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LEADING TOPICS AMONG THE PUGILISTS

There is no doubt about the remarkable amount of enthusiasm in Pittsburg regarding the national game. If anybody ever had any doubts on the matter I'm sure the scenes on Thursday should dispel them. I mention Thursday because the rain spoiled everything and prevented one of the grandest baseball turnouts there has ever been in this country. Despite the threatening weather the streets were crowded with enthusiasts hours before the time fixed for the parade to start. It is safe to say that there were thousands of visitors in the city to see the opening game, and after all the trouble and all the anticipation the rain vetoed the proceedings.

That rainy day was a great loss to the home club because there were not as many at the first game by far as would have been had the first game taken place as intended. But there is a consolation in the fact that we in Pittsburg are prepared to support our club with a generous hand if the team can only perform as a team anyway worthy of

But in almost all cities where the new League has a club there is a baseball enthusiasm that is exceedingly encouraging and if that interest can be maintained all will be well. It may be too much to expect that all the 12 clubs in the League will make money. Some of them may lose, and when the losing begins then will be the time to test the new venture. Work of the Teams.

Nobody can well grumble about the work of the teams so far. Those whom the majority of us were ever ready to despise have demonstrated that they can play good ball, and some of the teams that we expected to do extremely well have fallen far short of our expectations. There are two teams in particular that must cause us all to reflect, viz., Cincinnati and Cleveland. Who was prove themselves superior to the Cleveland-ers? And they have done so in my estimation; indeed, I do not hesitate to say that so far the Cincinnsti team have proven that they are as good as any team in the country. And when we begin to analyze that team we are sure to wonder why they shouldn't be as good as any other team. The great danger of the Reds lies among themselves. They are a combination of many elements that are difficult to consolidate. If Captain Comiskey can succeed in maintaining harmony among them there is no fear of the Reds. But they are doomed if they once get into the same sixes-and-sevens condition that they were in last

I am free to confess that the Cleveland team have so far been a disappointment to me. I had expected them to be in the lead the front at once their show in the race will be a very poor one, because when all the teams get fairly down to work the Clevelands will not be among the best by any

Anson's Colts, as we call them, are also making a bad start, and it seems safe to say that he and his team will not make such a fight for first place this year. He needs one or two more pitchers of first-class ability, and without a very great improvement in his team he cannot expect to beat Louiswille in the race. The latter team continue to play an excellent game, and if they had about two more good pitchers their chance for a front-rank position would be excel lent. The Browns are still among the

In the East the Bostons are still the best without any doubt, the New York team have given evidence of being very shakey. and the Phillies have not yet proven that they are as steady as the most of us thought very lucky if they can keep a respectable place in the first six, and there is apparently no hene for Baltimore and Washington to get there. Washington, by the way, seem o be doomed. There is first-class material n that team, and yet they can make no show. Arthur Irwin may make them sucressful. It he does the Washington cranks should be glad of him.

About the Home Club,

The home club's prospects are still encouraging as far as playing ability is concerned, but the wet weather has been very discouraging from a financial standpoint. I'm sure the club's directors deserve better luck. They have made a big speculation, and every lover of the game must wish them well. But there is lots of time yet for them to make a success of it.

The team are still a little weak in the out-

field because of Hanlon's injury, and if promising young player who can use the stick to advantage can be secured, the soo he is signed the better. All of us will be pleased to note the very good work that Charley Farrell is doing, and I may add that we can all rest content now as to his ability to take care of his position.

It is a pity that Ehret is not getting into form readier than he is, as much was expected from him. His absence has caused the bulk of the work to fall on Baldwin and Galvin, and it is unnecessary to remark that they have done well. Baldwin is pitch ing in very good form, indeed, but he has been very unfortunate. In his games our sluggers have not singged at all. Still he has tought bravely, and he is certainly one of the gamiest pitchers in the country In talking about the local club I am re-minded of the Wood affair. There has been

a deal of unnecessary talk about that case. The club wanted George Wood and could not get him at the price offered. Then Baltimore signed him, and as soon as that was done the Pittsburg club's desire for Wood became stronger. The Pittsburgers informed the Baltimore club that they we dealing with Wood, and the Baltimore officials appealed to President Young. The latter asked Pittsburg to waive claim on

Wood, which was done. Now what is there in the simple little effeir to make any noise about? The Pittsburg club officials certainly have a perfect right to accept and refuse whom they please. They pay the piper. It these officials did change their mind about signing Wood; that is, if they decided they did not want him and subsequently found they did need him, what about it? Haven't they right to change their mind on the matter? Certainly. It may have been a mistake to not sign Wood and it may not. I don't think he would have done as much good as expected. Everything considered, I do not rate him any better than Corkbill, and if the latter was playing regularly he might

Well, it is to be hoped that our team will keep at peace with themselves and that bet-ter weather will follow them. They will do very well if the pitchers keep in line. That is the important feature of the business.

Sunday Ball Playing.

tion of Sunday baseball playing will be dissussed more than ever this season. As a subject under discussion it has figured very prominently recently, but the indications are that it will be more than ever prominent are that it will be more than ever prominent this year. As we all know, the majority of clubs in the new League have declared against Sunday ball playing, but we just as well understand that these declarations have been prompted almost entirely by expediency, and not by any deep-rooted conviction that it is wrong to play baseball on Sunday. It is a fact that many gentlemen connected with the ball clubs went to have connected with the ball clubs want to have their players play on Sunday, but a fear of

ocal sentiment prevents it.

But this expedient move of not playing ball on Sunday may not last long. The tre-mendous crowd that turned out at St. Louis last Sunday to witness the St. Louis and Cincinnati game has made a wonderful impression on the minds of many magnates, and some have come to the conclusion that the clubs that play Sunday games will be the gainers. As money is what all clubs are after proversed on other days than are after poor crowds on other days than Sunday may force all hands to play ball on the latter day. The truth is that one Sun-day audience is worth several audiences on

other days.

