SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1891. FITTSBURG DIEPATOH, THE

Trouble Over in Brooklyn.

Political Factions

THIRSTY MAN'S FUNNY EXPERIENCE

CONTRACTOR THE DISPASSOR

'Tis a truth that's worth revealing; More offend from want of thought

Dr. Talmage invited me the other day

he wedding of his daughter in Brooklyn.

I always, as a rule, hate to go to weddings

or funerals. But I went over to Dr. Tal-

mage's house and laid my plans as I gen-erally do when I go to Brooklyn. I took

with me a chart of the locality, as travelers

enerally do when they are making a jour-

ney through Switzerland. I find that as a

eneral rule a visitor to Brooklyn is always

ure of one thing; the cars all land at

I arrived at the house a little before the

eremony at the church was over and found

number of people already gathered there.

But upstairs where the presents were, there

were very few people; so I thought that

there was my chance. While I was looking

over the different presents, I noticed that

Greenwood Cemetery.

Than from any want of feeling.

Time to me a truth has taught.



Next Few Days.

CONTESTS THAT ARE PROBABLE.

Some Reasons Why Charley Mitchell Should Not De Afraid to Meet Our James Corbett.

A FEW ADVANTAGES OF FOOTBALL

The Local Baschall Afinirs and the Outlook of the General Situation.

In a few days from now there will be more pugilistic talk in the United States than there has been in a very long time. Champions and aspiring champions will be assembled in our land, and what the result will be none of us can definitely say. But it is safe to predict now that when Charley Mitchell, Slavin, Fred Johnson, Peter Maher, James Corbett and John L. Sullivan all get within talking distance of each other there will be lots of noise, lots of bragging and bluffing. Altogether it now seems as if the present was going to be one of the most remarkable winters as far as pugilism is concerned. Probably before next Sunday we'll have Slavin, Mitchell and Johnson in this country and let it be fully understood that they are coming here to do battle if there is a reasonable chance. Of late there has been a very strong desire on the part of Sullivan partizans to make Slavin out a rank blow hard; of course the same people have for years been acting simiarly toward Mitchell. Ever since the latter and the better of Sullivan in a prize ring in

France, he has been a target for a host of very partial writers and talkers. Now, I cannot for the life of me see why either Slavin or Mitchell should even be suspected of cowardice. They may be good, bad or indifferent pugillists, but surely it is only fair to credit them with being willing to do what they travel thousands of miles to do. The pair are crossing the broad Atlantic to meet Sullivan and Corbett, and. although they are on their way to carry out their intentions, many people are still charging the travelers with "bluffing." This is not fair, and I venture to say that there never was a man who entered the ring rendier to meet an opponent than is Paddy Slavin. But all this unfair talk regarding Mitchell was indulged in prior to his meeting Sullivan in a 24-foot ring. All those wiseacres who presume to know "all about day after day told us that Mitchell would not, on any account, meet Sullivan n a ring. But he did, and John L. and his friends know it. Just let us for one mo ment consider the storm of jeers that would have assailed either Slavin or Mitchell if they had put up a forfeit to fight 12 months from now. Some Probable Battles.

Well, the meeting together of the gladiators will probably mean au important glove battle or two. While I do not think that Sullivan will care about meeting Slavin within four months from now, I yet have some hope that a contest will be arranged between Mitchell and Corbett. If Slavin and Sullivan do meet this side of next April, of course, I shall have a strong fancy r the Australian, but it may be that the the Sullivan party may request Slavin to get through with Jackson, and John L. will meet the winner. It really won't surprise me it the Sullivan party now turn round and say the proposed contest between Sla-vin and Jackson is just the thing that ght to take place, so that Sullivan can

teckle the winner. During the last few days there has also dicate that we may expect a great improve-

been busy. By all means try strength and wind as well as science: but all pleasure to spectators not brutally minded and uncaring by what means the man they want beaten is "outed" should come through scientific display. The more winded you are and the weaker, the more your form must deteriorate. Short bouts and fair in-tervals for rest and attendance are for these reasons far preferable to long ones. Only those who have timed themselves or been timed officially can believe how long three not be in saloons, but no patriotic Council-man ought to be influenced by this fact. The question is almost too ridiculous to minutes can seem to last. Too frequently the battle does not go to the dextrous so much as to the proprietor of the stronger pair of legs. Those members score instead of arms, which is anomalous in boxing, un-

der Queensberry rules as adapted for the avate style. I suppose there would be no difficulty in getting them twisted and turned about so as to fit the French method if anybody wanted to sign articles for that Some Unreasonable Claims

