IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

Omaha's Representatives on Diamond Are Groomed Into Proper Form.

MIDWESTERN LEAGUES TO BE COMPARED

True Test of Local Players' Merit Will Be Shown in Game with Minneapolis—Douglas County Chess Club is Launched.

During the last week Manager Rourke has been busily engaged in weeding out the tares and importing new and rare exotics until he has in his garden lot on South Thirteenth street a highly attractive display. The latest acquisition is Bill Wilson, who has undertaken to gather in pitchers' curves at a comfortable monthly allowance. Wilson is well known in this city from his connection of two seasons with Kansas City and is regarded as a good catch.

Wilson was signed by Manager Rourke because of the uncertainty of securing Tommy Hese, who contracted to play for Youngstown after he had put himself under a written obligation to stop balls for Mr. Keith. The manager has received a letter from President Young asking for more evidence on the Omaha side of the case and containing the assurance that the matter would be fully looked into by the board of arbitration. From the tone of Young's letter the Omaha players feel considerable assurance that Hese will be sent to this city. As a result of the weeding out process the services of Infielder Hankey, Second Baseman Dunn and Pitcher Potter have been dispensed with.

While the team is now supplied with seven pitchers and a corresponding number in less important positions the manager is still on the lookout for clever players and will spare no pains in putting his aggregation among the final topnotchers. Those who have not been able "to deliver the goods" have been successively released, until the team is on a thoroughly professional standing. There are still a number of lame arms and other temporary afflictions, which make it difficult for those who stand in judgment to determine exactly who is most worthy. A considerable number therefore are kept on the rolls more for what it is hoped they will do than for what they are now accomplishing.

Two Games at Lincoln.

The generally excellent condition of the team was shown in the games last week at the University of Nebraska. The collegians, who have a strong amateur crew about on the level of the Originals, strained every nerve to acquit themselves creditably in the contest with the professionals. On Monday the Lincoln boys secured the small end of a score of 9 to 6 and on Wednesday chalked up two compared with five for Omaha. The visitors displayed an excellence in team play and individual achievements that was of general comfort to those who have staked money and reputation on their eventful triumph.

An opportunity to judge the real merit of the team will be given local fans tomorrow when an exhibition game will be played with Minneapolis. American league will be pitted against Western league. Minneapolis will bring with it such well known players as Perry Werden, Walter Wilmot and "Germany" Smith, the former Cincinnati shortstop. Manager Rourke considers that he has had exceptional opportunity to observe the qualities of his men and is touting them vigorously to win.

Other Games to Follow.

The game with Minneapolis will be followed with a contest with the University of Nebraska on Omaha soil, to be held April 24. Negotiations are also under way for games with Des Moines, Sioux City and the Chicago Unions, a brilliant band of colored players whose practice work is a particularly fear-inspiring spectacle to the opposing nine. It is a current belief, however, that the aggregation does not show up as well in the smoke of battle as when on dress parade.

The contest with the Indians today and yesterday has excited an unusual amount of interest and both games have drawn a good attendance. The bronze-hued Americans were collected partly from the agency at Ponca and partly from a Minnesota reservation. As evidenced by the record of the Carlisle Indians and others the aboriginal race has proved itself capable of as high a standard of sportmanship as the Anglo-Saxon.

Amateur Base Ball Active.

The High school team under the tutelage of Benedict, formerly one of the mainstays of the Lincoln 'varsity, is taking long strides toward perfection as the result of daily conscientious practice on the campus. A highly useful system in the selection of the first team was adopted last week in the establishment of class teams, each under the leadership of a class captain. The action was determined upon at the meeting of the Athletic association on Monday afternoon, and a ball bat, in itself a work of art, was hung up for the winners. The bat is the handiwork of Prof. Wigman of the manual training department and was turned out of a variety of woods, all capable of receiving a high polish.

A regular schedule of games will be arranged and the club carrying off the honors will possess the trophy for the season. The names of the class team will be inscribed upon it and it will pass on to posterity to be competed for on each recurring season. The class captains will be chosen by the president of the association within a few days.