It is not within my province to discuss the right or wrong of Sunday ball playing.

It is a fact that the greatest thinkers differ on the question of Sunday amusement and recreation, and I dare say the morality of those who support it is just as good as the morality of those who oppose. Of late there has considerable hypocriay and there has considerable hypocrisy and Pecksniffian sentiment come to the front on this Sunday question in and about Pittsburg. We have had and still have a few bigots who had they lived in earlier times and if opportunity had afforded they would have been in their glory lighting fires in Smithfield market to burn to death good and brave people, or would have been in their happiest mood when assisting in the atrocious tortures of the Inquisition. The spirit that actuated the fiends of those earlier times has been transmitted to our earlier times has been transmitted to our so-called "Sunday reformers," and they just go as far with it as they are able. Hypocrites of this kind lived in the days of that good old divine, Robert Hall, and he summed them up like this: "Saints when abroad and devils when at home, and they are more dangerous when saints than when

If Sunday ball playing is wrong these hypocrites will not stop it, because they are not going the right way about it. If, instead of invading a man's fireside and preventing his reading a Sunday news-paper, they would grapple with palpable evils, they might be of use and attain suc-

The Morality of Amusement.

The above paragraph reminds me of a communication I received the other day from T. R. Trelaine regarding what I said a week or so ago about amateur boxing and athletics generally. Mr. T. comes to the conclusion that my advice, if followed out, would have many injurious results. But he does not tell how, and with that very important shortcoming in his epistle it is of very little value, no matter how much he may talk about Christianity.

I have never been able to see why a good

Christian should not enjoy the wholesome amusements and sports of life, and on this point it is exceedingly interesting to find how the opinions of Christian lenders themselves have broadened. John Bunyan once began to enjoy himself by playing "tip cat," and he was subsequently so filled with remorse that he could see himself suffering all the torments of hades. He really thought that he had committed a crime. Why, the Puritans, the prototypes of our Law and Order trio, were vastly more concerned in trying to extirpate theaters than stop brutal badger baiting, and other revolting pastimes. This was simply because the Puritans had a notion that nobody should feel gay and light of spirit, but that Christian responsibilities should ever be the burden of their mind. The brutality of degrading sports and pastimes was nothing to the Puritans compared to the pleasure derived by individuals from theatrical per-

And that spirit still lingers here and there. It is not Christianity, it is not morality. It is simply the narrow conceptions of bigots. The pleasure and the physical development derived from either boxing exercise or any other wholesome athletic recreation is just as good for the young in the pulpit as it is for the young nan at the desk. Both will be better mentally and physically, and when athletic clubs are formed the result will be better still because one can help another. Selfishness will vanish as all will be interested in one common object. We don't want misan-thropes and people who only live for them-selves. An old couplet says:

This living for self cannot happiness bring; This plan many times has been tried; The man in the Bible who built the blg barns, Through selfsiness sickened and died.

The Amateur Ball Players. Next Saturday the season of the County League opens, and that means that from that day on until next fall we will have any amount of smateur baseball playing in and about Pittsburg. The prospects for the amateurs are exceedingly bright, and, if expectations are anything like fulfilled, each team with make money. An official of the County League said to me the other day "Our League will be all right if the Pitts burg League team shows well up in their

There is indeed much truth in this state ment, because experience has shown that when our protessional teams are making a p oor show in their contest, the local enth siasm descends to a very low ebb, and the patronage of games naturally dies off. If our "big" team could stand well up in the eague race there would be lots of baseball enthusiasm, and both protessional and ama-teur teams would, therefore, receive a much better patronage.

It has been reported that matters are not as pleasant among the County League mem-bers as they might be. If this is true it is to be regretted, and the officials of that League should see to it at once that all mis-understandings are cleared up. The con-test in the League promises to be closer and keener this year than it has ever been, and that in itself will arouse partisan feelings more than ever. This will make it incumbent to have all grievances remedied as

much as possible. Those Veteran Pitchers Doubtless all the cranks and fans of the national game have noticed so far this seaon the wonderful good work done by the 'veteran" pitchers such as Mullane, Keefe, Clarkson and Galvin. There is, indeed something remarkable in the form displayed by these men so early in the season and after all of them had been more or less pro nounced "played out." There is something

in their work upon which those who like to investigate methods of conditioning and training can with profit bestow some Our friend "Tony" Mullaue has really done some very great work and I wonder what those who had Tony out of the arena some time ago have to say about it. Keefe has evidently regained his old form and if he has, what a loss New York has suffered and what a gain Philadelphia has made. If

Keefe can sustain his present form it is one ore proof of the folly of releasing an experienced player simply because somebody has come to the conclusion that he is a "has been." No baseball pitcher of renown should be disposed of when he is out form without the most careful considers. Time and time again we have proofs e mistakes that personal feeling and lack of consideration cause in the basebal

Galvin and Clarkson are also starting on well, and altogether these "veterans" suggest the question, are the arms of the young men of to-day made of the same stuff that the arms of the young men of some years ago were made of?

That New Amateur Rule, The law makers of the amateur athletes of the United States are apparently determined to continue their efforts to make amateurdism as pure as possible. These legislators have just formulated a rule that It may not be unsafe to say that the ques- is exceedingly important and concerning

which every amateur should have full knowledge. The rule in effect means that whenever a contestant is charged with having received money for taking part in the contest, or winning it, he shall be deemed guilty until he proves himself innocent. This is an absolute reversal of the old condition of things, and it is strictly in accordance with the rule of the amateur

oarsmen on the matter.

