Vera's Love Affair

Lady Riversdale, by a word — an intensely proud, fond word—had intimated that they were her children, and Vera, filled with astonishment at such information, on comparing their beauty with the mother's remarkably homely face, had lost herself in a special glance around. Her eyes falling on Lord Riversdale's solved the riddle. He was a singularly handsome man with marked regular features; at last, then, she had found a child who did not "take after" the ugly parent. She felt thankful for this singular experience.

The children, after a prolonged examination of her charming face, scramble up from their cushions, and back slowly out of her sight. It seems to her that they have made their way to the wall behind her, only very much higher up the room. She feels a touch of regret as she loses her last glimpse of their deliciously solemn little countenances.

Seaton is standing close beside her, as motionless as if on guard, and with an unconscious air of taking care of her that irritates her to the last degree. Why can't he go away and talk to somebody, or, if he must stay, why can't he talk to her? She envies Griselda, who is laughing in the happy privacy of the curtains with Tom Peyton, who has just introduced her to one of his friends. It is a positive relief to her when presently she sees the children emerge again from behind the backs of those who line the wall and sidle towards her with that peculiarly aimless air that children will assume when most eagerly bent on gaining a desired goal.

Ever nearer and nearer they glide, their eyes distrustfully, yet longingly, turned upon her, until at last with a little soft rush they gain her side. Even here they hesitate, until the younger, taking her courage in both hands, slips her little slim fingers under the narrow gold bangles that adorn Vera's wrist, and begins to push them up and down with a childish diffident gesture. The elder, finding her sister unrepulsed, drops on her knees beside her, rests her elbows on Vera's gown, and looks calmly up into her face.

"What's your name?" asks she gravely.

"Vera."

"Vera!" Both children repeat the word with a sort of gratification.

"That's better," goes on the elder nodding her blonde head. "All the others are Mary, or Maude, or Violet, or some such silly name; we are tired of them, but Vera, that is quite new."

"Would you mind," asks the younger child anxiously, "if I called my smallest daughter by that name? She is such a pretty creature! I never saw a doll like her. Really, if you saw her I think you wouldn't care. May I christen her all over again and call her Vera?"

"I shall regard it as quite a compliment," says Vera, "and if you want a new godmother, pray let me stand for her."

This proposition is hailed with rapture, and an appointment instantly made to meet next morning, in the nursery, where the ceremony is to be performed.

"It's the loveliest name," says the blonde child. "Who gave it to you?"

"My godfathers and god——" Vera is beginning with a laugh, when a small frown checks her.

"Don't laugh," says the fair one with the golden locks. "We hate it. Dicky Browne is always laughing at us, and its horrid. But tell us—have you another name, haven't you?"

"Yes, Mary, I'm ashamed to say."

"Ah, it was sure to come," cry the two solemn children, mournfully. They evidently regard this commonplace addition to the romantic "Vera" in the light of a national calamity. The younger still continues to push the bangles up and down the pretty white arm, but now in a dejected fashion.

"I knew we shouldn't escape it," says she sadly, 'but I know what we'll do, Dolly, we'll forget it. It's quite easy to forget anything. She shall be Vera only."

"Not Vera Only," says Dolly sagely, "she can't be Miss Only; that's nonsense. She must be Miss Brown, or Miss Thompson or something. What Miss are you?" regarding Vera with anxiety, who is beginning to look upon them with reverence, as two of the quaintest little beings she has ever met.

"Dysart," confesses she softly, for her sins.

"Why, that's Seaton's name," cries Dolly, brightening, and looking up at the tall young man who is standing near them, "isn't it, Seaton? Why, you must be something to him. Sister, eh?"

"No," said Vera, shaking her head.

"You can't be his mother?" hazards the younger child uncertainly.

Vera laughs lightly. "No!" she says again.

"I have it! I know it!" exclaims Dolly the wise, glancing up triumphantly; "you are—his wife!"

This innocent bombshell spreads dismay in the camp.

