CHAT WITH THE BOXERS and by degrees he beat his sturdy antagonist to a standard.

Corbett Will Be Pack this Week and the Game of Talk Will Be On.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WHIRLING WHEEL

Breezes from the Ball Field-The Ployer Shooters and Bass Catchers-The Horse and Dog and Regular Sporty Grist.



IM CORBETT will be home this week and the red hots can prepare themselves for another big game of talk. Not the champion is an especial adept in glossology, but fistic affairs are at such an ebb that it will require exceeding

energy on the part of the prominent and influential pugs to prethem from reciding from view al-her. But with the big Californian's return the prospects are good that the sport will receive a new impetus and if we do not many fights, we will have best thing to them, and that is fight talk, and have it until you can't rest.

As a precursor of what is to come Billy As a precursor of what is to come Billy Brady has cabled across in advance that Jim has been misquoted and misunderstood, that he never declared in favor of Claude Duvalville, Florida, for his engagement with Peter Jackson, to the exclusion of other points, in fact he is willing and anxto meet the black Colossus of the West Indies anywhere protection can be guar-anteed and an adequate purse produced Now, while I thing it is all poppycock about Jim's being misunderstood. I really believe he is willing, not anxious, to meet Jackson anywhere there is immunity from the law and a good wad of the "long green" sight. His play while for Jacksonville while on the other side was merely a sparring for time, merely to hold affairs in abeyance until he would be back on this side. I also believe that while Corbett thinks he can whip Peter, that he is in no sort of a sweat to take him in. In his heart he is aware that the black fellow has a good break with him, if he is handicapped by age. Jim can make as much or more money posing as the unbeaten champion as he can by expertmenting with a man who once made a draw with him, and why should he take any such chances?

However, whether I am right or wrong it this matter, there is no denying that Corbett and Brady have made a strong bid for the favor of the red hots. Jim's condescension to meet Peter anywhere under proper conditions, just now on the eve of Jackson's departure for Europe, was a strong trump card, and the inconsiderate sports will cry that the darky leaves the country to avoid a fight with the champion, and thus you see Peter is bound to get the worst of it. But if Jackson has really made his arrangements to cross, and is the sensible and decent man I think he is, he will allow no talk of Brady or Corbett to deter him a day. Corbett went to Europe in the face of the fact that he was matched to fight Peter in June, and I do not care what view other men take of the matter, I say it would have been no more than right and proper had he called off the fight or postponed his continental jaunt until July. All talk about the impossibility of securing a place and purse cuts no figure in this argument. If Corbett wan'ed to whip Jackson so badly, and had such a snap, last June was the time to have done it, even had he been forced to the woods to do it. His present pronunciamento may catch many as a very cute stroke, but I'll miss my guess as a very cute stroke, but I'll miss my guess
if it catches the wily Peter or his perspicaclous manager, Parson Davies. They are purty hot dogs themselves.

One week from next Thursday night, 9, at Plattsmouth, under the auspices of the Plattsmouth Athletic club, will occur, with but little doubt, one of the most interesting fistle controversies that has been pulled off hereabouts in years. I refer to the finish contest between Jimmy Lindsey, the Omaha welter, and Fletch Robbins, the Cass county man. The claim of Robbins that he is as good a man as Lindsey is Smith establishes the fact his ambition to be somebody in the punching world is founded on stable grounds, and it is an open question whether or not he will attain this end in his approaching contest with the Omaha man. Some think yes, others not yes. Anyway, both men realize the momentous character of the contract they have entered into, and are working like beavers to get into such fig as will not lead to disappointment and diaster. Of course, both cannot get there, but it is encouraging to see them try, for in the end we then know we will see a fight. Jimmy, while he realizes that he will have an opponent in Robbins with whom it will not do to take any chances, is paying the most conscientious attention to his knitting, and dec ar when the time to step into the ring arrives he will be fit to battle for his life. He is confident of winning, and Robbins must be "right" to be able to disappoint

My excursion to the Ryan-Smith contest at Minneapolis returned yesterday morning, happy and elated as larks. I have but little to review either the trip or fight, both of which were great, for today's paper, but promise it in full next Sunday. I have time to say, though, that Tommy Ryan is in-dubitably and undoubtedly the greatest fistic artist that ever donned the cestus or pulled on a pair of trunks. He is not only the unqualified champion welterweight of the habi-table globe, but the shiftlest, most graceful, and scientific fighter in any class that is prominent before the people today. While his fight with Smith Thursday night was a conflict, Tommy won backing in. An canter does not express it. In recommon canter does not express it. In re-viewing the battle the Pioneer-Press of St. Paul pretty generally echoes my senti-ments, and as I am pushed for time, it is

