THE WIZARD BEATEN.

Slosson Defents Schaefer to the Big Tourna-

ment-Jacob Plays Somewhat Shaky

-Great Excitement-Catton,

Ives and Daly

Divide.

and William H. Catton were the contestants

PRIDDY IS A WINNER

ering the track, was remarkable. There is a little history connected with the race, and in consequence of its national import few words concerning it may not be out of place. Some time ago the same two men ran a mile race at Exposition Park, now the Brother-hood Baseball Park. Priddy won and the stakes were \$500. THE DISPATCH then, as yesterday, was final stakeholder. In the mile race McClelland was an out and out favorite,

PRIDDY LIKE A SHADOW.

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Priddy stuck close to him, and it was evident that Priddy's mission was to make a waiting race of it; in other words, Priddy was content to allow McClelland to please himself about the gait. This McClelland did, and he did it in a way that encouraged the Soho contingent remarkably. Quarter after quarter was traveled without any change, McClelland still held command by two or three yards. When a mile and a half had been covered it was evident to experienced judges that McClelland was against a better man than himself. Priddy, without any apparent effort, was trailing him, and McClelland was doing his best.

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Bets of 2 to 1 and 3 to 1 were offered on Priddy at the mile and a half. He looked a sure winner bar accident, although McClelland was making the pace hot. It was simply a very lively procession, with McClelland in the van, until the last half mile was entered. Here Sam Day urged Priddy to the front. About 150 yards from the two and a half mile point Priddy put on a spurt and passed McClelland within three yards. The cheers were deafening. McClelland, like the game runner that he is, struggled like a demon. He knew the crucial moment had come and he spurred up.

ing. siccieiand, ilk) the game runner that he is, struggled like a demon. He knew the crucial moment had come and he spurred up, but he hadn't speed enough to hold the Woods' Run man. The latter went to the front by about seven or eight yards, and the jig was up. McClelland fought every inch, but he could not get near his strong and fleet-footed opponent. Priddy eventually won a remarkable race by about 25 yards in 15:13.

SOME REMARKS.

The race needs little comment. McClelland

who has been looked upon as a remarkable

stayer, is not of the class in that line that his

friends have placed him. He ran yesterday in

has been remarked in this paper more than once, he cannot command the speed to beat a first class, even if he had the stamina to finish. Yesterday he had his own way of doing,

finish. Yesterday he had his own way of doing, and kept up an excellent average of speed on the turf for almost the entire distance, but his pace, which was his best, was not equal to that of Priddy and when the latter was called upon he simply passed McClelland without much trouble. McClelland was pitted against a better man than himself in all respects, and that tells the story. Priddy has more speed and more stamina than McClelland; in fact at the mile and a half McClelland; in fact at the mile and a half McClelland; in fact at the mile and a half McClelland; in fact at the mile and a half McClelland; in fact at the mile and a half McClelland; in sac excellent runner and it is a question whether there are other two men in the country who can beat him in a two or three-mile race. Priddy, it is safe to say, can hold his hold against any man in the world. He is a natural runner and in George Smith has one of the best mentors in the country. The time, 15:13, on soft turf, was one of the best in the country. The American record on a good track, made by Ed Case, is 14:51, and the best on record is that of P. Cannon, 14:19½. Had the track been a good one yesterday the American record most assuredly would have been broken. Following is the time in yesterday's race in detail:

Quarter. 1:04
Half mile 1:15

of 138 in the tenth inning, while Catton had made only 52. The playing improved after this Catton rapidly recovering himself, and making a run of 90 in the seventeenth linning. Daly followed with 41, and the playing became really interesting, some pretty shots being made on both sides, and the lead alternating between the men. Catton advanced steadily and finally won. Daly, Ives and Catton are now tied for third place. Score—Catton, 500; Daly, 471. Average—Catton, 15 5-33; Daly, 14 23-32.

Chickering Hall was packed to suffocation to night at the meeting of the giants, Schaefer and Slosson, who played the last game of the series with the 14-inch balk. Neither had lost a game. Slosson led off, scored 2. The "Wizard" made his first two points in this inning. In the third inning Slosson made 2 and Schaefer 199. Neither scored in the fourth inning. In the fifth inning Slosson made 0, while Schaefer failed to score. Each made 17 in the next inning. In the seventh inning Slosson scored 20 and Schaefer 17. Schaefer missed a masses shot and threw off his dress coat impatiently. Slosson made 2 in the next inning, and on his third shot made a miscue. Schaefer followed with a run of 5. In the ninth inning Slosson made 12 and Schaefer failed to score. Slosson opened the tenth inning with a run of 43, while the "Wizard" made only 4. Slosson made 2 in the next inning, and on his third shot make a big running with the balls together in the corner, but was kissed out on the third shot. At the nineteenth inning Slosson made 3 in the next inning sides a set-up. Schaefer started out as if to make a big running with the balls together in the corner, but was kissed out on the third shot. At the nineteenth inning the score stood: Slosson, 399; Schaefer, 229. In the twenty-fourth inning. In the twenty-fith inning. In the twenty-sixth inning, slosson scored 2 and Schaefer 3, Slosson added 50 to his score in the next 2 innings, while Schaefer made 30 in the twenty-sexth inning. but Priddy beat him handily. M'CLELLAND'S NEW PARTY. After the race another party took hold of McClelland and offered to match him against anybody in the world in a three-mile or a tenmile race. After a long delay the Priddy party accepted the challenge, and a match was mad for the pair to run yesterday a three-mile race, at Exposition Park, for \$1,000 a side. At the last hour it was discovered that there would be no track at Exposition Park, and after negotiations Recreation Park was secured, but not until after the McClelland party had declined to run for more than \$750 a side. Fred Goodwyn was appointed referee, and he, accompanied by representatives, measured off a track at Recreation Park yesterday
morning. The track, almost all turf, was a
quarter of a mile in length and was in tolerably
fair condition.

