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Gossip and Comment

Longboat is still "resting" here.

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Wonder who prescribed the rest cure for the Indian?

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London Sporting Life: "McIntosh of Sydney" has made up to date £27,000 clear from the Burns-Johnson battle, and the increase to his treasury is rolling in at the rate of £1,000 a week from the pictures. As they will assuredly last a year, £50,000 more should be added to his bank account ere the tide turns. Think of it, ye opponents of boxing—£77,000 profit from one world's championship contest, and say if you dare in face of that, that boxing is not popular with the people! The pictures are being shown now in India, China, Japan, South Africa and Ceylon.

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London Sporting Life: Now we have witnessed the production of the whole fourteen rounds the contest lasted, it is possible to gain an idea of how Johnson gained his championship title. From first to last he shows himself undoubtedly the better man. Round after round we notice the introduction of his splendid upper-cut, which proved the undoing of his famous rival. We can, however, but admire the manner in which Burns sticks pluckily to his task of attempting to gain the upper hand of his taller and heavier opponent.

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Every paper from Australia continues to pan J. Johnson, and a slant at the despatches show that the Big Smoke is not a favorite in the land of the kangaroo waist. In spite of the drubbing the Canuck received, and there is no doubt he got it, he is still a big favorite on the other side, and continues to tear off large gate receipts. And as long as that keeps up Tommy will remain in that fair land, for he is after the money.—London exchange.

SPECIAL FOR BUFFALO GAME.

Basketball Lovers Will Have Chance to See the Great Game.

All those who wish to take in the special excursion to Buffalo on March 3, accompanying the Hamilton basketball team on their return match with the Buffalo Germans, are requested to leave their names at Manager Long's office, telephone 1,661, at once as the list has to be made up before Friday. Already there are some thirty-five wanting to take in the excursion, and if the management can get a list of names of 100 a special train will leave Wednesday evening, and will return any time that the party desires. The round trip will be $1.80. Tickets will be good to return on the following Thursday.

CRIBBAGE.

Liberal Club Defeated the Beach Players Monday Evening.

Liberal Cribbage Club players got even with the Beach Club in a return game played at the Beach. Seven games were played on each of five tables, and the Liberals won by 20 to 15, the scores being:

Liberal Club.		Beach.	
Vaughan,		J. D. Lutz,	
White	4	W. Fitch	3
Rabbitt,		Capt. Lundy,	
Smith	6	John Perry	1
Dan. Jarvis,		Wm. McKenty,	
Pollington	4	Thos. Armstrong	3
Coats,		Chief Hazell,	
Wallis	4	Arthur Brown	3
Mercer,		Robt. Lutz,	
Alexander	2	John Davey	5
	20		15

There will be a meeting of cribbage players next Monday evening in the rooms at the Arcade, to which all players are invited.

HARNESS MEET

Will be Held at Maple Leaf Park Next Summer.

C. P. Brandel, of Buffalo, was in the city yesterday arranging for a four days' harness meeting, to be held on the speedway at Maple Leaf Park, some time during the coming summer. Mr. Brandel is an experienced horseman and has been connected with some of the big grand circuit meetings across the border. He thinks that a meeting here is bound to be a success, if properly handled, and he promises to have some of the fastest horses here. The dates will be announced shortly as it is Mr. Brandel's intention to get on the Canadian circuit.

ST. KITT'S OARSMEN.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The St. Catharines Rowing and Canoe Club, at its annual meeting last night, elected the following officers: President, Capt. A. H. Malcolmson; Vice-President, E. F. Seixas; Secretary, R. D. Brown; Treasurer, F. C. Clifford; Captain, R. F. Foote. Mr. Foote, who has been captain for two seasons, was presented with a stop watch, in recognition of his services. A number of new boats will be purchased.

POOL TOURNAMENT.

Five games were played in the H. B. and A. C. pool tourney last night. In a close, hard-fought game in A class Fred Howe won from Frank Staunton by twelve balls; score 105 to 93.

