Here we are again, and the fight is still going on; of course I mean the baseball fight. We must not ignore baseball, as for have been, rain having prevented several games. The wet weather has been pretty extensive, and while the water has been falling many of the new baseball capitalists may have looked on with an aching heart, to say nothing of the players. The rain has been unfortunate, indeed. But it has given some people a pretense of saying that it has been the inclement weather that has kept the crowds down. I will be very happy if future patronage verifies this opinion: but I fear that it won't. The week has not been a fraught with anything of a prominent kind, except the rain. The various clubs have not been as successful as the friends of each expected to see them. There have been big "openings," of course, but we all have lived to learn that openings are openines nowadays. In many cases I don't hesitate to say that there has been a drummed up enthusiasm that has soon shown steelf to be of an ephemeral kind. It is hardly fair to take this kind of enthusiasm into consideration, so that we must wait much longer to see what the lasting or permanent sentiment is going to be. I don't think that any of us who are all fair minded can prove anything by the patronage bestowed on the respective clubs so far. There must be a longer test, but I am quite free to admit that as far as matters have gone the Flayers' Leazue has had much the best of it. But how much? That's the question. It is prepoterous to talk about 10 to 1 or 4 to 1 the best of it. Such statements are so ridiculous that they injure the side on which they are made. It is singular to me to find that during the week those who dable in figures, one-sided furures I mean, seem to have overlooked the fact that as feet and to have overlooked the fact that as feet and to them it is of vital importance whether the side now which they are made. It is singular to me to find that during the week those who dable in figures, one-sided furures I mean, seem to have overlooked the fact that as feet on which the fact they are made. It is store and Brooklyn. have been, rain having prevented several or to I the best of it. Such statements are so ridiculous that they injure the side on which they are made. It is singular to me to find that during the week those who dabble in figures, one-sided figures I mean, seem to have over-looked the fact that at Boston and Brooklyn the new League is having quite a struggle to keep, even with the old organization. In dealing with matters of comparison most assuredly we should use our best endeavors to be impartial. If we don't our comparisons are as worthless as a rotten peach. Well, now, if the struggle continues at Brooklyn and at one or two other places as it has begun it will need some very curious figuring to make either side pay. Don't let us shut our eyes to this fact. If matters don't mend there will be a collapse somewhere. It is only natural for worse. will be a collapse somewhere. It is only nat-ural to expect that after the first flush of enthusiasm produced by the novelty of a new departure is over, that parrons of the game will more or less settle down indifferently. Then will be the time for the real test, and then will be the time for each side to put forth its best

The Work of the Clubs.

There has been little or no choice between the playing in the two rival leagues during the week. There has been some very loose playing on both sides, which fact goes to strengthen my contention that the revolt has interfered with the quality of the respective teams. We need only to look at the Boston or New York teams to become convinced of this fact. Last year there was something like an ideal baseball team, and this year, judying from work so lar done, neither of the clubs is good second rate. A fact of this kind ought to discourage disinterested lovers of the game. Our local clubs, in my way of thinking, are neither as clubs, in my way of thinking, are neither as good as that which we had last rall, I am aware that Manager Hanlon thinks differently, and he is a good practical judge, but work so far done leads me to my conclusion. It is fair, however,

ransfer of the games referred to from Pitts-ourg to Chicago. Mr. Spalding thought that burg to Chicago. Mr. Spalding thought that to open the Chicago season ahead of the Players' League would be a benefit to him, and he requested the Pittsburg club to assist him in making the change. The change was made, then, for business purposes, and it would certainly be very bad business tact to allow sentiment prevail over the sensible demands of business in such a case. Well, the little move on the part of the Pittsburg and Chicago clubs has been cause for many people saying that the National League was about to make a change has been cause for many people saying that the National League was about to make a change all around. I wish such a change were made, but Messrs, Day, Young and others tell us that no such thing will happen. A change would be the wisest thing.

The Reduction of Price. There is more importance to be attached to the reduction of the admission price to ball games to 25 cents than to anything else that taken place during the week. Most certainly it does not seem to me an absolute evilence of "weakening," but it does seem, and dence of "weakening, but it does seem, and really, is a very wise stroke of policy. I don't see how the directors of the local Players' League club could well do anything else. Baseball paronage in Pittsburg is of the 25-cent persuasion, and the tumult of the present season has intensified that conviction. I am aware that some feeble efforts have been made to show that baseball in Pittsburg is just as popular this season as it has ever been. A more misleading notion was never conceived, and as practical business men, the directors of the lopractical business men, the directors of the local Players' League club know this. The fact of their stepping down to popular prices is absolute proof of what they think about the matter. The fact is, and we shouldn't shut our eyes to it, that the popularity of base-ball in Pittsburg has undergone a great change since last season. Why, the patronage so far this season under any circumstances should have been greater than that of last year. Look at the efforts, the "drumming" effort that have on used during the last month or so to imbubaseball notions to almost every pedestrian on the street and almost every patron of saloon bars. And notwithstanding this the patronage, the joint patronage bestowed on the two clubs has been miserably short of what it was last year. Of course, there has been inclement weather, and so was there last year. A large percentage of the baseball public have become wearled of the quarrels and unpleasantness. It is not in many cases unalloyed pleasure now to see a ball game, unpleasant comparisons of the respective rival clubs are noised into one's cur continually and this must mar the pleasure of some people; so much so that they make up their minds to find outdoor amusement somewhere cise. We'll, then this waning popularity has had an influence in causing the new club directors to change their prices. They were receiving the bulk of patronage, and,

