### THE LOCAL WORLD OF SPORT.

Inquiries About the Old Omaha Rowing Association.

A HORSEMAN TALKS POINTEDLY,

Rounding Into the Homestretch -Latest News From the Diamond-Coliseum Attractions - Rod and Gun-Miscellaneous.

The Old Boat Club.
What has become of the Omaha Rowing association! is a question that is frequently asked. Two years ago this organization was in a very healthy and vigorous condition, with live and energetic officers, quite a large membership, and complete equipment, A substantial boat house was built at Manawa, and which, by the way, still stands there, and a full complement of boats purchased, and the members of the club could be seen flashing over the smooth waters in friendly competition almost any evening. To-day the boats are locked up in the boat-house, and all interest in them, so far as Omaha is concerned, seems to have died out. One of the principles intentions of this association. concerned, seems to have died out. One of the principal intentions of this association was to get on annual amateur regatta on these waters, but the enterprise died a-bornin', and not even a single race ever took place. Such gentlemen as Dr. Conner, Major Clarkson, Arthur Wakeley and others equally well known, were interested in aquatics formerly, but of late have been undemonstrative. This is to be re-gretted, as there is no healthier, more beneficial or enjoyable exercise in the whole category of manly sports than rowing. whole category of manly sports than rowing, and a midsummer amateur regatta at Lake Manawa would attract as much general at-tention and patronage as anything that could be thought of. Cannot the old club be

#### POINTED HORSE TALK.

What Are Our Leading Horse-Lovers Doing for the Sport?

In conversation with a well-known horse man last evening, the latter grew enthusiastic over the necessities of a racing meet of some kind or other for this city, but did not look upon the chances of securing such an enterprise as very encouraging. He remarked that a gentleman's club, for roadster, races, such as has been advocated from time to time in THE BEE, would be an excellent institution in itself, and afford a season of pleasure each fall and spring, and even in midsummer, that would be unsurpassed. "This," he continued, "would eventually lead to something better, because, with the right parties interested in the project the right parties interested in the project it wouldn't require a very great length of time to give us a full-fledged genume jockey club, such as they have in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and in fact every other city in the country of any pretentions or ambition. Why, look at St. Paul, what a magnificent week they have just had of it. All the big running horses in the country, the crack Derby winners, and all; tremendous crowds and a regular gala time for everybody. Do you pretend to tell me that such an event is you pretend to tell me that such an event is not a good thing for any city. It not only affords amusement and profit for all her citizens, but advertises the place far and wide, as a thriving, lively, hustling, appreciative

and enterprising place. "But I hardly think we can expect much here in Omaha, at least at present, when you consider that the State Breeders' association couldn't raise from our merchants, betels, saloons and horsemen a \$700 guarantee to hold their annual meeting here, and it goes to Hastings instead. This meeting, too, mind you, is for Nebraska-bred stock alone, and should have awakened the liveliest kind of interest and competition throughout the whole state. There are twenty men in this city alone who could have well afforded to subscribe half this amount themselves, in their own private interests. But as I in-timated once before there is too much wind about Omaha's horse and alleged turf-men, to bring forth anything tangible in the shape of a club or association. They will probably bestir themselves after Lincoln or state, makes a move in this direction. It would be funny, wouldn't it, if Lincoln would get up a successful running and trot-

### THE BASE BALL SITUATION.

The Chase Dowe the Home-Stretch Hot and Furious.

If ever there was an exasperating period in the progress of the western association chase, it was last week when St. Joe, who hadn't won but a single game from Omaha during the whole season before, tually knocked the White Sox two straight games. Had not been for Papa Sutton's team in the pine woods jumping upon St. Paul at the same time, and winning three games from her Omaha would have tumbled ingloriously back into second place. The Aposties are still trailing doggedly at their beels, however, waiting for an opportunity to

dash to the front, However, if one takes the trouble to analyze St. Paul's work these days they will find that her game is not one whit better than that being put up by Minneapolis, Sioux City, St. Joe, Denver or Des Moines. nowhere nearly as strong as that of the Omanas. The fact is, that the wonderful run of luck that attended the Saints all through the early part of the season, has, in a great measure, deserted them, and they are now compelled to play on their merits, or not win at all. Like Kansas City's first month's spurt in the Ameri-can association, and the phenomenal run Cleveland has been enjoying in the Naonal league, St. Paul has been playing out that the individual or collective strength of her men did not justify, and one which all competent authorities on the game knew full well she could not well maintain throughout the season. From almost the top notch in the association Kansas City has gone down to the very bottom and is making a frantic fight to keep out of the last hole. Then Cleveland, who two weeks ago was crowding the mighty Bostons for the lead in the league, has won but two games in the last twelve played, and has tumbled from a close second back to a bad third, and will

