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## RUHLIN HAS A SCISSORS PUNCH.

**New Blow Which is Expected to Annihilate Champion Jeffries at Cincinnati.**

New York, Dec. 25.—Several important details in the proposed fight between Jim Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin were clinched to-day. Billy Madden visited Al Smith at the Gilsey House, and the latter returned the certified cheque for $2500 which was left with him as a forfeit a few weeks ago when the battle was first arranged. This was done because the Bank of Cincinnati has been named as final stakeholder and accepted by both Jeffries and Ruhlin. Madden will forward the money to Cincinnati to-morrow. Smith has also returned to Jeffries the champion's forfeit. Smith, however, will be identified with the coming tray, for Madden to-day selected him as official timekeeper. There is no doubt that he will be Jeffries' choice, for the longer after and Smith are great friends. Alec Brown will be one of Ruhlin's seconds.

Billy Brady left for Wilkesbarre, Pa., this afternoon. He has been chosen as matchmaker of the club at Cincinnati to succeed Jim Corbett.

Ruhlin and Madden are now at Bay Ridge. Next week Ruhlin will go on the road and show. Billy expects to reach Cincinnati about a month before the fight, and it is his intention to have Ruhlin train within easy access of the clubhouse. Madden called at Brady's office to-day, but did not see the latter. Billy wanted to know whether Jeffries had sent his forfeit to Cincinnati and also in reference to a few trivial changes in the articles.

"Ruhlin will surprise a lot of people when he meets Jeffries," said Madden. "I am teaching him a blow which is called the scissors punch. I cannot tell you exactly just how it is delivered, but I can say that if it lands on Jeffries' jaw he will go out in a hurry and double up like a pair of scissors. Ruhlin was not a very well man when he met Fitzsimmons at Madison Square Garden. He was overtrained and decidedly stale."

**Have Scratched on Kid McCoy.**

New York, Dec. 25.—Three of the foremost heavyweight pugilists, Jeffries, Ruhlin and Sharkey, have scratched the Kid from their list and will refuse to meet him. Their reason for placing his under the ban is because of his meeting with Jim Corbett, which was declared to be a gigantic fake by the wives of the two boxers.

Billy Brady and Billy Madden, speaking for Jeffries and Ruhlin, said to-day that McCoy must convince them that he is on the level before he deigns to issue a challenge or show a desire for a fight. Sharkey also said that McCoy could not get a match with him if he were the last man in the world.

"I don't care to injure my reputation by facing a man of McCoy's calibre, said Sharkey to-night. "There are plenty of other men that I can meet, and so far as I am concerned he will never get another trial with me. I am going to leave for Hot Springs after the new year, so as to get into condition for my proposed meeting with Peter Maher."

**Maxey Haugh Now a Policeman.**

Maxey Haugh, the Brooklyn boxer, has set an example for his pugilistic rivals. When the Horton law was repealed in New York State recently, and it became a felony to fight with gloved fists, Haugh refused to remain idle. He called on Ald. Hennessy, an old Brooklyn admirer, and informed him that he did not wish to roam the country and desired a position, if the alderman's influence could get him a job at living wages.

Several recent robberies in South Brooklyn have alarmed the merchants, and they have made so many complaints that Ald. Hennessy had Haugh appointed to guard their property. Now the question is, will the fear of the former fighter's famous wallop have any effect on the burglars? Haugh wears a grey suit, helmet and police shield, and is under the jurisdiction of the police station of his district.

Maxey has figured prominently in the prize ring for a number of years. He first gained fame by knocking out Tommy Kelly, the Harlem Spider, who was the bantamweight champion previous to losing the title to Billy Plimmer of England. Haugh met Kelly shortly after Plimmer defeated him, and Maxey put the Spider to sleep in 20 seconds.

Haugh and Jim Smith boxed a 10-round draw preliminary to the first Bennett-McCune bout in the ring. Referee Doescher's decision was considerably criticized, the margin then being considered on Smith's side.