Amateur athletes will at one perceive Amateur athletes will at one perceive the importance of this rule. It is a rigid one, and in my estimation one of the strongest rules that have been made against having professionalism in amateur ranks. I am inclined to think that it will do good, and if it cannot make things better I'm sure I don't know what will. At first sight it may appear very hard on the performers, but if we think the matter over, we'll soon find that an absolutely honest amateur has nothing to fear whatever, and the object of the rule is to make all amateurs absolutely honest. If a man acts suspeciously as an honest. If a man acts suspiciously as an amateur and has a charge preferred against him he has only himself to blame, because he should not have acted suspiciously. If a man is absolutely free from any charge that may falsely and maliciously be preferred against him. I think he will soon clear himself. In short, which ever way I look at it. The smartest and best forgot it for a the new rule I think it a beneficial one to series of years, as he is apt to forget any-

Enocking Unknowns Out. One of the most fraudulent and generally speaking misleading features of the latter boxing business is that of a "star" knocking out an "unknown" in a remarkably short time. Now what I have to say about this is not aimed at any one man, because "they all do it." The latest effort in this respect was that of Hall who knocked some young man out in 28 seconds. Well, we all know that Hall failed to knock Boden out in nearly 1,000 seconds, and we also know that at that time Boden was not a very difficult man to knock out.

But the system of knocking out is entirely indulged in to defraud and hoodwink the public; and also to give the "knocker attribute the public of the control of the co

out" a false reputation. I am firmly con-vinced that not 90 per cent of these sovinced that not 90 per cent of these so-called knock-outs are genuine. It is ridic-ulous to think they are other than pre-arranged in the majority of cases, and the most remarkable thing about the business is the gullibility of the public on the matter. Immense crowds will flock to see Hall, Fitz-simmons, Corbett, or somebody else knock out one, two or may be three men in rapid snocession. Why, does any body mean to tell me that Hall or any other fighter can knock two or three men out in as many min-ures if these two or three men are going to do their best to stay? Not a bit of it. The most absolute failure as a fighter can get into a ring and remain there more than a minfte by keeping out of the way and when into a ring and remain there more than a minfite by keeping out of the way and when a man who is not a first rater goes into a ring to face a man who is a first rater he does try to keep out of the way when he is in earnest. But in these "show" knock outs the victim, as per rehearsal, walks up to the "star," geta a thump on some place where it does not hurt, drops down in a "helpless" mass and just opens his eyes after the receree has counted him out. All this is done in less than 30 seconds. It ought really to be done in two or three seconds. The "star" is then spoken of by his jolliers and managers as a terror, and so it goes forth to the world. Oh! what a good time boxers and managers are having of it now. Surely their lives have fallen in pleasant places and they ought to be thankful.

Jack Forarty's Startling News.

Jack Fogarty's Startling News. Just as I am writing these opinions on this knocking-out business Jack Fogarty looks in, and during a conversation gives me ab-solute proof of my being in the right on the patter. He tells me that Corbett has a ertain Jack McVey traveling with him, and certain Jack McVey traveling with him, and that this McVey presents himself before Corbett in the different cities simply to he "knocked out" in a short time. Fozarty tells me the remarkable fact that McVey, McCarthy and Pete McCann are one and the same person. At one city this McVey, who is a big Philadelphian who cannot fight at all, faced Corbett under his right name. At Jersey City McVey faced Corbett as "McCarthy," the Jersey biacksmith, and as "Pete McCann," the Chicago blacksmith, in another city. And each time he was knocked out in a few seconds, and Corbett's fame as a "tremendous slugger" became great.

Oh, ye confiding and trusting public, what do you think of thist Could there be a more contemptible frand perpetrated on a poor contemptible fraud perpetrated on a poor gullible aumanity? It is a disgrace to those who took part in the contemptible business. Surely there is reason for police authorities to prevent public boxing when it is so tainted and so rotten. And this is the way that our leading so-called fighters maintain that-our leading so-called lighters maintain heir reputation as "sluggers" and "terrors." They should be hooted out of every respect tole community. The charge is a grav-one, but I believe-that Jack Fogarty is tell ing the absolute truth.

Myer and McAuliffe. More than once I have stated that I do not think that Billy Myer and Jack Mo-Auliffe will ever fight again. Every day almost something takes place to strengther my conviction on this point. A big purse has been offered them. Myer and his backs. Kennedy, are on their dignity and decline to meet McAuliffe until the latter mays the \$1,000 forfeit which it is claimed McAuliffe lost by backing out of his fight with Myer some time ago. I am indeed surprised at Mr. Kennedy taking a stand like this even though he has an undisputed claim to the \$1,000. If Myer can defeat McAuliffe there are many thousands of dollars in it for Myer and his backer, and one would think that a consideration of that kind would have some weight with Myer and Kennedy, who need money as much as any lot of people.

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But if that forfeit objection did not exist, I still think they would not fight, simply because I expect that McAuliffe has better advisers. McAuliffe should fight no more, and if he does and meets a man like Myer, the chances will be greatly against him. McAuliffe is not now the McAuliffe of some years ago. If he was, he would deleat Myer but have nothing to spare. Myer is a good but have nothing to spare. Myer is a good and clever fellow, and I am fully persuaded vithstanding the talk all hands are making

The Australian Style. We are a remarkable people for applying

ames to anything that may appear new to as in sporting affairs. We got the "strangle some men by nearly choking them. The blow" merely because in turning round La Blanche swung out his hand and his Dempsey, knocking him down and out. The blov sey, knocking him down and out. The blow is as old as the hills. Now we have the "Australian style" because Fitzsimmons kept pegging away at Maher's mouth until Mayer was stupid and also because Dawson, another Australian, did likewise.

Now this is no Australian style at all, any more than rowing a boat with a sliding seat is an Australian style of rowing. The method of defeating a man by keeping jabbing him in a bruised part of his body or face is older than any of us and was almost the leading method of flighting in the days face is older than any of us and was almost the leading method of fighting in the days of Ward and Sayers. Then it was peculiarly the method of those two men and the only time that Sayers was beaten was by Laugham using that style on Sayers. The former kept jabbing Sayers' eyes until they closed and he because so blind that he had to give up the fight, although otherwise he was all right. It is not the Australian style, it is the good old style, and shrewd pugilists stick to it yet.