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therefore had, comparatively speaking, little reason to make the change. But assuredly if by making the change they thought they would be attracting a still greater number of people they were wise to do so. The larger crowds they have the less will there be for the opposition, and in a time of life and death conflict such as the present, surely that is a great stroke against the enemy. From any standpoint, I think the reduction of price is a wise move. Doubtless many of us have read what Mr. Talcott, of the New York P. Leiub, and others have said about the change. They are opposed to it and intimate that the Pittsburg club may be called down for it. It is also said that it is against the constitution, All this to me sounds like idle talk. Manager Hanlon emphatically craims that there is nothing at all in the constitution forbidding the change and he ought to know. But why, I ask should Mr. Talcott or any other official of the new League stand on his diguity about the sacredness of the constitution? Even if it did forbid a reduction of price what about it? Has rules, constitution and almost everything else in the new League not been stretched and more or less ignored to meet the emergencies that appear in the present conflict? The change is a good one and the public ought to appreciate it. ent conflict? The change is a the public ought to appreciate it

The Players' Side of It. But the reduction of price concerns the players probably more than anybody else, and in the time being that is the alpha and omega of terrestrial affairs. Matters have not been as lively during the week as they might interest in the game causes a reduction in price of admission will that change not cause a re-duction in the salaries of the players? I think

The County League. I use the above title, but it seems to me that it is somewhat out of place, because there is no County League at present, and I don't think we'll have any this year. A few days ago I had a talk with Mr. Clark, who was president of the County League last year, and he gave me to understand that there are no hopes of an Allegheny County Baseball League this year. I am sorry for this, but I am not much surprised. There has been one great difficulty for the local amateur clubs to contend against, viz., their inability to secure inclosed grounds. Without the latter it is almost impossible to have a successful organization. Some of the strongest clubs are unable this season to secure inclosed grounds, and this fact has killed all desire to organize the League. Of course, the absence of the enthusiastic Mr. Will Barr is another force operating against reorganization. An amateur league should always be encouraged by those who want to see the national game perpetuated. It is from the leagues of this kind that almost all of our "stars" come; the amateur leagues are really the manufactories of ball players and every populous district should have one. The Allegheny County League has done very well in the past, as many sorry for this, but I am not much surprised.

Haulan and Hosmer.

Two or three days ago I had a very interesting conversation with the two famous scullers, Edward Hanlan and George Hosmer. There note that the season is just startbut I am taking that into coneratioe. The local National League
th, I am inclined to think, is destined
be a good team. The youngsters have
typed some good games, just as good as any
up has done so far. They are irregular and to be a good team. The youngsters have played some good games, but as good particularly and an infection of the content of the correctly built about the chest to make a world beater. However this may be, none of us can gainsay the fact that O'Connor is a good scalgainsay the fact that O'Connor is a good scal-ler. It is probably too much to say that he is the best, because, judging him on his form against Searle on the Thames, he is not the best by any means. But I have an idea that he is a better sculler than Mr. Hanlan would have us believe, and if he is beaten in Australia I don't think there'll be a rosy chance for any other American or Canadian to turn the tables on his victor.

About English Rowing.

Ex-Champion Hanlan also expressed the notion that professional sculling in England was doomed never to rise again. Hosmer held a contrary opinion, claiming that, out of the large number of scullers there, a champion is sure to blossom forth in time. Eanlan, however, agreed that the young Britishers, for some reason or other, do not learn the modern art of rowing; they don't master the correct style of propelling a boat and as a result much of their strength is wasted. However much I would like to see England regain its position in sculling. I fear there is much truth in Hanlan's contention. But it is going too far to say that sculing in England will never reach a higher standard than now. I think it will, and just as sure as rowing is speedier to-day than it was when Hanlan, Alexander-like, was crying for more worlds to conquer. It is only a short time ago since we all innehed at the sculling pretensions of Ausall laughed at the sculling pretensions of Australia. To-day there are scullers there that are Hanlan's superiors. But if sculling is declining in England never to rise, what about the United States? We have our stock-intrade scullers to-day that we had years and years ago. Their faces are almost as familiar as sunlight; it is the same old lot year after year without any signs of promising talent.

Something of a surprise has been caused during the week in turf circles by the scratching of Hanover for the early handicaps. The horse has been fired and blistered and consequently thrown out of training. The horse has been backed heavily for the Brooklyn, and as a result the backers will drop their cash without having any chance to win. There has naturally been considerable indignation at the withdrawal of the horse, but it is all in the fortunes of turf speculations. No doubt there was good reasons to scratch horse. It is also rumored that Gorgo, Senator Hearst's mare, will also be a non-starter and if she fails to appear at the post I know a number of backers who will lose money without a "spin" for their cash. But it is the uncertainties of the turf that prompt the bookmaker's odds, and were all investments horse has been fired and blistered and conse

made with a start or no bet, quite a different rate of odds would obtain than is the case now.

About the Puglists.

