INSPECTION OF CONVENTS.

THE MAYOR TALKS ABOUT THE ARCHBISHOP'S INVITATION.

County Master Hughes Says the Thing Would be a Farce—A Story of the Cloister—Dr. Fulton Stands by all He Has Said—"An Evasion on the Part of His Grace."

Mayor Clarke was seen at his residence on Harbord-street yesterday afternoon regarding the letter from Archbishop Lynch, inviting His Worship and the aldermen to pay an official visit to the convents in this city. His Worship said the letter had been sent up to his house on Thursday night and he was somewhat surprised to see a copy of it in The World, as he had not shown it to anyone.

"Do you intend to visit the convents, Your Worship, in company with a committee of aldermen?" asked The World.

"I have not considered the matter yet," was the reply, "but so far as I know it is not a part of the duties of either myself or any aldermen to visit convents."

"Then you will not go?"

"I intend answering His Grace's letter to-morrow, but as I have not considered the matter I cannot say anything more just now. No doubt my reply to His Grace will be made as public as his letter to me."

The Mayor laughed heartily at the suggestion of Deacon Cameron that four such stalwart Orangemen as Ald. McMillan, Johnston, Irwin and Bell should accompany him, and remarked that if the four gentlemen named went with him but few would be found to say that the inspection was not a thorough one.

The Inspection Would be a Farce.

Mr. James L. Hughes, County Master of the Loyal Orange Association, who had just become the happy father of a bouncing baby boy, was found at his residence in Henry-street. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Hughes was weighted down with happiness he invited The World to take a seat, and in reply to a question as to what he thought about Archbishop Lynch's letter to the Mayor, said:

"I think an inspection of our convents by the Mayor and Aldermen would be little better than a farce and would certainly be productive of no good. You see the inspection would likely take place on an appointed day, when of course inmates, who it might be thought would like to regain their liberty, could be put out of the way till the inspection was over.

"Do you think then there are inmates in convents who are not there of their own free will?"

"In answer to that I will tell you a tale of one of Toronto's convents which I had from what I consider undoubted authority. A young lady from Michigan had been attending a convent school here, when her mother died, leaving her a large fortune in her own right. The convent authorities endeavored to persuade her to take the black veil, which meant of course the bequeathment of her fortune to the institution, and, I understand, after a long time finally persuaded her to do so. I have no doubt if she were seen by a committee of inspection she would gladly come out into the world again."

"Then you believe convents should be regularly visited and the inmates given an opportunity to renounce their vows if they chose to do so?"

"Yes, most certainly. I quite agree with the suggestion made by Dr. Fulton in the Jarvis-street Baptist Church that the Government should appoint inspectors of these places, and, in fact, of all private educational institutions, both Catholic and Protestant alike. I believe that the education of any portion of the community is of such consequence to the whole that the Government should in justice to the community at large appoint such inspectors as Dr. Fulton said, who would enquire into and report on the educational systems that obtain in convents and other private institutions of an educational character."

Eulogistic of Dr. Fulton.

Editor World: Referring to Archbishop Lynch's letter to Mayor Clarke as published in your issue of Friday, it seems to me that when a man descends so low as to attack the personal character of his opponent, it is a pretty sure indication that his own position is untenable.

In stigmatizing Dr. Fulton as a man of vile character, the Roman Catholic Archbishop does not strengthen his own position in the least but on the contrary only shows that his present attitude is of a piece with the policy of the church he represents: i. e. to move Heaven and earth to destroy or weaken Protestant influence.

Now I submit that Dr. Fulton's position and character is far too high and honorable to be affected even in the smallest degree by such mud-throwing as is now being indulged in by Archbishop Lynch & Co. The reverend doctor makes plain statements of facts and brings forward abundant proof of all his statements. He is doing a great and much needed work in exposing the evils of Priestcraft and Romanism, and if these evil doers suffer by this publicity it is only reasonable to suppose that they will resent the efforts of Dr. Fulton to place the greatest abuses of the age before the public in their true light.

Dr. Fulton may be regarded as one of the great champions of Protestantism, and now having the fear of man before him he comes boldly forward in the good work of signing a position worth $10,000 per year in order to uphold that which is right and fearlessly expose that which is wrong. His life is as an open book and without reproach. He is loved and honored by all who know him. He is a faithful friend, and above all a consistent Christian and a zealous laborer in his Master's cause.

The request the reverend doctor makes that such institutions as convents ought in the interests of Christianity and morality to be open to inspection from cellar to garret is fair and reasonable and as such should commend itself to every right-thinking person, Catholic or Protestant.

As a testimony to Dr. Fulton's sincere and genuine work many hundreds of Roman Catholics in New York and Brooklyn have through his instrumentality been led to see the error of their ways and are now truly converted to Christianity. Those who have listened to his eloquent words of truth have been fully convinced that his present work is not only right but necessary, and he should have the cordial and hearty co-operation of all sincere Christians and true Protestants.