When the two runners appeared at the mark
yesterday there were about 1,300 present and
betting was spirited. Speculation at first was
even, but Priddy soon became a favorite and
just before the race started he was a 6 to 4 favorite. Mr. Goodwyn dispatched them to a
splendid start and McClelland at once went to
the front. He made the pace a merry one and
led Priddy by about three yards, riget round to
the quarter in 1:04.

PRIDDY LIER A SUADOW.

THE LOCAL SHOOTERS. A Great Programme lu Store for Experts at the North Side.

The third monthly sweepstake shoot of the North Side Gun Club, comes off on Tuesday, March 4, 10 A. M., rain or shine. The manager, F. F. Davison, has received word from Scottdale, Uniontown, Greensburg, 1rwin, Freeport, Tarentum, East Liverpool, Industry, Beaver Falls, Sewickley, Braddock, McKeesport and Little Washington, and representatives from these places will take part in shoot.

The keystone system, or, as the American Shooting Association calls it, "the rapid-firing system," will be the order of the day. The success this arrefer has not within the previous system," will be the order of the day. The success this system has met with in the previous shoots has been such as to tempt the manager to run the Thesday shoot under this system.

The new plan adopted by the club, "all ties divide," will also be used. Under this plan, if a shooter gets a place, he does not have to defend it by shooting off ties, and thus does away with the possibility of a shooter making a straight score and then being shot out in ties and get nothing, and another shooter, with 3 or 4 scores less to his credit, gets a prize or money. The two plans "keystone system" and "all ties divide" work well together, as they allow very rapid shooting and no delays in shooting ties off. At the last sweepstake shoot about 1,600 targets were thrown from five traps in about five hours, which time includes the delays between contests,

THE BOSS ALL RIGHT.

Von Der Ahe Secures Als Grounds for

Another Desirable Term. St. Louis, March L-President Von der Abe as secured another lease of Sportsman's Park for a number of years, and in so doing claims

to have given a serious blow to the movement here in behalf of the Brotherhood club. Vor

der Ahe's old lease expires in October next,

and those interested in the Brotherhood move.

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ment have been trying to get an option on the grounds from that time, but without success. The park is the most desirable location in the city, and the promoters of the new enterprises will now be compelled either to go to great expense in fitting up a park, or select a site at quite a distance from the business center.

Now that he has got his new lease, Von der Ahe promises some extensive improvements by the first of the next playing season. He will invest from \$40,000 to \$50,000, he says, in new grand stands, fences, etc. His intention is to make the park a place for various amusements, including summer theatricals. The walls of the new grand stand and the fences will be of brick.

MORRISON IN TROUBLE.

The Well-Known Pitcher Raus Well, but Is Cleverly Caught.

last night. Morrison, at a recent term of court,

LOCAL SPORTS ARRESTED.

Some Alleged Patrons of Dog and Chicken Fights Get Into Trouble.

SUPERIOR ATHLETES.

Good Arrangements Made by the Suburbay People for Next Senson. -Secretary Branell Writes Another The Executive Committee of the Superior Letter and Gives Some More Athletic Association met at the residence of G. Reminders-Players Are Follansbee, Superior avenue, Allegheny, Friday evening, and decided to call the annual meeting of the association the second Thursday of March, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Action will be taken on any new business that may be brought before the meeting. The association is in a very prosperous condition, and the outlook for the ensuing season is very promising. Many new applications for membership have already been received. A new clubhouse will be crected, and two or more tennis courts will be added, together with mapy other improvements.

The baseball club connected with the association was very strong last season, and held second place in the Suburban League race. The members of the Executive Committee present were Messrs. Hugh H. Davis, H. W. Pearson, John Follansbee, Jos. B. Pearson and Charles A. Richardson. day of March, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the pur

day the Players' National League holds its spring meeting at Cleveland. It will be held at the Weddell House, and is likely to last two days. Its business is solely of a routine nature The principal matter to be passed upon is the playing schedule for 1890. The schedule adopted by the Schedule Committee at Pittsburg Jan-

wners' monetary gain. With these facts recognized, the Players

other. The sole motive in making this proposition to your organization is to further the broadest interests of the national game. Considering the nature and importance of the interests at stake, an early reply is desirable.

[Signed] F. H. BRUNELL,

SOME MORE BOMBS.

at Cleveland.

NEW YORK, March 1 .- The last matinee of BIG SENSATION PROMISED. the billiard tournament at Chickering Hall was slimly attended this afternoon. Maurice Daly

> PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. CLEVELAND, March 1 .- The Cleveland League club filed the papers of its test case against John Stricker in Common Pleas Court to-day. The suit is brought against Al Johnson as well as Stricker. The petition sets forth that the plaintiff has expended \$10,000 on improvements on its grounds and much time and money has been

STRICKER'S CONTRACT. The petition goes on to state the fact of Stricker's signature to a League contract for the season of 1889 at a salary of \$2,000, and the election of the plaintiff to reserve his services for the season of 1890 at a similar salary by the serving of a notice of reservation. It alleges Stricker has contracted with that Players' League in defiance

A VERY GREAT LOSS It is stated that plaintiff is unable to supply vacancy left by Stricker, and claims that irreparable injury would be suffered if he were allowed to break his contract. A restraining order to prevent Stricker from playing with de fendants during the season of 1890 is asked for and that Johnson and other defendants be en

He refused to state what it was, but said it would eclipse anything since the meeting in New York, at which the Brotherhood decided to start 2 new league.
At the Weddell House there are two myste ious registered letters addressed to N. E.

them.
"Yes," he replied, "they contain a proposition from the Brotherhood to the League."
"What is the nature of the proposition?"
"I cannot tell you at the present time."
"Is it to form a new national agreement?"
"Hardly that, but it is relative to an
agreement."

