

On Tuesday next the big ten days' light harness meeting begins at classic Lexington, and as usual will wind up the regular meason. The present outlook is for one of the best and most sensational sessions ever held in this or any other country. For the eleven rich stakes, which closed way last June, there are four hundred and twenty-nine entries. These events include the Futurity, \$25,000; the Transylvania, \$5,000; the Ashland and the Tennessee, 34,000 These four events alone should each. furnish sensation enough to satisfy the most But they are only a part of fastidious. the great whole. There are eighteen other magnificent purses, including all classes, from the free-for-all trotters and pacers to the .28 performers, and there is certainly no one who will doubt that the present week holds a matchless treat for the followers of the light harness horse. What a race the free-for-all pace should be, with John R. Gentry, 2:00%; Robert J, 2:01%; Star Pointer, 2:021/2; Frank Agan, 2:031/4; Jos. Patchen, 2:03, and Rubinstein, 2:05. Will John R. Gentry lop off the half second which now intervenes between him and the ideal two-minute horse, or will Robert once more demonstrate that he king. Hamilin will make a mighty effort with him in any event, for it will be his last appearance on the race track, as he will be turned over to his new owner im-mediately after this great event. And no one must think that Star Pointer will be outclassed, nor Frank Agan or Rubinstein either. Pointer made Gentry pace in 2:011/2 to beat him by a length, and Rubinstein can measure off a half in .59 and go to the three-quarter pole in 1:31, anyway he has done it before and ought to be able to do it again. W. A. Paxton, jr., will head a small party of local horsemen who will down to the Blue Grass capital to see

As I remarked last Sunday the two-minute horse is practically here. John R. Gentry is but a half second shy of it, and at present is the horse of the century. Two minutes is the ideal speed of the horse at any gait other than that of running. In conversing with Mr. Paxton the other day he remarked: "The development of this wonderful mark has been the work of half a hundred years. We had trotters and pacers of great renown even before the war of the rebellion, but up to that time the evolution of speed had not progressed far. It has been within the ten years that the superfluity of sec the onds beyond the ideal mark began to disappear and the ideal was dreamed of, but now, as you have said, it has been practically reached. There is no question that there is a limit to the speed that can be developed by breeding and training, but there is a doubt in my mind whether two minutes marks that limit or not."

now contains no less than sixteen perform-ers. Just think of it! sixteen horses that there are thirteen pacers and three trotters, as follows: Pacers-Robert J., 2:011/2, by Hartford; Joe Patchen, 2:03, by Patchen Wilkes; John R. Gentry, 2:00½, by Ashland Wilkes; Frank Agan, 2:03¾, by Mike Agan; Flying Jib. 2:04, by Algona; Mascot, 2:04, by Deceive; Online, 2:04, by Shadeland Onward; Strathberry, 2:04¼, by Rosebery; Fidol, 2:04¼, by Idol; Hal Pointer, 2:04½, by Tom Hal; Star Pointer, 2:02½, by Brown Hal; Hal Dillard, 2:04¾, by Brown Hal; Rubin-atein, 2:05, by Baron Wilkes, Trotters— Alix, 2:03¾, by Patronage; Nancy Hanks, 2:04, by Happy Medium; Azote, 2:04½, by Among the pacers the Wilkes fam lly leads with five representatives, the Hal family coming second, with three. No other family has more than one representative. Electioneer and Happy Medium having one cach among the trotters, Almont and Jay Gould being the other two of the popular heads of families to have a representative each, both being the pacers. It is quite pleasing to note that Nebraska is in on the nors, for Online is a Nebraska-bred horse

I had Billy Huston look up for me the first horse to take a harness record of bet-ter than 2:40, and his research shows that it was Sally Miller, who won a five-heat race at Philadelphia in November, 1834, trotting of the beats in 2:27. Dutchman was another of the ancient record breakers. Dutchman was a bay gelding foaled in 1828, and by Tippoo Saib, ir. He trotted a great many races at two miles and three miles, and defeated such horses at Rattler, Lady Suffolk Awful, Washington and Ripton, and obtained a mile record of 2:32. This was July 18. 1839. In the second heat of a race against Awful. The first horse to trot in 2:28 was Pelham, a bay gelding that came from Maine. He weighed only 700 pounds, but was of tough fiber. This was at the Centreville course, Long Island, July 2, 1849, and he was driven by Bill Whelan. Pelham was formerly a pacer.

Charlie Thorpe, an old Omaha lad and pal of Mosy, the newsboy prince, is the best rider in the west, if not in the country says Harry Weldon. Charlie will do mos of his riding on eastern tracks next season. He has not yet signed a contract, but it is quite likely that he will soon attach his signature to an article easiling for something like \$10,000 a year, with the privilege of taking outside mounts. Thorpe will in all probability ride for Judge Arkell, owner of the well known pletorial paper, Judge, Lou Elmore, who trained for the Fleisch-Lou Elmore, who trained for the Fleisch-manns when Thorpe was riding for the Cin-cinnati stable, is now trainer for Judge Ar-kell. He has long been anxious to have Thorpe with him. Judge Arkell's stable at the the present time is not a very formidable one, but it will be. The judge has given Trainer Elmore carte blanche to buy such horses as he sees fit. Some idea of the prices Judge Arkell is willing to pay for the right kind of horses can be gleaned from the fact that he offered \$20,000