**Ottawa Players at Work.**

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The Ottawa hockey team have had their best practice so far this season, and some decidedly good work was done on the ice. There were enough players out to form a couple of teams, and, in addition to some of last year's Stalwarts, several new men put in an appearance. Harry Westwick of last winter's Capitals had on the skates for the first time this year, and he showed that he can do as fast and as brilliant work as ever on the forward line. Pat Murphy and M. Kimpton Rewise were among the players. Other men on the ice were: W. Duval, M. Roger, H. Nolan and B. Skead, the latter a new man, who showed up well. A figure hitherto not seen in hockey in Ottawa was that of Dave Rayside, a brother of Stuart Rayside, the big wing man on the Ottawa football team. Dave is of somewhat the same build as his brother and is decidedly strong. He was tried at point position and did his business well. He is one of the best puck-lifters ever seen in Ottawa. Rayside will probably secure a place on the first team. Harvey Pulford was at the rink, but he did not practise. Trainer Peter Green was on hand, and he took good care of the players.

## NICHOLLS A FOUR FLUSH GOLFER.

**Novel Experience in England of the Only American Who Defeated Vardon Twice.**

While Vardon is on the high seas his "conqueror," Bernard Nicholls, who is at present visiting England, is in a state of high dudgeon because he was compelled to eat his dinner in the workshop of the Tooting Bec Golf Club a few days ago. Nicholls is apparently suffering from that contagious complaint so prevalent among a few "pros" known as "swelled head." When he arrived in London last week with the reputation of being the only man in the United States who had beaten Vardon twice, he probably expected that a delegation from some of the most prominent golfing organizations would meet and banquet him as one of the exclusive clubs. But either the delegation failed to make connections or Mr. Nicholls' expectations—Micawber-like—were not realized. In his spasm of chagrin yesterday Nicholls is credited with saying:

"Had I never been in America and witnessed the lavish kindness bestowed on Vardon and other foreign players, I might not have resented this treatment at the Tooting Bec Golf Club, where I was compelled to eat my luncheon out in the workshop. You may be assured that I will not remain long in England. If it were not for my engagement to play Braid, a personal friend, to-day, I would not swing a club again on a British course.

"You may depend on it, Vardon will not remain here long, for I know he will be unable to stand this sort of thing after the kindness he has received in the United States.

"The curious thing about it all is that America will soon outstrip England, not only in golf playing, but in the manufacture of golf equipment, for they are getting the best talent in England, which, under better auspices, is sure to outstrip the home talent."

After Nicholls defeated Peter Paxton at Tooting Bec on Friday the sad news was cabled from London last night:

"In a 36 hole golf match on the Romford links to-day James Braid beat Bernard Nicholls of Boston, Mass., by 9 up and 7 to play."

Perhaps the anticipation of similar results in future matches in which he may participate is responsible for Nicholls' remark that "he will not swing a club again on a British course."

Nicholls is regarded by the majority of expert golfers who know him as what is vulgarly called a "four-flusher." Back of his dual "victories" over Vardon there is a story that Vardon was not over-anxious to win, and a writer in The Chicago Inter-Ocean has documentary evidence in his possession showing that it would not be impossible to have such a condition exist in a Vardon versus "somebody else who could be fixed" match.

However, the story goes on to say that Nicholls handled a certain line of golf goods which the firm by which he was employed manufactured, and naturally Nicholls' victory would increase his business. From the fact that Nicholls is not in a class with Dave Bell, Will Smith, Anderson, let alone Vardon or Taylor, his dual victories over Vardon should be taken "cum grano salus."

**Buffalo's Week of Golf.**

Buffalo, Dec. 25.—An important addition is likely to be made in the list of next year's golf championships if the plans now under discussion mature. It is proposed to hold a Pan-American golf tournament at Buffalo in connection with the Exposition, which opens here on May 1, and to invite the leading players from all over the country to take part. Thus far only the bare outlines of the scheme have been developed, but enough is known to create the liveliest interest among golfers of this section. It is said that a proposition will be made to the United States Golf Association, with a view to holding the tournament under its auspices.

The success of a similar tournament in connection with the Paris Exposition last October is regarded as strong encouragement by those who have the project in hand. It is believed that the Pan-American Exposition will attract hundreds of golf players from all over the country and that the idea of a tournament in which the leading players from each section are entered will appeal strongly to the American love for competitive sport.

The idea is to devote a whole week to the contest, giving the professionals two days and the amateurs the balance. It is probable that no provision will be made for women's matches, as the character of the event would preclude the entrance of most of the desirable players. In view of the strong rivalry which exists between the clubs centring about Chicago and New York for the honor of holding the national championships, the opportunity of meeting on some half-way links will doubtless be seized upon with considerable enthusiasm. As yet nothing has been said as to the date of the championship, tho it is believed that June will be the month selected.

