## PLAYERS ARE REPORTING and the Venezuelan questions are

Other Evidences That the Baseball Season Is Here.

PRACTICE GAMES NEXT WEEK

Barmonlous Feeling Between Players and Management-Improvements at the Park-home Uniforms Will Be Blue in Color.

Joy was yesterday brought to the hear's of Manager McDermott and the few players who have reported. The right warm sunshine had much to do with it as it gave the management and players a very forcible reminder of the

festivity to come.

Hess, Mullarkey and Chiles, who have been here for sometime, and Ward and Eagan, who arrived Tuesday and Thursday respectively, were out at the rounds during the afternoon and gave themselves an impromptu seance of frisky practicing. Chiles gave an in-dication of how he was feeling by batdication of how he was teening by out-ting the ball four times over the cen-terfield fence from a point near the plate. When it is remembered that the fence is thirty feet farther from the fence than last season the fact will be realized that Chiles is not suffering be realized that Chiles is not suffering froin spring fever. Hess and Mul-larkey, too, show the benefits of sev-eral weeks' faithful training. Eagan and Ward are in the best of ordinary condition, but have not yet got the kinks out of their elbows and knees.

### HERE OR EN ROUTE.

cletts, one of the bunch of untried colts, arrived Thursday night from Waterloo, Ind., and Pitcher Stemmill. of Maryland, and Outfielder Flack, of of Maryland, and Outnetder Flack, of the Lewistons, of the New England league, reached here during yesterday. All the other players are expected to-day, excepting Power, who still holds out a bluff for more salary; Tommy Johnson, who left San Francisco Wednesday, and Muguire, of Trenton.

who will join the club on the trip.
The work of renovating the grounds and buildings is progressing satisfac-torilly and wit surely be finished by the 27th, when the team returns from the practice jaunt up East. The the practice jaunt up East. The grounds are completely enclosed, and the addition of lifty feet to the width and thirty feet to the depth gives the property the appearance of bigness im-

mediately on passing through the gate.

The new diamond can already be seen in outline as the sed has been removed and the earth is ready for rak-ing, rolling and marking. Each of the outfield territories has been increased in size by the new limits of the park. The hills and valleys which did much last year to reduce the average of Scranton's outfielders will be rolled flat a steam road roller within a few

Among the players there is a feeling of satisfaction and confidence in the owners and Manager McDermott. This feeling of contentinent is bound to prove a valuable factor in Scranton's favor, for no matter how good a lot of men are contained in a club, they can-not play winning ball if subjected to a pleavene business policy and ill-treat-ment. This was proved last year when at the start and on paper the Scranton team was heralded as a promising can-didate for first division honors. "Bai: players are human," said Pete

Eagan yesterday, "and will resent bad treatment or respond to kind treatmenfust the same as other people. public thinks we're a harum-scaram lot-well we are, if treated as Heren-tots by our employers, and so would any class of men be under the same circumstances. Last year is gon and I haven't any kick to make 'for publicahaven's any kick to make for punnection,' but I want to tell you the boys are tickled over this year's prospects. We feel that we are goin to be well treated, well paid and well cared for, and there will be tone o good, honest work where last year here were tone of grumbling tost hert and dissatisfaction. The point is, we are now working for men wto realize that the best results will come from kind treatment toward us and you will find that all the boys wtl show their appreciation by doing new best. I will be more not taken as that any player on emplatic apt say that any player on the trum who betrays the kindness shown my will incur the ill-will of the other pit/ers before the management is on to dm. That goes, too."

## IT ISN'T A JOLLY.

Pte Eagan has never been accused of being a joilier or overly talkative, or was he talking to the grandstand. He freely and unconsciously expressed the sentiment of all base ball players whose opinion on the matter is echoed by the cranks.

In selecting the uniforms, blue has In selecting the uniforms, blue has been chosen for home games and gray for the games abroad. The blue suits will be lettered in white; the caps will be of the golf college style; the stockings will be of maroon color. The same style of caps and the same colored stockings will be worn with the gray uniforms. Last year the blue uniforms were worn away from home. were worn away from home.

