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We have seen the opening end of the baseball season of 1892, and I venture to say that the majority of admirers of the national game were well satisfied with it. What the closing end will be nobody can tell, and doubtless there will be many surprises before then.

Financially the inauguration of the season was quite a success. Considering the early part of the year the attendance was extremely large, which is a good indication for the general success of the season. The opening day was a cold one all round, and it may be worth while asking, Is it not too early in the year to open the season? The length of the present season entails cold weather and much of it both at the beginning and end of the season, that is the probability of cold and bad weather is much greater than it would be if the senson was shorter. This disadvantage certainly keeps down the attendance in many cases far be-

The season has not progressed far enough yet by any means to give us anything like a correct estimate of the teams in the League. It is not fair at this stage to begin anything like criticism. But while we cannot go fairly into details, a few general remarks may be made. It seems to me that Baltimore and Washington are going to have two very poor teams and if they get very far behind Pittsburg will be a sufferer as the Baltimore team are our holiday attraction. The players of both teams are considerably out of form entirely because of lack of training. This is as much the fault of the management as anybody else. The New York team are going to be a strong lot without all signs fail and it will be no surprise to me if they make matters very warm for the Bostons. I prefer to wait a little longer before tons are as strong as they were last year. The Phillies are also a strong lot and have proven that already. Brooklyns are not as strong as they seem to be and when they

get fairly up against good people this state-ment may be verified. But the Louisvilles are a surprise. They are indeed much stronger than almost anybody thought and it is not unreasonable to say that the Chiengo team are rot as strong as they were last year, Cincinnati has a very good team and many people will find that out before next October. The start of the Reds may not have been as good as expected but if that team pulls together, depend upon it they will be a strong lot, and so will the Clevelands. The Browns do not promise to be in the first six by any means. Altogether the start off leads us to

The Local Club's Prospects. So far there is really nothing to grumble shout as far as the club and its team are concerned. True there is a very long road ahead yet, in fact our players are hardly fairly on o the road, but they have demon strated that they are not as bad to start with as many people thought they would be. All of us who have the interest of the club at heart must feel extremely glad at the showing that Charley Farrell has made. It seems safe to say that he is destined to do the many brilliant things that have been predicted. It is also now very clear that during the recent exhibition games at Exposi-Park, he was not exerting himself. And Beckley, too, is starting out well and so are Baldwin and Galvin. In short, they are all doing very satisfactory work.

I am sure we will all feel extremely sorry

about the mishap of Captain Hanlon. There is not a more earnest and energetic ball player in the land to-day than Hanlon, and I may add that there is not a player in the world rendier to make sacrifices for a club world rendier to make sacrifices for a club than is Hanlon. Like all of us, he has his friends and enemies, but his bitterest enemy cannot gainsay what I have just stated concerning him. When a player of his good and honest qualities gets disabled anything like a generous club, such as the Pittsburg is, will stand by him. He is at all times ready to stand by a club.

It is likely that his hitting and base-running will be missed, as if Corkhill is to replace him the latter may not get down to hitting the ball very readily. But Corkhill will be all right in the field. But it is to be hoped that Captain Hanlon will soon be all right again. It is also to be hoped that Ehret will not be long out of condition, as his services will be needed most certainly.

Our Opening Day. Of course we are all anticipating the opening day and in all probability, weather permitting, it will be a good one. The St. Louis team ought to be a good card for an opener, and if our sluggers do well at Louisville, the crowd here on Thursday should be a big one. It will be bigger still if we win that postponed game Weinesday. Local cranks can easily remember the rivalry there used to be between the Browns and the Alleghenies and what rattling

the last six or seven years.