In B class J. McVeil from H. Green; W. Lynch won from Sheppard.

In C class G. W. Lowe won from H. Pickard, and L. Geddes won from W. V. Barker.

DORANDO AND SHRUBB

Italian to Take the Indian's Place.

The Brantford Hockey Team Won.

Buffalo, Feb. 23.—Tom Longboat, the Marathon champion, finally ran out of the Shrubb race, yesterday, hook, line and sinker, and last night it was declared that in his place Dorando, the Italian, will meet the Englishman in the fifteen-mile jaunt to-morrow night. Dorando has been reported as aching for a chance at Shrubb at any distance, and those who saw him lead Longboat for eighteen miles in Buffalo a couple of months ago, in time far faster than that in which Shrubb led Longboat for the same distance in New York, appreciate that the Briton will be more likely to have his hands full against the Italian than he would against the Indian, if the latter were not in his best form.

Dorando has been campaigning with great success in the west and south, since he last ran in Buffalo, and only on Monday night defeated a relay team of five men, who doubled up in a fifteen-mile match with him. According to his manager, Harry Pollok, Dorando was on his way to Buffalo last night and should get here to-day.

Longboat's actions in the matter of the Shrubb race have been a mystery throughout, no more so at any time than yesterday when he once more started for the train for Buffalo, only to back out. His manager, Mr. Pollok, came on from Toronto yesterday morning, despairing of getting him across in time for the Buffalo match. The management of the Buffalo race promptly sent a representative to Hamilton, where the Indian and his wife were stopping with a friend, to see what could be done. Longboat, despite the fact that his managers, with whom he signed a contract, had definitely contracted for his appearance in Buffalo, made all sorts of demands on his own hook. Some of these were ridiculous in the extreme, but were finally agreed to in the hope of holding the match. At 5.50 p. m. Longboat said he would come, and got on his hat and coat to make the train out of Hamilton shortly after 6 o'clock. Between that decision and train time, Mr. and Mrs. Longboat again talked the matter over and Tom shifted again, declaring that he would not come.

He was abandoned in disgust.

Mr. and Mrs. Longboat both declared that he would not run in America again unless under his own management, for $5,000 cash a race, but aside from the matter of condition and of financial differences with his managers, there appears to be a well defined belief across the border that the Indian does not greatly care to tackle Shrubb in any sort of race under the Marathon distance after the showing up he got in the early stages of the New York match.

For a week before he finally decided he would not come across, Longboat has been issuing all sorts of contradictory statements about his intentions, but it is probably true that he scarcely knew at any time of nine-tenths of the interviews which were being published under his name and wired out of Canada.

Shrubb, who has been training hard before and since he came to Buffalo for the match, and who all along has believed that the Indian was quietly getting ready to give him a hard race, was broken-hearted when he heard the news. He declared that he was amply protected by a forfeit for a race with Longboat at fifteen miles, but, he added:

"What I wanted to do was to give him a showing up, if I could; something which he gave me in New York, at the end of our race. It's pretty tough to toe the scratch with a man at his favorite distance and get beaten and then have him coldly flunk out of it when he is asked to meet you on your own stamping ground. Maybe Longboat thinks he's made a cunning move. In my estimation he has made the mistake of his athletic career. Never mind, if I did not beat him, I have made him quit cold."

Shrubb demurred at first when Dorando was proposed as a substitute. "Dorando may be expected to give me as hard or a harder race than Longboat," said he. "I'm no shuttlecock, to be lofted about as the pair pleases, but I'm game and I'll run the Italian. They say he cut the pace for these dizzy eighteen miles in Buffalo when he met Longboat. Well, let's see if he can do it again."

COLORED RUNNER BARRED.

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—Lewis Tewanima, the fleet little Carlisle Indian runner, defeated a field of 24 entries in the first annual southern Marathon run, under the auspices of the Young Men's Gymnastic Club. The redskin put up one of the prettiest exhibitions of running ever seen here, finishing the twenty miles in 2.10.54 2-5.