"No, I am not," says Vera, in a carefully low but dreadful tone, conscious only of the fact that he is standing behind her and has heard the foolish prattle. She blushes abominably hard and almost shakes the child's arms off her knees.

As for Seaton, he, too, changes color in a very tell-tale manner, and with a quick frown turns on his heel and walks abruptly away.

"Oh, I'm sorry I said that," says the child, noting, with the unerring instinct of extreme youth, that luckless blush, "I have vexed you."

"Why should you think that? I am not vexed," says Vera coldly.

"Ah, don't speak to me like that," cries the little creature regretfully. "Your face is looking at me quite different now. And I didn't know. It is so hard always to know. But I am sure I have made you angry—and Seaton, too. Did you see him, Flossy?" turning tearfully to her sister; "he went away all at once, as red as fire, and as nagry as he could be."

"I suppose he didn't want you for his wife; but never mind," says Flossy sweetly, "somebody else will if you only wait, I'm sure of it, because you are very nice and pretty."

"You give me hope," says Vera sarcastically. And then ashamed of herself as she sees the little honest grieved faces staring in surprise at her she changes her tone, and lays a hand on each pretty shoulder with a caressing pressure. "Who is that pretty girl over there?" she asks, with a wild longing to change this embarrassing conversation, pointing to where the girl who had first attracted her is sitting, "quite opposite, in the red and white gown? Do you see her?"

"Oh, that is Mary Butler. Don't you know her. Everybody knows Mary Butler. We love her, so does everybody else."

"Mamma says Seaton does," says little Flossy, mildly; "perhaps that's why he won't marry you."

"Mamma says, too, that you are not to chatter," says the sapient Dolly, with slow severity.

"Well, there is no harm in loving anyone, it is only wicked to hate," says Flossy indignant at the public rebuke. "And I'm right too; he does love her. There he is now smiling at her."

Seaton had indeed joined the gay group round the ottoman on which Miss Butler is seated, and there is something in the way she makes room for him beside her, a little swift pulling aside of the dainty skirts, a vague uplifting of the brows, that tells his coming is not unwelcome to her. At all events it so suggests itself to Vera, and it may be that others think so, too, because presently one by one the attendant swains melt away, until she and Seaton are left alone.

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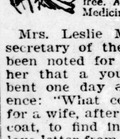

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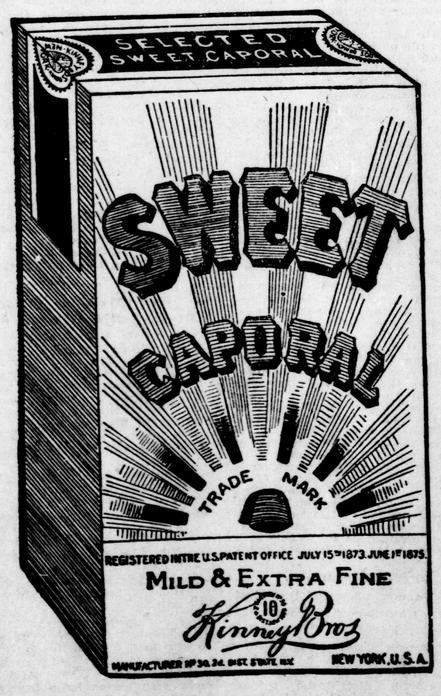
Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw, wife of the secretary of the treasury, has always been noted for her wit. It is said of her that a young man of humorous bent one day exclaimed in her presence: "What could be more dreadful for a wife, after mending her husband's coat, to find in one of the pockets a love letter from anoher woman?" "Fortunately," said Mrs. Shaw, "that could never happen. The woman would find the letter first and then she would not mend the coat."



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LONDON LANCET.

LONDONERS KNOW NOTHING OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Have Not Been Approached in the Matter—A "Pipe" Story Sent From Detroit.

The revival of the old International Baseball League is the subject of a dispatch from Detroit, dated Saturday, which will be of special interest to London fans. The dispatch says:

"The movement to revive the old International Baseball League took shape Wednesday night, when James P. Bowen, of Saginaw, who proposes to have a team in that city, arrived in Detroit and immediately entered into negotiations with local promoters to effect a league organization. A meeting was held during the afternoon, when an organization was formed, and a representative sent around to the towns mentioned for the proposed league.