It should not be inferred that blue has been adopted this season for the home games because of superstition. The team is a new one and color won't change luck to good or bad. It is good or bad ball playing that will determine Scranton's position in the race. And this suggests again the harmonious feeling between the players and the management. The latter have and will do more than a management usual-ly does. If the players prove competent, and there's no doubt they will do their best. Scranton's only excuse for not being near the head of the list will be poor material. It is with this feel-ing that a public which suffered long ander the old regime says let the band play

Already "the mudway," as the late lamented Mike Kelly called Penn ave-nue, gives evidence of the approaching season. Players and cranks congre-gate there and discuss the all-absorb-ing topic, "Scranton's Chances." Cuba

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WILL LEAVE TUESDAY.

Between now and Tuesday the players will limber up and will leave that night for Hartford, where they play Billy Barnie's Atlantic leaguers. The negotiations to begin the exhibition games with Princeton and the Orange Athletic club were not completed. After Hartford, games will be played at New Haven, Paterson, New Bedford, Newark, Brockton and Fall River before coming home for games with the Cuban Giants Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 and 28, and with Carbondale on April 29. On April 30 the team will leave for Springfield, where the season will be opened Friday, May 1.

Meanwhile, it behooves somebody with authority to give "the base ball park" a name. It didn't deserve one last year, but it does now; it is no longer a child of perfidy and dishonor. WILL LEAVE TUESDAY.

## UMPIRES' INSTRUCTIONS.

Sent Out by President Young of the National League

President Young, of the National Ease Ball league, has issued a circular of instructions, addressed as follows:

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To league umpires: As the gentlemen selected to fill the positions of league umpires for 1884 are all men of large experience and most unnecessary for me to issue special instructions. I desire, however, to call your special attention to the changes in the rules in relation to fining and removal of players, etc. and I shari limits that every umpire enforce, not only that, but every playing rule, both in letter and spirit. If any rule is faulty, it can only be demonstrated by its strict enforcement, It is uscless for one umpire to enforce the rules unless each and every one does exactly the same. If you commone from the very first game to do your whole duty, you will have little trouble in doing so during the entire season; but if you do not your trouble will have just commenced and your usefulness as an umpire be practically at an emt.

I have the utmost confidence in every one of the umpires, and I believe that every decision rendered will be governed by his best honest judgment. In the discharge of your duty on the field you all well know that you have my unqualified support, and you will receive the suppers of every league official.

The umpires will provide themselves with a blue flannel suit and cap, and always present a neat appearance on the field.

Be courteous and polite to all players whenever you meet them, and I would

ways present a neat appearance on the field.

Be courteous and polite to all players whenever you meet them, and I would advise that you avoid familiarity with any. With many it would be harmless, while with others it would be taken advantage of and destroy your usefulness to a very great extent.

You will consider all assignments as conndential, as circumstances might make a charge necessary at very short notice. After the game go directly to your hotel, as you may find a telegram awaiting you. You cannot be too careful in watching for telegrams, and by so doing you can save us both considerable trouble.

It is also very important that you should advise us at once by letter or wire where you are stopping in each city and if possible I would like a list of all the hotels where you stop during the senson and then make no change without previously advising me.

If you have any doubt about the proper

If you have any doubt about the proper If you have any doubt about the proper construction of any rule let me know and I will take pleasure in giving you full information. Your decisions must be uniform upon every point of play.

Don't be too nasty in rendering a decision, but I cannot too strongly impress upon your minds the importance of being prompt in doing so after you have formed an intelligent judgment. Even a very slight delay gives the audience the intression tha you are in doubt the perfectly fearless in doing just exactly what you believe to be right.

Yours truly,

N. E. Young.

## TROTTING RACES.

Local Horsemen Are Well Pleased at the Prospect.

nen are deeply interested Local norsemen are deeply interested in the fact that there will be two trot-ting meets here on June 23, 24 and 25, and in October. They feel that the meetings will be of more than ordinary meetings will be of more than ordinary excellence in view of the strong circuit combination in Waverly, N. J., Allen-town, Bethlehem, Scranton and Bing-hamton and the assurance of generous

entries.