M.M.

Dr. Fulton Heard From.

The World called on Dr. Fulton last night, and asked him what he thought about the Archbishop's letter to Mayor Clarke on Thursday. He said he had nothing to say. If anybody wanted to say that he was not entitled to respect they might do so.

Dr. Fulton was handed the letter in question as published in The World:

To His Worship the Mayor of Toronto—*Dear Sir:* I most respectfully invite you and four aldermen whom you may wish to take with you to visit our convents and interrogate the nuns as you please.

Christian delicacy would not permit our inviting to these sanctuaries of purity and female modesty so vile a character as Fulton's lectures show him to be.

I am, my dear Mr. Mayor, yours faithfully,

JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

St. Michael's Palace, March 29.

He read it and started to talk: "The whole thing is an evasion on the part of the Archbishop. The Mayor and four or five aldermen referred to are gentlemen dependent on votes, and he has as good a chance to get them under his control as anybody else. If the Archbishop does not want me to go and visit his nunneries, the thing for him to do, in my opinion, is to let some other good Baptist minister go.

"If he wants me to make a suggestion I would be glad to make the suggestion that a good Baptist minister, or Presbyterian minister, or any other minister go and make thorough work of it. The intimation he makes here, what is it again?

"Those sanctuaries of purity and female modesty' is a little too thin for the Archbishop or anybody knowing the history of these convents to make. The whole history of monasteries and convents in Italy proves them to have been cesspools of vice. They had provisions in them for the destruction of babes born in them, and at the time of the confiscation of these places large quantities of sculls and bones were found.

"Slavin de Ricci, a Roman Catholic, who was asked by the ruler of Tuscany to examine the convents there found the condition to be so terrible and deplorable that he reported there was only one thing to do, and that was to get rid of them. In Italy, under Victor Emanuel, several thousands, I think 80,000, monks and nuns were turned out as being worthless because of their improvidence and impurity. This 'sanctuaries of purity and modesty' is too thin. Why in Mexico, when the nunneries were taken possession of and the nuns were bidden to go forth a large number of them were found in such a condition as not to be proper for public gaze.

"So far history tells us that in Spain, Italy and Mexico, or where Romanism has been at its best, or at its worst, these nunneries and monasteries have been scenes of great vice, and the testimony of Edith O'Gorman, Josephine Bunkley and Miss Reed show that the same condition exists in America.

"I am only sorry that we have not a Government that will insist on these nunneries being inspected by Government authority. Of course the idea of the Mayor and aldermen and a lot of reporters going to inspect them would make a farce of it. They would be enabled to put away all people who were wanted and arrange things generally. What should be done is to appoint an inspector whose duty it would be to visit the nunneries four times a year as they do in Germany. A man should go by himself and converse with every nun alone, and have power to take out anyone who wants to escape. The archbishop knows that if a nun expressed a desire to escape she would be subjected to torture, punishments and penance. Her life would be made intolerable. Let the archbishop give the Mayor or anybody else authority to converse with the nuns privately, with power to release those who desire to come out."

A NEW KNIGHT'S POETRY.

Edwin Arnold's First Effort After His Elevation to the Knighthood.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The Times' London correspondent says: The effect on Lord Tennyson of his elevation to the peerage was so curious that it occurs to me the result of Edwin Arnold's knighthood is not without interest to the democratic world. I send accordingly the first poem he has written since the honor was conferred. It is published in the Asiatic Quarterly Review, and is entitled "Berlin, the Sixteenth of March." The verses are ordinary quatrains:

Thunder of funeral guns,
Deep sad bells with your boom,
Sorrowful voices of soldiers and folk,
Whom lay ye here in the tomb?

Whom? the cannons reply,
Baying like dogs of war
Whose master is gone on a path unknown,
Our glory, and lord, and star.

William, Kaiser, and King,
For him our iron throats yell,
Victor we hailed him on many a field,
We make to his soul farewell.

Whom? say the slow swinging bells,
William, pious and dead,
Oftimes he knelt to the King of kings
Where now he lies on his bier.

He took from his God alone
The Crown of the Fatherland,
And now he hath given it back undimmed
To death's all-masterful hand.

Whom? shout the serried ranks,
Guardsmen, and Landwehr, and Line
The lordliest lord and the kingliest king
That ever raised battle call.

At his word we thronged to the field,
Sure of success to betide,
Sure that the Kaiser would fight for peace,
Sure of Heaven on our side.

Whom? sigh women and men
And fair-headed children boys,
And girls with eyes of his cornflower's hue,
For our Father we raise our voice.

William the Emperor, dead!
Lo, he hath us one land:
Thanks to him and his chosen chiefs,
Strong and secure we stand.