S. A. Mellor, jun., of Yonkers, N. Y., was second; Joe Foreshaw, of St. Louis, third, and Leo Finche, a 16-year-old New Orleans boy, fourth.

Sidney Hatch, of Chicago, who was lapped, finished fifth. The race was run at the City Park track before a crowd numbering 5,000.

For the first 14 miles the first four men were bunched. Mellor then tried to run the Indian Tewanina out, and he led until the last lap. But Mellor had run himself out and was forced to walk time and again. The Indian finished strong, 200 yards ahead of Mellor. One man collapsed and two dropped out. The other 21 starters finished.

A sensation was caused at the track when a negro appeared in running clothes and commenced warming up. When he applied for his number, however, it was found that one of the northern runners who came here had sent in the negro's entry, which was accepted. But he was taken aside by the officials and politely told that there was nothing doing for him when it came to running. Then he disappeared.

"CHUCK" SKENE'S CASE.

Buffalo, Feb. 24.—H. Obertuggesing, chairman of the registration committee of the A. A. U., left for New York well satisfied in patching up a truce between the 74th Regiment A. A. officials and Ed. Reinecke, the local commissioner and handicapper, and, as the result, it is quite likely that "Chuck" Skene, the young Canadian runner, charged with making a false entry, will be reinstated.

The case will be decided when Mr. Obertubbesing meets the other A. A. U. officials in New York.

BONHAG'S RECORD.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 23.—George Bonhag, Irish-American A. C., broke the world's record for the five-mile run here last night at the State armory athletic meet, held upder military Y. M. C. A. auspices. He made the distance in 24 minutes, 58-1-5 seconds. The previous record was held by Tom Collins, 25 minutes, 19 2-5 seconds. W. C. Bailey, N. Y. A. C., was Bonhag's principal competitor, but was defeated by more than two laps.

Cornell defeated Columbia in the two-mile relay event in 8 minutes, 1 second. Wesleyan lost to Massachusetts Institute of Technology in a one-mile relay race by 10 yards. Time, 3 minutes and 28 2-5 seconds.

Hamilton defeated Union in the one-mile relay contest by a quarter of a lap. Time, 3 minutes, 40 seconds.

BRANTFORD WON.

Toronto Pros. Lost by a Score of 9 to 7.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Brantford won from Toronto last night by 9 to 7. Three of the Torontos worked like men who had been ordered by their physicians not to over-exert themselves. The game "had such a funny look" that certain members of the Torontos got a fierce roasting from the real fans who occupy the general admission section of the rink. Some of the irresponsible ones even went so far as to accuse the Torontos of throwing the game, and they shouted their accusations at the top of their voices at that. Of course, the players indignantly refute any such charges, and rightfully too, perhaps. Lalond and Tyner will finish the season with Brantford.

Only one man was ruled off during the game by Referee Duff Adams, of Brantford. The game was fast in spots, but good combination and shooting were almost impossible. At half time the score was 3 to 1 in favor of Brantford. Toronto gradually got closer to Brantford until at one stage the score was 6 to 6, then 7 to 6 in favor of Toronto. Brantford tied it again and then put on two more, making the final reading 9 to 7. Lalonde, when he took the notion, played some good hockey, and Manson turned off some very pretty and effective plays. Doran was better than usual. Walter Mercer, Povey and "Cap" McDonald were Brantford's best. Teams:

Brantford—Goal, Meade; point, Povey; cover, McDonald; rover, Mercer; centre, Ward; right, Marks; left, Throop.

Toronto—Goal, Tyner; point, Moran; cover, Lalonde; rover, Manson; centre, Mallen; right, D. Smith; left Fyfe.