"It was decided Wednesday night that Lansing, Port Huron and Saginaw should be the Michigan clubs, with Hamilton, London and Chatham, all Canadian cities, to complete the list. Lansing men are behind a strong movement in that town for a first-class team, and will send a Lansing representative. Word has been received from London that a team would be supported by a stock company, and Port Huron is also working on the stock company idea.

"The six cities named would comprise a circuit hard to beat. The jumps are remarkably short for a six-team league, and all the Michigan cities allow Sunday ball. Two holidays, Decoration Day and Empire Day, both come in May, while Dominion Day and the Fourth of July come about five weeks later. Starting the season about the 10th of May, the holidays and Sunday ball alone should keep the league in a secure financial position.

"The Canadian cities will be visited early next week by a league representative to arouse interest in the league. An effort will be made to get the street railways in the various towns to take stock in the companies formed to support the clubs, and in at least two towns, Lansing and London, it is expected that clubs will be backed by the railway men."

Little "stock" is taken in the report here. Bert Sheere, who was one of the parties at the back of the last team London had in the International League, said this morning that as far as he knew there was nothing whatever in the story that the city was to be in the proposed league. He had heard nothing of it, and neither had Mr. W. J. Reid, owner of Tecumseh Park. If a club was entered, it would have to secure a place to play, other than Tecumseh Park, as the latter was now in the hands of the City League, and it was not known where a suitable place could be had without laying out a large sum on the grounds and the erection of stands.

"As far as the owner of Tecumseh Park is concerned," said Bert Sheere, "he is perfectly satisfied with things as they stand at the present time. I have not been approached at any time this season about the entry of a team in an international league."

HAVE ARRANGED THEIR SCHEDULES

Major League Magnates Have Everything in Apple-Pie Order for Season.

New York, March 4. — With the adoption and announcement of the schedule of playing dates for the season of 1904, the representatives of the National League Baseball Clubs finished their annual spring meeting tonight. The league has arranged what is known as "three trip schedule," the eastern clubs making the initial trip first to western territory. The season will open on Thursday, April 14, with New York in Brooklyn, Boston in Philadelphia, and Chicago in Cincinnati, and on April 15, Pittsburg will begin the season in St. Louis. The opening game in the other cities will be played on April 21, with Brooklyn in Boston, Philadelphia in New York, Cincinnati in Pittsburg, and St. Louis in Chicago. The holiday morning and afternoon games have been arranged as follows: Decoration Day, May 30, New York in Philadelphia, Boston in Brooklyn, St. Louis in Pittsburg, and Chicago in Cincinnati. June 17—Philadelphia in Boston. July 4—Brooklyn in Boston, Philadelphia in New York, Chicago in Pittsburg and Cincinnati in St. Louis. Labor Day, Sept. 5—Boston in New York, Brooklyn in Philadelphia, Cincinnati in Pittsburg, and Chicago in St. Louis. The season will close in the east on Oct. 8, with New York in Brooklyn, and Boston in Philadelphia, and in the west on Oct. 9, with Pittsburg and Chicago and Cincinnati in St. Louis. The Saturday games at home are distributed as follows: New York 14, Brooklyn 12, Boston 10, Philadelphia 12, Cincinnati 12, Pittsburg 18, Chicago 13, and St. Louis 13. The home games for Sundays are parceled out among the western cities, St. Louis getting 13, Chicago 18, and Cincinnati 17.

BASEBALL STARS OF A FEW YEARS SINCE ARE WIDELY SCATTERED

Few of the Old-Time Favorites Are Now in the Game—Some in Business, Others Dead.