The directors of the club deserve a good opening day and it is to be hoped that the inaugural here will not only be good, but that the enthusiam will be sustained long enough to make the club a profitable investment this year. A few victories in succession on the home grounds will have a great effect on public feeling, because there never been a "distance" race run correctly are no feelings so susceptible to the in-fluence of victory or defeat as the feeling of This is very unsatisfatory both to the conbaseball cranks. It may be unpleasant to
Von der Ahe of course, but it would be
likes to know his correct time, but it is imhighly satisfactory to Pittsburg cranks if the Browns were not to win a game here this

some effect for good. More About Bicycling. Last week I had a few words to say about bicycling, and during the last day or two I have been extremely surprised to find that such a large number of Western Pennsylvania citizens are interested in this sport Several letters on the subject have reached this office since last Sunday, and while the statements of some of the writers may be a little exaggerated, it may be accepted as a fact that the bicycle riders are more numerous in and about Pittsburg than is gener-

One correspondent writes: "I voice the opinion of hundreds of local bicycle riders when I say that it is true you gave wheeling a place in your category of sporta.

Every other sport gets good notices by you except bicycle riding, and you must not forget that the riders in Western Pennsylvania number into the thousands. Our vania number into the thousands. Our enemy of Corbett's, says Jim has acted persport ought to receive more attention from feetly right and is a good man. So does

you newspaper writers, as it is the equal at least of any other sport, and just as pop-

What our correspondent says may be true to the letter. I am not in a frame of mind to dispute what he tells us, but it must be known to bicycle riders themselves that the lack of news in newspapers concerning them is almost entirely due to themselves. If they were a little more energetic in newsgiving and I might say in sport-making, there might be more reason to complain. While bicycling is a sport, there is little or no sporting news in it if riders simply get no further than indulging in easy road exercise for their health's sake. But we'll keep track of the wheelmen, and

in the meantime would be pleased to find them trying to arrange a series of local contests. Out of such a large number of riders there ought to be some good and promising material, and it is only public competition that proves to us the sterling material. I remember very well when the famous George Waller was refused an entry in the historic six-day bicycle race at Islington Park.
Waller was not known to the public,
and his entry was declined because the
promoters thought he was not class
enough. After considerable higgling and dickering he was allowed to start and he won the contest, which was remarkable for the desperate struggle between he and Terront, the French champion. The fame of Waller was then established. By all means public competition should be en-

couraged and clubs should be organized. English Football Champions.

A correspondent writes me asking to have THE DISPATCH publish the picture of the champion football team of England. Of course, he forwards to this office the 11 pictures. The request is a little too much, I am sorry to say, because of the great demands on space. Judging from their pic-tures the champions are a fine looking lot of young men, and certainly they have proven

themselves a splendid team of players. But there is one noteworthy feature of the English championship football contest this year, and that is the increased interes regarding it in this country. Until this year one hardly ever heard tell of the "English Cup" contest in the United States, but this year almost all the daily papers have noticed it. All levers of football now know of the West Bromwich Albion team, the champions of the year, and while we hear them talked of we seldom hear the name of the Blackburn Rovers mentioned, although they have won the cup five times. This fact is simply because this is the first year there has been anything like an inter-

est in international football. Of course, this augurs well for football here next fall; indeed, so well does it brighten the prospect that I will be greatly surprised if football is not far away and ahead next fall of anything like what it has been in the past. Already teams are being selected for next fall, and we may expect to see better Rugby and better asso tion playing before next New Year's Day

It is to be hoped that the little difference among the local association players will be smoothed over before long, and that the teams will be kept intact. They are too good a lot to be broken up.

Opening of the Running Season It is not stretching one's imagination to say that the running season has fairly commenced. We have had one Derby run for, viz: the Tennessece event, although its prestige is not of much brilliancy. Still it is a Derby, and Memphis patrons of the races will doubtless think much of it. But the Derby in question has apparently not introduced to us any young wonder, as good authorities argue that the winner. Tom Elliott, is only of mediocre class. The truth s that owners of first-class 3-year-olds no longer have anything like a strong desire to enter them in Southern Derbys because there is so little money in them. There is more money in a comparatively small Eastern stake, hence the poor class of Southern

But whatever the opening of the season may mean in the South, there are sure indientions of a busy season in the East. Advices from the East state that speculation on the big bandicaps never was so brisk at this time of year, and many bookmakers have declared their books "full." This indicates prosperity in horse racing, and the pros pects of continued prosperity are probably better now than before because the public

is much better protected.