Several days ago there appeared in this paper an article from Cambridge, Mass., the purport of which was to show that the Harvard football team had furnished the season with better aggregate results than either Yale or Princeton. On Friday this

paper published a reply to that article, the writer to the reply being Mr. Schilling. Those who read the article and the reply would easily see how unwarranted the claims of the Harvard team were. Mr. Schilling so effectively demolished the Harvard claims that there is nothing left for me to say except to supplement what he said. We are often told that figures can what he said. We are often told that figures can prove anything, and sure enough the Har-vard figures proved that they were far ahead of the other teams on the season's work. But as Mr. Schilling very clearly points out these figures were obtained by playing terms of very inferior rank; teams I should think that would play secteams, I should think, that would play sec-ond fiddle to our East End Gyms. The colleges ought to have an understanding on this matter, so that ridiculously false claims such as those of Harvard may not be ventured. The quality of victories should aculling. I have often remarked that there is no

count and not the quantity. A Benefit to Youngsters. A clergyman looked into my office the

other day to say a few words about the benefit of football and baseball. The reverend gentleman was, indeed, enthusiastic about the great advantages that football affords the youth and he went on to say that next fall will see a tremendous boom in football in and about Pittsburg. "We were a little too late in starting this year,"

line of diversion."

were a little too late in starting this year," he said, "but we'll be on deck early next fall. Why, it is one of the best sports in the world for the boys; but with THE DIS-PATCH I would like to see some of the rough features rubbed off." Now there is some hope for honorable

sports and pastimes when guardians of the moral and spiritual take such an interest in them as the clergyman above referred to. Depend upon it that such teachers will leave the world and its people much better than they found them, in intelligence, morality and physique. Recreation is what we all need and these outdoor games ought to be patronized by everybody who has 'he well being of our future citizens at heart. The better and purer the patronage is, most assuredly the better and purer will be the sports and pastimes themselves.

The Breeders of Trotters.

Everybody who takes an interest in trot-ting and trotters must have been very glad to learn of the very successful annual meet-ing of the trotting horse breeders of this State the other day. The association has had a struggle in the past to live, but the reports at the annual meeting went to show that everything is glorious and the pros-pects are of the brightest kind. This is well, because it holds out strong hope of a good future for the .trotter in this State. Pennsylvania is fast coming to the front, thanks to the efforts of Messra. Miller and Sibley, of Franklin. The Breeders' Assoc ation may have done a great deal toward bringing the State to public notice so far as trotting horses within its limits are con cerned, but I question very much whether the association has ever done as much in this respect as Miller and Sibley. But they

are members of the association and what they have done may be indirectly connected or identified with the organization. But the annual meeting would seem to innent of trotting stock in the State per year. A number of breeders stated that there is a more promising lot of youngsters in Pennsylvania this year than there has systems of "expenses" always had bad results and always will have. loose There ought to be a very distinct, if not a very wide, line drawn between the two ever been. This fact combined with the classes, and as long as there is not the amaexistence of a kite-shaped track in the State teurs will be the losers, because the nearer their class gets to professionalism, the more ought to make the next race meeting of the breeders a very interesting one, indeed. It probably would be the best thing that the bona fide breeders could do to go to Meauville next fall and have their races. They ranks of amateurism. There are many things clear to common-sense observation that cannot be made ought to take advantage of all the benefits that a kite-shaped track can give. Before next fall comes Miller and Sibley and their transparent by a code of rules, and so it is that many so-called amateurs have been more or less living on their athletic abili-ties, both in this and other countries. Untrainer, Mr. Marvin, may make the track

sons for such an extraordinary step Mr. Wertheimer's strange efforts might be some-what excused. But Mr. Wertheimer, of all JOKES FROM WILDER what excused. But Mr. Wertheimer, of all men, should be slow to act as he is doing. He is a public man, not only as a Councilman but as a liquor deal-er, and surely there is a re-markable inconsistency in such a man trying to handicap the legitimate and hence the supersent of the public. True. The Merry Little Story Teller Has nonorable amusement of the public. True, DREAMS OF TWO RELIGIOUS MEN. while we are watching a ball game we can How the Jolly Bartender Gets Solid With

discuss seriously. Certainly it is unnecess sary to attempt to go into details to show the absurdity, the unfairness and the pernicious features of such a move. What the world has prompted Councilman Wertheimer to select baseball as a mark? I'm sure it contributes largely to the wealth of the city; to the muscle of our young citizens, and to the pleasant recre-ation of our old ones. To impose a fine, for

such it is, of \$15 on every game would simply stop professional ball playing in Allegheny. The idea is preposterous, and it will be exceedingly interesting to find, if even a division takes place in Councils on the matter, how many members there like Mr. Wertheimer and who they are. members there are

Protessional Rowers Again. During the week Edward Hanlan has once more been brought prominently before the public in a way that at least only adds to the disrepute that has already sent pro-fessional rowing into obscurity. Mark, I don't say that Hanlan has really committed don't say that Hanlan has really committed any dishonest act, but I refer to the fact that he has been charged with doing so. A few days ago he conceded Alex. McLean 100 yards start in three miles, and when he, Hanlan, had almost collared his man he collapsed. He stopped rowing and the British Columbia man landed a winner. Both rowers were hooted by the crowd of people who cleimed they had been fleered cople who claimed they had been fleeced by fakirs. Whether not the race was honest, there were extremely suspicious features sur-rounding it, and it is safe to say that it is another big nail in the coffin of profession

hope whatever for professional rowing in this country until a new generation of scullers have grown up. When profes-

likely

sionals travel from place to place arranging races, it is safe to bet 100 to 1 that there is "something rotten in the state of Den-mark." Our professionals have been doing this for years and things have come to such a pass that they hardly dare now visit the same place twice. The "receipt" bus-

the same place twice. The "receipt" bus-iness has more than anything else contri-buted to the state of things. I can remem-ber the time when the public and the row-ers knew nothing of "receipts" and then was the time when there was racing for glory and honor as well as money.