But to return to the Western association race. Minneapolis and Sioux City are both in it yet, though Omaha and St. Paul have a long lead, which, it is to be hoped, Omaha separating the leaders from the two teams mentioned is not so great that it cannot be easily bridged. Some good luck for them, and, of course, the reverse for Omaha and and, of course, the reverse for Omaha and St. Paul, will make a big change in a mar-

St. Paul, will make a big change in a mar-velously short time.

The race for the league pennant is still furiously hot, Boston and New York run-ning neck and neck, with the Bean Eaters with their hose to the front, and Philadel-phia, Cleveland and Chicago scrambling frantically for third place, and Indianapolis, Washington and Pittsburg over the tail end, with the chances in favor of the teams with the chances in favor of the teams as named. As to the lead, Borton must keep a big club in soak for New York when they meet in their next series,

which will inevitable decide who shall hole The American association is affording as much excitement as any of them, and promises to be a very sultry chase to the end.
Within the past week Brooklyn has jumped over the Athletics into second place, and would have jumped still higher had the other teams done their duty when they met Von der Ahe's lambs; but they didn't because St. Louis kept right on winning just as the Brooklyns did, so the distance between the two remained, up to the latter part of the week, practically unchanged. "Der boss club," however, has struck an unexpected snag in Clacimati, and Brooklyn keeps right on knocking out game after game and it looks as if she would be able to take the lead in the next trip of the western teams east. Cincinnati, too, is also playing stiff ball. She has passed Baltimore and is rapidly overhauling the Athletics and is yet a dan-gerous factor in the race, if she can but

Disappointed Sioux City. Base ball affairs at Sloux City are a little wobbly. The management in their pique and disappointment over the team's recent

naintain her present pace.

by unjustly mulcting their best men variously in the sums of \$35 to \$100. First Baseman Powell caught a \$100 dose, and Webber, Selbel, Crotty, Cline and Hellman \$50 each. In addition to this, the directors announce that if there isn't a general bracing up the players will be released and the club disbanded. The trouble with Sioux City is that they began the season with too great expectations. They imagined they had a team of world beaters, and that the Western association pennant was as good as theirs before a ball had peen pitched, when everybody qualified to judge just what a base ball team is, knew that the Corn Huskers had but a mediocre outfit at best, and that, if they succeeded in keeping out of the last hole they would be getting, as the turfmen say, a run for their money. If Sioux City should disband, however, Sioux Falls and Lincoin both stand ready to step in and play out the season in her stead, and there is little probability that the association is going to suffer and material inconvenience at their hands one way or the other. If they do go out, however, without playing out the players will be released and the club dis at their hands one way or the other. If they do go out, however, without playing out the schedule, it is a safe bet that it will be many a long season before they can hope to get back in any first-class circuit. in any first-class circuit again, and especially

The Polo League.

Manager Prince, of the Coliseum, reports nost favorable progress in regard to the organization of a western polo league. Barnes. of St. Paul, Morton, of Minneapolis, and Common, of Sioux City, have already signed a number of men, and are manifesting as a number of men, and are manifesting as much interest in the scheme as they do in base ball. Manager Prince expects to secure the members for a first-class team from out the ranks of the Omaha ball team, and will endeavor to secure Canavan, Nichols and Willis on the return of the boys this week. Canavan is an expert, and will probably be, made captain and manager of the local team. The season, it is thought, can be inaugurated about the middle or last of October. Immediately after the close of the exposition at the Coliseum, the building will be put in shape for polo. The organization of the in shape for polo. The organization of the league should be pushed forward with all possible expedition, as the game will afford splendid sport for the long winter evenings, and when once introduced here there will be no possible doubt of its popularity.

