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IT HAS AIDED BASE BALL. A Britisher's Opinion About Mitchell's Late Reception in This Country. Mitchell's appearance was greeted with a mixture of curiosity and interest.

THE MYERS-MAULIFFE BATTLE. A Few Words From an Authority About Ice Skating. The Myers-Mauliffe battle is one of the most interesting in recent sports history.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY. Readers of sporting news do not need to be told that dark is the hour before dawn.

The subject of the sporting reviews in THE DISPATCH is one of the most interesting and fearlessly. It takes nerve, however, to do this, and numerous able writers throughout the country can testify to this fact.

It is interesting to note that the sports which have of late attracted the most attention are those which are most freely criticized.

On the other hand almost every sport that is so recent years ago, or almost entirely disappeared, because of popular disfavor.

Not long ago I had forwarded to me a cutting from a Western sporting paper. The cutting was in regard to the fact that what followed was from the pen, or it may have been the pen, of a man who was a well known writer.

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ABOUT POOLSELLING. A Brookville Writer Makes a Few Points in Favor of It—He Shows Why Certain Fair Associations Become Financial Failures—A Reply to Mr. Marshall. To the Sporting Editor of the Dispatch: In one of the morning dailies some days ago I read an interview between its representative and Thomas M. Marshall, Jr.

ABOUT ICE SKATING. An Authority Tells Us Why It Has Declined in Pittsburgh. Too little time and space has been given to this grand and exhilarating pleasure in the sporting columns of our daily papers.

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY RACES. This association has been in existence for about a year and is today in debt for a few thousand dollars, which I say is the result of no-pooselling.

PUMPKINS WON'T DO. All the pumpkins in the world are kept in the city, and they will not bring their pumpkins to market.

ON A SOLID BASIS. Fred Goodwin, Secretary of the proposed race track at Brookville, Pa., is a man of great energy and activity.

OLD JACK WILL FIGHT. There is another sensational dog fight arranged for the benefit of humane societies.

ABOUT AN INJURED PACER. CHICAGO, February 9.—John Herby, the owner of the famous pacer, U. Bet, began suit in the Superior Court to-day against the Missouri Pacific Railway Company for \$3,000.

MURPHY AND WEIR MATCHED. BOSTON, February 9.—Frank Murphy, of Birmingham, England, and Ike Weir, of Boston, were scheduled to fight on Monday.

BEN HARRISON BEATES. NEWBURGH, N. Y., February 9.—The prize at the dog show were awarded last night. Rex and Wanda, two mastiffs owned by Vice President Harrison, were the winners.

THE MUSIC WORLD. A Critical Review of the Moriz Rosenthal Piano Recitals. The Rosenthal recitals of last Monday and Tuesday evening were not by any means "the greatest musical event in Pittsburgh for probably the past 15 years."

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED. Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading. The Democratic primaries of the Ninth ward, Allegheny, will be held Wednesday.

ST. LOUISVILLE REPORTED TO HAVE BARGAINED FOR HARRY STALEY THE PITCHER. LOUISVILLE, February 9.—It is reported that the League pitcher Harry Staley, who was traded to the Cincinnati Reds last season, is being bought by the Louisville club.

THE MEMPHIS MEETING. MEMPHIS, February 8.—The annual spring meeting of the Memphis Jockey Club begins April 22 and continues eight days.

CHICAGO, February 9.—Ad. Gumbert, of Pittsburgh, has been named as one of the players who will play for the Chicago club. He is a fine pitcher and has a good record.

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NEW YORK, February 9.—A meeting of the Union soldiers of both the Confederate and Union armies was held to-night at the Hamilton Hotel, for the purpose of devising the best method by which to raise funds for the permanent establishment of a Confederate soldiers' home at Austin, Tex.

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THE WEATHER. For Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, fair, except light local showers on the lakes, warmer, winds generally westerly.

PHOSPHATE HEALTH. Baking Powder restores to bread the phosphates lost in wheat and lost by milling. It contains no Rochelle Salts, no Cream of Tartar, no Alum. 2,000 grocers in Brooklyn sell it.

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