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EIMARES ABOUT AMATEUR SCULLERS

Very, very funny are the vagaries of base ball. The team who have been representing us down in the East have fully demonstrated that during the week. They went to Boston and won two excellent contests from the terrible champions, and then they met the tail-enders at Baltimore and got wolloped out of their boots. So much for public form in baseball. Well, we must not lose heart concerning

our sluggers yet. The race is young, very young, and there is plenty of time to make a good showing before the season ends. But I am one who believes that we must have a stronger team than we have if we want to have a winning team. The Pittsburg lot must certainly be stronger in the pitcher's box than they are, or else we can throw up our hands at once. That it was a mistake for the management to refuse Clarkson and to choose Terry in preference to McMahon is now an established fact; but it is the futnre we must look to. The club needs one or two good pitchers right away, and if they could be had we are all right.

Doubtless Mark Baldwin is dissatisfied and that fact will certainly impair his nitching. Pittsburgers have not treated Mark any too well. He is a fine pither, and has had more hard luck in his games than any other pitcher I know of. He would do well in some other club, and why not try to get our old friend King back in his place, if Lovett cannot be had.

A dissatisfied man on a team is ruination to himself and to the team, and this is a very important fact. I know that Baldwin very auxious to leave Pittsburg, and his late work shows that this anxiety is having some effect on his work.

#### Regarding the General Situation.

More than a week of the second half of the season has gone, but the time is too short to form any definite opinion as to the probable outcome of the pennant contest. Except saying that the Brooklyn team looks to be the best I have nothing this week to say about the comparative merits of the various teams. Taking everything into consideration the Brooklyns are in the best playing condition, and barring accidents they will make a great struggle for the pen-

and if they do not win it. Although the second half of the season is quite young there has been considerable talk throughout the country about the 12-club League and the intentions of its magnates. This talk has generally been relat-ing to changes that should be made or that should not be made. One thing I have ob served, that is, that there is a very strong position to that very foolish rule regard limiting each team to 13 players. League magnates have adopted man

stupid rules in their time, and the - rule in question is certainly one of them. I anot for the iffe of me believe that the agnates ever had any serious i

of a small salary limit could not keep the league off the rocks. Baseball cranks are unreasonable beings and they can never be trained to indorse the prize package system. They all want the best talent in the market than O'Brien could have been secured in the United States to meet Fitzsimmons, and it may be that the Olympic Club finds this fact out when it is too late. The Sullivan and Corbett Battle. The Ballivan and Corbett Battle. It is wonderful the public interest there is taken in any contest that John L. Sulli-van is to take part in. Although he and Corbett are not to meet for about 10 or 11 weeks yet, everybody who is at all inter-ested in sporting affairs hardly has anything else to talk about. During the last week or two I have received numerous letters asking why I don't write more about the Sullivan and Corbett battle than I have been doing. All this interest is because the newspapers

They all want the best taient in the market and if they can't get that they want the next best. The semiimental side of the game was chilled when the good, had and in different were all drawn from the same bag. The plan that promised so much for the game in the minor leagues has been rejected by the enthusiasts. A Sport Worth Encouraging.

There are indications that swimming is going to be more popular here this fall than

ever it has been in Pittsburg. A few days ago Secretary Page, of the Three A's, was telling me that in all probability the association he represents will promote a series of swimming contests next fall. Mr. Page is a strong believer in swimming as a very

is a strong believer in swimming as a very useful recreation, and there are thousands who believe as he does. The Three A's would do well, indeed, to arrange a series of swimming races, and arrange them so as to have the best swim-mers in the country here. Swimming as a sport is not half as popular in the United States as it should or as it could be. It is one of the most entertaining of sports and one of the most entertaining of sports, and I know of none more useful. And we ave some excellent swimmers in Pittsburg,

and we would have more of the excellent class than we have if the sport was to receive a little more public recognition. It is likely that Messrs. Flower and G. T. Tay-

lor will be representatives of the Three A's in the fall contests. They are really good peragainst it. We must bear in mind that Corformers, but, dear me, we should have more than two good men in a city like Pittsburg. knocked out in any such time, and he is just about as able to keep out of the way as anybody connected with the boxing busi-Manager Goodwyn, of the natatorium, has turned out many tolerably fair swimmers, but he will be able, I dare say, to give us quite a number of first raters if the uess. as more popular and was better patronized. By all means efforts should be made to carry

ut the idea of Secretary Page and have fall swimming contest on a large scale. I have taith in the public helping the venture. Few Words About Amateur Rowing.

It

The defeat of the English amateur scullers lately by Ooms, the German, has caused everybody interested in rowing to be considerably surprised. The Englishmen have held the amateur sculling supremacy so long that it was thought almost impossible to van's contests wish Burke and McCaffrey, should make us all a little cautious in our down them. In 1890, when the United statements regarding Sullivan knocking Corbett out in two, four or six rounds. States sent Mr. Protta to England to try and gain laurels, he was so hadly beaten by Mr. Kennedy, who was in turn badly beaten by others, that all of us thought the English amateurs invincible. And the German and French have always made such a miserable

show against the Englishmen, both in singles, doubles and fours, that nobody ever reamt of Germany sending a man to down But sure enough Ooms, of Germany, has aid them all low, and I don't think he won, because the standard of English sculling was much poorer than usual. While I do

not think he met as good rowers as Guy Nickalls and Gardiner were in 1890, I am inclined to think that he would have held s own with them. This is mere conjecture I admit, but Ooms won his races so easily that we must give Germany the credit of having a great sculler at last. Mr. Ken-nedy, who deleated Protta two years ago in England, is rowing yet and in as good form

