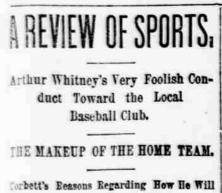
### PITTSBURG DISPATCH SUNDAY APRIL 10 1892. THE



Defeat John L. Sullivan Next Fall. PRITCHARD'S OFFER TO MITCHELL. The Local Cricket League and Bicycle Prospects fo This Season.

and there is one thing that should not be overlooked in connection with this league, vis: it has been formed entirely because of the love of the game, those who are connected with it have There is only one day between us and the object is to enjoy the game themselves and help others to enjoy it. The league ought auguration of the championship season of is year. To be sure, cranks, fans and verybody interested in the game are waitg for Tuesday, and the opening games this the officials of the league ought to be ght to be very interesting ones all round. e officials of the home club have started There are some enterprising clubs in the get their players down to the requisite mber, and are using very great caution in ing so. The players who have to make selected. the team have been working hard during

There is a strong desire in and about week, but there are still two or three Pittsburg to popularize amateur boxing and o can and need be in better condition I don't see why it should not become popuan they are at present. But there is one event of the week that lar here among our hundreds of young ath letes. Mark, when I speak of boxing I am

s eclipsed all others of a local nature. thur Whitney has caused quite a surprise threatening to sue the club for his year's ary. To do this he intends to remain te and report for duty every day. This Il be quite a task for Arthur, and even tter he has done this it may be safe to say at he will be no further forward than he at present.

But there is much significance in Whitnev's threat and refusal to accept his reuse. If there is anything at all in his daim, then the baseball business is simply wilt on a quicksand foundation. It is hardly necessary to say anything about the ngratitude and the unmanliness of Whitner. Doubtless everybody interested in the came will have very strong opinions on that point, as a more ungrateful act couldn't well be done. Whitney was given \$500 adcance money by the local club. All along d authorities have shown that he was class enough for a team that aspires to a od position in the League, and where re were better men signed to fill place he was to occupy. But he comes and fails to impress people favorably. is released, won't go way and invokes law, A man who has been made a esent of \$500 does this. What do you ak of it? Still, further, the man wants stay here and force himself upon emvers and a public who don't want him. here is the spirit of manliness in a man

Dees Mr. Whitney ever think of the posin he is putting himself into by his very oborn conduct? He cannot for one mo at ever expect to be recognized in an im-stant baseball league again. Even if the atract is legally defective the conditions which he objects have been in vogue so ing that everybody understands what they ean or are intended to mean. Nobody ws better than Arthur Whitney, an ost assuredly he would have played a more conorable part if he had objected to what he calls the unequal conditions before he igned the contract. By all means Whitor's actions are consurable to the Of course he may and may not ave had a verbal contract with Mr. Me-

Pritchard, but that day is past and the see it. It is looked upon as a kind of ex-otic, and I fear it will continue to be looked Pritchard, but that day is past and the latter is much too hard a man for Mitchell to run any chances against at this late day. But somebody will say: "Why doesn't Mitchell want to fight Sullivan?" Certainly upon as such for a very long time to come. While I don't want to make any detailed I think there are very few of us who will not admit that cricket is not as much a game for the masses as is baseball. I say this, while I am a very ardent almirer of cricket, and quite mindful of its many excellent features. But I have always held the notion that cricket playing is more of a game for the players than for the spectators. It is because of this circumstance that, in my opinion, it will never be a very popular my opinion, it will never be a very popular game in this country until we have a class of ring. It would be different were he to meet Sullivan, because of their difference in size. Mitchell would then take every advantage leisure very much more numerous than we have at present. But don't let anybody run away with the of the rules, and if he could make a draw it

would be a victory for him. But even if he fought back at Sullivan and his hands failed notion that a game of cricket is not worth looking at. It is always something to in-terest an onlooker who knows anything about the game at all. The league just orhis defeat would not by any means be as serious as his defeat by a man like Ted will, I trust, tend to educate the Pritchard. lover of wholesome, outdoor sports and recreation in the good points of the game. And there is one thing that should

Were the two Englishmen to fight this year I believe that I would prefer the chances of Pritchard, because he is a much better fighter than many people think he is. Nobody knows that better than Mitchell. But the latter has just as much right to de-cline to fight him as Corbett. Sullivan and other others have to refuse to fight many men who want to fight them. At best, pugilism has become merely a business, so much so that almost every pugilist we meet or hear tell of is a champion of some class or some place. This is to boom their show business, of course. Well, I don't expect that Pritchard and Mitchell will fight, but that will not prevent the former from meeting somebody else if he wants to.

### The Champion Feather-Weights.

As matters look now we are to have battle between the two famous feather weights, Dixon and Johnson. It is likely that the contest will take place in England, although there ought to be more money for them here. But wherever it does take place we may rely on a good and honest contest, because I feel confident that both parties are very much in earnest about the matter. Personally, I know that two years ago when Dixon defeated Wallace, Johnson was very eaver to fight either of them. and particularly Dixon; in fact, Johnson's backers deposited \$500 as a forfeit for a match. At that time I had a conversation with Johnson, and he assured me that he was anxious to meet Dixon for anything like a reasonable purse or stake, and that

there was plenty of money behind him. I suppose there is yet. But, while I have the greatest respect for Fred Johnson, and while I am a great ad-mirer of his very accomplished boxing, I am still inclined to think that he is hardly the ablest expounders of the Christian Gos-pel made it part of their daily routine to strong enough to outstay Dixon. Johnson is a little gentleman, and anybody who knows him would wish him well, but when he meets Dixon he meets something more than a feather-weight. Dixon is a feather-There was not the remotest idea of "fight-ing;" these gentlemen were simply taking weight on the same lines as Fitzsimmons is a middle-weight, and I venture to say that there is not a feather-weight in this country or any other as exceptionally well built as on the right road. It is the true and false starting out that concerns a student most. Of late we have had one or two imposters in the neighborhood who call themselves "Professors." They are frauds, and young men should steer clear of them. Pro-fessors. Vas they are professors but only the colored man. He has the reach and shoulders for a man of 5 feet 6 inches in height, and his legs couldn't have been made better than they are. His reach has enabled him to do great things with little, short-armed men; he hits very hard and is not a bad boxer. On the other hand, Johnfessors! Yes, they are professors, but only of rank imposition. It is this class of frauds that has done so much to ruin and son is exceedingly active and very game. Still the big advantages are all on the side of Dixon.