The circuit is that of the Pennsylvania and New York Trotting association. At a meeting of representatives of the several interests held in this city, Jeremiah Roth, of Allentown, was elected president, and H. A. Groman, of Bethlehem, secretary. The Scranton secretary is J. A. Fritz, with whom entries should be made.

## STATE LEAGUE TROUBLES. Are Ended by Getting Shamokin Into the

Pottsville, Pa., April 10,-After many days of trouble and great anxiety, Man-ager John Milligan is once more happy. Milligan evidently lost all hope in be-ing able to make satisfactory terms at Rending, and he therefore turned his attention to Shamokin, which town he this afternoon induced to take the franchise of Reading and join the State Base Ball league.

This completes the State league, and now base ball enthusiasts look forward to smooth sailing. The Reading club will report at Shamokin April 20 and open the season at Pottsville May 1.

## RANDALL ON A TANDEM.

tochester Blevelist Assisted in Making Two New Records.

San Diego, Cal., April 10.—Two bi-cycle records were broken at the Coronado track. The first was the tandem half mile, unpaced, a flying start, and was made in 50 3-5 seconds, by J. M. Randall, of Rochester, N. Y., and C. Schefski, of Salt Lake City.
The second record was the one-quar-

ter mile unpaced, flying start, made in 24 2-5 seconds by J. M. Randall and Earl Kiser, of Dayton, O.

## Chiengo to New York in Five Days.

Chicago, April 10 .- John Lawson, the "terrible Swede," a well-known Chica-go bleyele rider, has determined to try for the Chicago-New York record as soon as the weather permits. Lawson 115, has some original ideas about racing T which he will utilize on his attempt. The Swede is confident of placing the record between the two cities at five days. The present fastest time is 5 days, 22 hours and 15 minutes, to the credit of Bob Scarle.

## Tigers to id Congratulations.

Princeton, April 10.-The students of Princeton college assembled in Alex-ander hall and amid the greatest en-thusiasm passed a resolution to send the following cablegram to their team in Athens: "We, the undergraduates of Princeton, wish to express out heart-lest appreciation for your efforts and congratulate you in your success."

Upon the authority of the Boston Heraid, it is now practically settled that the big quadrangular boat race between Harvard, Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania, will take place at Saratoga, N. Y., and not on the Hudson vice course the process of the contraction of the course of the son river course at Poughkeepsie, or of the Connecticut.

Rode His Own Jumpers to V.ctory. Dublin, April 10 .- At the Fairy House Steeplechase meeting, which was held here on April 6, W. C. Eustis, an Amer ican millionaire, won three races. Mr. Eustis hode his own horses, and had for his competitors some of the best jockeys in Great Britain.

## HAMILTON A RICH JOCKEY

Colored Rider Ranks Next to Taral in Wealth.

RODE THE GREAT SALVATOR

Only Jockey Who Ever Won the Brooklyn and the Suburban in One Year. A Good Wife Helped

Enrich Him.

With the possible exception of Jockey Fred Taral, who has planted fully \$100,000 of his earnings, Tony Hamilton, the colored jockey, is the wealthlest rider on the American turf. Hamilton makes St. Louis his home in the winter and he owns some improved real estate there which has greatly increased in value since he purchased it several years ago. In addition, he owns a house in New York city, which cost him \$20,000, and a farm in South Carolina, where his people reside.

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The general public has no idea of the tremendous sums earned annually by successful jockeys. A first-class rider easily earns from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a season, but the money comes easy, and the jockeys have no idea of its real value. They gamble and put it in circulation through various other channels. Hamilton was like the rest until he married liton was like the rest until he married the daughter of a thrifty St. Louis col-ored man named Messley, who is the janitor of the Laclede building. She made him settle down and take care of

### BEGAN IN 1881.

The story of Hamilton's career on the turf will no doubt prove interesting. Tony is now 29 years old, and he went on the turf as a stable boy when he was 14 years old. That was back in 1881, and he was galloping horses and riding them in races occasionally for tive them in races occasionally for five years before he finally landed his first

vinner. He rode his first winning mount on Billy Lakeland's famous bread-winning Exile. For a year previous Hamilton had been in the service of Lakeland, who has since made a name for himself, as one of the greatest trainers on th turf. He coached and taught Tony th fundamental principles of horseman-ship. "Father" Bill Daly taught "Snapper" Garrison, Jimmy McLaughlin, the Lamley boys and other famous jockeys the same knowledge which proved so valuable to them in after

After he was with Lakeland for two years Hamilton became recognized as one of the best riders in America. Then J. B. Haggin, the millionaire California turfman, who owned the immortal Sal-vator, secured first call on his services. Later on Hamilton rode regularly for the late Senator Hearst, the late Aug-ust Belmont, Mike Dwyer and the Messrs. Keene, for whom Billy Lake land is now training.

