Changes in the Standing of the Base Ball Clubs,

EVEN STRUGGLE WAGED ON THE DIAMOND

Bits of Fresh, Bright News Caught Up Along the Circuit Around First Base to the Home Plate.

The past week has resulted in a decided Beamsaters' visit at Redville was a disastrous three out of the four games played cut their lead down just one-half and left but a difthan at any time this season and it will be the eastern circuit, for with Boston playing on the home grounds for nearly two weeks it is not at all improbable that the Reds will be boosted out of first place in the column for the first time this season. The first tour that the Reds made in the wast commenced on May 29 and at that time Ahey were seventy-seven points ahead of anything to the rear of them. At that time Cleveland was next. After touring the east and a section of the west they returned to the home grounds on June 19 with their lead cut down to fifty-seven points. On July 9 when the Reds commenced their second trip through the east they were exactly the same number of points to the good and when they got back home again on July 27 this lead had been cut down to thirty-four points. Point by point the Reds have been losing steadily in their position since they Shave returned home until they go away for the third whirl through the east with less than half the lead they had when they ar

It is interesting to note the great improvement in the standing of the champions in the same time. When they played their first game with the west on May 30 they were in third place-198 points behind Cincy and 121 points behind Cleveland. When they had finished playing teams like Chicago, Pittsburg, which was then playing its strongest game of the city, and Cleveland, it had cut Cincy's lead down to forty-three points and Cleveland's to ten. When they got back home on July 11 they were in second place, forty-two points be hind Ciney. When they started on their in the west they succeeded in cutting this lead down to fifteen points.

The rest of the aggregations are jogging nlong as they were a week ago. The only fight with the exception of the scrap at the head of the column is between Chicago and New York. A week ago the Orphans were in the lead of the Giants, but for four during the last seven days the latter jumped ahead. Once more Chicago forged upward and again the Giants are ahead of the Windy City aggregation.

Never in the history of Yankee Doodle's game has such a fight been seen-so evenly is the struggle being waged. Three eastern teams are in the first division with three western aggregations. The east and the west seem certain to divide the first two moneys. If Cincinnati wins the penmant, Cleveland will never be able to take second place away from the Beancaters Should Boston win, second place will almost certainly go to either Cincinnati or Cleveland. Of course Baltimore must still be Sincluded in the reckoning, for the season is but two-thirds finished. The Orioles are bound to end in the first division any way, nd so are the Clants from the present ou Qook. Chicago may have a fight with the Pirates for the last place in the divisionthat is within the range of possibility if Tannehill continues the pace and Hoffer shows up as he has done-but if the latter do win out it will still leave the first division composed of three eastern and three

One week ago Cincinapolis was in the lead of the Western league; yesterday the Blues were at the head of the race. At present it's a tossup between the two aggrewations on paper, but under the surface the Cowboys look to have all the best of it The strength of both aggregations lies in their twirling force. There is a vast differ ence back of the slab, however. While the Blues are not the finest fielding team that might be picked up by any means, yet they have played more consistently in this regard than the Hoosiers by far. The latter have at times given fielding exhibitions that would have shamed the rankest amateurs. The fight for the tailend honors, too, has reached an interesting stage. In the last ten days the Millers have shown a great revival of form and have brought the St. Joseph aggregation almost down to their

According to the latest compiled tables Pitcher Maul is generally conceded to be the league's winning pitcher in the percentage of games won and lost, as up to date he has eight wins to his credit, as against two defeats. For a clean record, Carrick, who re cently joined the New York team, easily beads the list with three straight victories and no reverses. Young of Cleveland has done well, winning eighteen and losing six, while Dammann of Cincinnati has won nine and lost three. Breitenstein has won thirteen and lost five; Hawley, won seventeen and lost seven: Tarnebill, won sixteen and los seven; Nichols, won sighteen and lost eight: Callahan, won eleven and lost five: Willis won thirteen and lost six; Klobedanz, won twelve and lost six; Lewis, won thirteen and lost seven; Rusie, won eleven and lost six; Griffith, won fourteen and lost eight; Dwyer won twelve and lost seven; Nops, won ten and lost seven; Hughes, won thirteen and lost eight; McJames, won fifteen and lost ten; Fifield, won three and lost two. All these twirlers have a percentage of .600 or Of the old-timers, over of games won. Young, Nichols and Breitenstein have been doing the most consistent work.

