered forcing to the wall the cumbersome woman's wheel of the present.

Bicycling polo has got over to Germany, and is being very favorably received. They play it in Magdeburg; and an article recently published in that town states that the game will probably become very popular in Germany. Trick-riding of all sorts has always flourished in the Fatherland, so German cyclists have special advantages, as far as the cycling part of the game is concerned.

The advice to pneumatic-tired cycle owners to periodically remove the outer covers and examine the air tubes has become rather stale whilst making the circuit of the press, but it has the merit of being a really good tip, and worth remembering. Occasional examination is undoubtedly necessary for machines used in wet weather, and advisable for those that are not.

At the forthcoming Antwerp exhibition a cycling motor was arranged to show a novel exhibit. Two ladies, according to the local papers, "will stand beside their machines, telling in loud and intelligible tones the joy they have had from their wheeling excursions, and the admiration their costumes have excited." Another lady will sit beside them, pedalling a home trainer.

The pneumatic tire offers the best example of latent energy that could be found. Who would have thought only a few years ago that such an enormous source of energy, inventing and designing pneumatic tires and their numerous accessories, such as valves, etc., was only awaiting a "puncture" to allow it to escape, and prove useful, profitable and the cyclist's ideal comfort.—"Irish Cyclist."

A cyclist having knocked down a laborer who was returning from his toll, basted to apologize for the misadventure. "Nay," returned the knife of spades, as he kicked the defendant into an adjacent horse and proceeded to smash up the cyclist's cycle. "I have long wished for an opportunity of bursting one of your blooming busters, and now—"

Trick riders generally use exceedingly low-geared machines. One ridden by Nedderly at the known stage performer is geared only to 28, though otherwise it is identical with the common pattern safety. The reason of this lies in the fact that such a low-geared mount obeys every touch of the handle in the most satisfactory manner, a single forward push almost shooting it from under the rider.

Manager Le Cato, of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Company, is a busy man these days. Aside from his Philadelphia interests he has lately been in the Eastern Rubber Company throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and somehow or other manages besides to keep a watchful eye over his branch establishments in Vineland, Atlantic City and Chester. In the realm of hustling Mr. Le Cato comes close to a kingship.

The "Wheeler" says: "Wooden rims are hardly quite so popular now in America as they were a short time back." Our English friend has much yet to learn of America and things popular in it. Never was the "Wheeler" further from being correct than when it became responsible for the above statement. Now, if it had said we are all alive yet, it would not quite so popular as they were, they might have agreed with it.

In repairing single tube tires with the now popular needle and rubber thread, the great point to be observed by the novice, is to make certain that the whole of the pointed part of the cord, which is threaded through the needle, remains beyond the wall of the tire. Otherwise, leakage is sure to occur, sooner or later. Some slight practical tip, an advantage to the repairer, as confidence and skill are not acquired all at once.

In olden times the Mayor of Leicester, England, was chosen by a sow. The candidates sat in a semi-circle, each holding a tin hat full of beans in his lap, and he was selected by the sow who ate the first bean. We would like to see the plan introduced in choosing League officials, since it would do away with the vast amount of trading, wire-pulling and needless deals now so prevalent. What a snap, though, Boston candidates would have in an election of the Leicester pattern!

The world is full of superficial people who do nothing thoroughly. Foolish people affect to despise what they call "mere details," but the "mere details" are the parts which make up the whole, and the importance of details comes home with peculiar force to the cyclist. Overlook them, and you are bound to get sooner or later, it doesn't pay to despise details, and the cyclist who treats them with scorn never succeeds in finding that real enjoyment in the pastime which the careful man does.

We repeat the advice we have given before to the purchaser of a new mount—examine it carefully, and see that it is in perfect running order. Very frequently bearings require readjustment, and the cone of the steering wheel is so loose that tightly that the wheel is scarcely movable. Look over all the nuts, etc., and, in particular, make sure that the chain is not too tight. A chain too tight means so much needless stretching, not to speak of the possible twisting of the frame of the machine, on the very first run.

Some anti-cyclists contend that cycling keeps young men from church who would otherwise be disposed to go there. Only to a limited extent. As a rule, the man who goes to church will do so in any case, and the mental benefit derived from cycling and constant commune with nature are more likely to increase the inclination than otherwise. The man who goes to church because others go, to meet the best girl, or to stare about at the people, had far better be on his bicycle than thus playing the hypocrite.