Twelve years cover the career of the professional baseball player. There are exceptions to the rule, but they are not numerous. George Van Haltren, who will not be seen in a New York National League uniform this year, but who will play ball on the Pacific Coast, is the oldest man in active service today, barring Jimmy Ryan, Jim O'Rourke, who still catches for Bridgeport, Conn., and Jim McGuire, who may be dropped by the Detroit Club. Van Haltren joined the Chicagos under Anson nearly 18 years ago. He came from California as a left-handed pitcher, and he continued to be effective when he played under John M. Ward, in the Brooklyn Brotherhood Club in 1890. Always careful as to his habits, "Old Van" remained in splendid condition from year to year, and was a shining example for other members of the profession to follow. No doubt Van Haltren would be a member of the Giants again this year, had he not broken his leg in the season of 1902, which incapacitated him the remainder of the year, and last season he had not fully recovered from the effects of the injury.

Jim O'Rourke, who one time managed the Senators under the Wagners, has had an even longer career than Van Haltren. His son played on the Yale 'Varsity team two years ago, and then joined his father's Bridgeport team. It was a unique spectacle last summer, when Father Jim made a quick line throw from behind the bat to third base to head off a base-stealer and his son caught the ball for a swift put out.

Jim McGuire has been in the major leagues 20 years, and is still a good catcher, although he can not bat as well as he once did, and is woefully slow on the bases. Charley Farrell, of the Boston Americans, is still in harness, after a campaign of 16 years, and a great catcher he has been, too, his work with the New Yorks, when he handled the terrific bombarding of Rusie and Meekin in 1894, the Temple Cup year, being well remembered by the fans all over the country.

FARRELL MAY STEP DOWN.

When the Bostons played in Washington at the opening of last season Farrell broke an ankle sliding into second base, and he was not seen in uniform again until almost the last games of the year. Charley has taken on considerable weight, and this may force him to retire from major league company.

Tom Daly, another veteran, is doomed to minor leagues this year. Anson took him from Newark along with Pitcher Phyle in 1888, and Daly was quickly pronounced the star catcher of the business. As a thrower and catcher of foul flies he was in a class by himself, even excelling the great Ewing and Charley Bennett in this respect, as many experts contended.

Jake Blakely is one more veteran who is still able to play almost up to major league requirements. He was first baseman of the Pittsburgs in 1887, and has for years been among the best champion batsmen of the National League. He will be with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1904.

There is hardly a player of the veteran class more remarkable than Jimmy Ryan, who rounded out two good years with the Washington team. It is said that he has played in big league clubs longer than any of the present players, and Jimmy acknowledged having served 20 years as a professional. He joined Anson's Chicagos as a pitcher, and was soon made an outfielder, because of his fine batting. Last summer at the local park and at New York and Philadelphia Ryan made some phenomenal catches and throws. In addition to hiting the ball well at times. He is mentioned as the manager of the Kansas City American Association Club this year, but the latest information from Jimmy was to the effect that he had not signed with any team. Lave Cross, Jack Doyle, George Davis, Charley Zimmer, and Jack O'Connor are the other notable leagues more than a dozen years and are still in the game.

THE DETROIT CHAMPIONS.

As star players drop into seclusion and younger men take their places, so old cranks give way to the rising generations of rooters. How many rooters of today remember the champion Detroits of 1887? What has become of this great ball team? Charley Bennett, the catcher, who lost both legs in a railroad accident, is the proprietor of a cigar store in Detroit. Charley Ganzel, the other catcher, retired to become a Boston drummer, while his brother, John, is playing first base for the New York Americans, "Lady" Baldwin and Getzein, the two leading pitchers, have dropped out of sight. Dan Brouthers, the big first baseman, and in his time the best batter in the world, is running a hotel at Wappinger Falls, N. Y., Fred Dunlap, probably the most spectacular second baseman that ever played ball, is dead. His professional career ended in Washington in the early '90's, when he had a leg broken running bases.

Jack Rowe, the shortstop, is a livery stable keeper in Buffalo. "Deacon" White, the third baseman, has retired and is well-fixed in the world's goods. Sam Thompson, who left the professional game four or five years ago, is living in Detroit, and will coach a Michigan college team this spring. Last summer the once great outfielder and batter played in the City League of Detroit. Hardie Richardson, who played in his later years with the Senators, seems to have dropped out of sight, while the other member of this star outfit, Edward Hanlon, is manager of the Brooklyn Club.