Joe McAuliffe is now in New York. With his appearance Corbett has vanished and gone West. McAuliffo is now the new star and I his appearance Corbett has vanished and gone West. McAuliffo is now, the new star and I suppose will more or less twinkle for a few weeks. According to general custom he has made his appearance in the East known by challenging "John L. Sullivan or any other man." Poor Sullivan! John is the great object of all the aspiring herces of the ring or stage. It now seems to be a fact generally understood that a pugilist is no earthly use if he does not issue a bold challenge to Sullivan. That done, he has his passport to a big hall and profitable benefit; he is announced to the world as the "man who wants to fight Sullivan," and that is sufficient trademark. Now, what does all this mean? Why it means deception and fraud on the public, Those parior fighters have no more idea of fighting Sullivan than I have of flying to the moon. Were Sullivan to get into a ring with a batch of them they would rush away as would a lot of noisy cats at the appearance of a hungry bear. I estimate Joe McAuliffe as a good man, a little better than Kilrain and probably better than Corbett. But all these three combined would not make a Sullivan were the latter in form. But what puzzles me is this fact; while all these wonderful pugilists, of glove fame only, are issuing challenge after challenge to John L. Sullivan, why don't they have a battle with each "ther?" That is a very interesting question indeed. Corbett made considerable noise about fighting Sullivan, and McAuliffe says he has covered the entire continent trying to get a fight with Corbett. The whole thing is a fraud, a scheme to make money by gulling the public.

A Critic Answored. I am in receipt of a letter, a kindly and wellwritten letter, from a gentleman whose initials are M. C. He finds fault with me because, according to his opinion, I have not given Corbett "a fair show." He then points out Corbett's record, etc., claiming it to be a good one. There is not space to publish the entire letter. I have never said that Corbett was a bad fighter never said that Corbett was a bad ngater or that he was a good one. I don't know, because he has not been tried. He is a very good boxer from a professor standpoint, but so far as his record goes that is all that I can see he is. Mark, if he is tried and proves himself to be a good man as a pugilist, I will be one of the first to give him credit, but I cannot call a man first-class who has not been tested by a first-class man or in a first-class way. Some time ago his record was published in this paper and commented on.

The Marine's Retaliation. George La Blanche, the only vanquisher of Dempsey means to get even with the latter. The Marine claims that when he was beaten by Dempsey the latter took his own time in con-senting to another battle. The Marine now means to carry out a similar policy, and claims that it is business. It is business according to latter day puglism, and I don't think that any of us can very well blame La Blanche for acting as he is. There was a time when Dempsey was on a very high horse, and was very reluctant to look down on an ordinary citizen. Defeat has somewhat knocked him off his perch, and he now will feel as others felt before. Among the lightweights Billy Meyer is having a nice time with such men as Hopper. "The Western Cyclone" is, to some extent, unlike many of the "only champions." He is having a "go" at anybody who looms up in his class. If he cannot make terms with Jack McAuliffe he is ready to tackle anybody else, and this is apparently a profitable plan. Each man he downs will add another victory to his record, and it seems that numbers have as much influence nowadays as quality. There is still some uncertainty about the international featherweight battle between Wallace and Dixon. The latter had better steer clear of the little Englishman. There are easier men at home, and many of them are willing to meet Blyon. that it is business. It is business according to Englishman. There are easier men at home, and many of them are willing to meet Dixon. PRINGLE.

FOLEY'S PLEASING GOSSIP.

ome Racy Talk About Boston Baseball Affairs-Ewing's Big Haul Among the Beanenters-A Suggestion for Advertising-Denny and Glasscock.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH I BOSTON, May 8 .- The Brotherhood boys are so far out of sight in this city that it would take a Lick telescope to sight the men. Kelly is still king, and so far everything has gone on as smoothly as a June wedding. Kelly and Kilroy are not only a great battery, but they are also a fine song and dance team, being capable of doing an Irish turn with the best men on the variety stage. In the vicinity of the Brother-hood grounds lives an Irish bagpipe player, and uearly every morning finds "Kel" and "Kil" practicing Connemara reels and shuffle-offs,

practicing Connemara reels and shume-on while the piper strikes up: So now farewell to Paddy Kiley, The villain that killed poor one-eyed Riley; Soon we'll have poor Paddy choking, Upon your sowla, do you think I'm joking? So now farewell to Paddy Kiley.
The villain that killed poor one-eved Riley:
Soon we'll have poor Paddy choking.
Upon your sowia, do you think I'm Joking?
I thought the Boston League club would have fully as many people at their opening game as the Brotherhood team, but it proved another big victory for the men under Keily. It was a cold, clear day, with the thermometer down to 47, but that failed to dampen the ardor of 8,300 Brotherhood shouters, who yelled long and lond when Boston won her first victory over Ward's men. The Brooklyns did well here and carried away two of the five games.

The opening at the League grounds drew out over 3,800 people, who witnessed a game full of slugging and boisterous coaching. In the second game Byrnes' men (N. L.) raised the merry jinks with Substitute Umpire Weeden, who knows as much about umpiring as a farmer knows about bunco steerers. "Byrnes' Boisterous Brooklyn Bridegrooms" bit the dust on three different occasions in this city, but since striking the City of Churches they have taken a big brace. The League clubs are playing good ball, but the attendance is a big disappointment in all the cities, and especiallyso in New York and Pittsburg. Just think of Glasscock. Denny & Co. playing to about 1,200 people in three games with the strong Philadelphia club! How happy President Day will feel when he has to shell out over \$700 a month to ungrateful Glasscock, who is really responsible for this revolt, for he was the man who was always beefing about bad treatment by the Indianapolis club.

The New York Brotherhood team has not much to boast of; after the big send-off at the opening the crowds took an awful tumble. But old Boast-on—oh, she is the cuckoo of them all! In eight games the attendance has been over 30,000, an average of nearly 4,000, with opposition and cold weather. The poor Giants received a bad shaking up here, and even the great Buck Ewing couldn't kick hard enough to pull off a game. The games from a financial standpoint must have pleased Ewing, for he carted

Decoration Day games, if the weather is fine; so just watch and see now close I come to calling the turn.