### Those Heavy Middle-Weights.

We are still in the midst of lots of talk the so-called "Boxing Guides. Price, 10 among those men whom we may call heavy cents." Whenever you meet a man who claims he is a boxing teacher and calls himmiddle-weights, and, as far as indications go, there is little hope of many real battles among them. It is, perhaps, satisfactory to Well, it is pleasing to see that our local athletic clubs are all taking an interest in know that they have at last taken notice of boxing, and they can do more to popularize it than anybody else. I anticipate that Ed Smith, who is now in this city. And while they have taken notice of him there when next fall comes these clubs will still is a desire among them to give him a show, make greater efforts than ever to make the but only at the apprentice price-that is, if

he will help them to fill a house, they will pocket the entire amount and give him a few dollars pocket money. Of course, that During the week just ended there has been any amount of evidence that this is to is all in the latter-day boxing busines be a great year for bieveling. In almost But let me ask anybody who has taken an

tablished the present dynasty of Burmese About the Local Club. e is every indication that the local every every indication that the local every indication the local every staba or maninte than Smith ha Amaranoora: from there back to Ava in Why, none at all. Hall has done nothing in this country whatever to earn the name of a great pugilist. While I look upon him as a tolerably fair heavy-weight. I admit that my opinion is all conjecture or almost all He has not defeated anyall. He has not defeated any-body here yet. True Parson Davies says he is a wonder, but in this instance the Parson's statement goes as far with me as Madden's did about Maher. Bear in mind I am not saving that Hall is not a good man. I am only contending that until he has won his laurels here he should not assume such a dignified attitude as to say he will not fight this man or that man because of lack of reputation. The truth is there is nobody in the United States more in need of a public reputation than this same Jim Hall. Then why should he hold out against a man like Ed Smith who is always ready to fight anybody. Probably it is because Hall and his friends think there are easier things to tackle. I believe there are.

A MAN HARD TO KILL. The German Government Proposes Taking a Whirl at Dr. Peters. BEEN KILLING TOO MANY BLACKS.

The Illness of the Duke of Edinburgh Doesn't Worry the People.

MUCH ADO ABOUT A WEE WHITE ROBIN

## (WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH)

in pantomine-that's how he came to marry a ballet girl-a soldier in the Seventeenth Regiment, from which he deserted, and at It is the fate of most African explorers to be be killed, in the newspapers, at least all times and in all sorts of garbs a sharper and a blackleg. His most respectable ef-fort was with a peripatetic organ in the London streets. Several jails have enteronce a month. To one

who desires to read his own obituary, a dive into the depths of the 97 Dark Continent posthe. sessess unique attractions. Dr. Carl Peters must have read some singularly candid obituary literature about himself, for since he began exploring Afri- his memoirs and corre-

Dr. Peters. ca in 1884 his death, by violent means mostly, has been reported fully a half dozen times. In November, 1889, for instance, what the papers at the time called authentic news reached Zanzibar to the effect that Dr. Peters, with his whole party, with the exception of one European and one Somali, had been massacred. But the founder of the German East African Company turned up safe and sound to plague the British, who have always regarded him as a poacher upon their preserves. Since then he has been industriously hoisting the German flag wherever and whenever he could over new slices of the continent which belongs-a trifling consideration-to the black and brown aborigines.

His recent letter, in which he related with delightful cheeriness how many natives he had killed in one day, appears, strange to say, to have shocked some humanitarians unequal to a proper conception of imperial conquests, and it is said that the German Government, intends to haul Dr. Peters over the coals when he returns. Some doubt exists about Dr. Peters' amenability to reproof from the German officials for the Colonial Department has more than once officially disclaimed any responsibility for Dr. Peters or his expedition. With most of his countrymen, moreover, Dr. Peters, who is a young man still, of undoubted courage and energy, is extremely popular as the chief champion of German interests in Africa.

### A Chance for a Boyal Moving.

Although the telegraphic reports of the great fire at Mandalay, the capital of Burmah, do not state that any of the royal palaces were destroyed or injured, the King of Burmah will, no doubt, find an excuse in the present wretched condition of the town for a change of residence. The Burmese monarchs have always displayed a restlessness only equaled by the American Indians. For centuries they have not maintained the capital at one place for any great length of time; thus the city of Ava was made the capital in 1364, next Monchobo was chosen by King Alompra the Great about 1740 as a site for a palace. Alompra, it may be said in passing, was really a person of low birth who was honored by the surname "great" as a reward for having driven the Talains out of Pegu and causing himself to be pro-claimed king. Alompra first built a palace at Dagong, which name he changed to the one it now bears. Rongoon; made a very ad-vantageous treaty wi h the English and es-

monarchs In 1782 the capital was again changed to

vivid colors. This was rather absurd see-ing that Viscount Hinton's recourse to vagabondage was due years ago to his knowledge, and the money lenders, that cash could not be borrowed upon his pros-pects. No doubt he tried hard enough up-on postobits and the like to raise the wind before he took to grinding an organ and far here remetable practices. DIVESTED OF POETRY California Is Found to Have a Glori-

tained him, and almost unawares this coun-try incurred the honor of his presence in

A Great Publisher Dead.

John Murray, the third member of the

A Promise of Fine Cartoon Work.

