reason.

Prospects of Omaha in the Western League Still Uncertain.

CITIZENS NOT ALTOGETHER TO BLAME

Owners of the Team Pursue a Polley Not Calculated to Endear Them to the Local Public.

Just as we succeeded in cutting the mustard and moving out of the last hole into sixth position comes the possibility that Omaha will Jose the Western league franchise. No official announcement to this effeet has been made yet and no intimation will be given out by the magnates, but there is no question that the transfer is being very seriously considered. Nothing very definite will probably be done until toward the end of the aggregation's trip in the east.

While there is no question that the aggregation has not received enough support to Cornell-Yale-Harvard race at New London encourage President Schuman in remaining last week, here under existing circumstances, it cannot be said that this is all the fault of Omaha. This city may not be the best base a ball team if a right kind of business manwhich has been steering the club since be fore the opening of the season has been happen to Courtney, and we hope there

was followed for over a month. People became disgusted with this aggregation and the art of carsmanship he is. This state- element in the match the committee has of the most deceptive uttered by bird or too far out. Finally not an effort was made

places and the same business policy be pursued the men would be walking out of town on their uppers and with cavities within their internal regions in a very few

The history of the Babes during the seven days ending with Friday is confined entirely to the Millers. Six games were played and the Babes captured five of them, dropping the last one in a record-breaking fashionfor the twelve errors they made come pretty nearly establishing a new record. Five out of six, though, is about as good as any Western league team has been able to do ever with the northern weak sisters, so we have not much of a kick coming.

This has put us above both the Tigers and the Millers in the table with a nice little lead. Next above us are the Brewers and they are quite a stretch away and play ing good, though somewhat erratic ball They have no license to keep ahead of us and with a bit more strengthening the Babes ought to be knocking for admission into the first division before the season winds up.

If it had not been for that crazy quilt game with the Millers, the fielding marks would have been much better than they are. In batting, however, the Omaha contingent has succeeded in swelling their averages at the expense of the slab artists of the north. Hollingsworth carried off the lion's share of certain, they would have the support of the the honors in this line, for he swatted the old oarsmen of Yale and a hearty co-operaleather at a 40 clip and came in with his tion that has been plainly lacking in the bingles at very opportune times. McCauley last three years. Cook is an old Yale man picked up very well, too, while Fleming and was captain of the famous '76 crew, but held up his end. The tables are: BATTING AVERAGES

Fleming 5 19 5	7	7	36.8
McCauley 6 17 5	6	6	35.3
Preston 6 21 2	6	8	28.7
Fisher 5 18 3	5	7	27.8
Fisher	4	6	23.5
Roat 6 22 3	5	8	22.7
Daub	2	8	20.0
Eustace 6 23 5	4	6	17.4
Pickering 6 26 4	5	9	15.4
Wadsworth 2 4 0	0	0	
FIELDING AVERAGE	ES.		
PO.	A.	E.	Av.
McCauley 24	- 3	0	100.0
Fisher	14	1	96.8
Lyona 58	0	2	96.7
Hollingsworth 12	21	2 2	94.9
Eustace	17	2 2	93.1
Pickering 13	- 0	2	86.7
Roat 9	22	5	86.1
1900 CO.	10	19	29.4

Lyons		0	2	296
Hollingsworth	12	21	2	9
Eustace	. 10	17	2	93
Pickering	13	0	2	St
Roat	. 9	22	5	86
Daub	. 2	12	3	-83
Fleming	7	0.	2	7
Wadsworth	. 0	1	1	54
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individuals for the season: BATTING AVERAGES.