THE PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

ome Interesting Details About the Schedule

CHICAGO March 1.-One week from Tues

April 21 and engs October 4, with 160 games.

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Arrived at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March I.—Manager Mutrie and 17 players of the New York League Base Ball Club arrived this afternoon by the steamer Delaware from New York.

Al Johnson and Cub Stricker Sued

Secretary Brunell Writes Another Letter Catton led, and the game opened slowly until Daly ran 60, following it up with runs of 22 and 38 shortly after, reaching a total and Gives Some Advice.

THE BASEBALL NEWS OF THE DAY

expended in securing a team of skillful ball players. This expenditure was predicated on the system that gives the plaintiff right to a player's services for one season and an option for the following year.

the Players' League in defiance of said notice, and further alleges that Albert L. Johnson and defendant corporation induced Stricker to desert plaintiff by the hope or assurance of more money than the plaintiff was paying him. It states that defendants are endeavoring to build up a rival erganization at the expense of the plaintiff, by inducing Stricker and other ballplayers to desert plaintiff's organization.

and that Johnson and other defendants be enjoined from employing the second baseman. A
copy of the National League contract and the
reserve notice is attached.
Al Johnson has obtained permission from
the Philadelphia Players' team for O'Brien,
the pitcher, to join it on its trip South, O'Brien
had a severe attack of typhoid fever during
the winter and desires to go for the benefit of
his health. Johnson stated to-night that a bigger sensation than any that had yet been
sprung would come to the surface within a
couple of weeks.

A REAL CORKER.

Young, President of the National League, Johnson was asked if he knew anything about

"Hardly that, but it is relative to an agreement."

Twitchell was in town to-day looking for a house. He says he will bring his family here at once. He declares that Hemming, the new pitcher signed by the local Brotherhood club, is a better man than he (Twitchell) was in his palmiest days. He is reported to be as good a runner as McAleer and a hard left-handed batter. Contracts for the buildings on the Brotherhood grounds will be given out Wednesday. Johnson has received a letter from Chicago, in which it is stated that the matter of another catcher for the Cleveland Brotherhood club will be arranged for at the coming meeting. Extensive preparations are being made by the League people for the meeting next week. Spaulding, J. Palmer O'Neill and Brush are expected to-morrow night.

by the Schedule Committee at Pittsburg Jan-uary 24 will be adopted with few or no changes. Its outlines are as follows: The season begins April 21 and ends October 4, with 140 games. April 21 to May 13 inclusive, Eastern clubs versus Eastern clubs in East, and Western clubs in West. May 14 to May 31 inclusive, Western clubs in Eastern clibes. June 2 to June 18 inclusive, Eastern clubs versus Eastern clubs in East, and Western clubs versus West-ern clubs in West. June 20 to July 5. Eastern clubs in Western

With these facts recognized, the Players' National League invites your organization to the consideration of the following proposition: The creation of an agreement between all leagues and associations to contain: First—The mutual recognition of all contractual obligations between clubs and players.

Second—Provisions for the proper support of discipline, and the enforcement of just and definite penalties for breaches thereof; the maintenance of a uniform code of playing rules.

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A FEW WORDS FROM STERN.

A Long Tramp Ended.

DETROIT, March L-The great six days' go s-you-please race was finished to-night. The distance made by the competing pedes-trians were as follows: Guerrero, 505

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over \$2,000. A purse was raised for Golden and Holsbake, who made 400 and 300 miles re-The Cincinnati Authority Talks About the A Chance for Stepner. Brotherhood's Immediate Prespects. Ed. Reilly's backers called at this office last SPECIAL PELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. Ed. Reilly's backers called at this office lasts evening and stated that Reilly will wrestle Louis Stepner under the following conditions: Reilly will bet \$100 that he can throw Stepner five times in an hour, either in public or private, catch-as-catch-can rules. An answer through The Disparch will receive attention. Reilly has a forfeit of \$25 up in behalf of his challenge, and it will remain here until next Saturday evening at \$0'clock. CINCINNATI, March L-Secretary Harry Stern is hardly out of his swaddling clothes as a baseball magnate, but he is a veteran as far as enthusiasm and knowledge of the game goes. In the old days, when the Reds were in the League and before the American Association was thought of Cincinnati's Secretary was

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PRIZES ARE

A REVIEW OF SPORTS.

Mr. Day's Suit Against Manager Ewing Condemned.

SEC. BRUNELL'S LETTER.

Professional Sculling in England in the Past and Present.

BILLIARD PLAYING AND GAMBLING

The week just ended has not been characterized by any extremely startling event as far as baseball affairs are concerned. Of course, what is now termed "another bomb" has been fired by the National League, but that is nothing unusual. We are having bombs of a kind thrown out almost every day, and I don't think that very many people would be surprised when it was auneunced that Manager Ewing was sued. The suit against Ewing really has been the only event of anything like importance during the week. Matters have somewhat relapsed to think that the sporting public will not object if they remain in that state for a long time to come. I refer to baseball affairs. Was there ever a long suffering public inundated so much with baseball talk as the present poor and patient public is? Why we have had base-ball ringing in our ears, staring us in the face and haunting us like a shadow morn, noon and night for about 12 consecutive months. I doubt not that to many it has become a specter. ers have received more public attention this winter than the most important statesmen in the land, and it might not be wide of the mark to say that the just acknowledgment of the ball player is necessary for the safety and progress of the nation. However, we are in duty bound to deal with the leading baseball events no matter how tiresome it may be to either writer or reader, and it is the sense of duty that prompts me to say a few words about the Ewing case. We heard lots of talk about the Ward case; but Mr. Ewing has been attacked up another street. The onslaught on the catcher that Mr. Day couldn't catch is being made in an entirely different quarter to that in which Mr. Ward is battling with the magnates. Whether or not this change of battle-ground will bring about results different to hose already known in the Ward case I know not, but as a matter of conjecture I venture to say that the magnates will not improve their condition in the courts. It seems to me very unprofitable to keep the legal machinery going, and what is unprofitable is very often foolish. I don't hesitate to say that if the League were to succeed in securing injunctions against all the players in the new League their case would not be very much better. Temporarily the League might have a clear field, but most certainly the conflict would be reopened in a very short time with more vigor and determination

everybody concerned.