Unlawful Chicken Shooting. LEXINGTON, Neb., July 17.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In your issue of the 14th you have a brief article touching upon the unlawful killing of prairie chickens. You also quote the law, but it contains nothing about the close of the season. Please state when the law is up. You are perfectly correct about the birds being killed out of season, however, and your killed out of season, however, and your effort to bring the guilty parties to justice is a commendable one and should receive the aid and support of every legitimate sportsman in the state. There have been parties out shooting young chickens in this part of the state for the past week, and the gun clubs should take cognizance of the fact. If they expect any sport after the season opens, they will have to bestir themselves and check this outrageous slaughter. In the small towns a good deal of this unlawful shooting is done by lawyers, doctors and other professional and business men, and more's their shame. They pay absolutely no attention to the law in pay absolutely no attention to the law in this regard, and never will, until they are made examples of. "Let no guilty man es-

cape," should be the motto in this matter. Yours, etc., S. B. E. For the benefit of S. B. E. and others who may be in doubt about the opening of the season, it is again stated that no chicken can be legally killed until the first day of September.-Sport. Ed.

A Tennis Tournament. J. H. Lathrop and R. S. Nichols, of the Y. M. C. A. Athletic club, have about completed arrangements for a tennis tournament to be held at the park of the association at the corner of Harney and Twenty-third streets, commencing August 1, and continning three days. Entries are open to all clubs in the city, and as there is a larger number of these organizations than is generally known, the management is expecting a very interesting meeting. There is a number of crack players in the city, several of whom are members of the above mentioned club, and it is quite likely that some spirited contests will be wit nessed during the tourney.

The Budding Apollos.

The last run to Manawa by the members of the Apollo club was a delightful and eventful one, despite the bad roads. There were ten of the boys who made the trip, and they had some great experiences in getting stuck in the agglutinative soil and getting through miniature lakes and rivers. Beindorf makes a first class lieutenant.

but don't "scorch Oscar." The idea that a boys' bicycle club couldn't e successfully maintained in Omaha has peen thoroughly exploded by the healthy condition of the Apollo. There are quite as many boy riders as there are grown men.

Any boy under eighteen years of age de siring to join the juvenile bykers should address Den Wertz, president, 1007

Douglas street. Two new members were taken in during he past week. This gives the Apollo a total roster of twenty five. One of the pilgrims broke his handle-bar on Sunday's run, but he tied it up with rub ber bands and completed the trip all O. K. A run will be made to Bellevue on the 21st at 3:30. Members will meet at the club rooms, Sixteenth street and Capitol avenue.

Run to Missouri Valley to-day.

The Thursday evening runs are being wel ttended, even these not nights. next week, and intends to be gone at least

William Emerson starts for Boston shortly and of course takes his Victor with him. He is going to visit his old home and show west ride.

It may not be generally known that cattle herding can be done on a tricycle. Of course it is not quite a success, but if a header or two be taken the side or top of a cow is a pretty soft place to alight, so at The run to Plattsmouth was attended by 'large' and quite wet (perspiration) time, and of course say the Plattsmouth boys are all right. The start home was made at 6:30 and just as the boys got half way across the Plattsmouth river bridge, a train heard coming, and such scrambling "sleepers" was never before done. H ever, all were in places of safety before the train reached them. The second lieutenant

was seen lying over a water barrel holding on to his "ice wagon" like grim death. The ride home was made in three hours.

M. F. Van Horn, captain of the Lincoln wheel club, was in town last Thursday and attended the club run. He thinks the run to Council Bluffs the finest he ever saw. If any unattached wheelman wishes to join the Omaha wheel club he should apply to Perry Badolett, the secretary, at the Omaha National bank for application blanks. At the last meeting the following applicants were elected members of the club Peabody, J. L. Henritzy, J. H. Reed and

There are several applications in for the next meeting, and indications are that more names will be acted upon that evening than ever before.

The boys are very anxious to keep the run Missouri Valley out of the papers, because of the fact they thought the proprietors of the eating house and hotels would close for that day if they heard the club was coming. It seems the last time the boys were there, it how could they help it, when the boys order-ing, said this: "There is nothing on this bill of fare I do not want."

Flashes From the Diamond Dan Shannon is now playing short for

Louisville. Umpire Fessenden has been fired from the Toronto has let Swift, Omaha's old second

Big George Wilson is catching great ball Young Freeman is pitching for an amateur

Des Moines bas signed Pitcher Huston, of the New Orleans club. Old Papa Sutton has been deposed as cap-

tain of the Milwaukees and Shook appointed in his place.