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	G. /	B	R	H.	TB	Av.	Inc.	Dec.
Fleming	23	94	16	34	41	36.2	***	
Preston	27 1	102	18	30	33			.2
Holly	52 1	196	16	56	66	28.6	1.7	111
Lyons	52.1	35	33	50	66	27.0	100	14
Roat	54 1	209	25	54		25.8		.4
Fisher	41.1	130	15	28	333	21.6	1.1	
Pickering	26 1	104	15	- 22	132	21.2		.6
McCauley	55		26	40	+46	20.9	1.4	
Elustace	54	NON	99	35	49	16.8		
Daub			4	6	17	10.7	2.0	
Wadswort	h . 3	7	0	0	0		***	
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		F	0.	A.	E1.	Av.	Inc.	Dec.
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Preston			61	- 2	5 7	92.6		- 34
Doub			11	76	7	92.6		2.2
McCauley		1834	100	66	22	92.4	.8	***
Hollingsw	orth .	. 1	08	194	18	92.2	.4	***
Figher		401	44	63	9	92.2	1.6	
Fisher Pickering		6	64	6	6	92.1	1.9	4.44
Eustace			94	129	23	90.7	.4	
	******		23	2	4	86.2	122	3.8
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Whether the team stays in this city or not, it will not come back until the end of July. There was a game scheduled here with Kansas City today and one on next Wednesday and one on Thursday. Kansas that effect from some of the Crimson's ath-City is drawing so much better than Omaha, though, that it was decided to transfer the land, but will probably be back in America games to the town down the river. Consequently the Babes will have six consecutive to this country it will not be to train games on the Blues' grounds, commencing college crew, however, but to marry a fai with one today. Two will be played tomorrow. After the concluding contest on Thursday the team goes to Indianapolis to ceeded in winning the hand of one of Bos start the swing around the eastern circuit. the Brewers, who cut down the lead of the to American shores were altogether in vain. champions to a very appreciable degree by There has been some little talk about setaking four straight games. The Brush curing Lehmann to coach the Yale crews farm has a habit of playing a very erratic fielding game at times and it is a bit surprising that it has not been tripped up more often than it has. It has a very short troduced there by Cook and it is not likely lead now and any one of the next three teams is likely to jump ahead of it at any time. St. Paul, Columbus and Kansas City still further abandonment of American ideas shifting in their positions. During the last of a purely English coach. Harvard unipied each of the three lower positions in excellent students of rowing and should be the first division. Milwaukee has been good teachers. Perkfns, Fennessey, Mor shooting forward and it will not be the un- row and a half dozen other old Harvard

It's only an evelash hold that the Reds. have had on the first position in the big league race for quite a little while. They have taken a mighty fall in only a little over two weeks. On June 15 they were eighty points to the good and on las-Thursday that lead had been cut down to eight, with prospects that they were soon to be overtaken by at least one, if not two, of the runners behind them. Chicago, although crippled, has been coming right along. In the second division Washington and Philadelphia have been doing the best away from the Giants.

COACHES FOR COLLEGE CREWS

Courtney Stays with Cornell, but Cook Leaves Yale and Lehman Goes. from Baryard.

Who will coach the college boat crews next year? This is a question that every collegian who has any interest in aquatics and every follower of boating matters in the country has asked several times since the

tion is easily answered, Charles E. Courtney ball town in the world, but it will support alive and well, and the man who would try will coach the Cornellians again, if he is agement is back of it. The business policy he has made at Cornell would have some to displace him after the successful record temerity, to say the least. Should anything very unbusinesslike to say the least. There's won't, it is an accepted fact that little where a whole lot of the fault really lies. Freddie Colson would be at once chosen to mittee, and no efforts will be spared to they are gone. Not only during their mi-In the first place a team that was made fill Courtney's place. That sounds pretty up in the main of dead ones was gotten to- funny, funnier to men who do not know the gether and with such an outfit the season little captain-coxswain than to those who are fully aware of what a past master of certainly would not flock to see a tailender. ment has probably never before appeared in decident to play match games in the evenclated among Cornell athletes for the last played on Wednesday, July 6, commencing nor ever has been made to interest the bus- two years. A great many people smiled at 6:30 p. m. prompt, and will be continued qualities are something phenomenal. when the Cornell crew a year ago selected on Friday. The scores made in these even-If a right sort of policy is pursued base the little coxswain for this year, but those interest could be worked up in this people did not know. Freddie Coison may city. Certainly Omaha would support a have been the first coxswain ever elevated Saturdays. It is hoped that the members team much better than St. Joe, Des Moines, to the position of captain of a 'varsity crew, Rockford and others of the small fry towns but his worth has been tried and is a known that are trying to get the franchise. If quantity; it's doubtful if any crew was ever the club should be moved to one of these better captained than the one that won from Yale and Harvard two weeks ago.

> At Yale it is generally admitted that Rob ert J. Cook, formerly "the peerless Bob Cook," has coached his last Yale crew. That was the sentiment of Yale men at New London and in the eastern cities after the race was rowed and that sentiment is bound to the New Haven university. Such action will not be taken because Cook lost again this year, although it is possible that things might have been different had Yale won. But ever since Yale's trip to Henley there has been opposition to Cook. This was strengthened last year when Yale lost to Cornell and it was only through the personal efforts of Captain Payne Whitney that Cook was given charge for this year. Whitney and Cook worked together well. Cook would not have been coach this year had not Whitney been captain and certainly no other coach but Cook would have let Whitney thing to say, but Captain Whitney was the poorest oar in the Yale shell in its last race and was the only one who caught any crabs to speak of.

