

## THE MILL ON THE CLIFF.

"Tell Doris it shall be as she wishes," he said, speaking with an effort. "But it is I who will go away. This place has become hateful to me; I wish to leave it. I shall settle it upon my wife, with an income sufficient to keep it up, and she can make her home here as long as she pleases."

Parker stared. What was the meaning of this concession?

"Is this all?" she ventured.

"Yes. Convey my message to your mistress at once."

The girl obeyed. Doris listened in silence, a low sigh escaping her lips. What did it matter? All places were alike to her now.

That night it became known to the wondering servants that Sir Duncan had left the house, and taken up his abode at the inn, half-a-mile away. Not one of their number—save Parker—suspected the tragedy that had caused the removal, however.

Two or three days elapsed, and finally the girl, who was very observing, said to her mistress:

"Do you know, my lady, that Sir Duncan returns every night, and wanders about the grounds until morning?"

"Why does he do that?" she asked quickly.

"Of course I cannot tell. It may be remorse, or only a desire to be near you, my lady. In either case, I wish he would keep away."

The next night she and Doris were alone together, when a heavy, staggering step came up the stairs, and Sir Duncan appeared at the open door. He was pale as death, and his forehead was covered with clammy drops.

"I—have seen a ghost!" he gasped.

"Your murdered lover cannot rest in his grave, but has come back to haunt me."

The book Doris had been reading fell unheeded to the floor.

"What!" she cried, starting up with her hand pressed tightly over her heart. "What did you say? Maurice—back again?"

"Yes; I saw him last evening, and again to-night. He was standing on the walk, underneath your window. I saw his face distinctly. It must have been a spirit."

He took two or three steps into the room; then stopped short, and struck his hand against his forehead.

"I'm getting wild again. Forgive me for coming here; I could not help it after what I saw. This is too much. I had enough to bear already. No wonder my brain is turned. Keep him away, Doris; you alone can do it. He will listen to you. For God's sake, keep him away!"

The last words were uttered in a wild shriek, and, darting through the door, he disappeared.

Mistress and maid stood looking at each other a moment with pallid faces. The same dreadful thought was in the mind of both.

"He is mad indeed!" Doris said, at length, with an effort. "We ought to follow him, Parker. He might harm himself."

Even as she spoke, the loud report of a pistol reverberated through the house. Clinging convulsively to Parker's arm, she rushed down the corridor.

Instinct guided her steps. On reaching the library, where Sir Duncan always preferred to sit, she found her husband lying on the floor, shot through the temple, an awful look of horror in his glazed, wide-open eyes.

He had perished by his own hand.

Some time during the next day Parker entered hastily the darkened chamber where Doris sat, stunned and prostrated by the terrible events that had been recorded. The girl's face wore a very strange expression.

"My dear lady," she said, in a trembling voice, "are you strong enough to hear good news?"

"What is it, Parker? You can tell me."

"Don't give way, then. It was no ghost that my poor master saw last night, but—"

Doris sprang up with a faint scream.

"No ghost? What then?"

"We have all been laboring under a delusion, my lady. Maurice Browning is not dead, but—"

She could get no further. At this moment the door swung open, and Maurice himself, pallid, thin, and hollow-eyed, sprang into the room, and caught Doris in his arms.

Explanations came later, when the joy of the reunion had passed its first transports, and both were somewhat calmer.

"I escaped from the burning mill almost by a miracle," Maurice said. "The first intuition I had of the peril that menaced me was the smell of smoke and the crackling of flames near at hand. On opening the door at the head of the stairs, I discovered that the whole lower floor of the mill was one sea of fire."

"Escape in that direction was out of the question. The room had but one window, and that looked out upon the precipitous descent below. There was no time to lose. Fortunately a long coil of rope lay near at hand. Securing one end of it to a convenient timber, and knotting the other about my waist, I tore out the sash and sprang over the sill, letting myself down, hand over hand."

The rope soon gave out. I found myself swinging in what seemed like a bottomless abyss. I cannot describe the horrible sensations experienced at that moment. Suddenly a sheet of flame shot out above my head, cutting the rope like a knife."