as ever. He was beaten by Vivian Nickalls, who was easily beaten by the German. This kind of form makes Germany out to be far ahead of the United States in amateur sculling, because it does not seem as if there is a better sculler than Protts was among our amateurs now. While talking of amateur sculling let me

remark that there is a very good oppor tunity for the Three A's to make their or ganization prominent. There are sure to be many young men in this very populous locality who would blossom into really first-class amateur scullers. As far as I am aware Albert Denmarsh and M. Pickett, of Bellaire, are eligible for the amateur class, and they are tolerably fair rowers and very and they are tolerably fair rowers and very young. If Pickett has improved any since I saw him row, he will be a very hard man for any amateur sculler to beat. Indeed, I see no reason why a sculler like Pickett couldn't be gotten into form to defeat any amateur sculler I know of. If a thoroughly representative amateur rowing club was organized in this city depend upon it success would be the result. There is the material for good scullers, and certainly we THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SUNDAY, JULY 24,

DEATH AT HIS FEET. Buby to the hunter's son Milo. "Some-body must come git him!"

How a Wise and Tough Old Bear Met His Fate in a Milkhouse. WAS AS STRONG AS AN OX TEAM. Sagacious and Furious Efforts to Get Rid of a Trap and Clog. Brain Was a Cuuning Brute. Milo, being something of a hunter him-self, undertook the job. He went back with Ruby. It needed only a casual exami-nation of the field for him to discover that the bear was wise beyond his kind. The trap the old hunter set had attached to it a clog made of green beech, four feet long, six inches through, and forked at the end the chain was four feet long. When the bear found that he was only wasting time trying to get the better of the trap by fighting it at Farmer Ruby's door, he had taken the

A GOOD SHOT AT A PAIR OF BARS

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCE. ROULETTE, PA., July 22.

WAS a bright st light night, and Far-mer Ruby had slept through half of it. when he was awakened by a noise. Farmer Ruby lives three miles from Roulette, up Fishing When he creek. MAST heard the noise he listened a moment. "Them horses is loose, sure as guns!" said he.

T en he jumped out of bed and ran to back window and looked out. He saw

omething that surprised him. Sullivan himself has been talking loudly "Mercy!" he exclaimed. "Them horses about "nocking Corbett out" in two rounds. This is simply blowhardism of the rankest kind, and I don't believe that Sullivan behain't only loose, but one of 'em is tryin' to climb the milkhouse!"

lieves any such thing for a moment. I can well remember when Sullivan and his friends talked just as extravagantly about what John was going to do with Mitchell when they met in France. I argued that at least Sullivan wouldn't down Mitchell in 30 minutes if at all and everybody laughed at By this time the farmer's wife was awakeh She raised up in bed and remarked to Farmer Ruby that in her opinion the horse he saw was nothing but a nightmare, and that he had better climb back into bed. But the farmer kept on looking out of the winminutes if at all, and everybody laughed at me. We all know how that contest re-sulted and that event, together with Sullidow, and presently he was surprised again, and more than ever.

"Great guns!" said he. " 'Tain't a horse either! It's a man!"

The Old Lady Wasn't Excitable,

The farmer's wife ejaculated mildly that Sullivan the other day was quoted as sayshe was glad to know that there was a man ing that the only times he has been in good condition were in his battles with Flood outside of the house, even if there wasn't one left inside; but the farmer kept on condition were in his battles with Flood and Ryan. If this is true then we never need hope to find him in good condition again. But if he was at his best against those men we still have little to go on, as looking. The result was still greater sur-""Tain't a man, neither!" he shouted.

"It's a bear!" both Ryan and Flood put together would

Whereupon the farmer's wife remarked hardly make a good man. But a man of Sullivan's strength should "Pooh!" very distinctly, and turned over

and went to sleep. A hill, crowned with woods, rises in the rear of the Ruby farm house. Against the hill, and set part of the way into it, is a log milkhouse. When Farmer Ruby first be in good enough condition to last three or four rounds in a Queensbury rule contest with comparatively little preparation. What I mean is that with only a little prep-aration he should be able to keep up his hurricane style for three or four rounds and if his style is as effective as many people milkhouse. When Farmer Ruby first looked out of the window that star-lit night, with his horses on his mind, he saw a large black object on all fours, climbing up the hill at the side of the milkhouse, and headed for the roof. He thought it was a horse. When it appeared on the roof it was standing erect, and the farmer thought it think, he should be able to down his man in that time. But he did not down Mc-Caffrey or even a man like Jack Burke. The truth is, I know of no really good man Sullivan has knocked out in real short order. This is not sentimental talk, but an was a man. Then it droped on all fours again, and the farmer knew it was a bear. impartial appeal to the facts of history. What I claim is that Sullivan must be in And he stood right still and watched the bear from the window. What he saw dis-turbed him greatly, but he was so surprised very good condition to defeat Corbett, be-cause if he is not Corbett will tire him, and that he never once offered to interfere. we saw what Sullivan was like when he got

#### The Strength of an Ox Team.

rail tence, hurry across a field and plunge into the Allegheny river. Jones ran to the few minutes. Then he came down and went to the milkhouse door. He tried all sorts of ways to open the door, but failed. His failure brought forth growis from the river. The bear was swimming with only his ears and a little bit of the top of his head visible. It was a small mark, but Jones blazed away. Even the bear's cars and scalp then disappeared. Presently a big wake broke the waves near the farther bear that caused the farmer yet more sur-prise. The roof of the milkhouse was low and projected a few inches at the eaves. Four-inch stuff was the material from which shore, and the bear crawled out by the aid it was made, and it was fastened down by wooden pins driven half way through the 8-inch logs on which it rested. When the disgusted bear found that the fastenings of the door were proof against him, he walked back up the hill at one side of the milkhad crashed through its brain. The bear weighed 404 pounds. There were 21 persons in the last hunt for him, and he was divided house, placed his two great forepaws under the projecting roof, and raised slowly on his hind feet.