They have not as yet been named, owing to the uncertainty of the makeup of the 'varsity team. The leading candidates for the first team are as follows: Fairbrother, catcher; Tracy or Welsh, pitcher; Welsh, first base; Engelhart, second base; Griffith, third base; Hayes, short stop; Roberts, outfield or third base; Lehmer, Hardy, Eller and Langtry, outfield.

The first game of importance for the High school boys will be with the Young Men's Christian association at the Ames Avenue park on next Saturday. Other games will undoubtedly be arranged with Fremont and Lincoln, with a probability that dates will be secured with Tabor college and Sioux City.

Saturday Afternoon League.

The representatives of various teams in the Saturday Afternoon league met on Wednesday night to discuss plans for the season's play. The four packing company teams, from the establishments of Hammond, Cudahy, Armour and Swift, have started a fund toward the acquirement of a park in the Magic City. The fund has so far, however, only reached the modest proportions of $200 and this amount must be increased materially before the grounds are a reality. It is desired to bring off a game each Saturday afternoon at two parks, the attractions being at such a distance as not to interfere with each other. The members of the league have an ambition to accomplish important things for amateur base ball during the season.

The Omaha Bee Base Ball club has organized and is willing to play all teams in the city composed of players of newspaper and printing establishments. The Bees are composed of players of the mailing and press rooms. Any teams desiring games may address T. Foley, in care of The Bee mailing department. The team is made up of the following: Sommers, catcher; Foley or Jensen, pitcher; E. Jensen, first base; L. Jensen, second base; Brown, shortstop; Lapinsky, third base; Olson, left field; Barrett, centerfield; Walker, right field; Deacon, Lycholm, Bigmack, substitutes.

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Trio of Heavyweights Aggrieved at Jeffries' Charges of Cowardice—Impending Contests.

The trio of heavyweight pugilists—McCoy, Sharkey and Corbett—who are more or less in the public mind just at this time, owing to impending contests in which they are to have a part, are much wrought up and the votaries of the manly art are all agog with excitement. The cause for this wrathful indignation on the part of the aforementioned trio is attributable to a sweeping statement made by Champion Jeffries a few days ago, when he asserted that each member of this galaxy of glove gladiators is afraid of Bob Fitzsimmons.

In contrast to the bitter rankling that this statement aroused in the breasts of the men who are implied by the present champion to be cowards it can easily be imagined how such "encomiums," coming from so high an authority, have elated the elongated Cornishman with the speckled face. But it has widened the breach existing between the pugilists and the epithet "coward," as distasteful to the man who fights with his fists as "traitor" is to the man who fights with his head and governmental armament, has been flung from one to the other with an utter wanton that promises the settlement of these personal differences when any two of them shall "glower" one at the other from their positions within the squared circle.

The statement of Jeffries which has created such consternation follows: "They are all afraid of Fitzsimmons, and, to tell the truth, I would rather fight ten Sharkeys, a dozen Corbetts and all the McCoys you could bring before me than fight Fitz again.

"McCoy knows in his heart that he cannot beat Fitzsimmons. Sharkey would as soon be dropped into a bear pit. I will not say about Ruhlin, but I guess the big fellow would take a chance, for he has never felt the might of that freckled fist of Bob's. I am satisfied none of them care a bit about Fitzsimmons' game. They do not think they can beat him and have a fear that he may wind them up in a hurry, as he can do.

"Fitzsimmons is one of the greatest judges of distance I ever knew. He can get away from a punch by the narrowest margin, always keep himself in hitting range and can hit from almost any position. He is far and away the best man I ever fought."

But little stock is taken in this assertion of Jeffries by sporting men who are familiar with the history, past and present, of the prize ring. By many Fitzsimmons is looked upon as long since outdated in the pugilistic arena and the belief exists that he has about struck his limit in Gus Ruhlin, with whom he is now matched for a fight. McCoy, Sharkey and Corbett have strenuously denied Jeffries' allegation and Corbett is so stirred up over the defamation of his unsullied character that it is really intimated that he has still further deluded himself into believing that he will cram Jeffries' charges of cowardice down the champion's throat when they meet in their forthcoming "affair," for such it is more likely to be than a contest or even an exhibition.