I fell a distance of many feet, but fortunately dropped into the water. I had scarce enough left to try to save myself by swimming. The banks were steep and slippery, however, and I had drifted a long distance with the current before I succeeded in extricating myself from my perilous situation."

The cottage of a wool-cutter afforded the only shelter to be had, and there I sought repose. Exposure and fright had made me ill, however, and for many days I lay at death's door, unable to communicate with my friends, or even let you know of my continued existence."

Of course Doris understood it was Maurice himself Sir Duncan had seen and taken for a ghost.

Later, the young man spoke of the errand that had brought him home so suddenly from foreign lands.

"You refused to hear what I had to disclose, that night, at the mill," he said, "but now there is no reason why I should not speak. Sir Duncan bore a very bad name abroad. Some even went so far as to call him mad. He married an Italian girl, and killed her, so report says, in a fit of jealous frenzy."

"Of course I became alarmed for your safety the moment I heard this, and felt it my duty to give you timely warning, Doris. Why did you refuse to hear me?"

"Why, indeed! It seemed as though, from first to last, they had been puppets in the hands of fate."

"Their evils days were over, however. Maurice spent another year abroad, and shortly after his return they were married."

THE END.

## THE LODGES COLUMN.

## Gleanings from Within and Without the Fraternities.

**Masonic.**  
Meetings next week—Monday, Tuesday, No. 195; Tuesday, Corinthian, No. 330; Wednesday, St. George's, No. 42.

The attendance at Lodge meetings is improving, and much interest is being manifested in the proceedings. In all the Lodges work is plentiful, and the officers are vying with each other in the performance of their respective duties. In the Chapters, also, a marked interest is noticed, and more than ordinary enthusiasm is evinced by the Companions in the work. On the whole there is room for congratulation, and all who value the privileges bestowed will not be slow in expressing the hope that this condition of affairs may long continue.

Prince of Wales' Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Iona, held their annual supper last night.

Victoria Lodge, No. 359, A. F. & A. M., Simcoe, opened their new Masonic Hall last night. There was a large attendance of brethren, and a pleasant time was spent by all who had the pleasure of being present.

The remains of Bro. E. H. Boddy, of Toronto, were interred in the Necropolis there on Tuesday. The funeral was attended by a large number of brethren. The deceased gentleman was in his 40th year, and had been ill about ten days with congestion of the lungs.

The first installment of the purchase price of the site for the new Masonic Temple in Chicago is to be paid to-day. The amount is \$150,000. The site is the coveted north-west corner of State and Randolph streets. The estimated cost of the structure is \$3,000,000. The building is to be 180 feet long, 130 wide and 210 high. It is expected the Temple will be complete at the opening of the World's Fair. This event will be marked by the largest and most gorgeous Masonic pageant ever seen in the country.

At the last meeting of Arkona Lodge, No. 307, A. F. & A. M., the following resolution of condolence was unanimously passed:—"To Mrs. R. E. Dods, -We, the members of Arkona Lodge, A. F. & A. M., hereby express our sorrow that during the past month one of our number has been called from the lodge of life to the Great Lodge of Eternity, and that we extend to you, the bereaved wife of the deceased, our heartfelt sympathy in your hour of trial and affliction, and our prayer is that you may bow in humble submission to the will of the Great Architect of the Universe who hath granted the deceased for the reward of a better life beyond, and who, in His all-wise Providence, doeth all things well."

The members of Hamilton Sovereign Chapter No. 18, A. F. & A. M., recognized the efficient work done by Bro. W. G. Townsend, 32°, as secretary of the committee which made the arrangements for the reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite held there recently. To show their appreciation of his services the members presented him with several articles of silverware at the last regular meeting of the Chapter.

The presentation was made by Bro. H. Murray, 32°, and W. H. Ballard, who spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Townsend, and referred to the excellent manner in which he performed his duties. A suitable reply was made by Mr. Townsend.