NOTES AND QUERIES. Brain Was a Cunning Brute.

Survival of Ancient Customs in American Politics and Trade.

THE MELODIES OF MOTHER GOOSE.

Friday Has Not Been an Unlucky Day for These United States. trying toget the better of the trap by nghing it at Farmer Buby's door, he had taken the heavy clog under one arm and marched away to the woods. Milo followed the trail. Some distance in the woods he found where the bear had placed the crotch of the clog against a tree and broken one of the forks off, in his efforts to rid himself of the

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THE SOLDIERS OF THE REBELLION

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH. Unless one deliberately thinks of it, he will be astonished at the many survivals we have in this prosaical country of olden times and olden customs. No Mayor in this country wears a chain of office, as many Mayors do in Geatr Britain; but the Mayor of New York City has a standard and a standard bearer, and when he appears on certain public occasions-such as reviewing the Decoration Day parade, etc. -his standard bearer stands behind him, as if he were a feudal knight. The staves that the Sheriff's deputies carry at executions are survivals of the time when the Sheriff wore armor, and when his attendants or deputies were men-at-arms; the deputy with his stave goes right back to the Sheriff of Not-

tingham, perhaps. But in nothing more than in our signs do we maintain old customs. In the old days, when few persons could read, a tradesman put out a representation of his wares, or some speaking sign. The barber surgeon hung out the pole which the patient grasped when he "brought up" the vein in his arm preparatory to having his blood "let" by the practitioner; and ou the pole he hung two bandages, one white, the other red. Our barbers do the same unto this day.

knot, and dropped as he had from the dead pine. The knot broke, and bruin again failed of freedom. By the appearance of the trail the hunter Glovemakers hang out great gloves, druggists put up mortars and pestles, cutlers exhibit seissors or knives, watchmakers and Some distance further on he ran the beech elog under a tangle of roots made by a fallen beech tree. The hold was a strong one. Thus held fast the bear could just jewelers show watches, and dealers in Jewelers show watches, and dealers in paints hang up a huge painter's palette. The tobacconist's "wooden Indian" is familiar, and is one of the few signs that does not indicate in itself what is sold by the person who exhibits it; it is purely con-ventional as indicating a dealer in tobacco. reach with his fore paws two small trees and a good sized hemlock. He grasped one of the small trees and by it tried to tear Similarly conventional are the three golden balls over pawnbrokers' doors; a do octor in Italy, a medicus he was called, became wealthy, and assumed as his arms three golden pills; his family lent money "at the sign of the golden balls," and now every pawnbroker the world over exhibits the same emblems.

These explanatory signs are the Volspuk of retail trade; they are intelligible to every civilized man, whatever be the lettering upon them.

Who wrote Mother Goose's melodiest Are they supposed to be the production of one pen, or are they the accumulated nonsense of ages? Are the Anglo-Saxons the only ones who are accustomed to bring up their children on such stuff, or are other nations equally culpable? B.

The story that the melodies owe their being to Mother Goose, a resident of Boston, Mass., is not now generally believed. Ac cording to the story Thomas Fleet married Elizabeth Goose on June 8, 1715; they had a child, and Grandmother Goose sang to it the songs which Thomas Fleet collected and published in 1719. Of the marriage of Fleet and Elizabeth Goose there seems to be no doubt; an entry of it appears in the records of the City Registrar in Boston; but all the rest of the story is doubtful. No trace has ever been found of such a book or trace has ever been found of such a book or pamphlet, although a person who died in 1859 is said to have come across a copy of it in the Library of the American Historical Society in Worcester, in 1856, while hunting for some entirely different book; but the finder's name is not known, and the book was never afterward discovered. It is a for the in 160° Charles Darseult a French This is the origin of many of the handsome shrubs of this name now sold from the nur-series. The shrub was carried from our mountains to Europe and after a century of was never alterward discovered. It is a fact that in 1697 Charles Perrault, a French writer, published the "Contes de ma mere l'Oye," or "Mother Goose's Tales;" and Rabelais, who died 150 years before, used as typical of a popular story the title "one of the stork's stories." Many of the melodies have meanings, and are found in other lan-

She climbs the mountains, high, high, high, high high high poor little thing! She has but one eye.

The little sister here is a star. And

other melodies might be cited as having meanings which show that they were not intended originally for children only. Mother Goose herself has been traced by

some mythologists to Bertha of the Big Foot, the mother of Charlemagne, and back of her to Freia, the Norse goddess of

love, one of whose names was Bertha, the

### HOW TO BE PLEASANT. Word of Sound Advice to Young Gir

Who Wish to Attract, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.] There is an inherent longing deep in th heart of each woman plodding along thi

Did the Morrison horizontal tariff bill ever pass the House of Representatives? W. C. Y.

June 17 he moved that the House go into committee of the whole to consider it. This motion was negatived, 140 members voting "aye" and 157 voting "no." So the bill was put to rest.

In conversation the other day some charming girls were complaining of their lack of talent and plain features. It was suggested to them to make a study of the art of being pleasant. "Girls, you don't know what an effect continued pleasantness has upon a map." A woman who makes the man whom she loves believe that she knows not the mean

He can sell to any person, but he cannot sell less than a certain quantity, which

LAUREL ON OUR HILLS.

