Mr. Middleton Talks About His Famous Trotter, Jack. DOBLE'S GOOD QUALITIES. Several Battles Arranged to Take

Place at San Francisco.

THE SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

George Middleton, owner of the famous trotting horse Jack, is in the city. He makes some very interesting statements about his horse and trotting generally. Several prize fights have been arranged to take place at San Francisco. British sporting authorities speak highly of John Splan.

George Middleton, of Chicago, owner of the famous trotting gelding, Jack, is stoping at the Anderson Hotel. He is on a business trip to this city, and he is probably one of the most enthusiastic patrons of trotting and trotting horses in the country. Of course he is proud of his game and wonderful little trotter and, doubliess, he has a right to be, because Jack is the best breadwinner on the track. His record has been so often published in these columns, that it would be unnecessary to repeat it again. However, the gray gelding, if all goes well, will tackle the grand circuit

igoes well, will tackle the grand ofrcuit again or else participate in special races. During a conversation on trotting matters generally, Mr. Middleton, who is one of the most affable of gentiemen, said:
THE PAMOUS JACK.
'Jack is now in California wintering under the care of George Starr. Mr. Doble's facts a great advantage to winter horses that is a great advantage to winter horses there, but Jack will not start in any moes out West. I take Mr. Doble's advice on these matters because I deem him the best judge in the country. He does not believe in giving a horse a long rest, but tells his men to keep them going a little every day. I heard him say to Starr: 'Now, give Jack a regular exercise at a 23% gait.' That really keeps the muscles and joints

e says he has made several. However, John Splan said to me one day: 'People talk of Doble driving a poor nace, why I have never seen him drive a poor heat.' Personally I think that if Doble and Splan were up behind two horses equal in all respects, Splan would be as good as Doble. At any rate, I would not like to have Splan, under the circumstances, on an posite side to me. WILL CAMPAIGN AGAIN.

after them. I am certain that there is not

oney enough in America to cause him to act nestly. He may make a mistake; in fact,

"Ob, yes, Jack will again be before the public this year. During the two years 1 have wood him he has won for me \$22,000 in purses and stakes, and I feel confident of his winning

thousands more. I make this declara-tion and will stand by it: Jack

tion and will stand by it: Jack can beat any horse in the world to-day in a series of races. There are horses with faster records than his, but he can down them in a hard fight. He can start at one end of the circuit as a free-for-all competitor and beat any horse that starts every time he does—I mean he will beat any horse oftener than that horse will beat bin. He is a natural trotter, so much so that if his feet would stand the test he could trot without shoes. He needs nothing to bal-ance him. He can go as smooth as ell. There is another wonderful feature about Jack. He can campaign right through the circuit and re-turn home as bright as a new dollar. Of course, Mr. Doble is also proud of him, but Mr. Doble is a very cautious man. He nerer ex-presses himself so extraordinarily confident about a horse's chance of victory as to lead its owner to plunge. I have gone to him and asked: "How is Jack to-day?" He would say: "Tilke him to-day, Mr. Middleton, but so and so is speedy and is going well." This is a good qual-ity of Mr. Doble. He doesn't raise himself and declare that he'll beat everything in sight, and finally wind up by beating nobody at all. He is conservative, and never underestimates an op-ponent."

THE EAST ON TOP.

Mr. Middleton was asked his opinion as to the aparative merits of the California and Eastern horses. He said: "I think the Eastern stock can beat the Western fellows hollow. In the far West they are good in dress parade contests or exhibition races. Some of the horses there can make extraordinary time when there

galt. That really keeps the muscles and joints of the horse all right, Mr. Doble will go out there himself in the spring and I think he will remain there until he brings his string East. He has a remarkable string of horses in his charge, and he can look

its obligations. There are few men in the cou-try that would shrow up such a princely salar to join fortunes with an organization that best is but experimental." mean that trotting is better in all respects to day than it ever was in the history of this WHY BE SWORD OFF. BRITISH OPINION OF SPLAN. Catcher Jack O'Connor Dolivers a Little

