A REVIEW OF SPORTS,

Excellent Prospects for Some Good Playing Among the National League Clubs.

A FEW WORDS ON LOCAL MATTERS.

Farrell's Boxing Efforts Against Daly No. Encouraging and Pat Not a World Beater.

THE PITTSEURGER MAY DO BETTER'

Opening of the American Association Season Amataurs.

The opening day of the National League's championship season is rapidly approaching, and as it gets pearer interest in the game is certainly increasing. A few days ago John M. Ward expressed the idea that the season promised to be a great one, both in the way of playing quality and in the attendance at the games. There seems to be a deal of truth in Ward's opinion, because as the public gets to have some kind of definite idea as to the makeup of the various teams. curlosity develops regarding what these teams will do. U ndoubtedly there ought to be better playing in the League this year than there has ever been because there is not a team that is not stronger than before. Some teams are extraordinarily stronger on paper. As usual the Eastern authorities have the pennant won before the contest starts. True, the East has lately had things tolerably much their own way, but it is reasonable to say, or at least expect, that such will not be the case this year. I read an opinion the other day to the effect that the three favorite clubs are New York, Boston and Brooklyn. A particular few admirers of the game may deem them the most dangerous three in the League contest, but I am quite willing to risk the prediction that peither Boston nor Brooklyn will be winners. I fail to see how either Brooklyn er Boston can be expected to finish second. But it is too carly to go into details, and while I am free to admit that New York has a very strong team, every day is convincing me that Pittsburg will at least have a team quite as strong. The week just ended has proven that everything is going along smoothly in League circles; everybody is full of confidence, and the Cincinnati matter is now in comfortable shape. There is every indication that Cincinnati will have a strong aggregation, and it certainly will advantage of the League to see that there is a very good team there. If there is, success will be assured, as opposition

will amount to very little. Some Local Matters. Judging from what appeared in THE DIS-PATCH yesterday it is very likely that Charles King will pitch in the local club. From what I know privately I will be disappointed if he sis not signed by the club within a very short time. And I can say more. Not a word was said to him efficially about playing ball in Pittsburg until Von der Ahe acted so "smartly" said acceded to "smartly" with Baldwin. King sprice may be a high one, but under the circumstances he is worth it. I contain the content of the will lose more money than several of them will "stand." Just put a pln in this, and I am, to some extent, basing my opinion to the facts of the containing my opinion on the facts of the country. It is an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will define the current of the country. It is an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will define the current of the country of the club in the country. It is an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will be an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will be an acknowledged the that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will be an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will be an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will be an acknowledged that that the club directors are determined to see what a winning team will do in Pittsburg. If the team now gotten will be a sociation to the context I will do in the context of put there was ever anything like a not the policion of the tere was ever anything like a not be one money than the context count in the context of put the context of will the out the policion. The act of the optical partition will not be forgot is not signed by the club within a very short

together do not turn out winners, then surely there is little encouragement to try and get winners. There may be dangers of internal dissensions. I say there may be, and if there is it will be a pity. They should at all hazards be guarded against. There was an-other matter referred to in yesterday's DIS-PATCH, viz., the admission fee to the grand PATCH, viz. the admission fee to the grand stand on the opening day and on the Fourth of July. The directors have resolved to charge \$1 a seat in the grand stand on the days named. President O'Neil opposes this arrangement, and I claim with great force and reason the resolve is not a good one; indeed the policy is very bad, and it is not too late to change it. By the plan proposed the additional quarter will not yield \$200, while the enforcement of the condition will create a very bad public imwill not yield \$200, while the enforcement of the condition will create a very had public impression. True, the impression may, to some extent, be erroneous, but a bad impression will, without doubt, prevail, and that will not be counterbalanced by the small financial gain. By all means the very lowest admission fee possible ought on all occasions to be charged in this city. To me it is a very open question as to whether 25 or 50 cents should be the general rate of admission here.