GALT BEAT BERLIN.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 23.—A crowd of about 3,000 people saw Galt administer the fourth successive defeat this season to the Berlin professionals. Despite three defeats, the Berliners were confident of winning this game, but the Galtonians played safe in their betting, looking for odds in most cases. There was nothing to it but Galt throughout the game. They were, as in the other games between the two teams, favored by soft ice, preventing the combination game in which lies the chief strength of the Berlin team.

The score in the first half was 2 to 1, and in the second period it was duplicated, the match ending Galt 4, Berlin 2. Lou Marsh again gave entire satisfaction as referee. The teams were:

Berlin—Lehman, Debeau, Gross, Seibert, Edmunds, Dumart, Schmidt.

Galt—Mercer, Charlton, Murphy, Cochrane, Serviss, Doherty, Dussome.

YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY.

O. H. A. Intermediate.

St. Catharines	9	Beamsville	1

O. H. A. Junior.

Barrie	18	Midland	3

Temiskaming League.

Cobalt	7	Haileybury	1

Ontario Professional League.

Brantford	9	Toronto	7
Galt	4	Berlin	2

Oxford-Waterloo League.

Baden defaulted to Ayr.

Excelsior Cup.

Parry Sound	9	Bracebridge	7

TO-DAY'S CARD.

O. H. A. Senior—Osgoode Hall vs. T. A. A. C. at College Street Rink, at 8.15.

O. H. A. Junior—Berlin at Stratford.

Interprovincial League—Montreal A. A. A. at Victoria.

North Shore League—Soo at Bruce Mines.

BEAMSVILLE BADLY BEATEN.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Beamsville hockey team suffered a bad defeat last night on the slush ice of the Olympic rink here. The score of 9 to 1 hardly gives a fair idea of the showing qualities of the Beamsvillites. They travelled in the hardest and most miserable luck imaginable all through the second half. Time after time they were down like hawks on the St. Kitt's goal, only to have their fondest hopes shattered by Cunningham. This goal man was a bright fixed star on the St. Kitts' defence, and undoubtedly saved them from a licking. Julke never played a better game for Beamsville, and his long end shots struck the other end in close proximity to the defenders' goal almost every shot. With Gibson and Beatty, he was the white-haired boy of the rooters.

For St. Catharines, McDonald and McGlashan, along with McGee, were lightning fast, and kept the Beamsville defence always on the alert.

In the first half both sides worked easily, and for a while it seemed like anybody's game, ending 3 to 1 in favor of the Saints, who scored first in two minutes. It was nearly a quarter of an hour before Julke put in Beamsville's lone one by a particularly beautiful lift from near the south end. The half ended by the Garden City boys slashing in two. Walker was penalized twice in this half, and Beamsville suffered by his loss.

It looked to all on the grand stand as if Wag overlooked a few dashes of ginger made by St. Kitts on the Beamsville outfit in this half.

In the second Gibson shot and missed, and the puck was faced off in front of St. Kitts' goal twice. A hot one from Julke went over their net, and the play lagged lamentably until St. Catharines scored in 10 minutes, again in 3 and then in 1.

Beamsville's point man, Hewitt, and left wing, Kelter, began to do some work and the play was fast furious, and shots poured on the St. Kitts' indomitable goal tender. But Beamsville's lack of a rink began to manifest itself, and again St. Catharines rapped in two more. From this on long lifts were features of the game until the winners found the nets for the last, within five minutes of time.

Throughout the whole game five Beamsville men were penalized and two from St. Kitts.

Beamsville did remarkably well considering that they have not played a game for over three weeks, being without a rink, while St. Catharines has been playing games steadily. The ice, too, was much in St. Kitts' favor. There were about 500 people in the rink, who yelled themselves hoarse for Beamsville. The teams lined up as follows:

St. Kitts.	Beamsville.
Goal.	
Cunningham	H. Davey
Point.	
Brooker	Hewitt
Cover.	
Overholt	Julke
Rover.	
McDonald	Beatty
Centre.	
McGlashan	Gibson
Left wing.	
House	Kelter
Right wing.	
McGee	Walker

Referee—Fred Waghorne. Time—1.45.

