

THE NATIONAL GAME.

PAST-SEASON NOTES OF THE NATIONAL GAME.

Some Interesting Figures Showing Curious Results in League Pennant Fight—Louisville's New Pitcher—Detroit's Second Baseman.



CLOSE study of the work of the various teams shows some remarkable facts. They (the teams) for years have been divided into two distinct and almost opposite classes, namely, the strong finishers and the weak finishers.

The Boston, Cincinnati and Baltimore are the three great conquerors. It is almost an Auegan task to beat either of them on their own ground.

It is readily seen the New Yorks' percentage of victories over the western clubs, as compared to their work against their eastern rivals, was .625 in 1894, .682 in 1895 and .609 in 1896.

In 1894 the East won 446 games and the West 336. In 1895 the East dropped to 416 games and the west went up to 367. Last year the latter advanced still further until the east had only 406 games to its credit and the west had 372.

Some Famous Plays.

Get three or four old-timers together and it is impossible to keep them out of the reminiscence mill. Many a good yarn is thus turned out of memory's hopper.

Pitcher William Magee.

William Magee of South Boston, who has been signed by the Louisville club, is a South Boston boy, and a very promising ball player.



WILLIAM MAGEE.

South Boston, and started out as a catcher, but afterward in the summer of '94 went with the Medford as a pitcher. He had great success. When the New England Association was formed in the early part of '95, he was signed by the Committee on Players, and afterward assigned to Pitsburgh, where he did good work.

pitcher. Magee is a modest fellow, and is sure to be a success, as he takes the best of care of himself.

A New Recipe for Pitchers.

Four years ago, after his season with the Brooklyn, Billy Hart, the popular twirler of the St. Louis Browns, and who is spending the winter at his home at Bond Hill, thought his arm was gone.

Detroit's New Second Baseman.

Harry Steinfeldt, the new second baseman, has signed a Detroit contract and sent it to Mr. Vanderbeck. The deals for the purchase of the player fell through when it was discovered that he had not been properly reserved.



HARRY STEINFELDT.

Harry Steinfeldt, as he is called in the Lone Star State, where he outranks all the second basemen, is but 21 years of age. He is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs 174 pounds.

Minor Leagues Galore.

Next season promises the usual crop of new minor leagues, together with the old ones that were able to exist through the season of 1896.

Tribute to Lyons.

Three hundred per cent batters are few and far between. Denny Lyons has batted around that mark ever since he played in fast company.

Mullane a Miller.

Tony Mullane will play with St Paul next season. He says that the various paragraphs that have been going the rounds of late are wrong.

In France there is one student of medicine to every 7,776 of its people.

THE KING OF MAGIC.

PROF. HERRMANN NEVER HAD ANY EQUALS.

His Place on the Stage Will Therefore Remain Unfilled—A Sketch of this Remarkable Man's Life—He Died Poor.



HE late Prof. Alexander Herrmann, the famous prestidigitateur, was born in Paris, France, in 1814.

and a great favorite of the Sultan of Turkey, who was wont to send for him and pay him a princely sum for a single entertainment. Carl Herrmann, Alexander's elder brother, also achieved great fame in the world of magic.



THE LATE PROFESSOR HERRMAN.

to country: For six years Alexander remained with his brother, and then his parents insisted upon his being sent to the University at Vienna.

The Queen's Return Present. Queen Victoria, in return for the gifts brought to her by Li Hung Chang from the emperor of China, is going to send to that ruler a jeweled miniature portrait of herself.

Lord Salisbury turns the scale at 252 pounds.

PILGRIMS TO FRIEDRICHSDORF.

They Came from All Parts of the World to Pay Homage to Bismarck.

"All about Friedrichsdorf you see evidences of the love borne," writes George W. Smalley, the famous correspondent, on "The Personal Side of Bismarck," in the Ladies' Home Journal.

The New Armenian Patriarch.

Mr. Malachias Ormanian, the new Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, is described as a very popular man, a fine scholar, being able to preach in four languages, and a moderate man

in politics, equally acceptable to the Armenian community and to the Porte. He is son of a Constantinople apothecary, and is 55 years of age.



MGR. MALACHIAS ORMANIAN.

He was afterward made bishop of Ezeorum, holding that see from 1880 to 1887; subsequently becoming professor of philosophy at the academy of Etchmiadzin, and then becoming rector of the Patriarchal Seminary at Armash

John Morley on Dogs. John Morley is fond of dogs, especially of a diminutive fox-terrier which is frequently seen at his heels on the Thames embankment or in Battersea Park.

Foul Play Feared. The body of Mike Martin, who with his partner, Charley the Swede, disappeared two weeks ago was found on the beach near where their boat came ashore at Charlevoix, Mich., last week.