Longstreet, as we all know, is being backed very heavily for the Brooklyn, and there are the best accounts of him. To be sure, when a horse's price gets down to the short price of 6 to 1 in a handicap race, such as the Brooklyn is, there must be a very large amount of money on the horse, And often this makes the horse "shaky."

It has done it on very many occasions.

Often I have watched the public "plunge"
on a horse so much to the disgust of the owners that the public weke up to find themselves very badly left. It is this early plunging that prompts the suspicious feel-ing about Longstreet. He is a good horse, that is true; but 6 to 1, at the present stage, is a very dear figure, and it may be costly to

Just What Is Wanted.

Once more we are told that Pittsburgers are to have a first-class cinder path. This time it is to be made in Recreation Park. I hope the news is true. Very often we have been fooled on this very same question, but I am assured that there is to be a good track made right away. Already readers of this paper know that the Allegheny Athletic Association has leased Recreation Park, and it is as a result of that leasing

needed in this city; a track on which foot races and bicycle races could take place for one good track could be made suitable for both and if the three A.'s can possibly be instrumental in getting a track laid down they will be worthy the kind words of all lovers of outdoor sports in this vicinity. I understand that the Three A's are going to

There is no city in the United States where track contests are better patronized than in Pittsburg. And we have the talent, both amateur and professional. Were there a good track and correctly measured, we would have more runners than we have ever had and we would have a much better class of bicycle riders than we have seen

lots of old-time feeling Thursday, although things have changed considerably during for the race between himself and Jordan.

Peter Priddy tells me that he expects me we track at Recreation Park to be ready for the race between himself and Jordan. for the park and also for the race. Of course, the proposed race is to be three miles, but it has always been difficult to get long distances correctly measured in our parks. I am inclined to think that as lar

There is never apy objection on my part to deal with communications that call in question any statement of mine providing said communications are respectful, correctly signed, not too long and we have space to deal with them. A day or two ago I received from a Mr. W. L. Casey, of

Allegheny, the following:
"Knowing how impartial you generally "Knowing how impartial you generally are, it surprises me that you do not give Corbett more of a show in your columns.

"While you defend Charlie Mitchell, whose best friends will admit is the loudest mouthed man in the business (with the possible exception of Sullivan), you characterize Jim as a bluffer and blower when he has scarcely said a word. Hasn't he a right to fight Sullivan? And what right have you to insinuste that the fight will be a fake? Mayor McLaughlin, of the Callfordia Athletic Club, who is an avowed enemy of Corbett's, says Jim has acted perenemy of Corbett's, save Jim has acte

Billy Edwards, Muldoon and nearly every prominent man who knows anything about pugilism. There are ignorant blowhards who think when any man even offers to fight Sullivan, this archeged of theirs, that it should be a signal for all manner of abuse. Wait till you see what Corbett is before you call him coward and cur. It seems to me his accepting John L.'s challenge shows him not to be what you term him."

A Few Words to Mr. Casey. If Mr. Casey had written a few more lines about Corbett he would probably have become so excited to only every-body a blackguard and a jackass who does not think as he does. He almost does it, and I give his statement in full just to let readers see what kind of fair-minded correspondents we have to deal with.

But Mr. Casey makes a straw man and knocks him down. I have never said that "Corbett is a cur and a blower." I have said that he acted as no brave man would act when Mitchell insulted him. I have never said or insinuated that Sullivan and Corbett are going to fight a take. If Mr. Casey is not a little more careful he may be charging me with eloping with my grand-

mother next. Mr. Casey cannot possibly have read what I have written about Sullivan or he would never for a moment talk such non-sense regarding my abusing any man merely because he wants to fight Sullivan. Mr. C. and others should at least read a little and try and understand what they do read be fore they make foolish and false charges.

