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Everything is slowly but surely getting into ship shape as far as baseball affairs are concerned, and in a few weeks more we may expect to see the national game once more on something like a business basis. The latest information from Brooklyn is to the effect that the difficulties which have delayed consolidation there have vanished, and it is not unlikely that terms of some kind will be made with Al Johnson to-morrow or early in the week. Altogether, as far as can be seen, everything is going along all right, but there are the proverbial hundred and one details to deal with that nobody ever dreamt of. True, a few who have been duped in the extraordinary venture of the P. L. are looking round for vietims on whom to reap some kind of revenge, and it is really amusing to find structure to its foundation. Others of lesser note than the statistician referred to have almost all of their money back, even at the ex-pense of honest and generous men who have borne the brunt of the battle. Human nature borne the brunt of the la very, very strange.

Local Baseball Affairs.

It is hardly necessary to say much this week regarding basebail affairs locally. I had hoped that the new club would have been organized by this time, but quite an unexpected opposi-tion has cropped up among the P. L. stockhold-ers. That club is in debt \$9,000, and, strange to say, some of the stockholders want to retain their stock in the new club and have other peode pay the debt. This to some appears so unman who assists in contracting a debt in all fair-ness orght to assist in paying it. Some P. L. stockholders, however, don't seem to look at it this way and hence the little difficulty. Their stock is very small and it is to be hoped that matters will be all arranged to-morrow. There is one great fact that every P. L. stockholder should bear in mind, viz, that he certainly can demand his share of any profits that might have been made. If the new club can be formed to-morrow I expect that Manager Han-low and Direct (probab's President) O'Neill will be on the road at ouce, lassooing inst-class players. I have very strong hopes of seeing two or three great players here. man who assists in contracting a debt in all fa

vigilance is pure: that is, if these officials are on the look for violators solely as a means of puri-fying amateurism and are not altogether prompted to their vigilance by personal motive; that is, to down somebody for whom they have little love. I have always held the opinion that there were too many personalities imported into the case of Mr. M. W. Ford and I have yet men was fairly treated by the majority who de-event is amateur career at an end. Well, then, what is desirable now is for our amateur wise-aeres to guard against any personalities all, for other the A. U. to bringing these allered violators of amateur law to task; indeed, I fail we we than upholding the decision of the L. A. W. until a full and, I hope, impartial investiga-tion has been made.

Reason for Doubt. I am free to confess that I was not at all sur prised when I learned of the list of alleged vio-

lators. There are some on the list who have been very questionable amateurs in my way of thinking for a very long time. I have always claimed that a man who carns a livelihood out of a profession either directly or indirectly is not an amateur. Of course, on the surface it very seldom appears that either an "amateur" cricketer, bicycle rider or anything else, is by

rericketer, bicycle rider or anything else, is by his efforts as a cricketer or a wheelman obtain-ing money toward keeping himself. When this fact does not appear on the surface it is some-times very difficult to find, but it may be there all the same. This being the case the most rigid investigations are needed and I have often thought that if a little more atten-tion were paid to the traveling amateur combinations who cater for gate receipts we might find some points worth laying before the magnates whose business it is to deal with them. There is a common-sense principle that invariably guides me to a very great ex-tent. If I see an anateur whose entire time is almost taken up to such an extent that there is no room left for him to follow employment, I try to first find out the source from which that man lives. If he has no means of livelihood, that fact goes a very long way toward con-vincing me that he is living on his athletic per-formances. In recent years there have been many cases of this kind which all go to show that the A. A. U. officials have much reason to doubt the purity of amateurism in some quar-ters.

A Good Cricket Scheme.

ters.

Last evening the members of the Belmont that poor Buck Ewing is the victim of two or three people. A genileman who figured out \$240,000 profit for the P. L., says that be invited to join the league are Boston, New Buck Ewing, by talking about leaving that organization in July, shattered that great structure to its foundation. Others of lesser a good one. There is nothing that will comrepeated the cry. Great Scottl was that preat organization which was to revolutionmand success more than organized effort, and better in placing good cricket playing before the public than the old method of, I may say, isolation. I have long held the opinion that cricket matches would be much better patron-sion to make, and what a hurge fraud that the talk of one man could ruin it even so early in the year as July? What a confe-sion to make, and what a hurge fraud that the talk of one man could ruin it even so early in the year as July? What a confe-sion to make, and what a hurge fraud that the talk of one man could ruin it even so early in the year as July? What a confe-sion to make, and what a hurge fraud that the set was there are those who financially suffer the least. One of the great troubles of the P. L. was that numerous outsiders invested a trifting \$1,000 each nu it, and expected thereby to become weath the set as a the expectation and its consequent one greater financial returns. So much for the set they had imaginars may thousands, many of the \$1,000 investers, who made so make among another tune. While other since and their foolish dream had van anoset and their foolish dream had van anoset and their foolish dream had van anose about the P. L., but as soon as funds run short and their foolish dream had van anose about the P. L. and urged ion, now wan anoset and their foolish dream had van anoset and their foolish dream had van anoset and the P. L. and urged ion, now wan anose about the P. L. and urged ion, now wan anoset and their foolish dream had van anoset and their foolish dream had van anoset and their foolish dream had van anoset and the P. L. and urged ion, now wan anoset and the P. L. and urged ion, now wan anoset and the P. L. and urged ion, now wan anoset and the P. L. and urged ion, how wan anoset and the producers, who made so mow anose about the P. L. and urged ion, who have born the brunct of the built. Human nature born the very, very strange. ize the world of baseball for all time and the public than the old method of, I may say,

