Lead of the Big League Still a Matter of Speculation.

BOSTON'S SPURT GETS A SERIOUS CHECK

Cincinnati Braces and the Baltimores Continue to Come with Their Rush -Western Association Race Becomes Remarkably Warm.

While Cincinnati has been doing a bit of tobogganing, Boston has been on a slide herself during the past week. One week ago today the Bean Demolishers were thirty-seven points clear in the lead. At the conclusion of Friday's games they were but a dozen points ahead of the Reds. Commencing with Monday, with the Cincinnati game at Boston, and following up with three in Chicago, the Beancaters have lost all four of the games they have played. The Reds have done better, for of the three games they have played they have won If the Bostonese slump keeps up much longer it will be decidedly disastrous. It is by no means assured that the slide is ended, for the Beaneaters have series to come which will be every whit as hard as that with the Orphans, whereas, on the other hand, the Reds will go up against much weaker teams.

The eyes of the base ball world, however, are probably not so much directed toward the struggle between these two leaders as upon the Orioles. The latter have been indulging in a phenomenal spurt which was checked for an instant on Friday. They had captured second place for an instant from the Reds and are now but a hair'sbreadth behind the Cincy aggregation again. Are they getting ready to repeat that re-markable running of 1894? Then, as now, two months of the season remained. On July 30, 1894, the Orioles were fifty-four points behind the Bostonese; a short time ago they were forty-four points behind them and now only eighteen. In '94, after two months' play, the Orioles had secured a lead of sixty-six points ahead of the Bean-There does not seem to be any reason why they should not duplicate this spurt, and if they do they will roll a percentage that will easily be a winner.

With the exception of the Orphans all the other teams in the big league are running about as they were a week ago. The Orphans' great play of late, however, winning six successive games, and the setback that the Giants received at the hands of the Castaways, has given the Windy City prowd quite a boost up the ladder. One week ago they were an even forty points behind the Joyce outfit; when they finished the last Boston game on Friday only fifteen points separated them from the Glants; Chicago is playing a not unusual game for the aggregation. For a stretch it will put up championship ball of the first caliber, then it will play like a bunch of selling platers. Inconsistency seems to be the predominating element of the aggregation.

The past leaders of the Western league have also been indulging in a tumbling act during the last week. The Cowboys have not only been ousted out of first position, but on Friday were in no very good third position. Indianapolis succeeded for a day or two in keeping the leading place, but were forced out of it by the Brewers, who have been playing championship ball for several weeks past. Columbus and St. Paul are still in places from which they could forge their way to the top if they were assisted by a winning streak. Consequently, although there is but little more than three weeks of the Western league season left. there are still five teams out of the eight who are in a position to make a bid for the championship. It is nearly as pretty a race as was ever witnessed in the base

The latest list of batting averages for the season finds Keeler of Baltimore again at the head, with a mark of 39.3. Hamilton of Boston, who has been the leader a good part of the season, has fallen back to second place, his figure being 38.8. Burkett of Cleveland, who was tied with Keeler only a couple of weeks ago, is now running neck and neck with Everett of Chicago for fourth place, with an average of 35.4. Farrell of Washington is third with 37.5. The five following batsmen are Smith of Cincinnati, McGraw of Baltimore, Seymour of New York, Ryan of Chicago and Tannehill of Pitts-

Base ball critics are still trying to find the cause of the slump in batting in the big in the line will be filled with new maleague this year, but without success. Statisticians have figured out that of the fortyeight players who guard the inner diamonds of the National league aggregations, but Clark; Second Baseman Hallman, Shortstops McKean and G. Smith and Third Basemen McGraw and Cross. All the rest show a decrease.

The following tables show the work of the twelve clubs for the games so far con-

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It is reported that next season will find all the players in the big league banded together in a mutual protective association. It is said that the movement toward this result has been going on quietly for some little time past, but that it did not reach a very promising stage until the recent decision in the Holmes cases was handed down. Since then the players have been coming into line, as they all believe that they see a necessity of protecting themselves from such rank injustice as was doled out to Ducky Holmes.

Ex-Manager Anson and Henry Chadwick name the following teams of players as sure pennant winners if they could be gotten

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Approach of the Season Brings Out beating a lively tattoo, sinks within you newspaper notices, the bare 'uns being good the Effect of the War on the

College Gladiators.

As the opening of the foot ball season pproaches the wails of the foot ball captains over the ravages that the war has student bodies. The fortunate thing about | tells him the birds will never visit.