The English Champions.

FISH AS A BRAIN FOOD.

BAD HANDWRITING.

Many a Man.

Speaking of professional rowing reminds me that Billy East and George Perkins are matched to row on the Thames for the English championship. They rowed in a regatta last year when East was the victor, and I am one, so we two ar cone." The Great Men Who Dream Dreams,

Speaking of Dr. Talmage reminds me of wo other ministers-though each has a judging from reports he to be the victor again. special title of his own. They are Bishop Potter and Rabbi Gottheil, who, I am told, isn't it interesting to note how the "mighty have fallen" in England as far as are very close friends in spite of some differences of opinion, and who persistently sculling is concerned. Just think of two mediocre scullers like East and Perkins poke jokes at each other. They take their rowing for championship honors in a coun-try that has had its Chambers, its Rennstitutional walks in Central Park where they are quite likely to meet and comparforths, its Kellys and its Taylors | And don't let us forget that professional scull-ing in America is fast descending to a siminotes. Here is the latest report of their conversation:

nage's church or home.

The Mathematics of Matrim

Talking of weddings, do you know when

two become one? The newly married man

answered this by saying "my wife is one

conversation: "Ah, Rabbi," says the Bishop, cordially, "glad to see you looking so well, Rabbi. I had a dream last night and was just think-ing about it. I dreamed that I died and lar level. The present "receipt" gang can-not last much longer, and the sport is so degraded now that young men won't enter it; therefore the standard of professional went to the gate of heaven, where I met Peter, and, just as I anticipated, he wel-comed me with open arms and announced to me that my home in the Protestant heaven rowing is sure to be low when the present performers drop out. In England to-day amateurs like Gardiner and Nicholls can beat the best professionals, and so it will be here shortly—our best amateurs will be bet-ter than our best professionals. was all ready for me. Something in the expression struck me as being singular, so I

expression struck me as being singular, so I asked him if there was nothing but a Protestant heaven, and he replied that there was also a Hebrew heaven. Some-what surprised, as you may imagine, Rabbi, I asked him if I could take a peep in the Hebrew heaven before I went to my home in the Protestant heaven. He said that I might, so I went there and looked in, Rabbi." Trouble Among the Amateurs. Amateurism is not only becoming very popular in this country, but it is becoming very troublesome as well. Those who have een mapping out the road in which ama-teurs must travel recently are meeting with lots of difficulties, for every week there are some amateurs to be "expelled" and some to

Babbi." "Yah, yah," said the Rabbi, in his charming broken English, as he delightedly rubbed his hands, and a benevolent smile overspread his face; "yah, Bishop? Und be reinstated. This is all, or I might say about all, caused by a desire to have ama-teurish as near like professionalism as pos-

came down to tell you that I am the Demo-cratic nomines for Alderman for this dis-trict, and I thought I would come down and see the boys. I heard they had something sein' me the they had something STUDY

sgin' me." "Oh, Mr. Duffy, agin' you? Not at'ing. Why, upon my word, before any man down here votes agin' you, I would cut off my right hand."

"Well, come on, boys," said the candi-date, "let's have a drink."

date, "let's have a drink." Everybody jumps up, including "Old Sport. After the drink, out goes Mr. Duffy. A little later Mr. Robinson comes in and says: "Good morning, Mike. I am running as Republican candidate for Alder-man in this district, and I thought I would come down here and see how the boys are feeling " feeling.' "Oh, to be sure, Mr. Robinson, all the

boys are wid you to a man. Rather than have any man agin' you I'd lose my left arm, sure." So the candidate offers a drink, and "Old

Sport" takes one with the rest. Finally another man comes in any says: "Good morning, Mike." morning, Mike." "Good morning, Mr. Kennedy," says the other, "what brings you down here?" "Oh," says the visitor, "I am running on the Prohibition ticket, and I thought I would see how the boys are going to vote." "The boys are wid you, sure," says the bartender, "you know they are; why, we came from the same county. Bather than have a man agin' you, I'd lose my two legs." "All right," says the Prohibitionist, "Tm

glad you're with me." "Old Sport" takes his medicine with the rest and then resumes his seat in the corner and smokes in silence. After the candidates and everybody else have gone he turns to Mike and begs a drink "For the love of St. Peter, as you are going to be a oripple, anyhow."