It is a good plan, as recommended in the "Cycle," to put a secret mark on some part of the machine, to aid its identification if stolen; but the careful thief will not do this, and the marks are not so easily suspicious-looking marks. It is therefore well to drill one or more small holes in some position which has been accurately noted by the owner. One of the best places is on the handle, and this, being nickel-plated, or silver-plated, cannot be filled in and painted over, as they might be if drilled in the enameled part of the machine.

The other day a young man was learning to ride a safety in the street of a provincial town. As is quite usual under the circumstances, the learner came a little off the curb and pitched upon the street curb. As he lay there along came a policeman, who inquired of the almost helpless would-be rider if he could play checkers. The novice, looking up, replied, "Can't." "The best girl, or to stare about at the people, had far better be on his bicycle than thus playing the hypocrite."

The Good Roads Association of Brookline, which has been enjoying a recess for some time, has just issued a pamphlet, containing nothing particular to do, has been aroused into activity by the present condition of the wheelway or special pathway for wheelmen on Ocean Parkway. A meeting of the association to discuss the matter, or two, so that some action can be taken looking to the completion of the pathway in practical shape. The road was originally

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intended only as an experimental one, and as such the riders of the wheel looked forward to its completion with pleasurable feelings.

A. T. Lane, who has just been elected to the presidency of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, was born in Liverpool in 1849. When 20 years of age he began to ride and the following year won two second prizes in his native city. Coming out to Canada shortly afterward, he settled in Montreal, and in 1874 imported the first high wheel bike to America, a 50-inch Coventry. From the day he started wheeling he has been an enthusiastic cyclist, ever ready to promote the highest interest of the sport from a pure love of the noble exercise. In 1885 and 1886 he carried off the cycling championship at Woodstock and Montreal respectively.

The French press has been discussing the question, "Should ladies cycle?" The situation is summed up neatly by a contributor, who says that if the cyclist be pretty, and if she have a graceful figure, and above all, well-shaped ankles, she may in all security ride a bicycle, and no one will complain. On the other hand, if at her birth she received natural disadvantages in these respects, there is no doubt that people will grumble, and find quite reasonable for a sufficient reason to mount a bicycle for the sole pleasure of frightening the horses, and she would do better to stay at home and concern herself with making pastry.

Speaking of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, a Toronto daily remarks: "It does not appear to be generally realized that there is a sort of Tammany Hall combination that rules the roost of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association. This combination is composed of three members only, but such works the oracle with such consummate success in his own sphere that dangers attending any one are ward-off by the two others, and the trio work triumphantly towards the accomplishment of their several aims." Our Canadian friends are afflicted in the same way that we are. Tammany methods have for several years prevailed in L. A. W. affairs.

T. H. Carr, of McKeesport, Pa., has completed an electric cycle, which is pronounced by experts to be a remarkably successful production and something more than the embodiment of a pretty theory. The machine will not be supplied with pedals, but bar foot-rests for the rider will take their place. The battery will be located under the saddle, and be wired to the generator under a bar connecting saddle and handlebar. The motor gearing, proper, will be placed between the two wheels, low down on the machine. Carr is a practical electrician in the employ of the Westinghouse Company, and the machine was devised in competition for a prize offered for a perfect electrical bicycle.

People are very forgetful. They have to think pretty hard to remember the Vice Presidential candidate two campaigns back, and yet he was pretty well advertised at the time. It has been truly said that the time to advertise is all the time. In business there is no such thing as standing still. A business man must go forward or he will fall back. Even if you do just as much business this year as you did last, some other fellow is doing more business than you, and you get ahead of him. Each year's effort should be to exceed last year's sales. The only sure way to do it is to advertise. Advertise in busy times, because the iron must be struck while it is hot, and advertise in dull times to heat the iron. It can be done.

Difficulty is often experienced in securing nuts from coming loose. This results from various causes, says the "Irish Cyclist." In the first place, some oil may have got on the pin; the nut may be a bad fit, or the thread may be worn off by use or misuse. The remedy in the first case is obvious; wipe the pin dry as possible, and if you have some resin by you sprinkle it on it; if you have not any resin, some common carbinol will serve nearly as well. If the nut is too big, a piece of wire twisted round the pin may be found temporarily effective; and if the thread is defective, a thin liner of soft metal, such as tin or zinc, if placed along the pin, will do the trick. If the nut is loose, cure it; or if a piece is available, the nut can sometimes be made to hold, by squeezing it.

