

Good and Bad Points of the Various National League Teams in the East and West. REMARKS ABOUT THE LOCAL CLUB. The Beneficial Results That Will Follow the New Alliance of the Amateur Organizations.

PROSPECTS OF HOMEWOOD RACES. Opinions About the Coming Glove Battle Between Jackson and Corbett.

Chilly winds carrying with them a good supply of biting frosts are not altogether conducive to the success of baseball. It takes quite a quantity of really unadulterated enthusiasm to prompt one to watch a ball game when one has to go through various kinds of aerobatic feats to keep warm.

There has been a slight improvement in the playing of the various teams in the League, although the quality of playing is yet far below par. We cannot expect to see the real out and out contest of the first rank until everybody in the contest has gotten warmed up thoroughly. But we have had some excellent contests, and the fact that the teams in the races are, generally speaking, so close together, although the contests in some one at the start, it may seem develop into one of a more one-sided kind.

The Local Shooting Tournament. As a rule, Pittsburgh never does things by halves. The local shooting tournament, held at the country club, was no exception. It is certainly true of the trapshooters. During the week they have had a three-day tournament under the personal direction of Mr. E. Shantz, Jim Crockett and F. F. Davidson. In fact, exceeding pleasure in stating that in all respects the tournament was successful.

The Homebred Races. Tomorrow week the entries for the Homebred spring trotting meeting will close, and before then we will have a chance to go out to the track and see the contests of trotters and pacers, once more. Secretary McCracken tells me that the prospects of the meeting are bright.

Our Own Team. To say the least of it, our own team have been disappointing so far; they have been disappointing in that they have not played as well as we can play. Once or twice they have given glimpses of what they can do, but there has been an irregularity about their work that has worried almost every admirer they have. Now I am not at all going to "cock" the club or anybody else, because there is not sufficient reason to do so.

to make up the team for the management, but my presumption does not lead me that far. In making up the team, the manager has a right to judgment of Manager Laroque. I am talking now about a matter of policy when I refer to the club, and not about the individual players.

After considerable labor and anxiety the L. A. W. and the A. U. W. have joined hands and all good amateur athletes will feel glad at the result. In my way of thinking the effecting of the alliance has been one of the events of the week in the city. There is little or no doubt that all these quarrels which of recent years have threatened the stability of amateurism will be done away with at once.

Freedom of the Bath and Barber Shop and Other Little Things. There are many other perquisites and privileges being snatched from the citizenry by Governmental agencies and that cause jealousy to rankle in the bosom of the members of the Lower House. For instance, the Senators are bathed and shorn and shaved free of expense, while all the other Representatives get free in an occasional bath.

BLOSSOM OF THE NOSE. Why the Taper Soon Gets So He Always Has a Clear Lighter. The toddy blossom on the nose, says Dr. William Gray, of Washington, has been for years a subject of the amateur leibrecht. It is a disease of the nose, and the philosophy of the symptom. It is very simple. The skin that covers the nose is very full of little blood vessels—highly vascular, as we say.

COUNTERFEITS BY PHOTOGRAPH. It is a Mistake to Suppose That Any Process Is Better Than Hand Work. Chief Engraver Casaler, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, says, through the pen of a writer in the Washington Star: Reports have been circulated to the effect that photographic processes of new invention have rendered counterfeiting so easy that it is a mere matter of reproducing one photograph with such accuracy that the counterfeit cannot distinguish the real from the imitation.

Reputed Remedy for Sewer Gas. The exclusion of sewer gas from the apartments of a house is a task that inventors have been engaged with but in vain. It is claimed that an apparatus has been devised by means of one valve, located at the exit of the main sewer pipe from the house. A certain weight of water above this valve will close it, and all the sewer gas that comes out of the pipe. A counterweight that shuts and locks it, excluding all foul air from the house.

A TALE OF THE WEST. How Short Creek Dave Introduced Religion at Cinnabar Camp. THE REVOLVER AS AN ARGUMENT. Bill Tutt Objected to the Personal Allusions of the Sermon. TOOK A SHORT RECESS FOR THE DUEL.