Getting Rich Too Bantilla

the detective who was there kept an eye on me and I thought possibly he, living in Brooklyn, did not know who I was. But At another time, when the bystander were talking about the immense wealth of Mr. Gould and Mr. Vanderbilt, and saying pretty soon others came in and began eveing me. I am accustomed to being eyed, yet that every time the clock ticked it added this seemed rather strange. Finally I said another dollar to the fortunes of these millto myself, "There must be something ionaires, "Old Sport" became very much wrong," and on examination I found that excited, and, jumping up, wildly shouted: "For heaven's sake, stop the clock." The wife of Mike, the bartender, was a my time having been so limited in getting ready to go to Brooklyn, I had neglected to change my trousers. There I was; dress

very sympathetic woman, The other day she met Mrs. Kennedy on the street, and, coat, vest, and dress shoes, but everyday stopping her, said: "Good morning, Mrs. Kennedy. How is trousers. I am sure that would never have happened at any other place but at Dr. Tal-

your husband "Oh," replied the other, "poor Mike, he is a perfect martyr to delirium tremena." It takes all sorts of people to make a

Merrily, yours, MARSHALL P. WILDER. EXECUTION OF QUEEN MARY.

uppressed Details of the Affair Nor Given by Hon. Louis Wingfield.

IWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCA.1 The Hon. Louis Wingfield, who died re cently, was a literary genius as well a "globe trotter." His adaptation of Schiller's great tragedy, "Mary Stuart," is the best English version of the great German poet's masterpiece, especially in historical accuracy. In this work he was aided by the private papers and memoranda of one of his ancestors, who was the only royal commissioner present at the execution of the unfortunate Queen.

In looking over these papers, the Hon. Mr. Wingfield made several important discoveries in regard to the execution which have hitherto remained unpublished. Hume says that Mary was assisted in preparing herself for the block by her women. This is not the case, as none of her women were allowed to approach nearer than the line of soldiers which surrounded the scaffold. The executioner himself attempted to cut away the neck of her gown, but was very nervous, and, finding the knife he was using too slow, seized the cloth and tore it away his

While she was reciting her last prayer, the "De Profundus," not only were the drums kept beating, but the Calvanistic exhorters who were present and the major-ity of the witnesses of the execution did all

OF CLIMATE.

Europe Is Ahead of America in the Details of Meteorology.

NEW FIRE-PROOF WALL MATERIAL.

Remarkable Development of Muscle in Man 83 Years of Age.

SCRAPS OF EVERY-DAY SCIENCE.

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.1

At the recent International Conference of Meteorologists at Munich, Mr. Harrington, who was one of the delegates from America. expressed himself as much pleased with the ordial way in which European meteorologists have shown their appreciation of the meteorological work done in the United State. Mr. Harrington, after studying closely the meteorological methods adopted in Europe, was particularly struck by the fact that the study of climate has, in general, been prosecuted by European meteor ologists to a degree of refinement that has not yet been attained, and is, perhaps,

scarcely appreciated in America. For instance, an eminent climatologist. criticising the location of some instruments on a rise of ground and amid trees, possibly 100 feet above the surrounding plain, objected that these instruments could not properly represent the climate of the surrounding country, but that they should have been placed in the open, flat fields

near at hand. "If this person be correct," said Mr. Harrington," it is evident that the demands of agricultural climatology are very different from those of dynamic meteorol-ogy or the study and prediction of daily weather, and it will be an important result of our European journey if we shall have received a decided stimulus in the direction of minute alignations." of minute climatology."

Fluid for Natural History Work. One of the most perfect preservatives known is carbolized cocoanut oil, which has been adopted in many museums for natural history and microscopic work. Cocoanut oil and carbolic acid mix freely in all proportions. The mixtures generally used are oil rai-ed to the specific gravity of 10° and 29° below proof spirit by the addition of acid. While the ordinary gum and glycer-iue process is absolutely useless for any animals except certain families of fish, this imais except certain families of nan, tails mixture is good for every kind of verte-brate. The most delicate frogs are unin-jured by it, and the fugitive tints on the skins of snakes are beautifully preserved by it; moreover the skins can be packed away without any fear of their turning color, as they always maintain a silvery and natural appearance, in pleasing trast to the ordinary museum spe Carbolic acid also enables cocoant oil and turpentine to be mixed together, forming a splendid microscopic fluid. The leg of a fly, simply laid on a slide in a drop of this fluid, and covered with an ordinary cover-ing glass, without any cell being made or comment ampleved has remained on a table

A Physiological Curiosity

unaltered for ten months.

ment employed, has remained on a tabl

A singular phenomenon in muscular velopment at an advanced age is noticed by the Lancet. In a military bicycling trip, in which the party made 100 miles in ten hours, one of the riders was Major Knox Holmes, a veteran cyclist of 83 years, who arrived at the termination of the expedition five minutes in advance of the rest. His condition is physiologically peculiar. In 12 weeks' training he has, in a most striking manner, "developed muscle" in the external and internal vasti, the rectus, and the muscles which form the calf of the leg. It has become so entirely a part of physio-basic desting that after there are non-more than the second se logical doctrine that after three score years

quired to secure perfect results. The finish-ing room is an apartment compared with which the hot room of a Turkish bath seems like a refrigerator. From the intense heat at which the room is of necessity kept, the varnisher can do but little work at a time, his visits being short from lear of suffoca-tion. All this discomfort has to be endured to ensure a sufficient the and and sufficient the sufficient to sufficient the sufficient sufficient to the sufficient sufficient to sufficient the sufficient suffic

to guard against the entrance of flies and other insects and dust into the room. A single fly could quickly do \$50 worth of nage.