Morton, of Minneapolis, has signed Dev-Washington went back on Denver in their deal for third baseman Sweeny.

Reddy Hanrahan has succeeded Ed Hengle as captain of the Minneapolis team.

It begins to look as if the Corn Huskers were about to throw up the sponge. Knell, of the St. Joes, shut out the Corn Huskers without a hit in a game last week, Omaha and Denver at the local grounds tomorrow afternoon, also Tuesday and Wednesday—the last games until August 8. Columbus is said to be reaching out for Canavan of Omaha.—Sporting Life. That's all Columbus is doing, though, "reaching

The Corn Huskers are crying like babies because they can't beat anybody. If they don't win a game before long, they threaten

Ted Kennedy has returned to his old-time love—the Des Moines team. Burdick, too, it is said, is about to sign with the Prohibi-

Minneapolis has signed Outfielder Driscol late of the Atlantic association. Milt West has been released, and Morrison and Dug-dale are to be let out. The cranks up in St. Paul went stark mad when the news came in Friday that Milwaukee had defeated the Apostles for the third consecutive game.

The Denver team are butting like Titians, but their fielding is not up to the standard. However, Rowe says he wants two out of the three games of this series. All talk about deposing Sam Morton from the secretaryship of the Western association, is the veriest twaddle. He may, however, fail in an election another season.

Miller, who is playing short field so well for St. Paul, was a catcher in the Tri-State league last season. This year he went to Chattanooga and made a success as a short

The Omahas feave Wednesday evening for their second trip to the northern cities. They will be absent until the Sth of August, when they return for a month's siege on the home

Kid Nichols is without a doubt the strongest pitcher in the Western association, and by the close of the season will be worth several thousand dollars to the Omaha manage-ment. At present there are no less than five clubs after him.

The Omahas will return from Sloux City to-morrow morning and in the afternoon play the Denvers at the local park. McNabb, Denver's new crack pitcher will be in the box, and the chances are that a fine game

The Milwaukees surprised themselves last week by winning three straight games. Uncle Ezra has strengthened his team in the pitchers' box by the addition of Knouff and Davies, and with the old stand-by Griffiths in good form the brewers promise to do better work from now out.

Last winter Omaha was ready to sell the release of Second Baseman Crooks, whom Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Washington and Columbus are now trying to buy, for the sum of \$500. Selee offered to release him to Canton if that sum were paid, but the Ohio team ton if that sum were paid, but the Ohio team would not give that much. He was considered a "white elephant," and the management did not know what to do with him. Finally, however, they decided to give him another trial, and the way he has been playing since is a matter of base ball history. Last winter his release could have been bought for a song; now it would take three thousand simoleons.—Star Sayings.

The players who graduated from the

thousand simoleons.—Star Sayings.

The players who graduated from the Western association to the American last year are holding their end up. Holliday, one of the contigent, leads the association in batting with an average of .357, while Burns. Johnson, Hoover, Conway and Sterns all have averages of .300 or over. Long, Earle, McGarr, Shannon, McCarty, Duryea and Reynolds all have averages more than .250. Lovett and Swartzel are over the .200 mark, while Pickett and Gunson are the only ones who fall under that percentage. In fielding while Pickett and Guison are the only ones who fall under that percentage. In fielding these players also rank high, Of the pitch-ers, Duryea takes rank over all the associa-tion box-men, while Conway ranks fourth, Lovett ninth, McCarty seventeenth and Swartzel eighteenth. This is remarkable

Miscellaneous Sports. W. G. Albright, Jeff W. Berford and Harry Deuel, spent the past several days black bass fishing at Blue Lake, Ia. President Dick McCormick, of the Western Base Ball association, and Marsh Kennard, are enjoying their usual summer outing among the woods and waters of northern

The woodcock season is now at its height, and a good many birds are reported in the cornfields and reaches of timber roundabout Horseshoe lake. This morceau of all game birds is a rarety at best, however, and a bag of a dozen would be a big one at any time or

A great many teal duck bred at Honey creek and Whiting this season, and several broods of young mallads have been seen. Wood duck are quite plentiful at all the adjacent lakes and marshes, but a gun should not be raised against them before Septem-ber 1.

