

# ROUND THE RING

## GENERAL SPORTING NEWS

### New York Club Will Play a Hit-and-Run Game.

## WOMEN AND THE BICYCLE

### Bloomers Abroad in the Land-List of Prize King Champions--College Relay Bicycle Race--Yale and L. P. Base Ball.

Manager Irwin has instructed his New York players that none of them while at bat, with a man at first base, must try to hit the ball unless he has the sign from the runner that he is to go down to second, that particular ball. "No matter if the ball is exactly where you want it," said he in his instructions, "let it go on a strike unless you know that the runner will start."

It is to hit hard this year, the same game the Baltimore played so successfully last season. There will be no slow man on the team outside of the batter's line, and when batters like Tiernan, George Davis, Harry Davis, Van Haltren, Gleason, Connaughton and Stafford follow each other to the plate and play that game, those in the field will all be subject to fits of nervous prostration.

"The team which will go back to New York in April," said Manager Irwin, "will go back to play for New York, and not for themselves. The one object of all will be to make runs, regardless of base hits or records. Runs win games, and that is what we are after."

"The material is there, and all that is needed is system to bring success. It is the fastest set of players I have ever seen with, and you know I've landed several championships in my day."

One rather remarkable feature is that about half of the women's wheels made this year will be of the diamond frame pattern. The bloomer is abroad in the land, and woman is no longer wedded to the drop frame.

Another innovation is that in tandem riding the woman now sits in the rear instead of in the front, as formerly. The reason is that it is thought better for the man to steer.

Still another novelty is the new double drop frame tandem for women, a novelty in tandem riding, and one which two friends who wish to take a spin together. It is adapted either for skirts or bloomers, and is destined to be a '96 favorite, as it is manufactured in response to a demand.

The following list shows the present prize ring champions: World's Heavyweight--James J. Corbett. World's Middleweight--Robert Fitzsimmons. World's Lightweight--Jack McAuliffe. World's Featherweight--George Dixon. World's Bantamweight--Pedro Ramirez. American Heavyweight--James J. Corbett. American Middleweight--Robert Fitzsimmons. American Lightweight--Tommy Ryan (George Youngs). American Featherweight--George Dixon.

English Heavyweight--Peter Jackson. English Middleweight--Jim Hall. English Welterweight--Dick Hurge. English Featherweight--Bill Baxter. English Bantamweight--Pedro Ramirez. Australian Heavyweight--Peter Jackson. Australian Middleweight--Dan Creighton. Australian Welterweight--Tom Williams. Australian Lightweight--A. Griffin (Young Gifford). Australian Bantamweight--Abe Willis.

As many as fifteen colleges, nearly all of Pennsylvania, will be represented by four men each in the annual college relay bicycle race, which is to be held this year at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, April 21. The distance will be one mile. Each set of four riders will strive to carry a handkerchief or other article one mile in the least possible time. It is conceded that the victory rests between Georgetown and Harvard. In last spring's relay races Harvard defeated Pennsylvania, and in the fall Pennsylvania was beaten by Georgetown.

A base ball game has been arranged between the University of Pennsylvania and Yale mines, to be played in Philadelphia on June 12. It will be the first contest between athletes representing these two institutions of learning since 1883 and is one of the numerous earmarks which show that the hard feeling between the wearers of the blue and the red and blue is becoming softened. The ball game arranged is not between Yale's law school team and the University of Pennsylvania's freshman nine. A "varsity" game will probably be played next year.

Another indication of mutual good feeling between Yale and Pennsylvania is the fact that Walter Camp, Yale's great foot ball coach, has accepted an invitation to lecture on foot ball before the University of Pennsylvania students. In other words, he is going to tell Pennsylvanians how foot ball is played at Yale.

### GEORGE BANKER VERY ILL.

His Brother Received a Cablegram from the Well-Known Rider.

Arthur Banker, of Pittsburg, has received a cablegram from Nice, France, from his brother, George, in which the latter stated that he was very ill with typhoid fever. It is highly probable, they say, that the plans George had laid out for his summer racing campaign.

### CORBETT AND FITZ.

Talk of Arranging a Limited Round Contest in a Club Room.

There is some talk in New York of arranging a limited round bout between Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons. If the men agree on the terms the "go" may come off at one of the

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## BASE BALL AS A SCHOOL

### Caylor Explains How Players Graduate from League to League.

## THERE ARE SIX CLASSES

### System Gives Patrons the Best and Freshest Talent--Rooters' Power in the Land--About the Southern Trips.

Some very interesting base ball material was recently written by the versatile Caylor, of the New York Herald. He says: "The present great organized system of professional base ball in a graded system which divides the players into six classes, from A to F, according to the total population of the cities in each circuit. Clubs of a certain class may draft players from any lower class at the end of each season and the National league, which stands alone at the head, can draft from any minor league. Thus a young player who shows ability in the lowest class may be drafted into the National league by year, and if he continues to develop will in a few seasons 'enter college,' or be drafted into the National league. This system is bound to give the best and freshest talent to the diamond, and old players will no longer continue to play upon their departed reputations."