Now the truth is I have not yet said anything about Corbett's fighting abilities, excent stating that he has not proven himself a first-class man. His contest with Jackson oved that. He may be a great fighter but he has not shown it yet. That's all I have to say about his fighting, no matter what Major McLaughlin, Billy Edwards or anybody else says. Scores of men told us Maher was a world-bester before he met Fitzsimmons. Corbett is an excellent boxer and only like all pugilists in the "show"

Pritchard and O'Brien. According to cabled reports from England match has been finally made between Ted Pritchard and Jack O'Brien. Should a battle take place between them it will be of the greatest interest to American patrons of pugilism, because the winner is sure to be challenged by more than one man.

O'Brien is comparatively unknown, but from information I have received I think he is a good man. It is natural to ex-pect that he is rated as a first class man because those who are behind him know Pritchard and have seen him fight. A very good authority told me some time ago that he did not think there would be a man in the next ten years who could defeat Pritchard at even weight. The authority who has thus spoke has seen all the best men of the last 15 years fight and I have a great respect for his colories.

great respect for his opinion.

But it is too soon yet to definitely figure on results, although I am strongly inclined on results, although I am strongly inclined toward Pritchard. There are more scientific men than he, but it would be difficult to find a more natural pugilist. He is built to be a staver and many people who know him well think he is as good a stayer as was the famous Savers. He has methods similar to those that Sayers was noted for. But O'Brien may be also something more than ordinary and we will wait awhile before definitely pronouncing on the matter. definitely pronouncing on the matter.

The Hall and Fitzsimmons Match. If the programme of the Olympic Club is carried out as it is proposed we will cerainly have an extraordinary week in September next. The club has already decided to give \$25,000 for the Sullivan and Corbett contest, and now \$10,000 is offered to Hall and Fitzsimmons and \$10,000 to Meyer and McAuliffe, all three contests to take place in one week.

Hall and Fitzsimmons have already signed articles to fight before "a club for \$12,000 or more," but the club is not named. They agree to fight at catchweight, and I dare say the contest will rank among the most in-teresting if it takes place. There has certainly been any amount of talk between the parties, and now that they are matched the articles are so lax that either man can decline to go on with the contest and will suffer no penalty. Certainly the articles of agreement are the worst that have been signed for a long time; in truth, they are no better than no articles at all. They provide better than no articles at all. They provide that the contestants will fight before a club to be "mutually agreed upon." That is such a big loophole as to render the articles useless, and then in arranging for the deposits of the outside bets "two deposits" are mentioned, but nothing is said as to what the deposits shall be. In short, the articles have evidently been drawn up in a hurry and signed in a hurry, without any thought, and everything seems to have been taken for granted.

aken for granted. The contestants and their friends may be in carnest and may mean all right, but the articles are such as to lead one to believe as Parson Davies said, "all are after money." Whether they will get a purse of \$12,000 to fight for or not I don't know, but already Eastern sporting men are stating that the two Australians are likely to down the public. Of this I know nothing and can only say at present that there is reason to believe that each man will do his best to win. Fitzsimuons has made a big concession and has given Hall his own way relative to

weight. About the Two Men. A day after the men were matched there were patrons of the ring ready to bet on the result, and if the battle goes on it is safe to say that the betting will be very heavy. One of the contestants is known to us more or less, but the other is a complete stranger, that we are to have the track.

Now a cinder path or track is just what is and the more I discuss in my mind their reand the more I discuss in my mind their respective merits the more I am inclined to favor the chances of Fitzsimmons. A week or two ago I had a notion that Hall at 165 pounds would be almost too much for Fitz, but when one begins to investigate thoroughly, an extremely good case is found for the vanquisher of Dempsey and Maher.