**Jupp of Detroit for President.**

New York, Dec. 25.—It is thought that the National Regatta, to be decided in July, 1901, will probably take place in Boston or Philadelphia.

An eight will be selected next year to represent this country at the Henley Regatta in March, 1902.

W. P. Jupp of Detroit is being spoken of as a suitable president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. He will be put forward as a nominee at the next annual meeting of the organization.

Captain E. L. Vaux of the army medical staff, and who was with the hospital company attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment, arrived in Toronto with C Company and forty few days will be a guest at the Arlington Hotel. Captain Vaux's home is in Ottawa.

## OLD LOGAN GREATEST OF ALL

Alex. Shields' Iron Horse Holds the Record With 89 Races to His Credit.

IMP STILL IN THE RUNNING.

**Famous Black Mare Yet Sound as a Bell and May Start Again Next Summer.**

The announcement, widely published, that the great race mare Imp has been permanently retired from the race track is premature. The black heroine of five seasons of racing is now at the farm of the man who bred her, D. R. Harness, at Chillicothe, O., in winter quarters, jaded by a long and hard campaign, but sound as the proverbial bell of brass, and with every prospect of standing training for one or more seasons.

No horse ever raced so long and finished with feet and legs in better condition, and the only question to be considered in regard to her ability to win races in 1901 concerns the popular old mare's inclination to run. Imp was reported broken down every few weeks last season, when, as a matter of fact, her only ailment was an abrasion where she had bruised a pastern, an injury that was purely temporary. She won races even while the wound was healing, and there was never a time when the injury threatened to damage in any way her racing quality. Imp's retirement from racing rests solely with Charles Brossman, her trainer, who, under a contract with Mr. Harness, has a half interest in the old mare's racing qualities, with the option of training her as long as he desires. Brossman has had charge of Imp thru her entire career on the turf, and he was a successful trainer in the West years before Imp first saw the light of day; but, notwithstanding, he came in for a great share of abuse for alleged incapacity and cruelty in keeping the popular mare going each time that the story of her alleged breakdown was renewed.

Even worse things were said about him in connection with Imp's eccentricities in form, but it is questionable whether any other trainer in the world could have raced the mare an equal number of times with greater success. Imp, in her five years on the turf, has run more than 150 races, but except that she raced vastly better her record has not been harder than those of Geraldine, Yo Tamblen, Maid Marian and Los Angeles, nor has she run as many races as Bessie Blaland, yet those mares were not considered at all ill-treated.

**Logan Started in 385 Races.**

Imp's record for the five years that she has raced is particularly interesting as compared with the records of some of the so-called iron horses of the past ten years. Bankrupt in 14 years ran 344 races and won 50.

Logan, owned by Alex. Shields of Toronto, ran 385 times in nine seasons and won 89 races. Charade, a good horse, ran 141 races and won 30. Geraldine, famous in her time, ran in 119 races and was 48 times first. These quite frequently met the very commonest horses in training on small and obscure tracks. Imp, on the other hand, has always aimed high. Wherever she raced she met the best company there, and for three seasons her racing has been on the best tracks in the country. In her five years of racing she has started 154 times and won first money in 56 races, her victories averaging something better than one in three, while she has failed to earn some part of the money in only 38 races. It is not in the least remarkable that she is popular. Her popularity, in fact, exceeds that of probably any horse that ever raced. Some few other horses have won more money than Imp, but few have ever earned such a record as hers.

In her five years Imp has won: In 1896, $1310; 1897, $4894.50; 1898, $12,140; 1899, $31,630; 1900, $17,050. Total, $82,254.50.

## FOOTRACING ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

**Sherring Easily Won 10 Mile Race at Hamilton, Barnard Second and Buffalo Man Last.**

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Christmas was passed very quietly here. The only public events of the day were a couple of running races, that attracted large crowds of people. One was a 10-mile race in Victoria Park. Three men entered—W. Sherring and J. Barnard of Hamilton and J. Coleman of Buffalo. The three kept together for the first part of the race, but during the last few miles Sherring was 200 yards ahead and won easily. Barnard and Coleman hung to each other till near the finish, when Barnard put on a spurt and came in second by a few yards.

