

SPORTING REVIEW.

Some New Features of Spalding's Australian Trip.

BASE BALL IN ENGLAND.

Why It Won't Become Popular Among the Brits.

SULLIVAN AND JAKE KILRAIN.

Opinions Regarding Their Proposed Meeting in Canada To-Morrow.

TORYSON'S STATEMENT REPLIED TO

It may be that the next generation of baseball players will have to carry out an international schedule of games during the season. Canada, of course, is not referred to in this instance more than Haiti, but reference is made to all parts of the civilized world, with the probable exception of Iceland. This expectation, hope, or whatever it may be called, is prompted by the columns of opinion that have been written and published this week regarding the intention of Mr. Spalding to "cover the world" with his two ball teams before he returns home. I'm sure that enough has been written on the subject to convince anybody who knows nothing about the matter that baseball will be the national game of the Hindus, the Arabs, the Greeks, and the rest of the world, and that it is a matter of time before it will pass away. It is stated beyond the shadow of a doubt that baseball games will be formed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, in short in all of our majesty's dominions, and that a glorious time will be had by the certain government of each country will never for a moment refuse to appoint a baseball manager and give him a seat in the cabinet. The possibilities of extraordinary times and scenes are envisioned when we contemplate the adoption of baseball as the national game of all the countries referred to.

Without doubt the anticipated effect of Mr. Spalding's trip as far as the adoption of baseball as a national game is concerned has been exaggerated. In a sense of sport and in a sense of excitement, it is the most exciting and scientific outdoor game extant. Mr. Spalding's trip is one of the most laudable that has been undertaken. Certain it is that the game of baseball is one of the most popular of them from generation to generation, and in this respect every nation under the sun is in the vanguard of the game. A better article, in the way of a sport or recreation, if it is an innovation, will have a poor chance of success for national endorsement.

In many respects, so many as to make it a more attractive outdoor sport, baseball is superior to cricket, yet I feel certain that baseball will not in our day supersede cricket in England. This seems a strange statement in view of the fact that an Englishman who comes to this country becomes a "baseball crack," but when the matter is considered in its entirety, it is not so. The fact is that the game of baseball is a game of the future, and it is not so much a game of the present as it is a game of the future. The fact is that the game of baseball is a game of the future, and it is not so much a game of the present as it is a game of the future.

When the announcement was made that Rowie intended to buy some stock in the Buffalo club and play next season, I expressed the opinion that he would do so. This was not a prediction, but a statement of fact. Rowie's latest statement, however, is that he will not play in Buffalo if he cannot obtain his release from Detroit. He will not get his release, and he will play. President Nimitz is consistent that Rowie is crack right in the end. It is a fact that players are treated as well and generally better by the Pittsburgh club than anywhere else, and they should be so much more to a puzzle.

The prospects of an encounter between Sullivan and Kilrain look brighter now than they have ever done. Both parties have agreed to meet in Toronto, Canada, to-morrow, and make a match to fight for the American championship. There seems to be any amount of money behind both men, and if they are both backers as eager to have the matter settled in the ring as they appear to be, there will be little trouble in coming to a decision. The matter is a simple one, and it is a fact that both Kilrain and Sullivan are in the ring. There is no reason why Kilrain should be afraid to meet anybody now aspiring for the championship. He is a man devoid of cowardice. But despite these encouraging features, there are other considerations. The matter is a simple one, and it is a fact that both Kilrain and Sullivan are in the ring. There is no reason why Kilrain should be afraid to meet anybody now aspiring for the championship. He is a man devoid of cowardice. But despite these encouraging features, there are other considerations.

SPORTS AT ERIE.
An interesting walking match and a wrestling contest.
(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)
ERIE, Pa., January 5.—The 27-hour walking match at the Masset rink closed to-night. The contestants were William Brown, James Landrigan and Julius Stewart. Brown and Landrigan walked square heel-and-toe and Stewart go-as-you-please. At the end of the contest the score stood: 67 miles Landrigan, 84 miles and 11 laps and Brown 79 miles and 10 laps. The stakes were \$5.
Harvey Parker, the wrestler, will leave the mat next week and will marry a very estimable young lady of the name of Kie, one of Parker's students, and Michael Sherry, champion last evening at the athletic park, Sherry won the first fall and Kie won the other two falls.