Increase of the Peat Industry. Peat is forcing itself more and more upon the attention of the industrial world as a valuable raw material. In Germany it is being utilized as a source of bog-head

naphtha, tar, solar oil, paraffin, acetic acid and gas, and the peat bogs of North Germany and Sweden are now being worked with a view to obtaining the elastic fibre. which, when free from dust, is used to which, when free from dust, is used for weaving into carpets and other textile fabrics. Good peat also furnishes a peat cellulose, which obtains a good price from paper manufacturers, and when dried is valuable as a packing material as a substi-tute for straw litter. The dust is especially eleved for straw litter. indapted for preserving perishable articles. Meat and fish have been sent long distances packed in this material, in perfect con-

New Use for Grape Stones.

The extraction of oil from grape stones promises to develop into a permanent industry. For a long time it has been known that oily matter was present in considerable quantities in the stones of various descriptions of grapes, but only recently has the question been definitely investigated. question been definitely investigated. Chemical tests show that the oil derived from this source is by no means dissimilar to castor oil, resembling that substance in its high sectyl number and iodine number, blance which extends to its property a resem yielding Turkey red oil on treatmen

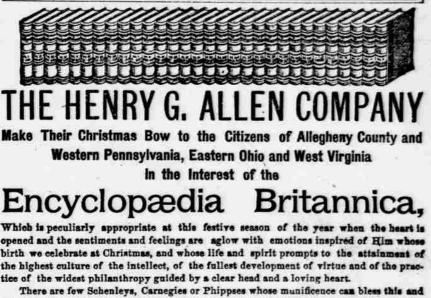
with sulphuric acid. Direct dyeing tests show the product to be excellent. Monier System of Construction.

A comparatively new system of construction, the invention of M. Monier, is being applied to the building of houses, bridges, fortifications, reservoirs, sewers, etc. It consists of a network of iron rods covered with cement concrete, and the most remarkable feature in connection with it is the great strength of the constructed ma-

New Use for Aluminus Field flasks of aluminum, instead of the rdinary glass flasks, are being introduced experimentally into the German army. They appear to be serviceable and strong, and should they fulfil their promise, the whole German army is to be supplied with them. In addition to their greater durability, the metal flasks are much lighter than those of glass, their weights being respectively 150 and 500 grammes.

English Traveling Methods.

The American system of a uniform class for all travelers is being adopted on the latest constructed railway lines in England. Another proof that the English are becoming more democratic, at all events, in their ideas on traveling, is afforded by the fact that last year of every 100 passengers on En-glish railways 88.5 went in third-class car-riages; while 7.7 were second, and only 3.7 first-class.



all succeeding generations, but every man and every woman has his own smaller worldhis home, his children, his friends, his neighbors, in whom his affection centers and whose well-being is his highest endeavor to promote. To this large class we say: "Give to your homes, your children, your friends, your neighbors, the ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITAN-NICA."

Heretofore this would have been practicable only to the prosperous few; now it is practicable to the equally generous, though less wealthy many. This REPERTORY of the WORLD'S MOST ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE is by the enterprise of the HENRY G. ALLEN COMPANY, furnished at SO LOW A PRICE that our business men, our clerks, our artisans and our wage earners can with a little effort procure it for themselves, their children and their less fortunate friends. It may not be generally known to what

terial relatively to its weight. It is also claimed that the material is perfectly fre-proof and cheaper than any other at present employed, and that space is considerably economized owing to the comparative thinness of the material employed.

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A New Industry for America

Preparations are being made in this coun try for the manufacture of a new material for lining vessels. It is made from the collulose of cocoanuts, which has the property of absorbing eight times its weight of water. The material, which is made into sacks, is used as a lining for vessels, and it is not only extremely difficult to make a hole in it, but should it be punctured by shot or by any other means, the inrush of water will have the effect of instantly expanding the material and filling up the gap.

fun and Moon and Edged Tools.