The champion Chicagos, who took the pennant in 1885 and 1886, have also been forgotten by a majority of the baseball enthusiasts. Anson's finish was with the New Yorks in 1896. He lasted about 20 days, when Freedman let him go. Then he opened a billiard room in Chicago and has devoted considerable time to bowling, having participated in the tournament at Cleveland. He was the star baseball captain of his day, and he had the happy faculty of surrounding himself with brainy players. Death has removed several of the men who helped to make Chicago and Anson famous on the diamond: "Silver" Flint, the catcher, who was behind the bat all the time, one might say; Mike Kelly, "the $10,000 beauty;" Ed Williamson and Tommy Burns have all passed away. Fred Pfeffer, the crack second baseman, is living in Chicago, and plays an occasional game. George Gore, the centerfielder, is a railroad detective. William Sunday, rightfielder, is a minister of the gospel. John Clarkson, the $10,000 pitcher, is in the cigar business in Saginaw, and his brother, Walter, another remarkable pitcher, is captain of the Harvard 'Varsity nine. Jim McCormick, another great pitcher in his time, is a resident of Paterson, N. J., and Larry Corcoran, also a star pitcher under Anson, has not been heard of for years. Fred Goldsmith, the pitcher of the old Tecumsehs (London), is now a resident of Monroe, Mich., and visited London last year at the time of the Old-Boys' reunion.

NEW YORKERS SCATTERED.

What has become of the members of the champion New Yorks who won the pennant in 1888 and 1889? Buck Ewing, the catcher and captain, and one of the finest players that ever lived, retired years ago and lives in Cincinnati. Buck invested his money well, and does not have to worry about meal tickets. Bill Brown, who helped Buck behind the bat, is dead. So is Ned Crane, the giant pitcher, whose speed was a terror to most batsmen. Tim Keefe, one of the brainiest pitchers that ever handled a ball, is living quietly at Cambridge, Mass., where he owns some real estate.

"Smiling Mickey" Welsh, another popular player, has a paying saloon at Holyoke, and is the father of nine boys, who will take to the diamond some of these days.

Roger Connor, the first baseman, who still has an army of friends, owned the Springfield, Mass., Club, of the New England League in 1903, but sold it and has retired from baseball. Roger is wealthy.

Danny Richardson, the second baseman, after playing a short while with the Washington Club, retired and now is a drygoods merchant in Elmira.

John M. Ward, the famous shortstop, is a lawyer who has made a success. His sporting proclivities nowadays tend toward golf, at which game he is quite proficient.

Arthur Whitney, the third baseman, is manager of the baseball department of the Victor Sporting Goods Company. Jim O'Rourke and Gore have been accounted for, while "Silent Mike" Tiernan, one of the most popular players that ever wore a New York uniform, is the owner of a Harlem saloon.

How many of the present stars in the big leagues will be playing ball in 1916, or 12 years from now, and how many cranks then will be familiar with the characteristics of the Boston world's champions and the Pittsburg pennant-winners of three seasons?

LONDON HAS THE WRESTLING CRAZE

Extends Even to the Drawing-Rooms of Fashionable Society.

London, March 5.—London has the wrestling craze, and it has even extended to the drawing-rooms of fashionable society. For the moment even bridge has been supplanted by the wrestling craze. Hackenschmidt and the Terrible Turk may congratulate themselves that they have set a new fashion. Many of those who for the past three months have been watching the deeds of these wrestlers have now become filled with the desire to do likewise, and at evening entertainments —where formerly ping pong and bridge were the craze—we have now amateur wrestling matches.

Indeed, one enterprising stationer is already printing "At Home" cards with the mystic word "wrestling" printed in the corner. At present the most popular style is Graeco-Roman, but Japanese methods of Ju-jit-su are also growing in favor.