McCoy has actually worked himself into a frenzy over the matter and is indulging in all sorts of harsh criticisms of the present champion. As for Fitzsimmons, McCoy has opened upon him the vials of his wrath, asserting that he can whip him at any time and at any place, and threatening that if he should ever by any chance darken the doors of his New York establishment something would happen not at all to the liking of "Lanky Bob."

Corbett and Sharkey, too, have taken occasion to deny the assertions of Jeffries regarding their relative merits to Fitzsimmons. As a matter of fact this whole muss has been stirred up as the result of the failure of consummation of the several matches in which Fitzsimmons has been a party during the past few months. In all fairness to the men with whom he has been matched it can hardly be attributed in any degree to cowardice that these matches have been declared off, but rather to the avarice of their respective managers, whose greed and partiality to certain clubs has prejudiced them against the Westchester club, in which it is practically an established fact that Fitzsimmons must fight if he fights at all. This phase of the question has been touched upon by Tom Sharkey in explanation of his attitude toward the freckled "Kangaroo."

Sharkey says: "Jeffries has no right to say that I am afraid to meet Fitzsimmons. I would fight Jeffries sooner than any other man I know, but, nevertheless, I am willing to meet Fitz just as soon as he will sign articles of agreement. The trouble with Fitzsimmons is that he will not fight in any place other than the Westchester club, but I'll meet him at a moment's notice if he will agree to make the bout any place else."

With the numerous fights scheduled for the next few weeks the interest of ringside followers will be at its height. Gus Ruhlin's success in getting a match with Fitzsimmons adds another star to the former quintette of heavyweight pugilists. Jeffries and Corbett, Sharkey and McCoy, Fitzsimmons and Ruhlin are all going through preliminary work for their matches and the progress of events is certainly one calculated to continue the interest already aroused. There seems to be no change in the feeling of the votaries of pugilism toward the bout between the present champion and Corbett. Jeffries himself seems to look upon it with no small degree of disdain and there are broad hints that it may yet be declared off. Both men, however, are now in training for the match. The big champion is said to be opposed to the selection of Sam Austin to referee the contest and insists upon a western man. He wants George Siler, but this is beyond the range of possibilities, for Siler is not only persona non grata with the eastern fight managers, but is also unfriendly to Corbett. Malachy Hogan and Paddy Carroll of Chicago have been suggested as possible referees in case Austin is declared out by Jeffries. The big champion recently expressed himself relative to his forthcoming match as follows:

"Why shouldn't I feel pretty easy about this fight? Both Sharkey and Fitzsimmons have beaten Corbett and I have beaten both of them. That's a pretty good line, I take it. Mind you, I am not getting so conceited that I am not going to train. I will be in fine shape, for I realize that Corbett will be a tough customer on account of his great cleverness.

"I have another idea in getting into good condition. I want to show a lot of people who have written me out of the game and talked me out of it, according to their own notion, that I am just as good as I ever was. I was not myself the night I fought Sharkey, but I never made any complaint about it. I was good enough to beat Tom and therefore I am at rest.

"It does not matter a whit to me what rules I fight Corbett under. I presume he will want clean breaks on account of my superior weight. I do not care. I have every advantage over Jim and expect to beat him handily. I do not think a man can lay out of the game as long as he has and then get back into it in a hurry.

"I am eager to get more fights. I take on flesh so readily that I ought to be fighting all the time to be at my best. But, unfortunately, the supply of heavyweights of good caliber is limited to a mighty few and I must be content with an occasional battle.

"I would rather fight Sharkey than any man I know of outside of Corbett. Why? Well, I will acknowledge that he gave me a pretty hard fight at Coney Island last fall, but that does not matter. I know I can beat him every day of the week and I also know that by beating him I can win more money than by beating any other man in the world.