The Boston team (N. L.) will miss Clarkson on their trip to Philadelphia and New York. The great pitcher wrenched his foot so badly that his physician has ordered him to remain quiet for two weeks. Young Nichols seems to be showing up fairly well, but he is rather slow in watching bases; beside he gives too many men bases on balls at some critical stage of the game. Getzein is beginning to get in shape, although when he struck town he resembled a Mullingar heifer—beef from the heels up. He has pitched a few good games, and bids fair to do better when warm weather sets in. Young Lowe, the New Castle lad, is playing like a second Nash on third base, while his batting has been first-class. The season is yet young, but up to date young Lowe has the honor of leading our Beancaters in batting. Bennett is bardly in trim, as he fears his throwing arm during the cold spell. Hardie did not show up very well at first, but he is now settling down and doing splendid backstop work, beside hitting the ball very hard. The New York Leaguers are surprising people by their poor showing, and people of a supersitions turn of mind are beginning to think that Denny and Glasscock would hoodoo any club. Is there any truth in that story about transferring the Pittsburg League club to Indianapolis? Perish the thought! Stop conflicting so much, Mr. Nimick, strengthen up, and things may come your way after awhite.

"Every cloud has a silver lining," but the and things may come your way after awhile.
"Every cloud has a silver lining," but the clouns that hover over Pittsburg at this time are so dark that a man would lose his way are so dark that a man would lose his way among them if he went in search of heaven. Say, talking about advertisements, why not have a bridal party ascend heavenward in search of the silver lining? Ella Black says Jake Beckley is in love, and why not send him up with a new bride from Exposition Park? Oh, what an advertisement that would be!

CHARLES J. FOLEY.

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JOHN L. ON BOXING.

The Champion Says Nearly Everybody Can Handle Gloves Well. NO INTRICATE ART AFTER ALL,

But Stupid Chaps Can't Expect to Become Clever With Their Fists. THE RUDIMENTS TAUGHT IN AN HOUR

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

VERY broad-minded, liberal physicians will tell you that there is no better exercise for a

young man than boxing. By this I don't mean slugging or knocking your opponent out. But a good, active, friendly bout two or three times a week is better than all the medicine in the world. It gives a young man confidence, strength, activity, manliress, grace, a clear skin and a good diges-The woods are full of so-called "professors" of the manly art of self-defense who make the innocent youth believe it

wonderfully difficult to become a good boxer, when the fact is really it is very simple. There is also a large number of pretentious books published here and in England on boxing that generally tire or concuse the ambitious reader so thoroughly at the start that he soon becomes dis-couraged and gives up the sport in utter disgust. It may seem a little bold to say, but I will guarantee to teach any well put up young fellow of ordinary intelligence the rudiments of boxing in half an hour, so that he will be able to continue on without further instructions and become a cleve

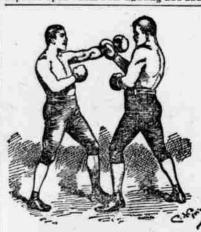


His Characteristic Position. boxer if he devotes the proper time and attention to the art.

JUST A FAIR START. I don't mean by this to make him a pro-

fessional or ring general in half an hour, but simply to give him sufficient knowledge to start out just as I did 13 years ago and work his way up to the top of the art. Of course I expect the young fellow to learn the remainder by close observation and hard practice. No "professor" or master of sparring can ever claim me as a pupil. What I know about boxing I picked up from time to time by hard experience and intelligent observation. I belong to no school of boxers, and have copied no special master's style, and I always fight acco to my own judgment. I have always con sidered it very necessary that a young man in order to become an accomplished boxer should have brains as well as muscle. I never knew a thick-headed fellow yet to become skill ul in the manly art. A good boxer must be clear and cool-headed, quick to decide, with a keen perception, always able to size up his man at all stages of the game, and know exactly what he's doing, even when he's punched into a dazed condi-

I generally box with my body, from the waist up, extended somewhat forward. Perhaps at times my body is straight up. I seldom lean back. O: course a good deal depends upon whom I am fighting and under



what rules. So with holding your hands; with some men you can adopt a high guard and others will require a lower one. If a young man finds he can do effective work by extending his left like Jack Dempsey, let him do so. If, on the other hand, my style suits him, all right-whichever is the most

easy and natural. LEARN DEFENSE FIRST.

Learn how to stop a blow before you attempt to deliver one. Two novices of equal size, weight and knowledge will generally size, weight and knowledge will generally find it more difficult to avoid a punch than toggive one. The first thing a "professor" will teach a pupil is to stand in position. He will show him how to turn his toes out, spread his feet so many inches apart and will try and convince the young man that his style and position is really the only correct one in the world. Now I consider this is all simple rot. My advice is to stand in whatever way is best suited to your purpose -whichever way you can hit your opponent the straightest and hardest blow and avoid a return by getting away quickly.

I have seen in my time a great many athletes jump, and I don't remember of ever seeing two jumping in the same way. So with boxing, the position that min you best

is certainly the proper one for you to assume. If your opponent leads with his right at your head, throw it off with your left. If he leads with his left do the same with your right. If he sends his right at your body ward it off with your left. Do likewise with your right if he leads with the left for the body. These are really the four principal and simple points in boxing, in fact the very rudiments.