The Association Opening. Nationally speaking, the great event of the week has been the opening of the champion ship season of the American Association. That organization is not endeared in the hearts of Pittsburgers, nor has it any special or par-ticular charms for me; but what I am going to say regarding it will be entirely free from spirit of partisanship. I want this to be understood. The Association opening day was not by any means a satisfactory one to those who look at it from the outside, and I am inclined to think that it was not satisfactory to those whose interests are summed up in the Associa tion. There were two leading features that I have to complain about regarding the Associa tion's inaugural events. One is the rowdyism that characterized some of the principal games and the generally speaking, poor attendance. Let us take the former first. If there is anything that would prompt me to believe in the speedy downfall of the Association, or, in fact, any baseball organization, it is such scenes as were witnessed at St. Louis Wednesday. If we are to be guided by the newspaper reports, it is sufe to say that even the customary rowdyism safe to say that even the customary rowdyism of Association ball-playing was outdone. That much-advertised mountebank, Mike Kelly, and some of his players really gave a sample of the kind of conduct that we may expect during the season if the Association continues. To say the affair was a disgrace to the national game is only a mild way of stating the fact. But players of the Kelly class are in the Association almost entirely to make themselves conspicuous, and depend upon it, they'il do it regardless of how the fame of the game is tarnished or how the spectators are disgusted. Lack of discipline has always been one of the great defects of the Association, and the leavity days at this amateur organization and that one to see what they are doing and what they have done. Then will come the question, how are our boys standing? Well, now, I am afraid to answer too gaily. After making some very careful inquiries, I have about come to the that the local amateurs are not hustling as lively as they might. It may be that the enthusiasm needs stirring up. There are many reasons why the home association should even be more active than flay of the fact. of Association ball-playing was outdone. That n at present has no way, that is, no way safe to itself, to chastise these baseball blackguards. I don't hesitate to say that its leaders dare not enforce to any great extent rules of discipline simply because there is nothing to protect the association. It has shut itself off from all outside help and must take the consequences of the bad conduct of those who have entered under its "black flag." We all know of the greating the conjugate places have a That under its "black flag." We all know of the questionable conduct of players last year. That conduct was suffered because there was a timidity in suppressing it for fear the chastised players would take themselves off to the opposing forces. There was no general and common system of protecting the good features of the game. In such a plight the American Association finds itself to-day, and depend upon the still respirate are sure to follow. it, evil results are sure to follow.

About the Attendance. Taking everything into consideration the at tendance at the Association opening games could not possibly be satisfactory. Of course I don't for one moment intend to build up any theory on the assumption that the figures of attendance as given to the newspapers were correct. Not at all. I take it for granted that they were much higher than the actual figures, and keeping in view the fact that the admission fee is only 25 cents, the grand result could

attendance will be less, without a very radical change is made, and at the first little internal change is made, and at the first little internal war in the Association, which must come, that organization will be rent from end to end and from side to side. While speaking on this point I am reminded of the efforts of the Louisville "elevator" of the game to secure John L. Sullivan as the leading character in the opening. Now, I have nothing to say particularly against John L., nor against professional pugilism, but certainly I have very strong dijections to any plan that identifies baseball with the prize ring. Understand me clearly on this point, I do not oppose an honest prize fight, but to make a hero of prize fighting the most prominent figure in a basehonest prize fight, but to make a hero of prize fighting the most prominent figure in a baseball event simply because he is notorious as a prize fighter is what I object to. Baseball is the national game of our country, and therefore ranked among what we are proud to call the refined sports. Although I have taken an interest in prize fighting for very many years, I don't think that anybody will rank it among the refined sports of the land; indeed, it is an unlawful sport. Well, then, what I want to point out is this: The Association representatives in Louisville must be line characters, indeed, when they want to make the national game popular by identifying it with prize fighting. I am only afraid that the Louisville wise acres are a correct type of what are to be found ing. I am only afraid that the Louisville wise-acres are a correct type of what are to be found in the American Association. Of course the Louisville "elevators of the game" desired to attract a large audience to their opening event, but surely their method means that baseball is subservient to prize fighting. The reverse is true, although some Association magnates may think different.