It is believed that some of the recent paranen of Old Yale will have charge of the coaching of the Yale crews next season. Treadway and Armstrong are most promibetter men could be found. One thing is that will not keep him at the head of the

the Yale oarsmen dissatisfied with his methods, but several members of the Yale faculty have recently had something to say about try and change the natural tendencies of were going. So the old coach, once so sucessful, widely honored and highly respected. will leave the stamping rounds of old Eli, soon to sail for foreign shores. He will spend a part of the summer in England, tudying the methods of English crews as exhibited at the Henley races in July. After that he is to go over to France and it is reported about his old home in Philadelphia It would surprise no one if this were true, for Cook has to all intents and surposes become a professional coach. loyal alumnus he went back to New Haven and later to New London for a number of years to help put the crews in shape. This was his vogue for a number of years. in the few years preceding the passing of Cook his custom has been different. He has moved from Philadelphia to New London after the Christmas holidays, and remained there with the oarsmen night and day until after the June races. He has practically given up his newspaper work in Philadelphia and with a commendable ambition to train a crew to beat the ones turned out by Courtney at Cornell, has given up everything else to accomplish his heart's desire He has had two trials and failed and this after doing all in his power to prevent the crews from meeting. Cook was the king of aquatic coaches until his crew met those

Rudolph C. Lehmann of England will not be back in America to train next year's crews of Harvard university. That is set-Lehmann says so himself and we tled. opine that he may have received a tip to letic advisers. He has returned to Engin the early autumn. When he comes back young New England bride. If Mr. Lehmann could not win boat races over here he sucton's swell society girls, so he probably The Hoosiers met a tight proposition in does not consider that his two annual visits but those best posted take no stock in the report. The truth is that Yale is tired of the English ideas of rowing recently inthat the athletic advisers of the grand old university at New Haven would allow a are making a hot run and each day sees a of rowing for the adoption of the system week each of these aggregations has occu- versity is not without some men who were

of Courtney, but now "the king is dead;

long live the king."

SPORTS OF THE LAST WEEK expected if she succeeds in pushing herself oursmen are looked upon as probabilities has, some of them being away up to six biffer in the ring, but the pace that he has and any of them would certainly form a pounds in weight. strong nucleus for a school of graduate coaches, which is truly the best system, be-

of professionalism.

Getting Ready for the Big Tournsment This Month-Some Timely

Hints for Ratters. The cricketers of Omaha are beginning to make active preparations for the tournament of the Northwestern Cricket asociawork. The former is threatening to boost tion, which will be held Monday, July 18, and Brooklyn, while the Quakers seem to be succeeding days. The association is comworking to take the head of the division posed of five organizations: Manitoba Taking the winning crew first, the queshave strengthened their teams this year. The | nominally large wing surface. matches should, therefore, be the most in-

The entertainment of the visitors is recold print, but it has been known and appre- ings. The first evening match will be ing games will count in the season's averages just the same as those compiled on of the club will turn out strong for these matches. The team to be selected for the tournament needs all the practice it can possibly get, and every one should take sufficient pride in the club to do all they possibly can to ensure its success.

lowing suggestions to the local players: straight. The left shoulder should be brought well across the wicket. The bat straight, or nearly straight.

does, result in the acquisition of runs. In meeting. both back and forward play the bat and It is said that the declaring off of this fuse to play the ball. James, the great Win- traction. nepeg bowler, requires careful watching in batsman is prepared.

it, if practice is carried out carefully and studiously. It is a mistake for a coach to the loose manner in which aquatic matters his pupils. The great thing is to develop the students' abilities to their best and fullest extent. There has been too little coaching in connection with our cricket this year. 'unwept, unhonored and unsung." He is Some one is to blame for this, and now it is too late to organize a regular system of coaching, at any rate before the tournament.

Playing with a straight bat is to batting what good length is to bowling. This point club crews for a regatta to be held late this players. Timing the ball is another important factor in the batter's makeup-hitting the ball at exactly the right moment, As in exactly the right attitude and with the making up your mind what to do before the | to 23, inclusive. hall has left the bowler's hand. A previous resolve of this kind is absolutely without any data. Men lose their wickets by having to correct their strokes more often than for any other reason. Let me impress upon players the necessity in forward play of moving the front leg out close to the spot where the bat is to meet the ball. If this is not done the stroke is likely to be weak and feeble. In playing any kind of bowling, it is best for a batsman, until he becomes perfectly familiar with it, to play quietly and steadily. He should try and find out all there is about the bowling before he starts to make mincement of it. When he gets his eye in, then, and only then, may he take the bowling under his own management.