"SENATOR" BAY HILL.

THE BUFFALO SHOOTERS WON.

Following are the individual scores in the friendly shooting match which took place here on Monday, between the Audubon Gun Club of Buffalo, and the Hamilton Gun Club:

Audubon Club—

	Birds.		
	25	25	T'tl.
Hillker	23	23	46
Mesinger	21	20	41
Wright	24	25	49
Wooton	23	23	46
C. Babcock	22	22	44
Weiss	19	23	42
Wilson	18	17	35
Tomilson	20	23	43
Cox	22	20	42
Keily	22	24	36
Oidway	22	23	45
Reinicke	23	21	44
Bernhardt	22	24	46
Reed	19	20	39
Burgwardt	19	25	44
Seymour	22	25	47
Walls	22	21	43
Hammond	23	24	47
Kelsey	20	24	44
Smith	20	25	45
Total			878

Hamilton Club—

	Birds.		
	25	25	T'tl.
Upton	23	25	48
Davis	18	21	39
Bates	20	25	45
Hunt	19	21	40
Wilson	23	18	41
Sturt	23	18	41
Rich	15	17	32
Barnes	20	22	42
Beattie	23	21	44
Hawkins	18	21	39
Thomson	20	20	40
Merriman	10	19	29
Cline	17	21	38
Sturt	20	21	41
Scott	16	19	35
Thompson	24	23	47
Fletcher	24	22	46
Choate	16	17	33
Reardon	21	24	45
Graves	22	24	46
Total			815

"YANKEE" STAYED.

Gotch Failed to Throw Rogers in 15 Minutes.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Yankee Rogers went on with Champion Frank Gotch at the Star Theatre last night with the determination to earn the $50 offered by the management if Gotch failed to throw him within fifteen minutes. It was the opinion of the crowded house that Rogers earned the money. There were times when it looked as if Gotch would throw his opponent, but Rogers succeeded in getting out of difficulty. Rogers was on the defensive almost all the time. After seven minutes' work, however, he went after Gotch, but the latter soon made him resort to defensive tactics. The finish came with the men doing a mauling act off the mat. Gotch's work was a revelation to those who had never seen the champion in action.

Knocking Down the Pins

H. H. Renshaw of Detroit, captain of the famous "Pick-Ups" who attend every C. B. A. tournament has written to the tournament secretary, with reference to the coming tournament. He says that he and Charley DeWitt, of Detroit, will be in Hamilton, bringing along at least ten teams from the Michigan State Bowling Association, and that representative teams from Grand Rapids, Port Huron and other Michigan points, will congregate at Detroit and come along to Hamilton. Hamilton took two teams to their tournament last year, and finished fifth with one of them.

As a result of the handsome and attractive poster sent out by the Hamilton Bowling and Athletic Club, under the direction of Mr. J. P. Macleod, the City Assessment Commissioner, of which 5,000 went out to points all over the United States and Canada, enquiries have been received by Secretary Vernon from teams as far east as New York and Atlantic City, and as far west as Seattle, and from St. Louis and other southern points. The Bond Bowling team, of Columbus, Ohio, last year's A. B. C. winners, have written for dates to fit in with a trip they are planning, and Fred Worden, of Port Arthur, says "you can bank on at least one team from here, and two from Winnipeg, as from what I can hear, your club is the finest on the continent, and the tournament will be a record breaker." Vancouver City has set aside a sufficient amount of money to again send their splendid team down. Charlie Gibson, the old Hamilton boy, is captain of the Winnipeg team.

The coming tournament is the first to use the now famous "Bachus Mechanical Pin-Setter" with which the local club's alleys are all equipped. These setters preclude the possibility of an uneven or crooked set-up, and with the loop the loop return chutes, go to make up the finest equipment in use in the world.