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JUDAS' PIECES OF SILVER. Expert Financiers Figure That He

About \$200 for His Treachery. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "The piece of silver" mentioned in the Bible as the kind of coin in which the reward for Judas' treachery was paid was about 663 cents. Judas therefore received sum about equal to \$20 of our money.

It is calculated by political econom that the difference of value between the money of that and of this day would make that amount about equal to \$200 at the pres-ent time, which is a small compensation for everlasting infamy.

The Green Color in Candy. Many persons avoid candies that are col-

ored green for fear some deleterious substance may have been used in the coloring. The fear is groundless. The coloring matter used to give a green tinge to the candy is generally from one or two sources; it is either the juice of the common garden spinach or that of the pistachio nut. The former gives a green tint, but it is by no means clear, while the pistachio nut green is won-derfully delicate in hue and very pleasant to the eye.

Until May 1 a special discount of 10 per cent for cash will be allowed on all dia-monds, watches, jeweiry, silverware, clocks, broazes, etc. The largest stock in the city at M. G. Cohen's, 35 Fifth avenue.

Burdette Can't Get Rid of One While He Couldn't Keep Another.

DOCTOR'S RIGOROUS TREATMENT

a Dist for Colts and a Sad Story About a Blooded Cow.

SOME RHYMES ABOUT THE SPRING

IWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH, I Some time ago the editor received a letter which he turned over to the best and smart est man on the staff-I never get these semiconfidential letters from yearning young persons with missions and grievances and blights at first hand; they always come to me in the course of successive indorsements and references-with instructions to answer

through his desk to clean it out, as is the custom of the office twice or thrice a year. The letter came from a sweet young thing —at least she was young when the letter was written—who wanted advise on several very personal affairs which she neglected to mention, being distracted by a sense of un-appreciated loneliness and superior worth that lay upon her aspiring heart. She said among a few thousand other things: "My mother is one of the best and kindest and most affectionate mothers in the world, but she does not know how to raise girls."

thing he is told to do, or which he knows he

should do without telling, but found it one

day last week, when they turned the river

Parents Often Save the Wrong Ones. I was struck with the axiomatic veracity of that statement the moment I read it. It carried proof of its truthfulness upon the face of it. Her mother certainly did not know how to raise girls. She had raised one that any man, who never was and never



I Smote That ur. sack expects to be a mother, could tell her she hould have drowned, long, long ago. It seems to me that many parents err in this respect. They are good, loving parents, and try to do their best by their children, but they lack discrimination. Many times they bestow the greatest care and the most pains upon the one child in a brood of seven or eight, which they should have sent down to the branch by the hands of the hired man in

the branch by the hands of the hired man in infancy, or exported in a close tied sack, for surreptitions and non-reciprocal deposit upon a neighboring farm, before it was old enough to find its way back.

When a girl 19 years young—the correspondent gave that as her age, and she told the truth so squarely about her mother that you would hardly expect her to lie about herself—discovers that her mother is about herself-discovers that her mother is a hopeless failure as a raiser of girls, the mother must see how gravely she erred in not putting that girl in a covered basket the first time the boys went to town with a oad of wheat, and have them drop her over the osage hedge just west of Benson's lane. It would have been good for the mother, better for the girl, and best of all, for the unhappy man whom that kind of a girl runs down with a matrimonial lariat.

Another Kind of Kitten. Speaking of girls who give their mother points on the training and culture of chil-dren, reminds me of a cat who took up his Mark Autory cat, who bellowed a great deal more than he fought, although he was fighting most of the time he was awake. His distinguishing feature was an eye which he didn't have. But he could see well ough with the one he had to find his way home from any point, no matter how re-mote, to which he might be expatriated by decree of the senate. His devotion to the land of his adoption gave me a great many heartaches and many hours of intense mor-

tification.
One Sunday evening, I entired him into a respectable-looking gripsack, and strolled across the Bryn Mawr Hotel grounds, intending to bereave myself of him near the hotel, where I hoped the dszzling allurments of the society of cats with attractive pedigrees, who wore ribbons around their necks, might wean him from his attachnent to his bachelor apartments in the loft of an humble stable, whose only other occu-



pant was a horse of unexceptionable habits and mature years, who disdained kittenish frivolity. But before I could dis-charge the precious cargo, I was joined by some friends, ladies and gentlemen, who were also strolling through the grounds. I evaded their questions by introducing some evaded their questions by introducing some striking remarks upon the appearance of the sunset, the condition of the atmosphere, and the probability of rain, and had just about got them wearied to the point of making some mendacious excuse and leaving me, when a beastly fox terrier, the owner of one of the ladies, after sniffing viciously a my grip for a moment, began to bark fierce ly, and this yelping was met by a piercing shrick of terror and deflance from Mark Antony. It was a little bit muffled, but still quite distinct to the unassisted ear.

Slience Was Golden That Time, I am not going to tell what I said to those people. I have been very sorry for it a great many times since, and beside, they didn't look as though they belived me anyhow. But Mark Antony's doom was sealed I carried him home yowling and muttering o himself at intervals; I set the grip down behind the stable; swung a desth-bearing ax around my head, and with hate and vengeance in the blow, I smote that grip-sack right square on the lock, knocked it wide open, and Mark Antony leaping forth with a look of profound gratitude on his expressive face, swarmed up the vines to the stable roof and composed a recitation upon the event, which he rehearsed all that

How hard I tried to miss that eat. I left him on distant farms; I gave him to inno-cent children; I introduced him into the barns of my neighbors, but no matter where I left him or what I did with him he got home first. At last I solved the problem. Near my home the trains of a railway pass under a wagon bridge. Oftimes in the glow of the sunset or in the quiet of the morning I had stood on that bridge and watched the long trains of empty coal cars roaring their winged way to the coal fields far beyond the Alleghenies. I had noted the little clusters of tramps snugly lost in the emptiness of the grimy gondola, traveling like so many directors at the expense of the stockholders and fare paying passengers. Thus in unassuming state Mark Antony should travel and see the mountains.

Giving Mark Antony a Ride.