Steadfast from birth to death,
What so was right he wrought;
Duty he loved, and his people and home—
Now to dust he is brought.

Thunder of funeral guns,
We hear you with English ears;
In English breasts it echoes, and bells,
This tiding your tolling bears.

Warriors stalwart and fierce,
We see you are tender and true,
We are come of a kindred blood, we share
This sorrow to-day with you.

Folk of the Fatherland,
Our hearts for your grief are fain,
God guard your Kaiser Frederick
And give ye good days again.

A Millionaire in a Minute.

Instances are on record where toilers in gold mines and diamond fields, who, by one turn of a spade, a single movement of the hand, have been transformed from penniless laborers to millionaires. But they were not so lucky as is the consumptive who finds a means of restoration to health, who learns that the dread disease from which he suffers is not incurable. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure consumption (which is lung scrofula), and nothing else will. For all diseases of the blood, such as blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous sores and swellings, it is unequalled. 56

Revenue Reduction Recommended.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The report of the majority of the Ways and Means on the tariff bill, which will be brought into the House on Monday, begins by the statement that the surplus for last year was $55,250,000; for the present year, ending July 1, it will be $81,000,000, and on July 1 the total surplus in the Treasury will be $150,000,000. The report goes on to point out that there are but two ways to pursue to prevent a financial disaster by the accumulation of money in the Treasury—the one to increase the expenditures greatly and wastefully, the other to decrease the taxes. The committee have determined to recommend a reduction of the revenues from both customs and internal taxes.

The Inspector Condemned.

SOUTH VALLEJO, Cal., March 30.—The coroner's jury in the case of the explosion of the boiler of the steamer Julia on Feb. 27, whereby the vessel was wrecked and 17 lives lost, finds that the boilers were not sufficiently strong to carry the amount of the steam registered and that the United States inspector of boilers was careless and negligent in not making a proper examination of the thickness of them. It also condemns the use of petroleum as fuel.

Street Railway Statistics.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The Street Railway Journal for April will contain a resume of returns received from nearly every street railway in operation or contemplated in the United States and Canada, from which it appears that 1198 miles of new track were added in 1887 and that the number of miles of new track thus far determined upon for 1888 is 1112. The estimated cost is $9,738,000. The number of cars to be added this year is 263.

The Rivers Falling.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 30.—The rivers are falling, and it is thought all the railroads will be open by Sunday.

McMurtry's Tea.

The McMurtry Tea Company, 326 Yonge-street, lay claim to special facilities for the supply to the public of real cheap teas which are deserving of attention. They have no dealings with middlemen or agents, but sell direct to the public the pure leaf as imported. The company throw out a general challenge to the retail shop keepers and tea houses. In the blended teas for every day use the best range from 30c. to 60c. a pound and can be recommended as combining all the fine qualities from China, India and Ceylon. The increased use of the refreshing beverage which has come to be recognized as quite as much a national drink as any brew or decoction ought in the natural course of things further develope the extensive business carried on by this company at 326 Yonge-street. The company's interests are ably looked after by Mr S. F. McMurtry, for many years an experienced tea taster both in England, the United States and Canada. Read company's advertisement in another column.

"St. Charles."

A suite of elegant luncheon and dining rooms for the accommodation of ladies and gentlemen have just been opened and furnished regardless of expense at the above named restaurant, 70 Yonge-street, first door south of the Dominion Bank. The celebrated lunch counter for the convenience of business men and others will be continued as usual. Fred Mossop, Proprietor. 246

A Little Off His Feed.

Providence Bay Cor. Manitoulin Times.

John, the genial young man who gives people the worth of their money and the right change back at the branch store here, has been a "little off his feed" for a few days, owing to a couple of "Job's comforters" on the facial region.

—The proprietors of Parmelee's Pills are constantly receiving letters similar to the following, which explains itself: Mr. John A. Beam, Waterloo, Ont., writes: "I never used any medicine that can equal Parmelee's Pills for dyspepsia or liver and kidney complaints. The relief experienced after using them was wonderful." As a safe family medicine Parmelee's Vegetable Pills can be given in all cases requiring a cathartic.

SHOOTING AT BLACKBIRDS.

LEGISLATION AS TO BETTING IN NEW YORK STATE.

How the Toronto Won Their First Game—Betting on English Turf Events—Teemer Will Row O'Connor—Turf and Baseball Gossip.

A blackbird shoot was held at McDowall's grounds yesterday in which a large number of local sportsmen and Messrs. Scott and Walker of Georgetown took part. Following are the scores:

First shoot—10 birds, four prizes.