Tommy Ryan, the clever welter weight from Chicago, whipped "Mysterious" Smith of Hoston last night before the Twin the most scientific and terrific battles in the annals of the ring. It required twenty rounds to give Smith his quietus, and when Joe Choynski, the celebrated Californian, announced the result Smith sat down in his corner and cried like a baby. Ryan was seized by his admiring friends, almost frantic with delight, and was carried to his dressing room on their shoulders. He was apparently as fresh as when he entered the ring, while Smith was weak, disfigured and covered with blood and had to be helped from the stage. His glory had faded and he was no longer the champion welter weight of the world. He had entered the ring with a confidence that inspired his friends to bet heavily in his favor and he left the platform

a dejected and most miserable man. Bitter enemies for several years, Ryan and Smith fought with a desperation seldom equaled, and the old time sporting men phryeled at the game and savage exhibition they furnished. From first to last the battle was a series of clinches, savage rushes and terrific face blows. There was wicked infighting in every round, and in every possible way each man tried to down his y each man tried to down his op-Twice before they had met in the ring and fought with energy, but this, the ard, was the most savage of all their

battles. The men had spent weeks in preparation. and each knew it was to be the battle of his The preparations were watched with interest all over the sporting world, and Smith was generally the favorite. He was scientific, the sporting papers Ryan had better staying qualipapers The fight proved that Ryan was not only a better stayer, but possessed more science than his antagonist. Smith spent such of his strength in needless rushes. Owing to Ryan's agility Smith was more often than not unable to land, and by the tenth round Smith began to show signs of discouragement. Ryan's easy confidence and sneer which remained on his face beginning to the end of the fight, aggravated Smith to such an extent that he rushed Ryan with the most wicked inten-tions, only to find Ryan's shadow where he thought Ryan would be. On the contrary, Ryan reserved his strength, and when he led invariably landed with tremendous force

Billy Smith, Solly Smith and I took in Friday afternoon's base ball game between Toledo and the Millers, and as we sat in one of the reserve departments, Smith told me a lot of "stuff" I will be delighted to rehash for your edification next week. One thing he told me was that Robbins, the man who fights Lindsey at Plattsmouth on the 9th, is game to the core, a powerful, muscular fellow, but a novice in ring tactics. Still he ought to be able to make at least a very interseting go

with any man not really a first classer. SANDY GRISWOLD. The Scramble for the Flag.

The Western a sociation pennant chase still continues to challenge the attention of the base ball world as the most exciting, closest and most stubborn championship battle ever fought upon the diamond. This is speaking volumes for President Rows and his able corps of associates. It is owing to their good judgment and splendid manage ment that such an even race was possible As yet it would take a wise man to pick the winner, as seven clubs are right in a bunch, with but a margin of sixty points separating the seventh club from the top, requiring but six games to rever e the positions. Quincy is the only team of the whole eight struggling in the rear, but on the present trip of the western teams in the east many surprises may be expected, and by August 10 it will not be astonishing if the three leading eastern club, are found well in the front. It is a notorious fact that the Omahas, apparently the strongest team in the association, are under the hoodoo's wand away from home, and to keep from dropping much lower in the standing they will have to brace up materially from this on out. Lincoln, too, is badly crippled, and seems destined to descend, while St. Joe and De Moines are alone expected to sustain the

reputation of the western contingent. Compared with the National league race, he Western association is head and shoul ders above it in point of sharp and thrilling contests. In the big league already the fight has narrowed down to two cluby. Box on and Baltimore, with the former having almost an absolute cinch on winning out The other twelve clubs must content them selves with a hurry-scurry scramble for the lesser positions.

And in the Western league the condition of the strife is but little better than that in the National, there being but three team that seem to have a reasonable chance for first honors. However, the great national game is an uncertain sort of an animal, and the unexpected is apt to happen when least expected

Fodder for the Fans



LRICH, the Grass hopper, has joined the Rourke family at Rock Island, and will be with the team from this on out. He is a corker if he can be kept from making a running mate of John Barley

liant third, catches well and was one of the best hitters in the Western league. He will be remembered by all fans who saw the exhibition games with Kansas City at the Charles Street park this Billy Earle has joined the Brooklyns and

is catching in fine form., President Rowe is on a tour of inspection and ere his return will visit every city in the association.