As far as long range hitting goes in the big league, New York stands at the top 526 extra bases. Cincinnati is next with 519. Philadelphia is third with 497 and Boston fourth with 461. The remaining teams come in the following order: Washington, Chicage, Louisville, Pittsburg, Baltimore, St. Louis, Brooklyn and Cleveland.

Boston has the most home runs to its credit, with thirty-one. New York is next with twenty-seven and Washington next with twenty-one. Collins of the Beaneaters captured seven of these homers and Stahl has five to his credit. Joyce assisted the Giants with seven home runs and Tiernan has five. The champion home-run hitter of the Senators is Anderson, who has seven to his credit. Gettman has four. The team week. that has secured the least number of these four baggers is Cleveland, whose players made but five-McKean four and Wallace

nine extra bases, consisting of thirty two- of interest: baggers, nine three-base hits and three home

Chicago heads the league easily in the

SPORTS IN DOG DAY MONTH | fourth place with 128. Cleveland has scored the least number of stolen bases with sixtyfive. The premier base purloiner is still Hamilton of Boston, with a record of thiry-seven steals in fifty-eight games. Delehanty of the Phillies is next with forty-four steals in eighty-four games. Donovan of Pittsburg is third with thirty-seven in niney-one games and Mertes of Chicago fourth with twenty-two in fifty-five games.

> CRICKET AND ITS FOLLOWERS Some Recollections of the Tournament and Prospects for Future Events on the Oval.

The great cricket tournament is now a

dream of the past, and to the Omaha club is due the entire credit of bringing off the most successful gathering of willow wielddiminution in the lead of the Reds. The ers over held in the west. To President Lawrie, Captain Francis, Treasurer Douglas one for the pennant chasers, for their loss of and Secretary Reynolds, and last, but by no means least, the women, thanks are especially due. They seemed to be here, there ference of fifteen points between the two and everywhere, and to their untiring exleaders. This puts them in worse shape critions much of the success of the tournament is due. Omaha had six days of spleninteresting to watch their progress around did cricket, and the Omaha Cricket club has won for itself a reputation for hospitality meh will be hard to equal. The brilliant

uccesses of the club on the field came as surprise to their opponents, and local players have no hesitation in saying that the wonderful improvement on their form of last year was in a measure somewhat of a surprise to themselves. The club, moreover, is to be heartly congratulated on its successful engineering of the financial side f the tournament. This is the first time that any club has emerged from this annual meeting with a balance on the right side. When it is remembered that the Omaha Cricket club is by far the poorest of the clubs in the association, that its membership is the least, and that it has no wealthy magnates connected with its organization, it will be readily acknowledged that it has 'done itself proud' in bringing off an important tournament like this with such It is, perhaps, after all, not so difficult to

secount for the high position taken by the maha club. The team, as a whole, has practiced more assiduously than in former cars. The men have done away with the dea that any apology for a bowler would lo to peg away at them during practice. They have insisted on having the best, and profited thereby. The regular hours and habits had not a little to do with their wonderful success. Then again the Omaha team has not been credited in former years with a capacity for playing an uphill game. Somehow or other they have failed at a critical moment, fallen to pieces, and almost certain victory has been turned into ingloious defeat. Such criticism cannot be second trip west on July 28 they were hurled at them this year, however, for on twenty-three points behind Cincinnati and two occasions at least it required no small amount of nerve and skill to pull the match out of the fire. Finally, they have loyally supported their captain, and only those who have experienced the responsibility, cares and annoyances attached to such a position by the man who takes upon himself this, by no means, enviable duty.

> The Omaha team hardly got into its stride until it met the great Chicago team Something very nearly akin to consternation pervaded the Chicago team when their captain went down in such surprisingly easy fashion, and prior to the fray not one person in attendance would have anticipated such a result as the former champions of the west being put out by the Omaha eleven for the paltry total of 36. Still, on the day's play, the best team won and won handily. That the local players surprised themselves goes without saying; no great scores were made by the men, but each contributed his quota, and it was the levelness of the individual scores during the week that contributed to our final success. There will leave no stone unturned to reverse natters in the coming Denver tournament, and, therefore, it behooves the local men to lose no time in putting themselves in shape nce more.