Giving Mark Antony a Rids. Thither with the loud sounding cat of a single eye I bent my steps one morning. The train of empties came along. Deftly I opened the bag and shook Mark Antony

out; lighly he fell upon his feet in a room;

Tread the Plastic, Yielding Lawn. ondola, and expressed surprise and dissat isfaction with his new quarters in his usual way. Slowly and more slowly still moved on the train; it crept ahead about 200 yards, stopped at the tank to take water, and Mark Antony climbed out of his private car and, remarking that for the life of him he couldn't understand what all this foolish-

couldn't understand what all this foolishness was for, preceded me home.

The following week I gave him "rough on rats." It threw him into fits and which kept the women folk of the household in doors all day, much of the time on chairs and tables; but, further than making him abnormally suspicious of all food which I afterward tendered him, the poison had no permanent effect on him. Really, he is not my cat, and I think the county should take

im off my hands. I did once own a cat in fee simple-a Malfew weeks of some lingering and startling disease which made its bair stand on end and turned its eyes round and red, so that whoever looked upon it first gasped for breath, then shricked and then threw the first thing in reach at the expedicion. thing in reach at the apparition. One mem-ber of the household invariably crossed herself and said a short Latin prayer when the thing appeared in the range of her vision. It was certainly a speciacle to suggest a dead language. We did all we could for

This Was a Different Style,

When a man has \$4 invested in a piece of When a man has \$4 invested in a piece of live stock he doesn't yield it up to the grisly clutches of the tyrant death without a wrestle. We sent for a regular cat doctor; a man who attends to all the sick animals in the neighborhood. He doctored Bud Norriss' bay colt, the time it got into the house yard and ate a pie it found on the window sill. Everybody says the colt would have died if it hadn't been for Doc. Sturdevant. Was sick in his stall for three Sturdevant. Was sick in his stall for three weeks as it was, and has never been much account since. Doc. says it will take about three years for him to get the pie out of his

He saved Jed. Greenlow's cow, too. He saved Jed. Greenlow's cow, too. Greenlow came out of town two years ago, bought a place out here and stocked up five acres with farm machinery for a Russian colony. He paid \$750 for a Jersey cow, and subscribed for all the agricultural papers in the world. He found in one of them—the most expensive one, with a colony. ored frontispiece every week-a prescription for a warm mash that would increase the yield of milk 28 pounds a day and guarhis coy man—kept a separate man for everything on the place—mix it up and give it to her. Cow went crazy in the night; broke out of her stable, got into the conservatory; broke \$40 worth of glass and ate and trampled down \$210 worth of rare plants. As the neonle began to come out of the house and the servants' quarters in the morning, she chased them around and tossed them into different places and tossed them into dimercial places and broke different bones in each of them. Greenlow had cards out for a lawn party that afternoon. While the guests were making merry the cow went into another making merry the cow went into another the contract and before the making merry the cow went into another spasm and got out again, and before the men could get down out of the trees there were four engagemets broken, which shows that if a girl wants to get along she must learn to climb, as well as to play tennis. Well, Doc. brought the cow through all right, but of course the arricultural paper prescription left lasting traces upon her. One of her horns grew the wrong way after that, the other fell out, and her tail dropped off. Greenlow sold her for \$18, though, which was better than nothing.

How the Doctor Treated Him. So we sent for Doc. Sturdevant to come and see the Maltese cat. He said there was no time to lose, and we should have sent for him as soon as we saw her fur begin to rise. skin of her back and ran a hairpin through and fastened the ends together with a wir split her tail down from the other end abo

split her tail down from the other end about two and a balf inches, and rubbed in salt pepper, cut off all her claws, gave her a drench that he mixed himself, tied a piece of ham rind over eyes, and finally blied her. Didn't do any good, though; she died that same night. It was because we didn't send for him soon enough, he said. I suppose if we had sent for him any sooner she would have died before he got there.

At this Mark Antony, who cost me nothing, will never die under medical treatment. Not under persecution. Nor by neglect or cruelty. A man who knows all about cats once told me that I ought to feel proud of under persecution. Nor by neglect of crueity. A man who knows all about cats once told me that I ought to feel proud of my possession. He said he was a thoroughered Angora cat. But after I had bragged about this for nearly two weeks, the man wrote me to say that he had made a little mistake; he meant Fernwood, which is the next station to Angora. When he speaks, however, he sounds more like a Wawa cat, which is farther out on the Central division. This joke is a little fur-fetched, but so is the cat.

Spring's Last-Born Darling. It is the May-day; raw the air; The sun above, how bright it is. Within my throat lurks Spring-time's not And several kinds of "itises:" Bronch, tonsil, laryng, several vernal thing Which the May poet seldom ever sings. How sweet to put on heavy overshoes

And lightly tread the plastic, yielding lawn: To scramble, shricking, through the slimy And come out safe, with both goloshe Hail, flowery May! Hall, snow, wind, rain and sleet;
Hail, doctor, bed, and plasters on both feet!

The circus poster blossoms on the fence,
And, walking slowly o'er the distant lea
Home coming on the ties, from far and
thence,
The laurel-crowned comedian I see.
Hark, from the cackling henyard, shar
and clear. and clear.
It is the shrill-lipped crocus that I hear. By violet haunted ways I see the weed With nose of bloom, and rags that we

With listless step, and sense of chronic need With endless fourney always just begun— The vernal tramp, who sleeps, who eats, From May to March, a stomach upon legs.

Soft buds the nurseryman, with saples The seedman blooms, with antique goods embalmed:
And pious gardeners, on bended knees,
Scratch in the ground for hopeless Chill is the night, and raw the fitful day, Cold as a Norway barn the house; it's May, ROBERT J. BURDETTE

Inconstant Man. oft Free Press.] He wooed and wooed, She vowed she wouldn't. He cooed and cooed, Until she couldn't Refuse him longer. Then Some other one to darn hi FIGHTING PASTOR.

Couldn't Get One to Raise Enough Thunder to Suit Some Folks.

