CITY BULLETIN.

SKATING—ITS ORIGIN AND GENERAL ADOPTION—THE FIRST SKATERS AND THE GREATEST SKATERS.—The skating season having arrived, and the chances being that the sport will be indulged to a greater extent than usual this winter by persons of both sexes, we present a few historical notes concerning the origin of the art, with a sketch of its progress and popularity in other countries.

It remained for the nineteenth century to make skating a fashionable amusement, favored alike by high and low, by ladies as well as gentlemen. It is, indeed, only quite recently that skating has become a common amusement among American women.

Probably the small-footed, light-limbed, low-voiced Indian women, mounted on their snow-shoes, were actually the first American women who skated. Snow-shoes were worn by the Iroquois, and the snow-shoe is akin to the skate. The principle, however, is somewhat different, the one being intended for walking, the other for sliding.

Skates appear to have been more generally used in Holland than in any other part of the world. The shallow canals of that country freeze early, and form excellent pathways for the skaters, many of whom are peasants, both men and women carrying heavy baskets of fish or other articles for sale, at their backs. It is not impossible that the Dutch may have borrowed the idea of the iron skate from the snow-shoe, or wooden snow-skate, used by the northern nations of Europe, visited by their old navigators. The Norweigians, the Finlanders, and the Laplanders, are very expert travelers on their snow-shoes, which are very similar to those used by the North American Indians.

The Laplanders carry on eager, and long, and exciting chases over mountain and flood on skates. They hunt the reindeer and other wild animals in this way. Their skates are wooden, about seven feet in length, and exceedingly narrow, the foot being of course placed in the centre lengthwise. With these peculiar snow-shoes, or skates, which they call *skie*, they skim over the frozen snow or ice with wonderful skill and rapidity. They often travel fifty English miles or more in a day on these *skies*. And so skillful are they that they not only glide over level wastes, but, when pursuing their game, they frequently climb the steepest mountains on their skates. They ascend in a zigzag line, and with a rapidity amazing to a foreigner. The *skie*, or skate, is sometimes covered for the ascending chase with a strip of hairy skin, from the reindeer or the seal, the hair of which, being turned backward, prevents a retrograde movement. But if their skill in ascending mountains is remarkable, the rapidity and dexterity of their movement in the descent are absolutely marvelous. The Laplander will move fearlessly to the brow of a mountain precipice, which to any eye but his own appears utterly impassable, and prepares in a moment for the descent, apparently without a thought of danger. Placing himself in a crouching position, his knees bent, and his body inclining backward, he holds his long staff in one hand, pressing it into the snow to moderate his speed when too great, and thus fearlessly shoots the steep declivities. He moves at times with a velocity almost equal to that of an arrow, a cloud of snow following his course like the foam in the wake of a ship at sea.

Military regiments have been formed of the Lapland and Norwegian skaters—for the Norwegians are equally skillful—and they have rendered efficient service in time of need. There are at present, or there were recently, two companies of the Drontheim rifle corps, who manœuvre on skates. And there are two regiments of Osterdale Jägers, also mounted on skates. The arms are a rifle, to which is attached a broad leathern strap passing over the shoulder, and a short sword. The skating Jäger carries also a staff, seven feet long and an inch in diameter. This, which is held in the right hand, is armed with an iron spike, and above this a circular piece of wood. The spike penetrates the frozen snow, and the wooden circle prevents it from sinking in, thus giving a firm support to the arm which carries it; with the aid of this staff he also makes sudden wheels, and preserves his balance in descending declivities. These regiments manœuvre as the common Jägers, or chasseurs do, moving, however, on their skates, or *skies*. They move with singular agility, and, from the depth of the snow, are entirely safe from the pursuit of cavalry or infantry. They have no need of path, or road, and traverse marsh, lake, river and mountain with wonderful rapidity. They are very successful in harassing an invading army on the march; here at one hour, there at another. They excel also as scouts and couriers, often, when on these duties, gliding over ice that would not bear the weight of a stationary man.

The provisions and baggage are transported on light wooden sledges, drawn by one man, with the help of a leathern strap passing over the right shoulder. These regiments have proved very serviceable in keeping open the communications between distant corps, and also in surprising small detachments of the enemy, harassing their march, either when advancing or retreating. They are thoroughly trained and exceedingly skillful.

Skating was first introduced into England early in the seventeenth century. At least, the Dutch skate was not carried across the Channel until that date. The early English chroniclers, however, speak of the London apprentices tying the bones of sheep to their feet, and sliding over the ice on them.