W. Paul	10	C. Kemp	6
W. Bles	10	W. Walton	6
R. Charles	9	W. Johnston	6
A. Walker	9	S. Thomson	6
W. Alexander	8	J. Gibson	5
W. Scott	8	E. McCready	5
J. A. Walker	8	T. J. Beales	4
P. Wakefield	7	W. Stewart	4

First prize was awarded to W. Paul, second to W. Bles, third to R. Charles and fourth to J. A. Walker of Georgetown.

Second shoot—fifteen birds, five prizes.

R. Charles	14	W. Scott	12
W. Alexander	14	W. Pearson	12
W. Walton	13	R. McCready	11
J. A. Walker	13	S. McClure	11
P. Wakefield	13	H. George	11
W. Paul	13	J. Forman	10
H. Roberts	13	C. Kemp	7
D. Bles	12	Gilray	4

Firt prize, R. Charles, 2nd, W. Alexander, 3rd, W. Walton; 4th, J. A. Walker of Georgetown; 5th, P. Wakefield.

Third shoot—5 pairs, double rise.

A. Ellis	9	W. Scott	6
R. Charles	9	Gilroy	6
J. A. Walker	9	S. McClure	6
W. Paul	7	C. Kemp	9
W. Alexander	7	D. Bles	8
W. Pearson	7	P. Wakefield	4

First prize, A. Ellis; 2nd, R. Charles and 3rd J. A. Walker.

Teemer Will Row O'Connor.

The Turf, Field and Farm says: John Teemer is champion of America, with an ambition to be champion of the world. If William O'Connor, who has just defeated Peterson, thinks that the road before him to future conquests is not strewn with difficulty, he is mistaken. John Teemer writes as follows to The Turf, Field and Farm:

PABLO BEACH, Fla., March 23, 1888.

The San Francisco correspondent for The New York Herald in comments on the O'Connor-Peterson boat race, stated that Hanlan told me, immediately after our single sculling match, and Toronto Bay last season, that he had a boy he would match against me the next day for one thousand a side. This statement is utterly misrepresented. The words that Hanlan used were that he would put O'Connor against me if I would concede him ten seconds start, which I declined to do. He is also mistaken when he states that O'Connor is only 24 years old. It can easily be proven that he is past 27.

I certainly wish O'Connor all the credit due him, for he needs it. But he shall not get any more if I can help it, unless it is based on facts. Another thing I should like O'Connor's friends to understand, and that is that he need not go begging any length of time for a boat race, as he can get one with me any time he wishes and on any course but Toronto Bay. JOHN TEEMER.

LAWS AFFECTING HORSE RACING.

The Reputable Associations Want no Change in the Present System.

ALBANY, March 30.—Leonard Jerome, President of the Coney Island Jockey Club; James J. K. Lawrence, Secretary; F. A. Lovecraft, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Jockey Club, accompanied by John M. Bowers, appeared before the Assembly Committee on General Laws yesterday and expressed their opinion of the Finn Bill, which menaces the Ives Pool law. The leading racing and trotting associations of the state have united in a memorial to the Legislature opposing Assemblyman Finn's amendments.

The memorial defends the system of auction and French pools as sold on race-tracks, while denouncing the bookmaker's plan. The former methods never put any premium on a losing horse; the latter always does. "So long as all these systems are allowed the public is practically on a level playing field, and for its money for the French and auction pool systems are bound to force the bookmakers to give proper odds, and they are not an object and no temptation in regard to betting. These systems are purely mutual. Every better is a stockholder for the time and has a proportionate interest in all the money at stake, which is divided among those who have bet on the winning horse only.

"Bookmaking consists in an individual or series of individuals betting against the chances or odds of winning of each horse in such a way that, the system being carried to perfection, the bookmakers must win in any event, the odds or chances being so estimated that the amount bet on any race against a winning horse is less than the aggregate of amounts accruing to the bookmaker from the bets he has made against the other necessarily non-winning horses. This is the theory of bookmaking and can be reduced to a mathematical certainty if strictly carried out."

The memorial goes on to state that in Australia and France the French pools are universally indorsed for very obvious reasons. A change in the present New York law would be to the advantage of bookmakers and crooked work, and to the detriment of earnest sporting men who have invested vast sums in the improvement of stock. Neither press nor people have asked for any repeal or modification of the Ives law. "In favor of the existing state of affairs and in opposition to the measure proposed by Mr. Finn, we represent the American Jockey Club, the Brooklyn Jockey Club, the Rockaway Steeplechase Association, the Coney Island Jockey Club and the Buffalo, Fleetwood and Buffalo Driving Park—all racing associations which have paid taxes in accordance with the provisions of the Ives Bill, amounting to some $30,000. We are further assured that all the reputable racing and trotting associations of the state are in accord with us, and we respectfully enter our earnest protest against Mr. Finn's proposed amendment, deeming the law to be proper and satisfactory as it is.