As is usual the Canadian Bowlers' Association has arranged an event for gun clubs of an international character. The second team of the Hamilton Gun Club won this event in Toronto last year, and will endeavor to do the trick again. The local gunners will enter three teams this year, and George Dunk, of the Torontos, who attended the inter-city shoot here on Monday, says that Toronto Stanleys will send two, Riverdales two, Balmy Beach two, and the Parkdales one. The Buffalo Audobons are sending two, and the Clevelands one. Owen Sound will also compete and this end of the big tournament will be the occasion of many visitors to the open arms and tender mercies of the local boys.

W. V. Thompson, captain and manager of the bowling team that won the first championship of the C. B. A., and the trophy which the Hamilton Bowling Club won last year, is in the city on his way through from Pittsburg where he has been assisting Secretary Langtry in the final arrangements for the A. B. C. tournament. He is here to render his assistance in connection with the big tournament of the C. B. A. to be held here next month, and expresses the opinion that from the reports he has received all over the States, there will be a record number of teams at the close of the Pittsburg Tournament, for the opening of the big show here.

Mr. Thompson says that the sending of two teams from here has created considerable excitement in Pittsburg bowling circles, and that they will endeavor to arrange a match of nine games with last year's champions, the Hamilton Bowling Club, against the Bond team of Columbus, Ohio, winners of the A. B. C.

Four matches in the International Harvester Co. Bowling League were played at the H. B. & A. C. alleys last night. The scores were as follows:

FIRST.

O. T. & P. R.—				
Burwash	136	177	121	434
Herald	127	123	149	399
McMullin	134	184	155	473
Hughes	148	149	113	410
Robertson	181	151	122	454
	726	784	660	2170
Accounting—				
Rankine	114	170	138	422
Bechill	144	119	111	374
Kelday	123	166	143	432
Hunter	156	138	149	443
Green	161	181	154	496
	698	774	695	2167
SECOND.				
Forge—				
Sullivan	204	176	142	522
McGarrity	150	119	137	406
Poole	172	149	128	449
McTavish	175	153	137	405
Moon	125	157	169	451
	826	754	713	2293
S. I. R.—				
Crowthers	181	125	118	424
Adams	148	147	130	425
Geddes	101	110	160	371
Dodds	149	139	136	424
Berkeley	122	156	139	417
	701	677	683	2061
THIRD.				
Knife and Bar—				
McFadden	128	142	133	403
R. Green	113	164	132	409
McLeod	137	135	169	441
Daly	124	122	164	410
Bolton	145	151	177	473
	647	714	775	2136
Tool—				
Ford Jento	119	168	158	445
R. Ackland	169	130	142	441
Fred Jento	140	153	112	405
Gernanot	102	135	163	400
Masterson	147	132	165	444
	677	718	740	2135
FOURTH.				
Main Office—				
W. H. Smith	159	121	120	400
Ward	160	140	137	437
Calloway	135	132	123	390
W. K. B. Smith	142	144	131	417
Irwin	149	177	166	492
	745	714	677	2136
Cook	116	125	147	388
Scott	135	106	145	386
Kemp	143	158	145	446
McKibbon	108	121	141	370
Talmage	142	136	121	399
	644	646	699	1989

Two matches in section three of Class C were played last night to break the tie. The T., H. & B. team won three games from Wood-Vallance, and the Transports took three from the Victoria Lawn Bowlers. The scores:

T., H. & B.				
C. M. Sinclair	147	168	119	434
H. T. Malcolmson	130	124	130	384
W. Davison	171	164	146	481
A. K. McDonald	114	124	185	423
D. T. White	190	137	150	477
	752	717	730	2199
Wood-Vallance No. 2				
G. R. Colville	145	140	102	387
F. G. Palmer	106	132	140	378
R. Winslow	104	131	160	395
W. C. Young	132	160	176	468
C. E. Palmer	143	149	113	405
	630	712	691	2033
Second:				
Transports—				
E. Richie	95	120	123	348
C. Servos	161	128	146	435
H. Potticary	122	109	110	341
F. Holmes	114	171	145	430
Sharpe	98	124	103	324
	590	672	627	1878
Victoria Lawn—				
Smith	163	123	117	403
Hayman	150	154	121	425
Bryan	165	175	128	468
Peacock	101	139	167	407
Muir	111	159	138	408
	690	750	671	2111

The prizes for the high three-string scores in the first half of the tournament at the H. B. & A. C. Club were won by G. L. Nelson in B Class and J. Macleod in C Class, and will be presented on Wednesday night.

