

'Why not? Are you in love with her yourself?'
 'No; but I thought Sebastian Melstane—'
 Dr. Japix uttered an ejaculation not complimentary to Mr. Melstane.
 'Sebastian Melstane he—'
 'Don't,' interrupted Octavius, holding up a warning hand; 'perhaps he is already.'
 'What do you mean?'
 'He is dead.'
 'Dead?'
 'Yes; haven't you read the Jarchester mystery?'
 'That suicide business? Of course; but I did not think—'
 'The dead man was Melstane. Neither did I until an hour ago.'
 'How did you find out?' asked Japix.
 'By means of this,' answered Fanks, placing the pill box on the table.
 'Tonic pills,' read Dr. Japix wonderingly, 'eh. Oh! yes, of course; I prescribed tonic pills for Melstane's nerves. But don't see how you found out his name by this nor how you connect the name of the scamp Melstane with the man who died at Jarchester.'
 'Was Melstane a scamp?'
 'Out and out,' said Japix emphatically.
 'He must have been bad if you speak ill of him,' observed Fanks reflectively; 'kind of man to have enemies I suppose?'
 'I should say plenty.'
 'I dare say.'
 'Dare say what? Talk about the Jarchester mystery; what are you?'
 'A mystery also, eh, doctor?' said Fanks with a smile. 'Well, I won't give you the trouble of guessing me. I'll explain myself.'
 (To be Continued.)

THE SPORTING WORLD

LACROSSE.

At the Montreal Junior-Shamrock match on Saturday the attendance was fair, and lacrosse enthusiasts were not disappointed in the game, it turning out to be one of the most stubbornly contested of the season. At the first Montreal seemed to have it all their own way, taking the first two games, which made their admirers very jubilant and three straights were freely prognosticated. This, however, was not to be, as the Shamrocks in the third and fourth games played with a vim and determination that soon evened up matters. The fifth game was a fine struggle while it lasted and the excitement was at fever heat, but the Montrealers played a particularly good game and eventually won the match.

The game between the Orientals and St. Gabriels was rather a one-sided affair, the former winning by three straight. This result was hardly looked for by the admirers of St. Gabriel, who have hitherto been playing good lacrosse, but it must have been an off day with them.

The Beavers and Violets met on the M. A. A. grounds, the former being defeated by three to one.

The Victorias and Cote St. Antoinnes played their scheduled match in the independent junior league, the former winning by three straight games.

Victoria 2nd vs. Emmet 2nd—Won by the former with a score of three to two.

The Manhattan defeated the Gordons.

The Capitals will play the Shamrocks on July 18 for the N. A. L. A. championship.

The only match in the senior league today is between the Shamrocks and Cornwalls, when the former will make an effort to retrieve their reputation.

The many friends of that sterling player, Fred Dixon, of Toronto, will regret to learn that he met with such a serious accident in the last Toronto-Montreal game that he will never again be able to play. The tendon in the left leg was broken, and his physician says that his injury is of such a nature that he cannot run, though able to walk.

Toronto won the exhibition match with Montreal in Cleveland. Score, five to one.

FOOTBALL.

The Thistle and Hibernian football clubs played a match on Logan's Farm, Saturday, when the former won by two goals to one. The game was played under the Association rules. The Thistles want some more blood and they invite secretaries of clubs to communicate with their secretary, R. C. Clarke, 104 Shaw street.

THE RING.

The Melbourne Athletic club has accepted Frank Slavin's offer to box John L. Sullivan in the rooms of that club for a purse of \$20,000. The Melbourne Athletic club also offers Slavin \$10,000 to meet the winner of the Corbett-Goddard-Choyanski contest. This refers to the offer made recently by that club to give Jim Corbett, of California, \$5,000 to meet the winner of the approaching match between Goddard and Choyanski.

The pugilistic writer of the New York World says: There are no real grounds for believing that the coming battle between the middleweight giants, Hall and Fitzsimmons, will not be on the level. Still, a good many of the shrewder followers of this sport feel a trifle shaky, and will hesitate before betting any amount of money on the result. The fact that Fitz makes no bones of his

laying down to Hall in Australia, and thereby deceiving his friends and deciding their money away, is the principal reason for the suspicions that this match may be a bit fakey. Some men figure that as Fitz threw one fight there is no guarantee that he will not do so again. Fitz's price for allowing Hall to whip him—if he did allow him to—was \$75, which was very reasonable indeed. If he has made an agreement of the same kind this time he will probably want a little more money, for there is \$12,000 at stake. Fitzsimmons is a great fighter, and will no doubt be the favorite in what little betting there may be on the fight.