Mr. Finn appeared for his bill and said he was not acting in the interest of the bookmakers. The bill, he said, had been drawn by Ambrose H. Purdy, of New York, whereupon M. J. Jerome remarked:

"He is the most infernal little rascal I ever knew, though he is my nephew."

The committee took no action.

Betting on English Events.

Following are the latest quotations received for the City and Suburban, Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby:

CITY AND SUBURBAN, 1½ MILES, RUN APRIL 11.

			Lbs.
10 to 1	against	Merry Hampton, 4	122
100 " 8	"	Eirideszed, 4	111
100 " 8	"	Ashplant, 4	101
20 " 1	"	Lady Muncaster, 4	106
20 " 1	"	King Monmouth, 6	134
20 " 1	"	Reve d'Or, 4	110
25 " 1	"	Fullerton, 5	116
33 " 1	"	The Shrew, 4	98
50 " 1	"	Belisarius 11., 4	98

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS, 1 MILE 17 YDS., RUN MAY 2.

Even Friar's Balsam.
100 to 6 against Hazlehatch.

THE DERBY, 1½ MILES, RUN MAY 30.

9 to 4	against	Friar's Balsam.	
100 " 15	"	Ayrshire.	
8 " 1	"	Ossory.	
12 " 1	"	Orbit.	
10 " 1	"	Crawberry.	
20 " 1	"	Hazlehatch.	
22 " 1	"	Galopin.	
25 " 1	"	Duke of Marlborough.	
25 " 1	"	Cardiewerock.	
50 " 1	"	Justin.an.	
50 " 1	"	Juggler.	
50 " 1	"	Gantry.	
50 " 1	"	Marmiton.	
50 " 1	"	Maidenhead.	
50 " 1	"	Balderdash.	
100 " 1	"	Loyalist.	
100 " 1	"	Consuight.	

Carslake's Derby Sweep.

Those desirous of speculating on the great English event, the Derby, should not hold off too long as Mr. Carslake's subscription book has very few tickets left. This year Mr. Carslake has been more ambitious than in his previous efforts, the sum being $25,000 instead of $10,000, and the tickets are going so fast that next year he will probably make a sweepstake of $50,000. The present arrangement gives the winners in duplicate, so that every ticket holder has two chances instead of one, and, by adding an extra $5000, those who draw non-starters, even, will get a money prize of considerable value. Tickets can be procured by addressing Geo. Carslake, Montreal.

Goodwin Bros'. Stake Book.

Messrs. Goodwin Bros. of New York are compiling a stake or nomination book to be issued in May next with the entries for all the stakes to be run this season at the meetings of the American, Coney Island, Brooklyn, Maryland and Louisville Jockey Clubs and Monmouth Park, Saratoga and Sacramento Associations, together with the list of yearlings of 1888. The circulation of this book has always been small, and therefore the publishers have been compelled to charge $10 a copy, but this year they offer a special inducement and will issue the book in the same excellent style for $5, providing that they receive orders for at least 300 copies. All those desirous of procuring this valuable work should notify Goodwin Bros., 241 Broadway, New York, at once, enclosing check for amount.

Gossip of the Turf.

The regular racing season in the States will commence on Monday at New Orleans.

The officials of the Coney Island and American Jockey Clubs and the Monmouth Park Association have been "quaking in their boots" at the sudden apparition of the great Long Island Jockey Club, which promises, on paper at least, to throw them all in the shade.

The Melbourne Stable's The Lion, has been backed to such an extent in Louisville for the Kentucky Derby, that the odds have been cut down to 5 to 1, making him the favorite, his stable companion, Gallifet, being at 6 to 1, and Sir Dixon now third choice at 8 to 1.

It is said that the Monmouth Park Association has just secured the drifting list of upward of three thousand nominations for its stakes which closed March 1.

Coleman, the light-weight lad, who left Trainer Owen's establishment some time ago to engage with G. L. Hayden of Fergus, has returned to the city and will join Mr. Owen's stable again.

The New Jersey State Senate has passed a bill prohibiting horse racing during the months of December, January, February, March and April.

The Long Island Jockey Club, recently incorporated, and which proposes to build a mile track at Astoria, has issued its program of stakes for the inaugural meeting, which is announced to begin on July 4. The stakes include the Geranium, Sweetbrier, Lark, Heliotrope, Magnolia, Live Oak, Daffodil, "the Lilies," the Greta Purse and the Fortuitey Purse, all for 2-year-olds at 6 furlongs; the Sound and Pacific Stakes, each for 3-year-olds, at 1¼ miles; the Ordeal Stakes for all ages, at the same distance; the Shinnecock Stakes, Aurora Handicap and Fealty Purse, all for 3-year-olds, at 1¼ miles; American Stakes, for 3-year-old fillies, at 9 furlongs; Pioneer and Meteor Stakes, each for 4-year-olds, at 1¼ miles; Goal Stakes, for all ages, at 1½ miles; Metropolis Stakes, handicap, 1½ miles; Rockaway Stakes, handicap, 9 furlongs; Hunters' Stakes, handicap, 2½ miles; Town Purse, for 3-year-olds and upward, 1½ miles, and Eltreh Stakes, for all ages, same distance.

