SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS.

It seems the McDonald family has another good member in the California trainer, Al McDonald, who had one of the best winning stables out on the Pacific Coast the past season. Good! Al McDonald now completes the famous big five, the others being William B. McDonald, of Buffalo; Alta McDonald, of Albany; Dave McDonald, of Pittsburg, and Lou McDonald, of Redville. A $10,000 stake for the McDonald steppers would do for the Grand Circuit.

The grand stand at Montreal's new track will be 500 feet long, with a seating capacity for 6,500 gay and happy Frenchmen. The colors of the club will be green and white, and the grounds will be planted all around with pine trees and silver birch, denoting these colors.

President Roosevelt and the American ambassador to England have sons with broken noses. This ought to go a long way toward setting the style.

King Edward has given a yachting cup to be held forever by the New York Yacht Club. Perhaps he should be credited with a fine bit of sarcasm, considering the persistency with which the same club hangs on to America's cup.

Jim Jeffries has decided to open a sal—beg pardon, buffet in Los Angeles. For a time we were afraid Jim would neglect to round out his professional career in the traditional manner of the gladiator of the prize ring. But come to think of it, no champion has fallen down on us yet.

We culled this gem from the esteemed New Orleans Picayune. "Assistant Trainer Lowe, of the Hildreth stable, is hobbling about on crutches, but is making rapid strides toward recovery."

That there is no chance to abolish football is as palpable as a dyed mustache. Between now and next fall it may be done up in capsules, but the dose will be just as bitter to the fellow underneath.

Here are a few illuminating hints on motoring:

Anybody with an income of $800 a year can afford a touring car. That sum will pay for the tires and beyond that the expense is trifling—by comparison.

In selecting a car, of course you want the best, but since that is impossible unless you are rich enough to own 23 different machines (see current advertisements), then be contented with anything so long as it costs you all you have been able to save up and has horsepower enough so that it isn't visible except in repose.

Know your machine; don't leave it to the care of some ignorant mechanic, but get acquainted with it personally and intimately. The best way is to take it to pieces some time when there is no one around intelligent enough to interfere with you or stop you, and then send to the nearest garage for an expert at $5 an hour to put it together again. He can do it just as well and save you all the bother.

Odorless machines are not to be recommended. The more offensive the fumes which emanate from your car the better. In the first place, it doesn't trouble you any, and in the second place, it is usually the only proof the country sheriff has that you have passed that way—that and a little dust—and he will need them both as evidence against you the next morning in court.

The Chicago Tribune has this poetry (?) on a certain class of individual prominent at every race track:

He knows the age and pedigree of everything that gallops,
He can rattle off the running of the stakes of long ago;
He is Joseph to the prospect of the race that's run tomorrow,
He can stake you to the right price on the straight and place and show,
He will call you down on figures and contemptuously regard you
If a joke about a horse race you may feel disposed to launch;
A merry jest appeals to him as oil appeals to water,
For he has the situation by the haunch.
But he's broke.

Cut out the airy persiflage or he'll freeze you where you're standing,
For his mind upon the racing game is seriously bent;
Don't twit upon the records cold storaged in the dope book,
Or he'll nail you on your consciousness about the things that went.
His foresight is a marvel and his hindsight is the goods,
When you break away from him you have it all:
You are heartsick when you realize the good things that you missed
By not swarming on him early in the fall,
But he's broke.

He is pally with the Belmonts, the Hitchcocks, and the Keenes;
He's familiar with the Corrigans and Dunnes;
He knows which way it's coming, he can tell you how it went,
He can separate the yeggmen from the guns.
He knows about the cheaters and those who're on the square,
He can tell you when your horse is going to try;
When he whispers you his special—the one that's really meant—
"Go play it if you have to soak your eye."
But he's broke.

Buffalo sports do not like Conkle, the Hamilton rassler, since he refused to go to that town and allow Frank Gotch to toss him five times in an hour. Perhaps if they sit down and figure it out they may be thankful that he did not. The "grapplers" are an expensive luxury.

Having been euchered out of the Dominion championship in a manner most foul (see western papers) Hamilton, Ont., will have to content itself with a one night stand of Sarah Bernhardt.—Toronto Telegram.

A horse named Rickey got home at New Orleans the other day. Rickeys have a bad habit of getting to the right place alright!