The Local Amateurs. A few days ago I received a letter from a cor respondent asking why the Allegheny Athletic Association members were not "getting down to work." The writer went on to read the association a very pointed lecture on the direful consequences of inactivity, and concluded by signing himself: "A Member of the Association." Doubtless he expected the letter to be p ublished, but I have fully explained its object and that is all that is necessary. A few words on the matter may not be out of place at present; I don't mean words of out and out advice, but merely an o pinion or two. May will soon be here, almost before we get twice turned round, and then everybody will begin to look way of stating the fact. But players of the Kelly class are in the Association almost entirely to make themselves conspicaous, and depend upon it, they'll do it regardless of how the fame of the game is tarnished or how the spectators are discusted. Lack of discipline has always been one of the great defects of the Association, and the laxity that prevails on that score is exactly suitable for players who gain a notoriety by being prominent in scenes that set all rules of respectability at defance. And the Association or its committee? Is there a team outlined yet? and has application been made to respect ability at defance. And the Association or its committee? Is there are made to respect ability at defance. And the Association or its committee? Is there are made to respect ability at defance, and the Association or its committee? Is there outlined yet? and has application been made to respect ability at defance, and the Association or its committee? Is there outlined yet? and has application been made to make the local amateurs are not bustling as lively as they might. It may be are may reasons why the home association should even be more active than finy other. It is to first real season, and many of its features will be to some extent experiments. For instance, what has been done in baseball by the association or its committee? Is there are not hustling as lively as they might. It may be are not hustling as lively as they might. It may be a small properties of the section of the conclusion that the local amateurs are not hustling as lively as they might. It may be a small properties of the section of the conclusion that the local amateurs are not hustling as lively as they might. It may be a small properties of the section of the conclusion that the local amateurs are not hustling as lively as they might as they might be a small properties. outlined yet? and has application been made to take part in the leading contests? Other organizations may be able to move slower than ours at this period, because their "list" may be full. But, as I have stated, the local organization has the work of laying the foundation to do, and, therefore, will need more time than others. There is plenty of local enthusiasm concerning athletics, but there is a danger of allowing it to lie dormant until the season is in full swing, and then we will be very "badly allowing it to lie dormant until the season is in full swing, and then we will be very "badly left." It is not too much to say that our amateurs should be up and doing now. There is plenty of work to do. I believe a great year for amateur sports has arrived, and that the public will bestow a greater patronage on them than ever before. The general indications are certainly in that direction, and this should prompt the athletes to get everything into apple-pie the athletes to get everything into apple-ple order as soon as possible. Work cannot be

Von Der Ahe's Folly. The ending of the Baldwin case particularly proves one thing, viz., that Von der Ahe is a very stupid individual. Of course many people have known this for a long time, but the case in question brings the fact more prominently than ever before the public. The man never had the semblance of a case against Baldwin and I don't think that, probably excepting Von der Ahe, there is one man in the United States

Just think of it! Comisky, who had pocketed thousands of dollars from Von der Ahe, and Monday night showed. That was virtually his first appearance, and it is almost certain that he would soon "iose his head;" indeed, I venture to say that the first hard thump he received would send all "the points" he had been taught out of his head. This only proves that he needs experience, and I don't hesitate to say that with a due amount of experience Farrell will be a much better man than his efforts of Monday night would indicate. But no true friend of Farrell will ever try to persuade him that he will ever try to persuade him that he will ever be anything like first class. To try and persuade him this would be an injury to him. In old-time fighting he might have been a good man, when so much depended on the thousands of dollars from Von der Ahe, and then, with others, really did conspire to destroy not only the business of Von der Ahe, but almost the entire baseball business. I say, just think of a character of this kind talking about "thinking shame." Bosh! Such twaddle is an insult to common intelligence. Most certainly if there were anything dishonorable in the conduct of Baldwin a man of the Comisky ilk ought to be very last to throw a stone at him.

The Farrell and Daly Contest.