It is found that the light of the sun and moon exercises a deleterious effect on edged tools. Knives, drills, scythes and sickles assume a blue color if they are exposed for some time to the light and heat of the sun; the sharp edge disappears, and the tool is rendered absolutely useless until it is re-tempered. In its effect on iron, moonlight has very much the same attributes as sun-light.

been lots of talk about try to wriggle out of a fight with Corbett. There was never such an unfair and ridicu-lous notion. Why Mitchell is traveling over 2,000 miles to meet Corbett and surely the Englishman has already faced better men than Corbett. But why should Mitchell not want to meet Corbett? That's a question I would like answered. What has Corbett done? Much has been said about Mitchell's "sprinting" when he met Sullivan in a 24-foot ting, but don't let us forget the long distance race Corbett had with Jackson. Why bless Corbett, who has not so far done anything at all that need make Mitchell afraid. The Californian may be a conder, but he has not proven it yet, and t will, indeed, be a wonder to me if he finds Mitchell such an easy mark as he expects. Nobody knows better about what is doing than Mitchell and depend upon t Charles must have a very strong notion that he can defeat Corbett or else he would never tackle him. And if Corbett faces Mitchell he will meet one of the most sc-complished and one of the trickiest boxers tury. I will go further and say orbeit cannot avoid Mitchell's toursch blows he will soon he heaten. And certainly Corbett will be either very or too cowardly to stand up, if Mitchell does not land his favorite blow more than

once. But let us wait and see what is done. The Little Fellows.

When Fred Johnson gets here we are sure to have a contest between him and George Dixon. Already I have said a few cords regarding the comparative merits of these two teather-weights. I still think that Johnson will meet defeat, except he has gained in strength since last year.

During the week Tom Callagan, a North England youth, has demonstrated the ct that he is quite a handy and effective little fighter. His backers are now inclined to put him against Dixor, so that the col-ored champion will have plenty of work for a while. But Dixon is not Kenny, and that Callagan will find out if ever he meets the little Boston hero. The truth is it will take an extraordinary man to defeat Dixon weight and I do not think that either

obuson or Callagan are extraordinary. Plimmer is getting ready to face "Kid" an amateur. Great things have en said about Hogan, but whether it is ue or not is another matter. One thing is ture, viz., that Hogan must needs be a very ough little chap to defeat Plimmer, and it will surprise me if Hogan, just coming rom amateur ronks, can defeat the recent import. Plimmer is a good man at his weight and he is eager to fight.

About Queensberry Bules.

Readers of these reviews will have noticed that from time to time I have assailed the crutal features of the Marquis of Queensberry boxing rules; they are really fighting The London Referes has evidently taken up the matter, and is arguing of the inhuman features of the rules is the length of time two men are elled to fight in each round. The

Lefferer Suvs: I should rejoice exceedingly if the Amateur Boxing Association would alter its as to duration of rounds, cutting them town by third. If you want to see swiping, slogging punching such as sailors give and take lashed on sea chests and slid up to within range of each other, don't have rounds at all, save after the earlier method, when, combatants being throughly winded. would take a spell by mutual consent. I am fain to confess that a majority of our of of boxing patrons seem to care or outing-or houting, as it is pop-rendered-than for skill and dexterity ore for outing-or h In leading up to or evading that achieve-ment or entastrophe, as it is variously rearded by principals. In case one loes most like good wook, the duration of rounds ought to be cut down. ing and fly-flapping may be made in last indefinitely, and professors of the arts come up smilling almost ad infinitum, no matter how long set rounds may be. But in serious work the best and best-trained men must go off toward the end of threeminute bouts-at any rate, after they have this section, and were there any sound rea- tion of creosote.

Local Baseball Affairs.

Baseball still keeps more or less in the background, and I dare say few people will regret if it remains in the background for now disrupting amateur ranks. quite a while longer. The week has to some extent been an eventful one in local circles, as a new President and a new manager have been appointed. Readers of this paper would not be surprised at the aptment of Mr. Buckenberger as man ager because some time ago it was stated in ish, has been eaten largely by mental these columns that Mr. McGunnigle was to be deposed and Buckenberger was to take workers under the impression that it is good for brain fag, on account of the large the position. Taking everything into consideration it seems to me that the change Globe De

was a good one; not because of any short-comings on the part of Mr. McGuni-gle. He is an able manager. But there existed here against him a partisan opposition that would have made life unpleasant for him had he remained, and would have jeopardized the prospects of the club. This was an important feature because the opposition was an uncompromising one. This may sound strange but it is true. And let me say that the question of manager, which has caused so much trouble, had its origination in an undue newspaper interference in the private affairs of the club. Certainly this cause has accravated the matter considerably for oths past. It should not be forgotten that men who have money invested in the on analysis are found to contain pl club have a perfect right to select their own man to manage their affairs for them, and anybody who attempts to coerce them out of

that right is doing a great wrong. Well, let us hope that everything will now go along all right. The new manager has apparently a bright future before him. He is intelligent and It Has Been a Stepping Stone to Fortune f energetic and has a good knowledge of the practical affairs of the game. He is getting

together a good team and in truth the pros-pects of the team are looking better every day. There is every reason to believe that Mr. Temple will make a good and successful president. He is business from the word

go and I am happy to say he is a very definite man. The two new officers are all right so far, and if our mutual friend, Han-lon, is made captain, I think matters will go smoothly along. Let us all trust they will

The General Situation.