## WHEELS IN EUROPE.

### J. W. Spalding Tells About His Trip Abroad--Horseless Carriages in France, London and Paris Shows.

J. W. Spalding has arrived home after his three months' trip abroad. While in London, Spalding's intention to go for a pleasure trip he nevertheless made a careful study of the bicycle situation while in Italy, France and England. He attended the manufacturers' show at the Crystal Palace, and while it was first-class in every particular it is in no way to be compared to the exhibition given by the American manufacturers at Madison Square Garden. It is his opinion that the show building in London does not compare with our garden and that the manufacturers there are not nearly so enterprising in the display of their goods as the Americans.

The Paris show, which he also attended, was a much better one than that held in England. One of the most noticeable things in connection with the Paris show was the large number of horseless carriages which were exhibited. In France, according to the opinion of Mr. Spalding, however, thought otherwise, unless, he says, there is a great improvement in its construction, as the horseless carriage as exhibited is heavy, clumsy and expensive. It is his idea that they will have to be materially improved before they become popular.

Mr. Spalding was much surprised at the interest taken in cycling in Italy. The roads, of course, in the three countries mentioned are not superior to ours, which will account for cycling having such a strong hold there; in fact, during his travels he rarely ran across what might be considered a bad road for cycling. Italy and the Italians have taken hold of the bicycle industry with a determination to master it. In Milan alone last year over 20,000 imported bicycles were sold. At the different cycles shows Mr. Spalding visited the American wheels exhibited formed quite an important feature of the show. It is his opinion that it will only be a short time before the American manufacturers will compete successfully in England, France and Italy with the foreign makers. While abroad he inspected the thousands of Spalding bicycles which are exported and sold there during the coming season.

### ONE SUPREME BOARD.

"In this one great national base ball system seven leagues and eighty-two cities are united and governed by one supreme body of five persons called the national board of arbitration, directed by the same playing rules and contented for ten separate championships. Outside of the great club are hundreds of semi-professional clubs and thousands of amateur organizations, all getting ready for the fast approaching season. One who does not try to trace the history of the national base ball cannot have an idea of the immense hold which the national game has taken upon the American people.

"The American people are not the only things which begin to 'root' in the spring. The base ball enthusiasts divide that work with their four-legged co-laborers. Nobody has been able to trace the history of the national game popularly applied to base ball excitement, but it has become national in its application. An instance of the power which 'rooting' exercises in the United States was had recently when a proposition came up in the New York park board to cut an avenue through the Polo ground for public driving purposes. The park board, composed of the New York Base Ball club, where over 600,000 persons saw games played last year. It is the only site on Manhattan island where base ball can be played. Thereafter the park board plan raised such a storm of indignation, made manifest by the expression of the New York public through the columns of the newspapers, that the proposed desecration was killed before it reached a vote.

### CHANGE IN RULES.

"Very few changes were made in the playing rules this year, it being agreed that the rules of the American league for the season to come will be about the only new legislation was against abusive and kicking players. Last year's excessive rate of fines is reduced from a maximum of \$100 to \$25, and expulsion from the game is substituted to fit a third offense, or a use of profane, indecent or abusive language on the field. This year a player who is ejected out of the game, he cannot take a seat on the bench, but must leave the field, and the game cannot proceed till he has gone. The umpires have had ironclad rules for the first time, and are empowered to enforce them. It remains to be seen whether they will this year enforce the penalties prescribed by the law of the game, or the subjugation of pug-nacious players.

### CARBONDALE HAS PATCHES.

Manager Swift Signs Him to Catch for This Season.

Manager Swift, of the "Crackerjacks," was returned from West Danbury, N. Y., where he signed Patches to catch for Carbondale this year. There is a disposition among the directors not to sign either Westlake or Wetzel, but their final intention in the matter have not yet been decided upon. The eastern trip has been settled and the arrangement of dates fixed upon will bring the players here earlier than at first expected. The schedule of preliminary games is as follows: Hartford, Conn., April 9, 10; Paterson, N. J., April 12, 13; Newark, N. J., April 14, 15; Cuban Giants, Carbondale, April 16, 17; Syracuse, Carbondale, April 18, 19. Carbondale will play short stop and Wetzel's place a fielder will probably be engaged who can catch. George Staltz will captain the team this year.

### TRAINING DOWN SOUTH.

"This training in the southern climate has been a bad with National league clubs. The benefits of team training in a warm climate last year and in the spring of 1894 had been fully recognized. These trips are expensive, but no club can afford to neglect them. A disadvantage in the opening of the championship games began. Before southern training was extensively practiced patrons of the game were disappointed in imperfect playing for the first two or three weeks of the season, while the stars were wearing off their stiffness. Now the opening games are played with all the dash and brilliancy of midseason."

### BASE BALL NOTES.

The members of the Rochester base ball club who are in that city are practicing daily.

Quaker, with Scranton a part of last season will pitch for Petersburg, Va., this year.

Look out for a big surprise. McDermott may any day close a deal for a certain star of the Boston team.