There is little chance of any international yachting for some time to come, judging from the present constrained status of affairs. Sir George Newnes, whom, it will challenge for the Americas cup last year after the Defender-Valkyrle entanglement, made a request to the Royal Yacht club a challenge for the Americas cup, the condi challenge for the Americas cup, the condition to be attached to the challenge that the races should be salied off Halifax. But the Royal Giblets of the Royal Tub club said "Nay! nay! Pauline." and informed Sir Georgie that the club already had a resolution spread on its books to the effect that any such race or races could only tresult inimically to the sport of yachting. And more. The English Yacht association is now in the depths of a bitter quarrel with my old pat. Howard Gould. Some of the members protended to think that Howard had been guilty of some skullduggery with his yacht Niagara, which was a competitor in the Royal Thames races last May. They alleged that Howard had a system of water works ingeniously constituted in the abdominal regions of the Niagara by which an aqueous ballast could be shifted from one side of the boat to the other and thus secure an undue advantage under certain conditions, and while he was absent, had a committee tisit his craft and investigate. It is needless to say they falled to turn up these water works, and now Howard declares that the massociation tion to be attached to the challenge that the races should be sailed off Halifax. But

is "afeard" to put him on to the party of parties who first made the allegation, of the three committeemen who made the in-vestigation, and that in consequence international aport has received another very dampsing upper cut. I cannot say what Howard would do to these royal four flushers if he should happen to identify them, but in a private latter to me he intimates that he could convince them of the error of their way with a piece of lead pipe so quickly that they wouldn't know whether they were descendants of the Tudors or only common cockneys. But it is just as I anticipated. I told Howard last January, before he went over, that he had better ship the Niagara out here and sail Dr. Despecher's Mermaid a series on Lake Manawa, but he would have his own way, and you see the result.

A Council Bluffs correspondent writes me to publish the mathematical rule or set of rules by which experts work out checker problems, and also to point out a good line the old and ever interesting game of draughts, nor do the crackajachs at the play employ any mysterious mathematical hocus-pocus to help them out. Great checker players, like great chess players, are born, not made, and while great benefit may be derived by studying the best works and regular practice, no man is wise enough to tell you just how to go about it to come a good player. Some will tell you that there is a limit to the moves, and some players know them all, but that is not so. However, there may be a limit to the number of moves, but if there is, no man yet has ever presumed to give the number Thousands and thousands of variations have been published, but there are innumerable possibilities in the devious labyrinth of the squared board that have never yet been mastered, intricate lanes and byways that have never yet been gone over, and depths that have not been explored. Studious analysis is constantly developing new moves, and it is absurd to think that the limit has ever been reached. It is a wonder that the game is not more popular and generally played than it is, for it is a grand study and an intensely interesting pastime. Chess players claim that their game is a more scientific one than draughts but this claim is not sustained by devotees who play both games well. The end gam in checkers is fully if not more subtle than that in chess. After a blunder in chess there is more chance to again "catch on" than there is in checkers, and, while chess certainly admits of a greater play of the imagination, checkers requires the more accuracy and precision. A stumble in checkers against a well matched opponent and you are gone. I have played many a hundred games with the ex-champion of the country, A. Y. Burks, now a Western Union telegraph manager in Ohio, and never won one, and all he required me to do to win was to get a man in the king row. While draughts is undoubtedly a keen beneficial mental exercise, there is such a thing as overindulgence in the pastime. Its constant practice produces a species of mental intoxication, which engenders a distaste for the duties of life, and consequently should be made subsidiary to

The Australian cricketers will not stor While on the subject of the harness horse it might be appropos to mention that Rubinstein is the last to join the 2:05 list, which now contains no less than sixteen performing the contains the con in their conquering stride. The team mot Philadelphia in a three days' match on the can officer trot or pace a mile in 2005. Think Philadelphia in a three days' match on the of it and then let your memory drift back 18th, 19th and 21st, and, although the wicket to the days when Dexter, Lucy American Girl and Rarus were the kings and queens of the light-harness world. In this list Philadelphians in every department of the game. After a day's rest they journeyed to Bergen Point and administered a decisive thrashing to the New Jersey Athletic club's representatives by an inning and ninetyrepresentatives by an initing and interprine runs to spare. They were at Philadelphia again Thursday and Friday and play there today. Next Tuesday they will be at Niagara Falls and on October 7, 8 and 9 will play at Chicago, passing through this on their way to California October 10. On the 15th they for Australia. Alike in batting city and bowling have the Australians both in England and this country excelled. Of the thirty-four matches played by them in Eng-land they wen nineteen, lost six and drew nine, nearly all of which were in favor of the nine, nearly all of which were in tavor of the Australians. In the thirty-four matches they played they scored an aggregate of 12.246 runs for the loss of 509 wickets, giv-ing an average of 24.30 runs per wicket. while against them 10,064 runs were scored for 583 wickets, or an average per wicket of 17.15. The highest inning played by the Australians was 625 against Derbyshire at Derby, while the lowest total was eighteen runs against the Marleybone Cricket elub and ground at Lords in the first match. In the return game Marleybone Cricket club and ground scored 367, which was the highest total accred against the Colonials. Gloucester, as in 1893, were disposed of for the lowest score—seventeen runs—at Chel-tenham, which number is the lowest ever obtained by an English side against any Australian team. Taking the Colonials' performances as a whole it may be safely said that for all-round excellence they compare favorably with those of any Australian team with the exception, perhaps, of the eleven of 1882. This eleven succeeded in defeating all England in the second of the three test matches, but the visitors beat every country club in England, with the exception of Mid diesex, whom the Australians did not meet. In this country, so far, they have made a

one's everyday occupation.