John Will Be There.
New York, January 5.—This morning Arthur T. Lumley received a telegram from John L. Sullivan in which the latter stated that he would leave to-night for Toronto to meet Kilrain at the Rouse House to-morrow morning. There is a possibility that Sullivan will be accompanied by several of his friends and Jack Barnitz, his trainer.

Dog Show Prospects.
The prospects for the approaching dog show are looking extremely bright. Entries are coming in from all over the city and the best pointers and setters in the country are expected to enter. Mr. A. C. Kruger, the superintendent of the show, stated yesterday that the entries so far are beyond all expectations.

HATTIE IS A WINNER.

The Pittsburgh Girl Defeats the Professional Lady Bicyclist.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE RINK.

Von Blumen Secures Second Place After a Desperate Struggle.

A TALK WITH MANAGER PHILLIPS.

Sullivan Agrees to Meet Kilrain at Toronto To-Morrow.

THE female bicycle race ended last night in the Grand Central rink amid a hail of glory.

Hattie Lewis, a Seventh ward heroine, was victor.

The woman won, and the champion was beaten. Seldom has there been such a scene of excitement witnessed in Pittsburgh as there was last night during the last two hours in the rink.

The building was crowded to overflowing, and the price of admission, 100 per cent.

The immense audience was made up of all sorts and conditions of men, and together with hundreds of ladies.

Yelling, cheering, waving of handkerchiefs and throwing of bouquets were the order of the night.

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THE LAST GAME PLAYED.

Seventeen Thousand People Witness the Final Hockey Entertainment in Australia—Ed Crane Wins \$100 by Beating The World's Record in Throwing The Boys' Thinking of Home.

THE final game of the American basketball team was played here to-day, and they won the largest crowd of the series. The weather was as perfect as it was possible for a summer day to be, and about 17,000 spectators were in attendance. The program was a long and diversified one, and the American players, whose reception had been so cordial and enthusiastic that many of them would be glad if their trip could be extended for another month.

The exercises began at 2 o'clock, with a basketball game between the Chicago and a local nine mainly composed of Americans resident in this city. Five innings were played, the score then standing 20 to 3 in favor of the professionals. The local nine did very well under the circumstances, and their efforts were heartily cheered.

A game of football followed between the famous Carlton Club and the Lord Melbourne. The Carlton won, but the local nine did very well under the circumstances, and their efforts were heartily cheered.

Following the football game came the last baseball game in Australia. Baldwin and Daly formed the Chicago battery, and Crane and Earle the All-Americans. Five innings were played, the Chicago putting the five eggs in the bag, and the local nine did very well under the circumstances, and their efforts were heartily cheered.

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THE MUSIC WORLD.

A Forecast of the Good Things Promised for the May Festival.

THE PROGRAMME AND SOLOISTS.

How the Hall Will be Arranged and Its Seating Capacity.

HONORS PAID A PITTSBURGH ARTIST.

Interesting Piano Recital and Other Current Musical News in Local Circles.

The gradual evolution of the coming May Music Festival has at last progressed to a point where the main features of the great event may be forecast with some degree of accuracy. First proposed by Mr. Carl Retzer, who then intended to avail himself of Manager Charles E. Locke's concert troupe, the festival has since been developed into a medium-sized orchestra, conducted by that ancient worthy, Mr. Carl Retzer; subsequently taken up by the directors of the Exposition Society upon a rather visionary guarantee scheme which should improve the list of solo attractions, and finally falling into the hands of the present management, the festival has been evolved into an enterprise of genuine magnitude. It now promises to be the most important event in the city's musical annals thus far, and appeals further to local patriotism, in that it recognizes the public interest in the new Exposition building now in process of erection at the Point.

In this large structure (the main building, not the Music Hall, which is still far in the future) will be held the festival, and it is to be partitioned off by an immense sounding board, in front of which will be the stage, and behind which will be the orchestra.

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