The earliest record of regular Dutch skating in England is found in Evelyn's works. Under the date of December 1, 1662, he wrote as follows: "Having seen the strange and wonderful dexterity of the sliders on the new canal of St. James's Park, performed before their Majesties, by divers gentlemen and others, with scheets, after the manner of the Hollanders, with what swiftnesse they passe, how suddainely they stop in full carriere upon the ice, I went home by water, but not without exceeding difficultie, the Thames being frozen, gentle flakes of ice encompassing our boate."

The Scotch claim to be the best skaters in Europe, at present, whether justly or not no one can say. There has long been a famous skating club in Edinburgh, which has produced brilliant amateurs. In London they have a club of more recent date, each member of which wears, as a badge, a little silver skate hanging from his breast, and to appear on the ice without it subjects him to a fine. The best skaters in England are said to be found in the fens of Lincolnshire, where the shallow waters are often frozen. The Lincolnshire men have long races on the ice—"runnings," as they call them. One of their most successful skaters ran a mile in one minute and four seconds. Another ran two miles in three minutes and eight seconds. Two noted runners went from Ely to Cambridge and back, in all forty miles, in two hours and thirty-six minutes.

In the United States skating has become a favorite amusement in the winter season and is extensively indulged in by persons of all ages. No exercise is more exhilarating. Of late years skating parks have been established in all of the principal cities, and the ladies have become deeply interested in the sport. It is no uncommon circumstance now to observe hundreds of ladies, clad in appropriate skating costumes, flitting about the ice in the different parks.

Philadelphia possesses many advantages for those who are fond of skating. The Schuylkill river is frozen over during the greater portion of the winter season, and the ice is constantly covered with skaters. Sometimes, in extreme cold weather, the Delaware gets closed, and then more venturesome skaters take a run over to the neighboring city of Camden. The numerous creeks in different sections of the city are also much resorted to. In the way of parks the city is well supplied. These parks are fitted up with every convenience for the accommodation and comfort of not only skaters, but those who desire to see the fun. There are reception rooms, dressing rooms, waiting rooms, &c., and arrangements for keeping the ice always in serviceable order. Nearly every section of the city has one of these parks, and all are well patronized. The Chestnut Street Skating Rink, erected by a company of wealthy citizens, is one of the finest and most complete structures of the kind in the country.

In reference to "ponds and skating places" in Philadelphia, in the early history of the city, "Watson's Annals of Philadelphia" contains the following:

"There used to be a deep pond at the northeast corner of Arch and Eighth streets, close by what was once called Dr. Church's family burying-ground, on Arch street. Another was on the south side of Arch street, above Seventh street, called 'Everly's Pond.'

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"There was 'Evans's Pond,' on the north side of Race street, extending back to Branch street.

"A small pond lay on the northwest corner of Arch and Fourth streets.

"A pond, called 'Hudson's pond,' lay at the northwest corner of High street and Fifth street. Another lay near it called 'Kinsey's pond,' on the south side of High street, between it and Minor street, at the west end, where Washington's house stood.

"Pegg's run [now Willow street] had ponds in the marsh there, always much visited and celebrated. In the summer the water which rested in places on this marsh gave life and song to thousands of clamorous frogs, and in the winter the whole area was a great ice pond, on which all the skating population of Philadelphia, even including men, were wont to skate. This was more particularly the case before the ice in the Delaware closed for the season, which was usually by New Year's day, and lasted till March.

"Colonel A. J. Morris, when 90 years of age, formerly told me of his skating on a deep pond on the west side of Third street, above Pine street; and Owen Jones, nearly as old as he, told me of a pond once on the site where Duché's lot, on the opposite side of Third street, was formed. There he once saw an enraged bull driven in by dogs and pursuers. * * * *

"The foregoing were generally such ponds as had been previously formed by brick-kilns, or by raising streets higher than some miry lots. They were generally of that period when skated upon by such aged persons as Colonel Morris, Thomas Bradford, Alexander Fullerton. These spoke of them to me. Both Morris and Fullerton spoke to me of the 'great Blue-house pond,' at the southeast corner of South and Ninth and Tenth streets. It was surrounded by numerous willow-trees, the great stumps of which even now remain there, although the former appearance of the pond is almost obliterated. From that pond, they concurred in saying they could skate by a continued line of water down to its outlet at Little Dock creek, by the way of the present St. Peter's Church in Pine street, then the whole range being in commons. This long water communication only showed itself in the winter seasons or in heavy rains.

"Mr. Thomas White, now but 73 years of age, tells me he used to skate at 'Nevill's pond,' lying front of the present Presbyterian Church, in Pine street, and extending to Spruce street up to Fifth street. He also skated on a pond on the north side of Spruce street, up to St. Mary's Church, and reaching nearly from Fourth to Fifth street."