A STRONG PLEA FOR CRICKET

The following letter, which appeared in a Toronto newspaper yesterday, may prove interesting:

As one who has resided on this continent for a number of years, with periodical trips to other parts of the world, I regret that cricket is so little played in Canada. Only in isolated parts of the Dominion is any interest taken in it, and considering what a universal game it is, we cannot conceive what we miss. The cricketing teams visiting other parts of the empire give us the go-by. We are neglected, since we do not play the game to any extent.

One has only to leave the North American continent to find cricket played everywhere. Australia, Africa, New Zealand, the Argentine, to say nothing of Great Britain, and also several European countries, where it is now making great progress, all play it with enthusiasm. No other game excites such interest. Every village has its cricket ground. The lord and costermonger play or watch it with equal zest. The great matches are usually three days or longer in Australia and South Africa, and if you cannot attend one day, you may the next. Parliament may adjourn for a cricket match, and all who cannot go continually ring up "central" for the score. You cannot call at any port from the Fiji Islands to the Madeiras without a game of cricket being proposed. There is no substitute for it, and it tends to bring all classes of the community together.

How different are baseball and other games, the former chiefly supported by the rowdy and professional elements of all parts of the United States and Canada.

To those who have never seen a great cricket match in England, Australia, South Africa, etc., where ladies attend in equal numbers with the other sex, it would be a revelation. The grounds are picturesque, the lawns are beautiful, little social gatherings congregate, and there are no undesirable features connected with the game.

Compare this with a baseball match in Pittsburg or Chicago. Would you find ladies of refinement there, or friendly greetings over the cup that cheers but does not inebriate? Well, hardly. Then look at the jostling and vulgar crowds. I have watched both games in many cities, and without prejudice can state that there is no comparison between them as a sport and healthy intermingling.

Why should we in Canada be isolated like this from the universal game? Can we not invite English, Australian and South African teams to visit us and give the required impetus to cricket in Canada, and then in time prepare a Canadian team to visit them?

Let those who have the country's future at heart come forward and decide that the national game of Canada shall henceforth be cricket and lacrosse, though our children may continue to amuse themselves, as of old, with "rounders."—W. H.

Unequal Distribution.

The head waiter at the banquet was in a towering rage.

"They paid that word-slinger $50 for half an hour's talk," he fumed; "and all I got was $6.95, mostly in nickels!"

Contributed Spasm.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Heney, meney, miney, mo!
Has grafty Frisco by the toe.
Hit 'em hard, both high and low—
Heney, meney, miney, mo!

GREAT MR. GEERS.

Silent Reinsman May Try His Luck Abroad.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Ed. F. Geers, America's most noted trainer and driver of harness horses, may eventually decide to try his skill in foreign countries and compete with the best reinsmen of Austria, Russia, Italy and Germany.

Although as silent about his future plans as he has ever been in all other matters, the veteran "Sphinx of the trotting turf" is known by his intimate friends to entertain such an idea, and a wish to spend a few years over the continental trotting tracks.

Mr. Geers has just celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday, which he spent almost entirely in the midst of his horses, either at their stalls or over the surface of the fastest training track in the world at Billings Park.

Meantime the old driver's skill and experience is being administered to Highball, 2.03 3-4; The Harvester, 2.08 3-4, and what may be possibly regarded as the most valuable collection of trotters and pacers ever housed under one roof here.

The crippled condition of Highball, which caused his retirement early last year, has disappeared entirely under the watchful eye and careful handling of Geers, and when the trotter was jogged recently Geers' reply to a trainer as to how he had accomplished such good results was simply, "The rest cure."