> Batsmen must not move from the wicket. Such a movement is fatal to good play. If the right leg is moved backward toward square leg it is impossible to play with a straight bat. All our batsmen are weak in this respect.

FOR DEVOTEES OF GUN AND ROD

Dupont and Omaha Clubs Promise Fine Lot of Entertainment for the Trap Experts.

Trap shooting will have quite a boom hereabouts this afternoon and tomorrow. The Dupont will have a big affair this afternoon on its grounds today, while the Omaha Gun club will have a shoot going all the day Monday. There is every prospect that shoots, as the two clubs have joined in a way to make both big successes.

The Dupont club is putting up a great card. Its shoot commences at 10 o'clock with the regular club event. The start is made at that early hour in order to have the shoot out of the way by 3 o'clock, when a sweepstakes is to be pulled off. After that there is to be a sweepstakes for everybody, and some live bird events.

The club shoot will be a big thing, and is expected to be crowded and hotly contested. A dozen prizes have been hung up for the contestants. This event will be confined solely to club members, however. The sweepstakes will probably be well filled, too, because a big contingent from the Omaha Gun club is expected to be on hand to show the Dupont outfit how to shoot.

The Omaba Gun club has a program that will last all the day, commencing at 9 o'clock, on Monday, the Fourth of July. The events will be principally of a sweepstakes character, and there are also to be some live bird shoots. The attendance will be swelled by a reciprocate contingent from the Dupont club.

Ed Krug has returned from a couple of weeks' stay down at Lake Langdon. He had a great time with the fish and had some fine sport. He roped in any quantity of

cause it is further removed from the taint. Onawa yesterday for a day's sport on Blue, the best of it, but that is a whole lot, when

OMAHA CRICKET CLUB'S WORK John and Henry McDobaid united the spoon at Miller's lake last Thursday and enjoyed some nice sport. They pulled out thirty pounds of bass in the few hours they were out on the water.

There is a little aport in sight in the near future for the lavers of the gun, who have been compelled to either lie idle or content themselves with work at the trap since the ducks took their flight northward. The upland ployer will soon be here in sufficient quantities to afford fine sport unless Cricket association, Chicago Cricket association, Denver Cricket club, Minnesota he has changed his habit of many years Cricket club and Omaba. The local club has growth. These birds usually come in from ecured the new base ball park for the week | the north about the middle of July and reand two games will be played daily. Tickets main for from two weeks to a month, their are now out and in the hands of members, favorito ground being freshly mowed mend-For a single admission they cost 25 cents, or lows. They are perhaps the most aggravator the entire series \$1.00. It is hoped the ling bird with which the gunner has to conpublic will attend these matches, as they tend. They make very little or no effort at will have an opportunity of witnessing the concealment, stalking over the newly mowed best cricket ever seen in the United States | meadow in full view of the gunner, looking outside of Philadelphia, the home of Ameri- much larger than they really are. In this can cricket. The Manitoba association is tantalizing manner they tempt the gunner, reputed to be very strong this year. Chi- only to take flight just when he is almost rago is determined to win back the honors near enough for a shot. This flight is selout last year, and may be expected to bring dom for long, when they settle down to its very best team. Denver is an unknown lead the sportsman another chase. When quantity, but from all accounts will prove within shooting distance they are a comwarm aggregation. Minnesota and Omaha paratively easy mark, owing to their phe-Like all the birds of the snipe and allied

teresting ever played under the auspices of families, when on their travels, they are night-fliers-no one has any license to tell when they come or when they go. You ceiving the attention of the Omaha com- know they are here and again you know make the time pass pleasantly for our guests. grations do they fly at night, but they are The Omaha team must get down to hard at all times active after sundown, their work if it expects to win any laurels at the plaintive, penetrating call greeting the ear tournament, and as it proposes to be an at every hour. This call, by the way, is one the distance or direction of the bird. At close quarters it is not loud, but its carrying

WITH HORSE AND HORSEMEN

Omaha's Summer Meeting Comes to an Untimely End-Some Notes of the Turt.