—A State Society, auxiliary to the American Woman Suffrage Association, was formed last evening. The meeting for the purpose was held in the lecture-room of the Mercantile Library. Judge William S. Peirce presided, and Miss Annie Heacock acted as Secretay. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. The organization is entitled "The Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association." The officers to consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of five from Philadelphia, and one from each county of the State where they can be obtained. The remaining articles provide the manner in which the constitution shall be amended, and for the agitation of the subject by the distribution of tracts, &c. The following officers were chosen: President, Mary Grew; Vice-Presidents, Ed. M. Davis, Mrs. C. Farrington, M. K. W. Williamson; Recording Secretary, Annie Heacock; Corresponding Secretary, Eliza S. Turner; Treasurer, G. M. S. P. Jones; Executive Committee, J.K. Wildman, Ellen M. Child, Annie Shoemaker, Charlotte L. Peirce, Dr. H. T. Child.

—The stockholders of the Academy of Fine Arts convened at their building, on Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon, to consider the propriety of giving the Board of Directors authority to sell the structure now in use, and purchase an eligible site for a spacious new edifice. Alexander J. Derbyshire presided. Resolutions were adopted empowering the Board of Directors to purchase a new site for the academy, and execute a bond and mortgage in the name of the corporation for the deferred portion of any of the purchase money, and authorizing the Board to sell the present real estate of the academy at whatever price and terms they deem expedient, the proceeds to be applied to the erection of fire-proof galleries on the site to be chosen. Also, one authorizing the issue of stock to the subscribers of the fund for the new academy building.

—The Seventeenth Annual Commencement of the Institute for Colored Youth was inaugurated yesterday, in the Institute Building, on Shippen street, above Ninth, by the examination of the High School classes and its preparatory branches. The following is a list of the graduates who will receive their diplomas this evening: Louisa P. Matthews, Laura H. Iredelle, Mary J. Hawkins, Inez Cassey, Sarah E. Brown, Lucretia M. Douglass, Charlotte E. Scott, Josephine Davis, Narcissa George, Isabella E. Smith, Camilla D. Coleman, Julia F. Jones, Etienne C. Vidal, Jos. O. Minton, Andrew F. Hill, C. Samuel Adger, Joseph E. Lee, William E. Augusta. This evening at Concert Hall, the commencement will close with oratorical exercises and the presentation of diplomas.

—A Philadelphia branch of the Association for the Promotion of Social Science, was formed last evening, by a meeting of gentlemen at the Horticultural Hall. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. William Strong; Treasurer, Clarence H. Clark; Secretary, Joseph G. Rosengarten; Executive Committee, W. H. Drayton, Ellerstie Wallace, John Welsh, Charles J. Stillé, James L. Claghorn, D. R. Goodwin, Richard S. Smith, James R. Ludlow, B. H. Moore, Joseph Wharton, M. Russel Thaver, W. V. McKean, Eckley B. Coxe, E. A. Robbins, Henry C. Lea, Dr. Isaac Ray, E. Spencer Miller, R. L. Ashhurst, Samuel Dickson, Walter H. Lowrie and William A. Ingraham.

—Philadelphia Division of the Sons of Temperance held a public temperance meeting last night at the late Rev. Dr. Stockton's Church, at Eleventh and Wood streets. Hon. Robert M. Foust presided, and addresses were delivered by Rev. George A. Peltz and Edward G. Lee, J. Boughton, and J. E. Cathell.

—The Lyle Monument Association held a meeting last evening, and resolved that the dedication of the monument in memory of David M. Lyle, late Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, take place on the 22d of February next, and that the Fire Department be requested to participate.

—The Democrats of Select Council, in caucus yesterday afternoon, nominated the following: President, Samuel G. King; Chief Clerk, Charles J. Macalester; Assistant Clerk, John J. Barr; Messenger, Charles McCarty.

—The ingrain carpet-weavers held a meeting last evening, and adopted a resolution fixing the price of labor at 9 cents per yard for 9 pair; 10 cents for 10 pair; 13 cents for 13 pair, and in proportion for all work executed.

—The Christmas exercises of the Jefferson Grammar School were celebrated in due manner yesterday. They consisted of addresses, recitations, dialogues, declamations, reading essays, &c. Mayor Fox and Rev. W. Cathcart were present and addressed the school.

—James McClusky, residing on Kates street, above Thirteenth, assaulted with an axe and seriously wounded his wife on Tuesday night. He was arrested by special officers Roberts and Moore, and was committed to prison.

—Newsboys can obtain tickets for their Christmas dinner at the Newsboys' Home, at the folding-room of the *Public Ledger* office, to-morrow morning, between 6.30 and 7.30 o'clock.

—Frederick Schmidt was the name of the man who was killed on the connecting railway yesterday. He was 45 years of age, married, and resided at York avenue and Twenty-fourth street.