SPORTS OF THE HOT SEASON cannot say that it has been hurt much more drinks in the passing breeze. Suddenly he had planted for him, but he was dead game, in this respect than any other. This evens matters up and will put the various in-stitutions upon about the same footing as they would have been had no war occurred. In past years this portion of the season ordinarily found some of the big elevens commencing their training at resorts, but nothing of the kind is being done yet this season. This is the result of the meeting of a committee consisting of representatives from each of the eastern universities, recently held in Providence, where the question of preliminary foot ball training was discussed. The general sense of the meeting was opposed to training away from the has not been ratified by any of the union Franklin field.

> Captain Outland of the Pennsylvania team has a tough-looking proposition before him. He will have on hand only four of last year's sleven to form a nucleus of this year's team. These four-Outland, Hare, McCracken and few days of it each year. Hedges-are all line men, which leaves the back field without a player. Overfield, Goodman and Morice, all of whom were expected, have enlisted and will probably not return pletely arranged, and is as follows: September 24. Franklin and Marshall: September 28, Gettysburg: October 1, State college; October 5, probably Annapolis; October 8, Budd of Des Moines. Brown; October 12, Virginia; October 15 Lehigh; October 19, Wesleyan; October 22, Lafayette: October 29, University of Chicago; November 5, Harvard; November 12, Carlisle Indians; November 24, Cornell.

Arthur Hillebrand of Lemars, Ia., who was one of Princeton's pitchers last spring, has been elected as captain of this coming year's foot ball team. Hillebrand has played right tackle since his freshman year and is known to possess a good head and clever generalship. He is a member of the junior class. Kelly, whose playing at right half last year won him an enviable name among foot ball players and enthusiasts, was elected captain last spring, but the war had fascinations for him, and he is now in the United States light artillery and will not return. Baird, who was accorded the position on the All-American team last fall, is also a member of the same battery and will be missing this season. The loss of these men, together with that of Captain Cochran, is discouraging to Princetonians, and means that the Tigers will start in the race for gridiron honors

seriously handicapped. The line will remain practically the same, Booth at center, Crowdis and Edwards as guards, Craig at left end and Hillebrand at right tackle, will assure good defensive work. Back of the line, Reiter at right half will be the only man who has played in a championship game, if the statement be true that Wheeler, last year's fullback, will not be able to play. Burke as quarterback, and Crane and George Lathrop, aspirants for the position of left halfback, have been mentioned. Harry Lathrop played substitute right end last year, and is entitled to that position this fall. He is among the soldiers now at Montauk Point. and will return to college if his company is mustered out of service in time.

Preliminary practice will not begin until the middle of September, owing to a decision of the university faculty forbidding foot ball training before the resumption of college exercises.

The new foot ball rules adopted by the rules committee of the eastern universities have been ratified by most of the western colleges and will govern the foot ball games played in this part of the country during the coming season. The Western Interstate tions of the Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska universities, will use the new code, and Illinois, Michigan, Purdue and Chicago will do likewise.

The University Medical college of Kansas City expects to have a strong foot ball eleven in the western field this year. War has played some ravages with the lineup, but an excellent nucleus is furnished by the men who were left over from last year and are on hand. Weisang, who was substitute last year, will play center regu larly, Captain Pendleton will be shifted from left to right guard, Bill Hill will be changed from right to left guard, Cowden will be moved from center to right tackle and Jones will play right end. All these are old players. The other two positions terial, although Penny, who played left end last year, may be given the position. Heller, one of the best ground gainers in the west, will retain his place as one of the eight are batting above their last year's halves and the other position will probably figures-First Basemen Everett, Farrell and be given to O'Donnell, who will thus succeed Lewis, who does not return to the college. Bagby will be fullback. The quarter is not chosen yet. The Medics have quite a schedule arranged for the season. They will take in games with the Haskell Indians, the Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri university teams, the University of Colorado and the Denver Athletic club. The team will commence practicing next week and will be ready to play the first game about

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

Opening of the Prairie Chicken Season This Week Promises a Hustle for the Hunters.