Big Jamieson, the Swede twirler, and Lookabaugh, late of Lincoln, have joined the Omahas. The next professional game at the Charles street park will be on August 10, with the

Peoria Blackbirds. Jack Neal, Omaha's Memphis importation pumpkins with the stick himself Jack is all right. Boxendale won his first three games for

Des Moines. While with Omaha he won one in two months. Joe Walsh is suffering with a wrencher knee joint and it will be several weeks be fore he is able to step upon the field. Why Umpire Ward should have it in fo

been treated too well by the press here. Kid Fear is doing all the backstopping for Omaha and doing it well. however, will have to be added to the team Third Baseman Wilson of the "Minnies" called "The Congressman." Trade" and "Starvation Wages" at different points along the Western route.

The absence of Buckering Ebright from th Lincolns during the past several games is probably accountable for their lack of suc cess. Buck plays ball all the time when he is in the game. "King Kel.'s" Allentowns are at the to

in the Pennsylvania league race now. They won six straight victories before defeat caught up to them after the word "Go" was given in the second half.

Des Moines seems to have struck her ga and they say that it is all old Bill Trafflet can do now to get in by the carriage gate However we all like Rill, and if he is past, the meridian of life, he is yet a ball player and always a gentleman. "Grasshopper" Ulrich has been signed by

Omaha and is playing right. He was with Kansas City and is one of the greatest lit le all around players in the business. always in the game and will add much t the strength of the team.

The August schedule for the Charles streepark is Peoria, 10, 11, 12; Jacksonville, 14, 15, 16; Quincy, 17, 18, 19; Rock Island, 20, 21, 22; Des Moines, 24, 25 and 26. On the 27th, 28th and 29th the Rourkes are at Lin coln and on the 30th at St. Joe. 'Tis said that Charley Snyder will be given another chance at umpiring in the league but the rumor will have to be backed by

several affidavits to insure it any standing

in base ball society.—Ren Mulford. You are right there, old man, we had Charley out Billy Moran, the popular catcher, has unceremoniously quit the Rourke Just what Billy is disgruntled at again no one seems able to explain and as he is a close-mouthed fellow himself, the mystery stands a good chance of remaining unsolved

There is not a base ball lover in the city however, who does not regret that Moran has Aiready the cranks are pining for the return of the Rourke family. The game wa never so well patronized in Omaha as it ha been this season, and from appearances this town could stand at least four championship games regularly every week. Last Sunday the crowd exceeded that of any previous Sunday or holiday this year, there being 3,094 paid admissions, which means a possible crowd of 3,500. And the week day games, there hasn't been but one really poor day this season, some of the Monday and Friday crowds even beating the best days in

turf and a new interest has been awakened in the game. With Rod and Gun and Dog.

new base ball generation has come upon the



is again busy with rod and reel, with fly hooks and other piscatorial parapher nalia. He enjoys most fervently the pleasant and the anticipation of the sport soon to be his. The spawnning season is over watching intently for angler's fatal ollection of past happy days spent on lake, river and brook,

This goes to prove that a

loss, of days that can never come again, of comrades gone forever from earthly com-panionship, comes to the fond fisherman as he rummages in corner cupbeards for misiaid lines, searching the sheds and lofts for favorite poles, and busies himself for tomorrow'

sport.

Andy Rook is running a cigar store up at Sheridan, and spending his days with the trout among the sparkling mountain streams.

Andy has his regular fishing days, Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Sundays, and he has yanked out a car-load of the "speckled beauties" al-ready this season. To the old anglers up there Andy is a marvel, as there is none among them who can cast a lake or whip

a stream with him.
A good many bass and wing perch are being taken at both Cut-Off and Manawa, while the sunfish and cropples are biting at Langdon as fast as you can throw in. The plover shooters are having great sport these days, although the birds, right this immediate vicinity, are reported pretty scarce. Last night, however, heavens were fairly alive with them, their plaintive "tur-wheetle, tur-wheetle!

filled the air from a thousand directions. The bird does all its traveling by night. "Scip" Dundy, panoplied with gun and rod, has gone to northern Michigan for a month's sojourn in the pineries. "Scip" is one of the few local anglers who is on to the intense pleasure of landing the grayling, and he makes his regular summer trip after these rare fish. J. J. Hardin has been out after plover

several times recently, and has yet to re-turn without a well filled bag. Frank Cross, Will Townsend, Stockton Heth, Ward Burgess and the sporting edi-tor will give the Iowa birds a hot argument

A party of young nimrods, consisting of W. D. Counsman, E. L. Fried, Ned French, T. O. Moe, Charles Althaus, D. Elingwood, W. Hunter, Hen Dodson, and Charles Thiessen, returned last Saturday from Stillwater where they had spent the week camp ing. They found very little game, but the fishing was good, they having caught be-tween eighty and 100 pounds of fish, mostly channel cat and white perch. They repor prospects of spiendid quail and duck hunt ng in the fall, and will then go out and daughter them by the wholesale.(?).