There was a large attendance at the emergent meeting of St. John's Lodge, 200A, on Thursday night, when the Blue Degrees were given. Visiting brethren were present from all the sister lodges in the city and from Dutton and Exeter, amongst the latter contingent Bros. W. Sanders, of the Advocate, and J. J. Knight.

The Masons of Fargo have secured the entire upper floor of the Chapin Block in that city, which will be fitted up for their exclusive use. All the modern Masonic improvements will be added, and it will be as complete as any temple in the Northwest. A room will be fitted up for the Grand Lodge library; and it is expected all the Grand bodies will meet in Fargo this year.

New lodges are in course of organization at Whitewood and Broadview, N. W. T. Grand Master Walkem will continue his official visits during the present month.

Grand Z. Hungerford will, at an early date, visit Belleville and other points in Eastern Ontario. During the week he has been on a visit to the Chapters of the Niagara Peninsula.

R. W. Bro. Ray, of Port Arthur, has received his commission as representative of the G. L. of New South Wales, near the G. L. of Canada.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Grand Master, during a recent visit to Montreal, addressed at considerable length the brethren of the English warranted lodges in that city, on the subject of the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England.

The Grand Master of Manitoba (Rev. Canon O'Meara), during a recent visit to Toronto, addressed a large gathering of Masons at the meeting of Wilson Lodge, and during the course of his remarks made this reference to the "use of the ballot," which Londoners generally would do well to ponder over:—"Another point I will touch on is the use of the ballot. You know the ancients used to tell the story of a place where the mariners had to pass through a very narrow, and if they kept too much to one side they were drawn into the whirlpool of Charybdis, and if they kept too much to the other side their ship was cast upon the rocks by Scylla. The ballot is the Scylla and Charybdis of Masonry. There is a use and abuse of the ballot box. A man often has his temptations, but the man that allows politics, personal resentment, petty spite or envy to influence him in casting a black ball for a man whom he knows in his heart of hearts to be a worthy man and fit to become an ornament to the Craft, I say the man who will allow personal or unworthy motives to influence him in casting his ballot is unworthy of the sacred name of a Freemason."

Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., St. Catharines, held their annual meeting on Thursday night, at which the officers for the ensuing year were installed. An official visit was received from Dr. Jacques, D. D. G. M., of Jarvis. After the meeting he was tendered a banquet, at which speeches were made, songs sung, and a good time spent generally.

At the seventh annual reception of Great Western Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Windsor, held there a few evenings since, over one hundred brethren of the mystic tie made merry with their wives and families. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was kept up with unabating interest until early morn.

It was a reunion of the Masonic family in reality, and Great Western Lodge is to be congratulated upon the manner in which

their annual reunions are conducted. W. Bro. Thos. McGregor, the Master of the lodge, is a host in himself. He is an excellent Master of Ceremonies, and did not allow the enthusiasm to flag. He was ably assisted by W. Bro. Joseph Hall, Bros. John Hall, J. Whitaker, F. Brooks, D. Grant. The supper was elegantly laid and served.

A number of the members of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., Tilsonburg, attended the funeral of Bro. Eli Smith at Delhi the other day. The deceased was 51 years of age, and leaves a widow and six children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

**Oddfellowship.**  
There are eleven lodges in British Columbia and one in Vancouver, with a membership of 1,017. The total revenue for last year was \$18,888, and 128 brothers relieved at an expense of \$7,455.50. The several lodges have assets aggregating \$72,856. The officers for the ensuing year are:—Grand Master, E. Quenell, Nanaimo; Deputy Grand Master, W. Edmunds, Kamloops; Grand Warden, D. E. Phillips, New Westminster; Grand Secretary, F. Davis, Victoria; Grand Treasurer, W. Scouller, Vancouver; Grand Representatives, W. Waller, Victoria, and W. McColl, New Westminster.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba reports the following as the amounts paid for relief by the Lodges in the Province for the six months ending December 31, 1889:—Relief of brothers, \$854.94; relief of widows, \$215; special relief and nursing, \$345.61; burying the dead, \$60—total, \$1,475.55.