According to measurements, Fitzsimmons is a higger man than Hall into these size is

do many things at Recreation Park, but if they do anything it ought to be the laying needed, and I am disposed to feel certain that Hall is no better ring tactician than Fitz; indeed, I give the preference to the latter on this point. We must not forget that Hall has done nothing here yet, and failed to knock a man like Mike Boden out in four rounds. He hit Boden often enough, and that tells against Hall because if the and that tells against Hall, because if there had been force behind the blows Mike would have been downed. Fitzsimmons has proven himself both a hitter and a boxer. He knows Hall, and has faced him before. This is a very important fact, because Fitzsimmons and his trainer, Carroll, are two of the shrewdest men in the pugilistic business to-day. There is another feature. We have lately been so often fooled by these "great fighters" who have done nothing in public, that it seems safer to rely on a man who has publicly proven

himself a good one.

To be sure, there is plenty of time to talk about the contest before it takes place.

There will be much said about it before it all cranks. It may be unpleasant to der Ahe of course, but it would be a satisfactory to Pittsburg cranks it becomes were not to win a game here this. Victory then would certainly have effect for good.

More About Bicycling.

In the content of the contest-and about it before it testants and the public. A runner always it is impossible to give it to him if the track is not correct. A properly laid track will do away with the difficulty.

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Easter Sunday is one of the days that can arouse more varieties of emotion in the human breast than any other date of the calendar. There's no difference as to the meaning of the day, but there's an awful lot in the ways in which human beings take it. To the good Christians, as well as to a good many very bad sinners, it means more than words can tell; to a lot of other Christians-and sinners, too-it doesn't seem to mean much except the end of a 40day period of short rations and supersoundant church services. Between these two crowds there is a multitude that thinks only of what can be got out of it, and another multitude that devotes itself to

wondering how to get out of it. For instance, there is the married man, perhaps with a lot of grown daughters, too. Easter smashes his pocketbook as easily as if it were an Easter egg that hadn't been boiled long enough. I never see pater familias going to church Easter morning, with all the pretty faces of his family topped off with new bonnets and his own face covered with an expression of "Howin-thunder-am-I-to-pay-all-the-bills," without wanting to crawl into the pearest sanctuary and thank heaven that I never ceased to be a bachelor.

It's Money Well Invested. But why should men grumble at paying for anything which brings down upon woman an actual avalanche of Sabbatic satisfaction? As I never was a woman, I can't know how a woman feels in a new Easter bonnet, but it she feels half as lovely as she looks, I'd borrow money from my worst enemy rather than have her go without the handsomest

Easter crown that milliners could supply.

I heard a good story the other day about an Easter bonnet. It seems that a lively young fellow who had an affectionate wife was fool enough to go and give part of his heart to a chorus girl at a theater, to whom heart to a chorus girl at a theater, to whom he gave some presents also. In the course of time Easter approached, and the girl hinted that she couldn't afford a new bonnet; so did the wife. Like most other young fellows of the same kind, he ordered the girl's long enough beforehand to be sure that it would be done in time and he put up a lot of money for it; then he told his wife that he would to be some that it would be done in time and he put up a lot of money for it; then he told his wife that he would try to economize in some way so as to give her money enough to buy some-thing that would do. He went out of town for a few days, getting back the Saturday afternoon before Easter, and also getting a blast from his wife for forgetting what she most wanted for the next day, so he hurried off to the club, first stopping at the miliner's to make sure of the other woman's bonnet being done.

Phenomena He Couldn't Understand, It was; it had just been sent out. He we went around that evening to see it tried on, but the young woman sent word she was "not in," so he went back to the club to drown his sorrows in the flowing bowl. Next morning when he awoke his wife was on her knees by his bedside, kissing him and calling herself all kinds of beasts for on her knees by his bedside, kissing him and calling herself all kinds of beasts for having been cross to him the day before, when he had all the while been planning so delightful a surprise for her. While he was trying to get wide enough awake to know with which he took the egg sidewise in his

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"I'm almost famishing with hunger," said he, "but I'll break this obdurate egg before I taste a morsel of anything else," with which he took the egg sidewise in his api7-2

that it was all about his wife hurried out

of the room, returning in a moment, tossing her head prettily and exclaiming: "It's just too lovely for snything."