The chicken shooting season opens Thursday of this week, though in many parts of the state the shooting has been going en since the middle of July. In such sections have largely been killed off when weak of wing. Those which have not been killed It is the chance to contest for the championbecome so wild from constant hunting that, dog, and are up and away long before one can get within gunshot. In other sections sportsmen have been fairly successful in en-

Chicken shooting in no sense compares with duck, snipe or even quall shooting in the skill or physical exertion required and for this reason has often been dubbed the lazy man's sport. But to one who really loves the dog, man's most faithful friend, his work alone is a source of unending pleasure-that is, if you have a good, well broken dog. The other kind can provoke more profanity, however, than any one thing that a man has to contend with in his jaunts | Yet. Yet cut off his cue and wore Amerithan just as you were anticipating a shot to and was as much of an expert at the Amerihave a dog bolt into the middle of the covey can game of poker as he was at the Chinese GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON while you were yet out of gunshot. Your fantan. He belonged to a miners' athletic heart, which but the moment before was club and gloves were only known through and you wonder why the allwise creator enough up there. Gardner went up into the who made the dog forgot to furnish him with wings that he might keep up his chase

after the birds. On the other hand, what could be more pleasant than to witness the evolutions of Gardner and asked him if he drew the color known until lately. The August number made in the ranks of the gridiron fighters an intelligent, well broken dog, as he cirrise higher. There is not a college of any cles around to get the benefit of the wind, ount in the country whose foot ball ranks back and forth, not forgetting any likely have not been depleted to some extent by place where birds might reasonably be ex- little thinking he was to be stacked up "Pacing is no modern artificial action, as enlistments. Naturally the bigger ones have pected to be found, and wasting no time against the latter. He signed articles and some would have us believe, but may be felt it the most, because of their larger on other sections which his own instinct

odor of the bird strikes these delicate nostrils, then straight forward at a lively pace. Slower and slower the pace, but still straight into the wind he goes. He has stopped now. The head is extended in front and him. the tall behind and the once lithe form is now as rigid as stone, the only sign of life being a slight twitching of the nostrils.

No need to be in a hurry about getting out of the wagon. Just take your timethat dog will stay. When you get to the dog and the birds are put up out of the dog and the birds are put up out of the passed away. The manly art is no longer grass they start off with a whirr that rattles practiced. The boxing matches of today are the novice, who among the multitude is kinetoscope fights. The alleged pugillets home field. The action of this committee at a loss to know which one to shoot at are kinetoscope boxers. The fights are enand finally winds up by shooting at one gineered for the benefit of the machine. versities as yet, but it is believed that all which belongs to another member of the The whole business partakes of the nature will approve of it. Pennsylvania is prepar- party. To the old-timer, however, it is of bunko, not real fistic sport, and the ing to set the pace by doing all her training like clockwork. And then what satisfaction sporting public ought to turn its back on it is to drop a bird after the man at your elbow has missed it and it becomes the legitimate prey of the one who can get it. It isn't as royal as duck shooting, nor yet so hard work, but it is fine sport and happy is the lot of the tired worker who can get a

One of the coming shoots is the Schmelzer annual tournament in Kansas City from September 6 to 9, inclusive. On the program in time to get on the eleven. With seven is an interstate championship event at positions to be filled by new material, Coach twenty live birds, open to the amateurs of Woodruff and Captain Outland will have Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Indian many perplexing questions to solve before Territory, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and the make-up of the '98 team will be a Missouri. This is to be shot off on Septemsurety. The team's schedule is a long and ber 7. The prizes are silver tea and berry hard one. It has already been almost com- sets. The contest for the Schmelzer championship trophy, 100 targets at reverse angles, open to the world, will take place on Friday. The trophy is now held by C. W.

A new system has been offered to try out the skill of those who believe they are thoroughly good shots, whether the belief is founded on fact or fancy. This system requires two set of traps to be placed before the shooter, one set of five being for targets, expert system, and the other being a set of five traps for live birds. The shooter standing at the score does not know whether he is to shoot at a target or a live bird until the trap is pulled, when he must shoot at whichever is offered. The shooter has an equal number of targets and live birds, but, as they do not necessarily come alternately, he is never certain before a trap is pulled which he will have to shoot at.

It is said that Rolla Heikes did better work in practice than he did in the contest he had recently with Gilbert for the target championship of the world. In this match he made a score of 140 out of 150, a great piece of work, but he surpassed that total no less than three times while in practice, breaking 143, 144 and 146 respectively. The curious part of the total of 146 is that it was made while shooting with Gilbert in practice on the day before the match. In that race Heikes broke all his targets at unknown angles and all his targets at expert rules, making 100 straight. Me then ran thirteen straight in the pairs, losing the second target of his seventh pair, making a total run of 113 straight and finishing his 150 targets with only four lost. This score, although it was made in practice, will stand long before it is beaten.