Jim Stephenson is organizing a coaching party for the Yellowstone park country. Two six-horse tally-ho coaches will be trans ported by rail to Ogden, thence the drive will be made to the geysers, Beaver canon and other points of interest, the party camping wherever nightfall finds them. Lily Williams announces that she has re-

tired from professional bicycle riding. A. B. Palmer, of the Douglas boat building will make an effort to revive boating

J. R. Hawkins, proprietor of the Blue Valley kennel, Beatrice, was in the city yesterday. Fred Benzinger, formerly of THE BEE's reportorial staff, now of Lincoln, has been chosen referee of the Iowa Amateur Rowing association's annual regatta, which will b held at Spirit Lake next Thursday and Fri

Fred is a member of the Cedar Rapids J. Castle, a Minnesota pug, is booked for a fight near this city, on the 16th of August, with F. Murray, an exponent of the manly art from the fort.

The Waterworks rifle team of Florence has issued the following challenge to the riflemen of this city: We, the marksmen of Florence, hereby challenge the marksmen of Omaha to select a team of eight men to shoot against our team a match, open sights, 200 yards, for \$25 a side.

A wrestling match between Evan Lewis, the strangler, and McMillan, the strong man, is one of the probable events down for the Collseum within the next-three weeks. Stillman G. Whittaker, the well known byker, was married to an estimable young lady in Cleveland, O., on Thursday last. He will renounce cycling and go into business. Senator Morgan and W. F. Knapp, together with Misses Baldwin, Oakes, and Brown, are running a series of races at Denver this week, commencing with to-day. The combi-nation did a flattering business at Salt Lake, and in fact do well wherever they appear.
J. J. Hardin, who, with the Senator, is at the

head of the combination, is in 'Frisco, where they are booked for a six-day race.

The regatta to be held at Spirit Lake next
Wednesday and Thursday, under the auspiecs of the lowa Amateur Rowing associa-tion, promises to be a very interesting affair. The Council Bluffs crews consisting of Henry Bowman, Wallace Patterson, W. H. Sherraden, Lockwood Dodge and Charles Beno, as crew number one, and W. Buck-man, Harry Haas, C. F. Reid, Jack Williams and Marsh Treynor, as crew number two, leave for the lake this evening accompanied by a large number of friends.

Questions and Answers. To decide a bet will you please state just what constitutes an earned run in a game of ball!—Wallace H., city.

Ans.-The official rule governing earned runs is: "An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base, unaided by errors, before chances have been offered to retire the side." According to this, everything counts in earning a run save positive fielding errors, such as a muffed fly or thrown ball, a juggled grounder, wild throw, wild pitch, and base on balls. The code is deficient and should be amended in several respects.

Will you please answer the following in SUNDAY'S BEE: Who leads the Western association batters! Of what nationality are John L. Sullivan and Ike Weir! Why do you call Pickett of the Kansas City's, an overrated player!—Fair Play, Hotel Barker. Aus -- Crooks led up to July 1. Irish.

English. Because it is a fact. He has already been laid off by the Cowboys for unsatisfactory play.

Please answer in your sporting columns the following to decide a bet: Have Mitchell and Cleary-ever met in a sparring contest or fight, if no, how many times, where, and who was!—H. L., Omaha.

Ans.—Yes. Twice. At Philadelphia and New York. Mitchell won both times.

Will you kindly inform me through The Hen the fastest time on record for a 100-yard.

Bue the fastest time on record for a 100-yard foot-race!—W. S. Cole, Beatrice. Ans.-9%s. George Seward (American), urnpike road, Hammersmith, England, September 80, 1884.

Rule 35, section 1, National rules, baseball, says: "A block is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game." Is a ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman a "thrown ball," within the rule, and can a block be declared on a pitched ball, because it is handled by an outsider after passing the catcher!—Theo. W. Irving, Glenwood, Ia. Ans.-They are identical. It is a block, the same as on a batted or thrown ball. Can you tell me who are the best base run-

ners in the League, American and Western associations!—Runner, Starlight B. B. Club. Ans.-In the Western association, Willis and Canavan rank very high, as does Hanrahan of the Minneapolis team, Carroll of the St. Pauls, Alberts of the Milwaukees, Glenn of Sioux City, McGarr of St. Joe and McCleilan of the Denvers. In the League, Sunday, McKean, Ward, Fogarty, Brown, Tiernan and Seery are among the topnotchers, and in the American, Holliday, Nicol, Hamilton, Stovey, Latham, Smith and Marr are all fast men.