Probably the most important event of the week as far as Pittsburgers are concerned has een the contest between Pat Farrell and Jim Daly. Many things combined to make this, a very ordinary affair, generally speaking, of undue importance to Pittsburgers. The chief cause was the fact that Farrell is a Pittsburger, and secondly that he was going before the world to prove his standing as a boxer or what nowadays is called a pugilist. Farrell came prominently before the country a short time ago by challenging Fitzsimmons to a battle. Since that time I have on several occasions re-ferred to Farrell, but I have always guarded ago by challenging Fitzsimmons to a battle. Since that time I have on several occasions referred to Farreli, but I have always guarded against expressing an opinion as to whether or not he was a good man in a nuglistic sense. Certainly I have urged the right of his challenges to be recognized, but because of one very good reason I have declined to express an opinion as to his merits. That reason was to the effect that he had done nothing publicly on which I could base an opinion and I always deem it unfair to pass judgment on a man of whose merits we know nothing. But Farrell is now before the public as a performer, and certainly neither Farrell nor his friends can complain if I have a word to say regarding his abilities as a boxer or pugilist. Before saying these few words let me point out that a very large number of Pittsburgers have seemed very pleased to find that me point out that a very large number of Pittsburgers have seemed very pleased to find that
Farrell has not made a very extraordinarily
good showing. This pleasure, no doubt, is
prompted by the fact that Farrell is a Pittsburger, and we all know the old saying that a
prophet is not known in his own city. There
have been several accounts, printed accounts I
mean, of the contest; some favorable to Farrell and some favorable to Daly. Now, strange
to say, the majority of Pittsburgers whom I
have met have entirely ignored all these accounts which were favorable to Farrell and
pinned their faith to the other accounts. This
is not fair; nor is it a safe way of arriving at a
true conclusion. This spirit strongly reminds true conclusion. This spirit strongly reminds me of the time when Farrell for the first time amped into prominence by almost knocking cominick McCaffrey out in a sort of go-as-you-

Dominick McCaffrey cut in a sort of go-as-you-please glove contest in Philadelphia. At that time McCaffrey was more or less a Pittsburger, and when this unknown youth was alleged to have pulverized him, why Pittsburgers were sure that McCaffrey was "no good" at all and that Farrell was a wonder. Farrell's praises were sounded on all sides. I protested strongly against the popular conclusion because false conceptions regarding it prevailed. But since Farrell has once more come into prominence there is scarcely a man in Pittsburg who is in-terested in boxing affairs who is not arguing that Farrell's performance against McCaffrey was only a fluke and that there was no knock out at all. So much for the stability of popuout at ail. So much for the stability of popu Features of the Battle.

Well, now, let us discuss the battle betwee Farrell and Daly, and see where we'll finish. There have been such conflicting accounts of it hat there is a great difficulty in getting knowledge of its true features. But on one or two principal points there seems to be a general agreement, and this agreement leads me to the conclusion that the contest was of a very low degree of quality. Now, so as to deal impar tially with the question, I assume that the affair was a draw, and that up to the time when the police stopped the proceedings, both men were on equal terms. Farrell and his friends cannot find fault with this assumption. Well. then, assuming this, I cannot avoid the convic-tion that Farrell made only a very moderate show, indeed, because he had not the better of man who is not anything near the front rank. If it is true, as many claim it is, that Daly had the better of Farrell, then matters stand so much worse for Farrell. If any reliance at all is to be placed on the published reports of the contest I don't hesitate to say that Farrell would soon have finished himself

STORY OF A SCHOOL. fonday night showed. That was virtually his irst appearance, and it is almost certain that

> Early History of the Pittsburg Academy Which Developed

INTO THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Lack of Financial Support and Ugly Politi-

Local pride in the Western University, which is fast taking high rank among the educational institutions of the land, makes the facts, herewith presented, concerning the early history of the Pittsburg Academy which eventually developed into the Uni-

anybody, although I won't just now go en record as definitely stating that. But I will, indeed, be surprised if a man of Corbett's style and method of fighting will ever be able to keep a man like Siavin from inflicting terrible punshment. In short, I don' think that these very longarmed men will be any more successful it stopping the onstaught of Slavin than mer were in stopping Sullivan. The late victory of Fitzsimmons over Dempsey has entirely given century. The academy was incorporated by act of the Legislature of the Commona wrong, or at least an exaggerated opinion re-garding tall men and their long reaches. Mat-ters between Fitzsimmons and Hall are still un-settled and the "long range" business is still going on. If they cannot come to terms one of them should fight Ed Smith at middle-weight. useless now to rehearse Bowen and Myer have agreed to meet in the ring and if all goes well Bowen's show for victory should be good one. PRINGLE.