### PAYS TO BE HONEST.

Although almost every promising rider is offered big inducements to cheat at the outset of his career, one who does so never amounts to much afterward. He may be the best kind of a rider, but the better class of owners shun him. These men pay the big money and when a rider is in disrepute with them, his earning capacity is limited. Most of the first-class lockeys are smart enough to realize this fact, and try their utmost to win no matter what the price is against their mount.

Every racing stable has to have a number of exercise boys. Many of them are bound over to the owner or trainer. Harry Griffin, the most celebrated light-weight rider in America, was taken from an orphan asylum in New York, when he was in his early teens, his guardian, and will, no doubt, get his share of the \$20,000 which, it is said, August Belmon: has contracted to pay for Griffin's services next year.

The exercise boys gallop the horses in the mornings, and as soon as any particular lad shows unusual aptitude at his work it will be noticed. Then the boy gets a chance to ride in a race. Even under the most competent schoola finished rider. A lad may take to riding horses like a duck does to water, but before he becomes a first-class jockey he must learn to judge pace and the other essential qualities, which will enable a good rider on a poor horse to beat a poor jockey on a good horse a great deal more frequently than is generally supposed.

WON TWO BIG RACES.

During the past season Hamilton accomplished the remarkable achieve-ment of riding the winner of both the Brooklyn and the Suburban handicaps. In the Brooklyn he rode Hornpipe to victory and in the Suburban he finished in front of Lazzarone. Both were neg-lected outsiders in the betting, but Hamilton was reasonably confident of winning before he went to the post in each event. Lazzarone had finished sec-ond to Hornpipe in the Brooklyn and Hamilton knew something about his staying qualities when he took him to the post in the big Coney Island event. which came later on.

Tony thinks Henry of Navarre has been the best race horse in America for the past two years, but he is sadisfied that Clifford who won the Club Mem-bers' Handleap in St. Louis could give him a tussle at six furlongs

## ROLL STILL CLIMBING.

Over 1,000 Members Added to L. A. W.

Boston, April 10.—The League of American Wheelmen membership got another big boost last week. It buries the previous week's record by more the previous week's record by more than 100 names. Out of thirty-seven states and territories 1,160 applications found their way into Secretary Bassett's office. New York, as usual, leading all by a big plurality. Massachusetts is in second place. New York contributed 431. Massachusetts 209, while New Jersey comes in third with 115.

The other states follow in order: Pennsylvania 83, Indiana 38, Iowa 25, Missouri 34, Kentucky 27, California (north) 22, Michigan 20, District of Columbla 17. Maryland 14. Rhode Island 12. Connecticut and Wisconsin 11 each, Kansas 9. Illinois, Maine, Ohio and Oregon 7 each, West Virginia 6. Ne-

## COLUMBIA 🚜 HARTFORD



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braska 5, Minnesota and New Hamp-shire 4 each, Colorado, Delaware, North Dakota and Virginia 3 each, Arkansis, Georgia, Oklahoma and California (south) 2 each, Florida, Louislana, Texas, Vermont and Washington 1

## BICYCLES ARE BAGGAGE.

The New York Legislature Passes Arm strong Bierele Bill. Albany, April 10.-Both branches of

the legislature passed the bicycle bag-gage bill.

The bill as passed provides that bi-cycles are to be deemed baggage and shall be transported as baggage for passengers by rallroad corporations and subject to the same liabilities and no passenger shall be required to crate, cover, or otherwise protect any such bicycle, provided, however, that a rail-road corporation shall not be required to transport, under the provisions of this act, more than one bicycle for a single person. the legislature passed the bicycle bag-

single person.