Jabez White wants to fight Nelson. Now, Jabez, don't. That Roman nose of yours would be wandering for the rest of your life, and your beauty would be marred henceforth. It would be a shame what would happen to White, were the pair to look up.

The pedigree of the fast Canadian-bred pacer Texas Rooker (2:05¼) has never been cleared up in the Year Book, so our thanks are due friend E. A. Cuff, Barrie, Ont., for recent information on the subject. Mr. Cuff writes: Rooker's sire was the pacing stallion of the same name, Texas Rooker (2:10¼), who was by the pacer Texas Jack (2:19 3-4). The dam of Texas Rooker (2:05¼) is given as by Lexington, thoroughbred, out of a mare by Black Billy, trotter, son of Whirlwinl. What Lexington is is not stated; presumably it was some son of Lexington, the immortal son of Boston. The mare in question is apt to take high rank as a producer, being also the dam of the fast pacer Collingwood Rooker (2:13¼), besides two promising younger foals by Reflection (2:07½). Collingwood Rooker made a record of 2:24 3-4 in 1004, and is given in the Year Book as by Rooker, Jun. Mr. Cuff states this to be an error, as the gelding is an own brother of Texas Rooker (2:05¼).—Horse Review.

Young Denny Clark, whose mistake at a critical moment lost the game for Michigan against Chicago, has done everything accorling to the papers, from running away with the cook to committing suicide, and the tears he has shed since the game were enough to float an ocean liner. Oh, slush! Anybody would feel hurt at losing an important game like that, but there is no use for such driveling idiocy such as we read.

COVERPOINT.

AMERICAN DERBY MAY BE NO MORE

Authority States that Washington Park Jockey Club Will Disorganize.

Chicago, Dec. 5. — News that the Washington Park Jockey Club of Chicago will pass out of existence shortly has been received from a source that cannot be gainsaid. One of the most prominent members of the club stated yesterday to a representative of the World that the club, not only as a racing organization, but as a social club as well, would cease to exist after the annual meeting of the club, to be held some time this month.

Lawrence A. Young, the president of the club, as well as other prominent officials of the club, refused to be interviewed on the subject, but there can be no doubt as to the truth of the report. In fact, the statement is made that negotiations by a real estate syndicate for the purchase of the club's property, consisting of eighty acres in a district of the city where land is extremely valuable, are now on the verge of completion.

This news, coming from such an authoritative source, will be received with regret by turfmen throughout the country, for the retirement of the club means (the informant says) that those in authority in the club are firmly of the opinion that racing in Chicago is dead for a number of years.

The Washington Park Club's greatest event since its inauguration has been the American Derby, which is one of the extremely few great American turf classics known to English turfmen. The efforts made by the club in 1893 to encourage international racing are largely responsible for the fame of the event abroad. In that year the Duke of Beaufort sent a starter to the post in Strathrose, shipping him all the way from England to run in this race. Strathrose was beaten, incidentally.

In recent years such prominent American turfmen as August Belmont, the late William C. Whitney, James R. Keene, Clarence H. Mackay, H. P. Whitney, H. B. Duryea, Louis V. Bell, etc., have made entries to the stake.

Since its inauguration in 1884, strictly speaking, only one eastern horse has won the event Highball, Mr. Sheftel's high-class colt, capturing it in 1904. He was bred and foaled in Kentucky. From a financial as well as a sporting point of view the retirement of the Washington Park Club will be a serious blow to those interested in the sport of kings, the club since 1884 having distributed to turfmen nearly a quarter of a million dollars each year at its 25 days' meeting.

STRATFORD TO PULL OUT OF JUNIOR SERIES

Club Definitely Decides to Play Only Senior and Intermediate Hockey This Season.

Stratford, Dec. 5. — It has been definitely decided by the newly-elected hockey executive to place an intermediate and a senior team on the ice this winter, to uphold Stratford's reputation in the hockey world.

It was at first the intention to play junior, but in view of the fact that this class of hockey previously has not been consistent with good gate receipts, and also of the long trips incurred should they win their district, Owen Sound having drawn the bye, the executive deemed it advisable to play in the intermediate series.

There are a number of good local players, and this will give the club a larger field of local aspirants to draw from, as there are several who have passed the age limit for junior company, but who are eligible to play intermediate.