MURDER MYSTERIES.

SOME CRIMES THAT ARE PUZZLING THE OFFICERS.

The Tragedy of the Pump House May Never Be Fully Explained—The Death of a Galveston Painter an Unfathomable Crime—Other Mysteries.



WHEN Night Pump-er Smith of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy pump station at Osceola, Iowa, went to the pumphouse the other night he found the lock badly battered and broken and upon opening the door

he found the lifeless body of a woman lying upon a grain door in the building. The body was badly bruised and battered and covered with blood, and the woman's hat was found lying near by.

The night clerk and a waiter of the hotel are held under guard as witnesses. The woman leaves one child, a boy of 4 years old. The victim was a very attractive looking woman.

Mystery of a Dead Man.

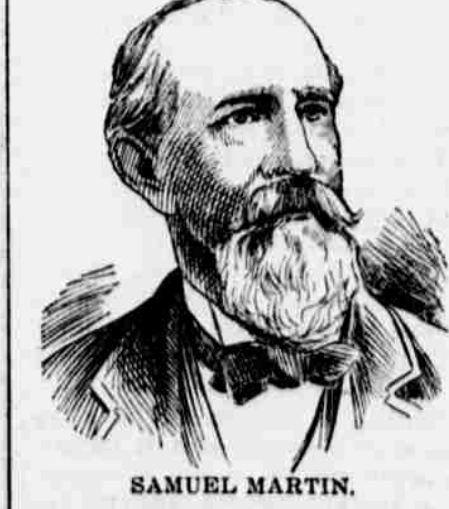
The body of an unknown man was found under the bushes two miles east of East Chicago, Ind., the other day. There was nothing on the body to identify the man, nor can it be ascertained who he is.

Saginaw Woman Is Missing.

Considerable excitement prevails at Saginaw, Mich., over the mysterious disappearance of Miss Annie Dawer recently. Miss Dawer, who is about 35 years of age, was guardian and companion to Mrs. Inez Hill Hanley, half sister of Arthur Hill, the wealthy lumberman of that place, which position she had held for nine years.

Murdered Man Found in the Bay.

The body of Samuel Martin, a painter, was found floating feet upward in the bay at Galveston, Texas, last week. When the body was landed it was found that the front of the skull was crushed in by some heavy blunt instrument, and around the neck was a rope, to the end of which was attached a heavy iron grate, indicating that Martin had been murdered, then weighted down and thrown overboard.



SAMUEL MARTIN.

days afterward the boat was found bottom up with a hole in it. His wife and the public were of the opinion that he had been accidentally drowned.

Exhaustion of Natural Gas. Recent statistics show that the supply of natural gas in the United States fell off one-half from 1888 to 1895. The decline has been less in Ohio and Indiana than in Pennsylvania, the product in the last-named state being worth more than nineteen million dollars in 1888, and less than six million dollars in 1895.

afraid his partner would some time kill him.

A Woman Murdered at Memphis.

Friday morning was ushered in with a horrible murder at Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Frank Watson, 25 years of age, was found dead in her residence on Pearce street. Her husband is under arrest, but has not confessed to the crime.

A New York Mystery.

An Italian stabbing affray is puzzling the New York police. Antonio Zanone, an Italian barber, was stabbed and fatally wounded by Luigi Catalone, a laborer, in a dark hall of the tenement house, at No. 237 Elizabeth street, a few minutes after midnight the other morning.



ANTONIO ZANONE.

ments the friends were startled by a cry of pain.

"By the Virgin, I am stabbed," came the cry in Italian. The three friends rushed into the hall, to find their comrade unconscious and bleeding on the floor. The strange visitor had disappeared.

After Waterloo.

"Never has the impression which the sight of Napoleon made upon me at the moment when destiny was about to pronounce between the world and him ceased to be present to me; his look, once so formidable and piercing, had lost its strength and even its steadiness; his face, which I had often seen, now beaming in kindness, now moulded in bronze, had lost all expression and all its forcible character; his mouth, compressed, contained none of its ancient witchery; his very head no longer had the pose which used to characterize the conqueror of the world, and his gait was as perplexing as his demeanor and gestures were undecided.

The Philippine Insurrection.

The latest reports from the Philippine Islands represent the insurrection there as rapidly spreading. The insurgents are estimated at fifty thousand, and they have been reinforced by deserters from the native troops.

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"Grads" in Hook.

A New York clergyman who recently conducted a Sunday morning service on Blackwell's island learned that there are at present fifteen college graduates wearing the "stripes" in that penitentiary.

The present ameer of Afghanistan is Abdur Rahman Khan, who ascended the throne in 1880. It is a little known fact that Afghanistan once had a Greek emperor, it being comprised within the limits of the territory conquered by Alexander the Great.