GREEN FURNITURE NOW.

a good man, when so much depended on the art of stopping with one hand and striking at the same time with the other. And even now,

if Farrell had that art down fine enough, he would do well, but he has not been designed to

would do well, but he has not been designed to be a champion boxer or puglist. His efforts against Daly prove this beyond a doubt. Still it seems to me that, with proper care, Farrell Jught to make a great contest against a man like Daly.

Affairs in General.

Once more the announcement is made that

Charley Mitchell and F. P. Slavin are booked

to leave England for this country. According

o report, they are to leave Liverpool next

week. If the report is true, it is easy to under

stand that they are intending to be present at the Jackson-Corbett battle at San Francisco. I

fight any man in this country, and at present I

am somewhat inclined to think he will defeat

am fully persuaded that Slavin is anxious t

White and Gold Has Had Its Day and People Are Glad of It.

New York Times. 1 It is being hinted that white furniture has quite had its day-a long one it has been, too-and the coming tint for screens, tables, cabinets, and even fauteuils will be, is indeed, green. There is something uncompromising about the color, which would seem not to be decorative; on the contrary, the new designs wrought in this hue are exceedingly effective. The finish is a varnish instead of an enamel, which is a gain in wear and in the care needed.

The white and gold apartments, ionable for several seasons past, have proved solicitous luxuries to those who have indulged in them. One maid has to be detailed for their exclusive care, and the emperature and amount of light duly reguated to secure the retention of their purity and freshness. Then they are so unbecom ing for ordinary use—ought reality to be peopled only by lovely creatures in ball gowns of delicate tints.

A CLOCK FOR RAILROADS.

It Hangs Out Colored Lights That Will Help Prevent Collisions.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] A new clock has been invented by a railroad man that promises to be a great advantage to locomotive engineers. The dial-plate and figures are large, and so are the hour and minute hands. As a train whirls by a station the hour and minute bands whirl around like a flash to mark the correct time, and a red bull's eye flashes into the dial. Five minutes later the red light turns green, and in five minutes more the green

ight disappears. The engineer on the next train following can tell exactly how many minutes ahead is the train that precedes him. The clock is a perfect timekeeper, and when the train passes drops the signal light.

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cal Complications.

NAMES OF THE PIRST STUDENTS

versity, of exceptional interest to the people ot this part of the State. The facts are from a collection of most entertaining manuscripts found among the papers of a prominent citizen of Pittsburg, now deceased. The Pittsburg Academy was the nursery, says one of these manuscripts, in which were disciplined the minds destined to mold the future of a frontier military town. Many who were trained under its auspices had a most important influence upon the close of the last and the first half of the present

wealth at the session of 1786-7, and was constituted a beneficiary by a liberal dona-tion of Western lands. It would the financial troubles that embarrassed it during its early history, or enter into an examination of a management that party feuds caused to be so fiercely, and probably so unjustly, denounced. In the opening years of the nineteenth century men holding positions of the highest trust in the management of the academy were made the shuttlecock of the battle-doors of the then newspapers of the town-journals reflecting the fierce antagonisms of the people that did not hesitate to invade the church or the school to gain political ascendancy and per-

sonal triumph. Calls for Financial Aid.

The institution's financial difficulties got into the public prints. The following notice, which appeared in the Gazette of October 17,1800, contains an intimation that the people were not sufficiently aroused to the importance of a polished education:

The trustees of the Pittsburg Academy are desired to attend at the house of William Morrow on Friday evening, the 31st instant, at 6 o'clock. Punctuality is requested, as business of importance is to be submitted to them. By order of the President,

PRESLEY NEVILLE, Secretary.