HORT CREEK DAVE was a leading citizen of the little camp at Cinnabar. In fact, his friends would not scruple at the saying that Short Creek was a leading citizen of Arizona. So when the news came that a new mine was being opened over the town of Short Creek, who had been paying the price of a breezy visit, had, in an inadvertent moment, strolled within the confines of a gospel meeting.

Known to Break a Good Pain. "Well," said Rosewood Jim, otherwise known as "Red," "I reckon Short Creek knows his 'uns like 'em, myse', noneastioned much by these yer news. I've known him to do mighty flighty things, such as breakin' a good pair to draw the nose and the head back like he was just a pupoose in his usual system in this yer religious break. However, he'll be in Cinnabar to-morrow and then we'll know a little more."

Time to Do Some Shooting. "What do you say, Tutt, 'bout 'em of the usual appeal to the boys, all 'I've got of this is: 'I'm a poor old man and have allers been the friend of Short Creek Dave, and I even assist at and promote this yer religion. Said Rosewood Jim, "I've got of this is: 'I'm a poor old man and have allers been the friend of Short Creek Dave, and I even assist at and promote this yer religion."

Not a Word Look Touching Short Creek's Conversion. The shooting began on the word and when the bullet cleared away Tutt had a bullet in his shoulder. "The congregation will now take their seats in the store," said Rosewood, "and the deal will be reopened. Two of you all carry bills over to the hotel and fix him up right. This yer shows conclusive that Short Creek Dave is licensed from above to pray for whoever he pleases and 'I'm mighty glad 'I've got of this is: 'I'm a poor old man and have allers been the friend of Short Creek Dave, and I even assist at and promote this yer religion."

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JOYS OF CHILDHOOD. No Longer Banished by False Ideas of Religion and Discipline. AN ERA OF THE RULE OF LOVE. Barbaric Practices That Have Gone With the Change of Creeds. DANGER FROM THE OTHER EXTREME.

The children of to-day must be having a very much happier time than had their fathers and mothers before them. At Sunday school and in the home, they are not very much more about love and heaven than the devil and eternal flames which were used to their elders so constantly and persistently. Even if they only stole a pin, or told the littlest bit of a lie, they were instructed that they were doomed to live forever with Satan and his angels, and spend the hereafter in endless fire and chains until they should be freed from them.

Religion Next to Lying. "I am one of those, too, who believes in the religion of the good man, and I am not a bit of a hypocrite. I don't know of a more excellent influence in a Western camp than these yer meetin's. I ain't expectin' to be in on this play one myself, and just see how the boys are gettin' on. I've got a good deal of respect for the man who preaches a square deal. I now introduce to you a gentleman who is liable to be as good a preacher as ever banged a Bible—your 'most respectable' minister."

The church is growing very shaky on its knees. There is but little preaching upon it now as compared with past times. The people are not so much interested in religion. The people are not so much interested in religion. The people are not so much interested in religion.

Almost Too Smart to Live. Then at school they are "cramped" and jammed and driven like galley slaves by relentless teachers into an arduous struggle for high places, and the result is examinations and into gaining high marks at exhibition shows. Then when it is remembered how girls are martyred at the piano by their parents, and how boys are martyred by their parents, and how boys are martyred by their parents, and how boys are martyred by their parents.

Progress in Flower Manufacturing. In manufacturing a flower, a perfect use of the kind is made. It is made in a perfect use of the kind. It is made in a perfect use of the kind. It is made in a perfect use of the kind.

THE POWER OF WATER. What a Stream With Less Than 400 Feet Fall Will Accomplish. IMPROVEMENTS FOR LIGHTHOUSES. The Land Will Be Carried Into the Sea in 4,500,000 Years. PACKING FOR THE FOREIGN TRADE.

The old description of the power to remove mountains to such as had faith as a grain of mustard seed, has come to be no more figure of speech. The effect of the hydraulic monitor, which is now used for the purpose of removing masses of earth, will high from the top of a mountain, and fall with a fall behind it of 375 feet, will carry away a solid bowlder weighing a ton or more to a distance of 50 or 100 feet. The velocity of the stream is terrific, and the column of water projected is so solid that, if a crowbar or other heavy object be thrust against it, the impinging object will be hurled a considerable distance.

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