The summer meeting of the Fair and Speed association was called of Friday. As far as it went the purses will be paid in full and the same action will be taken re-Following the criticism of last week in garding the bills and claims incurred. The The Bee, the cricket writer makes the fol- racing that was shown was good. All the promises made regarding the class of horses Appended are a few hints with regard entered were fulfilled. Some of the best to batting, which should be thoroughly di- animals in the western country were enfind expression in the athletic councils of gested by the batsman: Grip the bat firmly tered and the fields were usually filled in with the right hand, less firmly with the all the events. Every heat was a race, too left. The right toe should be just clear if there was any jockeying there were no of the wicket. All the weight of the body evidences of it. An excellent card was put should be on the right foot, none on the left up all around and it is too bad that Omaha foot or bat. Both knees should be kept people did not avail themselves more of the opportunity to see good races.

All the predictions made regarding the must be kept perfectly upright for nearly showing the track would make were also all balls, always for those which are made good. When a 2-year-old can go a mile in 2:25 at this time of the year, when The batsman's first object should be to a 3-year-old has to go under the 2:29 mark defend his wicket, the second to score runs. to make a winning, when a 2:15 horse goes The two things may be reasonably com- in 2:09% and a 2:24 animal in 2:10, the unbined, and a defensive stroke, if played with derfooting must be pretty fast. Those were row an oar in a 'varsity shell. It is a hard determination and power, may, and often some of the right particular features of the

left leg should be so close together that meet at this stage is likely to put an end to the ball cannot pass between them. The light harness events in the future. It is batsman should always be comfortably set- hardly likely that this will be true, though, begins to run. "Be in time" is a valuable men of the city. To be sure, the attendance maxim. If the bowler is fidgety at the was light, but that is going to be the rule nently mentioned and it is doubtful if any post and bowls before the batsman is quite with all outside everas this year. The exready, the latter should draw away and re- | position is proving too great a counter at-

> running meet this summer. Although they meeting. tled in the near future.

The final meeting in the western circuit takes place in St. Joseph next week. That tinues, "are few, but every player is very perfection of a cavalry officer. the horsemen to get their animals over to displayed by others. There is no valid reathe grand eastern circuit.

that he will train one of the French boat should be impressed on the minds of all a mark around 2:05. The official route this purely involuntary and used in perfect inyear is as follows: Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Buffalo, Glens Falls, Readville, Hartford and Portland, in the order named. The opening occurs at Deright action. The first thing to avoid is troit, where the dates extend from July 18

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS

Among the Followers of Fistinna.

During the past week there has been more fighting amongst the top-notchers than there was for a long time before. The Ruhlin-Sharkey mill, the Dixon-Jordan match and the Sullivan-Hawkins fight furnished a nicer bill of biffers than has been presented to the public for weeks and weeks. furnished some surprises, too. For the future there is nothing very

promising. It seems as if all prospects for a match between Kid McCoy and Choynski are off because of the fact that the two fighters have been unable to agree upon a meeting place. McCoy is now flirting with Corbett, who declares that he is ready to meet him for a stogey, if no money can be be found. Joe Goddard and Pete Maher are down for another go on July 8 for a purse of \$8,000. There are plenty of goes scheduled for the lesser lights, however.

Gus Ruhlin's defeat at the hands of Sailor Sharkey was expected, of course, but it was not anticipated that he would be disposed of quite so easily. But while the Akron giant was disposed of in such short order, Sharkey cannot claim too much from the There is no question, judging victory. from the published accounts, that there was a whole lot of luck in the result.

It was just at the close of the first round there will be a big attendance at both Before that the two men had been playing even. Ruhlin jabbed his left into Sharkey's face twice and Sharkey swung both right and left a, the head, which staggered Sharkey was quick to see his opportunity and quickly swung his right on Ruhlin's jaw, dropping the Ohio giant helpless to the floor. . It was a clean knockout blow, of course, but if Ruhlin had ducked an inch lower in dodging a left feint, a different story might have been told.

Generally this victory would incline one to believe that Sharkey is a much better man than McCoy, taking into consideration the length of while Ruhlin stood off the latter, but it is questionable whether such a conclusion can rightly be drawn. It does look as if the sailor must do something better before he is entitled to a place in the front ranks. A great-to-do has been raised by Sharkey's friends to the effect that the ex-sailor is now entitled to more favor because he indulged in no foul tactics, but did he have a chance to, in the brief two minutes' fighting?