On her head was the bonnet ordered for the other woman! The tellow betook him-self again to his pillow and to deep thought, and it was not until the next day that he learned the milliner had lost the chorus girl's address, locked in the direc-tory for the man's and sent the bonnet to his house like the respectable woman she his house, like the respectable woman she was. He reformed that day, and has been on the dead straight ever since, which shows that the devil isn't always allowed to have his way, even when men are willing to help him along.

What Easter Is to Boys.

Next to the florists and extra choir singers, the small boy in the country gets the most solid comfort out of Easter. I say "solid" advisedly, because he lays him out on Easter eggs, and he boils them until they on Easter eggs, and he boils them until they are as hard to swallow as one of Browning's poems or the year's first run of trout stories. When he starts for Sunday school his jacket-pockets look as if he had been rushing the season and hooking apples somewhere, while the "chip," "chip" of the eggs which he and the other bad boys are "fighting" under the seats while the prayer is going on is more musical to his unresent. is going on is more musical to his unregen-

I know what I am talking about, for I was one of those boys myself not many years ago, and what I didn't know about eggs, in-cluding those made of basswood or white marble—also of the shells carefully blown and then as carefully filled with plaster of paris, with enough salt in it to harden quickly, was merely what wasn't worth knowing. I won so many other eggs, by cracking them with mine, that I had to coax a boy or two to help me eat them. Among the fellows whom I cleaned out was the minister's son, who was an imaginative little chap and very forgiving likewise, for after I had won all of his eggs he got his mother to invite me home to eat Easter dinner with the

The Pastor and the Fighting Egg His father was pastor of a country church—one of the congregations which saves all its baptisms and new members, to say nothing of funerals and weddings, for Easter Sunday, so when at last the good man did get out of church and reached the dinner table he announced that he was so hungry that he could eat a pickled tramp As there chanced to be no such delieacy As there chanced to be no such delicacy in the pantry, and as, moreover, the old man had a warm spot in his heart for all juvenile customs, he said that he would like to be in the meal with an Easter egg. His son looked shamefacedly at his father, and then reproachfully at me; as for the smaller children, they had disposed of their own so thoroughly that there was nothing left but a lot of highly colored shells.

The pastor looked inquiringly at his son, to whose relief Satan suddenly came, for the little scamp slyly put his hand into my

little scamp slyly put his hand into my pocket and took out my fighting egg, which he passed to his father. I didn't recognize it at sight, though the boy and I afterward settled the matter behind the barn.

"It's a very pretty custom," said the old gentleman, holding the egg far enough from his old eyes to look it over, "a very pretty custom to make food gay with all colors, in honor of this most glorious of festal days." Then he gently rapped the egg on the table to break the end. It didn't break, so he tried again, remarking: The Egg Was a Puzzier.

"I wonder why it is that egg shells are arder at some seasons than at others?" harder at some seasons than at others?"
"It isn't the shell, father," explained the minister's wife. The whole egg is hard; somehow the boys always want them boiled half an hour at Easter."
"Still, my dear," said the old gentleman, making another attempt, "it stands to rea-son that the shell can't be made harder by boiling." Then he gave it another rap, af-ter which he looked at it indignantly, and

and and fiercely whacked the edge of the table with it; then he extended his hand, and displayed my plaster of paris fighting egg, in two pieces.
"There, children," said he, smiling once

again, "you see what determination and perseverance will do. Let this be a lesson to you. If—why, bless my soul, there's no volk to this egg."