The fact that the grandest light harnes meeting of the season begins at Lexington Tuesday next reminds me, as Lincoln was wont to remark, that while the grand circuit just closed was not exactly a failure the past season it was near it, very near it. The circuit as at present made up cannot be compared to the circuits of a few seasons ago. It was then that the grand circuit got its prestige and fame. A grand circuit with such cities as Buffalo, Pittsburg, Rochester and Hartford left out is hardly a grand circuit at all. And these cities have been shut out of the circuit entirely by a number of bigots who want to veto all the musements of life simply because they can anysements of the simply because they can find pleasure to being tyrants when they have the power to be so. The law that has rulned trotting races at Buffalo and other cittes has done no good whatever. I defy any advocate of this class of preventive or restrictive legislation to prove the contrary. These laws, while they have done no good, have done infinite harm in very many re-

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as it was, made the run in 30 3-5, or two-fifths of a second inside of the world's amateur record.

In proof of the assertion that has been requently made that the Corbett-Sharkey match was nothing mores or less than money making fake concected by this savory in and said: pair of blackguards, Corbett has now de-clared the match off entirely and will concentrate all his wind and guil from this on in a grand fusilade against Fitzsimmons. Where are those wonderful "articles" of agreement? With a \$5,000 forfelt up how can with Charite Mitchell, and oh, my, oh, me, how tickled he would be to take with redheaded Robert.

The appearance of little "Jimmy" Michael, the wonderful bicyclist from Wales, a this country has caused a revived interest in bicycle racing, and that interest is likely to increase. Michael has already downed some American records in an hour's riding. That in itself may not be very sensational, but it does more or less establish the fact that he is a great little man on the wheel. In this respect he reminds on the wheel. In this respect one of the Terronts, the Frenchmen, who one of the Terronts, the Frenchmen, who problems, and also to point out a good has been a of study by which a person may become a good player. I would like to accommodate my prohibition friend, but hardly think I am sufficiently "up," but I can inform him an sufficiently "up," but I can inform him without much fear of contradiction that there is no secret way to the mastery of the old and ever interesting game of always somebody looming up who is ready the old and ever interesting game of always somebody looming up who is ready the standard and world-beaters. So to tackle champions and world-beaters. So we have W. W. Hamilton of Denyer, anxious to tackle Michael in a race. The par-ties interested have already met, and it is safe to say that the race will take place The men are to race one hour. This kind of racing recalls old-time contests. There have been scores of such races during the last twenty years, but recently they have last twenty years, but recently they have dropped out of popularity. A "one-hour race" is not like a long struggle of endurance where there is hardly anything else but brute force and strength as fac-An hour's race demands speed and tors. accomplished riding, besides stamina. of the speediest riders the world has known have been great "one hour riders," and the two men in question are very speedy riders indeed. Hamstreet, the Denver rider, now here under the mentorship of Charlie Thomas, says Hamilton will make a formidable antagonist for any man on the path in a one-hour race.

AT THE TRAP AND IN THE FIELD.

Omaha Gun Club's Shooting Seaso with Other Breezy Gossip. George A. Hoagland is up in the Black Hills with a Texas friend after deer. Was down in old John Petty's gun shop the other afternoon and spent a couple of very delightful hours swappin' reminiscences with John and Hoagland.

"Talk about duck shootin'," said Petty why you don't know what duck shootin' is, does he Hoagland? Ought to have been with me and General Crook up at Horseshoe lake one March afternoon in 1883, and I'll bet you'd forget there ever was such a place as Koshkonong or the Illinois river. We bagged 448 ducks in just five hours shootin', and over two-thirds of 'em were canvas, and if we hadn't run out of shells we'd made it a thousand," and the colonel's oyes sparkled with the fires of by-gone

days.
"Oh, yes," I replied, "I've heard yo erack that ancient chestnut a dozen times and think I've written it up once or twice for The Bee, but we can stand it again, can't we Hoagland?"

'Yes, John is at his best when recounting old-time experiences in the field. Shoot her off, John." "Well, sir, Crook could never get ove

that shoot. It was a little ahead of anyboth know there were few men who ever had better shooting than the general."

"Wasn't Billy Hughes with you?" But I'll tell you just how it was," and holding his spees in his hand and throwing one leg over the anvil, the old champion continued: "I'll never forget it if I live to be as old as Methuselah. The general dropped into the store that morning about 9 o'clock and it was a blowin' and snowin' like all git out, and he sez, sez he: 'Say, John, this is awful ducky; what say you to a trip up to Horseshoe?'

"'Oh, don't mention it, general, sez I don't you see I've got this gun to stock, an if I don't have it done by evening, John Collins 'Il raise'—well, it don't matter what I said, but I didn't say Cain—and again the general looked at the weather.

"'Oh, to—you know—with Collins and

the weather,' sez the general, sez he; 'why, I've seen more ducks flyin' over this mornin' than I've seen for years; they've been crossin' in clouds ever since daylight, an' as fur the weather, it couldn't be betterbut what's the use talkin'-you know you'll go, so off with that apron, we've no time lose, you know it's a good sixteen miles up to the lake."

"Of course you know I went. We got to the lake about noon, and by 1 o'clock we had our decoys out and were workin' our old Lefevres like harvest hands. There was a blindin' snow storm ragin' and at times the wind fairly took our breath. We didn't waste no time makin' a blind, but just stood out on the shore among the broken sunflower stalks and it was rip, slap, bang, and bang and splash until we had busted every last shell we had with us.

"Our gun barrels got so hot at times that we had to run down into the water and thrust the muzzles in to cool 'em off, an' durin' the short time I shot without gloves blistered my hands so that they were sore for a week afterward. We got King—he lives on the lake, you know—and his two sons to help us gather the birds, an' say, if you could have seen the three piles we built under those old cottonwoods you'd a-thought we had enough ducks to supply the whole country. And the next day—" "An' you say the most of 'em were can-

interrupted Mr. Hosgland. "Well, there was a thunderin' lot o' canvas and redheads, but maybe not the bulk of 'em. The most of 'em were pintail. But as I was a-sayin', the next day ole King brought the birds in for us, and I'll never furgit the crowd that swarmed into the store all the afternoon to look at the game. They were runnin' there till long after dark, and mighty few came but what went away with a brace or so of ducks. Crook sent most of the canvasbacks to Chicago and his friends in the east."