What was promised at the time Solly Smith gained a decision over George Dixon has developed more into a fact as a result of the winning of Ben Jordan over the colored wonder last Friday night. Dixon has probably fought more fights and proportionately won more victories than any other again restored to its former size.

traveled must put him out of the race with younger aspirants for the honors very soon. Doe Owens and Albert Edholm went to To be sure. Ben Jordan had but the shade the colored boy's vast experience is consid- The Energetic, Intelligent, but Undecorative ered. The way he went right into the champion's leads and found him, stamps him as a persistent fighter, and declares him to be without question a comer in the class. He has an excellent past record, although it is not a long one, nor does it contain the names of many stars. His showing against Dixon is all the more creditable for that

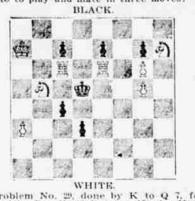
> Spike Sullivan's defeat of Dal Hawkins was not altogether unexpected. In fact, it would have been hard to get much better than an even bet on the bout, because of the good things that Sullivan has been doing in the past. The result comes near putting of the London Mail. As my friend the first him in the same class with Kid Lavigne, lieutenant says: Daly and McPartland. They form a quartet of lightweights that would puzzle a guesser parlor ornaments. He has his army get to select the best one.

CHESS.

ighteenth moves:

Black-Lasker - Pto K 4. -Kt to Q B 3. -B to B 4. -B to Kt 3. -B to R 2.
-P takes P.
-Kt to B 3.
-Castles.
-Kt to K 2.
-B takes P. 12—B takes P.
13—P to Q 4.
14—Kt to Kt 2.
15—Kt takes P.
16—Q to B 4.
17—Q to B 4.
18—Kt takes P.
19—B takes Kt.
20—Q takes B.
21—R takes B.
22—Kt takes B.

white to play and mate in three moves:



author felt that he had Although the author felt that he had lavor that they make pro-eason to believe this arrangement per- fast matter of seniority. fect in all ways, the second sound solution of Q to Q 6 (ch), followed by B to R 3, suggested by D. T. Logan and T. N. Hartzell

WHIST.

The June number of "Whist" contains a new code for duplicate whist as proposed by tled to receive the ball before the bowler and it is not considered likely by the horse P. J. Tormey, chairman of the committee on laws of the American Whist league. It is not proposed as a report of the full committee but is intended as a basis for dis-This ending of the meet, however, has put the time is too short for its adoption this this particular. Many of his wickets are the directors of the speed association in year, it will undoubtedly be the framework ing methods. gained by his starting to bowl before the doubt is to the advisability of holding a of a fully matured code for next year's

> it is remarked that they have been a theme across his shoulders, and the yellow son for imputing their use to any intentional all officers-majors and captains and lieu unfairness, for whist players do not stoop to tenants. You could not describe them a cuit, the amount reaching \$330,000. There is habit copied from some better player upon the man who knows his business and who an opportunity for preity nearly every sort whom the learner has modeled his methods knows that he knows it. of a horse, from a green one to one with of play. More generally, however, they are nocence, though the user succeeds, nevertheless, in being exasperating." A correspondent from the Woman's Whist congress also deals with this subject and mentions a particular case. "Because a noted whist author and expert has a habit of standing a card on its edge and holding it there till one gets tired of waiting, and then flops it over, is that a reason for a lot of women doing the same thing? There is certainly nothing more distracting, and to me it seems exceedingly silly."

There was only a small attendance at the meeting of the Omaha Whist club Wednesday night, but an interesting session was held. East and West won by a narrow margin, as follows:

East and West-Redick and Morsman Crummer and Scannell. Garner and Bushman... Total Average Questions and Answers.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, June 27.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: What is the number of the states of this union, also the names of territories not yet admitted to the union of states?—Pling. Ans.—Forty-five states. The territories are New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. Alaska small posts out in the remote west and and Indian Territory are considered territories, although they do not have the usual territorial form of government.

WIND-BUILT DIKE OF SAND.

Interesting Example of Natural En

gineering in Holland. An interesting illustration of natural en gineering is the well known heavy dike on the Holland coast, which was built by the winds themselves, relates Invention. The sand formed between the jetties becoming dry in sunny weather, and the surface blown ashore on the wind blowing in that direcion, it was desired to build a strong dike to connect with the sand dunes, and this was accomplished by setting in the sand, in rows about one foot apart, tufts of dune sea grass nearby. The tufts thus placed, consisting simply of little handfuls of grass, were put, each one, into a cavity dug out with the hands, the tuft being set into this and the sand pressed around.