The senate also passed the assembly bill, which forbids sparring exhibitions, except under the auspices of legally-organized athletic clubs.

### A JOCKEY CONFESSES.

Chorn Makes a Clean Breast of the Conpiracy to Beat Bookmakers.

New York, April 10 .- Jockey Chorn, one of the jockeys accused of entering into a conspiracy to defraud the book-makers at the Bay District, San Francisco, race track, has confessed. He said he was implicated with the Chi-nese plunger, Fong Ching, or "Little Pete," who gave him a share of the

winnings.
Chorn also said that "Little Pete" thad a big staff whom he paid from \$20 to \$200 for their assistance. He says the jockeys implicated got about \$15,-000 as their share of the schemes.

### Baseball at State College.

State College, Pa., April 10.-The base ball season here will not open with the game on Saturday with the Western University of Pennsylvania, the same having been canceled. The sea-son will open, however, next Tuesday with a game with Washington and Jef-ferson to be played here. The ball can-didates are in good condition, but as yet Manager Cromlish has not decided on the team he will shoose to repre-sent the college on the diamond this year. The selection will be made now within a few days. The schedule has been entirely revised for the season.
and, as it stands, is as follows: April
14. Washington and Jefferson at State
College; April 18, Princeton at Princeton; April 20, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; April 21, Ford-ham at New York; April 25, open date; April 28, Westminster at State College; May 4, Colgate at State College; May 8, Empiritehura at State College; May mmittsburg at Emmittsburg; May 9, Dickinson at Carlisle: May 15, Dick-inson at State College; May 21, open date; May 30, Demorests at Williams-port: June 3, Lehigh at Bethlehem; June 4, Lafayette at Easton; June 17, Demorests at State College.

### BASE BALL NOTES.

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Clymer has finally re-signed with Buffalo at an increased salary.

The telephone query, "What's the score?" will make its appearance in Scranton next week.

Lester German is doing much better work in the pitcher's box than any of the New York organization.

The Rochester Brownies have reported and will next week play exhibition games on the Rochester university campus.

Breitenstein pitched in the game against the Fort Worth Ball club Sunday, and only four hits were made of fins delivery.

Dean, the Scranton Young Men's Christian association pitcher, who signed with Toronto, is showing up well in the practice games.

Syracuse's only consolation at present is that practice games don't exactly reveal what the clubs will do when the regular season begins.

Rusle, the Herculean New York pitcher.

season begins.
Rusle, the Herculean New York pitcher, losing exactly \$13.33 every day that he refuses to report. He receives a salar of 3400 a month and it begins to run jus

of 400 a month and it begins to run just as soon as he reports.

No less than thirteen of the leading seventeen batsmen of the National league were left-handed hitters. This is probably accounted for by the fact that never before were there so few effective left-handed pitchers in the league as last season.

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John M. Ward extols young Jones, the
Springfield outfielder, unusually, while he
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adds that in Clara Payne the Brooklyn club has a pitcher that will develop into one of the very strongest in the National league. He also regards Harper as a strong acquisition.

In the spring of '85 John L. Sullivan was paid \$1,000 by Chris Von Der Ahe for pitching three innings for the St. Louis Brown,s in an exhibition game. John offered to pitch for \$100 a game in San Francisco last week, but the game is as dead out there as John L. is puglisstically. At a special meeting of the Atlantic Base Ball league it was decided to allow the Jersey City team, which is composed of New York's surplus players, to play its home games on the Polo grounds. All conflicting dates will be rectified. The name of the club was changed to Metropolitan.

The Baltimores were whipped in a practice game at Petersburg, Va., and the humiliation was so great that a free-forall fight took place between the two clubs. This 1 to 0 defeat is the first game which the Baltimores have lost in exhibition seasons since 1883. If those players fight, bleed and flee over such a small thing, what will they do when the pennant race begins? They are needed in Cuba.

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thing, what will they do when the pennant race begins? They are needed in Cuba.

Amos Rusie has received an offer to pitch in the Southern Illinois league, at Chester, Ill. This league lan't protected by the National agreement. He says he will accept unless Freedman will remit that \$100 fine. The Chester club is the one with which Breitenstein was engaged. Little Cub Stricker realizes to his sorrow what a thankless thing it is to be a weak hitter. He would be a major leaguer were it not for his weakness at the bat.