Bennell's Circular. Secretary Brunell has, during the week issued a few words of encouragement to the members and friends of the new organization. Mr. Brunell seems to be a kind of St. Paul, judging from the way in which he now and then issues his epistolary admouitions to those who have joined the new baseball faith. He is, indeed, a very useful, able and energetic official. His latest circular contains two or three very interesting features. His references to the false predictions and defeats of the old League magnates are exceedingly forcible, because they are true. In this respect he scores yvery strong point, but in other respects the circular or letter is faulty. The Secretary talks very strongly about the bribes and the bribers, that is, he states that the National League magnates have a system of bribery in operation. It seems to National League magnates have a system of bribery in operation. It seems to me that statements of this kind are so far from the truth that they wil do harm to the cause which they are intended to benefit. There is no bribery fund, and it would be foolish to think there was. League magnates are offering big savaries to players who will leave the Brothe-hood and rejoin the League, but, bless us, that is no more bribery than the new League giving Comiskey \$7,500 to desert the American Association. What is sauce for the goose ought, in fairness, to be sauce for the gander. Doubtless, I will be reminded that in one case there are contracts signed while there goose ought, in lairness, to be sauce for the gander. Doubtless, I will be reminded that in one case there are contracts signed while there is not in the other. To this I say that, contract or no contract, every player was under a strict moval obligation to remain longer with his not supplyers. This is just as true as the fact that it would be tatal to business interests were employes to desert their work at a moment's notice and without warning to anyone. Since all the common understandings between the players and the National League officials have been trampled in the dust the League in no sense deems it a duty to recognize any honesty of dealing with the Brotherhood, and the same may be said of the Brotherhood and the same may be said of the Brotherhood feeling toward the League, Well, this being so, we need not wonder at the League offering big inducements to players to rejoin the League. If any leader of the Brotherhood did not from the commencement of this compact expect results of this kind, they must have a very imperfect knowledge of human nature and of the daily affairs of life. I have looked at this matter from all standpoints that I know of, and for the life of me. I cannot that I know of, and for the life of me. I cannot that I know of, and for the life of me. I cannot that I know of, and for the life of me. have looked at this matter from all standpoints that I know of, and for the life of me I cannot see how the actions in question can be termed bribery. At any rate, if we are forced to the

conclusion that it is bribery, pray somebody let me know why it is not bribery in the cases of Comiskey and others. paragraphs above there has not been anything of moment, except, perhaps, that mysterious offer of \$1,600,000 for the National League clubs.

There seems to be so little tangibility. The General Situation. that offer that I pass it by without comment. There have also been some very significant rumors current to the effect that the Buffalo There have also been some very significant rumors current to the effect that the Buffalo Brotherhood club will be transferred to St. Louis. To do this would be a wise step and it is not unlikely that the transfer will be made. The new League seems to be well established in all cities except Buffalo and if that city is retained in the circuit, I will be very much surprised if the club holds out for the season. Pittsburg club's prospects are looking better every day. Work on the new grounds is being pushed along with remarkable speed. The players now in the city are in excellent condition. I never saw Morris looking better than he is now, and it is safe to say that he never was in better condition. He has reduced himself in the most accomplished way, and if he fails to be an effective pitcher it certainly cannot be because of poor condition. He does, indeed, look remarkably well, and so does Kuehne and Carroll. Without doubt these players have their venture at heart, and they mean to try and make a success of it. There is nothing new in the old local club. President Ninick and Secretary Scandrett will leave for Cleveland to-morrow to attend the League meeting, but they have no conjectures to make about it.

Sculling in England.

More than once I have had occasion to refer to the extraordinary decline of professional While it is true that our British cousins were the first to show us the way in fine boat rowing, it is also true that they were the first to fall back into comparative obscurity when professional sculling became international. There was much to regret about this, but it is a lact of history nevertheless. Well, there is at least a little gleam of hope for that kind of professional sport in England. An effort, and one of a very big kind, is to be made to try and regain some of the lost prestige of sculling among the English scullers. A number of Earls, Lords, Knights and wealthy sporting men have held several meetings and have decided to hold a national professional regatta, the special object of which is to develop native talent in sculling. Doubtless the high social standing of those who are interesting themselves in the matter will, to a very great extent, court the popular favor for the venture. And it would seem safe to say that plenty of money will be at command to enable the promoters of the regatts to offer very attractive prizes, not only for singles, but for pairs, doubles and fours. But I fear that the very high and influential will find a difficulty that is a hundred times greater than finding the money. Were money all that was nogded to produce scullers in England able to cope with any scullers in England able to cope with any scullers in the world, I venture to say that the Britisbers would likely be as good as anybody. But the great question is: Where are the men? That's the great stumbling block. Certainly the progression fall back into comparative obscurity when proquestion is: Where are the men? That's the great stumbling block. Certainly there is al-ways a possibility of unearthing a phenomenon when continuous efforts are being made to find one, but the stock of rowers in England to-day

is so poor in quality that somebody at present entirely unknown to the aquatic world must be discovered before any great hopes of having a real champion can be entertained.