"I do not like the Corbett match for that reason. The negotiations for the match were handled in such a clumsy manner and so unlike anything that Brady ever did before that the public has come to distrust the entire affair, although I can assure everybody the fight is entirely on the square."

Among other fights arranged for the near future is a bout in Chicago Tuesday night between "Terrible Terry" McGovern and Tommy White, a "go" on the same night in New York between "Mysterious Billy" Smith and Matty Matthews and later contests between Tommy Ryan and Jack Root and Benny Yanger and Harry Harris.

TOURNAMENT PROMISES WELL

Annual Meeting of Nebraska Shooters in Omaha the Latter Part of this Month.

Judging from the elaborate preparations that have been made and the prospective number of participants the twenty-fourth annual tournament of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's association, in this city, April 24, 25, 26 and 27, will be one of the most successful and enjoyable events of like nature ever held in the middle west.

Arrangements have been made for the affair on an extensive scale and the success that promises to mark the tournament is a decided compliment to the enthusiastic local sportsmen who have had the matter in charge. The four days' shoot will be engaged in by nearly every Omaha shooter. Nebraska will be well represented and many shooters from neighboring states and crack shots from abroad will attend.

One needs only to look at the program that has been arranged to appreciate the rare interest that will attend each event. Regulations governing the entire shoot have been made with a view to giving each participant, be he an amateur or an artist with the fowling piece, every possible advantage consistent with fairness and equality. Interstate Association rules will govern; there will be two sets of traps, Sargent system, and the White Flyer target will be used. Professional shooters and manufacturers' agents, as well as those whose daily average is 90 per cent or more, will pay 25 cents in addition to regular entrance in each of the target events, excepting the state championship event. The fund collected under this rule, together with a special purse of $100, contributed by the management, will be divided equally between such amateurs as shoot through all the open program target events and whose averages do not exceed 85 per cent.

The tournament will begin Tuesday, April 24, promptly at 8:30 a. m. There are twelve events for the first day, ten at fifteen targets, with an entrance of $1.50, and two at twenty targets, with an entrance of $2. To each event will be added $25. In the fifteen target events there will be four moneys—35, 30, 20 and 15 per cent. Five moneys will be divided in the twenty-target events on the basis of 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 per cent. Two cents each will be charged for targets and 25 cents each for pigeons.

The program for the first part of the second day is identically the same as the first, although at the conclusion of the twelve, fifteen and twenty-target events the state championship event for a gold medal, open to Nebraska shooters only, will take place. This will be at twenty-five targets, with an entrance of $3. The money will be divided among the four leaders and the winner of the event will get beside 40 per cent of the purse a handsome gold medal.

There will be twelve target events on the third day preliminary to the contest in which the greatest interest is centered—the state championship event—in which the winner will be awarded a diamond badge. This is open to Nebraska shooters only. The contestants will pay $15 each for the privilege of shooting at fifteen live birds at thirty yards' rise and take their chances on getting a part of the four moneys. In both the championship gold medal and diamond badge events ties for the trophy will be shot off and ties for the money will be divided.

A live bird handicap will be the concluding feature on the final day of the shoot. This handicap will carry an entrance fee of $15, birds extra, and the shooters will test their ability on twenty-five pigeons. High guns will govern the shoot. The handicap will be from twenty-five to thirty-two yards and the handicapping will be done by the management. The purse in this handicap will be divided on the basis of one money for every two entries.

AMONG THE WHIST PLAYERS

Council Bluffs Lodge of Elks Will Compete for Supremacy with Its Nebraska Brethren.

During the last winter the Council Bluffs lodge of Elks has indicated on various occasions that it would willingly compete in a friendly contest with its brethren in Omaha, but the latter have up to this time rather deprecated than courted the contest. The Omaha players are young in experience and felt that they might not acquit themselves with credit. The all-winter tournament carried on in the local lodge, however, has lent the players confidence and has developed team play to an encouraging extent. The Omaha contingent therefore has accepted the challenge and the contest will occur on Tuesday evening. Sixteen players will participate on each side.