> It is a pity the Omaha club has n nillionaires in its ranks, else it might have a chance of measuring its strength agains the renowned English team, which passes through here to play Denver during the tournament there in September. However, an expense of \$1,500 for two days could hardly be entertained by the club at the present time. Omaha has the consolation that if the Denver club runs up against these leviathinns just before our match with them it will have an easier job in "putting them to sleep" than at Omaha.

For Denver has not only secured an extra ournament of the Northwestern Cricket asociation, but is also assured of a meeting with the strong English picked eleven that has been selected to meet the crack American teams this fall. The following from the Denver News gives the information: The Denver Cricket club received

ablegram this morning which assures Denver next month a red-letter day in the calendar of international sport. The club on Saturday satisfactorily arranged the guarantee and received word that the team f the famous Marylebone Cricket club of London will be in Denver on September 26 o play a series of games lasting two days. Arrangements have also been completed and the announcement made that on Sep-ember 28, 29 and October 2 and 3 the ournament of the Northwestern Cricket as ciation will be held in Denver and the between Omaha and Chicago, for the

first place, will be played off. The tie is the esult of the last association tournament, The Marylebone club sends a team every ear to some part of the globe. Last year comprises some of the best known names in world of cricket. It is captained by P. Warner and contains the old crack blues" from Oxford and Cambridge, re first class amateur cricketers and it will be the first time in the state that a high class game, such as is played in England, has been pulled off. In the team are Vernon Hill and G. B. Bardswell, two of the best names on the roll of the Marylebone club. The men leave England August 27. They first go to Montreal, Philadelphia and

Chicago, playing at each city. From Chicago they come here. The Denver Cricket club will have a strong team to meet the visitors. Walter Scott of Colorado Springs, who has more than local fame, has promised to play with the local men. The team is being strengthened and improved by constant practice.

The Northwestern Cricket association tournament was secured for Denver only by hard work since the play at Omaha last month. Chicago and Omaha tied for first place, and the already strong feeling of rivalry has been greatly increased. Besides Omaha and Chicago, St. Paul and r a Canadian city will be represented. Paul and possibly

Secretary H. C. Stone said this morning that the coming of the English and eastern clubs meant that Denver was gaining recognition in the east and abroad. There are several old Oxford and Cambridge men on the eleven, which has only been or ganized two years. This is the first year t has played with anything like its full The rule is to practice nearly strength. every afternoon and have a game every

As some of the local players are in loubt as to the correctness of giving a man out to a man bowling round the wicket, the La Joie of the Phillies heads the list of following extract culled from Cricket-the stuggers. He has made a total of ninety- recognized authority over the pond-may be

The question of the possibility of getting runs. Anderson of Washington is next with a batsman 1. b. w. when bowling round the ninety-four extra bases and Beckley of the wicket is pretty generally understood in Reds and Ryan of Chicago are tied with England, even by members of very small and out-of-the-way clubs. In America, with the cach. and out-of-the-way clubs. In America, however, there would still seem to be places where the l. b. w. rule is not under-

ones do not know; so that in nearly every game that is played here there is dis-satisfaction on one side or the other." If round the wicket pitches in a straight line between wicket and wicket it may hit the wicket if it is pitched up very far, or breaks back a little. A length-ball, without break, would miss it."

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS Dead Games Put in Their Time Talking of Corbett and McCoy and

the Coming Match.

There is but one topic in the pugilistic world at present, and but few others in the general sporting world. The coming match between McCov and Corbett is arousing a big amount of interest-a great deal more than was expected. Say what you will, the public was hardly satisfied with that apparently decisive result at Carson City, when Fitz put out the pompadour champion with a goodly portion were so dissatisfied that they would like to see the ex-champ knock get back at Fitz. On the other hand, there are others who would like to see Corbett lambasted once more, and still others, followers of this youngest aspirant after heavyweight honors, who would like to learn that the kid is to be the winner of the affray. It is but natural, therefore, that the coming go should create a considerable amount of

interest in sporting circles generally. The two men are going about their trainbout is to be a decisive one. Corbett is breaking the jaws and the noses of the biffers who are trying to get him in trim for the fray, and he is putting them out that are being sent out from his quarters. McCoy has some peculiar ideas of his own about training, and while he indulges, of will repay any angler. He returned yestercourse, in sparring, he is also devoting a good bit of his time to long tramps, woodchopping, swimming and other like diversions