There are certainly plenty of professiona rowers in England. It is not difficult to have a handicap with 50, 60 or 70 entries, and the great bulk of them young men. But the quality is absent, so much so that a man of George Bu bear's abilities is champion. These facts cer-tainly point to the conclusion that there is not much prospect, at any rate immediate prospect, of anything like a world-beater being found in England. But the efforts to try and develop engiand. But the efforts to try and develop one are none the less worthy of encouragement, and if a national regatta on the Thames could be promoted and brought anywhere near the degree of popularity that the former professional regattas on that river enjoyed, a very great benefit to aquatics all over the world would certainly result. Dealing with this subject reminds me of assertions and statements that are continually being made regarding the comparative merits of the old-time scullers and those of the present day. I have really heard of persons who "wished that Bob Coombes was back in his prime" to try what he could do with the best scullers of to-day. Coombes was champion in 1846 and weighed, I think, somewhere below 130 pounds. Well, to make any comparison at all between Coombes and O'Counor, Teemer or Gaudaur would be very, very stupid. However, there is no doubt that in the sixtles and part of the seventies England was at its best as far as sculling was concerned, and to compare the best men of that period with champions of to-day may give us some idea as to the kind of men required in England at present to become world beaters. one are none the less worthy of encouragement

Old and New Champions. It may be set down as a fact that Harry Kelly was the best man ever produced on the Thames. When I say this I am mindful of the abilities of such men as Sadler and Higgin. I also know that many people deemed the late J. H. Sadler the equal of Kelly at least. I have never thought so. Well. Bob Chambers, of the Tyne, was the equal of Kelly at least. I have these two famous old-timers matched that it seemed the man in the better condition won whenever they rowed against each other. Kelly's glory survived that of Chambers, but Kelly's laurels were plucked by Renforth, who, no doubt, was one of the most remarkable scullers ever reared in England. He was remarkable because of his method or style, and yet I venture to say that at his best he was little, if any, superior to William Elliott when the latter rowed and was beaten by Hanlan. This brings us to something like a direct comparison, and at this point we must take into consideration all the improvements in boat and rig that took place between the Chambers-Kelly period and that inaugurated by Edward Hanlan. Renforth, Elliott and Boyd rowed faster than ever Chambers or Kelly could row, and I don't think that this increased speed was altogether due to improvements in boat and rig. But, at any rate, Hanlan settled Elliott so easily that all attempts to compare the old timers with modern champions must fail. Had Hanlan conceded Elliott 15 lengths' start he might have won just as easily as he did. But there are men rowing now much faster than Hanlan did then and probably faster than Hanlan did hen and probably faster than Hanlan did hen and probably faster than Hanlan could ever row. This brief outline then gives us an idea of the gigantic task the Britishers will have in hand when they start to find a world beater. They must find a man who is as much superior to the best rowers they ever had as Hanlan was to William Elliott. I wish them also know that many people deemed the late J. superior to the best rowers they ever had as Hanlan was to William Elliott. I wish them good luck.

The visit of John Splan to England has The visit of John Splan to England has proven one very important fact: it has shown Americans that there is a good market the other side of the Atlantic for American-bred trotters. If Splan's mission had not accomplished anything else than this, the American public ought to thank him for that. Judging from the letters that Splan has been sending from the other side from time to time it would seem that American trotting horses of moderate quality go off like hot cakes among the English people. I am not surprised at this, because when once anything becomes popular in England there is always pleuty of money to buy. The trotting horse has become popular there. It was growing in favor some time before Splan went there, but he caused the wave of popularity to rise to a very great height. And there need be no surprise that the trotting horse should not be as much admired in England as in any other country. No country has roads so well adapted to show off a speedy trotter as England and no people are fonder of showy horses. There are hundreds of trotters in America that cound go out English highways and as far as speed is concerned put to shame the most valuable pair of "high stepping bays" that the richest aristocrat can bonst of. Well now, does this not all show that it may be good business for breeders to ship a few well bred youngsters to the other side? There are many small breeders in and about Pittsburg, and it would be quite an easy task for them to form a syndicate and sena about 15 or 20 good horses to England, About two good drivers and trainers ought to do well with a string of that kind next fall. proven one very important fact: it has shown than ever. Talk as we may; argue and reason as we may, the fact remains that there is a fight ahead. It cannot be averted, and the sooner the Lattle is lost and won, the better for

Market for American Trotters.

The Turf Scason. We won't be much older before the turf season is fairly opened for the spring. It seems somewhat out of place to talk about the opening of the turf season when horse racing is going on daily without intermission both East and South. But what I mean is the regular spring season. The indications are that there will be more business done on the American turf this year than there has been done any previous year. Whether or not there will be a previous year. Whether or not there will be a better class of horses, I am not in a position to say, but reports from various places gives us to understand that there will be some excellent 3-year-olds. So far the entries augur well for good fields. But what I wish specially to refer to is the persistent desire of authorities here and there to prosecute the proprietors of well regulated poolroems. In some instances it has been decided that pool-selling is a criminal offense. That there will be more betting on turf events this year than selling is a criminal offense. That there will be more betting on turf events this year than ever before I feel certain, and this means that the desire to speculate on these events is so strong that all the anti-poolselling enthusiasts in the country cannot stop this speculation. By closing well regulated places where fraud and truckery dare not be indulged in, recourse will be had to methods and places of the most questionable. The evils of the latter will far exceed those of the former. This has been the case in the past and most certainly will be so in future.