In the same paper, January 23, 1801, we find an invitation for home and distant pat-ronage; a frank admission of occasional deficiencies in the treasury, with a sharp ap-peal to delinquent friends, and for punctu-ality in the future. It concludes as follows: It is proper to remark for the information of those who live at a distance who may wish to avail themselves of the benefit of the instituavail themselves of the benefit of the institu-tion, that from the present moderate prices in the Pittsburg market, boarding is considerably reduced below the high rates which the former market prices rendered necessary. There are now in this borough more or better chances for good and for cheap boarding than can be found

This notice occupying a leading place and spread over a half column, bears no official armark, although evidently emanating from the Board of Trustees.

A card over the signature of the Rev. Robert Steele is found in the Gazette of January, 14, 1803, announcing his separation from the Pittsburg Academy and his pur-pose to accept of a limited number of pupils in Latin, Greek and the usual English studies at the rate of \$4 a quarter, Dr. Steele was at that time pastor of the Wood street First Presbyterian Church, under a salary so limited that he had to resort to lav | Duchesse Frederique's birth

employment to meet his necessities. His osition at the academy not having proved ufficiently remunerative he retired from it.

Berpetual Ground Rents Offered. The following seven years were but th history of the previous 16 as to changes in its teachers and deficient patronage. Munificent State donations were gradually being swept away, and the most valuabl town lots sunk in perpetual ground rents. Here is a notice, also from the Gazette showing the extremity to which the manage ment was driven:

The trustees of the Pittsburg Academy offer on perpetual ground rent 20 feet front on Second street, extending from Cherry alley to Smithfield street, and 90 feet front on Smithfield, extending from Third street to a ten-foot alley. A plan of the lots and the terms are left with James Morrison on Wood street.

JOHN WOODS,

JOHN WELKINS,

This financial folly was fully accou olished without either the Academy or its nore pretentions successor, the University peing sensibly benefited by the annual yield of its miserable pittance—a reproach not o the managers, but on the people, whose absence of intelligent liberality had made in compulsory. It was a sacrifice of wha would in time have secured funds ample enough to endow a full corps of professor

ships.

Among those in charge of the academy in these times were Rev. John Taylor, 1890;

The Steele 1803 and Rev. Joseph Rev. Robert Steele, 1803 and Rev. Joseph Stockton, 1815.

The Western University sprung from the financial losses of this hard-worked beneficiary of the State Government, turning out brilliant scholars in preparation for the higher classes of Dickinson and Jefferson Colleges. The new charter was coupled with new appropriations and an enlarge ment of powers giving authority to confer diplomas of scholarship, etc.

Names of Prominent Students Appended is a partial list of young men of the town who passed through the modes curriculum of the academy between the years 1787 and 1820:

Presley Neville, John S. Quinn, John McClintock, Ross Wilkins, William Robinson William Wilkins, James Mountain, Ed. J. Roberts, George Shiras, George Sullen, William Kerr, William Kerr,
— Adams,
James R. Butler,
William Addison,
Fredrick Ernst,
Samuel Johnston,
Reese Jones, Jr,
George Wallace,
Charles Wallace William O'Hara, George Ross, Steele Semple, Neville Craig, James W. Biddle, John Willack, John Scull, James P. Gazzam, Charles Wilkins, Morgan Neville, H. M. Breckenridge, Benjamin Evans, George Holdship, James R. Lambdin, Alex. McCandless, C. Magee, William O'Hara John G. Riddle, John F. Weinshall, Harry Stevenson, Wilson Darragh, John Deciare, David Stockton, D. R. McNair, C. Magee, Bedford Mowry, Horatio Swartz M. Stackhouse, Harry Stevenson, Frank Stevenson, Sydney Mountain, George Watson, James Wells, George Bazard, Casper Beunot, Duncan Walker, R. J. Walker. I. Stackhouse

FROM WASHINGTON'S FAMILY.

Robert Watson, Harmar Denny, Butler Barker,

John D. Davis.