There is hardly anything new in the general baseball situation. There are still lots of rumors regarding the 12-club league, and I am free to admit that it looks less like a

consolidation now than it did a short time ago. That efforts are being made to effect a nent is true, but everybody wants so much that nobody can agree with anybody else on the matter. There is plenty of time to arrange a settlement before next April to be sure, but in the meantime the trench widening by the jumping and rejumping of players. This "stealing" of players will not mend matters, and it cannot be stopped

until a final settlement is made. A Blow at Baseball.

One of the most amusing and I might say audacions spectacles of late years is the ap-pearance of Councilman Wertheimer, of Allegheny, before the public as an opponent gation being made. of the national game. Whether he be an opponent in spirit does not matter, because he is publicly pasing as a basefull opponent in spirit does not matter, because he is publicly posing as a baseball enemy when he tries to persuade the Allegheny Councils to exact a license fee of \$15 per game from the local club. All the sophistry and reasoning in the world cannot down the fact that this is a direct blow to the game in

vot did you see, Bishop?" "Well, Rabbi, I saw a great host of old men with long, gray beards, walking solemn-ly around in grave silence and with sad faces, but no women, Rabbi, no women! You know there are no women in your religion!" said the Bishor

The Rabbi bowed his head reflectively, gentlemen will there leave the kept silence for a moment and then said "That vos very queer, Bishop, but I had a dream like dot mineself." "Ah, indeed," remarked the Bishop, in-

terested at once. "Yah, I died und vent to heaven, yoost as you did, Bishop, und Peter he say my home vos ready for me in the Hebrew til this is changed, and firmly changed, we will continue to have the troubles that are heaven, und it struck me so oucer'I wanted to know if there vos anodder heaven, und he say yes, dere vos der Brotestant heaven, und I asked him if I could take a squint in PRINGLE der Brotestant heaven, und he says yes, und to I goes dere

"Yes, Rabbi," interrupted the Bishon The Denials That the Food Contains by "and what did you see impatiently, Rabbi?" Little Phosphorus For years fish, and especially salt-water

"Vot did I see?" answered the Rabbi, ravely. "Vot did I see? I saw noddings, gravely. Bishop-der blace vos empty."

Got Mixed on His Drinks.

quantity of phosphorus fish meat contains, says Dr. J. N. Norwood in the St. Louis Some of these good and religious people that disagree with each other about one and craf. Lately more than one phy sician and scientist has put himself on record as denying that there is sufficient phosphorus in fish to make it of any value the same thing remind me of plenty of other people who know what they want, and that somebody else wants to give it to as brain food, and many who have derived consolation from consuming it have felt a little sore in consequence. The principal them, but they can't agree as to what it is. They are like the Dutchman who was going intrie sore in consequence. The principal argument on the negative side is that in-habitants of fishing villages where butcher's meat is never seen, do not display excep-tional intelligence or abnormal brain along the street one sultry day, and thought he would have a beer, so he stopped in a saloon. Two gents being waited on by the bartender-seemed as though bartender were making something very nice for them, and, when it came his turn to secure at-tention of the B. T., he asked him in a confidential way, what he made for those To this it may well be answered that an exclusive fish diet is not sufficiently invigorating or strengthening, but this does not alter the fact that all well-cooked fish

gents. "Why, that was a flip."

"Yaw, yaw," says Dutchie, "make me ne of dose." in large quantities, and the salt and shell varieties exceptionally so.

He enjoyed it greatly and went out re freshed and jubilant at having discovered a new drink. Later in the day he got thirsty again and stopped in another saloon, went up to B. T., and, in a confidential whisper,

There are many bad habits against which "Make me a Yacob." "A what?" asked the astonished B. T. "Make me a Yacob," repeated the Dutch-an, not at all disconcerted at the strange young men entering business life are

warned, but there is one that has never been mentioned, but which keeps men down almost as much as liquor, says a business man in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. I re-fer to the habit of writing a good hand. anner of the B. T. "What's that?" inquired B. T. "It vos a drink," replied Dutchle, "Well, tell us how it's made and I'll make School teachers and parents both think they are doing their duty in teaching boys to befor yez. I'm the champion B. T.-we've ot everything to make drinks with, and ou bet I kin make anythin'." come fine penmen, but as a matter of fact they are often ruining their chances for life. If a good penman occupies a clerical position the chances are very great that he will never rise any higher. Merchants like "Vell," replied Dutchie, "you takes some fine ice and puts him in a glass and a spoonful of sugar and some sherry vine and an egg and you shake him all up." "Oh, you mean a flip," said the B. T. "Oh, yaw, yaw; Phelip vos his nom!" said the jovial customer. "I dought it vos to see their books neatly kept, and if a man satisfies them in this respect, are very re-

luctant to remove him. With a bad penman the case is different,

He Was Bound to Be a Cripple.