The winners at New Orleans on Thursday were: First race—4½ furlongs, Weeks, time 1.04½; second race—1 mile, Lomax, time 1.08½; third race—¾ mile, Buckeye, time 1.22; fourth race—1 mile, Jim Navo, time 1.37½. The betting was 4 to 1 against Weeks, Lomax and Buckeye, and 2 to 1 against Jim Navo.

How the Toronto Won.

LONDON, March 30.—The Canadian Lacrosse team, who played their first match at Didsbury yesterday, showed great superiority over their opponents, the Owens' College team of Manchester. Immediately after the beginning of the game the Canadians laid siege to the home goal and within three minutes from the start Sewell scored the first goal. Eckardt scored the second, and soon after two more were scored in quick succession by Schofield and Eckardt. The play was afterward spoiled by visitors passing and repassing between the contestants; The Canadians subsequently secured another goal. The college men played a plucky game, but only scored one point.

Spalding's Baseball Guide.

We have received an advance copy of Spalding's Official Baseball Guide, issued by A. G. Spalding & Bros. of Chicago. The book contains a vast amount of useful information, including several new features, prominent among which are the explanatory appendix rules to the new revised code of playing rules and the new and complete statistical record of the pitching of 1887. Every new feature in baseball is included in this book and Spalding has cause to be complimented on their work. It will be placed on sale at every newstand throughout United States and Canada on April 1.

Bets From the Diamond.

The Buffalo's report for duty at Washington to-morrow.

Crane's pitching is being praised highly by the Southern papers.

The Brooklyn and Newark clubs start the ball rolling at Eldgewood Park, near New York, to-morrow.

The Rochesters will report for duty next Thursday.

The return home so soon of the New Yorks from their southern trip is accounted for by the refusal of the older men to sign.

Stagg, the Yale pitcher, conducts religious revivals on the Bowery every Sunday.

Manager Cushman secured some of the players who are to go on from here to Columbus with him on Monday, to arrive to-day.

Catcher Thayer arrived from the east yesterday.

In the Phillies' first practice game on Thursday, Hallman, Schriver, Gleason and Hoover, all International blood, showed up well, in fact better than the old players.

The Southern League will be the first to open a championship season this year. It will start at New Orleans and Charleston on April 7 in games with the Birmingham and Memphis clubs respectively.

Norman Baker, the ex-Toronto pitcher, has been joyously surprised by finding $38 of Canadian money in his trunk among some old papers.

Between twenty-five and thirty young players have been taken into the National League this season.

A new baseball league has been organized, to be known as the Minnesota Valley League. It will be composed of clubs located at Shakopee, Jordan, Belle Plaine, Henderson, Le Sueur and St. Peter. They open their championship season April 22.

Ed. Andrews, the famous outfielder of the Philadelphia club, shows some notable improvement from the ball field much has been written, has signed a contract with President Reach to play with the Philadelphias during the coming season.

Owing to the delay in the completion of the new grand stand on the Boston grounds the club will have to play twenty-four consecutive games at home between May 25 and June 22.

In the Western Association there will be 126 games for each club to play, 63 at home and the same number abroad.

There will be many varities of uniforms seen on the American Association diamonds the coming season.

William Ewing, familiarly known as "Buck," the Captain of the New York National League Club, says: "Crane, the pitcher, will add strength to our team. He is a remarkably fine pitcher, and if he only had ordinary luck he would be a great one. This is a good fault. As a rule, pitchers are unwilling to risk hurting their arms, but Crane is an exception to the rule."

Toronto Defeats Hamilton at Chess.

The annual match between the Toronto and Hamilton chess clubs was played yesterday at the Ambitious City, resulting in favor of the visitors. Following is the score:

TORONTO.		HAMILTON.	
A. T. Davison	2	C. Watts	0
J. H. Gordon	1	H. A. Kittson	1
W. Cauldwell	2	Dr. Rosebrugh	0
E. H. Freeland	1	W. H. Judd	0
W. H. Boyd	2	F. H. Funston	0
J. McGregor	2½	J. E. Lister	½
H. Bell	½	J. Spearman	½
H. J. Hill	0	H. Stephens	0
J. Bell	0	E. Martin	1
E. G. Munro	½	E. May	½
	11½		3½

Spots of Sport.