A letter of condolence has been sent from Howard Lodge, No. 58, I. O. O. F., Strathroy, to Bro. F. T. Robinson, expressing the deep regret felt by the members in his recent bereavement, in the loss of his wife.

From the semi-annual report of Allan H. Daugherty, D. D. G. M., for District No. 1, I. O. O. F., which comprises the County of Essex, it is seen that the Order is steadily increasing in the county. All the Lodges are in a healthy condition, both socially and financially, and Bro. Daugherty is to be congratulated on such an excellent report. The following is a recapitulation:—Initiated in District during last six months, 67; reinstated, 4; suspended for N. P. D., 22; died, 2; number of present membership in the district, 674; increase during the term, 31; paid funeral benefits, \$90; paid for nursing, \$58; paid sick benefits, \$649.40; paid Lodge surgeon, \$55.50; paid to widows, \$449; paid to orphans, \$20; number of widows receiving benefits, 14; due on buildings, &c., \$2,726; value of furniture, regalia, &c., \$5,057.64; cash in bank and securities, \$5,026.97; value of Lodge properties, \$11,339.50; total assets, \$23,145.03.

At the last regular meeting of Royal Star of the West Lodge, No. 126, Manchester Unit, C. O. O. F., Brother J. C. Stewart was elected Secretary.

The X. L. Harmonica Band and Concert Co. will give a concert next Thursday evening, March 6th, in the Oddfellows Hall, under the auspices of Dominion Lodge, No. 48.

**Forestry.**  
The Hamilton Herald says:—

Chief Ranger Fowle, of London, left his home in the woods yesterday and paid an informal visit to the Hamilton Courts of the Canadian Order of Foresters. The members of the Hamilton courts were glad to see him, and proceeded to make his stay in the city pleasant and profitable. They gathered in the evening in the R. T. of T. Hall and spent a couple of hours in enjoyable entertainment, after which they adjourned to the Gore Coffee tavern and celebrated the dignitary's visit with a supper."

A branch of the Canadian Order of Foresters will be organized in Dundas on Monday. Bro. Culp, of Brantford, is the moving spirit.

The annual statement of Court Marquis of Lorne, A. O. F., of Ingersoll, shows the society to be in a flourishing condition. Besides a large addition to its membership it has gained financially during the year to the amount of nearly \$300, and now has a cash balance on hand of about \$1,800.

As an insurance society the A. O. F. is as solid as a rock, while it stands side by side with the best beneficiary society.

The fourth annual concert under the auspices of Court Maple Leaf, No. 16, Juvenile Branch, Ancient Order of Foresters, held in the East End Hall Thursday evening, was largely attended by the members of the Order and their friends. The programme was of a musical and literary nature, and was well rendered. It included the following: Mr. George Berry acting as Chairman; instrumental selections, Professor Richards; solos, H. Standish, George Stickels, W. Robinson, John Tynan, V. Chamberlain and J. Rossiter; readings, Mrs. Richards, J. Leah and V. Chamberlain; dialogues, F. Skinner, George Stickels and H. Patrick; "Black Judge," by brothers of the Lodge; fancy drill, Juvenile Drill Corps; harmonic selections, London Juvenile Harmonica Band. During the evening the financial report of the Court was read by Secretary Richards, which was highly satisfactory, showing it to be in a very prosperous condition.

Bro. Edward Fowle, of this city, High Chief Ranger of the Canadian Order of Foresters, in Canada, attended a meeting of Court Simcoe, No. 98, Simcoe, on Thursday night. At the close of the meeting a banquet was tendered the H. C. R., at the Queen's Hotel. A large number of the members of the Court were present, also several invited friends. After the banquet addresses were given by the H. C. R. and others. W. S. Perry, D. D. H. C. R., who is about to leave Simcoe to make his home in Oregon, was called forward to the platform, and Bro. Potts read an address, also presented Bro. Perry with a gold pin, thereby showing the esteem in which he is held by the Foresters of Simcoe. Bro. Perry made a suitable reply. The banquet closed at 12.30, all feeling that a most successful and pleasant time was spent during the evening.