Great Clusters of Its Beautiful Flowers Adorn the Ravines About Pittsburg-The Rhododendron Is Also Abundant-What a Century in Europ- Did for It.

flowers set in great clusters among the grace-

ful, shining leaves. The flowers vary in olor from pink to pure white, and the bellhaped cups are so exquisitely crimped they remind us somehow of the sheer white caps old ladies used to wear. Like most flowers, this one has one curious feature; inside are ten little cradles, in each of which an anther lies anug abed. But take a pin and gently touch the stamen-pop! up flies the anther like a jack-in-the-pulpit, only it is not so ugly. Now, if you are a young Darwin, you will find out what all this is tor-and if you are not, there is no use in telling you.

But this American laurel is not the noble laurel with which the Romans crowned their heroes and poets; that is a large tree and grows in Italy. It is related our sassafras and to the einnamon tree. and like them it is sweet scented and spicy, and when we are told that laurel leaves make a delicious flavoring for pudding we must remember that it is this noble laurel, or bay tree, that is meant, not our native shrub, for its leaves contain a deadly poiosn and we must be careful how we handle it. Sheep often die from eating the leaves, which gives it the name of

kill. Another name is spoonwood, for in early times the fine grained wood was made into spoons. But long ago, before the plants of this country had been examined and named, the King of Sweden sent a man named Kalm over here to study the new plants. There were settlements of Swedes along the Delaware and Schurlkill rivers efore Penn came to found Philadelphi

bears it so proudly, and with these country-men Kalm made his home while exploring the region and gathering plants. He took home to Linnaeus, the father of otany, many specimens of American plants till then unknown to naturalists, and the delight of the old botanist over these newfound treasures was said to be so great it cured him of his gout. After studying over these plants he gave them names, and the most beautiful one of all he named for

Ralma. Before the laurel has quite faded out of sight another spiendid blossom has opened in the woods beside it; this is the rhodo-In the woods beside it; this is the modo-dendron, which is sometimes called the "great laurel." It has clusters of large white flowers, elegantly shaled and spotted with greenish yellow, and its leaves are nearly a foot long, thick as leather and beautifully wared and polished.

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overestimated. For years back Pekin has been supposed to contain 1,000,000 inhab-itants; now its population is placed at 800,-000. There are no censuses in China, and all estimates depend for their value upon the person who makes them.

on admiration and grows plump at the rat No. It was reported April 14, 1886, by the Committee on Ways and Means, of which Mr. Morrison was Chairman, and on of five pounds a week if a little love should be thrown in her way. But the grea question of how to gain this affection, this love and admiration which each man has i in his power to give is sometimes of a rather puzzling nature to girls, especially those who have no personal charms to at tract.

Can a man having a wholesale license in New Kensington, Westmoreland county, sell his liquor to any persons other than sa-B,

quantity is specified by law.

A woman who makes the mad whom she loves believe that she knows not the mean-ing of worry, and who always has for him a pleasant smile and a word of welcome will find that tender thoughts of her are creep-ing down further into his heart than those of the hearts whom she artics. of the beauty whom she envies. The only way, always to be pleasant is to make a study of the art; convert it into a science and study it as such. A pleasant woman in the home is like a gleam of God's WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.1

One may gather their own laurels any of these fine days by a drive up the mountain side or along some of our rivers and cool ravines, where the straggling bush seems al-

nost oppressed with its wealth of superb

This is a bad year for seronauts. Siz have thus far been killed. On the Fourth two were drowned after an ascension from Boston Common; one was thrown from his basket, but managed to catch the telegraph wires in his decent, at Waltham; another jumped from his balloon high in air, get-ting off with a broken rib and many serious bruises at Lexington; while still another narrowly escaped drowning in the Kenneec river.

nan.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

brightest sunshine. Her very presence soothes, comforts and cheers the heart of

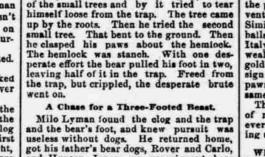
Bad Year for Ballooning.

earth of ours to be attractive. She thrive

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# DOCTOR WHITTIER

814 PENN AVENUE, PITISBURG, PA As old residents know and back files of Pittsburg papers prove, is the oldest estab-lished and most prominent physician in the city, devoting special attention to all chronic city, devoting special attention to all chronic diseases. NO FEE UNTIL CURED sponsible NERVOUS and mental di-persons NERVOUS and mental di-tion and hope, impaired memory, disordered sight, self distrust, bashfulness, dizzines, sleepleseness, implies sleeplessness, pimples, cruptions. impover shed blood, failing powers, organic weak ness, dyspepsia, constipation, consumption, unfitting the person for business, nociety and marriage, permanently, safely and privately cured, BLOOD AND SKIN stages, most beautiful one of all he named for Kalm, so the true name of our laurel is Kalmia. Before the laurel has quite faded out of



forks off, in his efforts to rid himself of the incubus. Failing in this, he had dropped the clog and gone tearing through the woods, dragging it along. He had not pro-ceeded a great way when the clog had caught under a hemlock log 20 feet long and 2 feet through. The immense strength of the bear was shown by the fact that he had tugged at the chain by the trap fast to his foot and turned the big log over and rolled it out of its bed. "A team couldn't have done it!" says Milo Lyman.

A Novel Attempt at Freedom

Then the bear went on. He climbed a dead pine tree 40 fect high. The top of the stem was hollow, with a jagged shell around

it. The bear wound the chain about one of the jags and dropped bodily from the stub. The shell broke, thus defeating the bear's

The shell broke, thus deleating the bear's intention of tearing his foot loose from the trap by the fall. Failing in that the bear bore on through the woods. He came to a hemlock tree that had fallen and lodged in

nemicock tree that had failen and lodged in the crotch of another tree. A big knot pro-jected from one side of the hemlook near the top. The bear had climbed the slanting hemlock, whipped the chain around the

knew that the bear had gone from the hem-lock wrought to the highest pitch of fury.