There is no reason to suppose that the pugilistic world was startled on Friday by the publication of the challenge in behalf of Slavin. The fight Slavin in presence of an Australian club. Of late there have been many offers and challenges to Sullivan flying round, but I am inclined to think that the one in question is the most bona fide that we have yet seen. The Australians are not inclined to make idle boasts; they have the money and they have the courage. It is certain, at least it seems so to me that the Australians will put up every dollar on Slavin that they say they will. Well, in view of all this, I do not hesitate to say that Sullivan bas never had a better offer in his life. Were he to go so Australia and defeat Slavin it is certain that he could amass a fortune before he returned to America. There are many reasons why Sullivan should accept the offer without delay. He is living at a very fast rate and old Mother Nature won't be abused with impunity. With a reasonable amount of training he could be gotten into good condition; probably not the best, but good enough to defeat Slavin. Now. I don't make the latter remark disparagingly of Slavin. I make it because when Sullivan is at his best neither Slavin nor anybody else would have any chance of defeating Sullivan in a club-room and fighting under club rules. If Sullivan could find himself in a condition similar to that when he fought Kilram he would be well enough to defeat Slavin. The latter's friends also offer to match him to fight Kilrain or Peter Jackson. It is not likely that Kilrain will accept any big challenge for some time, and Jackson is too much interested in the show business to take any notice of bona fide challenges. I am daily becoming convinced that Slavin is a superior fighter to Jackson, the latter talks too affectionately about fighting with big gloves to impress me with the notion that he is a good pugilist where punshment is being doled out in big quantities. Jackson and Slavin oight to meet and settle the question of their superiority. If they would meet and settle this point, then Sullivan would know who was champion of the other side of the world. lenges to Sullivan flying round, but I am in-clined to think that the one in question is the

Billiard Playing and Gambling. The decision of the Supreme Court at Boston, on Thursday, regarding what the law terms the gambling features of billiard playing, is, indeed, of great interest to thousands of citizens in many cities. According to the opinion of that court thousands of us are gamblers whose precourt thousands of us are gamblers whose predilections of morality would revolt at the
thought if common sense did not instruct us
with the knowledge that, despite the very ricid
application of the law, the now recognized
custom of public billiard playing will make us
no worse morally, and certainly no more
gamblers in deed, than we have been. The
Boston court has decided that a man who plays
with another for the cost of the use of the
table for the game is gambling, or even if they
play for the trinks or cigars it is deemed
gambling under the statute. A similar decision
in a similar case was given a few months ago in
England by no less an authority that Justice
Hannen, who was presiding Judge of the
late Parnell Commission. The law undoubtedly
is a relic of the times when our brave
and Puritanical forefathers held their sway.

Doubtless all the laws designed for the moral and religious betterment of the citizens of those days were palatable and somewhat adapted to the tastes and desires of a people who believed in an extremely arbitrary system of religion, and who to a very great extent demanded not only a rigid uniformity in everyday life, but to some extent a tyrannical uniformity of thought. I have not the least doubt but that the good old man Roger Williams and thousands of others really believed that every good act, every good thought and every step in the improvement of civilization were due to a system of laws similar in spirit and intent to the law that the Boston court has just dealt with. Were these good and brave old Puritans to visit us to-day and witness the extraordinary advance of intelligence, morality, religion and things material, they certainly would never believe that almost all of their old laws restricting the wholesome amusements and pleasures of life have been inoperative for generations. But such has been the case. Whatever may have been the object of these old "blue laws" the world has progressed better in all respects since they became obsolete than it did when they were in operation. A Common-Sense View. But if we pause awhile and inquire into the question of this alleged gambling feature in

billiard playing, I think many of us will become convinced that there is no gambling at all about it. The great object of public billiard playing is not to make money by betting or playing for what may be called stakes. Ceror playing low what may be tasked states. Celtainly there are some who do play professionally
and semi-professionally, but the vast majority
of patrons of public billiard rooms participate
in the game as a means of recreation or amusement. A game of billiards in many cases
breaks the monotony of a wearisome day of
toil and anxiety. Were we all wealthy enough
we could have billiard tables of our own, just
the same as many of our judges have, but since
many of us are poor, we must patronize those
tables that some person has provided. Well,
now we cannot use these tables without paying
for them, and if two men play a game what
moral difference is there whether one man pays
all the cost or whether each paysone-haif? The
game is one of skill and not one of chances.
The most skillful man will win every time in a
game of billiards. Well, Jones thinks he is
more skillful than Brown and the latter declines to believe that. They engage a table
with the condition that the loser pays for the
use of it. Now I contend there are not the elements present in a case of this kind that are
found in a bona fide betting or gambling transtainly there are some who do play professionally with the condition that the loser pays for the use of it. Now I contend there are not the elements present in a case of this kind that are found in a bona fide betting or gambling transaction. The object of Jones and Brown is not to win money, but to determine the question of the playing abilities; and to add as much interest to the contest as possible they decide that the loser pays for the use of the table. If that can be deemed gambling I venture to say that almost 90 per cent of the civilized world are gamblers to-day. If the law brands that as gambling scarcely a parlor game of forfeits is clear. Almost every outdoor means of recreation indulged in by athletes, amateurs or otherwise is gambling, and it may be interesting to many of us to know that while we have been participating in the physical and mental exercises from day to day and progressing ing to many of us to know that while we have been participating in the physical and mental exercises from day to day and progressing satisfactorily in a moral way, satisfactorily in the eyes of friends, or pastors and everybody, we have been and are yet gamblers. The fact is morality, is progressive, and, therefore, a thing may be legally right and morally wrong. What was considered moral, or at least good morality in the days of Cromwell, Williams or John Knox is not deemed good morality to-day. This is just as true as the fact that civilization is at a higher standard than it was when our forefathers dwelt in mud, buts had tomahawks and arrows for their weapons and dehawks and arrows for their weapons and de-lighted in tattoo ornamentations for personal adornment. These facts ought to have some influence on those in whose power it is to ad-minister or entirely obliterate these old, fossil-