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ous Climate, but Not Perfect. less respectable practices. Viscount Hinton's father does not de-THE PEOPLE ARE GREAT LIARS

Viscount Hinton's father does not de-serve much pity either. He married the first woman he met after leaving the Twenty-second infantry's barracks in Pofts-mouth, as he wagered \$5,000 he would, and then disowned the boy who was born six months later. Is it any wonder that the fruit of such an union should prove un-sound? Viscount Hinton's career has been strangely checkered. He has been a clown in pautomine—that's how he came to marry When It Comes to Polishing Off the Fine **Foints** of the State.

PRETTY SIGHTS IN THE SCHOOLS

### WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.

Having no land, no hotel, no brand of orange or wine, no irrigating company to boom, I may speak the truth about this wonderful and, at the same time, much exaggerated place, California, which undoubtedly in its southern part has the climate which bears comparison with the choicest of the world. That does not mean it is perfect. There are days, weeks and months which are a procession of clear, famous English publishing house of that dazzling, sunny days-neither too hot nor too cold. All the rain takes place in four successive months-generally from December 1 to April 1. It often pours for a week st a time. There is never thunder, but the rains are often accompanied by terrific winds. Often it blows furiously, without rain. Earthquakes of a menacing but not dangerous character' occur.

I will never forget the night of December 10, 1891. It was the opening of the season at one of the hotels at Pasadena. We sat

most universally given John Murray III. down to dinner that evening in the immense the credit of being the book of the year. dining room aglow with lights and flowers. The polished floor shone like a mirror. The Any man who could boast of having at one and the same time, as visitors at his house, next morning the mirrored floor was cov-Sir Walter Scott, Lord Byron, Disraeli, ered thickly with dust that had sifted through the closed windows. Such a pande-Canning, Croker, Gifford and Sir John Bar row would certainly have interesting remi-niscences to relate. The Murray just de-ceased, who has been connected with the monium as reigned that night from 11 o'clock until 5 the next morning could only find its equal in Hades. The crashing of house for over 60 years, must have had an windows and heavy chimneys-the rollings equally interesting career. It covers a con-siderable period during which his father was alive and extends 49 years beyond. of immense detached tin roofs and the hideous wailings of the terrible winds made

As an epoch that should be as important as a night of horror long to be remembered; any in the history of literature. It is the and yet the first 20 days of January followera of Scott, Byron, Bulwer, Thackeray and Dickens, and John Murray knew and was ing were the most perfect days we ever experienced. All that a Californian would intimately associated with them all. The fourth Murray, another John, who now as-sumes entire control of the big publishing house's affairs, is a very capable, pleasant gentleman, of little more than 35 years of say about that awful night would be, "It blew a little." A few days after the storm we stepped into a shop in Pasadena to avoid a disagreeable wind while waiting for a car. age. For a number of years past he has taken the greater part of the work from his aged father's shoulders, and is esteemed I remarked about the unpleasant weather to the suave clerk. Like a true Californian he answered: "Yes, it is a very unpleasant very highly by the authors and writers with whom he has had dealings. day. I have been in Pasadena for six

years, and in all that time we have never experienced such weather as we have to-That very clever artist, cartoonist and day." When I recovered my breath I said: general illustrator, Harry Furniss, will "Young man, I admire you as the most irreproachable liar I ever met. We were at shortly visit this counthe hotel on the opening night." He try, it is said, to regain smiled pleasantly and said he had forgotten the health he has lost through hard work. that night. His endeavor to illus-

### They Love the Tenderfoot,

trate parliamentary They say California produces the smallest and other scenes for matches and the biggest liars. The natives one journal, to make smile complacently when this statement is timely cartoons for made, and that leads me to believe it true. Punch, and to carry Contracts here should always be made in out a unique panoramwriting and attested by a half dozen disinie lecturing tour at one terested witnesses. Strangers intending to Horry Furniss. and the same time settle need not expect the natives to give floored Mr. Furniss, and he will come here them a welcome which means honest treatto rest, quite an unusual thing, by the way, ment. In discussing the crops, and you may be sure that discussion is large and flowery, you will often hear, "And the most profitable crop in California is the Eastern for a foreign visitor to do. His indisposition is not regarded as very serious, and a short stay at Niagara, it is thought, will tenderfoot." However, the \* tenderfoot profits quickly by his lesson, and soon adopts the native tactics. Groves in bearwork the desired oure. The contemplation of many honeymoons may prove soothing even if the falls themselves and the hack ng, when the season is good, yield immens men thereof are not. A little later on Mr. profits, but a bearing grove is a costly pur-Furniss will take a peep at Washington as chase, and it takes some years and steady labor to transform the bleak brown land a tonic. With Congress in session, the tariff and silver bills under discussion, and into a floral or financial success. Servants, laborers and mechanics' wages are very Harry Furniss, pencil and book in hand,

have made its gardens so fine that they have but one rival—the Kew Gardens near London. The California gardens, however, have the advantage of being beautiful all year round. There is a 17-mile drive through the grounds, which com-prises mountain and marine scenery in a combination of surpassing lovelines.

A Metropolis in Each End.

San Francisco is the metropolis of North-ern California-Los Angeles of Southern California. While differing greatly in size, they have the same active population. In San Francisco the streets are never quiet. ban Francisco the streets are never quiet, but present an animated appearance at all hours of day and night. The elimate of both cities is unfavorable to sufferers from throat and lung troubles. For such persons

there are numerous places in the toot-hills from Pasadena to Redlands and from Riverside to San Diego, south to Old Mexico, keeping well back from the coast. The seawork has been signally proved in the full side resorts are all attractive, and when to a fine beach is added such a quaint and prospeed trials made at Spezzia with the Italian ronclad San Martino, in which both petro-

ductive rose garden as Santa Barbara, one can only regret that the place is still old-fashioned enough to exist without an hotel, such as the traveling public expect. The days of inns and taverns have gone by. For views some of the inland places are great rivals of the coast. The outlooks from the Raymond Hotel porches and from the Smiley Hills at Redlands are

matchless. In the Ojai Valley the scenery is very like that of the Allegheay Mount ains in summer. Which rec Notwithstanding many inconveniences and that California lacks much of the fin-

ished elegance and tender associations of Europe, foreigners are more enthusiastic about the States than Americans east of the Mississippi. SAMUEL A. AMMON.