Mr. W. A. Denny, a large ranch owner in Cherry county, passed through this city yes-terday on his way to Chicago, and states that the large ranch owners in Sher.dan, Cherry, Daves and Box Butte counties have combined to stop the killing of chickens and grouse before the open season. They have imployed lawyers and will prosecute any one found killing these birds illegally, and any express or railroad company handling same They ask the co-operation of the Omaha Gun clubs in preventing pot hunters destroying the finest shooting in the state. Mr. John Enlow will see that the law is enforced around Gordon, Neb.

Whisperings of the Wheel. The Tourist Wheelmen pedaled up to Blair

ast Sunday. Condon, Prouix, Pixley and several of the other local flyers will attend the Kansas City neet, returning in time to take in the Ganyiede tournament on the 24th and 25th of August.

The hot dry spell has converted the coun try roads into belts of dust, several inches deep. Local cyclists who enjoy country splus are therefore obliged to forego their

Charlie Pegau has blossomed out into quite a racing man this season, his work s improving with each week, and he can ide in the same races with some of the older local "flyers" and give them points at that.

The types made us say in last Sunday's issue that the Omaha Wheel club "push styled themselves the "goophers." As som of the prominent members of the "push have felt offended we beg to make the cor rection-the word should be "googlers."

"Zimmy" has struck his old time gait again, and is winning his races right along now. Fifteen thousand people witnesser his victory over Barden on the Buffalo veladrome at Paree last week. Harry Wheeler his stable mate, is also on the winning side "Pinckney" Bliss is the hero of the hour

now that he has reduced the world's records for the mile standing and flying start. time of two minutes flat for the standing mile and 1:54 1-5 for the flying mile is phe-nomenal. The time was official and the records were made in the regulation way. Walter Sanger also shares some of the glory. ne having established a world's record for the unpaced mile; his time was 2::11 2-5.

One lady cyclist in this city has mastered er bashfulness and has donned the comfortable and neat national costume, a cos-tume which is being rapidly adopted in other cities of less magnitude than Omaha. The who adopt the bloomer costume aver hat they will never go back to the old dangerous skirt again when riding. There is nothing immodest whatever about the bloomer costume, and as soon as the novelty skirt.

At last we are to have a tournament that will be "something like." The wheel club across the river is devoting its energies and spare cash to make their tourns on the 24th and 25th of August th 'king bee" of tournaments in this section object is to get some of the class I cks" to stop over on their way home 'eraeks' rom Denver and compete. It is assured A" men present. The merchants of the Bluffs are responding quite liberally, the prize list will be a handsome one, The track is a mile in circumference, and is con of western tracks. It will be placed in th very best of condition. A large crowd is counted upon. If Johnnie Johnson and the 'Stearns' combination put in an appearance will be induced to establish a track record for a mile. Omaha should turn ou good attendance. The Bluffs boys lways turned out in goodly numbers to the ocal events of the kind.

The ministers of several eastern cities are preaching a crusade against the Sunday club run, denouncing in loud terms the cyclists as a set of lawless Sabbath breakers. some instances they are right, and in other they are decidedly off. It is sad to admit that some Sunday club runs are a disgrac men who participate, and to the club which countenances them, but as a gen eral rule club runs are nothing which any man might be ashamed of, if one calls rid ing into the country, erjoying the fresh sweet air, and good wholesome country dinners, as thousands of cyclists are doing. disgrace, then it is a disgrace to drive a dorse and buggy out over the same road for then it is a disgrace to drive one's amusement. There are hundreds of other really disgraceful things done by par tles of young men on the Sabbath tha should draw the fire from the ministeria guns, a crusade against which would more commendable. The reason Sunday club runs are indulged in is because, the great mass of cyclists is composed of clerks bookkeepers, and other young men who are employed six days in the week, and only have one day in which to enjoy a good coun y ride. These fellows like company, and is but natural that several of them should go together.

Great Bleycle Tournament.

The Good Roads tournament, which take place at Asbury Park, N. J., on August 30, 31 and September 1, has caused a wide spread interest in the cycling world. In order to have the track fast the Asbury Park Athletic association decided at a recent meeting to widen the corners and improve heir track generally, so that the fast men Johnson, Tyler, Sanger, Bliss and others, will have an opportunity of lowering the records and fight out the championship on a fair track. The different manufacturers people interested in good roads are providing a costly and suitable lot of prizes, and the three days' races will undoubtedly rank ahead of any given on the circuit this sea-

The work of the men on the westerly trip assures the promoters that the racing wil be of an exciting chlaracter. All the prominent cyclers of the east have written the secretary of the Good Roads tournament at 23 Park Row, New York, that they will be present, and the applications for entry blanks from every section of the country proves that the entry list will be a very

arge one for the various races. Among the noted riders that will be outside of those already named, will be Bald, the Buffalo man, G. Marshall Wells the champion of Canada, Titus and Mac Donald, the famous New York riders, Blau velt and Brown, the New Jersey riders, the Murphys' of Brooklyn, Royce, the speed; Paterson Tourist wheelman crack, Taxis o Philadelphia, Lumsden and Githens of Chi-cago, Edwards of California, and many other

noted riders.

