

Athletics.

The world's championship in baseball will this year be decided between the New York and Boston Clubs,—the former of the National League and the latter of the American. October 8th is the day for the commencement of the series. This year the management is using every effort to prevent the 'hold up' of last year, perpetuated by ticket 'scalpers.' It is a difficult problem, as it is almost impossible to prevent a few men securing a large block of tickets. All that is necessary is to hire a hundred or two of the 'unemployed' to stand in line and purchase tickets—as only one ticket will be sold to one person.

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The country from ocean to ocean is all agog over football. Youth is proverbially optimistic and at the opening of each succeeding season we find each club confident of landing the championship in the particular league to which it belongs. The air is filled with rumours that 'Bill' this or 'Tom' that has "at last been induced to get back into the game." etc. Charges and counter charges are hurled through the press of underhand action by one club or another in endeavoring to get some prominent player to desert his 'alma mater' for a rival team. Weight and speed are the great desiderata and without a fair measure of each, no team will have much chance of success.

Ottawa College this year have a high XIV.—while the City Club is likely to be up to average. The latest feature is the imported American trainer, several of whom have been engaged by various teams. While some of the older players of the Ottawa team of last year have retired, there is some very good new material. The 'coach' of this year, Dr. Galvin, is ruling the boys with a rod of iron. He is endeavouring to es-

tablish college regime, a difficult task with extra-mural players. Success to the doctor!

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The toll of death from aviation accidents grows daily larger. Of late it has been confined almost entirely to military 'experts,' at annual manoeuvres strange commentary that Wilbur Wright, who may be called the dean of the profession should die quietly in his bed from fever—although his brother almost lost his life in an accident two years ago. He escaped with a broken leg, while his companion Lieut. Sigsbee, U. S. A., was killed.

Notwithstanding all these fatalities numbering over 200 in the past 3 years, the sport goes merrily on. There is now talk of the formation of a regular aero ferry between England and France, over the channel. One can easily imagine some difficulty being experienced by the ferry operator in securing any life insurance.

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Eddie Durnan of Toronto, nephew of the immortal Hanlan, is at present in England training for his race with Barry for the world's championship. *The Civilian* fervently hopes that he will repeat history and bring back to Canada the glory she acquired when Hanlan defeated Elliot on the Thames in 1880. The race is to take place on October 14th. Lou Scholes, who won the Diamond Sculls at Henley, some years ago is training Durnan. If the latter wins, he will no doubt be heralded in the U. S. press as the "American champion" as was the case when his illustrious uncle gained the world's honours.

Jennie—Mr. Jones told Clara he thinks I am the nicest girl in town. Don't you think I ought to ask him to call?

Fannie — No, dearie. Let him keep on thinking so.