# WORKERS OF THE CARINET.

How Elkins, Wanamaker and Foster Get Through Their Duties.

The Cabinet Ministers work hours afte he clerks have gone away. Secretary Elkins is always in the War Department till 6 o'clock. He does business rapidly, and he can get rid of 20 callers in 20 minutes, and send every man away happy. A great deal of his work he does in the morning at his house, and he usually comes to his office at 11. He says he works best in the morning, and that an hour before breakfast is

worth two afterward. Secretary Noble spends a full day at the Interior Department. He is particular to do everything himself, and he doesn't like to trust matters to others. He has no confidential manager like Wanamaker and Foster and the result is that he does

turn out matters so fast as the heads of Postoffice and the Tressury. Postmaster General Wauamaker comes to the de-partment early and you seldom find him at eisure until after 4 o'clock. He has had a big glass plate made for the top of his desk

of the United States fits under this so that the country and its postoffices are always before him. He does his business very quickly, decides matters at a glanes manages his department on business secretaries and he dictates all of his correspondence. All matters that can be attended to by others are given over to them and the result is that the Postoffice Department is in better condition than it has eve

Secretary Foster when he first came in said to his friends: "This Treasury, they say, killed Manning and Folger, but I can tell you I'm not going to let it kill me." As he said this his eves were bright, his dark face was tall of iron and the rosy molecules of pure blood shone through his skin. His step was firm and his big-boned, broad-shouldered frame was the personification of Worten eterated and anorar. He tabled Western strength and energy. He tackled the work and after a few months he broke down and since then he has been under the care of a doctor. He is a good worker, too, and he has as much common sense as any

# VERY LIKE BUCK FEVER.

man in public life. .

A Western Settler's Heroic Attempt to Bring D: wn a Buffato Buil. Forest and Stream. ]

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Children's Pledge,

Importing Bees From Cyprus.

Warding Off Grip Germs.

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Ladies use this

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the school children of Pittsburg:

Transcription is a comparatively simple Ten years ago the hunter ambitious to sematter, and it is made easier from the fact cure a bufalo could still go to a region that not only are the notes indicated on th where he could kill hundreds of them. Then record, but also their exact duration. there was a Western "town" into which the Fortunes in Smoke. buffalo often came down at night, and it The utilization of the smoke of factories is was not unusual for the residents when they becoming an element of greatest importance arose in the morning to see a bunch within The waste smoke and gases from the blast rifle range of the houses. Among the furnaces of a Scotch iron works are rented dwellers in this town was one who, alout for a handsome sum. From the works though he had lived on the frontier since they are conducted through several miles of the early '60s, had never killed a buffalo. wrought iron tubing, diminishing in size One morning when Hiram looked out of from 6 feet to 18 inches, and as the gases his door, he saw, not far away, a great buf-falo bull rubbing his ragged sides against cool there is deposited a considerable yield of oil. From a comparatively small factory the pole of an old cottonwood tree. Here ance such as had never befor some 25,000 gallons of furnace oil are thus recovered weekly, to say nothing of the large yield of sulphate of ammonia and residual gases which can be used as fuel for sented itself. "Such an opportunity might not occur again," and he was filled with great longing to kill this bull. Seizing a gun he crept out, and stealing distilling and other purposes. In many other industries the same disposition to use through the sage brush and among the trees, was soon quite near the bull. Its immense size-tor he had never before been close to what was formerly wasted is manifesting itself. A company has been formed in England a buffalo-somewhat startled the hunter, but he had gone too far to retreat now. for collecting the carbon dioxide given off at breweries and distilleries during the pro-cess of fermentation. This has hitherto been Feeling a little nervous, he leveled his gun and fired. At the report the bull jumped a little and then glared slowly about with an allowed to simply poison the atmosphere, and the loss is estimated at 25,000,000,000 air of the utmost feroeity, as if eager to pulverize whoever had fired the shot. This gallons a year, equal to \$2,500,000,000. It is intended to liquely the gas by a new slow, searching gaze and the brute's fierce aspect was too much for Hi's nerves. They gave way, and, dropping his gun, he ran nimbly to the nearest tree and climbed into process at about one-sixteenth the cost of the ordinary methods. The supply of liquid earbonic acid will be sold almost entirely to it with the activity of a boy. The bull, meantime, was thundering off in the oppomanufacturers of carbonated drinks, spite of this prospective economy of pro-duction it is not reported that any reduction site direction, while some of Hi's companions, in the price of the popular beverage known as "soda" is contemplated. who had been looking on, were shouting with laughter.

actual value as a fuel. The great objection that experts have hitherto had to liquid petroleum is that it would require specially constructed boilers in which to burn it, which could be provided only at enormous cost, while it would

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CHUNKS OF COAL OIL

The Man Who Can Put Up Petroleum

in Blocks Has His Fortune.

ITS UTILITY AS AN OCEAN FUEL

Capturing Fugitive Smoke and Changing

It to Useful Products.