Don't take any stock whatever in a system that teaches you to punch more with one hand than with the other. Try always to be a good two-handed boxer. Learn to strike straight and clean; swinging blows nearly always leave an opening for your op-FATE OF A GREENSBURG CITIZEN.

nearly always leave an opening for your op-ponent. It is always well to do your lead-ing with the left, reserving your right for a good opening. Wherever you hit your man with one hand, let the other fist land in the same spot if possible. It will be very much more effective.

LOOK INTO HIS EYES.

Always watch your opponent direct in the eyes. You will soon learn to tell by this when and where he intends to smash you. Just as soon as you see him about to lead, shoot your let into his face, and the force of his coming toward you will increase your blows considerably. It you have not time to do this, throw off your opponent's blow as explained above. Novices should be careful about ducking; it is a very danger-ous game even for a skillful boxer to indulge in. In ducking you lose sight of your op-

ponent for a few seconds, and if the latter happens to catch you with a stiff upper-cut it may be "all day" with you.

There is considerable folly and non-sense about keeping vourself in condition. Most young fellows who go into athletics imagine they are obliged to follow a certain diet, go through a severe course of training, keep their muscle as hard as flint, and live, indeed, a very unnatural existence. My experience has natural existence. My experience has saught me this is all wrong. Live regular, take just enough of exercise to keep your

Avoiding Left and Counter.

liver and circulation active, and don't get your biceps too tough, for you will very soon find that very hard muscles will slacken your speed, and I would not give a rap for a

boxer without speed.

A good thing for a young fellow to do who wants to become a boxer is to join some worthy athletic club of anateurs who hold sparring contests every once in awhile. In a short while he will learn enough to put on the gloves with some of his fellow members.
After a few bouts he will find out whether nature intended him for a champion or not, for all men are not born champions, and young boxers will discover this fact sooner FIGHTING AND SPARRING.

When I say that every healthy young fellow with a good physique and a clear head can become a clever boxer by close attention, hard practice and the use of good judgment, I don't mean by this that he can become a fighter. There are many skillful and fancy sparrers who will not stand three rounds before a man with less ability and more heart. When it comes to fighting the heart plays a most important part indeed. However, it is not necessary for us all to be

It has been argued by some narrowminded cranks as an objection to the study of boxing that it leads men to be pugnacinot true. I know personally of many in-stances where professional puglists have been positively insulted by weaker men, and yet the boxer having such perfect selfpossession of his powers, and not wishing to take advantuge of his helpless opponent, has In the first place, the professional knows that public opinion is against him because

he's a member of the prize-ring; and, in the second place, he does not consider it any honor to whip a man away out of his class. Of course there are a few professional pugilists who go about taking advantage of their fighting ability but I always not them down as ability, but I always put them down as cowards. I never knew of a good man in a 24-foot ring who was quarrelsome outside of it except they were under the influence of some intoxicating beverages.

If every man under 45 practiced boxing

in this great big America we would have less narrow-chested dudes, less quack medicines, less shooting and stabbing, less narrow-minded cranks, more manly and cour-ageous men, healthier and better formed children and a far greater nation in every JOHN L. SULLIVAN. SOME FIGURES OUTSTIONED

A Correspondent Appeals for Fair Play and Points Out Some Inconsistencies. Sporting Editor of The Dispatch:

DEAR SIR-The particular quality of news paper comment that commands respect and admiration, no matter what the subject, is fairness, and a writer who permits his partisanship to warp and twist the truth soon finds his field of usefulness confined to very narrow

In the sporting columns of a daily pape In the sporting columns of a daily paper this morning, in some rather disconnected remarks on the conflict between the Players' League and the National League, occurs the following statement: "At every point where the two organizations have been in competition the attendance has averaged over four to one in favor of the new league." Writers on sporting matters who have established a reputation for ability and honesty, and whose writings are found in the columns of newspapers that do not countenance misrepresentation.

ings are found in the columns of newspapers that do not countenance misrepresentation, have not placed the figures above two and one-half to one in favor of the new league.

In the same remarks a little below the statement quoted occurs the following: "So far neither side has made any money," and a little below this occurs the remarkable statement that "the attendance up to last night at Players' League games since the opening of the championship games was 219,107" Up to Friday night the Players' League played 36 games, and 219,107 divided by 36 gives an average attendance per game (in round numbers) of 6,086. So that either the Players' League made a mint of money up to Friday night or the attendance was considerably short of 219,107. Writers who have any ability or ambition do not thus distort facts and insult figures.

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In the same remarks the attendance upon the National League games is given as 59,924, and it is asserted "this makes a grand total attending the ball games within the past two weeks of 279,631."

If the maker of these statements quoted will show, even to the Satisfaction of any honest and intelligent Players' League man, no matter how radical, that the ateindance upon the Players' League games up to last night was half of 219,167; or will show that the grand total attendance upon the Players' League, National League and American Association games up to last night even approximated 279,631, I will make him a present of "a bottle of the best" and one of the finest silk hats made. And in the event of his promising to endeavor to make such showing, you are at liberty to give him my name, and I will put up the price.

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Detective Norris Relates the Story of His First Experience.

He Was Found Shot in the Breast Near Ex-President Hayes' Home.