An important event to the metropolitan district riders will be the extra event or the second day of the tournament for the \$200 champion cup, offered by the American Wheelman for the Metropolitan District championship, open to riders who reside within a radius of fifty miles of the American Wheelman's office.

Handsome gold and silver medals will be

given to first, second and third men, and the cup must be seen three times before becoming the property of the club the rider represents. This race will develope keen competition, as the speed of Royce, Brown, Goodman, Blauver, Smith, Eckstein and other district riders is of a superior order.

Questions and Answers.

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Isador S. Trostier, cologist, is requested to call at the sporting editor's office Monday morning if convenient.

There are letters at this office for George Allen, puglist; Yom Burns, puglist, and R. N. Curtis, sprinter.

SURPRISE, Neby, July 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Rec: Please decide the following: In a game of ball there is a man on first and third, the batter puts a ball on direct line with second base, just missing the pitcher and estriking the umpire, thereby diverging the ball to a right angle toward third. Then the man on third makes home, the man on first makes second and the striker makes first. On account of the unexpected course taken by the ball by hitting the umpire it was not fielded in time to put either men out, what should have been the umpire's decision on this play? Was it a dead ball? Please answer in your next Sunday's issue.—Drummond.

Ans.—The batter's out.

FREMONT, Neb., July 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Rec: Will you pieuse

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Ans.—The batter's out.

FREMONT, Neb., July 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you piease answer in your question and answer column of what nationality is Zimmerman.—

E. D. McK.

Ans.—Which Zimmerman do you mean,
Gotlich or Mike? If it is the champion
blker you refer to, he's German.

DAVID CITY, July 24.—To the Sporting
Editor of The Be: Did York hose team
ever hold championship of world?—Chas.
Rathborn.

Editor of The Be: Did York hose feam ever hold championship of world?—Chas. Hathborn.

Ans.—Never.

PANAMA. Ia., July 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee; We would like to have, in The Sunday Bee, your decision of the following case: The citizens of Panama, among other purses, put up one of \$15 to be given to te winning club in a game of base bail on the Fourth of July. The Earling club and the Persia club signified their intention of coming to play for the purse, and on the Fourth the Earling club came not. The game was advertised on the bills, part of one of which I enclose herewith. Now, is the Earling club, under sporting rules, entitled to the purse of \$15 or not?—W. J. Wicks.

Ans.—It would certainly be the decent thing to turn over the \$15 to the Earling club.

SOUTH OMAHA, July 19.—To the Sport-

thing to turn over the size to the club.
SOUTH OMAHA, July 19.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please inform me in Sunday's issue of The Bee where I can dispose of some full blooded English pointer pups, 4 months and 1 year oid; father and mother imported?—Henry Oest, Nebraska Liquor store.

Ans.—You can sell every one of them if you advertise in The Bee.

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IMPERIAL, Neb., July 27.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please be kind enough to answer the following questions through the columns of your valuable paper to decide a bet: First, does a "balk" give a batter his base? Second, when bases are full does a balk allow a man to score? Third, what penalty is attached to a balk when bases are not occupied, if any?—Robert Mulcoby.

Ans—(1) It does (2) It does (3) The

Balk when bases are not occupied, it any -Robert Mulcoby.

Ans.—(1.) It does. (2.) It does. (3.) The first answer covers this.

ARAPAHOE, Neb., July 29.—Sandy Griswold, Omaha, Neb. Dear Sir: During a game of ball here Wednesday, with no one out, a line ball was hit directly to second base, striking the bag. The umpire called the batter out, there being a runner on first, saying that it was an infield fly. Was he right? Please answer in Sunday's Bee and oblige.—A. A. Tanner.

Ans.—No.

McCOOK, Neb.: July 17.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a bet please publish in the Sunday Bee an answer to the following: In a game of base ball, where a batsman makes a hit to center fielder and the ball rolls between the fielder's legs, can the batsman be credited with a home run if he makes the circuit of the bases before the ball is returned to the diamond?—P.

the ball is returned to the diamond?—P. Walsh.

Ans.-No. It is an error of the center fielder.

