

GENERAL SPORTING.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

James Francis Maggioni, Southern Billiard Expert, and His Victories on the Green Cloth—Evan Hollister on the Cinder Path—Mace and Donovan.



ALTHOUGH he has been before the public as a billiard player for the last twenty years, James Francis Maggioni says it is only within the last few weeks that he thought deeply about the game or studied it to any great extent.



J. F. MAGGIOLI. against many of the same men. Frank Ives was then in the shortstop class.

Mace and Donovan in the Ring.

Those past masters of the art, Jim Mace and Mike Donovan, faced each other before a large assemblage at the Broadway Athletic Club, New York.

Professor Hinton's Gun.

Professor Hinton gave the first public exhibition of his base ball pitching machine in the university gymnasium at Princeton, N. J., the other evening.

these prongs from the right to the left side of the cannon or from top to bottom, regulates the direction of the curve-in, out, up-shoot or drop.

Anson on Rules.

President Hart and Manager Anson are not altogether agreed on the question of playing rules revision.

A Successful Athlete.

Evan Hollister, the promising amateur athlete, was born at Buffalo, N. Y., April 28, 1875, and is, therefore, but little past his majority.



EVAN HOLLISTER.

capable of giving any one a hot race, will be content to let it rest where it is.

"There is no human invention so aptly calculated for the formation of a free-born people as that of the theater."

It is announced that Margaret Mather will appear in an elaborate revival of "Cymbeline" in Wallack's theater on the 18th of January.

Elenora Duse has lately been acting in Berlin, where she appeared in a revision of Pinero's "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" played in Italian as "The Second Wife."

TUBES FOR THE MAIL.

LETTERS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

Plans Are Completed, Work on the Material Has Been Begun and the Plant Will Be Put in at Once—Three-and-a-Half Minute Transfers.



PLANS for the construction of the pneumatic tubes which are to connect the New York and Brooklyn post-offices were completed last week.

The plant will be in operation within ninety days, says the New York Herald. B. C. Batcheller, the engineer who is in charge of the work.

"There will be two pneumatic tubes laid from the basement of the New York postoffice, running under Park row and upon the Bridge, where they will be extended alongside of the car tracks, and then under Washington street to the Brooklyn office.



DISPATCHING MAIL THROUGH THE TUBE.

and the mail matter. Then, where there are short bends, as there must be in making the necessary angles, brass tubes have to be used.

"In the basement of the two post-offices will be placed air compressors, together with the necessary receiving and despatching apparatus.

"A very important part of the plant is the carrier, which is an accurately constructed steel cylinder, twenty-four inches long, weighing twelve pounds, and made to fit in the tubes, so as to move freely.

The plant will cost about \$100,000, and will be constructed and maintained by a Philadelphia company. It is known as the Batcheller system and is the same that has been in use in Philadelphia for four years.

Charles Neilson, second assistant postmaster general, who has charge of the mail transportation, obtained an appropriation for the Bridge system from the last Congress, and said that it was to be the beginning of an extended plant.

"Pneumatic tubes between the New York postoffice and the various railway stations," he said, when asked about the contemplated work, "will relieve the department of seventy per cent. of the wagon transportation. It is estimated that tubes can be put in and maintained at the present rate paid for wagon service in large cities.

Patriotic.

Booker—Would you like these books bound in Russia? Smith—No. America will do.—New York Herald.

OBSTINACY OF THE LLAMA.

The Mule is Vacillating Compared with This Animal.

The boy called "U-pai" to the llamas, lifting his finger as if to point them up the trail. Ordinarily, remarks a writer in St. Nicholas, the animals would have obeyed, but the aggressive manner of Barton had aroused their obstinacy and they did not budge.

ABOUT FALSE HAIR.

GREEKS WORE IT LONG BEFORE THE CHRISTIAN ERA.

The Reapers of a Hirsute Harvest—How They Dazzled the Peasant Women of Brittany with Gay Petticoats and Giewgaws.