"Kid" Madden, the famous Boston pitcher, died of consumption Monday night at his home in Portland, Me.

For the first time in many seasons the league managers are beginning to pay their respects to the "rooters."

Manager Kuntzsch, of Syracuse, is trying to sell Outfielder Simon to the Bangor club of the New England league.

Louisville has organized the "Rooters' club" of 150, whose duty it is to attend and game the Colonels play in Cincinnati.

The new pitching rule prohibits the discolored ball, and the "twirler" is the greater of "New ball" there will be a greater than ever.

The Antirach base ball league has been formed. Seven clubs are members, 20,000; Jeannette, Freeand, Harwood, Drifton, Latimer, Macoson and Cleveland. Baltimore, Washington and Cleveland latter being unable to find players strong enough to replace the old men and the other two believing their teams strong enough.

Providence has signed Bassett and Conroy for another season, and has cured a second catcher to help Divon. His name is Bryan and he comes from Philadelphia.

When two players on a team are being sacrificed, the manager will usually pick out of a job, there is a delicate, ticklish feeling between them that the other player never mentions the presence of the rivals.

Before signing with St. Louis Marty Hoeh, the speedy Youngstown boy, and with Scranton in '94, offered Von Der Ahe \$200 cash for his release, but was turned down. Hogan got \$500 from St. Louis and Grand Rapids had offered him \$1,500, and Indianapolis \$1,000.

Arthur Irwin has a pretty stiff curb on the Giants. They cannot play cards or drink without paying \$5 or \$10 for the privilege. It is rumored that Arthur fired Doc

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### Hotel the other day because Dad lated left-handed, and during dinner used his knife instead of his fork.

## HASSAMATER, WRIGHT, STAMPE, JACOBS,

### Dean MacFarland, Herman and Hall's dozen others are being disposed of by Louisville, some by release, some by sale, and the rest by farming. Shannon has shown himself the superior of Collins at Louisville, and Eustace is the best man Louisville has seen.

Anson's long life on the diamond is credited to the fact that he takes a great deal of rest, exercises thus keeping the muscles of his legs pliable and the body hard in general. Now at the age of about forty-five when the majority of players are in the business when it comes to a question of endurance well up.

It has been stated on reliable authority that the Philadelphia magnates have made an effort to secure Bivets, of the Boston, to play for the team. It is also said that they would give with a bonus the services of Pitcher Caylor. The Phillies have been weak at first for the past two seasons and are anxious to secure a good man for the position.

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## KINGS ON WHEELS.

### Crowned Heads of Europe Have Learned to Ride--Queen Victoria Does Not Approve of the Craze.

At the present rate of progress there will soon not be a single crowned head in Europe exempt from the bicycle mania, save Queen Victoria, whose age, girth and infirmities contribute to deter her from this form of exercise. The latest victims to this all-prevalent epidemic are the prince and princess of Wales, the queen regent of Spain and the emperor of Germany.

The latter is having a very elaborate private track constructed for his use in the park by which his palace at Potsdam is surrounded.

From Aix-les-Bains comes the astounding news that the empress of Austria, now staying there, has likewise taken to the wheel, in which she is said to find solace for the deprivation from that of horseback riding, to which she was so passionately addicted, but which was absolutely forbidden by her physicians a few years ago.

King Alexander of Servia's performance on the bicycle at Biarritz, where he is staying on a visit to his mother, excite the admiration even of professionals by reason of his endurance and speed. The little king of Spain recently sustained an accident by a fall from his wheel, which was considered of sufficient importance to be cabled across the Atlantic.

The czar of Russia is an enthusiastic wheelman, and prior to his accession to the throne was never so happy as when undertaking long tours on the wheel with his huge cousin, Prince George of Greece, his uncle, Prince Waldemar of Denmark and his cousin, Prince Christian, the eldest son of the crown prince of Denmark. Both King Humbert and Queen Marguerite ride, her majesty in particular devoting considerable time to this form of exercising in the hope of reducing her increasing bulk.

The only royal family in Europe which has not yet succumbed to the fever is that of Great Britain. That is to say, they do not ride bicycles, but are satisfied with tricycles, a number of which are to be found at Sandringham, Osborne and Windsor.

It has been generally believed that the daughters of the princess of Wales used a lady's bicycle, and statements to that effect appeared in several of the British newspapers. So great was the indignation of their grandmother, Queen Victoria, when she read this, that at her command an official denial was published in the Court Intelligence and the princess of Wales have never at any time ridden bicycles.

Under the circumstances it is to be hoped that the princess of Wales will never set eyes on a photograph taken at Copenhagen which shows the princess of Wales herself seated on a tandem bicycle, her companion being her brother, King George of Greece.

### ALL KINDS OF SPORT.

Nancy Hanks, 204, is reported by her owner, J. Malcolm, to be the fastest rider in Arion, 2:27, the \$125,000 son of Hec-tioner.

Fitzsimmons says "Corbett's idea is not to fight, but to keep himself before the public. I have driven him out of the ring before, and I will do so again before I am through with him."

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