They would be glad to have a better one in his place, and when an opening for promo-tion occurs, the poor writer will, in most instances, be chosen to fill the place. Some barkeepers are decided characters never try their mixtures, but I do enjoy Strong Medicine for Salooni their chaff. They were quite as influential In some countries a drunken man is sen as any of the politicians in the last camhome in a hack, the hire of which the man paign, and had the politician's genius for who served him with liquor must pay, and when there is any difficulty in ascertaining being all things to all men for the sake of who sold the beer or spirits the police philosophically collect the fare from all getting votes or selling drinks. Each one of them tolerates one particular lounger who never is kicked out when his money i upon whom suspicion rests, the demand be-ing invariably paid in preference to investigone. In a certain saloon down on West street, New York, where different heelers and politicians assemble, there is a lounger known as "Old Sport." Of all the men who sit around to be treated he is one of the most control of the sone of Manure From Sewage and Refuse An improved separator is being used i who sit around to be treated he is one of the most constant. He generally sits in a corner of the saloon on a beer keg, and has but little to say except in reply to the in-vitation "Come boys, let's have a drink." Just before election in came Mr. Duffy. Sweden for the treatment of sewage and the but little to say except in reply to the in-vitation "Come boys, let's have a drink." Just before election in came Mr. Duffy. The bartender said: "Good morning, Mr. Duffy." "Good morning, Mike; glad to see you. I residue of fish, which are thus turned into s valuable manure. The principle of this new process is the rapid drying of the raw material by means of artificial heat, while disinfection is being effected by the addi-

they could to drown her voice by shouting the most insulting epithets. As she mounted cle, that if this record of actual develop ment in one whose age exceeds by 12 years the traditional span of human life had not the scaffold stairs the prayer book which she carried in her hands was anatched from her been established beyond question, its possi-bility would have been doubted. by one of the Calvanistic divines. Hume also says that the executioner struck off her head with two blows of the

ten there is no new

Art in Carriage Making.

az. The executioner made a very bungling job of it. It took altogether four blows be-fore the head was off. The first struck the Men whistle sometimes when they hear the price of the best carriage in the market, and are surprised to learn that many houses hase of the skull, the second was between the shoulders, the third only partially cut are built and furnished more quickly than a off the head, requiring still another to com-pletely sever it. The most horrible detail in connection with this legalized murder first-class carriage can be made. It is possible to build a good carriage in a month but one that will rank as the very best that was the fact that when the executioner held workmen can put together cannot be made the head aloff saying, "This is the head of a traitor," the head parted from the wig which in less than four months, and very often where the vehicle is made to order six the dead Queen had worn, and fell upon the platform of the scaffold. It did not stop there, as has been said, but bounded off upon the floor below and rolled in among months is expended in completing it. An artist or a sculptor furnishes no more interesting study to those fond of watching skilled hands at work than the various artisans in a perfectly equipped car-riage factory. The painting of a carriage alone is an undertaking that re-quires months of time when the best work is desired. Nine different processes are reextent it is already distributed through the territory indicated, and it certainly will be gratifying to all lovers of knowledge to learn that over 6,000 (SIX THOUSAND) SETS have been placed therein; ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND VOLUMES filled, compacted with solid knowledge of the world as it was and as it is.

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the crowd gathered to witness the execu-tion, when it was picked up and tossed back upon the scaffold by one of the soldiers. These are not pleasant facts and made the execution far more brutal an outrage thau commonly supposed. CANNIBAL IRON WORKERS. The Fan Tribe of Africa Smelt Ore and Make Money of the Metal.

A gentleman, for 30 years a missionary to the Fan tribe of Africa, has presented to the University of Pennsylvania one of the most important archælogical collections ever made. The Fans are the powerful race of cannibals mentioned by Du Chaillu as the ruling people of the equatorial region. The collection shows a considerable degree of civilization and high mechanical skill, especially in metal work. Native iron, it seems, is plentiful, hes near the surface, and is smelted by simply building a fire over the exposed ore. A very queer-looking bellows is used, and is said to be effective. The iron

hammers weigh about 25 pounds, but the anvils, strange to say, are of stone.

The Fans are the only people in Equator-ial Africa who have a currency, and they are strong monometalists. The money is of iron, wrought into pieces resembling rusty hair pins with flat heads. They are put np in bundles of ten, and 100 bundles is the

market price of a wife.

WAGES AND PRICES. The Statistical Work Authorized by

United States Sonate. The United Sates Senate Committee of

Finance will conduct, this winter, the most important economic investigations ever made in this country or abroad. The intention at first was simply to inquire into the

effect of the McKinley tariff act on wages and the cost of living, but the plans have been gradually widened until now it is decided to trace the whole course of wages and prices in America and Europe for the

past 30 years. Dr. Roland P. Falkner, of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, will have charge of the investigation at a salary

of \$5,000; the report will hardly be ready within a year, though several specialists will be employed under him. Detecting Lameness in Horses,

When examining a horse with a view to purchasing, always have him led down a steep or stony descent at the end of a halter and with no whip near him. Many horses when brought out of the stable are excited by the presence of strangers, and become still more so at sight of a whip. A slight lameness may, therefore, be momentarily overlooked by the horse himself, just as a

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