Taking advantage of the fad, an ingenious artisan has invented a wonderful wrestling machine, which ought to become very popular. This machine grips you in any particular style you may like by an adjustment of the machinery, and then if you are strong enough you throw the machine over and so effect your release from the grip; if you are not strong enough the machine throws you. It is stated to be splendid practice for wrestling, and is very healthy exercise. Such a machine ought to have a good sale here just now, and would, no doubt, be largely patronized by those who are always on the lookout for mechanical devices for maintaining their physical strength at a high level.

M'CHESNEY IS THE FAVORITE

Bookmakers Hold Him as the Choice in the Big Races—Others Close Up.

Although the opening of the metropolitan racing season is still several weeks off betting has begun on the big events to be decided this summer. The western bookmakers who lay the future odds on the handicaps to be run at the local tracks have already announced the prices on the various candidates for the big races.

The odds quoted showed that the layers are inclined to hold McChesney at a shorter price than Waterboy. In the Suburban McChesney is quoted at 12 to 1, while 15 to 1 is offered against both Waterboy and Hermis, with The Picket, High Ball and Claude quoted at the same price.

Waterboy is absent in the Brooklyn and McChesney, Hermis, Africander and Claude are the choices at 12 to 1, while Charles Elwood is next at 15 to 1, a rather short price judging from the showing that he made last season. The 20 to 1 shots include Irish Lad, Major Daingerfield, The Picket, High Ball, Pulsus and Dick Bernard.

RACING AT NEW YORK.

New York, March 7. — It is evident that the Empire City Trotting Association is going to make an effort to conduct another huge trotting meeting over its famous Yonkers course this summer.

During the week the officers of the association got together and without any delay decided to give the stake events amounting to $24,000. The meeting this year will be a regular Grand Circuit affair and it will attract all the fastest trotters and pacers in training.

Following the Empire meet the Brighton Beach Association will hold its annual Grand Circuit meeting. With two weeks of Grand Circuit sport in succession and only a few miles apart, there is no doubt that every prominent stable will be represented, and incidentally give local followers of light harness sport some of the best racing of the circuit.

THE DETROIT MEET.

The total amount to be offered in stakes at the Grand Circuit meeting in Detroit, commencing July 18, will be $43,000.

Major Delmar, 1:59¾, has developed considerably this winter, now weighing 1,080 pounds, which is about 75 pounds more than he weighed last winter. He is as sound as a new milled dollar.

SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans — John Doyle, 12 to 1; Macbeth, 13 to 1; Claremont, 9 to 2; Tribe's Hill, 6 to 5; Athelana, 2 to 1; Past, 7 to 1.

GAMES POSTPONED.

On account of the soft ice, the games in the Junior League will not be played tonight. The games will be put on shortly, and the balance of the week's programme, weather permitting, will be carried out. The Senior League games are scheduled for Wednesday, and the Hortons and St. John's A. C. are to play on Friday.

EMSLIE RE-ENGAGED

Bob Emslie, of St. Thomas, has been engaged for another season as a National League umpire. Emslie has a reputation such as few, if any, umpires have ever enjoyed, and it can be taken for granted that as long as he wants to work for the National a place will be found for him on the staff of umpires. O'Day, Moran and Johnstone, of the 1903 staff, have been re-engaged, with Kelley, who officiated for the Eastern League last season, as the extra man.

President Powers, of the Eastern League, has secured the release of Tom Daly, of the Cincinnati club. Daly will captain and manage the Providence team this year.

The Pittsburg Nationals will have the same in and out field as last season. Of ten pitchers on the list, only two—Phillippe and Leever—have been tried and found not wanting.

Ned Hanlon has 23 players on the list for 1904. Of these, six are pitchers and eight are infielders.

Rochester has secured Kane, a clever left-hand pitcher, from Detroit.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Toronto Baseball Club on Saturday, it was decided to leave the appointment of the fifth director over until tomorrow, when another special meeting will be held. The directors voted to leave the spring practice entirely in the hands of Manager Irwin, who has decided to order to players to report on April 4 at a place to be selected next week.

HIGH, BUT IT MUST BE HAD

English Newspapers Spend Immense Sums Annually for Sporting News Service.