SOUTH OMAHA, July 16.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly state in Sunday's Bee the highest price ever paid in this country for a 2-year-old horse; the highest price paid for any horse, and kindly explain what is meant by the expression "2-year-old" as applied to horses? From what country drawn its best racing stock? Thanking you in advance for your trouble,—Sportsman.

Sportsman.

Ans.—(1) Cannot answer. (2) One hundred and fitty thousand dollars, for Ormonde. (3) A horse is a 2-year-old from the thirteenth month of his existence until the twenty-fifth only. (4) Runners, England; trotters, the United States.

SIOUX CITY, July 16.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly state in Sunday's Ece if it is possible for a man to lose from twelve to fifteen pounds in weight during the progress of a fight, when ordinarily trained?—C. M. Winsford.

Ans.-I have known men to lost six and gight pounds during a fight, but never as igh as the figures you name. SOUTH OMAHA, July 16.—To the Sport-ing Editor of The Bee: I have made a little bet and have agreed to leave it to you

to decide. Supposing there is a foot race run by four or five men and there are two moneys, first and second, and the two leading men run a dead heat or a tie for first, and then a man runs right behind the two that tie for first. Who gets second money? Please answer in next Sunday's sporting columns.—J. T. Sullivan. Ans.—The man who come in second, of ourse. The two who tie have no claim whatever on second money.

whatever on second money.

AUBURN, Neb., July 18.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In your next Sunday issue will you kindly answer the following questions: (1) In a game of ball, is the batter out if he strike at the ball while not standing wholly within the lines of the batter's position? (2) Is a base runner out if he falls to return and touch first base after overrunning said base? An answer to the preceding questions would oblige.—E. E. Miller.

Ans.—Ves. If the approximation of the strike in the preceding the provided in the preceding questions would oblige.—E. E. Ans.-Yes, if the umpire calls him out, in

Ans.—Yes, if the umpire calls him out, in both cases.

HARDY, Neb., July 16.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: As a reader of The Bee I want to say to you that I greatly admire your articles on duck shooting, and I think you display a thorough knowledge of habits, etc., of the various ducks in your articles entitled "The Home of the Canvasback." Have you it in pamphlet? I am quite anxious some friends of mine in Kansas City should read them. I have lost the papers. Don't you think it wrong to kill so many ducks in the spring? I shall go up there this antumn, for I do not allow any man to make a bigger fool of himself over a dog and gun than I do. Let me

a dog and gun than 1 do. Let me about the articles.-W. J. Raynor, M. D.

Ans.—Thanks. Have not the articles in pamphlet. Will mail you back numbers of The Bee shortly. I do not think it any worse to kill them in the spring than in the fall. There is no logic in that old argument. Will write you and hope to meet you later.

OMAHA, July 17 .- To the Sporting Edite of The Bee: Please answer the following in next Sunday's Bee: A and B are shaking poker dice; A throws two fives; B then bets A two to one he beats that throw; B then throws two fives. Which wins the outside bet?—A Subscriber.

bet?—A Subscriber.

Ans.—This is the same old moth-eaten chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut that has been settled by sporting the sporting chestnut the sporting chestnu

chestnut that has been settled by sporting authorities a million times over. It is a draw, always. If the man who offered to bet that he would beat two fives, the or no tie, he would lose. But when he bets he will beat two fives the other man bets that he will not. That is the logic of the matter in a nutshed.

FORT MEADE, S. D., July 18.—To the Sporting Editor' of The Bee: I have a le-gauge Lefever, bored for black powder and to shoot closet can you tell me in The Sunday Bee whether I could use smokeless powder, such as ithe Walsrode, in this gun without danger to the plece and with any increase in range and penetration over the black powders? Where in Omaha can the Walsrode be obtained?—H. F. Kendall.

Ans.—You can use any of the nitro pow-

Walsrode be obtained?—H. F. Kendall.

Ans.—You can use any of the nitro powders in your gumproviding it is not a cheap affair. I consider the Walsrode the best of all smokeless-powders. It can be had of the Cross Gun company, this city.

OMAHA, July: 2h—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly answer the following question in next Sunday's Bee and oblige: With two outs and a man on second the batter makes a hit, which he trues to stretch into a two-bagger. He is, second the patter makes a fit, which he tries to stretch dath a two-bagger. He is, however, caught between bases, but prevents the baseman putting him out until the runner ahead of him has crossed the home plate. Should the last run be counted or not?—C. C. F. Ans.-Sure.

Very Pleasant. Under the espionage of the gallant and witty cashier, a party of ladies were going through the vaults of a big Detroit bank, and

therein, says the Free Press. "My," exclaimed one of the party as they came out into the corridor, "how chilly

gazing with awe at the wads of wealth stored

"Naturally," smiled the courteous cashier with a bow, "there's a cool million in there." An exploding bettle in the pop factory f H. LeFeber at Superior struck Milner Treadwell in the arm, cutting the main artery. His life was saved by prompt artery.