The other race was for Dundas and back, about 10 miles. Sixteen young racers started from Harper's, West King-street. The first four were:

1. W. Burke ..57.47 3. E. Hughes ..59.20
2. E. Williams..58.15 4. E. Woods ..59.30

The race was followed with considerable interest.

## BASKETBALL AT HAMILTON.

**Toronto's West End Y.M.C.A. Team Lost by 42 Goals to 12—Half Time Score 19 to 3.**

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—A capital game of basket ball was played at the Y.M.C.A. to-night between the Toronto West End Y.M.C.A. and Hamilton Y.M.C.A. teams. They lined up as follows:

Hamilton (42)—Yorick, Jeffs; forwards; Stafford, centre; Chadwick, Sharpe, defence.

Toronto (12)—McGuire, Brown, forwards; Hanna, centre; Lee, M. Neilson, defence.

The Hamilton team played splendidly and won by a score of 42 to 12. At half-time the score stood 19 to 3.

A. Taylor was referee and W. Scott and James Malcolm umpires.

**Brown, English Golf Champion.**

New York, Dec. 25.—The Fox Hills Golf Club has engaged Dave Brown, who is reputed to be the youngest open golf champion in Great Britain. He will sail for this country after New Year's Day.

Brown won the English championship in 1896, when he was 19 years old, and has since more than held his own in the annual competitions. He twice defeated Harry Vardon.

Champion Vardon has the highest respect for the abilities of Brown, and said of him the other day before leaving for England that he was one of the finest exponents of golf he knows.

"By this I mean he is a rare combination," said Vardon. "He is not only a grand player, but is a fine teacher; is one of the best club and ball makers I know, and also, if necessary, is an adept on the maintenance of greens."

Asked if Brown could hold his own with the professionals here, Vardon said: "Of course, there are some fine players here, such as David Bell, Willie Smith, George Low, Willie Anderson, Dave Hunter, Willie Thompson, Harry Gullane, etc., but, altho I have a deep respect for those I have named, I think I would back Brown to more than hold his own against anyone."

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## THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP

Imp Mint Sauce Repeats in Feature Event on the Holiday at New Orleans.

GOOD LENGTH AHEAD OF SIR FLORIAN.

**Isen Again Lands Steeplechase—Results at Tanforan and Entries for the Day.**

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Imp. Mint Sauce, who on Saturday placed the $2000 Crescent City Handicap to the credit of his owner, A. R. Cowsey, to-day added the $1000 Christmas Handicap to the score. The English-bred gelding was always the favorite, tho his price receded from 4 to 5 to 9 to 10, in response to play on Sir Florian, who was backed from 4 to 1 to 7 to 2. The others had but trifling support. Tom Kingsley set a hot pace for 6 furlongs, and then tired, relinquishing the lead to Mint Sauce, who, carefully rated by McJoynt, was never worse than third. Sir Florian took the longest route, and tho he ran a very fast quarter at the end could never reach Mint Sauce, who won easily by a length. Weather fine; track fast. Summary:

First race, 1 mile, selling—Tom Gilmore, 99 (Scully), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, 1; Bert Davis, 101 (May), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, 2; Brown Veil, 101 (C. Murphy), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.42¾. Sallie J., Gray Forge, Inuendo, Miss Loretta, Jessie Jarboe, Free Hand, L. W. and Divertisement also ran.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Senator Beveridge, 104 (Cochran), 7 to 5 and 7 to 1, 1; Isobel, 108 (May), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, 2; Galopin, 101 (Dale), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.16¼. Shut Up, Boomerack, Cogswell, Divonne, Cherries, Alex Pearson, Porter S. and Add also ran. Ramsburg pulled up bleeding.

Third race, handicap steeplechase, full course—Isen, 144 (Lawless), even and 2 to 5, 1; Domation, 142 (Pines), 13 to 5 and 4 to 5, 2; Terry Ranger, 140 (Williams), 5 to 1, 3. Time 4.56. Jack Hayes and Claroba also ran.

Fourth race, Christmas Handicap, 1 mile—Mint Sauce, 120 (McJoynt), 9 to 10 and 1 to 5, 1; Sir Florian, 106½ (Mitchell), 7 to 2 and even, 2; Fleetwing, 98 (Wilkerson), 20 to 1, 3. Time 3.41¾. Andes, Moroni, Tom Kingsley and Eva Rice also ran.

