

Crack Shots.

First 13 on the Bisley List Have Accepted.

Practical Hints From a Bicycle Instructor.

Ernie Defeated by Dixon in Their Second Meeting—General Sporting News.

THE TRIGGER.

THE BISLEY TEAM.
Ottawa, March 25.—Col. Bacon, secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, has received thirteen acceptances from members of the Bisley team of 1925. These constitute the first thirteen on the list. Not one of the eligible marksmen has so far declined to take his place on the team.

The Bisley meeting commences on July 12, and terminates on July 24, and the Council of the National Rifle Association has extended a hearty welcome to Bisley to any representative of her Majesty's imperial and colonial forces who may be in England on the occasion of the diamond jubilee celebration of her Majesty the Queen.

BASEBALL.

PLAYS.
The Toronto University baseball team will make its first appearance in Geneva, N. Y., on June 1, when it will play Robert. The Canadians are sure of a cordial reception at the hands of the supporters of the orange and royal purple.

Buffalo's first game will be with Pittsburgh, on April 15.

Fuller will play short for Springfield again this season.

Baltimore expects to make a winner out of Horton, the pitcher who was with Toronto at the end of last season.

Kid Gannon, released by Buffalo, has been signed by Rochester.

Brown's eighth pitcher, Herndon, McFarland, Yerrick, Tull, Lee and Murphy.

Archie Latham is looking for a job, Manager Loftus, the Columbia team, having failed to send him a contract. The "dude" has been working in a gymnasium at Lynn for two months, and says he is in fine shape.

In the estimation of Manager Irvin, Casey is an invaluable member of the Toronto team. He is a favorite with the followers of the game, and for that reason the Toronto fans are sure not let him go, although he had several tempting offers for him.

Manager Maddock has his Canadian League book of tickets out, and is meeting with much encouragement in their sale. They are in bunches of ten tickets at \$2.50, or twenty tickets for \$5, and are good for both gate and grand stand. The tickets are transferable, and can be used at any time.

It is not likely that any efforts will be made to force Bradford, the Guelph pitcher, to come to terms with Toronto. Joe Lyndon says that he was only too anxious to become a member of the team when it approached him some time ago, and signed the rough draft that was drawn up without a demur. The salary offered him was greatly in excess of that which he was in receipt of from the Royal City team.

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TIPS.

Brown Hal (2:12) is the king of extreme speed. Of his 25 representatives in the 2:30 list, twelve are in the 2:15 list, and five have records of from 2:02 to 2:09.

Ed. Gears drove Brown Hal's record in 1923, and also drove him a mile in about 2:30 at the trotting gait. No wonder the fans are proud of the greatest of racing stables.

THE BROCKSBY STAKES.
London, March 25.—The race for the Brocksbry stakes of 500 sovereigns, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovereigns each, for 2-year-olds, 5 furlongs, straight (112 st), was run at the Lincoln spring meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Gey Lothair, Mr. F. H. Jennings' Firearm second, and Prince Soltykoff's Leontodon third.

THE WHEEL.

THE RACING BOARD.
The office that will be most debated from now until the end of the season is the C. W. A. There are four names prominently mentioned for the important position: T. Arthur Beament of Ottawa; P. B. Corey, Petroska; A. O. Hurst and A. E. Walton, Toronto.

LIVING TO LEARNERS.
A bicycle instructor offers the following suggestions to beginners:

1. Grasp the handle-bars lightly. Do not stiffen the muscles of the arms and shoulders.

2. Turn the wheel gently in the direction which you feel you are falling. Do not jerk it but turn it gently.

3. Do not be afraid to bear down on the pedals. The faster you go the more easily will the wheel be controlled, but do not attempt scorching until you feel that you are master of the wheel.

LUMBAGO

CURED BY

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

I had been troubled for several years with Lumbago. I could hardly stand; until one day I was advised to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. I secured a box, and I can safely say I have never felt the pains since. I believe they are an excellent pill, and I highly recommend them. You may publish this if you see fit, so as to help others.

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ATHLETICS.

ERNE DEFEATED BY DIXON.

New York, March 25.—Frank Erne met George Dixon for the second time at the Broadway Athletic Club last night, and Dixon gave the decision. Dixon did all the leading up to the 21st round. Erne scarcely landed three good blows until the 21st round. The last meeting between Erne and Dixon resulted in favor of Erne, but Dixon's friends were no means satisfied with the outcome; hence their meeting last night.

BOB'S "ANGEL."

San Francisco, March 25.—Bob Fitzsimmons has found an "angel" in the person of a New York broker, who proposes to establish a "retired champion" as instructor in a new athletic club at Gotham. Martin Julian said last night: "For months we have had plans under consideration, for the execution of which hinged chiefly on the results of the fight at Carson. The building we propose to occupy is a five-story structure in the business district of New York, couple of blocks, though a small one. There is associated with it a certain rich broker of New York. We propose to give instructions in all sorts of athletic sports to the best class of young men. The place will be fitted up very handsomely with all the luxuries and conveniences of a first-class club. It will be our purpose to have from time to time such contests and exhibitions of athletic skill as may be interesting to the members of the club, but nothing will be done that will in any way conflict with the law."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The gymnasium committee of the Chatham Y. M. C. A. are discussing the propriety of forming different classes and holding them during the summer generally. It was resolved to organize football, lacrosse, baseball and basketball teams. A committee of six, representing each of the various teams to be formed, was appointed to undertake the management of the teams during the year as follows: Lacrosse, P. A. Errett and Henry Garrett; football, Gammage and Shambelan; baseball, Leube and Side.

SHE WAS DEFORMED.

Unusual Plea of Defendant in a Breach of Promise Case.

A curious breach of promise action has been entered in the Supreme Court, Montreal. Miss Nelida Cienney takes action against Arsene Laporte, of St. Louis Du Mile End, to recover \$1,100 damages. Plaintiff claims that her relations with Laporte were of the most affectionate nature until within the past fortnight, but that during the last two weeks Arsene had grown colder and sterner, and that he had consummated his bad treatment by flattery refusing to marry her.

To this the faithless one makes answer that when he and his Nelida were building castles in Spain, he was unaware of the fact that she was hunchbacked, and that it was only when mutual friends explained to him how his loved one accomplished her toilet that he became aware of the deformity.

SEAL SLAUGHTER.

North Sydney, C. B., March 25.—The steamer Iceland, which has arrived at Harbor Grace from the Gulf, has a full load of 23,000 seals. She had to abandon 3,000 more which she was unable to carry. Steamer Nimrod had a full load also. At Channel and Rose Blanche 6,000 were taken one day.

Ireland, with a population of 4,704,000, has one of the smallest suicide rates in Europe—only 10 to the million.

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and the RED BIRD that has made him famous as a Cyclist

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He has a long list of victories to his credit, besides the bulk of the Australian records.

One of his most recent triumphs was the defeating of Parsons in a matched race for \$1,000. The match was for one, five and ten miles.

In the one mile event he defeated Parsons by a foot, romped away from him in the five mile, and the ten mile thus being off, he went out and lowered the existing Australian record (his own) by thirteen seconds. He also clipped several seconds off the time in the five mile event.

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