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Mid-Cummer Sport that is Gaining in Popularity Every Year.

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around Omaha almost day men and boys may be found scouring the Off, Florence, Manawa and Big lakes, armed with small rifles, spears, and hooks and lines, bagging the big green and striped Rana Halectra. Some good bags are being captured, and a supper or breakfast of fresh frog saddles is the proper thing just now. The most popular way of capturing Herr Frog is to shoot him, and the best weapon is a 22-calibre rifle, using either "BB" or the short cartridge. Lots of frogs are being taken with spears, but there is little sport

in this method, a though it requires considerable skill to impale his frogship on the sharp spikes. Another way is to whip the

reeds and moss with bass book and lius, using a piece of red flannel as a lure, or else a red hackle fly hook, which will cause a frog to jump clean out of the water to gratify his curiosity and greed. Just at present the hunters and fishers find time hanging heavily on their hands. It is out of the game season, and the only sport a shooter can find is blazing away at "mud pies," in order to keep in practice for the fall shooting, but even this soon loses its attractive features. It is too early for fall fishing, and too late for any kind for fall fishing, and too fate for any kind of piscatorial game excepting "bull heads" and channel cats. The vast number of "greenbacks" which inhabit the marshy shores of the above bodies of water offer a pleasing diversion, but it is death to their tribe, for the sharp crack of the small rifle

s heard early in the morning and late in the evening. Eager sportsmen may be seen standing on the banks of the lakes or in the prow of a boat ready for a shot, with the 22-calibre. Soon a big one is sighted. Up goes the gun to the shoulder, a quick peep over the sights, a little puff of smoke, followed by a sharp crack, and a great sprawling frog is lifted into the boat. He has been shot through the head, and the shooter mutters in a self-satisfied way: "That's a good shot, if I did make it." With a sharp knife the long legs (called saddles), are detached from the body, skinned and packed away with salt in a creel, or a basket, and the hunt is continued until the sportsman has secured enough for a mess, and he reaches home in time to have them cooked for breakfast or supper, as the case may be.

FAVORITE DIVERSION. A good many business and professional men have joined the ranks of frog hunters this year, and their favorite time for shooting is either about sunrise or sundown, ac-cording to their convenience of time. In the heat of the day it is hard to make the frogs jump out of their hiding places, but the men who hunt for the market are hunting all the time, and give the croakers no rest. These men generally use a spear, and they These men generally use a spear, and they silently sneak upon their quarry, impalling them by the dozens. But frog legs, or saddles, are quite an item on the bill of fare of all the down town restaurants and cafes, and the market has to be supplied, even if it does depopulate the frog hunting grounds Several of the frog hunters have expensive outfits, consisting of the latest improved Winchester, Ballard and Stevens rifles. of them prefer to use "BB" breach bullets, but as a general thing they use 22 shorts, which are effective for almost any kind of small game that might be sighted. small game that might be sighted. As a general thing most of the frogs are killed at close range, but it must not be believed for a moment that it is an easy matter to hit them every time, for the best of shooters miss apparently easy shots. And there is considerable of a knack necessary to locate the frogs, as they conceal themselves un-der pond lily and "deer foot" leaves on the approach of any one and it is hard to find them unless a person almost steps on them. Frequently the frogs wander away from the water to feed on the young vegetation twenty or thirty yards from the lakes. If on is started then it is almost impossible to shoot him, as he makes his way through the grass like a scared rabbit and goes kerplunk into the water before you realize that he has made the second jump. They will make one long jump and then rapidly crawl away while you are trying to make them jun But with any kind of luck it i no trouble to kill a dozen or two in a couple of hours' hunt, and that is enough for any man with an ordinary appetite. The demand for frogs legs has grown so great in the west during the past few years that several land owners who have ponds in their possession are propagating frogs for the market. It is said that ther

are two frog farms within a few miles of Omaha and that most of the saddles used by restaurateurs are secured there, but the frog hunters who live around the local lakes have no trouble in finding a ready marke for their game at the restaurants. Frogs are always in season and make their appearance in the market early in th spring, the early ones being shipped in from the south, but epicures and frogologists contend that the southern croakers are not as good as those which grow in north. The finest frogs come from Canada and nearly all of them are shipped to New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other large cities, where there is a ready demand for them. Those from the south, early in the season, bring 50 to 75 cents per pound, and sometimes \$1. But the frogs killed for the market here bring from 25 to 50 cents per dozen saddles, and the season begins about June 1, ending with the cool fall weather In October the southern frogs find a market in the northern and middle sections again.