Then the good man's wife examined the egg and looked unuterable things at her and who reinted to me and whinnessed. son, who pointed to me and whispered,

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Only \$3.49 Each. English Tweed Skirts, with suspenders and Only \$5.98 Each. Broadcloth and Cam-

There's a very choice collection of elegant Habit Cloth Cos- beautifully tailor-made \$8 Habit Cloth tume. It's a \$12 costume, Suits, with Norfolk waists and bell tight-fitting basque and full skirts. They come in tan, navy and bell skirt. It has also the black. You can choose any of these merit of being a regular suits you please this week for

\$4.49 Each

An excellent lot of \$10 Tailor-They come in Tan, Gray, made Blazer Suits, with bodice, in Navy and Black, and our gray, tan, navy or black Cheviot or Ladies' Cloth,

Only \$5.98 Each

We've got a stock of Tan Reefers wonderful, but really commendable, stock of separate skirts in all the stylish, sensonable, fashionable fabrics, which we're enabled to dispose of at very near half their value, as follows:

Beditaged Cord Skirts Bedford Cord Skirts, Reefers besides, as

well as neat mixtures. Tan Reefers 'll sell this week From \$3.74 to \$18 Each.

Black and Navy Reefers this week

For \$4.98. \$5.98 From \$2.99 and \$7.99 Each. to \$25. Ladies, if you're desirous of studying economy in outfitting the little ones, then be sure and visit our CHILDREN'S SUIT DEPARTMENT. It's amazing the amount of popularity this department has already been the recipient of during its short but triumphant journey. We've got full lines of Children's Dresses and Boys' Kilt Suits in all the newest styles of cut,

LOTS OF MONEY. Beautiful new patterns in those \$2 best Indigo Blue Wrappers; all to go at the wonderful price of

Our Beautiful Millinery Department

fashion, material and weave at prices, as usual, THAT'LL SAVE YOU

FULL OF PRETTY, STYLISH HATS, Etc. Nearly 300 different styles and shapes of Hats, trimmed and untrimmed, to choose from. Not one of them but what has some special feature of beauty. And our Hat Trimmings, Ribbons, Jets, Aigrettes, Pins and a whole world of Flowers resplendent in their beautiful, variegated effulgence, besides all the other luxuries and embellishments for adorning first-class, tony millinery. And when all is said and done, the best evidence that could be brought forward in substantiation of assertions made by thousands of ladies that our millinery is far and away ahead of anything in these parts is the simple but far-reaching fact that these assertions have been backed up by increased patronage almost doubling the season so far.

AND NOTE, PLEASE-Mourning Millinery in all its details. A very special feature with us, and expeditiously attended to.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS-A most wonderful galaxy of Outing Caps, Tam O'Shanter Caps, 'Varsity Caps, Fez Caps, Yachting Caps, and dozens of other cute, pretty, natty, stylish caps for Misses and Children, all made up and finished in the neatest manner possible, and at prices that are within the reach of all.

WHITE GOODS, COUNTERPANES AND LINENS. Real Business Promoters They Be.

100 pleces very pretty, different sizes and styles of checks, 12c fine Nainsook Then there's other lots, both striped and barred; they're the 15c, 18c, 20c, 30c and 35c Nainsooks—they are Now for 10c, 12c, 15c, 19c and 25c a yard 25c pieces of 14c, 18c, 22c, 25c, 33c, 40c and 50c fine to super Plain White Lawns and India Linens Now for 10c, 12c, 15c, 19c, 24c, 29c and 39c a yard 50 pieces fine 40-inch 20c Hemstitched Lawn, 3-inch hem, to be sold to-

And there's other 3 lots of finer Hemstitched Lawns—they're 25c, 30c and 35c Lawns, and have got 5-inch hem,

Now for 17c, 19c and 24c a yard

But see those four beautiful fine lots of 42-inch Hemstitched Lawns, with pretty fancy open-work borders. They're 60c, 80c, 90c and 31 25 Lawn, but will sell

Now for 49c, 69c, 74c and 99c a yard

768 of those large size, heavy weight, pretty \$1, \$1 50, \$2, \$2 25, \$2 75, \$3, \$3 75 and 50 White Counterpanes Now for 75c, 99c, \$1 24, \$1 49, \$1 74,

We've got 500 pairs of Cambric and Swiss Muslin Pillow Shams. They're all nice, fine goods; some ere exquisitely fine, some are hemstitched, some hand embroidered, while others are elaborately embroidered on finest Corded Swiss, veritable perfections of pillow sham beauty. Not a pair of these is worth less than a dollar, while the finest ones are worth \$8 of anyone's money.