"Yes, that was a great day's shoot and no mistake," added Hoagland with a sigh. but John, those days have gone, and like the dead man, can never return. Prairie chicken-why, Sandy, I'll tell you what I've done many and many a time and thought nothing of it. I've jumped in my buggy at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, drove right out on the prairie west of where Krug's right out on the prairie west of where Krug's big brewery now stands and killed more chicken than I could use. Geese and ducks! Such trips as you are preparing for were never dreamed of in those days. The Sweetwater, Bellevue bottoms and Waterloo were the farthest objective points. There was slathers of blade at all these places and they could be birds at all these places and they could be had for the killing. Seven years ago last fall, over on the Nishnabotna river, in Iowa, I bagged seventy-eight maliards—mallards, mind you, every one of them—in just one hour's shootin'. That was also a snowy, blustery, disagreeable day; I was shooting over decoys in the timber, and never saw the birds either so tame or so plentiful. A strange thing about that bag of ducks," continued Mr. H., picking up the barrels of the gun Petty had been working on and squinting through them, "say, John, there's a pit or two in that left barrel yet—but as I was a sayin', a strange thing about that bunch of mallards was that they were purty nearly all drakes, splendid green-heads, and what a sight they made. don't believe there were two dozen hens in

the whole caboodie."
"Well, that doesn't surprize much," broke in John, for I have always found that the drakes predominate, three to one, an' often at a greater ratio. How've you found 'em, Sandy?"

"More drakes always. I never could understand it, but you'll kill two drakes to one hen always, that is when you make any sort of a bag. By the way, that reminds me of a good story on 'Splattermouth' Wise-

man-Theodore-von both know Splatter, of thing one evening two years or so ago, Billy Townsend, Frank Parmelee, Splatter and Big Courtney, the Lefever man, and myself and we were marveling at the predominancy of drakes over hons, when Splatter broke

"I do-do-don't th-think there are an-an any more roos-roos-ters than h-h-hens. I was out-out on the El-El-Elkhorn last fall an-an one mornin' I-I was in a bi-blind on of a p-point in the river an-an I see-see cat string o' d-duck comin' d-down down that he river. There was thir-thirteen of 'er agreement? With a \$5,000 forfeit up how can the spineless ex-champion declare the mat. h off? But there is little to be gained in comment or criticism on these tellows; Sharkey is a nonentity and Corbett unworthy of notice. He is a faker from his earliest career. He faked with Dave Campbell and Jim Williams, under the management of Jack Prince and Senator Morgan, before he was a drake—a can-can-canvasback drake. The next eve-evenin' I was in the same bl-blind and I see thir-thirteen more deducks swim-swimmin' right down on-onever heard of Sullivan; would have faked deducks swim-swimmin' right down on-on with Sullivan if he had had the chance, and if the truth was known, did probably fake right op-opposite me an' I give it to-to-opposite me an' me in a line. I wait-waited till they were right op-opposite me an I give it to-to 'em an' an is lifth wo-would have it I kill-killed 'em all, an' I'm-I'm the biggest liar in Ne-Ne-Nebraska if they weren't all hena, thirteen can-canvasback hens! 'Petty dropped his specs and fell off the anvil, white Hoagland leaned back in his chair and laughted so long and loud the buttons flew off his vest like flakes in a snow respective.

"That settles it," he cried. "Splatter won the best. "But say you can all talk about your shootin' and your shotin', but there is nothing I like in the world so well as deer hunting. I have had a great exducks and geese; quail and chicken as any man, but there is nothing that stirs me like a deer hunt. Why, even a fresh track sets my nerves all a-tingle, and I'd rather stalk one deer than kill a dozen other animals. I wouldn't give a picayune to kil elk, but a deer, an old Virginia white tail, or black tail either for that matter, is my game all the time. By this time next week I'll be out in the hills among them, and I am anticipating a great time. On my way home I will stop off in the sandhills for a couple of weeks with the ducks, then. once back here, put in the time with the quail until Jack Frost shuts up the shop."

The Omaha Gun club's summer competi tive target shoots have closed, the end hav-ing been reached with the meeting yester lay afternoon. On the whole the season has cen both a successful and an enjoyable one Beginning last May with the annual state tournament, the best ever held by that time-hopored association, the successive weekly affairs have all been well attended and the competition keen and interesting. But now that the fall shooting season has opened up the club men will prefer the exitement of the field to the tamer pastime efore the trap, and it will be only infrequent imprompty matches that will be seen upon their grounds from this on until cold weather effectually puts up the bars. The prizes for the season's shooting were awarded as follows:

First prize for attendance, a \$25 suit of shooting clothes, was won by Charles Johnson. The second prize for attendance, a \$10

neerschum pipe, was won by Mr. Fred Blake. The prize for the five highest scores, a \$5 Channey Powers cleaning rod, was won by Frank Carmichael, with 123 breaks out of possible 125.

The special prizes were awarded as fol-July 18-Pair of fine silk suspenders, won y Parmelee, 24 out of 25. July 25—Box of fine cigars, won by Carnichael. 25 straight. August 1—The prize was captured by Colonel Hughes, 25 straight.

August 8-Shooting blcuse, won by Whit-August 15-Box of cigars, won by George comis, 23 out of 25.

August 22—Hand protector, Marsh, 23. August 29—One ton of hard coal, won by Fred Montmorency, 24 out of 25.