Fifth race, 1⅛ miles—Sir Gatlan, 98 (May), 4 to 1 and 7 to 1, 1; Strangest, 104 (Cochran), 3 to 1 and even, 2; Hardly, 90 (Cogswell), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.55. Wood Trice, Aloha II, and Candie Black also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 1 mile—Ben Chance, 100 (O'Brien), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, 1; Hoad's Brigade, 99 (A. Weber), 4 to 1 and even, 2; Uncle Bill, 101 (Wilkerson), 20 to 1, 3. Time 3.42¼. Lillian Reed, Dramburg, Star Cotton, Handcuff and Ida Ledford also ran.

**Ottawa Ice Races.**

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The first program issued for the Central Canada Racing Association's meet, Feb. 12, 13, 14 and 15, was incorrect. The following is a corrected program:

First day—2.17 class, Brewers' Purse, $200; 2.38 class, purse, $200.

Second day—2.09 class, Hotel's Purse, $250; 2.24 class, Merchants' Purse, $200.

Third day—2.29 class, purse, $200; 2.50 class, $200; five-mile dash, $200.

Fourth day—Free-for-all, $300; consolation, $150.

**English Dogs for America.**

New York, Dec. 25.—Several more noted champions are now on their way to America. The famous smooth-haired fox terrier Champion Brockenhurst Agnes has just left England to go to the kennels of Gus Greetzner at New Orleans. She is one of the many good dogs bred by J. C. Tinnie. Her last appearance in England was at the Fox Terrier Club's carnival at Cheltenham last November, when she carried all before her. Before she sailed she visited her old kennel mate Champion Adam Bede, so Mr. Greetzner may look forward to becoming the possessor of some coming champions from this famous stock. A pair of good bulldogs also coming to America are Royal Sovereign, sold by F. W. Taylor, and Mrs. C. B. Evans' delightful youngster, Ivel Dathan, son of that grand old favorite, Ivel Doctor.

**The Racing Program.**

Tanforan Entries: First race, 5 furlongs, selling—Maud Ferguson 104, Alleviate 104, Montalladé 104, Saintly 104, Alameda Fonso 104, Novia 104, Jingle Jingle 104, Esplanado 104, Simon D. 104, Genua 104, Merry Boy 104, Carter H. Harrison Jr. 104, Melkarth 102, Cyril 99, Socialist 119, Jolly Briton 91, Imperious 104, Pupil 104, Lost Girl 104, Mary Kinsella 99, Alas 101, Louree 110, Louree 107.

Third race, 15-16 mile, maidens, purse—Lizzelia 109, Aztilla 104, Sam Howard 104, Canejo 104, Jim McGowan 104, MacGyle 104, Nemesis 104, Goldfinder 104, Lady Maud 104, Sweet Voice 104, William K. 104, Eight Dollars 112. (Couple Artill and Sam Howard, E. Corrigan's entry.)

Fourth race, 1 mile, selling—Mitten 100, Kickum Bob 96, Sybris 105, St. Wood 108, Coming Event 96, Torsida 107, Billy Moore 100, Bell Punch 108.

Fifth race, 11-16 mile, purse—Rathgar 112, Toah 115, David S. 115, Instonia 100, Arggrego 115, Darlene 100, Courtier 112, Bab 115, Oscar Tolle 115, Bob Palmer 112, Eonic 115, Follow Me 100.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Isaline 91, Astor 104, Wallenstein 95, Glissando 98, Hermachus 93, Opponent 102, Uarda 107, Laculean 101, Perseus 99, Hohenlohe 107, Faunette 99, Don Luis 99.

Weather clear; track good.

**Back in the Game Again.**

The Grenadiers' bowling team will be greatly strengthened by the return of Pte. W. Edmondson, who has been absent for over a year with "C" Company in South Africa. When Edmondson left Toronto it was in the midst of the bowling season, and at the end of it he ranked away up for the individual prize. Billy looked well yesterday, and was given a hearty greeting by all his friends.

The Argonauts had another of their members return yesterday in the person of Capt. J. Cooper Mason. Jimmy is an all-round favorite at the club, and during his absence at the front was greatly missed from the rowing ranks.

**Holidays for Bowlers.**

To-morrow night will an off time for the tenpin rollers. There are no more games scheduled till after the first of the year, the annual break in the first series. The next games will be played Jan. 3, and after that date there will be two matches a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are still six games to complete the first series. So far this season the race has been fairly even. Two teams are tied for first place at present, and the next six are even up for third. The second series of the schedule commences on Jan. 24.