Now for 19c, 74c, 99c, 81 24, 81 99, 82 49, 82 49, 83 99 and 84 99 a Pair.

Very pretty, indeed, are those 40c, 62c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 50 pure Linen Dresser Scarls that we'll sell

Equally attractive, those 16c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 62c and 75c pure Linen Spinshers now marke'l

Awfully useful, those tidy-looking 35c, 50c, 65c, \$1, \$1 50 and \$2 pure Linen Hemstitched Tray Covers, fringed,

For 21c, 39c, 49c, 74c, 99c, and \$1 24 Each

Enchantingly beautiful those \$5 50 and \$6 50 artistic developments in Applique Dresser Scarls

Now for \$3 99 and \$4 24 Each

And in same class of goods there's 55 Table Covers that are worth \$7 50; our price for And in same class of goods there's 55 Table Covers that are worth \$7 50; our price for them'll be

Rut 84 49 Each And in same class of goods there a war them'll be
Pretty patterns in 50c,62c,75c, 88c, 95c, \$1 and \$1 50 in heavy Bleached Damask Table
Linens' II sell
For 36c, 39c, 49c, 59c, 69c, 74c and 99c a Yard
Nice styles of lovely Linen Damask \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2, \$2 50, \$3, \$3 50, \$4 25 and \$5 50
Dinner Napkins
For S9c, 99c, \$1 24, \$1 49, \$1 99, \$2 49.

We've just cleared (for spot cash) a superb lot of Ladies' pretty Solid Silver \$10 tiches to sell For \$4 49 Each Also a very nice lot of Ladies' \$5 Chatelaine Nickle Watches, and we'll seil the 50 Ladies' \$20 Gold-filled Watches, Elgin movements, warranted for 10 years; our \$14 49 Each Hundreds of those fashionable \$2 50 Solid Silver Souvenir Teaspoons all to For \$1 49 Each And there's likewise a very attractive display of \$1 Solid Silver Saltan For 4ge Each

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EKEECH'S.

Our store has been crowded with buyers the past two weeks, and our energies taxed to the utmost to fill the orders for what is undoubtedly the largest spring trade we ever had. .

Baby Carriages

In scores of different styles of

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Have you bought one yet? 'Twill be but a few days at most before you'll need one badly.

OUR LINE IS PERFECT It comprises all the best standard makes in the market, and our prices for them are considerably below what the same makes are offered for elsewhere. They begin

at \$10 and run up to \$50. ICE CHESTS FROM \$5 TO \$15.

Our Furniture Floors Are fairly overloaded with a wealth of Spring Furniture and Furnish Remember, we have everything

to completely furnish the home.

You have simply to name an arti

cle and we can show you an assort-

ment that will both surprise and .

A SPLENDID LINE.

Of sightly, serviceable, sensibly constructed carriages. All the styles are here that you'll find in any other store in the city, and numbers of exclusive designs.

\$6 TO \$35: GOOD JUDGES

Your time hunting up imaginary bargains in small and poorly lighted warerooms. COME TO HEADQUARTERS, where you'll find what you OF STYLES AND QUALITY say that the selection of new things in our spring stock of Housefurnishings is the best in the city. Take the time to want and FIND IT AT A PRICE YOU WANT look over what we have to show you. A CALL MAKES A CUSTOMER nine times out of ten.

KEECH'S, 923, 925 AND 927 PENN AVENUE.

=IN CARPETS= We find little trouble in pleasing all intending purchasers. It could not be otherwise with such an assortment as we now show.

Scores of new spring styles in Ingrain, Tapestry, Brussels and

Our styles, joined to our prices, make a strong team, which has pulled us right into the front rank

We have still some of those odd borders in Brussels left, and as they don't match any special line of carpets we have we are selling them at from 10c to 35c per yard below actual value. Good chance here to enlarge the dld carpet at

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