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The value of petroleum as fuel in navy

leum and coal were used. The maximum

speed obtained with coal was nine miles an

hour, while that reached with the oil was 13

miles an hour. Experiments have also

been made under the auspices of the English

Admiralty with block petroleum in a tor-

pedo boat, the object being to ascertain its

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also necessitate the construction of special tanks for storage purposes. It has been found that block petroleum is much more powerful as a heat-giving agent than coal, and it is possible with it to attain a speed averaging over three knots an hour more

than would have been attained with ordinary fuel. The discovery of a cheap and effective method of solidifying petroleum will be a prize of such value that many chemists are now engaged in experiments and researches with that object in view. As is well known, the agitation of petro-

leum with soap produces an emulsion hav-ing more or less jelly-like consistency. The same result can be brought about by agitating the oil with water and ground sape Chemists have also tried the effects of

soaps made from various oils, making the soaps in contact with the petroleum by saponifying a vegetable or animal tat with either caustic soda, sodium, aluminate or sodium silicate. The oils, etc., used embraced linseed, rape, cotton, lard oil, suet, tallow, cocoanut oil and eastor oil. The best results were obtained with the last two oils. Sodium aluminate and silicate were found to answer better than caustic soda as saponifiers.

## Automatic Music Recorder.

Not many months ago an instrument was brought before the public by means of which, it was claimed, a permanent record of the improvisations of a performer on the piano could be made. The instrument, however, was somewhat complex, and it was found, in actual practice, to present features which militated against its general use. Another mode of attaining the object of the invention is now offered by a patent automatic music recorder, which can be attached to a piano, organ or harmonium without affecting the tone or the action in any way. A feeding and receiving roller are placed parallel to each other and to the front of the piano a few inches beyond the back of the ivory of the keyboard, inside the piano. On the feeding roller is a roll of paper, which moves upward to the receiving roller as soon as the clockwork attachment which revolves the rollers is started. As the keys are struck

both the location and value are registered by means of prickers on the moving sheet of paper. The apparatus being in position the composer has only to start the clockwork by pulling out a stop within easy reach of his left hand and to play upon his instrument, when his performance, to the extent of over 1,000 bars, 11 required, is recorded accurately for future reference

mm will report at Cincinnati on Tuesday good trim. According to present intenions the team who are to take part in the mening of the argument are: Baldwin, iller, Beckley, Bierbauer, Shugart, Far-Il, Smith, Hanlon and Swartwood. On aper they are a capital team, and if they in get into their average form they will ake some beating. During the last few lavs Elmer Smith has made a very good repression as an outfielder, and I suppose hat will be his regular position, but it is kely that he will not be a success as a ucher. True, his throwing has not been the highest order, but he will improve in this respect. So far, the greatest defect of the team has

been at third base. Farrell has been and is et sudly out of form, and it is no use shuting our eves to the fact. When once he ets into good trim I expect to see him do me very brilliant playing, and if he does ot he will compare very badly with the alance of the infield, because they are ceruinly giving promise of some very gilt-dged work this season. All of us will be glad that Baldwin is showing up in such good form thus early in the year. If he corps all right he will be a winner this year, and so will Galvin. Ehret is rapidly cetting into first-class fettle, and when he eaches that point he ought to be a very disctive nitcher Swartwood and Hanlo are also all right, so tar, and altogether i serve to me as it we had a better team that many of us think. One thing is sure, that when they once get their "eye on the ball' there will be some tremendous hitting, be anse, as a team, they are certainly very and hitters. Manager Buckenberger exocts the tenm to win tour out of the seven ames that are to be played on the team' est trip. If his expectations are realized I

# hink all of us will be content.

The County League. Everything is now in proper shape in he County League, and the members of hat organization are awaiting the opening f their season with very pleasureable feelugs. The schedule is apparently satisfacory to all concerned, and the teams are all ande up. It is generally considered that the teams are stronger this year than they were last year, and we may expect to find some very good playing. The East End yms have demonstrated already this sean that they are a good team. They hav Gambert and Thompson two excellent chers, and it is not easy to say who is th ttor of the two. And they have a good theid and one or two good infielders. y are a little weak behind the bat, but dring everything into consideration they ppear to be the strongest team in the nty L-ague. Ne Witkinsburg team are a stronger lot

players than they appeared to be at Ex-osition Park last Monday; indeed I ouldn't be surprised if they were to give Gyms an exceedingly hot argument turing the season. Gardiner is not a bad otcher, and I expect him to be very effective the County League. The Tarentums to have high aspirations and so have the Innsfields. Altogether there will be a ively time among our "amateurs." But ne thing ought to be fully recognized this , and that is the authority of the umpire. He has very great power now, and umpires worthy their positions will assert that worthy their positions will assert that power in the furtherance of order and respectability. This is a point that must be attended to if the County League is to have the public's respect.

# The New Cricket League

It is pleasing to note that a local cricket league has at last been definitely organized, and it now remains for the next few mouth to tell as to whether or not it is to be a sup-The great notion throughout the country at present is to "league" almost

verything of a sporting kind, and the ricketers have made up their minds not to be behind in this respect. True it is that the old and historic game is not as popular in this country as its friends would like to Lave besitated for one moment to fight

nen have been discussing plans for the season, and some of these plans are very extensive indeed. Pittsburg is in the swim, and I am informed that the Keystone Club is stronger in numbers and wealthier to-day han it was ever expected to be. But the hievele trade shows beyond a doubt that there is certainly a bicycle boom going on in Western Pennsylvania. This is satisfao tory, because bieveling is really one of the high class recreations, and, what is more, it is one of the most useful. But there is still another feature in connection with this sport. The more bicyclists we have the greater are the chances of our getting good roads. And most assuredly as the roads get better there will be more bievelists. I am

no desire to gain a cent out of it; their only

among its members, and to make sure o

prepared at all times to stretch a point or

o rather than have relationships strained.

eague and the officials have been wisely

Local Ameteur Boxing.

not at all referring to fighting or slugging.

Boxing pure and simple is what I mean and

in the world than boxing. If there was

more of it, that is in a rational way, we

would not have so many young men with sunken chests and round shoulders. This

fact is well understood among the savants of

It is also understood by everybody who has

paid any attention to the question. As a rule young men who steadily take their

boxing exercise develop into strong-cheited men and also men of muscle.