THE

Temperance Argument CINCINNATI, January 5.-Jack O'Oennor, the good natured catcher of the Columbus team, has been in the city for several days. He ran over from St. Louis and is having a good time

among his old Cincinnati friends. Jack called at the Enquirer office last night. "You know how my hands used to puff when I was with the Reds," said O'Connor as he held up his two bunches of rather badly battered "fives." Well, look at 'em now. I can catch all day and they are as good when I quit as when I commenced. Do you know what used to make them puff when I was here in Cincin nati? Well, I'll tell you; nothing but beer. I used to 'blow off' all the way from 15 to 20 used to blow off all the way from is to 20 glasses a day, and then I was as soft as mush. I could'nt stand anything. Old booze had me going down hill fast, and it was a case of quit drinking or go to the stable. When I signed with Columbus last season I stopped drinking on the 28th of January, and did not touch a drop until late in November. I don't drink any-thing now, and don't intend to. I will play with the Brooklyn Brotherhood Club next sea-son."

"How long will you be here this time?" "Until next Thursday, when I will go to Cal-umbus and see some of my frænds. It is hardly likely that I will go back to St. Louis this win-the Schlerer is a second back to St.

ter. Ted Sullivan is organizing a team to play at Jacksonville, Fiz., and I am going South with him. Bug Holliday and Mark Baldwin will go with the same team. Off to Europe.

George E. Smith, better known as Pittsburg Phil, sailed for Europe yesterday afternoon on

the Etruria, accompanied by Robert E. Alken and Isidor Mehrbach, of New York. All three are followers of the races and great lovers of the sport. A jolly delegation of New York sporting men saw the successful backers of race horses off and wished them a pleasant and prosperous trip. Pittsburg Phil said that he expected Garrison would accompany them, but they had seen nothing of him. At Garrison's house in the morning a servent said that her they had seen nothing of him. At Garrisou's house, in the morning, a servant said that both Mr. and Mrs. Garrison were out, and nothing had been said about Mr. Garrison going to Eu-rope. Pittsburg Phil said that it was the in-tention of the party to visit the principal coun-tries in Europe, return to England to see the spring handicaps, and then sail for home about the time the legitimate racing season opened.—New York Sun.

Stern and the Brotherhood.

To a Cincinnati Enquirer reporter, on Satur-day, President Stern said: "Candidly I think

and, though nothing wonderful was done on that day from an American viewpoint, the show was very remarkable on the score of pace, style, and, above all, order and decorum, to an Englishman whose previous experience had been gained solely in London's suburbs. The Messrs. Winaus have in Brighton probably the finest stud of Russian and American trotters known to this country; but these are simply kept for private use, and no one of them is ever likely to be seen at Alexandra Park or its firal enclosures. In the Uaited States of America the galloping races do not attract a Briton who thinks he knows something of the turf. The tracks are made of dir; the riding is rotten (and had rotten), and the whole business seems out of gear, though there is no end to its pretentious-ness. Quite different is it at the trotting, where one cannot help being struck by the thoroughly business-like and to the maner born way in which arrangements fit in with one another. Also a stranger cannot help being knocked at the expert knowledge displayed by onlookers, and at the way in which even the ladies put the clock on every time the signal is given for starting, and discuss probabilities of time to be made while a race is progressing. Trotting is par excellence the American sport; its every detail and its remotest possibility are thoroughly well known to the American crowd; and this it is which makes Mr. Spian's book the Brotherhood is not as strong now as it was a month ago. I honestly believe that by July 1 there will be nothing left of the Players' League but their abandoned parks, John Ward and a few very mournful looking backers. There is one feature of this Brotherhood squabble that thoroughly well known to the American crowd; and this it is which makes Mr. Splan's book such very good reading."