September 19-Sweater, won by Fred Blake, 22 out of 25. September 26—Aluminum reel, tied for by ohannes and Larned. September 26-Box cigars, tied for by ohannes and Randlett.

The average prizes: ... Parmelce—\$5 bat. Whitner-22 fine. Colonel Hughes-Suit of cordurey shootng clothes. Blake-Split bembco rod

Loomis-Mackintosh coat. Brucker-Shell case. Carmichael-Peters' tote bag. Johannes-100 Green trap shells. Montmorency#Korty prize. Dickey-One-fourth keg Dupont smokeless

McFarlance Pair gold sleeve buttons. Following will be found the individual work of the members who shot in the requisite number of shoots during the seaon to entitle them to a position on the

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Billy Nason and party returned from Hahn's peak, Colo., in North park country, last Tuesday. They had a grand time and killed all the deer that the law allowed, and then spent the rest of the time shooting grouse and fishing. Billy says the grouse shooting was something to be remembered a long time. Billy killed what they call a "snow packer" rabbit. He said it weighe about sixty pounds in its "stocking feet. One of the party saw a bear, but as he hadn't lost any bear he didn't go and ge it. He said he thought it might belong to

Joe Sykes, private secretary to Genera Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific, has returned from a three weeks' trout fish in the Jackson Hole country. He caught trout until he grew tired, and had some pretty fair duck and chicken shooting.

Judge Dundy is back from his annual bear hunt in the Idaho mountains, after the most unsuccessful expedition he has had for years. Bears were scarce, and as skill-ful as the venerable judge is at this, his favorite sport, he succeeded in killing but

Harry J. Root put in a couple of day chicken shooting near Randolph last week, together with Frank P. Root and Will Bond of that place. They found birds fairly killing seventy-three in days' shooting.

Three deer were seen upon an island in the Platte on Monday afternoon last, west of Brady island, by a couple of local chicken

The outlook for duck and goose shooting is unusually promising. Already the marshes are beginning to receive the feath ered visitors, and by the 20th of October the main issue will probably be down from the north. Parties who have been up at Quinnebogg reports having seen a great many birds, and also that the surrounding country is fairly working with quali. A few snipe are in, but as yet only insignificant bags have been made.

W. P. McFariane and Fred Blake are en-camped on Swan lake in the western sand-hills. Colonel Dickey and a party left for the same point yesterday.

Billy Townseed was in attendance at the trap tournament held at Onawa last week under the management of Jim Elliott of that place. The shoot was a success and Mr. Townsend brought back his full share of the money, shooting in capital form and making several straight kills. White at Onawa Billy also had a snipe hunt round about Blue lake with Jimmy Hart, the old

in an evening's shoot and Billy reports the little galinagoes as extremely plentiful.

Dr. Dohse and Major Bishop put in a day on a bar in the Missouri river up oppo-site Florence last week and bagged over decoys some fifteen or sixteen mallards.

Mr. Gere and Mr. Daniels of Northam; ton, Mass, spent a night last week with C. E. Bates, stopping over here to tell of the wonderful things they saw on a trip of eight weeks in a wagen and on horse-back between Salt Lake City and Denver. They found hunting and fishing first class. Deer were most plentiful, they having seen actual count as high as 100 in a day, they only shot what they needed; and fishing could not be better; trout up to and one the journey. Mr. Gere is an ardent sports-man, having been all over this country hunting and fishing. He has a log cabin in the Green mountains, where he goes frequently. Mr. Erastus Young of this city enjoyed a three days' fishing there last only of a three days using there has personnel of the team was as follows:

June. These gentlemen were delighted with
Omaha and said it far exceeded their expectations as a city. While here they were
entertained by Mr. Young at lunch, where
bear stories and big fish took a prominent
Lafferty, substitute. The team is about After lunch a drive round the city completed the day.

IN THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

Gossip of the Play and Players from All Quarters.

It begins to look again very much as Omaha would be in the professional base ball push once more next year-it all depends upon what is done at the next annual meeting of the Western league, which will be held at Indianapolls some time in November. I am in receipt of a letter from a former Omaha business man, now a resident of Louisville, Ky., and he informs me that the Louisville National League elub will make a strenuous effort to get a franchise in the Western league at its next annual meeting, and if they are successful, they will put a first-class team in at Omaha as a farm for their league club. Louisville has been without this highly necessary adjunct for the past two years, but now, as all the league clubs have their farms, she is determined to be in the swim in 1897. I am assured that the move is an earnest one and that the probabilities are that it will be successful The Louisville club is entitled to concess sions at the hands of all the other clubs composing the league, and it is but rea-sonable to suppose they will all lend her a helping hand in the present project. Another well known fact is that a majority of the Western league clubs are desirous of getting Omsha into their circuit, as their pre-emption of the city at their annual meeting last winter clearly denotes, and the overtures made by Charlie Comiskey of St. Paul and Tom Loftus of Columbus to their league to put in a team here in case the league decided to do so on its own hook. Geographically, Omaha holds the kep to the Western League cir cuit, and now as there seems to be a strong probability of a return of good times, the desire on the part of that body to have a club located here is stronger than ever, and it is an odds-on bet that the Louisville enterprise goes through. I am also in re-ceint of a letter of inquiry from a promipent magnate in the Western league, that shows evidence of the very general de termination on the part of that organization to fortify itself with a franchise lo-cated here. Just now it would be decidedly premature to disclose names and plans, but the fans can rely upon the fact that there is a hen on and that they will be supplied with all the news in due time. The hint above conveyed will serve to put on edge the local base ball appetite, preparatory to the grand banquet I hope to be able to spread before the fans before the lanse of sixty days. The move is bona fide and sin-cere, and a combination of influences peuliar to the situation should come pretty nearly to carrying it to a successful issue.