Messrs. J. W. Chowen and E. P. Edmunds left today for Woodstock, where the schedule for the intermediate district will be arranged, Secretary Edmunds will go to Galt tomorrow evening, when the senior schedule will be drawn up.

OPENING DAY OF ST. THOMAS SHOOT

Fair Attendance and Cold Weather – Averages Pretty Well Up to Standard – Coffey High Man.

St. Thomas, Dec. 5.—The fourth annual tournament of the St. Thomas Gun Club opened today at Winer's Hotel, with a fair attendance of shooters. The weather was cold, but the day was a favorable one for the participants.

The following are the scores, the averages being pretty well up to the standard. R. Coffey, of St. Thomas, made the highest, killing 31 out of 32, and Messrs. Stroud, Cantelon and Scane killed 29.

	No. 1. 7 birds.	No. 2. 10 birds.	No. 3. 15 birds.	Total.
Cantelon	7	10	12	29
C. Scane	7	9	11	27
McRitchie	6	10	12	28
H. Scane	6	9	14	29
Broderick	7	5	13	25
R. Coffey	7	10	14	31
G. McColl	7	6	13	26
R. Emslie	3	5	13	21
J. Coffey	6	10	11	27
J. Stroud	5	9	15	29
D. Miller	.	8	14	22
Day	.	9	12	21
Donly	.	.	8	8

R. Stroud, of Hamilton, won the handicap and was the head man in the big event. He killed 15 straight. This carries the cash prize of $150.

LACROSSE.

CLARK FOR PITTSBURG.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—"Bun" Clark, the Tecumseh goalkeeper, has left for Pittsburg, where he will play goal this winter for the professional team of that city. During his idle hours Clark will act as skating instructor at the Duquesne Garden. Clark is a great lacrosse goalkeeper, but has no reputation up to this week in hockey. He is to take the place of Jack Winchester, who held out on the team.

Trainer Chris Clune says Pittsburg will have a good team this year, and will commence practicing at once. The line-up of the team will be: Goal, Clark; point, Cobeau; coverpoint, Baird; rover, Sixsmith (captain); center, Lorne Campbell; right wing, Harry Smith; left wing, Ed Roberts.

PITCHER IS TOO FAR FROM PLATE

Veteran Sam Crane Advances a Novel Argument for Improvement of Batting.

Sam Crane, the well-known New York baseball expert, has this to say about improving batting:

"Batting would be improved by moving the pitcher's box nearer to the home plate.

"That does not seem reasonable, but it is a fact, nevertheless. I have been making experiments lately which have proved conclusively to me that a five-foot advance of the pitcher nearer to the batter will solve the problem of pitcher supremacy that magnates, players, and fans have so long tried to obviate.

"In the old days of the game, say around the early '80s, the pitcher's box was only 45 feet away from the plate, and the pitcher was also allowed to turn his back to the batter and take as much of a run forward as the six-foot box space would allow. It was under these conditions that John Ward, Charley Radbourne, Jim Whitney, Tim Keefe, Mickey Welsh, John Clarkson, and other star twirlers of their day made their big reputations; but the batters of those days hit the ball just as hard as the batters of today, and harder — yes, and made safe hits oftener than the swatsmiths of today.

"The present distance from the pitcher's box to the plate gives the batter too long a time to size up the curves, drops, and benders that are served up to him. He cannot snap at the ball with that quickness of sight or judgment that a shorter pitching distance would allow. The ball, too, will go just as far and as swiftly when met fairly and true with a quick, snappy wrist movement as with a long swing. I think farther, for there were more home runs made in the old days than now, and there were no new shoes as an inducement, either.

"Take Anson, Brouthers, Kelly Williamson, Dalyrmple, Gore, Roger Connor, Sam Thompson, Pete Browning, Hardy Richardson, and the other sluggers of long ago; why, the back fences were not far enough away for them; they were liable to break up a game at any stage—and with the pitcher only 45 feet way. Now the box is 60 feet away, 55 feet after the pitcher's stride.

"As an example of my plan, just go out on a field and have a ball thrown at you from the second-base position and see how many times you will connect with the bulb.