Altho there have been no bowling matches since Thursday of last week, the rollers have not been idle, as the members of each team are putting in the usual nightly practices.

Several games of tenpins were played at the City Athletic Club and Liederkranz Yesterday.

Lorsch and Manson should be in the first twenty men for individual prizes.

F. Brent and George Swift will become members of the City Athletic Club so as to bowl with the Merchants' team.

**Lindsay Out of the Game.**

Lindsay, Dec. 25.—Mr. J. H. Knowlson, secretary of the Lindsay Club, in writing to the secretary of the Trent Valley Hockey League concerning the hockey outlook in that town, says: "I am now in a position to write you about the Lindsay Hockey Club, and am very sorry to say that we have not been able to make satisfactory arrangements with the rink managers here. As far as I can see, there will be no hockey in Lindsay this winter, excepting a Collegiate Institute team, who are nearly all just trying the game. We are writing the O.H.A. to strike us from their schedule also."

**To Govern Shooters.**

New York, Dec. 25.—An organization known as the Governing Shooting Committee has been formed at Interstate Park. The object of this committee is to establish a system and have charge of the handicapping of events (other than club contests) at Interstate Park, and to protect the amateur shot against the professional.

The following system of handicaps was suggested: Twenty-five-yard men, two misses as kills and two misses as no birds; 26-yard men, two misses as kills and one miss as no bird; 27-yard men, two misses as kills; 28-yard men, one miss as kill; 29-yard men, one miss as no bird; 30-yard men, put back. It is distinctly understood that men known as 30-yard men shall be put back to a greater distance.

There was a little fire in the crib work at the Don yesterday afternoon. Damage to the extent of about $200 was done.


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## MUDDLED BASEBALL SITUATION.

**Ban Johnson Says There'll Be No War, But Talks of His American Invasion of Boston.**

Buffalo, Dec. 25.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, says there will be no war between the baseball organization of which he is the head and the National League, and in the same breath talks of invading Boston. Surely the situation is very much muddled, says The Times. War has been loudly talked on both sides, but so far no declaration of hostilities comes from either, so it is possible that the differences may be settled amicably. There is plenty of time between now and May 1 for the magnates of the two big leagues to confer and agree on terms of peace, and if they fail to do so it will be high time for close friends of the club owners to insist on an examination of their heads, while the "bug house" will be threatened with numerous new boarders. A war, no matter how it is waged, will be an expensive luxury to both leagues involved. It is generally conceded that a healthy rivalry will be the salvation of the national game, so it will be well for the American and National Leagues to get together.

**Prolonging the Agony.**

If it is the intention of the National League to ignore the American, the coming year and try to get along without a genuine outbreak, that will simply be prolonging the agony, as a year hence there will be a big split up and sheol to pay generally. With the expiration of the National agreement next winter some of the disgruntled ones are going to break away from the objectionable business associates and by affiliating with the American League they can make the younger organization the more powerful of the two.

All of this strife, worry and expense can be avoided very easily, and in a way that will bring shekels to the coffers of the present distressed National League club owners. By dropping a new agreement and particularly placing the American on a par with the National, all will be secure again for a term of years. There will be no place for the disaffected to go if they intend to remain in baseball, as the American would agree to usurp no territory, and conflicting schedules would be drafted and everything would move along smoothly.

Men who are close to the major league moguls have made the assertion that war is not desired, and that all will be amicably adjusted prior to the opening of the first season of professional ball in the twentieth century. That is what we all hope to see accomplished, but fear will not be the case. We know they do not want war, but whether they can see what the future has in store for them, if they fail to amicably adjust matters before the robins nest again, is another question.

**Johnson the Great General.**

Perhaps the many incendiary utterances published in western papers and credited to Ban Johnson, prejudiced the major league men against the strong organization that now demands recognition such as was never asked of the National before. That Johnson is the ablest man in baseball today is generally conceded, but it is possible that he made mistakes prejudicial to the interests of his organization. So seriously are baseball meetings conducted that it is not known whether the American submitted a proposition or not, but if such action was not taken it would seem advisable to place the matter before the major league club owners before adopting war measures.

