

How the Detroiters Won the Contest in 1887.

THE WAR WAS A LIVELY ONE. Detroit and Chicago were the main contestants in the baseball season of 1887.

The Detroiters won the championship of 1887 after a successful season and a close struggle. The club won through its superior batting power and its strength in the battery.

In August the Philadelphia club made its brilliant start and won 16 games out of 23. This placed it ahead of the Detroit club.

It should have made a far better showing than was the case, but there were lacking the cohesion and harmony that were visible in the other leading clubs.

In June the Detroiters met with the most reverse and Chicago met with the most good fortune, the figures on July 1 being: Detroit won 44, lost 26; Chicago won 43, lost 28.

The Detroiters fell off greatly from their record of the preceding year, while the Detroit won with a record of 35 wins and 24 losses.

Philadelphia won the series from New York, 10 games to 7, and tied with Boston, 9 and 9, and New York from Boston 10 games to 7.

MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

It is Originated in the United States Forty-one Years Ago—Its Progress. Modern Spiritualism is a religion that is commonly called, which has found such hosts of believers throughout the world.

Kelly is a powerful man of good stature. He holds first place in the size of his hips, chest, feet, uninfated and inflated. His frame is large and heavy, as is seen by the measurement of his chest, rest, 39 1/2 inches.

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were started; mediums, through whom the phenomena were presented, sprang up all over the land, and Spiritualism grew to be the burning question of the hour.

Even before the spirit rappings in the Fox family the societies of Shakers at New Lebanon, Waterville, N. Y., and elsewhere had at the same time startling psychical experiences, wherein certain members of the fraternity would lose their proper consciousness, and the departed spirits, as was maintained, of persons of various nationalities would occupy their bodies and speak through them.

While in the mesmeric state he declared he had intercourse with invisible beings, and was instructed as to his place and duties as a teacher of the new tenets. He likewise dictated, under the same conditions, hundreds and hundreds of pages on a diversity of supernatural topics.

During the last thirty years of his life he made Berlin his home. In Paris, Rome, Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg he published a great stir. He was presented to the emperor of the French, the czar and the pope, and received many superlative gifts from crowned heads and the nobility.

Not long ago the Boston Herald printed pictures from photographs taken especially for that purpose, of the medium, Kelly, in the position of a spirit rapping.

Kelly's measurements, etc., are as follows: Age, 31; weight, 170; height, 5' 11"; neck, 15 1/2; circumference of shoulders, 37; chest, 41 1/2; chest, rest, 39 1/2; chest, inflated, 41 1/2; chest, uninfated, 35 1/2; waist, 32 1/2; hips, 39 1/2; right arm up, 13 1/2; right arm down, 12; right fore arm, 11 1/2; left arm up, 13 1/2; left arm down, 12; left fore arm, 11; thumb, 2 1/2; index, 1 1/2; long chest diameter, 12 1/2; short chest diameter, 8 1/2; lung capacity, 50.

Albert J. Maul, of the Pittsburgh club, whose portrait is given below, was born about twenty-four years ago in Philadelphia, according to the New York Clipper, and obtained an first knowledge of the national game with amateur teams of his native city.

min 51 sec. At Buffalo, N. Y., from Sept. 4 to 10, the two brothers made thirty-four out of a possible thirty-eight prizes. At Lockport, N. Y., he won three first and two second prizes, establishing a new record of 2 min. 57 sec. on a tandem bicycle.

The Pittsburgh club first made a bid for his release, but for some time it was a little slow, and the Philadelphia club stepped in and purchased his services.

THOMAS, THE RUNNER. An English Athlete Who Recently Came to the United States. The presence of Sidney Thomas, the famous English runner, in the United States, this fall has excited a certain interest among athletic circles.

He began running when 17 years of age as a member of the St. Paul's Harriers, but shortly afterwards cast his fortunes with the Harriers of the London Athletic Club.

He has a splendid record as a runner. A list of his events would fill a column. In this year's Southern Cross Country Association's team championship he finished first, and carried off second prize in the national contest.

A. C. BANKER. He is America's One Mile Champion Bicycleist. A. C. Banker, America's one mile amateur bicycle champion, was born in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 1, 1864. He stands 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high and weighs 155 pounds when in condition.

He learned to ride in 1886 and his first mount was a 65-pound American Star. On May 30, 1887, at Beaver Falls, Pa., he won one first and three seconds in open street races.

Wilfred Carney, the young and very promising pitcher, lately signed by the Brooklyn baseball club, is now playing with the consent of Mr. Charles H. Byrne, with the Metropolitan club. It is expected, says The Boston Herald, that the experience he will receive from the old and tried players of the Brooklyn club will materially aid him when he is called upon to face the strong batteries of the American association.

THE GREAT GRAY OWL. "A curious feller" was Clay Cole, the neighbors said. "Ever' minute hean git from his work he's always wanderin' round through the woods with his gun, a-shootin' innocent birds in a most triflin' way."

Clay was misandered. The "innocent birds" were not killed wantonly nor in idle amusement. Clay was thoroughly a student of nature; he loved the feathered songsters, and it was for this love that he sought to obtain and to study them.

Clay was an orphan boy, about 17 years old, and his home was with "Uncle Jerry" on a farm near the banks of the Missouri river. He had never been able to get the "book" he desired, and he had already got a considerable distance away.

Clay had filled his little sleeping room in the old farm house with many specimens of the birds of the country. He had studied taxidermy, and had mounted many of his specimens in a careful and praiseworthy manner.

He had also corresponded with the author of the "book" he had given him, the name of every rare bird which was likely to be found in his vicinity, together with the cash price a professional bird fancier would pay for each.

LAUNCHING THE PHILADELPHIA. The engines are triple expansion and the indicated horse power is 10,500, and the Messrs. Cramp, having designed the machinery to deflect steam, are to run at a speed of nineteen knots for four consecutive hours.

He ran four miles in 20m. 20s., which is faster than the American record, which stands 20m. 25s. Thomas, although a member of the Manhattan Athletic club and eligible in every way to compete under its colors, elected to represent his London club in the championships on this side.

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TWO HANDSOME VESSELS.

THE CRUISER PHILADELPHIA AND THE LINER KAISER WILHELM. The First Named Has Just Been Launched, and the Second Recently Arrived in New York—It Is to Be Put into the German-Australian Trade.

The new United States cruiser Philadelphia has been launched from her ways at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, with all the ceremonial of such occasions—the music and blowing of whistles, a banquet to some hundreds of guests, chiefly official, a universal scream from all adjacent steam wharfs and the champagne baptism sanctioned by custom.

The Philadelphia is technically unarmored and has a displacement of 4,400 tons—that is, with all her weights on board she displaces 4,400 tons of water. Her length is 335 feet, breadth, 48 1/2 feet; mean draught of water, 40 feet 3 inches. The rig is that of a three masted schooner, spreading 3,600 square feet of canvas.

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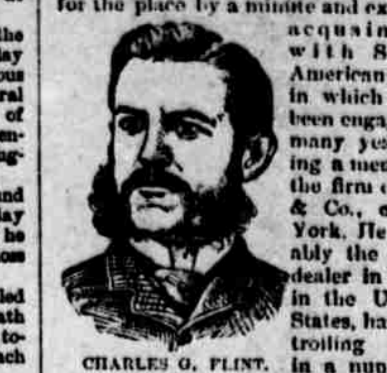
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