A morning paper of the front rank pays a large amount of money for its service of sporting news says an English exchange. To begin with, a moderate racing service supplied through the news agencies costs not less than £150 a year; a cricket and football service costs another £150; reports of athletic meetings cost £120 per annum, and odds and ends yet another £150, or a total of £570. The service of the sporting editor and his staff cost £800 more, so that it will be well within the mark to say that £1,500 a year is not an outside price for a daily newspaper to pay for its service of sporting news.

The heaviest items of expenditure are concerned with the racing services. These cover full descriptions of races, introductions, the vaticinations of the prophets, whose chief successes are on classic events; training notes, latest betting, weights and acceptances, scratchings, orders of running, etc., and for every one of these items special men are employed and special salaries paid. It is only by the distribution of their work over a large number of papers, and a still larger number of clubs, that the agencies are able to recoup themselves, for the cost of a separate service to a single newspaper would be impossible. The payment would be out of all proportion to its revenue.

Let us glance at some other items which are not included in the agency services, but for which the newspapers have to make separate arrangements at an added cost—such as the cricket tour of the M. C. C. team in Australia, of whose brilliant play long special dispatches appeared in the news papers. It will assist to an appreciation of the up-to-date enterprise of the newspaper to learn that each word cabled costs a trifle under 1s at press rates, and that there are 2,000 words in the ordinary newspaper column.

Again, there are the minor cricket matches played by institutions and schools. They are not of wide general interest, and therefore the agencies do not report them, but they are of particular interest to those who take part in them and their friends, and the lowest cost of a result telegraphed by the club is not less than 6d to the newspaper. Where these minor matches are numerous, as they are in London and every large center of population, the sixpences run into sovereigns, and the sovereigns into substantial figures in the newspaper's balance sheet at the close of its financial year.

The same remarks apply to football. The agencies arrange to report the Association League matches and the Rugby county championships and all the big events. But they do not cover all the football matches, and in the case of big matches the leading newspapers find it an advantage to supplement the agency accounts by special reports of their own staffs at an added cost. In the case of the minor matches where mere details only are published, the cheapest obtained result means the cost of telegraphing, so that payment for any considerable number of these matches very soon advances from sixpences into pounds sterling. There is a call for this class of news, and at any cost the demand must be satisfied.

Take some of the other items. Athletics imply a considerable outlay because there are many meetings whose interest is limited to a town or district, and the whole cost of reporting them has to be borne by one or two newspapers instead of several. The cost is proportionately heavier the fewer newspapers there are to bear it. Golf is another form of sport requiring special attention at a special cost. And so we pass on to cross-country runs, cycling, swimming, rowing, jumping, fox and other hunting, archery, angling, skating, gymnkhanas, lacrosse, tennis, croquet, bowls, quoits, rackets and knurr and spell. These are all outdoor sports, and each one requires personal attention from some member of the sporting reporting department of a newspaper or a syndicate of newspapers, and all mean calls upon the newspaper cashier.

But the outdoor engagements do not exhaust the whole category of sport. There are indoor sports, and not a few of them, to which the newspaper has to give its attention and to apply its revenue. There are billiard matches between champions of the first class, the reporting of which has to be paid for on a liberal scale; boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, fencing, chess, draughts, and skittles, not to speak of others. They all need attention and they all receive it, and thus the bill for sporting news runs into many thousands of pounds a year.