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the Pole in a very desperate fight. Corbett was young and inexperienced then and if Choy-niski can anything like hold his own bave a poor show against Slavin. Since Jackson fought a draw with Goddard. I an inclined to think that the Australian heavy-weights are not first-class by any means if we take John L. Sullivan as the standard. So far, Slavin has not met a representative American fighter. He relies entirely on his rushes, and if what Deminick McCaffrey told me is true. Cor-bett can quute handily avoid a rushe, and if what Deminick to be something of an authority, because for more than six rounds he Kept out of the way of Sullivan's rushes at Cincinnati. If Slavin and Corbett ever fight in this country, then we may look out for more big contests to follow, and I would not be surprised if John I. was to reappear on the scene, althougn those who are his best friends should try and persuade him not to do so. I think we are all convinced that when a his best Slavin. Jackson or anybody else would have very little show to even mark Sullivan; was a success. Dempsey and Fitzsimmons. worth originally \$375: a good plane for \$165, worth new \$400. worth new \$400. A handsome organ for \$50, and other pianos as low as \$35 and organs as low as \$25. Stock includes Chickering & Sons, Wheelock, Lindeman, Stnyvesant, Stein-way, Knabe and Hardman pianos, and Paisce, Bridgeport, Packard, Estey, Great Western and Shoninger organs. Easy pay-ments arranged. Instruments can be se-lected and set aside for the holidays. So you should call early and get the choice. Onen in the evenings.

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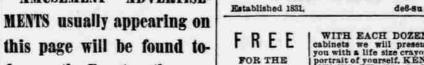
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For more than three years Reddy Gallagher has been talking about his inability to secure a has been talking about his inability to secure a fight with anybody his weight. At various stages his talk became wearisome, and he lapsed in quistude for awhile. During the last few days, however, he has reappeared and states to the whole world that he wants to fight anybody in his class and that nobody will fight Dempsey and Fitzsimmons. Dempsey and Fitzsimmons. If everything goes right we will after all the talk hear and see of a battle between Jack Dempsey and E. Fitzsimmons, the latter being the champion middleweight of Australia. They are to fight with large sized gloves to a finish for a purse of \$12,000. This in itself gives the battle an extraordinary feature and doubtless patrons of the ring from all parts of the world will be present. When I last saw Dempsey he looked as if he never intended to fight again. For a long time previous to a few weeks are states to the whole world that he wants to fight anybody in his class and that nobody will fight him. Now, I am going to make a statement that ought at least to bring Mr. Gallagher to time. I am authorized to state that Jack Fogarty will fight Gallacher to a finish at 183 pounds before any respectable club in the country that will offer a substantial purse. More than this, Fogarty will bet Gallagher that he (Gallagher) is beaten. This is business, and Mr. Gallagher has the privilege of select-ing any responsible newspaper as stakeholder. He may, however, have objections to Fogarty as he has had in the past. If that is so, here is another offer to Gallagher, who is breaking his heart for want of a fight An unknown will fight him at 188 pounds under the same conditions as stated above relative to Fogarty. I can assure Mr. Gallagher that the unknown has as good and probably better reputation than he (Gallagher) has, so that on the score of reputation there need be no foar. These offers are bonn fide and they are made in the stong hope that Gallagher will accept one of them. I don't see why Gallagher, in view of all his talk, should de-cline to arrange a match at once with Fogarty. The latter has more reason to complain about unfair treatment than any purjlist in the world to day. He kas been befors the world with a challeng for two or three years and everybody ignores him more or less. It must be be-rates that on club can afford to continue its infair treatment of Fogarty. I don't say that he is the best man in the world at his weight, but I do maintain that in all respects he is infair treatment of Fogarty. I don't say that he is the best man in the world at his weight, but I do maintain that in all respects he is infair treatment of Fogarty. I don't say that he is the best man in the world at his weight, but I do maintain that in all respects he is infair treatment of Fogarty. I don't say that he is the best man in the world at his weight but I do maintain that in all respects he is infair treatment of Fogart

open for debate, no doubt, and I only mention it to point out the pos-sibility of a difference of opinion. Again, it may be that some cricketors will want each city to be "open," that is for each club to select its team from the city in which it is located whether the players are members of the club or not. I see nothing very objectionable to a request of that kind, and certainly it would at all times give opportunity to have the very best eleven in the city on the field. It is some what too seen, however, to go into the matter in detail yet, but I unhesitatingly say that the scheme is one worthy the support of every cricketer. There is credit due the Belmont thrust it will succeed. The truth is that a league is the only sure means by which good cricket public, and it is also the safest method of de-veloping promising players into first-class ones.