MURDERED BY A MAN AND A WOMAN

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH. While en route for the East last week, Colonel John T. Norris, of Springfield, O., stopped off to visit with his friends. Assistant Superintendent O'Mara, of the Police Bureau, and D. S. Orcutt, of the St. Charles Hotel. There is little in the appearance of this citizen of the Buckeye State to indicate

the detective, but the gray matter under the broad-brimmed hat he wears has unraveled

the tangled skeins of so many criminal mys-

teries that he is to-day one of the best-known of American man hunters. Seated in the lobby of the hotel Friday light he talked to a DISPATCH representative of the incidents of his life. Between the puffs of his cigar he told the story of how he won his spurs in his profession. The

story ran: Some 12 years ago Christina T. Schlachberger was a house servant in Greensburg. With the natural thrift of her race she had saved from her earnings some \$1,200, which, for safekeeping, she placed in the hands of Sheriff Bolan, of Westmoreland county. Andrew Cotreker, a sturdy Teuton, met Christina. Her charms made such an im-pression upon him that they soon were mated. Some months after the happy event Cotreker became dissatisfied with his surroundings. With \$1,000 of his wife's earnings in the shape of a draft, he started for the West with the intention of founding a home for himself and wife.

A TRAGEDY AT HAYES' HOME. Not long after his departure from Greens-burg the body of a German was found on the outskirts of the town of Fremont, O., just in the rear of the residence of ex-President Hayes. A ghastly hole in the breast told of a violent death. In the dead man's hand was a revolver. On the body were found a draft for \$1,000, a silver watch and a small notebook, on a page of which was written, "I am tyrd uf life berry me hear."

All indications pointed to suicide, A photograph of the body was taken. That night the potter's field had another occupant. Feeble efforts were made to ascer-tain the identity of the man, but without

Among that class which figured to a more among that class which lighted to a more or less extent in the police records of Fremont were one-legged John Welsh, known as "Pelter" Welsh, and May Isenbeis. This couple had lived together for some years. Frequent quarrels ruffled the serenity of their lives to such an extent that they soon possessed an unenviable reputa-tion. Some 18 months after the discovery of the dead German they quarreled over some money stolen from the woman's mother. As a result they were arrested on a charge As a result they were arrested on a charge of larceny. When the case came to trial Welsh testified against the woman in anything but complimentary terms. In the height of passion at being held up to the shame of the public, the woman threatened to enlighten the Court as to the story of the lead German. Welsh at once ceased his tirade.

A MYSTERY ONLY HINTED AT. When questioned, the woman refused to say anything further on the subject. The case went to the jury and the woman was convicted on the charge of larceny. Prosecuting Attorney Garber now set to work to learn what the woman knew of the death of the supposed suicide. He sent for Mr. Nor-ris to whom he related the circumstances connected with the discovery of the body and the strange hints thrown out by the Isenbeis woman. At his suggestion the de tective was locked up in a cell adjoining that of the woman. The pseudo prisoner soon became acquainted with her. He stated to her that he knew "Pelter" Welsh, her sent to the penitentiary for five or six years in order to have her out of the way. He had grown tired of her. The woman was enraged at her partner's perfidy. Urged on by the idea of revenge, she told the story of the German's death.

She had decoyed the German to the edge of the town one night under the direction Welsh. Here they were discovered by Welsh, with the intention of extorting money. During the wrangle which ensued the revolver held by Welsh was discharged. The stranger dropped to the ground, shot through the heart. The confederates at once set to work to hide the traces of the crime. The revolver was placed in the dead man's hand. In the notebook found upon the corpse Welsh wrote the supposed last words of the dead man. Welsh then took from the dead man's pocket a gold watch, but fearing that the absence of the watch would be a deathblow to the theory of suicide, he replaced it with an old silver on which he himself carried.

NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE. Upon the strength of this confession Welsh was indicted for murder by the grand jury. In court the woman substantially repeated the story given to the detective. The man strenuously denied that he had any part in the crime. Without more evidence the case was likly to end in an acquittal. Now belence necessary to the conviction of Welsh.

Mr. Norris exhumed and made a careful examination of the body of the supposed suicide. The skin upon the forefinger o the right hand was hard and calloused, and the nail was bent. The man had been a tailor. Constant use of the forefinger in sewing had roughened the skin, while the sewing had ronghened the skin, while the nail had been bent in pushing the needle through heavy cloth. An examination of the clothing and other articles found upon the body at the time of discovery yielded more clues. The neatly mended socks and underclothes gave the detective the idea that the man had been a married man. One of the pockets of the coat had been mended with a piece of calico. To secure the gold watch which the Isenbeis woman had accused Welsh of abstracting from the body was the next step. The watch was traced to Mansfield, O., where Welsh had traded it for a horse. The silver watch was indenti-fied by a Mansfield jeweler, who had at one time shortly before replaced a broken main-spring. Upon seeing Welsh in the court room the jeweler recognized him as the man who had had the repairing done. IDENTIFIED AT LAST.

The Sheriff of Westmoreland county hearing of the case, and seeing in one of the papers a picture of the dead man, which bore a strong resemblance to the missing Cotreker, wrote to Mr. Norris for full par-ticulars of the case. As a result of this letter, the detective went to Greensburg. The Sheriff recognized the draft as one he had drawn for Mrs. Cotreker prior to her husband's departure for the West. The gold watch, being heavily ornamented with a head of Washington and a picture of a soldier, was easily identified by the wife, who also produced a shirt stud, which cor-responded with the two found upon the body. To complete the evidence, she produced the remnants of an old sun bounet, which exactly matched the calico patch in the dead man's coat.

the dead man's coat.

With all these facts in his possession, Mr.