The Hot Springs, S. D., Gun club is making arrangements for its second annual ournament, which takes place on Septem-

Ed Simeral and Will Redick are down at Langdon.

Alberd Edholm and Doctor Owens are fishing for bass at Onawa today.

Corbett's Friends Urge that Now is a Nice Time for Him to Permamently Retire.

will have upon the pompadoured champion. taking into account also the statements made by Corbett to the effect that he did not care whether his match wih McCoy was ever pulled off or not, the general sentiment seems to be that Corbett has reached the end of his career. His friends even appear to be of this belief and they are not at all backward in publicly advising the one-time champion to gracefully retire from the roped arena, now that the poportunity offers itself.

This advice is not given in the belief that Corbett, under ordinary circumstances, is not a man fit to whip any aspirant after heavyweight honors. It is given because Corbett's friends believe that he will never se the same man after the tragedy. He s said to have been even remarkably devoted to his mother and the terrible manner in which he lost her is certain to take the sap out of him and unman him for years, if not for the remainder of his life. If he is a man at all he will be in a state of mental anguish which would preclude him for months from entering the ring in proper ondition for a battle.

If he goes every lover of fistiana will regret his loss from the ring, whatever may have been thought of him personally or of some of the methods or manner of life he may have pursued. He was the pioneer of the modern school of boxing and he has done much to place the ring on a clean and manly basis. With the passing of John L. Sullivan, the hero of the old school of fighters, came Corbett, and to him we owe much for the introduction of scientific boxing as the ring's greatest exponents practice it today.

And McCoy? He has started in training He is confronted with a tough proposition. the Kid in a decidedly unpleasant dilemma. ship for which he has been waiting for, but to go up against the hard-hitting champion. On the other hand, there is little doubt that the Australian. It's a tight hole for Mr.

McCoy to be in. The prominence which Oscar Gardner is many victories is resulting in the relation of is to the effect that in 1896 he fought a Chinaman in Butte City. This chink was Americanized and bore the name of Charlie What could be more aggravating can clothes; gambled with the best of them country and whipped anything that came fight any man, black green or yellow," gait it is said: one week to a night later Yet and he met. traced in the horses of many pations of

turns short, stops for an instant, as the So was the chink. They fought for a full three-quarters of an hour and Gardner afterward said it was one of the toughest propositions he had ever tackled. He at last landed on the Chinaman's jaw and downed

> The New York Herald recently remarked editorially: "The prize ring is dead, as it ought to be. The race of genuine square fighters—the Sayers, the Heenans, the Sullivans, from "Yankee" to John L .- have it." It does look as if there was more of truth than poetry in this.

Griffo has returned from the coast to the east and has surprised his old friends, who have not seen him of late. Jail diet has transformed him from a trim lightweight to a heavyweight, and he declares that he will not fight nor box again. Thus has booze dealt with one of the cleverest and fastest men who ever stepped into the ring.

SOME MISCELLANEOUS SPORT

Breaking of the Broad Jump Record Brings Out Another Phenomenal Athletic Performer.

A phenomenal broad jump was recently made by W. J. M. Newburn, the Dublin university broad jumper, who has twice this season improved the world's record. He eclipsed all previous performances by clearing 24 feet 6% inches. This record is marvelous, but is vouched for and will undoubtedly be accepted by the authorities. A slight cross wind was blowing at the time and the ground on which the competition took place was perfectly level. The run up to the take-off board was rather rough. In his first jump Newburn cleared 23 feet 5 inches. He fouled in the second attempt, but in the third trial he beat his own previous best of 24 feet, 1/2 inch by 61/4 inches.

Newburn's performance is nearly a foot better than any other athlete has accomplished, the American record of 23 feet 8 7-8 inches, established by Myer Prinstein. being next in order of merit. Then comes the Australian record, which has stood long, 23 feet 71/2 inches, made by M. Roseingrane, an Irishman, and the best British record previous to Newburn's, of 23 feet 614 inches. The new star has cleared more than 23 feet a dozen times this year. A photograph of the jumper, taken while he keeps all cloth off the animal, if the day record of 24 feet, 1/2 inch, shows that he rises to a great height, apparently about to dismount from his sulky the grooms five feet from the ground. His body is turned sideways, a favorite position of Irish jumpers after taking off.