FRISCO SPORTING GOSSIP. How the Famous Trotting Horse Driver Fares With the Critics. Interesting Pointers About All Classes The appearance of John Splan in England has caused the British sporting writers to com-ment considerably on American trotting horses. SAN FRANCISCO, January &-The California Athletic Club have made arrangements for the battle between Ike Weir, the Belfast Spider, The following is the opinion of "Pendragon, Henry Sampson on the question: "Mr. John Splan, the American driver who is and holder of the Police Gazette feather-weight champion belt, and Billy Murphy, the feather now witching the world, or that portion of it which affects Olympia, with a phase of noble horsemanship bitherto unknown in this weight champion of Anstralia, for a purse of \$1,800. Weir's hand was examined by a physiountry, has sent me a copy of his book, "Life cian appointed by the club, and they have de country, has sent me a copy of his book, "Life with the Trotters." This is kind of him, as it is issued is Obicaro, and therefore scarce in London; but not so kind as he thinks, for I had already, and with great delight, ex-hausted its pages. Early this year Mr. Walter Winans, of London, Brighton, the Scotch crofts, Wimbledon, St. Petersburg, New York and other centers of sport and civilization, leht me Splan's work, and I therein read all about the author's early struggies and experiences; all about Rarus, the first horse to trot a mile in 2minutes 14 seconds: all about the putch the author's early struggies and experiences; all about Marus, the first horse to trot a mile in 2minutes 14 seconds: all about the pacer Johnstone, who has done 2 minutes 6% seconds, and all about Maud S, and how she was taught to become as she still is, the holder of the trotting record-25%. The book is extremely inforesting to anyone who cares for this branch of equine pastime, which somehow or other cannot get a hold in En-gland among any beyond the minor shopkeep-ing classes aud hose who are still lower so-cially and pecualarily. Beside what Splan him-self has to say, there are a chapter by Budd Doble, one of America's best and brightest drivers, and three chap-ters by T. J. Dunbar, great as a trainer of trotters, The last time I saw any trotting was in the neighborhood of Chicago, and, though nothing woorderful was done on that day from an American viewpoint, the show was very remarkable on the score of pace, style, and, above all, order and decorum, to an with the Trotters." This is kind of him, as it cided that he must meet the Australian on January 13. In the glove contest between George Mulhol-land and Billy Griffen, George Le Binnche was referee and awarded the battle, at the end of the tenth round, to Mulholland. Griffen had decidedly the best of the encounter and Le Bianche was hissed. The glove fight between Connelly and Mo-Carthy at the Golden Gate Athletic Club was a farce. McCarthy won in the third round. The glove fight between Mike Lucie, of Troy, N. Y. and Jimmy Carroll, of Brooklyn, both middle-weights, for a purse of \$1,800, will be fought on January 27 at the Golden Gate Ath-letic Club. January 18.

PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

fought on January 24 at the Goldan Gate Ath-letic Clab. Paddy Smith, of Birmingham, Eng., and Jimmy Griffen have been matched to box ten rounds at the Occidental Club on January 26. The Golden Gate Athletic Club in the future will have all glove fights decided according to "Police Gazette" rules, and this action will stop drawn battles. Billy Smith and Joe Bowers are to battle for a purse of \$500 at the Occidental Club on Janu-ary 35.

Billy Smith and Joe Bowers are to patter for a purse of \$300 at the Occidental Club on Janu-ary 25. The topic which is attracting universal at-teation is the match between Jack Dempsey, the middle-weight champioo, and holder of the Police Gazette champion belt, and Paddy Me-Carthy, the middle-weight champion of Aus-tralia. This battle will be fought the last week in January, and hundreds of dollars will be wagered on the result. Both men are in train-ing, and Dempsey is working hard. Many be-lieve that the Australian will win. George Le Blanche will challenge the winner. The battle between Jimmy Carroll and Jack McAuliffe for a purse of \$5,500 is now a fixture. Carroll is bound to be in condition, for he has begun training already. Admirers of the holder of the Police Gazette champion belt think he should at once come here and train. The California Athletic Club are using every influence to coax Franz P. Blavin to come to the coast to meet Joe McAuliffe for a purse of \$3,500. If Slavin will not agree to meet Mo-Auliffe, Jake Kilrain will be made the same offer. Slavin's stock has gone up here 25 per cent.