It is a pity that the kind of boxing I

am speaking of has been on the wane

for some time. I can remember the time when some of the most faithful and

put on the gloves, and some of them were just as clever as anybody I have ever seen.

care of their physical welfare in a way that nature and intelligence point-

ed out as one of the best. And anybody can learn to box if he is only put

kill the good exercise of boxing.

self "Professor," beware of him.

noble art popular.

know nothing of the art except what they

have seen in street brawls or read about in

Bicyciling on the Boom.

lleges and universities all over the world.

there is not a better or a healthier exercise

sustained

succeed if harmony is only

just as confident as I can be about anything that if we had as good high roads here as have the English people there would be more bievele riders in the United States than anybody dreams of to-day. But although the roads are a drawback

he sport is still remarkably well forward and it can be made more so in this locality if the Keystone Club would just make itsel a little more public. Why should the Keystones not give us a public entertainment? They could easily get up a field day and let us see how they are progressing in quality, and it might enrich their treasury o do so. If they were to arrange a day good bicycle contests here that would do ore good toward popularizing their sport than anything else.

# Optimistic Mr. Corbett.

A few days ago there appeared in THE DISPATCH a statement made by James J. Corbett, telling how he would deleat John L. Sullivan when they fight their battle. It is always satisfactory to see a contestant onfident, and there is no doubt in my mind about Corbett's confidence. If he goes into the ring with Sullivan I firmly believe that he will be confident o: making a draw or defeating the champion. But, while read-

ing Corbett's interesting talk as to what he would do in front of Sullivan, I was forcibly reminded of the table of the fox and the You may have read the fable while at chool, but I'll repeat it. The hounds were out after the fox when he met a cat. Rev

nard told the cat about the many tricks he had of escaping the hounds and the number rather peralized the poor cat. The latter only had one and that was to run up the tree. The hounds came and up the tree the cat went and Mr. Fox began to put his tricks into operation. He tried them all and then was caught. The cat escaped. Well, now Corbett has named many things that he'll do, but Sullivan has one trick that may likely end everything-that is hitting Corbett. If Sullivan can land on

Corbett all the latter's tricks will be worth. less. I am not going to say now whether he will land or not. The affair is too far off, but it is quite easy to see that the one trick of hitting as hard as Sullivan can hit may be worth all the dodging and reaching that Corbett can command. And Corbett may, of course, escape. He thinks he will, and he reasons very fairly and talks very gentlemanly on the matter. But even at this early date let me say that Corbett can only deleat or make a draw with Sullivan by tollowing the example of Charles Mitchell and Dominick McCaffrey. Certainly to do that will be perfectly legiti-mate, and I am of opinion that had the two men named never tought Sullivan, Corbett would not now have been matched to fight him. They showed where John L. Sullivan was weak, and Corbett doubtless thinks that what they did he can do. Considering

the time that has elapsed since Sullivan met Mitchell and McCaffrey, Corbett has much the best of it. Mitchell and Fritchard.

Readers of this column will know that am a strong believer in Ted. Pritchard. He

is a pugilist of the genuine order and when he challenged Mitchell the other day I was not at all surprised to learn that Charles did not feel inclined to meet Pritchard. There was a time when Mitchell would not

### International Athletic Contests

There have been many things said during the last few days about the prospects of international athletic contests this year. Subjects of this kind are always interesting, although not a local representative may be among the contestants. But a spirit of patriotism causes all of us to take an interest in contests of the kind in question.

I was talking to a very well informed man on this question the other day, and he was emphatic in the belief that this year the United States will be more prominent in international contests than she has ever been. This is a very strong and sweeping anticipation, simply because we have been so prominent before. But there are indications that the United States will be just as good this year as ever. Already we have one bievele rider in England, and it is likely he will let the Britishers know he is there before he returns. I refer to

Zimmerman, and report has it that the Manhattan Club intends to send Willie Windle to bear him company. The two of them ought to carry away many trophies. It is not likely that our athletic club

will send an all-around athlete to Europe year, but there is no reason why the English amateurs should not send one here I don't mean one like the Salford Harriers but a simon pure team of amateurs, and the best in England. They would do well here, and I venture to say they would be well taken care of. If would be interesting to have them here, just to see if they could sustain the same form here as they have in their native land. Professionals, as a rule,

lose form, and an amateur team coming he might still further enlighten us on that.

# A PLANT WITH THE PIANO

PRINGLE

### The Former Is a Sort of an Alarm on Condition of the Latter.

You know the sounding-board-the life o a piano-is forced into the case when it is made so tightly that it bulges up in the center. The wood is supposed to be as dry as possible, but of course it contains some moisture and gathers a lot more on damp days and in handling. Now when you put a piano in an overheated, dry room all this moisture is dried out and the board loses its "belly" and gets flabby and finally cracks. Even if it does not crack, the tone loses its resonance and grows thin and tinny, and the felt cloth, and leather used in the action dry up, the whole mechanism rattles, and the piano is blamed. in glass.

and the piano is blamed. How can you prevent it? Easily enough. Keep a growing plant in the room, and so long as your plant thrives your piano ought to, or else there is something wrong with it. Just try it and see how much more water you will have to pour on the flower in the room where your plano is than on the plants in any other room. Some people keep a huge vase or urn with a sopping-wet sporge in it near or under the piano, and they do this as long as their fires are kept up.

1819 at the advice of the court astrologers. A disastrous earthquake visiting Ava 20 years later, the capital was in turn removed to Monchobo again, and then again a short time afterward to Amarapoora, and again for the third time to Ava, and finally to Mandalay in 1857. Mandalay was then promising inlant city of a couple of years' growth. In 1855 the area on which it stands, on the bottom lands of the Irruwaddy was merely farm land. In 1856 the building of residence places was commenced, and one year later the palace was ready for the occupation of the Burmese court. The city proper is in the shape of an exact square, measuring a mile on each of the four sides The main streets intersect each other right angles, are macadamized, and 100 feet On account of its situation the city would be very pretty if it contained any buildings of consequence, but, excepting the king's palaces, there are none that amount to much.