Milo Lyman.

and Hunter Jones, an experienced bear hunter, and the chase was resumed, many others joining in it. The dogs took the trail, and followed the tough old bear over the hills toward the Allegheny river. The dog's caught the bear twice, but he whipped them out both times, and kept on his course. Bear Hunter Jones, knowing a runway where he believed the bear would come out on his way to the river, had hurried to sta-tion himself there. He got there just in time to see the bear come down from the hills, cross the road, take down a section of

The bear sniffed around on the roof for I have grave fears about Sullivan's getting into good condition. A friend of mine who saw Sullivan the other day tells me that he has a very big paunch on him and he (my friend) cannot see how Sullivan is going to train it off. Just as sure as we live, if Sullivan rushes through his work to reduce his stomach the latter will become so fevered that it will take more than human power to prevent John from drinking very copi-On the other hand, Corbett is training without a bitch, and is, I am told, in the very best of condition. The question with me then is mostly one of condition. If Sul-

into 21 parts. In dressing him five old t is the opinion of everyone who know

All this interest is because the newspapers for years have advertised Sullivan more than any other puglist has been advertised in the history of the prize ring. Very shrewd men, financially interested in his movements, mancially interested in his movements, have seen to this extensive advertising, and it has been successful. Were Sullivan to merely stand on his puglilistic record there would be little enthusiasm indeed, and I say this with fairness to him and due resay this with farmess to him and due re-spect to his powers. It is often unsafe to come to definite con-clusions about a big and important battle two months before it takes place. I do not propose to do it at present, but there are a lew features that can be discussed now and with interest to all of us. There is a notion more or less prevailing that Sullivan will finish Corbett in 12 or 15 minutes. This is a very unwise assertion on the part of any-body. True, such a thing may occur, but most certainly the chances are tremendously against it. We must bear in mind that Cor-

bett is not going to New Orleans to be

The Big Men and Their Training.

ns. and it

acting up to that rule when it was adopted argued last week, it takes away al most all the enterprise from a club and tends to give the public an inferior kind of bail playing. It seems to me that in pass ing it the magnates only had one object in view recording it, and that was to use it a a means of cutting down the salaries of the players. This very unfair "cutting" has been as much indulged in at present as the nerve of the magnates will allow, and, thus being so, there does not seem any intention to abide by the 13-men-to-a-club rule. The sooner the rule is wiped out the better

three English championships this year. Well, the National Cyclists' Union wants The to-be or not-to-be of the 12-club mon opoly itself is also being widely discussed and from now to the end of the season we and if there was ever a fairer request that may expect that very burning questions of baseball will be a leading theme of discusthat, I would like to know of it. In discussing the question a Western writer very sion. There is a very strong opposition to the monopolistic league. I am one of its noments and have never believed in it. My objections have been given in these columns several times. When it was first established I did not believe in it and nov my faith in it is less than ever it was. The more one sees of it the worse does it appear to be. It is formed on a very bad principle and when a foundation is bad we cannot ex pect the upper structure to be sale. The predominating notion of this big League is to gather all the baseball interest into one little ring and keep them there and ru them in the most mechanical manner. I do claim that this is a very, very bad method indeed.

### The Opinion of Others,

To be sure there are other people who favor the big League just as they favor everything that the magnates do. I had an article written by an Eastern man forwarded me the other day which termed those who do not favor the big League "disgrautled and ignorant." Of course, the arguments of the big League's opponents were not dis-cussed. People who have a bad cause never use arguments, but deal entirely in abuse I am sure it would tend to dispel our "ignor e" if a little argument was given us and then, instead of everlasting twaddlings and frothy rodomontades.

So far the big League has not been a success and the further we get into the season thi fact is becoming more and more apparent. There are clubs in the League, and many of them, that are almost entirely living at the expense of others. This sys-tem cannot exist, and it is safe to say that these clubs would fare much better if they were in an organization of their own, and run on principles which are peculiarly adapted for the success of these clubs.

This question must be faced and we all had better begin to become acquainted with it. It is a very simple one and can b narrowed down to the query: Is a big me nopolistic League preferable to two major leagues working under a national agree-ment? I have faith in the intelligence of the baseball public giving a negative answer.

#### The Failure of the Western League.

The Western League and its lottery plan has totally disappeared, which is one mor proof of the fatility of trying to run bas ball on utopian notions that aim at killin all individual effort. From the very first mention I have emphatically opposed the lottery plan. I even predicted its utter The other day I came across tew words written on the subject by Mr. Ben Multord, of Cincinnati. They so clearly and forcibly state the case and bear out what I have from time to time con tended, that I now reproduce them for the mefit of my readers:

The death of the Western League crushe lennium plan to earth and in th eck of that league is emphasized the lack public taith in the lottery plans. In ball each club must stand on its ow Milwaukee, the first club to lie dow bottom. Milwaukee, the first club to lie down, was hit awtally hard in the distribution. Most of the crack players who had been corraled by Manager Cushman fell to the lot of other clubs. Hughey and Stephens were pitchers groomed by "Cush" and it was call and wornswood to the people of Brewery-ville to see them pitching good ball for Kan-sas City and Columbus and it was only na-tive these should damp the pian that ural that they should dama the plan that had taken them away. The Western stran-, led individual effort and even saving grace

ave the tutors to mold the materia Bicyclists and International Courtesie

of course, championships. At present this is not allowed, although the English permit

Zimmerman or anybody else to go to Eng-land and take all the championships they

can: in fact Zimmerman has secured two or

the L. A. W. to return the complia

wisely says:

livan could be put into the ring fully able to make the fighting and retain his wind he would as surely defeat Corbett as I am writ-ing now. What I now say is, do not let these exaggerated notions of Sullivan's knocking-out abilities lead us astray, but let During the last few days a question of very great importance to bicyclists in parus look at the matter impartially and from standpoint of experience. PRINGLE. ticular and to all sport-loving people general has been brought to the front. I refer to the question of allowing foreigners to compete for American bicycle, amateur

usly.

vinded against Mitchell in France.