To decide a bet, will you please answer the following? Suppose a fly ball is batted to the center fielder, who makes a square muff, the batter makes first, is he credited with a base hit?—J. H. Lathrop, Union Paific Headquarters. Ans,-No. What is the best bicycle record!for a mile and who holds it.—B. B., Avoca, Neb.

A Bed-Time Song.

Ans.-2:29 4-5. W. A. Rowe, Springfield,

Sway to and fro in the twilight gray. This is the ferry of Shadowtow it always sails at the end of day, Just as the darkness is closing down.

Rest, little head, on my shoulder, so, A sleepy kiss is the only fare; Drifting away from the world we go, Baby and I in a rocking chair.

See where the firebugs glow and spark, Glitter the lights of the shadowland; The pelting rains on the window, hark! Are ripples lapping upon its strand. There where the mirror is glancing dim,
A lake with its shimmering cool and still

Blossoms are waving above its brim.
Those over there on the window-sill. Rock slow, more slow in the dusky light, Silently lower the anchor down; Dear little passenger, say good-night, We've reached the harber of shadowtown.

EDUCATIONAL.

In Germany the public schools are all Co-education of white and colored students is practiced in the law schools at Baltimore New Young Mea's Christian associations were founded at twenty-two colleges last

In Connecticut, "the land of steady habits," the average pay of the public school teacher is \$200 a year.

Beloit has received a gift of \$100,000 from Dr. D. K. Pearson, who also enriched Knox college by a gift of \$50,000. The scholastic year at Princeton will hereafter be two instead of three terms, and the number of electives will be increased.

The average number of pupils in the Boston public school is 64,584, and the total cost per pupil for the year has been \$28.01, about the same as for the previous year. The young ladies of Wisconsin university are studying carpentry, and it is said that they are as successful at this as they have been in their intellectual studies.

William H. Sage, of Ithaca, has given the Cornell University Athletic association nine acres of land for an athletic field. An unknown friend has donated \$3,000 to fit up the

been apprised of a gift of \$50,000 from Daniel K. Pearsons, of Hinsdale, Ill. This yield an income of about \$3,500 a year.

Arrangements are being made for a gathering on the site of the old "Log college," at Hartsville, Pa., September 5, to commemorate the founding of the college in 1726, and the commencement of the great educations work of the Presbyterian church in thi country. President Patton and ex-President McCosh are named as speakers.

According to recent statistics there are au average attendance of 40,352 children of both sexes. The annual cost of maintaining the schools is \$560,226, which amount is fur nished by the 135 municipalities on the Island. The proportion of schools to inhabitants is one to every 1,205, and one child attends school for every thirty-eight inhabitants,

Eight thousand schoolboys were made happy recently in New York by the pre-sentation of a handsome gold medal, a prize for their fine appearance in the centennia civic parade. They won this in competition civic parade. They won this in competition with all of the organizations that marched in that great pageant, and are justly proud of their success. The presentation was made in the main hall of the board of education, which was decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting. The medal is a very handsome one, and the inscription reads as follows: "Awarded by the Industrial, Com-mercial and Educational Bodies of New York City, May 1, 1889, to the Public Schools for fine bearing in the Civic Parade."

### SINGULARITIES.

It is reported that a floating island thir ty diameter has been found in Hone There are three brothers in Terrell county,

Seorgia, whose aggregate height is nineteen They weigh 600 pounds. A petrified turtle weighing over twenty-six tons has been unearthed in Parke coun-ty, Indiana, and the monster Hoosier is to be removed to Cincinnati.

As Will Durocher, of Escanaba, Mich., was eating his supper a few nights ago a stroke of lightning violently removed his shoes, leaving him badly burned and shocked. A new dog from Holland has a long mane a short body, a sharp bark, a head like a pig big ears and no tail. He has appeared at

English dog shows, and is fashionable and William Mooney, of West Pike, Potter count, Pa., has a peculiar head of hair. When a storm approaches every hair in his head stands out straight, and as he wears his hair very long he is quite a ridiculous sight. On that account he never leaves the house when it is cloudy.