It is understood that arrangements have been

perfected for John L. Sullivan and Peter Jack-son to meet here in May for a purse of \$15,000, out of which the loser will receive \$2,500. PATSY HOGAN.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1890.

Pagillam Oat West.

Dave Sallivan Dies Suddenly.

amous baseball umpire, died suddenly last ovening. Heart disease was the cause. He To-Morrow's Shoot. The Northside Gun Club will have an all-day line, with a request for their support.

old. He was a man of unusually heavy frame, all bone and muscle. Liquor never passed his lips, and he was an athletic model. shoot to-morrow at the grounds on the electric road. There will be eight contests and each will be at clay birds. The entrance fees range from 50 cents to \$1. All ties will be divided. Lunch will be served by Colonel Floyd and music will be in attendance. Matched to Fight Hanley.

NEW YORK, January 5.-The Police Gazette

Harry Gilmore the light-weight champion o Harry Glimore the light-weight champion of Canada, who has fought Jack McAuliffe and Billy Myers, has been matched to fight Jack Hanley, of Erie, Pa. for a purse of \$800. The Eric Coulty Athletic Club have guaranteed the purse, and the battle will be fought according to Police Gassife rules on Janu-ary 29. Hanley is a well-known puglist and will be backed by well-known puglist and will the Canadian Champion.

For Illegal Fishing. INFECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.1

OIL CITY, January 5 .- Daniel Hadinger, of Hickory, Forest county, wanted since April last by the Oil City Fur, Fin and Feather Club on a charge of dynamiting fish in the Alle-pheny river, was brought here to-day. He pleaded guiliy, and was fined \$50 and costs.

Five Miles in 17 Minutes

AMSTERDAM, January 5 .- In the skating match to-day Norseng, the Norwegian, won the ve-mile race in 16 minutes 48 2-5 secon

Sporting Notes.

THE Cincinnati club is to be billed like a

WORK on the new ball grounds at Exposi-tion Park may be commenced this week. NEW YORK Brotherhood authorities state that Welch has signed with the new League. FRED PFEFFER states that Comiskey has not

signed with the Chicago Players' club yet, but that he is all right.

PRESIDENT YOUNG says that he believes Mickey Welch has signed to pitch for the New York National League Club. It is probable Jacob Schaefer may take part in the Chicago end of the billiard tournament shortly to begin in New York. He will not participate in the New York games because the handicap there is on lines, here the handi-cap will be on points.

EACH Brotherhood Club must clear \$12,500 over all expenses before it pays one cent into the players' pool. Eight clubs will have an op-portunity to contribute to the pool, if they start at all, and it will take over \$12,000 to give the cleaner \$100 cech Browidians all allow scaled players \$100 each. Providing all clubs pooled their interests \$700,000 would have to be taken their interests \$100,000 would have to be taken in before the players received a cent beyond their salaries. This would require an attend-ance of 1,250,000 people, or an average of 157,000 for each city. The total League attendance last year did not exceed 1,250,000-New York Press.

FOR THE STRIKERS.

Grand Ball to be Given in Support of the Fifth Avenue Men.

Arrangements are in progress for a grand

ball for the benefit of the locked out grip-CHICAGO, January 5 .- David Sullivan, the men and conductors of the Fifth avenue street railway. Tickets will be ready in a few days, when committees will call upon citizens known to have an interest in the

THE WEATHER. For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, rain; warmer, southwesterly winds, followed Monday A in the part night by colder weather. For West Virginia, showers, southwesterly winds; warmer in Eastern, stationary temperature in Western portion. Prevenue, January 5, 1889, The United States Signal Service afform 5:00 A. M. 12:00 M. 1:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M. River at \$:20 P. M. 6.4 feet, a change of 6.31 a hours.

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