The whole surface of the dry, sandy beach above high tide was covered with the plantation, and just back of it, at the highest have accomplished his customary uniformity. drifting along over the surface, catching retain, as well as his individuality, his own sand in one day almost burying the tufts of intelligence. That to the European view grass and standing up one foot along the seems almost horrible. row of reeds; then another plantation being made, and another, a massive dike was thus complete command over the aggregation of built up to the height of the adjoining dike. separate individualities? What he wants, as In high storm tides the waves eat into the you have always known for certain, is a top of the slope and pull down the sand, but by the same process of building the dike is the drill instructor's pulping machine into a

AS VIEWED BY A FOREIGNER

American Soldier.

FIGHTERS WHO KNOW THEIR BUSINESS

Regular and Volunteer as They Appear in Camp-Simplicity of Dress. to be intelligent because he needs intelli-

The American army is not an ornamental if you'll give me an intrenched institution, writes the Tampa correspondent

out in the wood yard, where they hustle. My friend the lieutenant is, personally, by no means decorative. He did not shave this morning; I rather fancy that he did The following is a game between W. H. K. not shave yesterday. He has a grizzling Pollock and E. Lasker, played during the mustache, for he is, I should say, 40 rogress of that particularly bright event in years of age; his face is tanned, not with thess history, the Hastings (England) the new surface brown tan of the Florida tournament, in 1895. It was noted that in sun, but tanned three inches deep with this case, as in others, Lasker declined the time and all kinds of weather. He wears Evan's gambit, though he has declared that his black braided uniform coat-the thin he knows a winning defence. White's error shoulder strap with the single bar, which in judgment occurred in the seventeenth and denotes his rank, is the only touch of millinery about him-unbuttoned, showing his colored cotton shirt. His slouch felt hat, dented in at the top and pinched in at the sides, bangs on the back protuberance of his head, so that its wide circle of brim forms a frame for his jolly, round, clean shaven face.

He is not decorative by any means, but he is six feet tall. His coat, built by some it anyway? That fellow will go through prairie post tailor, wrinkles over his back and chest; but his back is like the side of a house, and under the wrinkles there is a chest like a hogshead of Burton beer. His do that I don't give a rap to have him hitbrown canvas leggings do not fit him very ting himself on the eyebrow every time I well; but this is because his calves are too big for any reasonable size of legging. No; he is certainly not a good sample of

the ornamental army officer; but he is a But as an example of a fine, frank, straight, perfect picture of health and strength and vigor and condition. When he moves it is with the easy, graceful freedom of the athlete. When he rests there is the athlete's easy grace in his attitude. If he is not ornamental he is impressively picturesque, and if I were a Spaniard, or two, or even half a dozen Spaniards, I fancy should be anxious to keep out of his way. He received his military training at the West Point Military academy. He has learned his trade in a twenty years' apprenticeship out west, fighting Indians and -which is just as difficult-keeping Indians from fighting. He has distinguished himself a dozen times, does not know the meaning of fear, hardly knows the meaning of fatigue, is as simple and honest and truthful and modest as he is tall and straight and strong and brave, and is a No Breakfast for Those Who Want to lieutenant still, after twenty years' service, not because he has not deserved promotion, but because in this democratic land they are so fearful of promotion going by favor that they make promotion a hard and obesity, "the first meal of the day should Two Generals.

The stout, solid looking, elderly gentleman in a straw hat, who, in his severely plain blue uniform, looks like a metropolitan police superintendent, is the general-General Wade. The other placid, stout, solid, elderly gentleman, who also looks like a metropolitan police superintendent, is the other general-General Shafter. They are not glittering ornaments; but General Wade is known throughout the army as a "fighter" from Bloodville," and General Shafter, cussion. The code appears to be judiciously though he occupies so much space in his and impartially constructed and, although rocking chair, has been famous ever since brolled, roasted or boiled-not fried. A half the war for the vigor and dash of his fight- pound of ment may be eaten at this meal. A

The tall, spare, gray, elderly man, who without butter, a bit of well-ripened choose, keeps a cigar wagging between his teeth all and a cup of clear coffee may form the I believe strongly in net practice, and I have already decided to hold such an affair, In the same magazine appears an inter- the while he is talking, is a colonel. Ex- dessert. The success of this freatment lies Yale navy. Not only are the students and do not think a player can have too much of they seemed to be inclined to reconsider the esting article on whist mannerisms in which cept for his riding boots and the straps in doing without breakfast. of comment, and often of objurgation, ever down the seam of his trousers leg, he looks more; in a few days she will find that the since the game has been established. "Whist like a gas meter inspector; but he is as so-called hunger is not felt at the pit of the players who have no mannerisms," it con- hard as a wire rope, and is, they say, the stomach, and in less than a week she will will end at the close of the week, in time for sensitive to their objectionable nature when men who stand or sit about in groups look and the last at 5 or 6 o'clock-better than ing like overgrown school board men are An enormous sum is being put up in that sort of thing. Sometimes they are showy; but they all stand like athletes and purses this year by the grand trotting cir- merely due to affectation-little tricks of they all have the easy, confident style of