**A. O. U. W.**  
At the recent annual meeting of the A. O. U. W. Relief Society in connection with the Grand Lodge of Ontario, a lengthy discussion arose on the proposed amendments to the constitution. Following is a brief outline of the changes decided upon:—Members of the Select Knights of Canada, as well as members of the A. O. U. W. proper, will hereafter be admitted; also widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of Select Knights in good standing in the order. Applicants must be 18 years of age. Several occupations were added to the "hazardous list," including steamship and railway train employees. The business committee hereafter will include the president, medical director, secretary, treasurer and one other member. The proposal to reduce the amount payable on the death of a member's wife from \$100 to \$50 did not carry. Not more than \$100 sick benefits will be paid in one year. Assessments may be made for \$1 or \$2 if necessary, on each certificate. The finance committee are to be the judges on all claims for benefits,

subject to appeal to the next annual session of the society. Claimants hereafter for sick benefits must send a certificate of the attending physician, also a sworn declaration signed by two members of the society, attested by two principal officers of the lodge or legion. This clause is to guard against fraudulent claims being made, as there have been during the past year. Disability claims are to be \$300 for two years. Legal notice of assessment in future may be by postal card, circular or notice in the fraternal press. Any false statements, concealment of facts, feigned sickness or disability shall constitute a fraud, and shall form sufficient grounds to authorize the officers to refuse payment of claim and to annul the beneficiary certificate and membership in the society of such member. The proposal to reduce the weekly sick pay from \$10 to \$7 was not adopted.

Bro. J. C. Walker, Deputy Grand Commander of Select Knights of Canada, organized a Legion in Preston the other night. The following are the officers for the term:—P. C., Arncliffe; C. J., Janell; V. C., James Fenwick; L. C., W. N. Robinson; Rec. H. Allen; Treas. J. H. Michler; Sec. Treas. A. R. S. B. C. Haslam; R. C. Clare; M. C. Seimman; G. T. Jegliowitz; Examiner, Mr. Millican.

**Royal Arcanum.**  
The Hamilton Spectator says:—

"Brothers John Pope, of London; Charles Packard, of Stratford; Geo. C. Cotts, of Guelph, Grand Treasurer, and D. F. Macwatt, of Barrie, Grand Regent of Ontario, were in the city yesterday attending a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Grand Council, held in the office of Grand Secretary McLellan. The Order in Ontario is in a healthy and satisfactory condition, the membership being close upon 3,000. It is expected this number will be reached ere the next annual meeting in Berlin in May."

**Miscellaneous.**  
The Knights of Pythias of Victoria are arranging for a ball.

Hamilton Councils of the Royal Arcanum are agitating for separate jurisdiction.

The Orange Grand Lodge of Manitoba meets in Winnipeg on March 5.

The lodges of the A. O. U. W. in British Columbia, now working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington and Oregon, want to transfer their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

**ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.**  
Motions for Returns, Answers to Interrogatories, etc.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The House opened at 3.10.

The Minister of Education said, in answer to Mr. Clancy, that none of the pupils at the Ottawa convent had been returned as pupils in attendance at the Roman Catholic Separate schools.

The Attorney-General said, in answer to Mr. French, that the shrievalty of the Thunder Bay district had been vacant since 1887, and the duties of the office had been discharged by the Deputy Sheriff since that date.

Mr. Monk moved for a return of the amount expended in the year 1883 in Kilarney, Ont., of the appropriation for colonization roads.

Mr. Meredith moved for a return showing the number, area and location of each timber berth or other territory now under license, the date when such berth or territory was first placed under license and the name of the original licensee, and of the person in whose name such license stood on the 1st day of January last; also showing the bonus, per square mile, received for each such limit, and a rough map or plan, showing the situation of, so far as the records of the Department would allow. He said this return had been ordered by the House two years ago, but had not been brought down yet.