A shooting match took place yesterday at Brantford between J. Cook of Paris and H. T. Westbrook of Brantford, for a purse of $200, twenty birds each, resulting in favor of the Brantford man, who killed 18 birds and Cook 11.

A prize fight took place in a barn near Brinton, Pa., on Wednesday night, between two colored men named William Sims and Henry Johnson. They fought eighteen round Sims was completely knocked out.

The annual meet of the League of American Wheelmen will be held at Baltimore June 18, 19 and 20. It is estimated that between 3000 and 4000 wheelmen will attend.

Jim Fell and George La Blanche are matched to fight near Detroit on May 5, for $500 a side. "The Marine" is backed by Detroit parties and Fell is stuffed by Chicago men who believe he is a great man.

The Tecumseh players have been notified to report for duty between April 5 and 9.

The London Baseball and Athletic Association charter prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor on the grounds.

Please Return the Papers.

Mr. B. Roberts, 7 Anne-street, would feel obliged to the party who found his pocketbook last Wednesday evening (if they are not honest enough to return him the cash) to return him per mail the papers. They are useless to the finder, but important to him.

—A host of bodily troubles are engendered by chronic indigestion. These, however, as well as their cause, disappear when the highly accredited invigorant and alterative, Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, is the agent employed for their removal. A regular habit of body, and a free secretion and flow of bile invariably result from its persistent use. It cleanses the system from all irregularities and restores the weak and broken down constitution to health and strength.

Quotation From the Jury.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, as he concluded his charge, "if the evidence shows in your minds that pneumonia, even indirectly, was the cause of the man's death, the prisoner cannot be convicted."

An hour later a messenger came from the jury room.

"The gentlemen of the jury, your Honor," he said, "desire information."

"On what point of evidence?"

"None, your Honor; they want to know how to spell pneumonia."

"Gold Point."

—These cigars are hand-made by the Cuban method, the filler being of choice Vuelta Abajo and the wrapper fine Sumatra, imported directly by ourselves. We do not see how any heavily taxed imported cigars at 10 cents can equal these in value. It is the best 5-cent cigar on the market. Spilling Bros., 115 Jarvis-street, Toronto. 136

Spring, Gentle Spring.

—There is not the least doubt but what spring is at hand, and Matthews, the gents' furnisher, 162 Queen street east, is up with the season with a full stock of spring goods at very low prices. The latest styles in spring ties and collars. 86

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Warsland from Antwerp.
At Southampton: Aller from New York.

EUROPE'S WAR CLOUD.

Russian Preparations Going on Without Cessation—May Set for the Hostilities.

From The St. James's Gazette.

The following communication comes to us from a correspondent at Kieff:

However emphatic and apparently sincere the assurances given by Russia that she is bent on pursuing a policy of peace, however satisfactorily it may be shown that she has absolutely nothing to gain and everything to lose by trying conclusions with Austria, it is none the less a fact that we are on the eve of a war. As the expression of an opinion, this, no doubt, is not new to those who follow the march of political events, and are capable of translating the dialect of diplomacy into the every-day language in which the story of Russia's military movements is set forth by foreign correspondents and commented on by the press. But what follows is something more than a mere subjective reading of events by one who has carefully studied them; and in any case it is based on a large number of significant and trustworthy facts, one or two of which cannot but interest the public in England.

To begin with the least convincing: Two well-known generals, fresh from the Council Chamber of St. Petersburg (where they have been constantly closeted with the War Minister, Gen. Vanoffsky) and who will command 20,000 men each in the coming war, have mentioned May as the date for hostilities to commence; and this in such circumstances of time, place and surroundings as to leave no doubt of their sincerity, and still less of their acquaintance with the topic of conversation.

Of course as long as the issue is continent on the will of one man no forecast can be wholly free from the element of doubt, and tangible facts are our safest guide in the matter. The following one is significant: Some time ago considerable numbers of troops were transported by two steamers of the Russian Black Sea Steamship Company from Batoum and Poti, and landed in a surreptitious manner in the neighborhood of Sebastopol, not far from where special trains awaited them. They were then dispersed so as to arouse as little suspicion as possible. These troops are now being gradually brought up to the frontier—some into Bessarabia, others to the Austrian frontier. Trains carrying them run occasionally at hours when trains do not generally run; and snowstorms, which have been plentiful of late, are welcomed as natural allies. The last trains before a line is officially declared blocked, and the last mails before it is officially reopened, carry the troops. There are, besides, large numbers of troops just now between Tula and Brest-Litoffsk wending their way by easy stages and in small parties in the direction of Kieff and the southwest.