### HE FORGOT TO ADDRESS IT. An Erratic Irishman Became Angry Be-

cause His Letter Was Not Sent. Chicago Tribune.]

There are two capital anecdotes of the strange Irishman, Sheridan Knowles, a dramatist of singular capacity and knowldge of stage effect, combined with a mastery of blank verse of a rather peculiar kind, which gives him his own niche in stage literature. He was an actor also, and

wheely says: As a simple and courteous act of reciproc-ity, it would seem no more than fair that the league should do as the union desires. An American has gathered in their champion-ships and taken the honor and glory which go with them, and every American wheel-man is singularly proud of the fact. Now, what is the matter with the league being as free and easy as the N. C. U.? To be sure a little lexislation will be necessary in order afterwards turned preacher; but he was distinguished for bulls. He sent £200 in Bank f England notes to his wife in London, which failed to reach her. He angrily demanded of the Postmaster-General an explanation and an apology, as he happened free and easy as the N.C. U.T To be sure a little legislation will be necessary in order to accommodate the coverous Britains, but as this year is a year when legislation of all sorts is being enacted for the furtherance of the sport, and, come to think of it, the rules of the league are being stretched to admit of international contests during the World's Fair scason next year, it would seem as if it would be good policy for the L. A. W. to hearken to the moderate petition of their brothers across the water. The Chairman of the Racing Board ought to draw the atten-tion of his conference to this subject and ascertain if there is not a way by which this country can do as much for the Englishmen who would compete honorably with us as they are willing to do for our representatives who go abroad for honorable competition. A Local Athletic Cinb Suggrested. to be unusually certain of the day and hour when he had posted them, and denounced the authorities with energy. The answer was pleasant and courteous, with the assurance that the Minister knew him as a friend by his works, and was only keeping the money at the postoffice till the address was known, as it had been sent in an envelope without any address whatever, and only "I send you the money." written inside.

"My dear sir, you are right and I am wrong. God bless you!" was Knowles' answer. On another occasion he rushed across the Strand to shake hands with "O. Smith," an actor well-known by his initial, and ask after his health. Smith, who knew him only by sight, thanked him, but told him

LIGHTNING AND VESSELS

Casualties Bave Diminished.

sion, states that no case has been recorded

where a ship rigged with wire rigging has

Spare Moments. 1

#### A Local Athletic Club Suggested,

A very able and prominent city official, who is an ardent patron of all kinds of wholesome athletic exercises, suggested to me the other day the advisability of organ-izing an athletic club in this city. Of course, a real first-class is meant, where all kinds of athletic contests would be indulged in; in other words, an athletic club on lines similar to the Manhattan A. C.

In my estimation the suggestion is a good one, and I besitate not to say that 200 or 300 members could be soon obtained for such a club. The membership would, of course, have to be select, and there would not by any means be anything patronized by the club that wasn't in accordance with law. The best talent, boxing and other kinds, in the country could be secured, and the club could be made a legal institution of enter-

tainment and athletic instruction. Now, why should a club like this not succeed in Pittsburg? I see no reason, nor does the very important city official referred to. There are hundreds who think the same, and the only thing to do is for a number of ergetic supporters of the notion to get to-gether. I am perfectly willing to receive communications on the subject, and will do all I can to have the matter talked over

### among any number who want a first-class athletic club organized. The Fitzzimmons and O'Brien Battle.

The Fitzsimmons and O'Brien Battle. There is a deal of complaining going on about the proposed battle between Bob Fitz-simmons and Jack O'Brien. The apparent inequality of the two men was first pointed out in this paper, and since then the opinion has become general that it is a very badly arranged contest. Now, I am not going to say that it is a badly arranged affair, simply because I do not know sufficient about the merits or de-merits of O'Brien. I say, apparently it is

not know sufficient about the merits of de-merits of O'Brien. I say, apparently it is not a well arranged fight, but O'Brien may be better than he appears to be. He will have to be considerably better than I think he is to deleat Fitzsimmons, and I say this because I feel confident that he is not as good as Pritchard. I also know that Fitzsimmons has all

along been more anxious to fight O'Brien than anybody else, and it does seem strange

that milkhouse that an or team couldn't have pulled the roof loose from the logs; but when that bear rose up the roof rose up with him. There was a rip and a crash, and the stars looked down into the milkhouse through an opening in the roof big enough to tumble a horse into. And still the armer was so surprised that he never lifted

#### a finger against the bear. Sounds of Reveiry by Night.

Bruin, as well as the stars, looked down into the milkbouse. What he saw there evidently pleased him, for, with a self-congratulatory snort, he disappeared through the opening so quickly that it al-most took Farmer Ruby's breath.

"Mercy!" said the surprised farmer. "There goes all of mother's this week's burnin

Instantly there was a sound of revelry by night inside that milkhouse. The clatter and bang of milk pans mingled with the bear's voicings of untrammeled pleasure This lasted several minutes, and then the milkhouse door came open with a smash. The bear had been satisfied to enter at the roof, but he chose to come out by the door So he burst it open as easily as he had lifted the roof.

"That bear beats lightnin'!" remarked Farmer Ruby, still growing in surprise. As soon as Farmer Ruby could do so h

came to Roulette. He routed out Lero Lyman, the mighty hunter, and told him the harrowing tale of the bear and the looted milkhouse and requested him to take after the bold midnight marauder and run him down.