Mr. Hardy said it was almost impossible to bring down the information asked for. Mr. Meredith strenuously pressed the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Meredith moved for copies of all correspondence respecting the claim of John Eden, of Aylmer, for work done in digging wells by direction of Coroner McEay, in connection with the enquiry made by him as to the death of one Gilford Williams, who was supposed to have been murdered, and for a statement in detail of all expenditures therewith. Carried.

Mr. Wood (Hastings) moved for a detailed statement in reference to graduates from 1880 to date of the Toronto University. Carried.

Mr. Meacham moved for a return showing the number of shop and tavern licenses granted to persons resident in Kilarney in last of the years 1888 and 1889, with full particulars attending the issues. Carried.

The Commissioner of Public Works said, in answer to Mr. Graham, that the title to the land upon which the buildings were being erected was by Act of Parliament, together with a special agreement with the city of Toronto.

Mr. Balfour moved for a return specifying the amount of debentures issued on the credit of the permanent fund of the University of Toronto under the authority of section 5 of chap. 231, R. S. O., the amount realized by the sale of such debentures, and the buildings for the erection or alteration of which the money thus raised has been appropriated, with the estimated cost of the work done or to be done on each building. Carried.

Several Bills were advanced a stage. In answer to Mr. Meredith, the Attorney-General said the measure regarding exemptions would be ready on Monday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Notice of motion—Mr. Clancy—to amend the Act respecting Separate schools.

**"Howdy" in Thirteen Countries.**  
"How do you do?" That's English and American. "How do you carry yourself?" That's French. "How do you stand?" That's Italian. "How do you find yourself?" That's German. "How do you fare?" That's Dutch. "How can you?" That's Swedish. "How do you perspire?" That's Egyptian. "How is your stomach?" Have you eaten your rice?" That's Chinese. "How do you have yourself?" That's Polish. "How do you live on?" That's Russian. "May thy shadow never be less?" That's Persian. "How is your body?" That's Turkish. And all the above means the same.

**Good for the Party.**  
Montreal Gazette.

The Globe feels called upon to refer to the Canadian flag as a "jack with a blotch." This should do the Liberal party almost as much good as a performance by the Young Liberal nigger minstrels of London.

**Hustle and be Happy.**  
The most common error of men and women is to look for happiness outside of useful work. It has never been found when thus sought, and never will be while the sun revolves and the earth stands.

**Teas Siftings.**

## THE SPORTSMAN'S COLUMN.

Notes of Interest from the Race Track, Diamond Field and Other Sporting Centers.

The Athletics have signed Jimmy Halpin. Arrangements are being made to form a State League for New Jersey.

Meekam, the Metropolitan's new pitcher, is a brother of the pitcher of that name with Indianapolis.

Larry Corcoran and M. J. Mahoney have been appointed umpires in the Atlantic Association.

If the New Yorks get one or two good men out of the lot of new men that they have on hand they will be satisfied.

The Cleveland National League team is the strongest batting aggregation of ball players that ever represented that city on the diamond.

The Newark club has accepted the services of Fred. Carl, H. Oberlander, James Fields, Thomas F. McDermott, W. F. Johnson and Leo Smith.

Cooney, the new shortstop of the Chicago League club, is showing up well in Florida, both in batting and fielding. In the last two games he made three hits, two of them two-baggers.

The Dresden Times launches this on the public:—"Mr. Harry Martin is practising for catcher with Mr. Bert Westcott as pitcher. The former is on the trial list of the Tecumsehs, of London."

Arthur Whitney, of the New York Brotherhood club, says that he never gave John B. Day any ground for believing that he would stick to the League. Whitney is talking through his hat. He knows better.

If physical condition is a criterion of a man's ball playing, then Joe Hornung, Sam Craze and Jack Farrell should be winners this year. The three "vets" were never in a better condition than they appeared to be on Thursday.

Manager Trot, of Newark, has signed John J. Henagan, a promising young amateur, who played with the Orange club for two seasons. He is 21 years old, and weighs 171 pounds. He is considered good in the outfield or at first.