Norris went before the jury sitting on the case of Welsh and related to the court the full particulars of his search. As a result Welsh was convicted of murder and sentenced to hang. Aside from the woman's testimony, all the evidence produced against the convicted man was purely circumstantial. Up to the day appointed for execution he strenuously protested his innocence. The day of execution was at hand. Welsh was to be hanged at 2 o'clock. That morning Governor Foster respited the prisoner ing Governor Foster respited the prisoner for 30 days. He dispatched a messenger with the precious document to Framost.

HIRED A LOCOMOTIVE and reached Fremont in time to stay the hangman's hand. Before the 30-day reprieve had expired Governor Foster, influenced by the number of petitions presented by the convicted man's friends, commuted the convicted man's friends, the sentence of death to that of imprisonment for li'e.

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"For my part," said the Colonel, throwing away his eigar, "I was thoroughly convinced of the man's guilt, and, although my belief was unsupported save by the testimony of the woman, still I felt sure that

timony of the woman, still I felt sure that sooner or later something would transpire which would be conclusive proof of the man's guit. I was right.

"One morning not long after the great gate of the Ohio State prison had onened to receive an unwilling guest, who should never more in life pass through the forbidding portals to the outer world, Welsh was found hanging from a gas jet in his cell. His last message to the world was: 'I am tyrd uf life don't berry me hear berry me with my bruther.'

my bruther."

"The writing and spelling of this note was identical with that of the one found in the notebook of the German. The last words of the murderer had substantiated my theory of his guilt."

SEARIGHT.

GOSSIP OF THE GUARD.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK L BUT-EDGE is making a short business trip through Dhio. He expects to be home the early part of COLONEL NORMAN M. SMITH arrived hom

from his wedding journey yesterday. The Colonel, besides wearing a happy smile, is much improved in health. DURING the last nine months in the regular

service there have been 1,578 desertions. This is a large decrease over the reports for the preceding period of the same duration. EVERY member of Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, is expected to report at the armory, on Diamond street, to-morrow evening, as business of importance will be transacted. All State property must be turned in at the same time.

MR. ROBERT PATTERSON, formerly Quartermaster of the Fourteenth Regiment, but now a member of Battery B, proposes giving a pair of gold marksmen's buttons, set with diamonds, to the enlisted man in any of the local organi-zations who may make the best average scores in rifle practice taken throughout the season. THE Washington Infantry is drilling twice a week in preparation for the trip to Cleveland on the unveiling of the Garfield monument. The boys expect to make a good showing as the only representatives of Pitisburg that will be present, the other organizations that contemplated going having apparently given up the idea.

In orders from the Adjutant General's office the following officers are honorably discharged: Second Lieutenant Michael A. Young, of Battery C: First Lieutenant William A. La Torche, of the Sixth Regiment; Captain William E. Thompson, of the Fourteenth Regiment, and Lieutenant Frank W. Whitcomb, of the Six-

An interesting guard mount was held in the Diamond street armory last night. Details from the different companies were presented and the ceremonies gone through in very good shape, considering most of the officers were new at the business. All the companies of the Eighteenth Regiment are making an especial feature of guard mounts in preparation for the inspections next week, which commence with Company A, Monday, May 12.

THE annual allowances from the State for company armory rents for 1889, arrived in the city last Friday. They were just three months behind time, on account of the carelessness of behind time, on account of the carelessness of some of the officials at Harrisburg, and as a result several company commanders in this vicinity have had the unpleasant experience of being sued for their last year's rent. The rife practice funds, which were to have arrived at the same time, were again delayed for some unaccountable reason, and it will probably be several weeks before they are heard from.

BATTREY B will be inspected by Major Frank Patterson Thursday, May 22, at 8 p. m. It is the regular semi-annual inspection. Captain Hunt and his officers have been hustling pretty lively during the past few weeks, and it is ex-pected the battery will make an excellert showing both as to numbers and evolutions. All the State's property will be moved into the new quarters, on Diamond street, early next week. An order for inspection next Saturday was first issued, but afterward rescinded and the dated fixed as May 22. THE drills in the local companies during the

which precedes every spring inspection in referwhich precedes every spring inspection in reference to certain companies being knocked out on account of poor showings has stirred up both officers and men to a pretty fair state of activity. A visit to the different company drills shows that in spite of the repeated warnings of certain officers about the severity with which Major Patterson would work on the "Setting up" exercises little or no attention is "setting up" exercises, little or being paid to those movements. exercises, little or no atte

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

YESTERDAY was pay day for the city THERE will be a grand jubilee day this month at the Liberty School.

Ir is Prof. Sleeth, and not Prof. Spear, who

has charge of the calisthenic class at the High Falls high school take place next Tuesday

PROP. J. K. BAYNE, of the St. Clair schools. was called yesterday to Claysville, Washington county, to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Kerr.