It is announced that the match is certain to be pulled off at Buffalo on September 10. The virtuous portion of the population about that city is straining every nerve to have the authorities interfere with the bout. Ministers have put a finger in the ple and the preliminary to the event will be a lively sparring match between these men of the cloth and the promoters of the affair. It is said, however, that the fight will be legal under the Horton law. The demand for tickets is great, and a big attendance is assured to see the fight if the authorities do not succeed in stopping it.

The week has been a quiet one in pugilistic circles. The most noteworthy event was the meeting of the colored fighter, Joe Gans of Baltimore, with Billy Ernst of can fully appreciate the services rendered Brooklyn. The colored lad showed beautiful science and easily made the bout a victory, although the Dutchman proved himself something of a glutton for punishment. The eleventh round decided the fight.

> According to a dispatch received yesterday the famous referee of the Sullivan-Corbett fight, John Duffy, is almost dead from consumption in New Orleans.

The outcome of Jim Jeffries' affair with Bob Armstrong is to make it very doubtful if eastern sports will have an opportunity of seeing the big Californian box in the east for some time to come. During the past will nurse his injured hand and somewhat fly is a luscious grasshopper." shattered reputation. As soon as his hand gets well he declares he will line up against any of the heavies. A consequence is no question but that the Chicago team of the affair is that the articles of agreenent between Jeffries and Corbett have been declared null and void. Under the circumstances, therefore, it looks as if the only man the winner of the McCov-Corbett fight can pick up is Sharkey.

# FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

Dupont Tournament Will Be an Affair of Unusual Interest to the Sports of Omaha.

"The Dupont tournament next September will be one of the biggest affairs of the kind ever held hereabouts," declares Billy Townsend. "Every week the committee is in receipt of inquiries from amatuers in the states surrounding Nebraska, asking something about the tournament and indicating their intention of being in attend-I believe that there will be 100 ance. entries in every one of the events on the program from the present indication. Our system of adding money which enables the low shooters to be in on the coin as well as the high boys, is bound to attract all classes of amateurs." The committee is steadfastly working upon the details of the tournament. Nothing but the minor arrangements are still to be worked out, as the general plan of the tournament and the program have all been fixed.

The Interstate association is at work figuring out some modification of the plan of dividing the monies in the Grand American handicap next April. This year there were so many men who scored twenty-five straight or twenty-four out of twenty-five that these two classes are up all the money in the purse. Those who scored twentythree, or at least some of them, felt t was to South Africa; this year it is to aggrieved and uttered a complaint that lanada and the United States. The team they had, after scoring 92 per cent, been left out in the cold with nothing to show for their good work. Notwithstanding the fact that the chances are extremely great against anything like the number of twentyfives and twenty-fours next year as there were this, the associatrying to devise some tion plan of dividing the money in the big event whereby more men may get back something for their good work. While the association will probably stick to guaranteeing a ertain amount, say \$1,000, to the three high guns, it will likely apportion the balance much on the same principle as last year, providing for 170 entries. All surplus money that may accure through there being more than 170 entries, will be distributed among the shooters next in order of merit, pro rata, according to their scores.

The North Nebraska Amateurs' Shooting tournament, an annual fixture now, will 14, 1894. once more be held at Atkinson on next Wednesday and Thursday, under the manamong those who will shoot.

frequented as Cut Off lake, and that explains fault, but he now moves along as smoothly why it is that so comparatively few anglers as any one could wish." find auccess in this nearest resort to the city," declares Bill Simeral. "Cut Off is a poor place to fish from a boat. The bass stallion Electioneer seems to be asserting there are boat shy because so many boats itself in an interesting degree as the seaare being pulled over the lake all the while. sons go by. The son of Hambletonian X Water carries sound very well, and even if and Green Mountain Maid was selected by