PARKHURST ISN'T LOUD ENOUGH. Such a Policy Would Give the Theological Students a Chance.

TOLSTOPS NON-RESISTANCE THEORY

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.] When a man gets really warmed up as to some flagrant injustice or manifest wrong in social life, he is very apt to hold the church and the clergy responsible. These, he maintains, are set up to preach righteousness, to denounce wrong-doing, to call for justice, and to demand the enforcement of the Golden Rule. In his red-hot haste for reform and redress, the zealous brother insists that it is the province of the pulpit to ride rough-shod over sinners, to pour hot shot into the hypocrites, to shoot sharp slings and arrowy at the heretics, and to haul rich men over the coals for neglect and oppression of the poor.

He seems to think that 'ministers enter the Church to become martyrs; that they are to have no scruples as to falling foul of their bread and butter and that they are to pitch in pell mell and go for the wicked with a sharp stick regardless of who is hit. If they don't do this, they are called cowards. It is said they are false to their trust and their high calling. They are, in contempt, styled time-servers. They are shown up by the scorners as toadies to their rich parishioners. They are held to be weak-kneed and poor-spirited if they do not plump down with both feet upon the pet prejudices of their patrons, or proclaim in public the shortcomings of those who have hired them and pay their wages.

Not a Healthy Place for Martyre. That this is not the way of the world everybody knows. But few men are cut out for martyrs. Experience, history and scripture teach them that it is safer and easier to be all things to all men. It is rather surprising to find Albion W.

Tourgee coming out against the pulpit. With his experience and wide knowledge, it would seem as if he should know the limitations of the clergy, and the conversacowardly caution that could hardly fail to awaken acreams of laughter from Satanic hosts."

He maintains, in a recent article, that "if the Christian pulpit dealt more in the de-nunciation of known, acknowledged and bare-faced evils, and less in spiritual opiates and conscience anæsthetics, the world would be better off, and the Kingdom of Heaven have more show for being crowded." This was said in reference to a sermon lately preached in New York, in which the minister made bold to say that a New York seat in the Senate of the United States had been stolen, and that the man who had en-gineered the theft had the impudence to reach out for the Presidency. This bold utterance, says Mr. Tourgee, "was well worthy to be spoken from a Christian pul-pit." It is quite likely, however, that the congregation was composed of Republicans, who would enjoy such flings at a Democratic candidate. If the pillars of the church were Democrats, the reverend brother would obably have been a little more chary.

Call for Aggressive Preachers, Mr. Tourgee holds the Christian church responsible for quite a number of evils— political ones especially. He wants Christian ministers to be aggressive, and carry the war into Africa. He says "the Christianity which counsels submission to curable evils, or excuses public wrongs, and reserves its denunciations exclusively for private and personal acts is a cowardly and

But what would he have? In his enthusiasm for reform he evidently loses sight of the fact that "Resist not evil" is one of the foundation stones of Christianity. "The has not known for centuries," might per-haps have all been prevented if the doctrine of non-resistance to evil, rather than that of armed force and violence, had been practiced by both parties. If the Revolu-tionary fathers had obeyed the Scriptural niunction, "Resist not evil." the people of the United States might have been happy under "Vicky" and been spared the rumpuses and hillabaloos, the lies and treacheries, the bribery and corruption, the bitternesses and broken hearts of Presidental elections. If the North and the South had ccepted the teaching as to non-resistance there would have been no bloody civil war o desolate millions of homes.

Toistoi's Theory in Russia. Tolstoi, the famous Russian writer, in face of all the crueity, oppression and bar-barous despotism, of which the people of Russia complain, sternly maintains that "resistance to evil is never justified under any circumstances. Violence, as a means of re dressing wrongs, is not only futile, but an aggravation of the original evil." The mis ries of Siberian exile, the horrors of polit ical prisons, the sufferings of the Nihilists and revolutionists are the natural outcome of resisting evil by violence, says He has no sympathy to spare for either men or women, who, in failing to obey the command "Resist not evil," bring upon themselves and their families the suffering and sorrow that fall to the lot of those who engage in schemes to overthrow the Gov-ernment and bring about reform. He will admit that the Nihilists are heroic, but, nevertheless, he insists they are all wrong. It does the world no good to have the heroes of Russia shut up in the mines of Siberia. The conspiracies of the Nihilists only make life harder for all Russians. The assassination policy results in shutting up the best intelligence of the country in dungsons. The 47 young men and women who volun-teered to assassinate the Czar were brave, but they were toolish, and, as results have shown, it would have been better if they had lived up to the commandment of "Resist no evil.

But Brother Tourgee wants to have the ministers stirred up. He wants the pulpit engaged in the work of resisting evil. He wants every Christian, every church to resist the evil of "bull-dozing" in the South. He wants the whole power of Christianity put in motion to force the haughty South-rons to quit robbing the Republicans of their rights as citizens. He fails to rememer that the preachers are bound to the commandment, "Resist not evil," al though they know it is hardly in hun nature to put it in practice.

How John Huss' Style Would Suit. Where the line should be drawn as to the non-resistance is very hard to see. Evidently John Huss did not know it, when in the chapel at Prague he boldly preached the doctrines of the heretic Wickliffe-denounced a bull issued by the Pope, con-demned the sale of indulgences, and when excommunicated proceeded to write a book full of abuse of the Pope and the estab-lished religion. This is the sort of bold-ness, we are told, that is wanted in the Church at present. But people nowadays would say that John was "too brash." If he had not been so lively in resisting the powers that be, he might have escaped being burned at the stake.