Casper Mueller, the wrestler who recently arrived in this country from South Africa, s so confident that he is a crackerjack that Jenkins and Lewis right away. Mueller is a strangely-trained wrestler. His peculiar tactics, based primarily on Graeco-Roman rules, were learned by him from the Kaffirs at Pelago bay, where he was assisting in the work of Building a railroad. Under him was short on muscular working capital, so despite his poor performances of late. PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS he detailed the best wrestler among the Kaffirs to instruct him in the art. For six good man in his line.

has ever done in his life before. Barney was given the turf followers to pick up a husky-built chap and has gained con- colt was pulled up winner. siderable renown. He has been traveling in the east during the last year or so giving exhibitions, and last fall played upon an Ohio foot ball team. The two young chaps should put up a nice show.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Owners of the Kings of the Turf Com plain that They Can Get No Races for Their Flyers.

inability to get races from the fact that the perfection in whist has trained it to so, why not establish a 2:00 class? Star diplomatist does not prove greater tact." Pointer has a record of 1:59%; John R. Gentry, a record of 2:001/2; Joe Patchen, a record of 2:01%, and Robert J, a record of again as if his match with Corbett was sure | 2:011/4. By his two performances this seato come off on or before October 1. It is son Star Pointer has proved himself in probable, however, that he fully realizes the shape for a race. Gentry is expected to nlikelihood of any such thing occurring. lower his mark in October and Patchen is rounding to nicely. Robert J has been rele-Less than six months ago he challenged both gated to the road, but there ought to be a Corbett and Fitzsimmons, but both ignored two-minute animal among such new stars him. Since it has become problematical as Chehalis, Searchlight, Bumps, Rowan the gunner who has respect for the law will | whether Corbett will meet him, Fitz steps | Wilkes, Anaconda, Frank Bogash and Lady find little sport on Thursday, for the birds up with an offer to take his place. It puts of the Manor. A big purse would attract them.

But at the same time that the possibility as a rule, they will refuse to stand for the it is very doubtful if he is "fighter" enough of such a class is being discussed a peculiarity presses forward from an examination of the records. This is that the fast pacers Fitz believes McCoy to be easy meat and seem to balk at the 2:04 mark as before a forcing the law and birds are reported to be will press him to a finish. If McCoy backs trocha. Trainers declare that there are at out, people will draw their conclusions as to least two more pacers who will join the five the sincerity of his expressed desire to meet who have reached or very nearly reached the coveted two-minute mark, but look at the fact! Three of the fastest pacers of the season are Chehalis, Rowan Wilkes and Searchlight, and all three have stopped at the attaining as a result of his many fights and fated mark. The gelding, Anaconda, moved of the cards: a quarter in 0:30, but when tried out to the numerous stories at his expense. The latest limit was only able to do the mile in 2:041/2. Will this mark prove to be such a bar to the pacers as 2:08 has been to the trotter? For several seasons now this figure has been the general trotting limit, and it promises to stand through this season also. It would not be surprising if the 2:04 mark for the pacer would be as insurmountable, for it is generally conceded that the pacing gait is from three to four seconds faster than the trot.

While the pacer is generally barred out along the line. Some of the miners induced of Europe, the American bred animal is Yet to take a chance with the little Omaha commencing to attract attention just now boy, and he agreed. A committee called on in England, where the pacing gait was unline. Gardner, thinking that his prospective of the Encyclopedia of Sports contains s pponent was a negro, said: "No, I will paper on trotting and pacing. Of the pacing

"Pacing is no modern artificial action, as Gardner nearly fell dead when he set his antiquity that rode without stirrup (exit, however, seems to be that one college With head erect and nostrils extended he peepers upon the slant-eyed Mongolian they amples may be seen in the casts of Egyp-

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tian sculptures at Crystal Palace) and is perhaps identical with the ambling so freely alluded to in the literature of the middle ages, while it is noticeable in many of the Cossack horses. Of late years a great number of American pacers have been imported into England and they may be seen any day in cabs and carts; indeed, the writer has even seen a pacer and a trotter, both high steppers, in a phaeton in the park, the coachman being under the impression that he had to handle a pair of trotters and marveling no doubt at the 'rolling' of his near horse."

Many trainers are following the plan of Tom Keating this season in taking care of their horses during a race and from this fact it appears that there is considerable merit in the California driver's methods. Keating will not allow a groom to blanket one of his horses on finishing a heat, but was in the air when making his previous is not too cool. When Keating jogs back to the judges' stand and receives permission unhitch the horse on the track and strip him of all the harness, leading the panting animal to the cooling-out shed without a seavy blanket thrown over it. All the horses in Keating's stable are racing in form most every time they start and the cooling-out methods employed seem to have he is ready to take on men like Roeber, a great deal to do with the success of the California trainer this year.