On the lawn of Joel Scarlett, at Kennet Square, Pa., a few evenings since, a circle about four feet in diameter seemed to have been scalded in the grass. On closer look it was found covered with yellowish fungi, which turned bluish black when the sun served several times, and was called 'fairy circle."

A special from Tipton, O., says: "The other evening Mrs. Reuben Ryan, living nine miles northwest of here, gave birth to a girl having a double head. The double head rests on one neck, and has four eyes, four ears, two forcheads, two mouths and two noses The famous Jones double baby, born twelve miles northwest of here three weeks age was brought to Tipton this evening, and is to remain here for six months. Excursion will be run here from every direction.

Lost Him the Champa rne

"It's just 3 o'clock." "It's twenty minutes after 4." "Bet you wine for the party I'm right," said the first speaker, emphasizing his remark by snapping down the heavy gold lid of his watch.

"Done," said the other. The Marie Antoinette and Charlotte Cor-day fichus take the lead for light wraps. They may be made in cashmere, muslin, lace, crepe on chine, or slik muslin.

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Maddaleno Theodolite-

Omaha's Motor Line.

Burglars, Beware of the Mat. The Weems railway system, incorporated under the name of the Electro-Automatic Transit company, of Baltimore, has patented a multiplicity of electrical and mechanical appliances as a preliminary to putting the system regularly to work whenever required. By this electro-automatic arrangement it is claimed that a speed of three miles a minute can be attained and maintained on level tracks, and two miles a minute on heavy grades and

The motor car is eighteen feet long and two and a half feet square at each end. It is pointed in front, the wedge or point being below the longitudinal center, adjusting it to the air pressure, thus keeping the car down to the track. To reduce atmospheric friction to a minimum all wheels and electrical appliances are placed within the walls of

the cars. The road is to be built on the surface of the ground, with track of twenty-four

inches gauge. The mail and express cars are tele scoped in forming a train, former into the end of former into the end of the motor car, and the latter into that of the one preceding it, forming a flexible train of cars, offering an unbroken surface to the air.

The rear of the rear car is pointed in a similar manner to the front of a motor car, thus preventing any suction as the train rushes on its way. The motor may pull one car or a train of cars.

All trains will be controlled from generating station, where will be placed electrical generating Electrical brakes are to be used, and trains are started, stopped, speed lessened and backed at will from the station.

Special appliances will inform the perator in charge of the generating station of the exact location of the train from the time it leaves or passes any given point until it reaches its destination.

The patents of the company number 143 in the United States and the principal countries of the world, covering the vital details of this novel system. The principles patented involve special form of rail, making it impossi-

ble for trains to jump the track at any rate of speed; form of electrical safety rail, carrying the out-going current and returning the same on the same rail this rail can be passed by pedestrians or vehicles with perfect safety); form of conductors and rails combined, with insulation of the same for carrying currents over long distances; means of starting, stopping, backing and controlling trains from the generating station; method of regulating the electri-cal current automatically on trains while in motion, increasing the power ascending and decreasing, same in descending grades; means whereby trains automatically register themselves at every station as they pass every mile track; form of journals and boxes for fast speed to avoid heating; reducing the air pressure at high speed to a minimum by

pointed cars splitting the air in front and preventing suction in the rear while in transit; reducing the crosssection of cars to a minimum and enclosing the wheels and electrical equip-ment within the walls of the same to to present to the air an unbroken surface; special switch for rails; keeping

the centre of gravity of the whole train below the axles. Patents have also been secured for a passenger system which applies to the conversion of existing steam railroads into electric railroads.

A series of experiments have been made at Laurel, Md., to show what the Weems railway system will do. This experimental line is a circuit of exactly two miles. Over this route there are twenty-nine changes of grade. some of them very heavy, even to the extent of 108 feet to the mile. It is claimed that at this experiment

station two miles per minute are made around the heavy curve, or the equivalent of one hundred and eighty miles an hour, or three miles a minute on a level track. A visitor to this experiment station sees many things to surprise him, says the Baltimore Sun. There are no ex-

tensive works, and the motor car, when it comes out from under its shed in obedience to the will of the engineer in the distant plant building where the electric dynamo generates the current, moves deliberately, slowly and with absence of all sound. The cigar-shaped car, painted a bright red and moving sharp end foremost, at first sight does not seem a won-

derful thing as it goes quietly along the track, but later, when the engineer at the dynamo puts on more power, or as a steam-car man would say, more steam, and the creeping thing on the ground hastens its movement until it fairly dies, and becomes a moving speck of red, spectators feel the progress being made in applied science and talk of the wonders of electricity, and the great things it will accomplish in the active affairs of life in the near future.