#### Laying Plans to Catch Bruin.

"The bear will be back for some more fun in the milkhouse to-morrow night,' said the old hunter. "I'll go up and set trap for him and we'll gather him in." That day Hunter Lyman went to the only by sight, thanked him, but told him who he was. "I beg your pardon," said Knowles; "I took you for your namesake, T. P. Cooke." As for the postal story, it has a quaint counterpart in that of one of Toole's many eity friends, who never would not any eity friends, who never would Ruby farm and set a big trap skillfully in the milkhouse, leaving the door ajar so the bear would be put to no trouble in getting in. He told Farmer Ruby that the cunput any address on his envelope but "J. L. ning animal would be along again some time that night, and walk into the trap. "You can sit up and watch for him," said the old hunter to Farmer Ruby, "or you Toole, Esq.," on the ground that the post-office always knew where he was traveling.

"You get it," he said; "you get it, my boy." It was Toole's suggestion that he might send him £100 to test it. can go to bed, just as you please." When night came the farmer concluded

that he would sit up and watch for the bear. He got a double-barreled gun and a big pistol. Both were heavily loaded for the bear. The farmer and his wife watched patiently Since Iron and Steel Are Used in Ships far into the night. There was yet no sign of the bear's coming, and the tarmer's wife went to bed. Not long afterward a dark object came slowly from the woods. It slouched leisurely down the hill toward the Since the substitution of iron and steel for wood in shipbuilding, the using of iron for masts, and wire for riggings, a marked milkhouse. It was the bear. The farmer diminuition has taken place in shipping sat at the kitchen window, his arsenal well in hand. The big bear went up to the milk casualties from lightning. This subject house door and stopped. He stood motion less, with his nose in the crack of the door was made matter of special inquiry by the German authorities, and the result was puband he stood there so long that the farme lished by them in a recent report. Captain could scarcely keep on his chair. Dinklass, who had charge of the commis-

"Git in there, ding you!" he muttered. "I want to pour some lead into you!"

### A Scene of Awfal Rage.

sustained any damage from lightning, ex-By and by the bear pushed the door open cept in a few instances where continuous and stepped in. There was a loud snap, a louder roar, and out of the milkhouse came a huge ball of black fur and a clanging tran. The ground pitched smartly from the milk-house toward the window where the farmer was sitting, waiting to pour lead into the bear. The bear, with the heavy trap fast to one hind foot, rolled down the ditch, roaring and bellowing, and snapping his great jaws at the trap and elog. The farmer damage. The difference in safety between the old

dropped his gun and pistol. "Great guns!" he shouted. "The bear's agoin' to bust in the kitchen!"

and new class vessel has been particularly noticed in the tropics where violent storms are very frequent. The destructive effects Then he ran into another room and locked the door. The bear tumbled and plunged and fought the trap about the kitchen door for five minutes. Then all was quiet. After awhile the farmer ventured to peek of lightning upon her Majesty's ships in-volved in former years an expenditure of not less than from £6,000 to £10,000 annu-

out of a window. No bear was to be seen or heard anywhere about the premises. At dawn Farmer Ruby hurried to Boually. Between the years 1810 and 1815 no tewer than 35 of the sail-of-the-line and 35 that O'Brien would allow his match with Pritchar i to fall through and agree to come here and fight a man like Fitzsimmons. I say all this because I hold that a better man here and fight a man like Fitzsimmons. I

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bullets were found in his previous adventures the big animal had enjoyed. Strangest of all, a thorn three inches long,

of some tangled roots and stopped.

The Story of a Thorn.

Jones plunged into the river and made hi

way across. The big bear was hanging by the roots as dead as a stone. Jones' bullet

strangest of all, a thorn three inches long, very sharp at the point, and half an inch wide at the base, was found imbedded in the old bear's flesh. No such thorns grow in Pennsylvania or adjoining States, but are common in Southern Missouri and Arkansas. "He ought to had a bed o' thorns, ding him!" exclaimed Farmer Ruby, when the thorn same to light "He kar' we are one

thorn came to light. "He kep' me on one long enough!" ED MOTT. long enough!"

## THE MODERN WOMAN'S WATCHES.

Many Ladies Are at a Loss How to Wear Their Dainty Tickers. New York World. 1

shining one. Comparative folk-lore shows us that other people than the Saxons have or had the tales and melodies; and that the Saxon race is not the only one to bring up For the person who invents a safe sort o ocket for women's watches a large fortune their children on the "nonsense;" and that the peoples that do bring up their children and the gratitude of thousands are waiting. Women are beginning to grow tired of on it are not so very culpable after all. having their slender chains jerked in a crowd and finding themselves watchless.

I was speaking of Friday as an unlucky day, when a friend said that it had always been a fortunate day for the United States; if so, in what way? O'REILLY. They don't enjoy even hunting vainly for the timepiece which was buttoned into the front of their bodice, but which has slipped Friday has played a prominent part in in and is finally discovered two inches the history of this country, even if it has above their waistbands and far on one side. not been always a fortunate day. Colum-

The pretty toys are continually being lost, as they slip down under the bodices and bus sailed from Palos on Friday, August 24, 1492; he discovered America on Friday, belts and rope onto the ground. October 12; the Mayflower arrived off what If you are determined to wear your watch like the rest of womankind, thrust into your bodice, it is a good idea to have is now Provincetown Friday, November 10, 1620; Washington was born on Friday, February 11 (old style), 1732. The battle of Bunker Hill was tought on Friday, June 16, 1775; the Declaration of Independence sewed securely to the lining of each one of the patent fastening hocks which have to be pressed in order to pass over anything. Clasp this over the big link at the end of your chain and you are compara-tively safe. A strong-handed thief may was signed on Friday, August 2, 1776; Burbreak the chain, but cannot capture the watch. If this is impossible, it is at any rate always easy to fasten a fancy pin through the end of the chain, which will keep it from slipping and render it a little less easy to grab. Another excellent plan would be to have

a small pocket sewed to the hing of each bodice at the place where it is natural to slip the watch. This pocket could open to-ward the front and when the watch was thrust in could fasten by means of one of

receptacle, even with the chain dangling daintily down the front of the gown, a woman might safely venture into a crowd, and not be obliged to keep one hand con-tinually over her breast to protect her prop-

### LESS OIL FOR THE HAIR.

erty.