country are at loggerheads over the pos- feet from a boat and you can hear a foot- fornia horses are now occupying the leading | H-P to K B 4. sibility of getting a man 1. b. w. when step in its bottom. There has been so much places in the public eye. During the eight bowling round the wicket, and the young of these sort of noises that the fish in Cut years since the death of Electioneer his Off will fight shy of a boat. One can get fame has constantly been increasing, and good fishing at times from the bank, but the this season his speedy descendants are more players in Massachusetts would remember that the pitch of the ball is the thing to be considered and not the position of the bowler's arm they would be mystified no longer. If the ball from a man bowling people out in the boats have not been able champion 2-year-old Arion, 2:10%, a son: best way is to wade in, say up to one's numerous than ever. people out in the boats have not been able champion 2-year-old Arion, 2:10%, a son; from a boat, especially if they are hungry, granddaughter, and the champion golding but one is not at all as certain to get a Azote, 2:04%, a grandson. All these records string as in the way I have mentioned."

> of evenings on Cut Off during the past ness as a progenitor of speed: week, fishing in this way, and on each occasion they got nice messes.

Fred Goodrich and Frederick Metz, sr. will go to Lake Quinnebaugh again during the trotter this year is 2:25, made by The Mercoming week. Mr. Metz will stay a couple of weeks, but Goodrich proposes to stay at Egotist, son of Electioneer. least a month. He will not only fish but do opens.

Councilman Frank J. Burkley and Ed Cudahy did a bit of fishing while they were spending a couple of weeks at Mackinac his since-famous solar plexus blow. In fact, straits recently. The straits are too deep for fishing, but to the north some twenty miles away, among the islands, excellent out McCoy in order to give him a chance to sport can be secured. Muscalonge is the premier game fish of the waters, but neither the councilman nor Mr. Cudahy tackled them. They, however, managed to capture some nice strings of pike and pickerel.

"That's the part of the country for fish eating," says the councilman, "the water is about 50 degrees and the fish are in the finest sort of condition. They are simply delicious-beat anything that you can have ing in a manner to indicate that the coming served to you in this or any other part of the country.'

William Frankle, the fisherman, hunter and sport of Valentine, has been in the city in quick order. Such at least are the reports | during the last week. The trout streams about his section of the country, he says are prolific with the great fish, and a visit day, and with him went A. J. Emptage the local insurance man, who will spend several days along the banks of the trout streams. Mr. Emptage is a recent immigrant from New York and is an enthusiastic addition to the ranks of the fishermen of this city.

> Albert Edholm and Byron Hastings are spending today at Nobles' lake, in dalliance with bass and croppy.

This afternoon Senator John M. Thurston, Federal Judge Munger and Henry Homan leave in a special car for Idaho for a week or ten days' outing in the wilds. At Denver George H. Austin will join the party. The crowd goes loaded with shells and fishing tackle, as the trip is a combination of fishermen's and hunter's jaunt. The party will have their car sidetracked wherever they run across game or good fishing, but will spend the most of their time about Shoshone, Hailey and Ketchum. They will go into the Malad river country for grouse. the closed season on which ends tomorrow. They will fish in the Big and Little Wood rivers.

"It's strange how a fish will change its balt," opines Fred Goodrich. "In the early part of the season bass in Lake Quinneit was all the go with frogs. Now they son of Pierre, S. D. will snap at a green fly only. Fish is a foxy creature at the best, and picks out the best feed of the season and you have to cater to that fastidious appetite of his. Grasshoppers are here and I suppose Mr. week Jeffries left for California, where he Bass imagines that that fine looking green

Country hunters are full of tales of the luscious crop of prairie chicken that will this season. There is an unusual quantity of young birds and a fairly successful protection has been given them. The year has been a great one for the young birds. There were no heavy rains or storms in the spring, so that the nests in the ravines and along the banks of the streams were not swept away and the young chicks were not drowned. Oblivious of the danger that comes from a esidence on the bank of a stream, that is likely to boom at any time in the spring. the parent chickens will select for their nest a clump of grass right on the bank. There is a danger period of weeks while the eggs are hatching, and the young are growing big and strong enough to fly off to the high lands, but this spring this stage in the lives of the birds was passed with safety and the result is a numberless quantity of chickens.

Billy Hardin and M. C. Peters bagged a nice bunch of ployer and pigeons on the bottoms across the river during the last

# WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Star Pointer's Great Feat at Columbus Excites Expectations of Greater Feats Later.