### The Cottage of Sweet Anne.

It is very evident that the action of the trustees having charge of Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford in out-bidding American speculators for possession of the cottage wherein "Sweet Anne Hatheway' was born and wooed, puts an end to any possibility of its being brought to this country for exhibition at the World's Fair. After all, I do not think the Exposition is much the loser. It is difficult to conceive of any great measure of interest being taken in even this famous dwelling place when removed from its quiet, picturesque sur-roundings in historic Warwickshire. It roundings in historic Warwickshire. It may be argued that it would be prettily enough situated at the World's . even so, no matter how painstaking the efforts made, I do not taink it would be possible to surround the cottage by any artificial means so as to compen



fields of meadow sweet and rosemary and the quaint, oid-fashioned dwellings of the better known Stratford-upon-Avon, any part of which recalls the memory of the amous poet more vividly than would a row

of transplanted Hatheway cottages stretch-ing along the entire lake front of Chicago. The robin does not sing in the cage as when singing in the topmost branch, he pours out his soul to sulute the dawning day, the woodflower never looks as charm-ing in the vase as it does when half hidden by dead leaves in the forest ingle. The surroundings are quite as essential to a thing of wood or stone. "Sweet Anne's" home, without its neighboring Stratford and Coventry, Castles Warwick and Kenil-worth, Trinity Church and Avon river, would be almost as uninteresting as any other tumble-down dwelling, and as unsuit ably set in Chicago as a diamond would be

### The Organ-Grinding Viscount,

The prospects of Viscount Hinton, the organ-grinding son and heir of Earl Poulett. were made the subject of some sneering re marks in the English gossip cabled from London a few days ago. In the trial of a suit brought against Earl Poulett it came out that all the family estates were mort-gaged up to the handle, and Viscount Hin-ton's anguish at the news was painted in ing slow about him now,

comewhere about we may look forward some spirited drawings of Congressional scenes, as they appear to an Englishman who has made a world-wide reputation in inst such work.

### The Tax on Bachel

Bachelors had to pay dearly for their blessed freedom a century ago in England, and perhaps the Canadian Government, in its efforts to increase the population of the Dominion, may fall back upon the mother country's castoff expedient. Between 1695 and 1706 the tax on bachelors, by reason of their single estate, reached the maximum. It was graded according to rank, a mere gentleman paying about \$1 50, an esquire \$6 50, and so on up to a duke, who was taxed \$62 for the blessed privilege of remaining unmarried. Though this tax was materially reduced during the last century. it was not entirely abolished until 1853 This direct method of discouraging celibacy

has never been so popular as the encourage-ment of marriage by putting a premium on paternity, as is now done in several of the Canadian provinces.

### The Fuss About an Albino Robin.

The appearance of an albino robin in the neighborhood of Zanesville, O., has been deemed sufficiently important to warrant many telegraphic reports to the leading newspapers of the country. A white robin or albino bird of any description is really not so uncommon a freak of nature as most people suppose. It arises, as is well known, from the absence of coloring matter in the outer skin. Its cause has been fully explained by scientists and is generally well known. It occurs among all races of mankind, and it is possible and not uncommon among many species of animals. The abnormal whiteness of skin, hair,

feathers, etc., is due to exactly the same causes as in the human albino. causes as in the numan albino. We know of white blackbirds, mice, foxes, and every-body has seen white rabbits; as for white robins, to the writer's personal knowledge at least two have been killed in the vicinity of Pittsburg within the last few years, and a naturalist connected with a famous col-lege situated on the slope of the Allegheny Mountains, several years since, captured and now possesses a fine specimen in his study. One would think from the amount of fuss made that a white elephant-an-other kind of albino-had suddenly ap-peared in the neighborhood of the Ohio

# Unpopularity of Prince Alfred.

health the cable tells us is causing alarm in sate for the absence of lovely Shottery" English royal circles, has never been very popular. He has not the magnetic manners of the Prince of Wales, who is by the way as people are prone to forget, only four years older than Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, and is in his ways far younger than the latter. The Duke of Edinburgh is the sailor prince of the royal family, and, ought, therefore, to be a favorite with the people for the navy is the most popular institution in England. Perhaps it is the fact that he is not, very much of a sailor that stands in his way. Beyond running around a vessel which he commanded, this royal sailor, who is now an admiral, has not done anything very startling at sea. As a violin player Prince Alfred is more ambitious, but his playing is hardly cal-culated to make him popular. Recently a newspaper critic lambasted the royal musi-

cian for a performance of his, and in revenge he swears he will never play in public again. If he sticks to this resolution he

may yet achieve some degree of popularity. W. G. KAUFMANN,

### Bow He Has Changed Detroit Free Press. ]

Maddox-Jay Gould was once ger boy.

Gazzem-Is that so? Well, there's noth-

nigh. If you are not willing to toil your self you will need a long purse to get your land into shape. In El Cajon Valley we know a swell

young Bostonian who owns and runs a "raunch." The charms of the great hotels are frequently necessary to recall civilized life, and the "raunch" is run by hirelings. His income last year was \$1,200-expenses \$7,000. In answer to the inquiry whethe the ranch would ever pay, he said: "I don't know. I am only waiting a chance

work moderately and steadily, he can have comfortable maintenance in a few years rom even a ten-acre lot. In compa with the East, meanwhile, he is living in a heavenly climate, and a life free from small worries and cares.