La Blanche's Challenge. George La Blanche has, during the week issued a very unique challenge to fight Jack issued a very unique challenge to fight Jack Dempsey. For some time past many people have stated that "The Marine" had very good business faculties, and if there was ever any doubt on that point his challenge to Dempsey settles it, La Blanch offers to fight Dempsey and put up his saloon against Dempsey's \$5,000. If Dempsey wins he can have the saloon and La Blanche will take the \$5,000. If La Blanche will take the \$5,000. La Blanche will take the \$5,000. If La Blanche wins he will take the \$5,000. If La Blanche wins he will take the saloon and Dempsey can have h's \$5,000. In other words, La Blanche knows that if he is beaten his salcon will not be much use to him, and he'll need the \$5,000, and if he defeats Dempsey, his saloon business will be considerably better, beside his receiving any purse that the California club may give. I will not be surprised if the offer is declined by Dempsey. It is reasonable to expect that he will decline it. The offer certainly shows that La Blanche is not very eager to meet Dempsey again and lam strongly of this opinion. Were he imbued with the belief that he was Dempsey's superior most certainly he would be prepared to meet Dempsey under the ordinary conditions. I really think that La Blanche's offer is something of a victory for Dempsey. The majority of sporting men, I venture to say, will see in it something of a desire not to fight. That Dempsey is La Blanche's superior there is no doubt when both men are in their best form. Nobody knows this better La Blanche.

Mace and Mitchell. Detailed accounts of the Mace and Mitchell contest are to hand, and I give the opinion of Henry Sampson (Pendragon) on the affair. Of course the contest was for the receipts only. Mr. Sampson says; "Of the Mace-Mitchell affair, which was brought to a completion at Glagow on Friday night—satisfactorily, it is to be hoped, for both parties—there is not much to be said by an earnest critic. If the people who pay at the gate are satisfied that they are getting a fair return on their outlay, the private arrangements of the show are nothing to anybody else. Cortainly I don't want to detract from the merits of Mr. Mitchell's victory, or add to the smart of Mr. Mace's defeat. But I should like to say that it is close on 24 years since Mace's last fight in England, and to add that as an eye and ear witness of what happened on that day at Long Reach in 1864, I can bear testimony to his being even then regarded as past the age at which puglists show to advantage. Mace did well enough then, despite that he was called old; but 24 years when added on 86 (as he was then said to be) make no end of a difference. You may stave off the enemy for a time, but he is sure to find you cut at the finish. Having no desire to queer either Mace or Mitchell, I have hitherto refrained from saving a word about their engagement; but I certainly never thought that a man who is at the youngest within a few weeks of his 60th year would enter into an engagement on merits with one who is not half his age, and who has on several occasions shown himself possessed of considerably over the average ability. Nobody will accuse me of being an advocate for police interference, but I am glad the myrmidons of Glaswegian law did not allow the fourth round to be tought out. It would have been no end of a pity to see one who in his younger days combined all the qualities ending his career in what it would then have been mildness to call senile degradation and discomiture. I hope we have seen the last of competitions either between men one of whom is aged and who was soon proved to be infirm—though, mayhap, he did not Henry Sampson (Pendragon) on the affair. Of course the contest was for the receipts only.

who are both aged and infirm, or between men one of whom is aged and who was soon proved to be infirm—though, mayhap, he did not suspect it beforehand—and the other of whom is young and strong and quick and vigorous and clever. Even if the thing was only a joke, it does not seem to me one that is at all natural,"

PRINGLE,

All Want Mays.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 1 .- Al Mays, the old Brooklyn and Columbus pitcher, who is wintering here, has received several offers for the coming season, but thus far he has not accepted any of them. The Cincinnati club has cepted any of them. The Cincinnati club has made him a very liberal offer and the New York National League Club has also opened negetiations with him. The Buffaio Brotherhood team offered him very flattering terms, but he will not sign a contract for at least a week. Mays was released by Columbus last eason on account of his arm, which was a little weak. A long rest, however, has proved beneficial, and his arm is now as strong as ever. Mays is confident of doing good work this season.

To Go to England. CHICAGO, ILL., March 1. - Arrangements have been completed for sending a dozen men to England for the purpose of teaching the Britons how to play baseball. A letter was re-Britons how to play basebail. A letter was received here a couple of weeks ago from Mr. Morton P. Betts, President of the National Basebail League of Great Britain, asking that competent men be sent to England to instruct Englishmen at our national game. These men are to be sent at once, but their names have not yet been given out. None of the members of the Chicago League team will go. When the Englishmen learn to play baseball international games will doubtless be plentiful.

Alleged Chicken Fighters Arrested. Detective Heiner yesterday arrested James Williams, of the East End, on a charge of aiding in the chicken main which occurred at Oil City on New Year's Eve. The warrant was given him by the Oil City agent of the Humane Society. The Heiner Agency has still about a dozen more warrants for men in this vicinity and adjoining counties who attended the main.

William Bissell called at this office yesterday, and stated that he is willing to fight George Gillen for \$100 a side, with or without gloves. Gillen defeated Jack Hays, and Bissell desires to meet Gillen at the office, on the evening of March 22.

Wallace is Ready.

BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCE .

LONDON, March 1.-[Copyright.] - Nunc Wallace, the smartest lightweight boxer in

England, is quite ready to go to America to meet George Dixon. He is well worth seeing.