Another man who was filled with the zeal and the boldness desired in the pulpit to-day was Savonarola, who used his pos the church for political purposes, and the proflotion of republicanism. He denounced the abuses in the church, exposed the vices of the clergy, and, like Father McGlynn, refused to submit to the authority of the Pope. He, too, was excommunicated, and afterward condemned, put to the torture, and finally killed. As a saint and a martyr he has won golden opinions; but was it wise in him to stir up wrath, to excite enmity, hatred and malice, to split the people into ferocious factions, and incite bloodshed by his attacks upon his own Church? attacks upon his own Church? Su

courage may be desirable, but Tolstoi would EAST END WHEELMEN say that it did more harm than good. Martin Luther Was a Fire-Eater

Another bold man in the pulpit was Luther, who stirred up all Europe with his violent controversies and his bitter denunciations of the evils and errors of the Church. After he was excommunicated by the Pope for heresy, he indulged in the fiercest invectives and most violent vitupernercest invectives and most violent vituper-ation against the spiritual powers in his books, and was "the tongue and sword of his time." But great as he was, valiant, courageous, zealous, Tolstoi would say to him that in exciting the evil passions of mankind, in promoting bitterness and en-mity, in fomenting and furthering the re-ligious contests which made war throughout igious contests which made war throughou Germany, and for that matter the world unto this day, he was doing more damage

than good.

How people do let their angry passion rise in a religious controversy is wel known. Men can get madder over justifica known. Men can get madder over justification by faith, or predestination, or free grace than anything else. When they have got "sot" in a conviction they stick to it, hang on to it, and fight for it regardless of logic, argument, or proof piled on proof. It may be that this is justifiable as "hely wrath," but it does just as much damage—and perhaps more—as the more common sort of violence. Mr. Tourgee apparently wants the black brethen to fight for their rights, and desires that the pulpit should deal out denunciations of all sorts and sizes upon the Democracy of the South. He upon the Democracy of the South. He talks as if quite anxious for the strife to begin. It seems as if he took no stock what ever in non-resistance. Tolstoi seems to be of the same opinion as the old woman in the country who leaves everything to the Lord, and says the "Lord will ketch up with the wicked in his own good time."

Too Much Expected of Preachers. It is perhaps this philosophy that keeps the Church deaf and blind to the political frauds and robberies over which Mr. Tourgee so emphatically mourns. Preachers are but men, and some of them very childish men at that. In their Presbyteries, and conferences and meetings they show the stuff they are made of, and the temper of their minds. Watch a lot of boys fighting over a game of marbles, and a measure of the smallness and intolerance of many of the "beloved brethren" can be taken. They have put away their childish toys, but have not learned to control their childish tempers. But in these exacting days too much is exlearned to control their childish tempers. But in these exacting days too much is expected of them. Brother Tourgee wants them to "go for" political robbers. What sort of a life would they have it they did?

sort of a life would they have it they did? Other men banker for them to hold up to the public the sins of the monopolists and the men who grow rich by legal robbery. Think of what a rumpus it would raise if the clergy attacked the big sinners from the pulpit, as some people so ardently desire. Imagine Brother Paxton in his capacity as a public teacher pouring out denunciations upon the gamblers of Wall street, and refusing to accept his rich parishioner's (Jay Gould's) contribution of \$25,000 until Jay had proven that every dollar was honestly come by. Fancy the pastor of Rockeestly come by. Fancy the pastor of Rocke-teller's church—in face of his liberal contributions to religious purposes—dilating pub-liely on how much easier it will be for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for him to enter the kingdom of heaven. Imagine the ministers who are hired to take charge of the spiritual con-cerns of "the 400" dinning into their ears every Sunday that to insure their own salvation they must sell all that they have and give to the poor. Every man knows he is right in accumulating money to keep the wolf from the door and to give his family the pleasures and comforts of life. Would it abolish poverty if the Astors, Vander-bilts and others with mighty wealth should sell all they have and give to the poor?

After the Manner of Parkhurst.

No minister, however eloquent, powerful or zealous, would be tolerated if he should preach as Tourgee and other enthusiasts desire and require. They would, to use a Shakespearean expression, be "fired" very swiftly. As the texts have it they would "be in derision daily," their "pleasant portion would be made a desolate wilderness, their enemies would mock at and laugh them to scorn, and they would have "tears to drink in great measure." Con-sidering all this, do they not do more wisely to leave the sinners to the Lord, as did Jeremiah, whose soul was comforted by the assurance that the people of whom he complained should be "fed with wormwood and be given water of gall to drink, and that the sword should be sent after them, and that evil should come upon them from

which they could not escape For their own well-being and comfort and that of their families, ministers cannot well afford to play the martyr, or do the John Huss act, even in these more tolerant days. Dr. Swing was swung out of the Presby-terian Church for uttering something not in accordance with the Westminster Confesion. Brother Briggs is being followed up as a heretic by his brethren in the Church as vindictively as if he had committed some of the deadly sins, because he ventured to en-tertain some opinions that were not con-sistent with those held by the Holy Fathers centuries ago. Dr. Patton, who leads the hosts of his enemies, is dead set upon depos-ing and disgracing him if possible. 1 Brother Patton were possessed of the spirit of a sixteenth century berry hunter he could hardly show more active zeal in ersecuting those who presume to doubt the octrines of predestination and infant amnation. Brother Bausman's little scrap of hope that the heathen might have some small chance for salvation in the world to come was seized upon as heresy by his enemies, who never rested until they had coerced the Presbytery into giving him the BESSIE BRAMBLE

THE HOME OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Washington Has All Sorts, but They Are All

Formed for Business.

New York Tribune.] Washington has a variety of women' clubs. There are the Wimod ughsis, the Woman's Suffrage, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Woman's Anthro pological, Pro Re Nata and a number of others. All of these clubs are formed for self-improvement or for benevolent purposes. There is not one organized for merely social pleasure. Most of these societies of women will be represented at the federation of clubs to be held in Chicago in May. The Anthropological Club will send its President, Mrs. Landers; Mrs. E. M. Marble will represent the Wimodaughsis; Mrs. M. A. Lockwood will express the sentiments of the Woman's National Press Club; Mrs. Lucia Blount, President of Pro Re Nata, and Mrs. S. E. Hibbert, a member, will go to Chicago in behalf of their favorite clu Pro Re Nata is the only club of its kind. being organized for the study of parliament ary laws and to promote the oratorical pow-ers of its members. Mrs. Blount is also President of the Isabella Club and Vice President of the Daughters of the Revolu-tion. Mrs. S. E. Hibbert—a woman of intelligence, wit and tact-writes articles on political economy and philosophical and psychic subjects.