Nick Young, the president of the National Base Ball league, in an interview said that the fact that the championship race so far as the leaders were concerned was not as close and interesting near the finish of the season in comparison with that of previous years was partly because of the "unfortunate circumstances for which Mr. Tebeau of Cleveland was held responsible." The occurrences incident thereto, President Young thinks, doubtless worried Tebeau and als men, as they suspected that the outcome of the case might prove serious and jeopardize their clances in the championship con-test. "This affair teaches the league one esson, and that is that something must be done to stop the differences between the umpires and players. On that score, however, there is not so much to complain of as in previous years. The umpires, upon the whole, have given more satisfaction to the players and the public than ever before and I am heartly pleased with their work. To be sure there were the usual differences between a captain and an umpire, but noth-ing serious resulted. These differences will always occur, for they are inspired by the cal of both teams, their desire to win."
Mr. Young says the coaching question and that affecting the Temple cup series will come up for consideration at the next league meeting. The league will analyze the coaching question thoroughly, and will probably ask the opinion of some of the older players and umpires before decisive action is taken Regarding rumors of reduction in the circuit of from twelve to eight clubs, President Young said: "The twelve-club league will remain intact, not only another season, but at least four seasons besides. The twelve-club compact was formed in 1892 and this is the fifth year of its existence. has four more years to run. Base ball has been more successful under the twelve-club regime than any five years previous since base ball became a professional sport.

The base ball season just about to close been one of the most prosperous in the tory of professional base ball. All the clubs have made money. Most of them have paid handsomely, and some have made 'big money.'

attendance in Baltimore has been large, but to some extent has not come to expectations, especially during the last months of the season. This was, of course, due to the ease with which the champion won the pennant. Baltimore being one of the few cities where the price of general admission is 25 instead of 50 cents, the profits have not been nearly so large as in some other league cities. Though the attendance here has been above the average in numbers it has been below the average in amount of money received therefrom.

For a city of Baltimore's size, however, with no populous suburbs, like New York. Boston, Pittsburg, Chicago and Cincinnati the attendance has been very large. Almost a quarter of a million of people have passed the turnstiles at Union park since the season began. The exact number, according to the official reports, was 249,448.
This is nearly half as many as the en

tire population of the city, and is about double the voting population. It is an aver-age of 4,226 for every day that base ball has been played at Union park. It is not the average per game, for two, and once three games were played in one day.

The total attendance for all the cities, as given out by the clubs, foots up to the tremendous total of over 2,500,000 admissions, or nearly five times the total population of

Baltimore, and many more than the total population of Maryland. The exact figures, as taken from the dally This would make an average attendance in each city of 210,783. As stated above, Baltimore's total attendance was 249,448.

At an average of sixty playing days a season in every city, the average attendance per day in all the league cities would be As stated before, Baltimore's daily 3.513.

Base ball experts everywhere are becoming convinced that "Big Bill" Lange is the greatest all-round player in the business. He is in a class by himself, and no one can approach him. He is not only the greatest center fielder alive and one of the best bitters in the league, but he is also one of the fastest men in the profession. His record of stolen bases for the season reached the 100 mark nearly a month ago, and his nearest competitor was over a score behind him. Lang's strongest point as a ball player is his "head work." He understands the game from a scientific standpoint, and he uses his head more than his heels.

When not at work he reminds one of a jolly, careless, lazy man of the world, who would prefer starvation to violent exercise. But when you see him on a ball field he is transformed. He is a bundle of springs in Base ball experts everywhere are becoming

average was 4,226.—Baltimore Sun.

Omaha ball player. They bagged forty birds | activity, with the power of a steam engine every play as if his life depended on it, and the next moment, when the play is accomplished and the crowd is cheering, he is again the careless, laughing, overgrown boy, and his awkward motion returns. - Chicago

> Of all amateur base ball clubs who took the field in the season just ended perhaps none were more successful than the Hay-denites. Starting in at the commencement of the season they visited several of the neighboring towns, coming out victorious in almost every instance. Their expedition on the other side of the "Big Muddy" was not as successful as it might have been, owing to the fact of their meeting picked teams, while at home they never met de-feat. Here might be mentioned the excel-lent battery work of Welsh and O'Connor. The former especially proved himself zler to the local crackerjacks. Too praise cannot be given to that popular manager of the team, M. P. O'Connor, for his successful efforts in that capacity. The ersonnel of the team was as follows o resolve itself into an association foot-ball team, which will be second to none in the state of Nebraska, and whose initial game will take place in the near future.

> "You can talk about your batters," says Tim Donohue, "but I don't think there has been another such slugger as Delehanty. He never fans out and he hits the ball any where the pitcher tries to send it. As it comes in he changes his grip on the bat to suit the occasion, and so, whether the ball comes fast or slow, near or far, he is prepared to kill it. He hit Terry in the ankle with one of those low drives of his in one of our games. The ball bounded straight up in the air and scenned to stay up a week, while Terry was dancing around up a week, while Terry was dancing around and Delehanty was chasing over the bases. Those low hits are Del's specialty. I never saw any one else who could send the ball along the ground that way. One of them upset McCormick, and, after striking his glove, went clear to the brick wall for two bases. And field! Why, that fellow comes in on hard hits and stops them if he to throw himself in front of them! can't get over a single on a hit into his

The Baltimore club will make a short our through England after the games with Cleveland, The team which will make the trip will be composed of Clarke and Bower-man, catchers; Pond and Hemming, pitchers; Doyle, first base; Jennings, short stop; McGraw, third base; Kelley, left field; Keeler, right field; Lange of the Chicagos, center field, and Glezson of the New Yorks, second base. Brodle and Reitz cannot go on account of personal business, and the players selected their old comrade Gleason in Reitz' place and Bill Lange is taken along as the king of center fielders. will be billed as the three times champions of America.