AN INNOVATION IN DIVISION OF PURSES

Buffalo, March 4.—At an informal dinner tendered to representatives of the press this evening, C. R. Bentley, secretary and treasurer of the Buffalo Driving Club, announced the early closing stakes, amounting to $16,000, for the Grand Circuit week, beginning Aug. 1. An innovation in the division of purses was outlined. Ten per cent of each purse will be reserved for the horse standing best in the summary at the end of the race. In case of a tie the horse winning the fastest heat will receive the extra 10 per cent. After deducting the 10 per cent the balance of the purse will be divided into three equal parts. Each heat will constitute a race and the money division will be 60 per cent to the horse winning the heat, 25 per cent to horse finishing second, and 15 per cent to the third horse. As an illustration Secretary Bentley explained the division of the Electric City ($5,000) purse. Ten per cent, or $500, will be given to the horse standing best in the summary; the remainder of the purse will be divided into three equal parts of $1,500 for each heat, 60 per cent of which, or $900, goes to the winning horse; $375 to the second and $225 to the third. This makes it possible for nine horses to win money in the event, and also makes it possible for one horse to win $3,200 out of the purse. This is believed will reduce the inclination of drivers to lay up heats to a minimum. The other events for which entries close on April 7 are: Trotting—Queen City, 2:19 class, $2,000; Preparation, for 3-year-olds, $1,000. Pacing—Empire State, $5,000, 2:08 class; Iroquois Hotel, 2:14 class, $2,000; Introduction, 3-year-olds, $1,000.

EASTERN TEAM WON THE SECOND GAME

Toronto, March 5.—Enthusiasts from nearly all of the hockey playing towns west of Toronto were at the Mutual street rink to witness the return match between the eastern and western teams. The game played in Galt between the two teams was a close victory for the westerners, the score being 9 to 6, and the eastern were out to win a game with a score that would give them the majority of goals for the whole series, and they did the trick. The ice was soft, and the teams played very little combination, but the individual plays were brilliant. The score at half time was 4 to 3 in favor of the easterns, and at the finish 9 to 6. The line-up was: East—Goal, Geroux; point, Charlton; coverpoint, Ardagh; forwards, Chadwick, Hynes, Phillips and Forrester. West—Goal, Maltman; point, Brown; coverpoint, Twaits; forwards, Preston, Munn, Taylor and Peel. Referee F. C. Waghorne.

HOCKEY.

ST. JOHN'S VS. HORTONS.

At the Princess Rink tonight, weather permitting, there will be a fast game of hockey between the two O. H. A. teams, the Hortons and the St. John's A. C., of this city. The ice is still in good condition and a good exhibition of hockey is expected. Mr. Jack Brown will referee the game. The line-up will be as follows:

St. John's A. C.—Goal, Taylor; point, McGuffin; cover point, Thompson; center, McMahen; right wing, Casselman; left wing, Woolly; rover, Peel.

Hortons—Goal, Reynolds; point, Young; cover point, Jackson; center, Abram; right wing, Carrothers; left wing, Arthurs; rover, Powell.

The game will be called at 8:15 p.m.

BASEBALL.

BASEBALL MANAGER HERE.

Mr. J. M. Frysinger, business manager of the Aubrey Stock Company, leaves for Hamilton tomorrow to arrange for the opening of the company there on Monday next. Mr. Frysinger does not devote his entire time to theatrical work, for during the summer months he is to be found with a baseball team. On April 15 he will take over the management of the Wilmington, Del., nine, in the Tri-State League, the pennant of which he expects to land. Mr. Frysinger has managed teams for five years, being with the Harrisburg independent team in 1903, which won 100 out of 135 games played, and also captured the Elverson cup, offered for the Tri-State championship. In 1902 he managed the Wilmington independent team, which claimed the championship. Mr. Frysinger is a strong believer in the plan of bringing the young blood to the front, and he is also one of the kind that prefers to take hold of a poor team and build it up.

FRA DIAVOLO DEFENDED.

Even the dead can be rehabilitated in the Latin countries by the revision of trials in which they have been condemned. The rehabilitation of Calas was of this character, and the same process is to be applied, in Italy, to the notorious Fra Diavolo. According to Scribe and Auber, he was a brigand of the deepest dye; but he is now to be officially proclaimed a patriot. That, it may be remembered, was the view of his character taken by Victor Hugo, whose father, Gen. Joseph Hugo, captured Fra Diavolo and brought him to justice. "Fra Diavolo," wrote the poet, "belonged to the type that is found wherever a country is a prey to the invader—the legitimate bandit, fighting against the conqueror. He corresponded in Italy to the Empecinado in Spain, to Canaris in Greece, and to Abdel-Kader in Africa." —Philadelphia Record.

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