THE Washington School Board meets on Tuesday evening to elect a successor to Miss Davidson, the deceased teacher of the Wash-

THE day preceding Decoration Day, the 29th inst., will be observed as reception day at both the O'Hara and Forbes schools. The Hiland school will also shortly hold a reception day. CONSIDERABLE interest is manifested among educators in the next meeting of the Central Board, when Dr. Kearns' resolution to abolish corporal punishment in the public schools of Pittaburg will be discussed. THE school reports for the month of April

show a very big attendance at the schools. Especially so at the Hiland School, Nineteenth ward. Two additional teachers will be asked for at the next meeting of the Central Board. MISS AGGIE MCCANCE, of the Forbes school, has resigned. Her marriage to Mr. Brown, of the Fourteenth ward, occurs shortly. This makes the third marriage for the present year among the Forbes teachers. Miss Jennie Acheson, of the O'Hara school, has also resigned. In the month of June she becomes the bride of Mr. Melvin, of Eichbaum & Co. Ar the meeting of the Teachers' Guild held yesterday, the following were admitted to yesterday, the following were admitted to membership: Miss R. Torrence and L. Steinert, of the Grant School; Miss K. H. Lowry, Miss Hulton, Minersville; and Lizzie McCabe, High School, The Executive Committee of the guild meets next Saturday at 2 P. M., at the Central Board rooms to transact some unfinished business.

THE three educational conventions to be held Tuesday will all be love feasts. On that day school superintendents are to be elected for Pittsburg, Allegheny and Allegheny county. The Pittsburg convention meets at the Central Board rooms and Superintendent Luckey will Board rooms and Superintendent Luckey will receive a unanimous re-election. He has served as superintendent for over 20 years. Superintendent Morrow will be elected without opposition and it is likely that his present salary of \$2,000 will be increased. The Allegheny county school directors meet at the Raiston School. Superintendent Hamilton has no opposition. The salary for this office is not considered adequate and will likely be increased. The salary of Pittsburg's school superintendent is \$3,000 a year, while the school superintendent of Philadelphia receives \$5,000 and has several assistants.

THE following are the names of the pupils who stand first in the highest grammar rooms of the ward schools: Thad Stevens, Cora Turner; Forbes, Herbert May: Mt. Albion, Turner; Forbea, Herbert May: Mt. Albion, Edith Fulmer; Morse, Thomas Charles; O'Hara, Minnie Sheily; Liberty, Bertha Young; Mt. Washington, Angust Uirch; St. Clair, Lottie Hopkins; Howard No. I, Maggie Hall: No. 2, Bernard Sternmesick; Minersville, Charles McElhaner; Washington, Verona Graesie; Riverside, Nellie Dugan; Springfield, Christ Ludwig; Birmingham, Eddie Knoell; Franklin, Sadie Auflianmer; Wickersham, Linnie Isler; Hancock, Hanche Keily; Duquesne, John A. Connelly; Monongahela, Jerome Kernan; Hiland, John McNair; Humboldt, John Budolph; Knoz, May McKee; Peebles, Gertrude Cam; Moornead, Sadie Huston: Lawrence, Fred Ochsenhirt; South, Jesse Edwards; Bedford, William Stone; Luckey No. 1, Willie Bell; No. 2, Rugh Lindsay; Ralaton, Stella Scott; Grant, Deborah Payne.

THE finest diamond in this city, a blue gem weigeing 2½ karat, is on exhibition at the store of M. G. Cohen, Diamond Expert and Jewelez, 523 Smithfield street.

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Fearful lest he should be too late to save the A BABOON SWITCHMAN.

He Assists His Legiess Master With Almos Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.]

The baboon which figures in the illustration is a well-known character in the Cape Colony, but more particularly in the neighborhood of Port Elizabeth. The signalman, his owner, was run over by a passing train, and had to have both legs amputated, which would naturally incapacitate him from work, but the idea struck him to secure a baboon and train him to do his work. This he has successfully accomplished, and for many years the one in question has regularly looked after the levers, and done the hard work of his afflicted master. The animal is possessed of extraordinary intelligence, and has never made a mistake. Of course, the human servant works the telegraphs, and the baboon the levers, according to instruction; and, taking into consideration the fact that at

Human Intelligence.



Junetion, and about 20 miles from Port Elizabeth, there is a large volume of traffic, the sagacity of the creature is really won

One of his most noteworthy performances was the correct switching of an unannounced special train on its correct line in the absence of the signalman. The latter lives about a mile up the line, and the baboon pushes him out and home, morning and night, and is the sole companion of his leg-less master. The picture is from a photo-graph by C. W. Swart, of Port Elizabeth, and although depicting the baboon in a somewhat theatrical attitude, is from life, and gives a capital likeness of both man

WHERE is Clifton? See page 14, to-day's

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WE invite investigation. See page 14, to-day's Dispatch.

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The above is a portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth Bratt, who lives at Verner Station. The catarrhal secretion that formed in her head and dropped down into her throat, caused a severe ulceration to set in. Her mouth, throat and tongue became so sore, that she could not chew her food, and was compelled to eat only soft foods. She would often have sharp pains in her face, and a drink of cold water would cause the most intense pain. As some of the catarrhal poison extended to her lungs, she coughed badly, her breath became short and she fell much pain and soreness in her lungs. She had a constant weak, tired feeling, and she often felt so nervous that her whole body would be in a tremble. The food she ate would sour on her stomach, and she felt a full, distressed feelhad much pain across the small of her back and lower part of her body. Exposure to cold air would cause her to take cold, and often for a month at a time she would not dare to step outside the door. Although doctoring all of the time she gradually grew worse. She lost much desh, until she only weighed 98 pounds. It was while in this condition that she began treatment with the physicians of the Catarrh and Dyspepsia Institute, at 223 Penn avenue, and became cured. She says: "My disease was of 12 years' standing, and my condition was much worse than has been described. I now feel well and strong, as I did when I was a girl, I have regained my flesh and am very giad to testify to my cure, as above stated by these specialists. Signed with my own hand, "MRS, ELIZABETH ERATT."

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