"The ball at the present distance breaks before it reaches the plate and the batter having too long a time to see it is fooled much more than if he could snap at the ball at the shorter distance when the break would not be so long in sight.

"I have been an advocate of the foul strike rule solely on account of the delay that would be occasioned by the "killing" of the good balls intentionally, and the difficulty of getting umpires to decide the intent of such killing. But thanks to Presidents Pulliam and Johnson, the umpires' authority is much more pronounced now than formerly, and the judges of play now doubtless would not be afraid of using and exercising their judgment as in the days when Billy Hamilton, Roy Thomas, and other 'foulers-off' could 'beat' their way to first nine times out of ten.

"Improvement in batting is demanded by the fans, and the shorter distance from the pitcher's box to the plate and a judicious compromise on the present four-strike rule will solve the whole problem.

"No two ways about it.

"I would also advise batters to use a much smaller bat in circumference than they do now. When two circular surfaces meet the nearer they are in size the less surface is left for contact. A small bat against the bigger ball is bound to make the bat meet more surface on the ball than a bat of the same circumference as the ball consequently the smaller bat is going to raise more havoc in the swatting line if met fairly. Merely a scientific principle, but perhaps poorly expressed.

"But move the pitcher's box nearer the plate and more and better batting is sure to result."

CURLING.

HESPELER PLAYERS SECURE RINK.

Hespeler, Dec. 5. — The curling club (who recently organized for the season) have made arrangements with the rink management whereby they can get the use of the ice three nights a week, namely, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The tickets are $3 for the season and the club looks forward to a very successful winter of sport at curling on the ice. The officers this year are: President, Mr. Millar; vice-president, Mr. Bowman; secretary-treasurer, Leslie E. Weaver; executive committee, Messrs. Beattie, Schultz, and J. R. Phin.

BASEBALL.

THE GIANTS' PLANS.

New York, Dec. 5. — Arrangements for the spring training trip of the world's champion Giants are rapidly being made, and the plans thus far for the invasion of the south are practically settled. On March 1 Manager McGraw and the players will report at Memphis, where they will remain until the 20th of the month, playing some exhibition games with the local team. On March 24 the team will play at Nashville and the first game on the northern trip will be played at Louisville on March 31 and April 1; Indianapolis, April 2; Wheeling, April 5; arriving in New York to play Yale University on April 7. It is likly that games also will be arranged with Little Rock, Dayton and Columbus. It has been decided next year to introduce a new idea in traveling uniforms. Two sets will be carried on the road, the black suit which the team wore in the world's champion series, and the gray, the team changing from time to time on their trip. This will be an innovation. It is the intention of the players to get together every day, thus conditioning themselves during the winter. McGraw proposes starting the games the middle of next week and is enthusiastic over it as a conditioner for the players.

WRESTLING.

ONE FOR McLEOD.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Dan McLeod tonight threw Bruggilo in a wrestling match in the Grand Opera House, securing the fall in 22 minutes. Karl Bush, of Russia, and Kreig, a German, wrestled for an hour without a fall.

ONTARIO RULES MAY BE ADOPTED BY THE TEAMS ACROSS THE LINE

New York, Dec. 5.—President indications point strongly to the fact that at the next meeting of the football rules committee serious consideration will be given to changes which are based on football as it is played in Ontario. Careful attention has been paid to the methods in use throughout the Province by football authorities in the United States, and it is anticipated that strong recommendation will be made to the committee to incorporate some of the salient features of Ontario football, which have made it so successful in the last two years, while the American game has been at a standstill, and also has been the target of those who have insisted that it has drifted away from its original intent.

Add Variety to Game.

The changes which will be suggested will in no manner detract from the interest of the sport, according to those who have investigated the matter, and will add variety to the contests—the one great thing which has been lacking in American college football, if the complaints of spectators are to be believed.

One change to be urged will be the increase of the distance to be gained on downs from five yards to ten. It is contended that this, if it does nothing else, will make more kicking compulsory, and more kicking will result in the shifting of the players with more rapidity than is the case at the present time. Teams which fail to gain appreciably after one attempt to advance the ball through the line will be disposed to kick to get it out of dangerous territory. With that the case the value of a good punter or two good punters to a team will increase about 15 per cent.

No Offside Interference.