Death of a Baroness Who Was Con With George of Hatchet Fame, The Baroness of Washington, who died

the other day, was a half-sister of the present Grand Duke of Oldenburg and a sister of an ex-Queen of Greece, wife of Prince Otto of Bayaria. Her maiden name was the Duchesse Frederique, and she waited 35 years before she exchanged it for that of Baroness Washington, The Washingtons claim to be

from the family of the immortal George Washington—that is, of English birth. They received the proud title of Bavarian barons in 1829, that is, nearly ten years after

CASH OR EASY PAYMENTS

AMERICAN PLUMBERS NEEDED.

Defective Bath Arrangements of Kalser Wilhelm's Potsdam Palace,

During the summer, when the Imperial family are at the seaside, says a Berlin correspondent of THE DISPATCH, the heating and ventilation apparatus of the new palace in Potsdam will be thoroughly overhauled -this time by American plumbers, who are expected to at last make the place habitable, a thing their German colleagues failed to succeed in doing. In this connection, I am told of a funny incident which happened at the last visit of the King of the Belgians to the Potsdam residence of the Kaiser. King Leopold's Court Marshal, previous to undertaking the journey, had informed the authorities in Potsdam that His Majesty was accustomed to take a warm bath every morning. The official also intimated that the German custom of having a red-hot stove at the side of the tub supplying the warm water was not at all to His Majesty's

Here was a pretty state of things! The not-water arrangements made by the German plumbers would not work, so it was deeided at last to arrange a combination of gas jets under the royal bath tub. However, the gas jets were hidden from the royal eye, and His Majesty, who did not know much of the arrangements, tumbled into his bath. The sovereign of the Kongo State had no sooner seated himself upon this new fangled roaster-which, by the time he had settled himself down to his ablution had become about as hot as a grill or a frying pan over a strong fire-than he bounded from his bath with a blood-curdling yell that re-echoed

through the palace. His Majesty through the rest of his stay in Potsdam could not be induced to take a chair at the dining table, but took all his meals off the mantel piece, a la giraffe. Some intelligent plumbers will be welcome additions to the courts of Berlin and Brus

ONE OF INGALLS' CAPERS.

How He Raised a Laugh at the Expense of Senator Allison.

New York Press.] I heard a story yesterday of an episode which occurred at a banquet in Washington three or four years ago, in which Senator Ingalls played a curious part. The dinner was given by W. J. Arkell to Bernhard Gillam, the caricaturist, to enable the latter to meet the public men of the day and to give them personal acquaintance with the artist. Fifty or sixty of the leading men of

both parties were at the table.

Among others were Senators Allison and Ingalls. The latter had been peculiarly facetious and full of repartee, being espe cially sarcastic in referring to numerous of his fellow Senators and their Presidental as-pirations. Senator Allison had set out to make an impression on the guest of the evening and was talking earnestly with Gillam on some public topic on which he was displaying his profound knowledge, when Senator Ingalls slipped behind his chair and with his mouth gave an exceedingly clever imitation of the buzzing of a bee, marking with his long finger a circle back and forth around Allison's head, in a manner to indicate that it was the Presidental bee that was besetting the Iowa statesman.

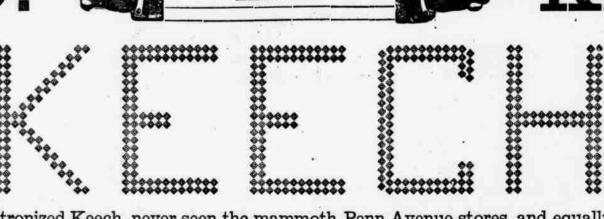
When the whole table had been attracted to his anties Ingalis called out: "It will never sting you, Allison, but keep right on hoping." I am told that the shout of laughter which went up was joined in by the victim of the joke as heartily as by his fellow banqueters.

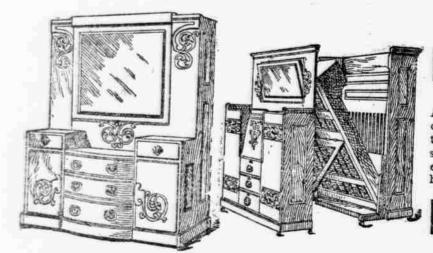
A Prize That Wasn't Won.

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