ATHLETICS.

PARIS, July 4.—This afternoon the international athletic meeting took place in the Bois de Boulogne, under the auspices of the Racing Club of France. This event attracted crowds of French sportsmen. United States Minister Reid presided at the meeting. Only Frenchmen and Americans contested. The Manhattan Athletic club men commenced well by Malcolm W. Ford winning the 120 yards hurdle race in 18 seconds. The prize was a \$50 cup.

H. L. Dadmun won the half mile flat race in 2 05; prize a \$50 cup.

The high jump was won by H. S. Hallock, who covered 5 ft. 11 in., broke the French record and won a \$25 cup.

Luther Carey, having won his heat in the 100 metres dash, then ran in the final, winning the race in 10 3/4 seconds, beating the French champion Zevaklos. The prize was a \$50 cup.

Mapes, a New Yorker, secured the next prize, a \$25 cup, winning the long jump with 22 feet 5 inches to his credit.

C. A. Queckberner gave an exhibition of hammer and shot throwing, which was quite a novelty to the athletes of France. Queckberner put the shot 39 feet 2 1/2 inches and threw the shot 123 feet 6 inches. He also threw a 56 pound weight 30 feet 6 inches.

Eugene Van Shaick won the pole jump and captured a \$25 cup.

Mortimer Remington won the quarter mile in 51 seconds and secured a \$100 cup.

J. J. Reddy won the mile run; time 4 minutes 20 1-5 seconds. The prize was a \$20 cup.

The prizes won by the Manhattan representatives are worth \$600. A special prize will be presented to Queckberner. The party returned to London on Tuesday.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Edward Hanlan has challenged James Corbet, of Chicago, to row a three mile race at Pullman for \$1,000 a side and the gate receipts, and agrees to give Corbet 15 seconds start.

M. A. Holbein broke the 24 hour bicycle record at London this week. He is credited with doing 317 miles, which is 28 miles better than the previous record.

James Henderson the champion amateur sculler of Chicago, is a Canadian. He began rowing in Guelph, Canada, in 1887. He went to Chicago in 1889, and in July of that year he joined the Catlin Boat Club.

Malone, the champion pool player, is in Detroit. He is playing baseball just now, and will accompany the Cass Club on its tour, beginning July 15.

The Granite Club, of Hoboken, offers a \$2,500 purse for a fight between Ike Weir and the winner of the Larkins and Griffin fight.

Mike McAniff, the ex-amateur boxer of New York, who recently became a professional, is after a fight with Austin Gibbons. The Granite Club, of Hoboken, offers to give a \$1,500 purse for a battle between them in October.

W. A. Lake and W. H. Doehler, the old-time six-day peders, are still in the game, for they are arranging for a walk in Columbus. Lake proposes to walk 500 half miles in 500 half hours, and Doehler to make a six days' race against time.

W. G. H. Bramson, of England, broke three world triocycling records recently. The mile he made in 2 minutes 31 3-5 seconds, the half in 1 minute 15 4-5 seconds, and the three quarters in 1 minute 54 4-5 seconds.

There has been a disagreement among the members of the team of athletes sent abroad by the Manhattan Club, and A. B. George, W. T. Young and Le Saire, the crack runners, are on their way home. It is claimed that the programme mapped out did not give them and Queckberner, the weight thrower, and Nicol and Lange, the walkers, a chance to show their real form.

Danny Needham and his old rival, Billy Mahan, of California, will meet again in the roped square. Needham defeated Mahan in Seattle some months ago, and he has been anxious to meet Needham again, being confident he could reverse matters. The Occidental Club of Frisco has arranged for them to fight under its auspices July 29 for a \$1,500 purse.

Jockeys sometimes get paid out of all proportion to their services, as in Tara's case on Kingstock. Before the race he was promised half of a \$5,000 to \$50 bet if he won, and of course the regulation fee if he lost. Later he and Owner Kelly divided the wager as agreed, and there were two very happy men on the track. Book-maker Lackman, however, who laid the bet and lost was not so happy.

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