Electric Motors in Factories. A late novelty in the application of electric motors to the movement of machinery is found in the new factory of an electric motor company in New York city. Each machine is run by a separate motor, thus doing away with a line of shafting and all the belts running to it. The vibration is very much reduced, and the machine shop is far less noisy than the average. A dyn amo in the basement furnishes electricity.

Mechanics have for some time used electric motors to run machinery so placed as to make it difficult to get power from a line of shafting or to run machines which travel within given limits, such as transfer tables, traveling cranes, etc., says the Chicago Railway deview. In such cases the use of electricity is especially valuable.

In the equipment of a new shop electricity thus applied also possesses advantages. The amount of power required to drive a main line of shafting, elts and loose pulleys on the counter shafts, is considerable, and when but machines are the power expended at the machines forms but a small portion of the whole. By this arrangement of motors, however, the power furnished is used with but little loss in transmission, and when a machine is not in use, no power is expended in keeping in motion shafting and beiting used in transmitting power wit.
The motors should run at a given

speed with but a small percentage of variation. The possibility of adjusting the speed of the motor to suit special cases and still have a uniform motion is an advantage which in some classes of work will prove valuable. The results of this application will be watched with interest, and, if successful, may be the miles an hour."

means of a much wider application of

New Way to Catch Burglars. The burglar's lot, says the Washington Post, is not a happy one in this latoffer as little resistance to the air as possible; telescoping the cars of a train opportunity of inflicting long sentences upon him, but the fertile brain of the inventor, where the inventions are applied, has either made it almost impossible for him to carry on his business or

made it easy to catch him in the act of so doing. Inventions of this kind are well nigh perfect, and the inventors are practically at a standstill until Mr. Burglar adopts some new way of circumventing

The devices used by our great safe deposit companies, such as the time lock, are well known, as are many of those for the protection of houses and stores. The latest in the latter line is known

as the electric burglar alarm. This simply consists of an annunciator, a piece of matting, the electric wires, and the battery. The matting is lined with wires, which are connected with the battery and annunciator. This matting is placed inside the door, near the safe or other place where valuables are kept, or anywhere that the burglars might be supposed to step. The mohe does step on the matting the annuncintor rings and keeps ringing until some one comes. It also shows the location of the burglar, and by an electrical attachment for lighting the gas

enables the burglar to be observed. In the device used for stores there are three switches. By raising one when a customer enters the store the bell rings twice, thus indicating the presence of a customer. If two switches are raised the bell keeps ringing as long as the person remains on the matting, while if all three are raised, as they usually are at night, the bell keeps ringing even after the visitor leaves

the matting. In the same way the wires may be attached to the doors, and if an attempt is made to open them the bell rings as if the matting had been stepped on.

An Electric Theodolite. At Maddaleno, Italy, where a battery protects the island of Caprera, an electric theodolite has been set up for the purpose of giving hidden gunners the exact distance and directions of an enemy's vessel-whether stationary or moving, says Practical Electricity. The gunners are stationed behind a hill, on which is placed the electrical apparatus; and are enabled to fire with the utmost precision, while any effective return fire is prevented by the inability of the foe to fix the location of the invisible guns.

Glass Tube Conduits. Experiments are being made on the continent with a novel form of conduit for underground mains. The conduit consists of a glass tube, protected by a thin coating of specially prepared ce-ment, and inclosed in a cust-iron pipe, the iron being run on hot. Bare conductors can then be used, and it is asserted that not only is the insulation very high but that the conduit is cheap and perfectly air-tight. How the difference between the coefficient of expansion of glass and iron is accounted for, says the London Electrician, we ard

at a loss to understand. The Future of Electricity. In a recent interview Thomas A. Edi-son said: "You ask me about the future of electricity. It is the coming motive power. It will be used on all the railroads some day, but the point is to get an economical engine. My theory to have immense dynamos located all along the line of the road, and have electricity conveyed from these stationary engines to the locomotives by wires through the rails. For example, I would put two big engines tween New York and Philadelphia, and enough power could be furnished to whisk the limited at the rate of 100