The all-winter tourney conducted by the Elks is drawing to a close and prizes will be awarded next month. The leadership has been in a number of hands during the season, a single point being sufficient on a number of occasions to turn the tide of battle. The high score at present is marked opposite the name of Gus Renze. There are a half-dozen others, however, who hope to retrieve themselves before the flag drops, and Renze will undoubtedly be given a run for his money.

The lenten indulgence of fashionable New York has been bridge parties, the best whist players of the metropolis having all their time occupied in giving instruction in the game.

As compared to whist, in its scientific aspects, bridge is apparently the easier game to learn, chiefly on account of its freedom from those conventionalities which have been the curse of whist ever since the introduction of American leads. The apparent simplicity of the game is, however, misleading, as its strategy abounds in difficulties and it is very seldom that any but an expert will get out of a hand all there is in it. This glorious uncertainty as to whether or not a player will get what he is entitled to or will give his adversaries games and rubbers which he ought to have won himself is one of the attractions of the game. The failure of the best players to get all the tricks that are possible encourages the beginner to persevere in his attempts to master the game, at least in its leading principles. A few of the rudiments are made clear in the following extracts from the New York Sun:

One of the chief elements of success in bridge is close attention to the score and this is the weak point of the majority of American players when they first take up the game. As whist is played in this country, the score is not of the slightest importance and persons have never been trained to vary their play in accordance with the state of the game. Our English cousins have a great advantage in this respect, because in five-point whist, single, double and the rub, the score is everything and they have always been accustomed to keep a sharp eye on the number of tricks necessary to save or win the game.

The natural tendency of the inexperienced player, in looking over his cards, is to consider what he has to hope for, instead of what he has to fear. It is very nice to think that if a certain coup or finesse comes off you will win the game or the rubber, but it is very necessary to consider the consequences of failure.

The first thing to do when you are the dealer is to look at the score and then to make the trump or pass it in accordance with that score. After the dummy hand is laid down the next thing is to take a general survey of the situation, counting up what tricks are sure, what are probable and what might be if certain good things came off. Just how many chances you will take must depend entirely on the state of the score. If the adversaries cannot win the game, you may finesse freely, but if the failure of a finesse, especially in a no-trump, will give them the chance to go out it is usually better to make sure that the game is safe before taking any risks in the hope of winning it. Cases frequently arise in which a player is justified in risking the odd trick, provided he can win the game if the finesse comes off and the adversaries cannot go out if it loses. If the score is sufficiently advanced to make it probable that they will go out on their next deal, but cannot go out on yours, you should take every possible chance to win the game on the hand, because if you don't win it then and there you will probably lose it in any case.

WORK ON THE CINDER PATH

Local Teams of Track Athletes Prepare for Coming Contests—Lincoln Declares the Meet Off.

The Young Men's Christian association has a force of men at work on the Ames Avenue Athletic park, which will be formally opened on April 28. There will be a series of track events not yet determined upon, a ball game between the High school and the association and a bicycle road race. The course of the race will be the same as that followed last fall to Florence by the upper road and return to the eastward. The association has adopted a unique method of levying tribute on the spectators of the road race, which will be one of the most exciting numbers on the program. After completing the course to Florence and thence home the riders will cover a half-mile on the bicycle track now being constructed at the park. All who desire to witness the finish, therefore, must be within the gates.

The association athletes are feeling considerable dissatisfaction with the failure of the field meet with the University of Nebraska, which was scheduled for April 14. A team, consisting of the Finney brothers, McElroy and several others had gone to unusual lengths to prepare itself and the action of Manager Hewitt of the university in cancelling the meet is criticised. The association made a similarly unsuccessful effort to bring a Lincoln team to this city during the basket ball season and accordingly feels somewhat discouraged.

Captain Painter of the High school track team puts his squad through its paces on the campus whenever the weather will permit. On Friday the sprinters were sent on runs around the building, which presented a natural barrier to short cuts, and the time recorded was very satisfactory. It is expected that a dual meet will be arranged in the near future with some neighboring town in order that the athletes may secure for themselves the stimulus afforded by competition. The meet for the championship of the interscholastic league will occur in Lincoln the latter part of May.