### The Schools Are Magnificent.

A poor man's children have the benefit of a royal education. The public schools of California are conducted in palatial build-ings throughout the State. The salaries are liberal-the instructors of a high grade everywhere. The children are stunningso big-so bright-so healthy. They are a delight to look upon. Living out of doors almost every day in the year, and not bur-dened with too much study or stylish clothing, the young Californians make it seem as if a fine race of giants would be the outcome. Such physique-such complexions -and such appeti es! The girls are simply immense-both literally and in slang par-lance. The young Amazons tread the earth as if they were princesses. There is a fear-lessness about them which would be bold, if it were not so innocent and pure; a dig-nity, which would be pretentious, if it were not so natural, and a composure which would be affectation, were it not so woman-

ly and gracious. If you have never been to a citrus fair you can anticipate one of the pleasant sur-prises of life. Remembering the country fairs at home, I deemed it a waste of time one golden February morning in Los An-geles when we decided to attend the fair. Visions of Uncle-Tom-Cabin quilts, h made bread, big pumpkins, over-fed pigs, plows, etc., flung together in picturesque confusion under tents or in barn-like structure, arose as we neared Hazzard's Pavilion formerly a mammoth skating rink. Im igine our delight when we found that the ugly rafters overhead were entirely covered by a ceiling of the beautiful pepper tree branches, studded star-like in oranges and lemons, and the big supporting pillars and arches were gorgeously upholstered in royal

Everywhere gleamed myriads of golden oranges and yellow lemons, not heaped up in great unmeaning piles, but beautifully combined in tantastie shapes. Of ise of permanent prosperity. The cause of total abstinence is progressing rapidly among the Catholics of this vicinity. course, there were numerous tables on which the choice fruits of all kinds

were placed for the convenience of the judges awarding prizes, but the great bulk of oranges and lemons were made into A very excellent and popular stock of indesigns, representative of the place of pro-duction. Redlands had a model of her High School in oranges about 20 feet wide, 30 feet long and proportionately high. The frame, being of wire, allowed fancy architeedustrious honey-getters has recently been introduced from Cyprus. When the Venetions owned the island, 200,000 hives were kept there. People used honey for sugar in those day. Now there are only 30,000 hives, owing to oppressive taxes levied upon the industry by the Turks. The residents ture. San Diego was represented by the fort hoped for. The orange walls made an the industry by the Turks. The residents are unusually unwilling to sell any of their bees, believing that those left behind will fly away after the ones which are disposed of. Accordingly the purchaser is com-monly obliged to buy 50 hives in order to secure fifty queens. effective background for the iron guns that had lemons for shot and shell. There was a towering Chinese pagoda of lemons, a tem-ple, an arch, an obelisk and innumerable small designs. Even the perennial "Gates Ajar" appeared in mandarines-the whole

Some on a tremendous scale. Inere are two that overtop all the rest in spieudor. One is spoken of as "A veritable dream by the sea." It is the one place in the world, where even, the nervous American is content to lounge and dream away the golden winter days-dolce far niente. The other great hotel is placed in a forest miles in extent. The live oaks there are

frequently on damp nights when going to parties or balls where exposure to the night air may induce chilliness and cold. It is at among the oldest and finest. With the primeval forest as a natural beginning, money and art in a few years aystem through the mouth and nose.

### Recording the Density of Smoke.

An ingenious instrument has been pat-A Letter From Bis Eminence on the School ented for recording the density of smoke passing in chimney flues, by means of which His Eminance, Cardinal Gibbons, has sent comparative diagrams of the actual perthe following letter to one of the gentlemen formance of a chimney at various times can interested in the total abstinence pledge for be obtained. In his initial experiments the inventor found that by exposing pieces of paper in smoky chimneys and withdrawing CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE, BALTIMORE, March 25. hem after a few seconds he obtained marks My DEAR SIN-I am very much pleased with the form of pledge which it is pro posed to give to school children. I am ac customed, on the occasion of confirmation, to ask the children to accept such a pledge corresponding in depth with the amount of smoke passing up. He also ascertained that in order to obtain accurate results the paper should be kept cold. On the strength of these observations he so constructed his in-strument that a strip of paper may be ex-posed for a definite time in the interior of a chimney and changed by elockwork after If they remain temperate till the age of 21 years there is strong hope that they will be years there is strong hope that they will be strengthened by the good habit. If such a form meet with the approval of your Bishop you will be engaged in a noble work in extending it as far as you can. May God bless your firm endeavor. Faithfully yours in Christ, Corn Gumors the required period of exposure. It is kept cool in the meantime by water circulating through the tube on which it is wound. This

J. CARD. GIRBONS instrument will be of great service in pro-The first edition of the school pledge is almost exhausted. St. Kiernan's Ladies' Society, under the direction of its presi-dent, Miss Bertha C. McIutire, gives prommoting the economy of fuel by enabling exact records of the enormous waste in encaping smoke to be made.

### The Cigarette Eve Epidemic,

Notwithstanding all that has been said as to the hurtfulness of tobacco smoke to the eye, many opticians hold a contrary opinion. Cigarette smoke, however, comes under a different class, and concerning its noxions effects the professional voice is unanimous. The harmful nature of eigar-

ette smoke lies not in the tobacco but in the paper, in the manufacture of which chem-icals have been employed that induce serious consequences when brought into contact with the eye. In some large cities contact with the eye. In some large chies "cigarette eye" is quite an epidemic, and a most dangerous affection it is. The eyes become dim and covered with a film-like gathering which comes and goes at inter-vals, and there is a loss of control of the nerves of the eye, which, if neglected, may lead to assume the the lead to permanent trouble.

# Unwearable Stair Treads.

A preventive messure against grip and An excellent stair tread has been patnalaria is to keep a handkerchief to the ented, composed of chilled steel or iron and mouth and nose that has been thoroughly lead. The two metals are arranged in strips, and the one withstands the wear, while the other affords a firm toothold. This combination possesses many advantages over cast iron strips and lead. Cast iron strips soon become worn and slippery, while lead gets ragged at the edges, spreads out and is soon trodden down.

show a poem of gold. California has numerous and varied hotels. Some on a tremendous scale. There are

palms and smilax galore. Artistic Displays in Fruits.

to sell it to an Eastern sucker." If a man of small means is willing to

The Duke of Edinburgh, whose failing