Let the public know the exact attitude of the American League, demonstrate that due respect was shown the parent organization in the demand for equal rights, and then, if the appeals are not heeded, go in for a fight to a finish. The public will be are with the American League now, and if such a manifestly fair and open course is pursued, they will continue to be the young and ambitious organization to the end, no matter how bitter it may be.

**American to Take Care of Itself.**

Chicago, Dec. 25.—In an interview yesterday Ban Johnson declared that he had no further news of the fight that the National League might make on the American. "The American League," he continued, "is amply able to take care of itself, and I am convinced that the National people are so well aware of that fact that there is little prospect of their making any fight. However, if they do, we will simply take in another eastern city and let them go ahead. Should the league expand further, Boston will be the other city."

**Sporting Notes.**

Casper Leon, who was defeated at St. Louis recently by Kid McFadden, has been matched to meet Toby Evans of Hot Springs at Little Rock, Dec. 27.

Arthur Irwin will operate Charles River Park this season, ball club or no club, and has already arranged for Jimmy Michael on April 19, the great local holiday.

Burns and Waterhouse have offered $10,000 for the good 2-year-old Rolling Boer, but it is not likely they will get the colt.

The Maryland Jockey Club has officially announced that the winter meeting at Chesapeake Beach would positively open on Monday, Dec. 31.

The Interstate Baseball League failed to renew its protection agreement with the National League, and the oversight may prove costly. The players under reserve by the Interstate clubs are free to sign with any other league working under the National agreement.

Two of the best men of the San Francisco team of the California Baseball League will wear the uniform of Comiskey's Chicago club next season. Henry Krug, the heavy-hitting shortstop, and Hildebrand, the outfielder, have signed contracts to play with the Chicago team.

The Rose Tree Hunt Club of Media, Pa., had a good six hours' hunt on Saturday. There was just enough thaw to make the scent hold, and everything was favorable. The hunters were six hours in the saddle, and during the day three foxes were on the run. In fact, as General Morrell expressed it, there were three foxes in sight at one time.

The people in Havana are crazy about baseball. There is the Havana City League, composed of four clubs, which work on the co-operative plan, and the players make from $100 to $150 a month. The clubs are called the Cubans, Habanos, San Francisco (which are called negroes) and the Alamenzos. These clubs play a regular schedule on Thursday and Sunday of each week and draw big crowds. They boycotted the Americans.

To inspect the best university gymnasium in the East and to complete arrangements for a spring baseball trip, Prof. Stagg of the University of Chicago is on a tour of the eastern institutions.


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## WATERLOO BEAT BERLIN.

**Teams in Fine Shape and Only a Goal Separated Them at Finish.**

Berlin, Dec. 25.—The Waterloo hockey team defeated Berlin to-night by a score of six to five. The game was very fast and both teams were in fine shape. The teams lined up as follows:

Berlin (5): Goal, Kruger; point, Charlton; cover-point, Farrell; forwards, Cochrane, Seibert, Stephens, Boehmer.

Waterloo (6): Goal, Raymo; point, Forrester; cover-point, Bisch; forwards, Forbes, Seyler, Hendry, Young.

**Cornwall Beat Morrisburg.**

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 25.—Morrisburg and Cornwall met to-night on Cornwall ice for the first hockey match of the season, and Cornwall won by a score of three games to two. In the first half the visitors shut Cornwall out, the score being two games to nil, but Cornwall pulled themselves together and ran up a one, two, three score, and won out shortly before time was called. Both teams are in the eastern section of the O.H.A., and are out for the district, if not the Ontario championship, consequently. Altho the game was an exhibition one, it was thought a good one. Both teams are light and active, but require considerable improvement to cope with the more prominent lights in the race.

**Philadelphia Off the Map.**

No less than nine clubs announced boxing shows in Philadelphia last week, and all were brought off with more or less success. Peter Maher and Gus Ruhlin met at the Penn Art Club before a big house, and there have been bouts at the Broadway, Central, National, Nonpareil, West Philadelphia, National Sporting, Grays Ferry, Knickerbocker and Industrial Art Clubs, and the Athletic Club of Philadelphia. The latter organization had a monopoly on amateur bouts, and the one in which Sandford met his death was the 24th given under the auspices of the club. In none of the previous tourneys has any harm happened to any of the contestants, altho, like the last one, many of the boys were inexperienced and went out without any great preparation. Boxing will flourish again in Philadelphia, predicts The Record, for it is a game that cannot be downed, but it is to be hoped that when it does better regulations will be established and enforced. There should be fewer clubs and more attention paid to the character and condition of the men who compete.