When Nash bought La Jole from Fall River, Manager Marston of that club said: You are paying me \$1,500 for a man whom you would not sell for \$10,000 after he plays out the season with you." Nash says \$10,000 could not buy La Joie today.—Phila-

eft fielder of the Baltimores, will be found with the New Yorks next season. Van Haltren and Tiernan would make the Giants very strong in the outfield

Now it is claimed that Kelly, the crack

who will go to England with the Baltimores Reitz's place.

There are three men besides Hallman who kind of "feel it in their bones" that they will not play here next season.—Philadelphia

Baltimore has only won one game out of

McMahon, Hemming and Esper are three of Baltimore's pitchers who will likely be released this fall.

Teemple cup series with Cincinnati would have been worth \$300 or \$400 more Wilson, Van Haltren, Tiernan, Gleason and Meekin of the Giants are cranks at

bike riding. The Washingtons and Louisvilles secred

80 runs in their series, of which the Senators made 108.

ON THE GRIDIRON FIELD.

Palaver About the Lads Who Hustle - the Pigskin.
Foot ball is now the absorbing theme with the athletes throughout the land and the grand shower of long-halr and court-plastered mugs will soon be upon us in all its rageful vehemence. The High school boys are hard at work, and while the team has not yet been drafted, a few more days of practice will tell the tale. Their colors are purple and white, and among the candidates ambitious for a place on the regular team are: John Neilson, Spencer Cortelyou, C. Jensen, H. Sisin, H. Spafford, S. Thomas,

Ben Cotton, Bob Johnson, George West, Jo-Fradenburg, Joe Lilly, Will Chambers, Charles Everts, Roy Gillespie, Arthur Petri, Will McKell, Lewis Reed, W. Hughes, Harry Crandell, Harry Tukey, Wil-lard Hopkins, Frank Lehmer, Charlie Swartz, M. Morrison, Walter Field, George Towler and Lester Hutchison. Here is an array of youthful athletic taient from which a formidable team can be selected, and when all have been thoroughly tried out the team will be made up

by a committee appointed to pass judgment on the relative strength of the candidates. Games have already been scheduled for Tarkto, Mo. Lincoln, Nebraska City, Red Oak, Plattsmouth, Ashland, Sloux City and Minneapolis. As to the Western association lefinite has as yet been promulgated, but it s high time there was. There is no doubt but

what all the teams are getting into shap for the busy campaign that is to shortly open, and, of course, as is always inevitable, each college will have the strongest team it ever had before. I hope to be able to give the personnel of the teams by another It is not only here, but all over the coun

try, the long-haired genus is working like a beaver, and it may be said that the season was formally inaugurated in the east las week. There is little doubt but what it is going to prove one of the greatest it is going to prove one of the greatest and most thrillingly interesting within the history of the game. Anyway, reports from all the head centers of the sport in both the east and west would indicate as much it will be more of a punting game this year than ever before. All the players of the big college teams are devoting much of their time to this practice, as it is a knack that must be acquired by hard and pertain the property of the college teams are devoting much of their time to this practice, as it is a knack that must be acquired by hard and perthat must be acquired by hard and persistent practice.

There is a paucity of good punters con pared to the number of players on a team, and this is certainly because American Rugby foot ball players have been instructed more in the methods of knocking down than in getting the ball toward the desired goal by purely scientific means. The game is now becoming more of a science than it ever was, and every year finds it nearer to association foot ball, which is foot ball in fact. The American Rugby game is in its fact. The American Rugby game is in its infancy, and most certainly it will improve simply because every year the public is becoming more and more interested in it. Heretofore, and to a great extent yet, more than one-half of a team is selected because of the strength of the men, players who are strong enough to throw an opponent yards in front or yards to one side, or in any direction of the way. Just the other day it was the rule to secure five or six men who could rush against an opposing six with such terrific force as to knock the latter six into a heap of bruised humanity. This has changed and this year will find the game changed and this year will find the game better than it has ever been before.

leges, as well as the parents of the students are evidently determined to do away with the senseless brutality that has for years marked this exciting and rusged play. As a matter of fact, there must always be or less of rough and vigorous work about the game of foot ball no matter what the rules be, but heretofore there has been much of outright and willful brutality. is the latter that will be eliminated this year, and in the course of a season or two will be entirely eradicated.

Officials of the game can accomplish much, but the managers a vast deal more. The glory that victory entails almost always prompts youth to make extremely desperate efforts to attain it, and for the nonce mod-eration is lost sight of. It is at these times that the unduly rough play takes place. Youth can be instructed and by a rigid discipline forced to keep clear of these maddened efforts, just as moments of desperation are prevented at other times. It is quite clear, ther, that if all parties directly interested make up their minds to have a game devoid of what is called brutal, or unduly rough work, there will be such a game. Students of various schools and colleges have set the pace for the game of foot ball in the past and it is a hopeful sign that they, or at east their authorities, have come to the conclusion that the game will necessarily be freer from roughness this year than we have ever seen it. The rules make the game more of an open one, and the more it goes in this direction most assuredly will more art be needed and less brute strength.

But rules are of little moment unless there are proper people to enforce them. This has been proven in base ball for a long time. So that after all, a very great deal depends this season, and always will depend, on the umpire and referees of the games as to whether or not there are to be unduly rough features in the contests. If these officials at the very start off make up their minds to prevent this kind of work, and they can do it, then all will be work, and they can do it, then all well. Players who resort to brutal tactics to win games should be, and must be, retired from the game without hesitation, and there should be a means of suspending them from play during the season. This will prompt parents to encourage their boys to "get into the game" and try to make a mark in it.