AMERICAN FROG LIKED BEST.

Frenchmen have been dubbed "the frog eaters" by envious rivals, but they are not "in it" with American people, for more than a ton of frogs' legs were consumed in New York during the past month, which is more than is consumed in France in a whole sea

Although the French pisciculturists have spent years of time and large sums of money in breeding and improving eatable frogs, they have had to acknowledge the superiority of the American species over their highly bred kind, and now most of the French farmers are cultivating the American frogs found around the lakes and sloughs. As a consequence there is quite an export trade with the French people in American frogs. The largest saddles usually weigh about six to the pound, but these are not so good fried as cooked a la poulet. Those suitable for general use are best coked in the following manner: First dry the saddles, dip them in egg batter, roll in corn meal and cook them in boiling hot fat until they have a light brown appearance. When out hunting a good way to cook them is to prepare a spit and hold them over hot

coals until thoroughly browned, and they taste pretty good to a hungry man.

There are a number of frog farmers in Canada and the southern states, but recently such institutions have been established. lished close to the large eastern cities and are proving profitable investments. frogs is that when they are in the tadpole state they will destroy each other, the larger ones devouring the smaller. But this can b overcome by keeping them well supplied with food, and occasionally agitating the

water in which they are being bred.

Progs are not alone useful as an article
of food. They are valuable as destroyers of insects, and they keep down the immense swarms of flys and goats which thrive around lakes and hodies of still water, as well as around a lawn or house. Their skin is also valuable in certain kinds of surgery, an instance of which was the grafting of frogs' skins over the whole body of a man in Indianapolis last year, and thereby saving his life. The man was Wesley Keller, and he was so badly scalded by falling into a

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steam vat that it seemed as if he had only one chance in a thousand to live. The surgeons determined to attempt grafting a new skin composed of the tenderest portions of frogs' skins, and made such a success of the experiment that the man was enabled to resume his occupation at the end of a few

months, and is now as well as he ever was, The big frogs at Cut-Off and Florence lakes have been pretty nearly all killed off now, but as there are thousands of half-grown ones, of this year's breeding, there

will be some mighty good fall sport among

A LEGAL MYSTERY.

I've been list'ning to them lawyers in the court house where they meet,
An' I've come to the conclusion that I'm most completely beat.
First one feller riz to argy, an' he boldly waded in,

waded in, As he dressed the tremblin' pris'ner in coat o' deep-dyed sin. Why, he painted him all over in a hue o why, he painted him all over in a fide of blackest crime,
An' he smeared his reputation with the thickest kind o' grime,
Tell I found myself a-wonderin' in a misty way and dim,
How the Lord had come to fashion sich an awful man as him.

orimmin', tearful eyes, l'his client was a martyr that was brought to sacrifice.

An' he gave to that same pris'ner every blessed human grace.

Tell I saw the light o' virtue fairly shinin' from his face.

Then the other lawyer started, an' with

Then I own 'at I was puzzled how sich things could rightly be;
An' this aggravating question seems to keep a-puzzlin' me;
So, will some one please inform me, an' this mystery unroll.
How an angel and a devil can persess the self-same soul? self-same soul?

WINE TANKS IN FRANCE. All the Country Needs is Pipe Lines to the

The railway tank is introduced in France for the conveyance and distribution of wine from the vineyards, after the manner in which petroleum has in this country been conveyed from the wells to market, says the New York Tribune. The vintagers would be lucky if they could likewise adopt a system of pipe lines, as the oil producers have done, and so diffuse their cheering product with the maximum of celerity and at a minimum of cost. A net-work of pipes spreading under the soil from the Pyrenees to the British channel, run ning full with the crimson tide of St. Emil-len, Haut Barsac, Hermitage and Chambertin, with spurts and gurgitations of the commoner mixtures, according to the fluc-tuations of demand, would be a subterranean development of extraordinary interest, and would be almost certain to be tapped by the thirsty here and there; but it is not likely to come about, and the railway tank represents what is probably the final reach of economy in distribution. The vine grower gets little for his product, the profits being consumed by the middlemen, who take tribute from it at every step, from the time it trickles out of the press till it goes down the throat of its consumer; and the industry, which is one of the most important in France, is reaching out here and there for remedies. Wine at the press is now sold at 8 cents a quart. Last year the product the ordinary tion was so abundant that the ordinary storage receptacles were unequal to it, and anybody who would bring barrels might carry away the overplus free. Such ar abounding harvest is rare, but it comes now and then, and in such cases the tanks will be a godsend, as they will doubt-less be useful in all times to the normal movements and operations of the trade. normal

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