Another recommendation is that and player who gets in advance of the ball carried by a player of his own side be immediately adjudged offside. This will prevent the interference from advancing ahead of the man with the ball, and naturally will put an end to rough blocking off and to occasional tendency to shoulder or elbow a man to prevent him from making a tackle.

That is the rule in Ontario, and the result is that players running with the ball, instead of going deliberately into a possible tackle, trusting to luck on the part of the interference to block it off, pass the ball back to men who are what has been considered by some coaches as a real necessity to win—that is, to preserve a line of forwards, following them, and permit others to continue the run. That opens the play appreciably.

It was stated earlier in the season that the football rules would barely know themselves when they are published for the season of 1906. This was made on the very best authority that could be asked from football. Although it was impossible to give the name of the gentleman who made the assertion without violating a personal confidence, there was no objection to the intimation that a change would certainly be effected, since it was admitted that it had been partially agreed upon by those who are in authority.

Merits of Ontario Game

In looking over the Ontario game, with a view to discovering its greatest merits, football men in the United States—some of them, at least—have agreed that a combination of its most meritorious regulations with the theory of American football should result in a sport fully as entertaining as that which has delighted so many thousands of spectators this year, and possibly even more fasciation than the present American game.

The new system, if it goes into effect, will do something toward eliminating what has been considered by some coaches as a real necessity to win—that is, to preserve a line of forwards—chiefly valuable because of their great weight and strength, instead of their all-round ability as athletes.

BOTH WITHDRAW FROM THE SENIORS

Toronto and Tecumsehs Will Pull Out of the C. L. A. Series.

Toronto, Dec. 5. — It is certain that both the Torontos and the Tecumsehs are anxious to withdraw from the senior Canadian Lacrosse series for next season and ally themselves with the National Amateur Lacrosse Association.

This statement of the case may seem peculiar when it is remembered that the first mentioned body is avowedly professional, while the last mentioned is apparently amateur. But the N. A. L. A. has lost a lot of its amateur proclivities in recent years and most of what remains is a bluff.

Anyway, the N. A. L. A. determined that the clubs forming its membership might play with or against professionals, and it is under this provision that the promoters of the Toronto and Tecumseh teams hope for admission.

There is still some talk here in newspapers about a five-club league. But it should be noted that the Torontos and Tecumsehs will not get into a five-club league in which the other teams are made up from those now playing in the east.

Both Harry Beattie, of the Torontos, and "Lol" Soloman, of the Tecumsehs, started out with the idea of inducing the Shamrocks, Montrealers and Capitals to enter a professional league.

They found, however, that the idea would not work.

There is no way which you can make up a senior league with the clubs mentioned unless the Nationals are taken in as well.

The probabilities are that if the proposed new senior league is formed, there will be six clubs—Shamrocks, Montrealers, Nationals, of Montreal; Capitals, of Ottawa, and Torontos and Tecumsehs, of this city—although, even at that, Cornwall may insist on sticking. It will then have to be a seven-club league, playing a single schedule.

Mr. Soloman was anxious on the inception of the plan to form a five-club league and play a double schedule, maintaining that the interest would be thus materially enhanced.

But he found, on inquiries, that there was no hope of getting the Shamrocks, Montrealers and Capitals to play with the Toronto club unless the Nationals were also considered, while, if the Cornwalls desire to remain, they, too, would have to be retained.

THE TURF.

LIGHTSOME SOLD FOR $8,000.

J. L. Dodge, the Paris (Ky.) turfman, has sold to Trainer Ed Benyou for $8,000 the 2-year-old bay filly Lightsome, by Constantine, dam Bourbon Light, by Bourbon Wilkes, and she will be campaigned by Benyon next season. Lightsome won the 2-year-old division of the Kentucky Futurity this year, and is eligible for the 3-year-old division of the stake next season as well as all of the big events on the Grand Circuit. Benyon bought the youngster for eastern parties.

BAD DAY FOR FAVORITES.

New Orleans, Dec. 5. — Favorites fared badly at the Crescent City Jockey Club's track today. Go To Win being the only one to realize expectations. Attraction, the first to suffer defeat, succumbed to interference. Monaco Maid and King Cole, equal favorites in the third, were outrun all the way. St. Valentine was not fit and The Regent, favorite in the last race, was beaten handily by the long shot, Edward Hale. The weather was clear and cold and the track good.