CHESS CLUB IS UNDER WAY

Pawn Pushers Arrange for a Continuous Tourney and Engage in Test of Strength.

The newly organized Douglas County Chess association met at its headquarters in the Millard hotel on Thursday evening and a number of names were added to the rolls, the total membership now reaching twenty-eight. Secretary Rathbun and Rev. C. O. Larrison had been entrusted with negotiations for tables and chessmen and reported that exceptionally low prices had been secured. They were authorized to purchase a sample set of pieces with others to be added in case the first consignment is satisfactory. Two tables belonging to the long defunct Omaha Chess club were resurrected by Mr. Barker and two others added, so that the association begins housekeeping with an adequate supply of chess furniture.

W. R. Lighton, who had assumed the burden of preparing a constitution and by-laws, submitted a draft which found entire favor with the association. An original idea connected with the by-laws is the institution of a perpetual tourneyment. On Tuesday and Friday of each week those members who may wish to participate in such a contest shall meet for formal play. On those occasions a record will be kept of the games won and lost and at each monthly club meeting the secretary will make a report of the standing of each participant.

The member whose percentage of games won is highest shall be vested with the title of champion of the association for the ensuing month. After the first three months of such tourney play, when the relative strength of the members shall have been approximately determined the contest will be conducted upon a handicap plan. The advantage to which the weaker players shall be entitled will be determined by the scores made by the respective players during the preceding three months' play.

Should any member succeed in holding the championship against all comers for three successive months he will become the association champion for the year and will be relieved from the necessity of defending his title in the perpetual tourney. He will be compelled, however, to meet all challengers in set matches.

Score of game played at table No. 7, Pillsbury's blindfold exhibition at Lincoln. C. A. Sommer of Lincoln played Black.

VIENNA.

White—Pillsbury.	Black—Sommer.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-QB 3.	2—Kt-KB 3 (a.)
3—P-B 4.	3—P-Q 4.
4—P x KP.	4—Kt x P.
5—Q-B 3.	5—Kt x Kt.
6—KtP x Kt (b.)	6—B-K 3 (c.)
7—Q-KKt 3.	7—Kt-Q 2.
8—P-Q 4.	8—P-KKt 3.
9—Kt-B 3.	9—B-K 2.
10—B-KR 6.	10—R-KKt.
11—B-Q 3.	11—P-QB 3.
12—Castles.	12—Kt-Kt 3.
13—Kt-KKt 5.	13—B x Kt.
14—B x B.	14—Q-B 2.
15—Q-R 4.	15—P-KR 4.
16—Q-KB 4.	16—Kt-B.
17—B-KB 6.	17—Kt-K 2.
18—Q-KKt 5.	18—Q-Q.
19—R-KB 2.	19—K-Q 2.
20—QR-KB.	20—Q-K.
21—Q-QB.	21—Kt-KB 4.
22—R-KB 3.	22—P-QKt 4.
23—B-KKt 5.	23—P-QR 4.
24—P-KR 3 (d.)	24—Kt-K 2.
25—Q-QR 3.	25—Kt-B.
26—R-B 6.	26—P-QR 5.
27—B x KKt P (e.)	27—R x B.
28—R x R.	28—P x R.
29—R-B 8.	29—Resigns.

(a) Black may reply 2—Kt-QB 3; then if 3—P-KB 4, P x P, which may lead to the Pierce gambit by 4—Kt-B 3, P-KKt 4; and from that into the Hamppe-Allgaier gambit by 5—P-KR 4, P-Kt 5; 6—Kt-KKt 5. The Steinitz gambit comes in by 4—P-Q 4, Q-R 5 ch.; 5—K-K 2, P-Q 4, etc.

(b) White may play 6—QP x Kt. In a game between Paulsen and Mason the game proceeded 6—B-K 2; 7—B-KB 4, B-K 3; 8—0-0-0.