HISTORY records the fact that in 1862, in this country, long flaxen hair was purchased from the head at 10 shillings an ounce, while other fine hair fetched from 5 to 7 shillings for the same quantity.

A question that has doubtless often presented itself is, Where did all this hair come from? This question I will endeavor to answer.

These curious journeymen exerted every effort to gain their ends—a good head of hair; the former preferring the local fairs as a work room, the latter choosing to visit the dwellings of their possible clients.

CENSUS OF THE WORLD.

Most Stupendous Undertaking That Was Ever Devised.

A census of the world seems impossible, but it is going to be undertaken, says the London Mail.

Another Boycott.

"Now, come right down to the meat the matter, Shaver; what are you forming this barbers' union for?"

Pleas for Early Consideration. Cholly: "What do you think, dear boy? That beastly tailor sent me a bill to-day, and it is a week yet before the first."

Happy Vermont.

Vermont's Legislature meets but once in two years, and the session this year lasted but seven weeks.

LAWS OF MODERN WARFARE.

A Summary of Them as Observed by Civilized Nations.

The "laws of war," as at present formulated by the civilized nations, forbid the use of poison against the enemy; murder by treachery, as, for example, assuming the uniform or displaying the flag of a foe; the murder of those who have surrendered, whether upon conditions or at discretion; declarations that no quarter will be given to an enemy; the use of such arms or projectiles as will cause unnecessary pain or suffering to an enemy; the abuse of a flag of truce to gain information concerning an enemy's positions; all unnecessary destruction of property, whether public or private. They also declare that only fortified places shall be besieged, open cities or villages not to be subject to siege or bombardment; that public buildings of whatever character, whether belonging to church or state, shall be spared; that plundering by private soldiers or their officers shall be considered inadmissible; that prisoners shall be treated with common humanity; that the personal effects and private property of prisoners, excepting their arms and ammunition, shall be respected; that the population of an enemy's country shall be considered exempt from participation in the war, unless by hostile acts they provoke the ill-will of the enemy.

COAL FROM CHINA.

The Flowery Kingdom Proposes to Supply Uncle Sam with Fuel.

From the Detroit Free Press.—China has thrown down the gauntlet to the big coal miners of this country.

Good Cow Story.

There is a cow with eighteen horns at Kerrville, Tex. The two on her head are curved like the horns of sheep.

SOME LATE NEW THINGS.

A combination razor and case in which the strop slides into one side of the case has just been patented.

An electric roller for massage purposes is composed of plates of copper and zinc and generates its own electricity.

A recently patented solder for aluminum consists of thirty parts tin alloy, four parts aluminum and three parts zinc.

A newly designed double-barreled gun has only one trigger, a lever being used to change the action to either side as desired.

A handy device for opticians consists of an indicator to tell the angle at which the nose-piece of eye glasses must be set to fit the nose.

Blacking brushes for use with liquid blacking have a reservoir in the daber, together with a tube running into the bristles through which the polish runs.

A Massachusetts woman has a patented leather dressing consisting of a compound of wax, rubber, gutta percha, Spanish licorice and paraffin oil, the proportions being secret.

Circular extension tables are made with a number of slots on the under side into which the supports of semi-circular leaves are pushed to increase the circumference of the table.

A New York woman has designed a glass oven door in connection with a device for opening and closing the dampers by means of the expansion and contraction of the glass plate.

A recently designed watch-carrier for bicycles has a screw clamp to attach it to the head of the wheel, the watch being held in place by a number of springs to grip the stem and watch case.

Pneumatic roller skates having one wheel on each skate are just out. In connection with the foot plate and heel and toe clamps there is a brace running up to the calf of the leg to make it more rigid.

The latest curtain pole is cut into two equal sections lengthwise, hinged to each other and having a hole bored through it to hold a rod on which the curtain is hung, thus putting the hangers out of sight.

A new combination tool will drive or pull a nail and can be used as a pipe wrench. It has a movable beak, one side of which grips the heads of nails, the other side having teeth to hold the pipe solidly for turning.