The sensational California 3-year-old trotter, John A. McKerron, who created quite a furore in the light harness world by moving a mile in 2:13% at Denver last he had 1,200 Kaffirs and Zulus, among whom June, has been driven so many fast miles there were many magnificent wrestlers. In that he is now stale and unable to hold his that country no white man is regarded as a own in second rate company. He finished competent boss who cannot throw any man fourth in 2:17 at Fort Wayne recently. It under him. Mueller saw at once that he is said that the colt is held at \$10,000

While somewhat surprising in its results, weeks he went into retirement, learned all the great and rich futurity which was run the native tricks and finally returned to at Sheepshead Bay last Tuesday was distake charge of the men who had been sleep- appointing. While there was a goodly ing on the job during the boss' absence. He bunch of starters, over a score of the 2-As time passes and critics are trying to spent the first day strangling and chucking year-elds leaving the post, yet the quality B takes Q; (2), Kt takes B, (ch.) gauge the effect that the Corbett tragedy Kaffirs around the roadbed and spreading of the field could easily be questioned. by P, makes Kt and checkmate. respect for himself. He has since become a Neither the champion youngster of the east, Jean Beraud, nor the west's premier, W. Overton, were able to start. Of those who Otto Gleseke and C. L. Barney of Des were eligible not one has ever performed Moines have tied up as a brace of strong like a genuine stake colt and the critics men and propose to give exhibitions on the are unanimous in declaring that the win-Midway during the remainder of the ex- ning Martimas is not worth half the great position year. Gleseke is well known as the prize he won. Yet many of the crack local young strong man. He is a phenomenal lockeys had mounts in the race, and, consperformer for so youthful an athlete as he sidering the quality of the field, almost is and gives promise of being a crackerjack any number could have been expected out as soon as he reaches his full development, at the conclusion of the race. Consequently At the present time he is in the finest sort a long shot could have been picked as of shape and is doing better work than he well as the favorites and an opportunity seems to be a fit companion for him. He is plenty of money when Hendrie's Canadian

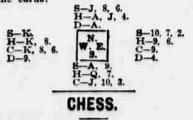
> It is said that there will be few eastern thoroughbreds seen on the California race tracks next winter. The owners claim that the nurses cannot repay them for the expense and the risk. The New Orleans events, however, are expected to have more than the usual number of entries.

WHIST.

The following is Ouida's tribute to the The owners of Star Pointer, Patchen, Gen- game of whist taken from "Chandos:" try and Robert J are complaining of their "A man who has trained his intellect to free-for-all is the only class open to them capable of achieving anything that the and that if one of their horses is entered world can offer. A campaign does not need all other entries are withdrawn, because more combination; a cabinet does not rethe owners know their horses stand no quire more address; an astronomer royal chances against the topnotchers. If this is does not solve finer problems; a continental

> A traveling man writing in praise of the American Whist league remarks that "to the man who never leaves home the league will not seem half the institution that it really is. It is only by going into a city where one has no acquaintances that the highest advantages of the league are made manifest. You ask the hotel clerk if there is a whist club in the city and on being answered in the affirmative proceed at once to the headquarters in the confidence of receiving a hearty reception. You are more than likely to meet a judge, a banker, a physician, a lawyer, a retired merchant and several business men, all leading citizens, for this is the class that usually make up the league clubs. After an evening spent in play one says 'good night' with the thought that the greatest discomfort experienced away from home, that feeling of desolation, has been eliminated."

In the following position by Franktein of London hearts are trumps, South to lead, and with North to win all seven tricks against best play of East and West. Play may be made from the exposed knowledge



The following game with notes by C. Q. DeFrance was recently completed in the Nebraska chess tournament between Mr. DeFrance of Lincoln and T. N. Hartzell of Kearney:

Black-DeFrance.
1-P to K 4.
2-Kt to Q B 3.
2-K to B 4.
4-B takes Kt P.
5-B to R 4.
6-P takes P.
7-P to Q 4 (a.)
8-P to Q Kt 4 (b.)
9-Q Kt to K 2.
10-B to Kt 2. White-Hartzell. 1-P to K 4. 2-Kt to K B 3. 2-Rt to R B 4. 3-B to B 4. 4-P to Q Kt4. 5-P to Q B 3. 6-P to Q 4. 7-Castles.