Geers sticks to the most old-fashioned remedies in caring for his charges. Carrots and vegetables are given the animals that exhibit illness. Rest is afforded members of his stable that happen to pull up limping.

The Harvester remains in perfect health, and is the "show horse" of the course. If half of the good things predicted for this three-time winner of Futurities in 1908 come true, August Uhlein, the Milwaukee owner, will be possessed of the crack trotter of a decade, according to expert opinion here.

Geers still regards his feat in driving Globe, Belle Hamlin and Justina to the world's record for triple team as one of his greatest achievements. The mile was reeled off in 2.14 in 1891 and still holds as the world's mark.

COMING ENGLISH RACING.

The latest reported transactions on the big spring events of the English season were at these prices:

The Lincolnshire Handicap; run Tuesday, March 23; distance, one mile:

Succour	100 to 6
Poor Boy	100 to 6
Mercutio	100 to 9
Duke of Sparta	20 to 1
The Tower	20 to 1
Hayden	25 to 1
Lucus	25 to 1

Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase; run Friday, March 26; distance, four miles and about 856 yards:

Shady Girl	100 to 6
Mattie Macgregor	100 to 9
Caubeen	100 to 8
Rubio (last year's winner	100 to 6
Davy Jones	100 to 3
Wickham	100 to 3
Linster	20 to 1
Lord Rivers	50 to 1

SADDLE AND SULKY.

Secretary W. P. Fraser, of the Ontario Jockey Club, is coming home on the Lucania, which left Liverpool last Saturday.

Sydney Paget, for some years a prominent figure on the American turf, is very ill in England, and his recovery is not expected.

The report comes from New York, and, therefore, is to be doubted, that no stakes will be included in the Baltimore programme this spring.

When Joe James bid up Bellsnicker at Los Angeles last week it was to get even with Owner Fred Kraft, who bid up one of James' horses on the Canadian circuit several years ago. Joe has a long memory.

W. McDaniel, who has been training for J. J. Walsh, parted company with him Monday after a heated controversy about some trivial matter of stable management. McDaniel and Walsh have been together for some time, the former having successfully handled Lee Ross and others of the Walsh horses through the season at Seattle last summer.

Y. M. C. A. BASKET-BALL LEAGUE GAMES.

The Tuesday night series of the City League basketball games was brought to a close last night, when the Dunoyas and the Tigers played their final game. The score was 33-18 in favor of the Dunoyas. The Dunoyas finished strong. They have back with them again Kauffman and Branston, who were responsible for a good many of the baskets that were made. For the Tigers Webber and Davis did most of the scoring. The standing of the league is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
Dunoyas	4	2
Business Men	4	2
Tigers	3	3
Clerks	2	4

The finals in the Saturday series will be played off next Saturday night, when the Intermediates meet the fast Eurekas team. Then all arrangements will be made for the big final series, when the winners of each section will play off for the silver fobs. The best men on the winning team will be selected to represent the Association in the senior and intermediate Canadian championships.

A CRICKET RECORD.

The previous highest record for a cricket match, that of 1,739 runs, made on the Sydney, N. S. W., ground between Mr. Stoddart's English eleven vs. New South Wales, in 1898, has just been broken—and badly broken—by the New South Wales eleven playing against a Victoria eleven. This match aggregated 1,911 runs—thus beating the previous best score by 141 runs.

Ransford, for the second time in the match, completed his century, his score being 110, and Armstrong contributed 171.

Barnes was again by far the most successful bowler, and took five wickets for 147.

Cleaning the Stage.

"We hope," said the spokesman of the committee, "to enlist your support in favor of a clean stage."

"You have it," responded the theatrical manager, heartily. "Why, almost every one of my plays open with a girl dusting everything in sight."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Wife—What is a pretzel?

Hub—A pretzel, love, is a cracker with the cramps.—Boston Transcript.