Ivry when he called Mr. Blaine "a plumed knight;" and the title has remained ever Dozen Years Ago the Proper Care Re quired Much Greater Quantities. since. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

2. Whitney invented the gin. Mrs. Greene called his attention to the need of A dozen' years ago there were consumed some machine for getting the seeds out of the cotton, and he lived on her plantation ten bottles of hair oil where one is used now. The prevailing fashion then was to wear the hair thick and long. Dust and dirt got into the locks, and shampooing had to be resorted to frequently to keep the head clean. This made the hair dry and "porcupiny." Oil was used to smooth and gloss it. A great "fake" with the barbers was to use "pure bear's oil" on the hair. To tell the truth this was nothing but lard with a little bergamot, or other essence, to give it a pleasaut odor. But the vast ma-

Had all the barber shops in the country used what they pretended to, an army of bear hunters would have had to be emof three years. On January 1, 1865, the Northern army numbered 657,747 men present for duty; the Southern army at the same date numbered about 439,675. The exact number of enlistments in the Southern army is not known.

What is the population of Pekin. China

of the Chinese cities are, as a rule, greatly

1. Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll called Mr.

Blaine by this title in nominating him for

the Presidency in 1876. Colonel Ingersell

doubtless had in mind Macaulay's descrip-

tion of Henry of Navarre at the battle of

culture comes back to us as a gorgeous ex-otic. Those of us who can't have 100 years of Europe, many at least live one happy day on the Alleghenies while Laurel Ridge proclaims itself by the great banks of rosy bloom piled on the rocks and drifting all guages than English. For example; I have a little sister, they call her Peep, Peep, Sue wades the water, deep, deep, deep: Sue wades the mountains, high, high, high; down the mountain side.

New York Times.]

country.

MARGARET E. HOUSTON. AN OLD-TIME SPRING.

# The Once Popular Chappaqua Waters Are

highly, is again becoming popular. This

was the first mineral spring patronized by

any considerable number of people in this

the base of a hill about 200 feet in height.

The water, as it rises from the rock, is

transparent, but in its course deposits a red-dish yellow powder. The salts held in solu-tion are said to be iron, manganese, calcium

and lime. A leading physician of Sing Sing to-day

made inquiries of the old inhabitants re-garding the spring, and was told that in the

past the waters were so famous in the res-toration and cure of weakly people that a large hotel, of which nothing remained 40 years ago, was filled with invalids for a

great many years and that no one questioned

the tonic properties of this spring. An extra steamer used to run from New

York to Sing Sing for the purpose of bring-

THE CZAR AND THE CAT.

the Rag- of Two Dogs.

The Czar's long visit in the Danish cani-

European situation. But one fright has

marred the screnity of his life in Copen-

asgen and that concerned his guards more

than himself. Early one morning a few

days ago guards in the park of the castle at

Fredensborg saw a door leading to the garden burst open and the Czar, shouting and gesticulating, ran out in slippers and shirtsleeves. An attempt at assassination

was the immediate conclusion and the

guards ran to the rescue, half of them

hastening to the deserted apartment and the others after the Czar. The latter found the

Czar beating two large Siberian blood-hounds and saw a big tom cat scooting off,

tail up and head down. The Czar explained to the astonished

gnards that us he sat at the window he saw the dogs chase the cat, the favorite pet of King Christian, into a corner, and, fearing delay would be fatal, ran to the rescue.

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while he worked at his invention; but Mrs. Greene had no share in the actual inven 3. President Zachary Taylor died July 9, 1850, and is buried in the Taylor cemetery, about five miles east of Louisville, Ky. How many men collisted during the war in the Northern and Southern armies? W. I. S.

The aggregate number of men in the Northern armies, "reduced to a three years jority of patrons believed they were being treated to the genuine bear's oil luxury. standard," was 2,319,272; that is, that there were enough enlistments, some long and some short, to make that number of terms

ployed constantly, and a bottle of bear's oil would have cost as much, if not more, than hampagne, Now very little hair oil is used. It is a new Very little mair oil is used. It is a rare thing for a customer to ask for it. The fashion is to wear the hair short and not to look poetic. Money that the barbers for-merly got for shampooing and cleaning the hair they now get for the extra hair cuts, and the one about offsets the other.

Recent travelers say that the populations

goyne was deleated at Saratoga on Friday, October 17, 1777; Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown Friday, October 19, 1781; the battle of New Orleans was ended on Friday, January 13, 1815; the first gun of the Civil War was fired on Friday, April 12, 1861; several of the most important battles were fought on Fridays; Lincoln was shot on Friday, April 14, 1865; Guiteau was hanged for murdering Garfield on Friday, June 30, 1882; and there have been a dozen other Evidence more of less important in our his

a small pocket sewed to the lining of each Fridays more or less important in our his tory. 1. Why was Jame G. Blaine called "The Plumed Knight?" 2. Did Eli Whitney in-vent the cotton gin alone, or did General Greene's widow assist him? 3. When did President Taylor die, and where is he buried?

the patent loops to on eyelet crocheted on the lining of the bodice. With the watch securely tucked in such a