(c) In Delmar vs. Mason the continuation from this point is: 6—Q-R 5 ch.; 7—P-Kt 3, Q-K 5 ch.; 8—Q x Q, P x Q; 9—B-KKt 2, Kt-B 3; 10—P-Q 4, P x P e. p.; 11—B x Kt ch., P x B; 12—P x P, B-R 3—about an even position. If Black does not play 6—Q-R 5 ch., the best continuation is 6—B-K 2; 7—P-Q 4, 0-0; 8—B-Q 3, P-KB 4; 9—Kt-R 3, P-B 3; 10—0-0-0, as in a game between Blackburne and Bell.

(d) Mr. Sommer says: "White threatens P-KKt 4, attacking the Kt; also to play Q-QR 3. Black retires the Kt to B sq. with disastrous results."

(e) If Black play 27—P x B; 28—R-B 8, R x R; 29—R x R, with the same result. Black need not capture the R. Suppose: 27—Kt-K 2; 28—B x BP, B x B; 29—Q-Q 6 ch., K-B; 30—R x B, Q-Q 2; 31—R-B 8 ch., and wins easily.

(f) The Q is lost.

One of the surprises of this year's match for the Newnes trophy was the failure of Pillsbury to win from Blackburne after securing a clear pawn early in the game. This year the Sicilian defense forged to the front, no less than three games being defended in that way, and Black won one, lost one, and drew one, which will tend to make this a popular opening again after a good many years of comparative disuse. Barry of Boston maintained his fine record; he has now five games to his credit—a clear score. Below is the score of his game against Atkins:

SICILIAN DEFENSE.

White—Barry.	Black—Atkins.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-QB 4.
2—P-Q 4.	2—P x P.
3—Kt-KB 3.	3—P-K 3.
4—Kt x P.	4—Kt-KB 3.
5—B-Q 3.	5—Kt-B 3.
6—B-K 3.	6—P-Q 4.
7—P x P.	7—Kt x P.
8—Kt x Kt.	8—P x Kt.
9—B-Q 4.	9—Q-Kt 4.
10—Castles.	—B-Q 3.
11—B-K 2.	11—Q-B 3.
12—P-KKt 3.	12—P-K 4.
13—Q-QB 3.	13—Castles.
14—B-B 3.	14—B-Kt 2.
15—R-K.	15—KR-K.
16—B-Q 2.	16—Q-K 3.
17—Kt-B 3.	17—P-KB 4.
18—Q-K 2.	18—Kt-B 3.
19—QR-Q.	19—P-KR 3.
20—P-QKt 3.	20—P-K 5.
21—Kt-R 4.	21—P-Kt 4.
22—B-B 3.	22—Kt-Q 4.
23—B-QR.	23—P-Kt 5.
24—B-KKt 2.	24—Kt-Kt 3.
25—Q-Q 2.	25—Kt x Kt.
26—Q x B.	26—Kt-Kt 3.
27—Q-B 5.	27—Q-Kt 3.
28—R-Q 6.	28—R-K 3.
29—KR-Q.	29—QR-K.
30—R x R.	30—Q x R.
31—R-Q 6.	31—Q-K 3.
32—R-Kt 6 ch.	32—K-R 2.
33—Q x KBP.	33—Resigns.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

ALEXANDRIA, S. D., April 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: Was General Kitchener ever married?—Anna Costigan.

Ans.—Biographies of General Kitchener do not mention the subject, from which we infer he was never married.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please answer the following question in Sunday Bee: A friend of mine had some jewelry sent him from Prussia, express prepaid. These goods are held in New York custom house for duty. They notified him that he must send them $32 for tariff duties. Is not this excessive? The value of the goods, original purchase, was about $70. What is a tariff per cent?—J. A. Flower.

Ans.—According to the local customs officer, "The present tariff laws of the United States provide a duty of 60 per cent upon jewelry, without distinction. On manufactures of metal a duty of 45 per cent is levied. Figuring the goods upon the price given by the correspondent the goods were admitted as manufactures of metal, as the tariff duty on jewelry valued at $32 would be $42, while $32 is about 45.7 per cent of $70."

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