The Syracuse writers have ceased booming the Stars for two reason—Mesmerist Kuntzsch is away with the team on the practice trip, and the team of grandstand fielders and blind hitters are getting it on the juglar. However, give the devil his due; here's what the Philadelphia Inquirer says of Kuntzsch's men: "The Saltmakers should cut a wide swath in the Eastern league. The infield is very fast, and after a little practice the outfield will render a good account of itself."

Jack Sheridan, who was appointed a league umpire, is going to follow Bob Emsile's plan in the matter of dealing with players. It is not the decisions that an umpire makes tha gets him into trouble. It is the lack of backbone and nerve that causes this much-abused individual a whole lot of trouble. Like Emsile, Sheridan will not allow his decisions to be questioned. "I Don't mind the captain of a team asking me for an explanation of a decision, providing he asks in the right way," said Mr. Sheridan, "but I will not allow a crowd of players to gather around me and start a discussion. The instant anything of this kind is attempted I am going to enforce the rules."

## WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL.

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The easiest way to repair a tire is to have some one else do it for you.

The Eeglish unpaced mile straightaway road record has been lowered to 1,25 2-5 by A. C. Neshitt.

Austin Crocks will try the foreign tracks this year, as he did hast. He will, more than likely, run up against the Johnson-Eck party over there.

A bill has been introduced in the Rhode Island state legislature which makes it a crimnal offense to throw anything on a road which will puncture a bicycle tire. Since Richard Mansfield began riding a bicycle he has gained some of the sound sense he was supposed to be possessed of years ago. The other day he signed a five years' contract at a salary that would support the Duke of Mariborough. And now Richard is himself again.

J. W. Person, Zimmy's hoodoo, has been foing some excellent work since the Skeeter returned to his native heath. On Feb. 1, at Melbourne, the Australian won the 5-mile championship in 12.25, and on Feb. 2, at Adolaide, retuced the Australian mile record to 2.03. This time was paced and officially timed.

### SPORTING GOSSIP.

"If those who have sweaters they wish to wash will try clear gasoline, no soap, it will give them a clean, unshrunk garment with half the trouble and time they now take," says a cyclist. "Souse it and squeeze it a short time, press out the excess gasoline, hang on line in sun or wind and in a short time it is ready for use, I have washed my entire suit a number of times and it always comes out as bright and clean as new. Will wash fine silk waists, neck scarfs, in fact anything. Try it, and you will never use water, cold or warm."

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An American pugilist, reported to be the foulest fighter in this land, is now still the property of the foulest fighter in this land, is now still the property of the foulest fighter in this land, is now still the property of the foulest fighter in this land, is now still the property of the foulest fighter in this land, is now still the property of the foulest fighter in the fighter i

Touring by wheel is now carried on to such an extent both at home and abroad that many of the tourist agencies now advertise trips personally conducted on wheel as well as by boat and rail. The number of touring parties which will cross the ocean during the coming summer promises to be very large, to say nothing of the individuals. One manager of personally conducted tours is out with an announcement of a foreign trip for ladies only, which will occupy all of July and August, while a number of managers are arranging trips which are open to both ladies and gentlemen although the majority of parties will as ususal be made up of gentlemen only. The idea of a trip for ladies only is entirely new and shows plainly the important position which lady cyclers now occupy.

have one crack at the ball, and I'll make a Canadian citizen out of it."

"Strike two!"

"O'Leary was frenzied. Till iose the ball in spite of you." Dan bats left handed. Mountjoy pitched him an inshoot. Dan stepped out of the lines and knocked it away over Morrison into the left.

"Wel!, what do you think of me, George, you great mountain of obbesitygo back on a fellow townsman, eh? Well, just tell the scorers to mark down a homerun." (Dan had made the circuit.)

"I cannot do that, Dan." I said.

"Why not?"

"Your out."

"Your out."
"Well, what am I out for." O'Leary demanded in amazement.
"For running the bases in the wrong

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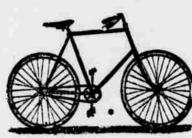
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