Vice-President Reid, of the London Base Ball Club, arrived in Detroit Thursday on a short conference with President Mills and Vice-President Chittenden. His visit is to endeavor to secure Detroit's cooperation in the scheme of putting a club in Buffalo.

President Byrne, of the Brooklyn club, received a letter from Capt. Anson, of the Chicago club, now at St. Augustine, giving a list of things that the Brooklyn club will lead down there. Anson will stay down there and play two or three games with the Brooklyn.

The sensational story published about the threatened disruption between the National League and American Association on account of the dispute over First Baseman Lebane, between the New York and Columbus clubs, finds little credit among the National League people.

Dr. Russell, of Springfield, O., has purchased from O. P. Alford, of Lexington, Ky., the bay filly Nora Salisbury, by Judge Salisbury, dam Lady Offutt, by Alexander's Norman; second dam by Indian Chief, third dam by Brignoli. She is entered in the stakes for youngsters to be trotted at Lexington.

Pitcher Will Callahan has signed a Rochester contract. Callahan finished the season with Buffalo last year, and the Buffalo Brotherhood managers depended on him to fill the gap in their pitching department. He was offered a big salary by Buffalo, but preferred Rochester and the American Association.

John Rhea will handle the Forest City Farm campaigners this year. Frank Caton, brother to Sam, will educate the young stock. The bay yearling filly Patroclea, by Patron, out of Secret, 2:24, by Strathmore, shows a great turn of natural speed, and will be one of the farm's sensations this year. — Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Fred. Vanderbilt, who comes by his love of speedy horse-flesh legitimately enough, has received some flattering offers for the offspring of Aldine and the Early Rose, the holders of the team record. Twenty-five thousand dollars is the sum that will be paid for the foals if each is a filly, \$30,000 if one is a filly, and \$35,000 is the value of the sucklings if they are colts.

Manager Barnie has accepted the terms of Powers, the all-around player of the San Francisco club, and ordered him to report at once. Powers achieved a reputation on the coast as a first baseman, but can play any position in the field. He has a record of 247 in batting and 932 in fielding. Walter Wallace, the well-known sporting man of the coast, completed the deal, and also the signing of Long, an outfielder.

A cablegram from Melbourne, Australia, has been received which states that two prominent gentlemen there will back Frank P. Slavin against John L. Sullivan for £1,000 to £2,000 and the championship of the world. The Melbourne Club will add a purse of £1,000 to have the management of the affair if Sullivan will agree to meet Slavin in Australia. Should Sullivan refuse the same terms are offered Kilrain, Jackson or any other man in the world.

The balmy breezes of yesterday not only gave an indication of early spring, but also ushered in that ruthless destroyer of window panes, the small boy base ball crank. Two rosy-cheeked, ragged urchins, aged 10 and 11 respectively, came up the stairs leading to the editorial rooms two steps at a time, and presenting themselves before the obsequious blonde youth who guards the entrance to the sanctum of the sporting editor, asked in breathless tones:—"Is der base ball editor in?" He of the blonde hair smiled a sad smile as a remembrance of last summer's influx of base ball cranks flitted through his brain, and answered in the affirmative. "Well, will yer please giv' him dis?" said one of the "kids" as he handed over a small slip of paper. Again the blonde-haired youth bowed a submissive smile, and took the paper resignedly.

In another instant the two urchins were bounding down the stairs at a break-neck pace and the blonde youth man made his way to the sporting editor's sanctum and handed him the slip. The latter also smiled a sad smile as he, too, had a presentiment that it would not be long before every breathing spot hereabouts would be filled with crowds of youthful lovers of the game, which makes his existence a weary one during nine months of the year.

Barthelemy Saint Hilaire, the eminent French writer and statesman, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs, is heartily in favor of France taking part in the German labor conference. He says the participation of France in the conference will tend to produce improved relations between this country and Germany. Jules Simon condemns the conference. He declares it is founded on Socialism.

The Berlin North German Gazette confirms the report that Prince Bismarck intended to resign the chancellorship, but says the result of the elections caused him to decide to remain in office.