A number of boxing shows had been arranged for this week, but were declared off as soon as the managers heard of the order from police headquarters.

With Philadelphia scratched off the boxing map the fighters will be forced to move on. Since New York shut down the Quaker City has been the best thing in the East for the boxing man, and some very good contests have been decided there. New clubs have sprung up on every hand until the business bade fair to be overdone, but as few attempts were made to bring notorious fighters together, most all of the promoters managed to eke out a living, while the fighters themselves have lived high.

**GOOD POINTS OF THE POINTERS.**

**A Dog That is Known and Appreciated in Many Countries.**

Writing on the qualities of the pointer dog, a correspondent of The London Field says: Altho there is no ostensible reason why such should be the case, the fact remains that in the combination of qualities required for the show ring and for work in front of the gun the pointer excels the setter. There are, indeed, still, and always have been, a great number of pointers which are good in the field, and, at the same time, in appearance equal to the best that have ever entered the show ring. This, perhaps, may arise from the possibility that the pointer as a distinct breed is older than the setter, and thus reproduces itself more true to type. So far as work alone is concerned, there is nothing to choose between the two varieties, and I imagine that either one or the other when well trained could not be surpassed for the kind of work for which they have been specially bred.

There is no data to tell exactly when the pointer was first introduced into Great Britain, but this is usually considered to have taken place early in the eighteenth century, at a time when "shooting flying" was coming into vogue. The pointer, it is said, originally came from France, but there was possibly the Spanish pointer earlier, and to these two countries Great Britain is doubtless indebted for this most useful sporting companion. Here it has been so highly valued and carefully bred that the English pointer is recognized throughout the country and world. He is found to be equally at home in Canada and the United States and in Africa; he does well even in India if taken to the hills during the cool season—indeed, his appearance is not unknown wherever the Englishman is to be found and has the opportunity of carrying a gun. There are some particularly handsome black dogs of the variety in South Africa.

The English pointer is as good on snipe and quail as he is on grouse and partridge, and, should the occasion require, he may be taught to retrieve gently and quickly, and even act as a "reporter" when the laziness of the owner requires him to do so. This reporting business, so far as dogs are concerned, is not followed in this country, but both in America and in northern Europe, where game is comparatively scarce and the area of ground to be hunted over practically unlimited, his services in this respect are absolutely required. The dog is allowed to range at large, galloping over miles of ground where the shooter travels furlongs. He has to find birds or game, locate their positions, and then come back to his master and sagaciously conduct him to the covey or whatever else may be in waiting. This seems all very nice, but to some, perhaps, insulated ideas savor a little of pot-hunting. I prefer to see our pointer work the ground and find his game, standing, perhaps, a hundred yards away from it, and gradually drawing up until the master is in shot. Then the birds are sprung, some of them perhaps killed in the meantime the dog has dropped, and is lying down quietly until he receives the order to "hold up," when he gallops away, head carried high in the air and continues his search for game.

With some people the color of the pointer is a far rather vexed question, but why this is so it is difficult to understand. Of late years there have been the best of pointers of all colors, the perhaps for work on an extensive moor, where they are allowed to take a wide range, a lightly-colored dog is better seen amid the thick heather. But against this there are breeders who say the light-colored animals are more readily seen by the birds, and are more delicate than those that are darker. Such ideas are inclined to be faddish, and all that can be said as to color is that the black and black and white to the eye look hardier, but they are not actually so any more than are the pale lemon and whites more delicate, because their markings give them a somewhat softer and more gentle appearance. We have seen dogs of all these colors winning in field trials time after time, but it is seldom one of the old-fashioned strain, liver-colored and white flecks on the dark ground, is to be found nowadays, the liver and white, flecked and marked in various ways, seem to be at the present time more numerous than the white and lemon in various shades. Devonshire has for two or three generations been an accepted home for the pointer, and from the kennels thereabouts large numbers of excellent dogs have been drafted to America, also to Russia, Germany and to many other continental places, where the race has flourished, notwithstanding that many of these countries had an abundance of sporting dogs already.

Prince Solms of Braunfels sent dogs to this country which at our trials did the best of work. G. Raper, while officiating as judge at one of the German shows about twelve years