Elizabethgrad, a city of 43,000 inhabitants in the Government of Kherson, within easy distance of the River Dniester, is the headquarters of the South Russian Cavalry. The shipbuilding of foreigners in the population is practically nil, so that less disguise is necessary in roping forward with military preparations than elsewhere. Among the signs and tokens in which this district abounds is the purchase of cavalry horses on a large scale. They are not being bought exclusively nor even mainly in the vicinity of Elizabethgrad; the other districts of Kherson and other governments supply a large proportion. The horses are being purchased for immediate delivery, and everywhere the prices paid range from 50 to 150 roubles (from £4 to £12), and are always less than that fixed by the tariff drawn up by the Government in 1884. Cavalry accoutrements, arms, etc., are being wrought, and being furnished up; blacksmiths are working literally day and night, and the followers of Wieland's noble handicraft have never known busier or better days than the present.

Lastly, the preliminaries of putting the barbor of Odessa in a state of defence are being carefully carried out, in as far as the weather does not prove an obstacle. The plan of defence heretofore accepted by the Ministry has been thrown aside and a new one is being worked out. It is only a question of the number of torpedoes, the places they are to be sunk, etc., which were determined long ago, but is being changed again now.

The feeling in the country is universal that the Government is merely temporizing till the frost and snow disappear. As soon as the roads are fit for use little Russia's intentions will become more evident.

—Use the sure, pleasant and efficient worm killer, Mexican Worm Exterminator. Nothing equals it. Procure a bottle and take it home.

Amusement Points.

The Cyclorama enjoyed unusually large business yesterday, large numbers of ladies and children attending. To-night and to-morrow matinee, the admission after 7 p.m. being only 25c.

Sam'l of Posen is the title of next week's attraction at the Toronto Opera House. Russell Bassett as Sam'l Plastrick, a popular comedial drummer, has been making a hit, and he is said to be supported by a strong company.

"Jim the Penman," which is to receive its first production in Toronto next week, ran two years at the Haymarket, London, and over two years at the Madison Square Theatre, New York. It will be produced by Mr. Mr. Palmer's splendid company, and should test the capacity of the Grand at every performance. The sale of seats is now going on.

The seats for Mrs. Scott Siddons' farewell engagement next Saturday are selling very rapidly, and there is every indication that the rush will be as great as on the occasion of her visit last November. The programme is an attractive one and the variety afforded by Mr. Waller's recitals on the piano of numbers from such masters as Chopin, Liszt and Rubenstein will be appreciated.

The theatrical week winds up with "Inshavogue" at the Toronto and the Hanlon Brothers at the Grand.

The Haydn Trio's Concert.

The concert in St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday night by the Haydn Trio was one of the best the West End has had for some time. Selections from Haydn, Suppe and Rossini by the Trio, violin solos, 'cello solos (Mr. K. W. Barton and F. Wagner), classical and popular songs, together with Mr. W. E. Ramsey's comicalities served to form a strong and attractive program, which was highly appreciated by the audience. The Trio is composed of K. W. Barton, violin; Franz Wagner, 'cello; Prof. Stork, piano. Vocalists, Miss Adelaide Lawson, Miss Annie Brown, Mr. R. Hassell.

Concert at the Asylum.

Mr. Revell and a number of talented friends visited the Insane Asylum Thursday evening and treated the inmates to an enjoyable concert. The first part of the program included selections from the sacred cantata, "Under the Palms." The second part included the chorus, "Hail Smiling Morn," by the company; Mr. Darby amused the audience with comic song; Mr. Nicholls sang "From Rock to Rock" very effectively; Mr. Revell gave a reading, and Mr. Parry delighted the company with his performances on the cornet. Mrs. Nicholls presided at the piano and Mr. Arthur Sullen was conductor.

Foresters' Concert.

Shaftesbury Hall was filled last night with green-collared Foresters and their friends, on the occasion of their Good Friday concert in aid of the hospital fund of that ancient order. Bro. J. Alexander, D.C.R., made an able chairman and Bro. J. Lee an efficient musical director. The talent included Miss H. L. Cheney of Brooklyn, Miss Kate Strong, Mount Forest; Mr. Geo. Thomas, Boston; Mr. Geo. K. Reinolts, New York; Mr. W. E. Ramsay, Mr. Sims Richards, Mr. A. S. Mackay, Signor Napolitano, Mr. J. Lee and Mr. J. H. Cameron.

Ladies' Large Hands.

It was the fashion a few years ago to have small hands, but since Mrs. Langtry is said to wear 7½ gloves the opposite is now the case. The fact is a large hand well shaped is far more beautiful than a small wrinkled stub-fingered claw. Of course for small ladies small hands are all right. The Josephine kid gloves are worth $1.25 a pair. McKendry has a line left in size 7, 7½ and 7¾ only, now selling to clear them out quick for 39 cents. Run to 278 Yonge for a pair at once. x

—Have you tried Holloway's Corn Cure? It has no equal for removing these troublesome excrescences, as many have testified who have tried it.

The Kaiser Frederick.

From The Academy.