—Seven Market street merchants were fined yesterday, by the High Constable, for allowing boxes to remain on the sidewalk in front of their places of business on Sunday.

—John Filly, alias John Thomas, charged with aiding in the escape of a pickpocket from Special Officer Merito, was yesterday held for a further hearing by Ald. Kerr.

—The City Ice Boat No. 2, Capt. Schellenger, is now ready for use.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—Among the many useful articles for gifts during the coming holiday season, nothing could be more desirable or acceptable to mother, wife, sister or friend, than one of WHEELER & WILSON'S improved Family Sewing Machines. Call at the new and elegant salesroom of PETERSON & CARPENTER, No. 914 CHESTNUT STREET, and examine these unrivalled instruments. They are sold on very reasonable terms.

NOTICE.—The farmers will hold their market in Spring Garden street on Friday, 24th, instead of Saturday.

IMPORTANT SALE OF SUPERIOR CABINET FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY.—Being the large stock manufactured by Joseph Walton & Co., 413 Walnut street, and to be sold at their warerooms on Friday next, Dec. 24th, at 10½ A. M. We desire to call the special attention of our readers to this sale. The goods were slightly damaged at the late fire, but have now been put in complete condition, and will be sold without reserve by T. A. McClelland, auctioneer.

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—S. S. Fetherston & Co., No. 270 South Second street, are now disposing of their vast stock of China, Glass, Queensware, &c., at greatly reduced prices, to suit the times. To those who design making their friends presents, we would suggest a visit to Fetherston's and an examination of their stock. Besides serviceable ware, they also have a splendid assortment of mantel ornaments, Vases, Groups, Statuary, etc., that cannot fail to please the most fastidious.

CONFECTIONERY.—Everybody desires to purchase confectionery at this season of the year, and one of the best places in the world to do it is Stephen F. Whitman's, No. 1200 Market street. Mr. Whitman has a magnificent stock, comprising an infinite variety of articles of the finest kinds and the most delicate flavors. His chocolate goods are renowned the country over. Mr. Whitman has also one of the best assortments of elegant Christmas boxes ever collected in this city.

GROVER & BAKER'S ELASTIC STITCH SEWING MACHINES, also their SHUTTLE OR "LOCK" STITCH SEWING MACHINES, may be obtained during the Holidays on *very easy terms*. Salesrooms, 730 Chestnut street.

W. G. PERRY, 728 Arch street, is closing out, at reduced prices, his immense stock of Books, Chromos, Writing Desks, Gold Pens, French and English Purses, Family Bibles, Albums, &c.

CAMDEN GOSSIP.

—A day or two since a small child belonging to Capt. Cook, of Camden, in the temporary absence of its mother, got its head between the rounds of a chair, and before it was discovered it had choked to death.

—A number of liberal and humane persons are making preparations to make glad the hearts of the little ones who have been taken into the Camden House for Friendless Children, by providing them with a good dinner on Christmas day.

—Prof. Adolph Jackson, who has done more to elevate the musical taste of Camden than any other man, has resolved to move to Frederick, Maryland. He is a classical scholar, in every sense of the word, and retires from his profession in consequence of declining health.

—Religious interests begin to assume a decidedly important character in the locality usually known as East Camden. A successful revival is in progress there, under the auspices of the Rev. T. D. Sleeper. Over thirty conversions have already taken place, and more are constantly coming forward.

—The ladies of Camden are making arrangements to give a grand supper at Morgan's Hall, on the evening of the 30th inst., for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association. The young gentlemen composing this Association are anxious to commence the New Year free of debt. It is a measure which ought to be appreciated properly by the public generally.

—A Lodge of Good Templars is being organized in Blackwoodtown, preliminary meetings for which have been held in the Presbyterian Church at that place. Sufficient have already been procured to secure a charter, which will be secured, no doubt, at an early day, as the movement is in good hands.

CITY NOTICES.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH CASSIMERE PANTS. Made to Order. $12 to $14. A similar reduction on all Measured and Ready-made Clothing at CHARLES STOKES'S, No. 821 Chestnut street, Under Continental Hotel.

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Russian Leather Port Monnaies.
Fancy Purses, 25, 31, 38, 50c. up to $1.
Lace Collars, 25, up to $1 50.
Lace Hdkfs. Linen Centres at 50c., 62½, 75, $1 up to $2.
Ladies' Hemstitch Hdkfs., all linen, 15, 16, 20, 25, 31, 38, 50, up to 75c.
Ladies' Corded Hemstitch Hdkfs., 40, 50, 56, 62½, 80c.
Ladies' Embroidered Hdkfs.
Gents' Hemstitch Hdkfs., 31 up to $1.
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