13-B to R 3. 13-K to Q sq (c.)
14-R to Q sq. 14-Kt to Kt 3.
15-Q to K 2. 15-R to K sq.
16-Q takes Kt P. 16-Q takes Q. 17-Kt to K sq.
18-P to Q B 4. 18-Kt (B 3) to Q 2.
19-P to Q B 5. 19-B to R 3.
20-Kt to Q 4. 20-K to B sq.
21-P to B 6, 21-Kt to B sq.
22-P to Q 6. 22-P takes P.
23-B takes Q P. 23-Kt to B 5.
24-Kt to B 5 24-Kt to Kt 3.
25-Kt to Q R 3. 25-Kt takes Kt.
26-B takes Kt. 25-K to B 2.
27-R to Q 7 (ch.) 27-K to Kt 3.
28-R to Kt sq. 28-R to K 8 (ch.)
29-R takes R must. 28-B takes R.
30-P to B 7.
31-R to Q 8. 32-Kt to B 3.
32-B to Q 8. 32-Kt to B 3.
33-R takes R. 33-B takes R.
34-Kt takes P. 34-P to B 4 (d.)
35-B to K 8 (e.)
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35-Resigns.
(a.) Should have been P to Q 3; the next move marks the beginning of Black's troubles.
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(c.) Castles (K R) is much stronger, although it may mean the exchange of both Kts and a R for White's Q.
(d.) In trying to save the P, Black loses a B, wholly overlooking White's continuation. A better move would have been:

—35 B to Kt 5; then if B takes B, Kt takes B; and if B takes P, k takes P, leaving Black two P's behind.
(e.) Wins a B or queens his P.

Problem No. 88: The following position is submitted by a Nebraska chess player for the approval of his fellow chessmen White to play and mate in three moves:



Problem No. 37, done by (1), Q to K: 6, the troops?" "Yes, sir." "Gentlemen," B takes Q; (2), Kt takes B, (ch.) followed by P, makes Kt and checkmate. Said Grant, "troops do not have six days' rations served out to them in a fort of them."

Questions and Answers LOWER BRULE, S. D., Aug. 18.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee. What has been accomplished by the Dawes' Indian commission with the Creek Indians up to the pres-ent time, and what the said Indians have done in refernce to the same !- A Sub-Ans .- Very little, but I cannot tell you

positively. Commissioner of Indian Affairs 100,000 farms, ranches and plantations, Jones at Washington can give you the valued at \$200,000,000. SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 25 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee. What are the national holidays?—A Subscriber. Aus.—Labor day is the only holiday pro-

has at various times recognized certain days as holidays, but there is no general statute declaring them such. Even the Fourth of July is only "nationally observed because it has been declared a holiday by all the states. The matter of holidays is left entirely to state and local regulation. OMAHA, Aug. 23.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: What was the average daily attendance at the Nashville exposition last year?—Charles Callanan.

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GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

How sad are the words of Bismarck which he wrote of himself: "How many have I made unhappy? But for me three great wars would not have been fought. 80,000 men would not have perished. I have had little or no joy from all my achievements; nothing but vexation, care and trouble."

The English noblemen whom Mr. Hooley, the notorious promoter, alleged to have cost him so dear are both young men. Lord De la Warr was born in 1869, and only succeeded his father two years ago. In consequence of the title of Sackville having been recently created, the old Sackville estate of Knole was diverted from the earldom of De la Warr, and this, together with the depreciation of land, made the late earl a very poor man for his position. Both he and his son have done their best to improve their position by creating the watering place of Bexhill. Lord Albemarle is just 40 and is married to the only child of Lord Egerton of Tatton, a very wealthy peer. De la Warr married a daughter of Lord Brassey.

"Of the various offices filled by the late Dr. William Pepper," says a Philadelphia paper, "the most important, perhaps, from the point of view of the medical profession, was the chair of theory and practice of medicine and clinical medicine in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, which he filled with so much distinction for years. The question of his successor is being widely discussed, and there is much speculation as to the man who will be chosen to fill his place. two names most prominently mentioned in onnection with the appointment are those of Prof. William Osler, M. D., of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, and James S. Tyson, M. D., professor of clinical medicine at the University of Pennsylvania."

Polk Miller of Richmond, who attended the reunion of the blue and gray near Philadelphia with his comrades of Pickett's division. Is known as a raconteur of plantation life in the south before the war. One story told by Comrade Miller will bear repetition. An old darkey named Absalom was

the favoriate attendant of a widower acquaintance of Miller's and as rumor had it that the widower intended to take unto himself a second wife, Miller asked Absalom if it were true. Absalom scratched his woolly pate for a moment and replied that he reckoned it was. "Well," said Miller, "will he take a bridal tour?" This somewhat puzzled Absalom for an instant, then an inspiration struck him and he said: "I dunno bout a bridle, sah, but when de ole missus was 'live he used t' taik a paddle to her, so maybe he talk a bridle to de new one."