Clifton Races. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, March 1.-Entries for Monday t Clifton, N. J., are:

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Bellair, Blackthorn, Long Time, Playfair 112, America 116, Falcon 124 Vengcance 103, Davis, Ten Rookh 103, Woodstock 106, Lizzie M 101. Second race, seven and a half furlongs-Albe marie, Lord Beaconsfield, Tunis 122, Locust 118, Calera 112, Triple Cross, King Volt 108, Big Ned 104, The Sinner, Englewood, J. J. Healy 103, Lady Archer 25.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile, selling—Chispin, King Arthur 118, King Idler 115, Lemon Blossom 116, Lakewood, Pomercy See, Manhattan 112, Souvenir 113, Howerson 108, Roger, Past Moran 106.

Foveth race, six and one-half furious, handi-Moran 198.

Fourth race, six and one-half furlongs, handicap—Young Duke 118, Can't Teil 107, Monsoon 108, Glory 103, Golden Red 24, Leeberg 29, Fifth race, five furlongs—Can't Fell, Millie Williams, Faster, Red Elm, Eugene Brodie, Fitz-roy, Neoskaleeta, Young Duke, Moonstone, Prince Howard, Mabel Glenn 105.

Sixth race, six and one-half furlongs—Brier, Calera, George Angus, Woodstock, Reveller, Sparling, Landseer, Zangbar, Subaltern, Imp. Sun Dial 110.

First race three-quarters of a mile, selling-

Guttenburg Winners. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1

GUTTENBURG, March L.-Following were the winners to-day:

First race, three-quarters of a mile, beaten horses—Pall Mall first. 92, 7 to 5 and 3 to 5; Biessed second, 114, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1; MacGregor third, 116, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1. Time, 1:25).

Second race, five-eighths of a mile, selling—Bonny Lass, first. 35, 13 to 1 and 5 to 1; Skip second, 95, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Watch Me third, 104, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1. Time, 1:095;

Third race, one mile selling—Lady Agnes first, 92, 3 to 1, 4 to 5; Hot Scotch second, 88, 10 to 1, 5 to 2; Sunshine third, 96, 4 to 1, even. Time, 1:55.

Fourth race, five furlongs, selling—Goldfish first, 106, 3 to 1, 6 to 5; Howe second, 110, 10 to 1, 3 to 1. Buckstone third, 114, 5 to 2, even. Time, 1:07.

Fifth race, six and one-half furlongs—Bradford first, 108, 5 to 2, 3 to 5; Autocrat second, 105, even, 3 to 10; Lady Pulsifier third, 109, 9 to 5, 1 to 3. Time, 1:245;

Sixth race, seven furlongs—Pericles first, 121, 34 to 1; Benedict second, 121, 25 to 1; Melourama third, 124, 8 to 1. Time—1:39.

LONDON, March 1 .- Modele is the horse mos heavily backed for the Lincolnshire handicap at 100 to 8 against him. Why Not at 100 to 12 against, Roquefort at 10 to 1 against and Her against, Roquefort at 10 to 1 against and Hex at 100 to 9 against are favorites for the grand national steeplechase. There is very little wagering over the Derby. For the boat race Oxford is backed readily at 7 to 4 in University circles. This is mainly because Oxford has so many old hands in the crew, for Cambridge has undoubtedly some very promising rowing material to represent her in the classic race.

THY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.

Another Man for Chapman LOUISVILLE, KY., March 1,-A dispatch from Fitchburg, Mass., says: Thomas H. Hart of last year's Fitchburg club, and T. J. Gunns,

of Miller's Falls, have been signed by Manager Chapman to catch for Louisville next season. President Parsons says they will be taken on trial at least.

An admission fee of 50 cents was charged for the chicken fight, and at its conclusion the room was cleared and the dog fight begun, for which the spectators paid \$1 each. THOUGH beaten, McClelland is a good runner

JACK FOGARTY dropped a few dollars on Mc-PRIDDY trained in the Brotherhood park, SAMMT DAY was on hand at yesterday's race and still thinks that nobody can beat "Pete."

THE was in which Priddy finished yesterday's race showed that he is a speedy man and AL SCANDRETT still says that both schedules should call for two games on the same day in the same city.

THE condition of Priddy and McClelland yesterday showed that they had been under good men as trainers.

PRIDDY weighed 138% yesterday and E.C. McClelland weighed 128% pounds just before they started in their race. HARRY NIKIRK leaves the city to-day to start business in the oil regions. He is a busi-ness man and a good puglist.

a man in good standing. He will represent the local club at the League meeting at Cleveland

ERIE, PA., March 1.—Jack Morrison, the paseball pitcher, made an unexpected home run last night. Morrison, at a recent term of court, was tried under an indictment for larceny, and, as the jury was coming in at one door with a vorciet of guilty, Jack stepped out of another door and made good his escape.

He was located in Jamestown, N. Y., where he was organizing a ball club for the Inter-State League, when he was arrested. He escaped again, and was caught after a long chase. Morrison will be sentenced next week.

Humane Agent O'Brien is once more after the sports who are inclined toward chicken and dog fighting. Informations were made a mutual gave.

As you well know, the principles upon which the Players' League was founded do not recognize any of the arbitrary rules which seek to deprive the player of his natural rights, to restrain his ability to make a free contract, to impose upon him barsh and unconscionable conditions, to limit his personal liberty, or to transfer him without his consent for the club owners' monetary gain. couple of days ago before Alderman McMasers against P. Denmarsh, George Hills, George ters against F. Denmarsh, George Hills, George Baer and Pat Norton, charging them with being concerned in dog and chicken fights that took piace on February 14, at McKee's Rocks, All save Norton have been arrested and will have a hearing next Friday afternoon.

You will, of course, understand that should your organization propose to become a party to such an arrangement there will be no taxation on either side, either party to the agreement entering upon equal terms with the other. The sole motive in making this proposition to your organization is to further the

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