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THINK FITZ IS IN BAD SHAPE

Battling Nelson and Billy Nolan Pick O'Brien to Beat the Cornishman.

Cleveland, Dec. 5.—Battling Nelson and his manager, Billy Nolan, are of the opinion that Bob Fitzsimmons will get the loser's end of the purse when he meets Jack O'Brien at San Francisco, Dec. 20.

"If Bob was the same old Bob," said Nolan to the writer Saturday evening, "he could whip a dozen O'Briens one right after the other. He still has the punch, but his hands and legs have gone back on him. His hands are in bad shape and after the first round he will have his troubles. In fact, his only hope is to beat O'Brien as quick as he can. If the battle goes on for seven or eight rounds Fitz will not stand a chance. If his hands were right I would back him against any man living outside of Jeffries."

When Fitz shied out of the fight with Mike Schreck at Salt Lake, he claimed that there was a scheme on foot to both job him in the decision and do him out of the cash. Schreck and the promoters said that Bob's feet were so lame he could hardly hobble, and that his hands were so badly broken up he could not hit a pillow. Such seems to be the case again. Bob made a wonderful race and one of the longest races ever made by any fighter, but when a man is 43 he can hardly be expected to hold the pace. During Fitz's career he has never spared his hands. In fact, his hard hitting ways seemed certain to destroy his paws many years ago. He let fly full speed with both fins whenever there was a chance to strike and the way he drove in the blows, while it was a cinch that the other fellow fell, the hands could hardly escape heavy injuries.

Years and years ago, when Fitz was matched to fight Dan Creedon, it was common talk that his hands were so badly beaten up that they were more like bags of mush than human mawleys. At that time, so the rumor ran, Bob hit his men with his wrists, which were anchylosed and hard as bars of steel. He is alleged to have hit half a dozen men with those iron wrists, and to this day Col. Hopkins, who managed Creedon, swears that Dan got his from a wrist instead of a mitten. "There was a livid mark along Dan's head," says the colonel, "exactly like the mark left by a sandbag. No glove could have produced a mark like that."

The old gentleman trained his fists into pretty good shape for Jim Corbett, but complained after the fight that they hurt him quite a bit. And that was eight years ago. Since then Bob has fought many hard and heavy men. When he hit the ponderous Jeffries, he smashed the paws to pieces, and he hurt them again on Gardner. It seems altogether likely that the hands are now in such shape that while they may not trouble him when he is not fighting, they will surely go to bits when he hits a hefty blow.

Bob's feet have always been shuffly and clumsy, although he could move around in fairly agile fashion. Of late, they have been showing much of the infirmities of age, and it is now believed that the old gentleman cannot go more than three or four miles without his pedals giving out completely.

If Ruby Robert is finally down and out, the ring has lost one of its most unique and picturesque characters. It is hardly likely, all things considered, that we e'er shall look upon his like again.

To tell the truth, there have been rumors that the fight might be declared off in consequence of "Old Bob" being unable to train on account of his bad hands and fee. If so, Bob will lose the sum of $2,500, his forfeit money.

THE RING.

CURLEY DIDN'T LAST LONG.

Charleroi, Pa., Dec. 5.—In just one minute and 55 seconds, with a terrific right-hand blow to the jaw, Frank Morgan, of Pittsburg, knocked out "Curley" Supples, of Buffalo, before the Charleroi A. C. at the Coyle Theater last night.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

New Orleans, Crescent City Park—Marvin Neal 12 to 1, Go To Win even, Ben Hodder 9 to 2, Tartan 8 to 1, Lady Vashti 2 to 1, Edward Hale 50 to 1.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE OPENS SOON

Play to Start in the International Organization on Dec. 11, With Good Prospects.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 5.—The International Hockey League season will open on Dec. 11, and from then until the middle of March the five cities maintaining teams in the organization will be at fever pitch over the outcome of the several contests scheduled to determine the championship. The first game of the season will be one week from next Monday, the Canadian Soo team playing at Calumet. The American Soos open the season at Pittsburg the following evening, playing a series of three games. At Houghton the season opens Dec. 14, the Canadian Soos being the first team to play here. The old-time rivals, Calumet and Portage Lake, meet at Houghton on Dec. 19 for their first contest of the season, playing again on Calumet ice on Dec. 22.