Of all the vast number of cyclists who purchase cycles, how many, think you, succeed in mastering cycling to such an extent that they take it on as a permanent hobby? Not sixty per cent. I feel sure, and, taking my own experience of people into consideration, I am prone to think that a good half of those who have been induced to take up cycling have given it up before their machines exhibited "visible signs of wear." This pertains clearly that some words of warning or advice are needed for the welfare of the novice at the start. Endeavor to get some of the best catalog handbooks and manuals have been issued for the guidance of the gentleman under question, but somehow or another they seem to be quite out of his reach in getting, and are read only by newspaper men or people who knew all about it.—"Wheeler."

England had more sunshine during four months of last summer than in any like period for ten years. The returns gathered from all the observation points throughout the island for the last summer show an average for the whole kingdom of 60 per cent. of the possible 100. Complete sunshine records only reach back to 1881, and during that period no such spell of fine weather has occurred. The drought last summer was the longest recorded in twenty-nine years. The next longest was in 1895, when there were twenty-six rainless days during June. Last year there were only thirty rainless days, and during 114 days the amount of rain was only nominal. These facts and figures account somewhat for the rain proof cycling clothing advertised in English wheel papers, the necessity for which seems so strange to American riders.

—Even yet, says the "Scottish Cyclist," there are riders who have not ceased to lament the decadence of the ordinary bicycle-riders who, though riding a safety, still sigh for the graceful simplicity of the tall, direct-driven wheel, and who are never tired of talking of its easy steering and absence of vibration and side-slip; how they could ride miraculous distances hands off, take their lunch with comfort whilst in the saddle, and have no anxiety about tires. But they forget the other side of the picture—the liability to croppers, the uncertainty of the lamp sus-

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There has, perhaps, never been a more striking example of rapid growth in manufacturing, in modern times, than that furnished by the business of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. This firm, as some of our readers may know, are the proprietors of "Hood's Sarsaparilla," which has become famous for its surprising cures of scrofula and other blood diseases. In almost every section of the country, the building in which it is made is now the largest in the world devoted to the manufacture of proprietary medicine. It having a total floor space of nearly four acres. During last summer and fall an immense addition was made to the plant, consisting of a building 165 feet long, 75 feet wide and five stories high. This extension was made necessary by the rapid growth of the business caused by the demand for Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it is the sixth time that the plant has been enlarged. In the first place the medicine was put in a drug store, of which Mr. C. I. Hood, the discoverer of the principle of its combination, was then one of the proprietors. Later, as the fame of Hood's Sarsaparilla began to extend, by reason of the cures

produced in that locality, a small wooden building was rented, and Mr. Hood engaged several assistants. After other changes had from time to time been made a brick laboratory was erected, and since that time three more enlargements of the plant have been necessary, the last and most extensive being that just mentioned.

The peculiar virtues of Hood's Sarsaparilla cause an immense demand in the spring when everyone needs a tonic up medicine, and, of course, everyone wants to get the best. For the feeling of exhaustion and debility which always accompanies the season, nothing equals Hood's Sarsaparilla. It seems to make one all over new, giving a good appetite and sweet digestion in place of dyspeptic feelings, strength and vigor for weakness and inordinate and poor refreshing sleep in place of the restless and sleepless condition caused by the tired, nervous and overworked body. Everyone knows that it is on account of this debilitated condition that the body is more liable to attacks of disease in the spring than at any other time, and by its influence in building up the system at this season, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the means of saving thousands from the grip, pneumonia and typhoid fever. Those who have failed to take it as a preventative of these diseases, and who have suffered from them, will also find it what they need to renew their strength.

Mr. Hood, who having started out as a druggist apprentice, and who is now a successful business man, and who is rewarded with success, attributes the immense growth of his business solely to the peculiar merits of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and to the fact that in his advertising he has never deceived the public by unfeeling and extravagant claims, but has simply told what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for others and left all to prove in their own experience that it will do quite as much for them.