THE WIFE OF A MOHAMMEDAN. the Is Only a Slave and Really Hasn't as

Much Liberty of Action. I would rather be a dog in America than

to be the wife of a Mohammedan, says Rev. G. F. Filian, of Antioch, Syria, in the St. Louis Giobe-Democrat. The wives have absorbed lutely no freedom of choice; they see nothing of their future husband before marriage have nothing to do with the courtship, all business of this kind being done by their fathers and a priest. They do not attend even the marriage ceremony, but are man

even the marriage ceremony, but are married by proxy, a brother or relative attending in their stead.

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Organize An Association and Will Give Monthly Tournaments

AT THE GYMNASTIC CLUB'S PARK. There May Also Be an Open Meeting During

WILKINSBURG TO HAVE A CLUBHOUSE

the Present Season.

The 'cyclers in the East End Gymnastic Club have organized a bicycle club to be known as the East End Gym Wheelmen. It will add a feature not in any bicycle club in Pittsburg, a club meeting at the Gym

park each mouth. There is a large membership of wheelmen in the gymnastic club, and there is little doubt but that they will all add their names to the list of the new club. Every inducement will be held out to bring all the riders in, and it will not be the fault of the projectors if not a wheelman in the club fails to join them. At the meeting held to organize the club 20 members were put on the list, and there are already promises of several more to be added at the meeting to be held Thursday evening of this week. J. P. Culbertson, Jr., of the firm of Kerchner & Culbertson, is at the head of the organization. having been elected temporary chairman, and also selected to draft a constitution under which the club will operate. He will report at the next meeting.

The Club's Programme for the Season The regular club meetings will be held at the Gym's grounds the first Monday in each month, beginning with June and running through the season. Club runs will also be had on the 8th of each month through the summer. Another thing that would be of interest to local wheelmen would be an open tournament this season. The E. E. G. wheelmen could not do better than to satisfy event is certainly among the probabilities. It will be discussed as soon as the club is

fully organized.

The greatest advantage the E. E. G. W. will have over other 'cycling clubs is the use of a first-class track at the Gym park. It will give the boys a better opportunity to train than is enjoyed by any other wheel-men except those in the Three A.'s. They can keep in good condition, and, if the enthusiasm keeps up, the new organization ought to produce some good racing material during the course of the season. While the members had the same opportunities before organizing, by combining there will be more of an incentive to train, as there will receive the same friendly gively among necessarily be some friendly rivalry among the members. It is certainly a good move, and should fill a good place for the amateurs.

Although only gentlemen can be members of the E. E. G. C., the lady riders of the East End will be cared for by being made associate members. There are a large number of good cyclers among the ladies in that end of the city and the wheelmen expect to have the majority of them in their city.

The wheelmen who joined the club at the The wheelmen who joined the club at the first meeting are J. P. Cuibertson, Jr., W. H. Hays, S. Musgrave, G. W. Martin, E. C. Kehew, R. C. Smith, W. H. Hastings, R. Johnson, J. Alexauder, C. Beggs, R. Hamilton, J. C. Aull, Dr. George S. Proctor, J. McCleary, E. Y. Breck, Jr., J. A. Hartrick, C. Addy, Paul Graff, Dan Barr and W. Addy. Probably as many more will be added by the next meeting. The club will operate under the rules of the East End Gymnastic Club and L. A. W.

The Wilkinsburg Athletes.

The Wilkinsburg Athletes The Wilkinsburg Athletic Association's grounds are nearly ready for the opening of the baseball season there, which will be on May 14. Work has been going on this what. Among the other features of the association will be a ladies' clubhouse to be erected in a few weeks. The gentlemen will be accommodated with lockers under the grandstand this season, but next year a odious clubhouse will be erected

A five years' lease on the grounds is neld by the association with a privilege of pur-chase at the end of that time. There is no doubt of the grounds ultimately becoming the property of the association, as they wil make quite extensive improvements and will not care to lose that investment. There were 300 shares of stock taken, and more could be had it necessary. The association is starting out on a sound basis and will undoubtedly be a success.

Notes of the Amateurs SEWICKLEY will need an instructor in the new order of things there. THE A. A. A.'s are at work fixing up Recre

ation Park. Play will begin there WITH its bicycle club the East End Gyms seem to be trying to monopolize the entire THE long list of Western University

training for the inter-collegiate field day portends a big tournament. THE West End Gymnastic Club boys deserve encouragement in their efforts to increase enthusiasm in that section of the

GARDNER and Smink will be the Wilkinsburn battery at the opening game of the County League season at the East End Gym THE Western University will hold its pre-

liminary field day May 14, to decide upon its representatives in the inter-collegiate INTEREST among amateurs is evinced by the great number of improvements, new clubiouses, grounds, etc., springing up in all quarters.

THE East End Gymnastic Club took in eight new members last month, and so far this month there have been ten applications. Quite a boom going on there. THE prospects of good boat racing on the Allegheny this season will increase the in-

terest in boating and should boom the mem-bership of the Columbia club. LAWN TENNIS courts in the old T. M. C. A. grounds in Allegheny will swell the mempership of the Three A.'s among the ladies. Allegheny has long needed a club furnishing drst-class facilities for tennis.

SEWICKLEY will probably farnish some strong competitors for honors among the amateurs this sea on. With the new club-house Sewickley's izcillities for producing first class amateurs will be second to none.

A Pizeon Feeding Its Young. The joke about pigeon's milk has a foundation in fact. After the incubation of the young has been completed the crops of the parent birds become thicker and secrete a ort of card with which the young are fed. This description of nourishment is necessary for them, for if the young pigeons are de prived of it during the first week or two

after hatching they are sure to die.