The lineups of the league teams practically are completed, and, on paper, present five formidable aggregations. Some of the best hockey players from Canada will play the game in the United States this season, among them being Joe Hall, conceded to be about the fastest forward in the Dominion, who has signed with Portage Lake. The Canadian Soo and Pittsburg teams are practically all new men. Portage Lake has five of last year's men, Calumet has four, and the American Soo five.

Each team will play 24 games, twelve on home ice and three in each of the other four rinks. At Pittsburg, owing to the great distance from the upper peninsula, each team will play its three games in a series. The concluding games of the schedule will be between Portage Lake and Calumet at Calumet, and American and Canadian Soos at Canadian Soo.

JABEZ WHITE LATEST TO GET AFTER NELSON

Little Englishman Wants to Take the Champion's Scalp—Is Looking for a Match.

London, Dec. 5.—Jabez White is the latest recruit to the ranks of aspirants who are after the scalp of Battling Nelson. The little Englishman has announced his intention of going to America in March to challenge the Dane, and says he will submit a proposition that Bill Nolan, Nelson's manager, cannot overlook. "I've as good a right as anyone to challenge for the world's championship," says Jabez, "and I'm going after it strong." White is one of those busy fighters who never overlook anything. Early in January he and Owen Moran are going on an exhibition tour in France, and before that he expects to pull off at least two matches. The first man Jabez meets will be Fred Buckland, a strapping youth, before the National Sporting Club in London, for a purse of £300. After this White goes to Birmingham, where next month he meets Bob Russell. They will box for a purse of £200.

HOCKEY.

TWO TEAMS FOR PRESTON.

Preston, Dec. 5. — Preston will have a senior and intermediate team in the O. H. A., and will also hold a meeting Wednesday night in the town hall and organize a town league.

IMPROVED INGERSOLL RINK.

Ingersoll, Dec. 5. — Hockeyists familiar with the Ingersoll rink in days gone by will appreciate the improvements that have been made since it was leased by Mr. Wm. Loury, of London. Mr. Loury is a devotee of the game, and will give all the hockey teams of the town a chance. The rink has been boarded up on the sides and the north end to a height of five feet, and the platforms on which the spectators stand have been raised so that an unobstructed view may be had of the ice. The players will not be within easy reach of the spectators, while under the improved conditions they should be able to play to much better advantage. The indications are that Ingersoll will have an intermediate team that will make a strong bid for the district championship.

STRATFORD TO HAVE CITY LEAGUE.

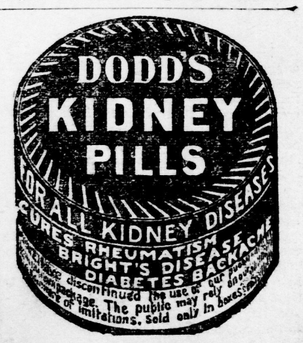
Stratford, Dec. 5.—It is understood that arrangements have almost been completed for the formation of a city league. Last winter the Juvenile League was instrumental in providing the abundance of players which is to be had this season, and it is with the object of developing good hockey material that Secretary Edmunds has decided to give this matter his personal supervision.

BERLIN STARTS PRACTICE.

Berlin, Dec. 5. — The Berlin senior and intermediate O. H. A. clubs had their first practice this evening, and all the members of the senior team, except "Pete" Charlton, who is participating in a local minstrel show, were on the ice and showed that their runs during the last few weeks has limbered them up considerably. Arrangements are being made to play the opening game with the Argonauts of Toronto during the week before Christmas. Galt will play in Berlin on Christmas Day, and the return game will be played in Galt on New Year's Day.

THE GUN.

CLUB AT INGERSOLL.

Ingersoll, Dec. 5. — The Ingersoll Blue Rock Gun Club and Rifle Club, which was organized about a year ago, now has a membership of over 40. The winter season bids fair to be a very successful one for the club. Arrangemnts have just been completed for a series of three shoots before Christmas. After the first of the year it is the intention of the club to hold events of interest to all marksmen in the district. Several of the members have made a very creditable showing at trap shooting, and they may be heard from ere long in open competition.

He who will not economize today may find it necessary to agonize tomorrow.