The rank and file would not fetch fance prices as works of art. You may see hun dreds of them walking about on the wooder platform sidewalks of the little town. They wear brown laced leggings like their officers; rough blue serge trousers, generally the worse for wear; loose serge shirts of a shade darker blue, and soft felt broad brimmed. gray slouch hats, with a narrow, pinched up fore and aft dent in the crown. They remind you of the men who do the rough work in a circus-hard faced men, with square jaws and prowling eyes. They smoke incessantly, there is reason to suspect that they chew a good deal; in conversation they ncessantly invoke a Holy name, and every time they invoke it they spit. But their average height is five feet eight inches or five feet nine inches, and every man looks like an athlete. Afoot they go with great swinging strides mounted they sit in their saddles as if they had been born there 241 Physically, they are as fine soldiers as one could wish to see-every man a picture of 724 health and strength.

"It's like this," says my lieutenant, "we don't keep any big army, but what we got gets big money; so we only want the best. and we can afford to be very 'choosy' in our recruiting. And when a good man joins the outfit he lives good, and is fed good, and is paid good, and the life can't help make a good man of him. Why, some of them have stopped with the outfit through half a dozen re-enlistments."

Trained in the West. Many of the men have never seen a big

town for years. They have been stationed in north, living the hard, healthy lives of dis ciplined cowboys, hunting, fishing and fighting, in the saddle always. It is years since any regiment has been gathered together as the regiments are gathered here. The na ture of the army's ordinary duties demands that the regiments should be split up into small detachments stationed hundreds of miles apart. One is curious to see how men who have been accustomed only to act in dividually or in small bodies will behave now that, for the first time, they are called upon to fight in large combinations. And what of their discipline? These great

big athletic officers, you say to yourself, and these great big athletes of the rank and file are all very well individually-splended fel lows-but what of them collectively? Isn't their discipline rather lax? Each man you notice seems to wear his hat at any angle which suits his fancy, or fits in with his comfort. As they go about town each may seems to walk with the stride which suits his habit, and the accommodation of his own legs. The drill sergeant does not seem to point of the existing sandy area, one or two Each man—and to the European eye it seems rows of weeds were set in the sand, their so strange as to be almost ludicrous each tops cut off and the stalks left standing man seems actually to retain something of about four feet above the sand-the latter, his own individuality. Every man seems to How, you wonder, can an officer exercise

number of men reduced by long pressure of

condition in which they will do just as they

are told exactly as they have been taught to I questioned my lieutenant upon this

Intelligence is the Thing. "Why, my boy," said he, "that's just it-Intelligence. The American soldier has more intelligence than any soldier in the world, just because he is expected to have more. He can't point his toes like a Boston gosling, because he don't have to. He don't have to learn any parlor tricks like An interesting Friendly Sketch of the that, nor to dress himself up in parlor clothes, because he don't have any kings and emperors to come and amuse themselves looking at him. But he's expected

gence in his business, and he's taught to be a daisy shot and a daisy horseman, and and a regiment of our poys I'll hold out for a show down against any infantry force you can bring against me. "Uncle Sam don't keep any soldiers for "Yes, siree, with twenty of the boys the major over there held off more than five hundred Indians up in the White valley for three days-and that was after be'd been corraled and had every horse in the troop shot down. Why did he do it? Be-

cause every boy used his intelligence as well as his rifle." This morning I saw six feet of muscle stretched out on the grass under a tree. It had a cigarette in its mouth, its hat brim drawn down over its eyes, and one knee bent to make a rest for the other leg. An officer came by, and I looked up to see what the soldier would do. He saluted. But he saluted without troubling to get up. He just lay there on the flat of his back and saluted. I pointed out this grave shortcoming to my grizzled lieutenant. I regret to say that he failed en-

tirely to see the point. "Why should he sainte any more than he does?" he asked; "what's the good of h-l and back again if I tell him to. He's done it before yesterday, and he'll do it again after tomorrow, and so long as he'll go by."

No: they are not at all ornamental, these American soldiers, neither officers nor men. honest, kindly, lovable gentleman, strong and brove and unright the American officer commands my enthusiastic respect; and as to the men-well, if you looked the lower regions over for a collection of hard muscled giants with the eternal bonfire glittering in their eyes, you could not better these.

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