As previously stated the season virtually began last week, with the trial games in the east. The University of Pennsylvania team returned from its training trip in the most excellent trim, and still the eleven has not been finally chosen. Several of the men are unable to fill the bill as punters, and this will undoubtedly make a change in the final selections, on account of the fact that punting is to be a prominent feature of the play this season. Still Pennsylvania is sure of a strong aggregation, and under Coach Woodruff and Trainer Murphy will be fit to fight the best on the line

The most encouraging reports are coming from Yale; that is, the reports are better than they have been in the past at this time of year; for Yale never tries to scare the life out of people by declaring what she is going to do. There has ever been a marked absence of boast at Yale.

The Harvard and Princeton teams are still at work. Neither has made anything like a selection of a team, and will not do so before the latter part of this week. Good judges who have been watching the work of the players at each place say that there is plenty of good material to select from.

Cornell has an unusual number of as-Collins of the Bostons and Lange of the Chicagos are the only two outside players who will go to England with the Baltimores this fall. Collins is to play second base in Reitz's place.

Cornel has an unusual number of aspirants for positions on the team and all have been working like Trojans on Percy Field with the hope of developing superior prowess. Beacham, Taussig, Sweetland, McKeever, Leuder, White, Young and Tracy are the old men who are in line. Of the new candidates, there is no cortainty are Arthur Irwin's contract with the New York club does not expire until November 13. Arthur claims he has offers from two National league clubs for next season.

There are the old men who are in line. Of the new candidates there is no cortainty as to who will be the lucky ones, as all are green and inexperienced. The prospects for a good team are exceedingly bright, as most of the new men show much promise of developing into star players. There has been a most encouraging snap and down been a most encouraging snap and dash about their practice, which makes it prob-lematical whether all the old men will be able to retain their places or not. Taussig Tracy, McKeever, Wilson and Short will furnish abundant timber for strong ends, the nine that were played last season and the season before for the Temple cup.

and with the excellent his season's eleven general feeling is that this season's eleven will be one long to be remembered. Corrections of the control nell will play the Western Reserve university at Ithaca next Saturday, Taft's college October 17, Harvard on the 24th, Princeton at Princeton on the 21st, Bush-nell at Ithaca November 7, Williams at Buffalo on the 14th, and University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia November 26.

> Questions and Answers. SIOUX CITY, Oct. 2.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please publish trump signal and echo for short suit game of whist and same for long suit, and oblige.-R. R.

> Ans .- The trump signal and echo are the same in any style of whist. The "signal" is playing a higher card before a lower of the same plain suit, when not attempting win a trick, such as 7 and 4 on the sec and king. It means "lead trumps." The echo is the signal in the trump sult, when trumps are led. It means "I have four trumps.

> OMAHA, Oct. 1 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please prescribe for setter bitch. She had mange the past summer and now her hair is falling out.-Jefferson Square.
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> Ans.—Wash well with diluted ammonia

and salt water. Give light dose of quining morning and evening and keep her in a shed, out of the house. Must not be kept too warm.

CRESTON, Ia. Oct. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please state for the benefit of an always interested reader of your department in The Bee what has beyour department in the Bee what has been eeme of the great St. Bernard dog, Ghampion Melrose, and also give his pedigree. Thanking you in advance.—H. M. Work.

Ans.—Champion Melrose' is now owned by Charles R. Hoctor, San Jone, Cal. Champion Melrose, with a single exception, is the beat smooth-coated St. Bernard in America. He is one of the celebrated Alton Judich litter—

one of six Champions, and includes in his list of winnings: First, New York, 1892 and 1893; first Pawtucket, Toronto, Kingston, Newark, Philadelphia, Boston, 1893; first, Washington, 1894; first, Chicago, 1893-4-5-6; first, St. Louis, 1895, in addition to numerous specials. He is a winner and the size of winners. OMAHA, Sept. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: A and B are playing double high five, each having 50 points; A buys for 3 and makes clubs trumps; he plays the ace

3 and makes clubs trumps; he plays the acc and saves five of clubs, this being lowest card played, and claims high, low and five, 7 points. B plays and saves jack and ten of clubs and five of spades and claims low, jack, game and five 8 points, claiming five of spades and claims, low, lack, game and five of clubs is low card. B claims, even if five of clubs is low card, he saved jack and ten before A played high and low, consequently wins the game. This is an old chestnut, but a decision by you is the only thing that will satisfy B.—Subscriber. Subscriber. Ans.--B wins. The five of spades is the lowest trump out.

AUBURN, Neb., Oct. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bec: Please give in Sunday's Bee foot racing records for 50, 60, 70, 75, 80 and 100 yards. Also how fast, in your opinion, my nony will have to gallep to keep up, or a little ahead, with some good ones for 200 and 300 yards and oblige—

Sprinter.
Ans.—Fifty yards, 5½ seconds; 75 yards, 7½ seconds; 89 yards, 8 seconds amateur; 100 yards, 94-5 seconds. For 200 yards your peny should go at a 19-second clip and for 200 at a 29 clip.

for 300 at a 29 clip.

CALHOUN, Neb. Act. 3.—To the Sparting Editor of The Bee: Would you kindly state in the correspondents' column Sunday If it would be safe to shoot buckshot at large game from a No. 12 Smith gun? Please mention the proper load.—H. M. O.

Ans.—Safe, provided the shot chamber even in the property. They should chamber even in They should chamber even in properly. They shou layers in the barrels.