A Few Words About Gallagher.

looked as if he never intended to fight again. For a long time previous to a few weeks ago Dempsey was living at a rapid rate. A gentle-man told me the other day that in Detroit one night Dempsey consumed no less than ill gin fizzes. The gentleman vouches for the statement and he referred to it to show how careless Dempsey has been of his own welfare. However, the latter has been for some time in orgenial atmosphere of California for more than a month yet. He is an extnest man in training and I expect to see him in good con-dition to meet Fizzimmons. I am aware the latter thinks he will make short work of the American champion, indeed he predicts that he will knock Dempsey out in 16 rounds. I am free to admit that Fitz-simmons may be an extraordinary middle-weight, but he must needs be something very extraordinary if he can defeat Dempsey in 16 rounds. I know of many good judges who think Fitzsimmons an overrated man, and that Dempsey will defeat him. However this may be, if does seem that the Amstralian is getting a little over-confident. Whether Dempsey loses or wins he will give a good account of himself. Cartainly, if Dempsey was to defeat Fitzsimmons it would be the greatest achieve-ment of his life because of the disparity of height, reach and strength. No doubt the Australians will get plenty of their money bet, and they will find that Dempsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Dempsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Denpsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Denpsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Denpsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Denpsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Denpsey will not be so easily settied as was Billy McCarthy. I heard heighter will find that Denpsey will not be so ea For a long time previous to a few weeks ago

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The Association Circuit.

One of the baseball questions of interest inst now is: What will the Association circuit be ? During the week we have had conjectures of all kinds regarding it, and a large number of people seem to be entirely uncertain as to what enties will constitute the Association next year. A gentleman told me the other day that after everything was settled we would find the Asso-ciation circuit as follows: Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Columbus, Louis-ville, St. Louis, Chicago or Milwaukee. I am wery much inclined to believe that this forecast will be the true one, not only because a National League magnate told me that it would be the circuit, but because it looks more probabe the circuit, but because it looks more proba-ble than any other I have heard mentioned. Of course, it will belong to the National League to say whether or not an Association club can be than any other I have heard mentioned. Of the boston or Chicago, but it is safe to and if other details were settled there will be difficult retarding the physes. The Boston h for the dotter want to retain the players they had last sensor. The claim or request is a row how and I have an idea that when the Boston or Philadelphia P. L clubs may want, h fact, they do want to retain the players they had last sensor. The claim or request is a row how and I have an idea that when the Boston or Philadelphia P. L. marnates made it to be ranked. The National League may, as a not the National League expecting the latter have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have any moral right on the services of players have an act of generosity at a time when have any moral right on the services of players have an act of generosity at a time when have any moral right on the services of players have an act of generosity at a time when have any moral right on the services of players have an act of generosity at a time when have any moral right on the services of players at the services of have any moral right on the services of players at the services have an act of generosity at a

A Gigantic Consolidation.

During these recent deals in the baseball world it may have occurred to some that the interests of all the magnates, National Lengue, Association, Piavers' League and even the Western Association, are becoming more and more one gigastic concern. As a direct result of the settlement of this year's baseball trouble we will probably have the American Association and the National League more comented than they ever were. I am in-clined to think that some of our N. L. magnates have an interest or will have an interest in cer-tain American Association clubs. If there are teams in Washington and Chicago, that is, Association clubs, 1 cannot but think that some of our National League magnates wil he behind these clubs. Of course, there may be octning legally or morally wrong if baseball be nothing legally or morally wrong if baseball was altogether made into a huge trust, but I fancy I can see dangers abead by too much con-solidation. While I am not inclined to be a Cassandra, it seems to me that too much consolidation will lead to rocks ahead. True, such results need not be; but only if a very high moral plane is reached and retained. If this were done, a joint financial interest in the American Association and Na-tional League would be a very great benefit to baseball. There could be a very great benefit to baseball. There could be a very great benefit to be injurious to the other. In short, they would go hand in hand, although their paths were somewhat apart. All this would be plensing, and would doubliess lead to extraordinary baseball success. But, alast we are only hu-man, and that means that our best ideals are very rarely, if ever, reached. very rarely, if ever, reached.

. . . The Suspended Amateurs

There has been quite a stir made in amateur athletic circles throughout the country during the last fow days by the suspension from ama teur ranks of a large number of bicyclists, in-cluding Mr. W. D. Banker, of this city. My readers will remember that on several occasions I have discussed this question of real and unreal amateurism. Certainly, the question does not concern the weal or wos of mankind generally, but what I meant and I wenture to say what every honest patron of athletics meant, is this: "If we are to have amateurs let us have them, and if we are not don't let us waste time in definitions and qualifications." Well, I don't locatate to say that during the last few months the executive boards of amateur organizations have been musually vigilant in rying to detect violators of amateur law. In my way of timking this is a very hopeful sign if she honesty of purpose of this

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