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"An incident," says the Philadelphia Record, "which occurred on the trip north of the veterans of the Pickett division illustrated in a very pretty way the charming character of Mrs. General George E. Pickett, who accompanied the remnants of her late husband's command to this city. The train left Richmond early in the evening, but it was nearly midnight when it reached Washington, where Mrs. Pickett joined the party. As she boarded the train she noticed that the men did not occupy sleepers, but were in day coaches, so she refused to occupy the section which had been reserved for her in the Pullman sleeping car and sat up with the men until 3:50 a. m., when the train pulled into the Broad street station. She did all she could to lighten the burdens of travel during the hot night for the old veterans who had followed her husband into the jaws of death at Gettysburg.

Before the attack on Fort Donelson General Grant called a council of war to consider whether they should attack at once or give the troops a few days' rest. The other officers favored a rest, while Grant smoked and gave no opinion. "There was a deserter brought in this morning," the general finally said. "Let us see him and hear what he has to say." The first thing Grant did when the fellow came in was to open his knapsack. "Where are you from?" the general then asked. "Fort Donelson." "You have six days' rations, I see; when were they served?" "Yesterday morning, "Were the same rations served to all mean to stay there; these men mean to retreat, not to fight; we shall attack at once."

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The world's visible supply of raw sugar is 1,630,000 tons, against 1,665,000 tons last Before the present war Cuba had about

Manufacturers of gloves and underwear in Germany are said to be receiving large orders from this country this year.

The Philadelphia Engineering works is building a 300-horse cross compound Corliss engine for export to Yokohama, in Japan. Philadelphians are beginning to use iron and steel beams and girders in the con-struction of private dwellings. This is a new departure.

The ten foremost envelope companies of Springfield, Mass., have been consolidated inder the name of the United States Envelope company.

The United States has exported 386 locomotives during the last year valued at nearly \$3,000,000. Nearly \$2,500,000 worth of sewing machines were also sold and \$1,-500,000 worth of typewriters. The United States consul at Birmingham,

Eng., reports that a firm of English merchants, having an important continential trade, are asking for quotations on American boiler and ship plates, in 400 ton lots. The entire production of crackers in the United States is controlled by the tional Biscuit company. This corporation has 150 factories scattered throughout the states, producing this article in 135 different varieties.

The trade of Canada, as shown by figures d by the customs department, is, the fiscal year ending June 30 last, the largest on record. The aggregate trade has reached \$289,536,996, as against \$245,-297,144 for 1897, an increase for the year of \$44.059,000.

Henry W. Cramp, vice president of the Cramps' Shipbuilding company, believes that for the next few years, at least, our shipbuilding yards will be very active. The acquisition of new territory, he thinks, bring about a big demand for Americanbuilt ships.

During the week ended August 7 there were 8,526,050 pounds of zine and 986,160 pounds of lead mined in the Joplin district, Misssouri. During the corresponding week last year jack sold at \$22.50 per ton and lead opened the week at \$23.25, closing at \$23.50 per 1,000. In the state of New York there are 128

wood pulp mills in operation, which have a combined daily output of 1,400 tons of paper, employing 15,000 men, and having a pay roll of \$6,000,000 a year. This expenditure for labor supports 100,000 people, besides indirectly helping to support many more. According to the estimate of the United

States Mint bureau, the production of gold in the world for the calendar year 1897 was \$240,000,000 and probable production for \$240,000,000 and probable production for 1898 is \$275,000,000. Gold production of the United States for 1897 was estimated at \$58,000,000, South Africa \$90,000,000, and Australia silghtly less.

James M. Clark, chief of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics, Department of Inter-nal Affairs, will show in his forthcoming annual report that in Pennsylvania the number of working people employed in the iron and steel rolling mills was 56,702, an increase over 1896 of 3,129. The average increase over 1896 of 3,129. The average number of days of employment was 269, an increase over 1896 of eighteen days. The aggregate of wages paid was \$26,572,023. The average earnings for the year, skilled and unskilled labor, was \$468.73, an increase over 1896 of \$23.84.

For the finding of little Gerald Lapiner, the 2½-year-old Chicago child abducted last May, the rewards offered now aggregate