The unquestionable event of interest in the light harness world so far is the feat Star Pointer performed at Columbus a week ago in again passing the two-minute mark. It is the second time that this-a supposedly impossibly feat only a few years ago-has been accomplished. It is but natural, therefore, that horsemen throughout the turf world should look at the performance as the most noteworthy of the year and set themselves to wondering if it is not within the range of possibility that a still lower mark will be reached by the great pacer before the year is out.

For the remarkable feature of Star Pointer's performance is the fact that it was made so early in the season, bearing in mind that the harness racing season does not really commence until in July. If he can do so much before the season is half over it looks more than probable that he will succeed in making a lower mark before the year closes and horsemen are predicting that he will pace in 1:58 before the end of the season. His remarkable performance last year, when he skated under the twominute mark, was accomplished on August 28. Even that was early, according to the way records have gone. For example, Alix made the world's trotting record of 2:03% on September 19, 1894; John R. Gentry's 2:001/2 was made on September 24, 1896; Robert J's 2:011/2 was made on September

James A. Murphy, owner of Star Pointer, declares his animal is in better condition agement of the Atkinson Gun club. The than he ever was. He says: "Star Pointer shoot was a success last year and this year is better than ever before. In the first place promises a better attendance. Nearly all he is going faster than ever. He has gone the shooters that were present last year but six times thus far and they have been have promised to be on hand again, and six faster miles than any first six miles there will be many additions. The central ever paced before by a horse. Then, in adlocation of Atkinson gives the shooters of dition to being apparently physically perthe eastern and western parts of the state feet, he seems to be rid of some faults he a chance to meet and enjoy a good time. A had last year. He no longer brushes himnice program at targets and a bird event is self as he did last year, and, although he Hallowell, Billy Townsend still wears boots, he has not so far as we and Henry McDonald of this city will be have seen touched his knees together this season. Then, too, his tooth trouble having been cured, he no longer pulls and tears "The big majority of people do not know at the reins as he did last year, when he how to fish, particularly in a lake so much had an ulcerated tooth. This was a serious

The influence of the blood of the great Chicago heads the league easily in the number of stolen bases with 152. New York is next with 139; Baltimore next with 137, and Cincinnati and Boston are tied for Massachusetts: "Old cricketers in this fish away. Put your car in the water 100 and it is largely due to that fact that Cali-

to get a strike. Of course, you can get fish the champion 3-year-old Fantasy, 2:0814, a were obtained prior to this season, and still Bill Simeral and Dr. Worley spent a couple the following proofs of Electioneer's great-

The fastest mile trotted this year is the 2:08% by The Abbott, a son of Chimes, son of Electioneer and Beautiful Bells. The fastest mile made by a 2-year-old

chant, son of The Conquerer, 2:1214, son of

The fastest 3-year-old colt trotter up to a bit of hunting just as soon as the season this time is Iatan, 2:18%, by Norcaur, son of Norval, son of Electioneer. The fastest 3-year-old filly trotter is Ellen

Madison, 2:19%, by James Madison, son of Anteco, son of Electioneer. The fastest mile trotted by a stallion this year is 2:09%, by Tommy Britton, son of Liberty Bell, son of Bell Boy, son of Elec-

tioneer.

The fastest new stallion in the list this year is Milan Chimes, 2:13%, by Chimes, son of Electioneer. Klatawah, 2:06%, the champion 3-year-old pacer, is a son of Katie G, daughter of Elec-

Inferna 2:15 the champion 3-year-old pacing gelding for 1898, is a son of Diablo, 2:09%, son of Charles Derby, 2:20, son of Katie G, daughter of Electioneer. Quickly, 2:14%, the fastest of the 4-yearold geldings, is by Hummer, a son of Elec-

tioneer. The fastest new stallion in the list this year is Donnough, 2:14%, son of Electioneer.

The \$5,000 stake for the 2:16 trotters at Buffale, during the coming week, is arousing considerable interest, as it is the first time that the sensational trotters, Mattie Patterson, 2:0914, and Directum Kelly, 2:11%, will come together. Neither has lost a race so far this season. In the entry list, also, is the Kansas stallion, Askey, 2:114, who will have plenty of backers. Another event of interest is the 2:08 class for trotters, where the trotting record of the year is expected to be lowered. In this race The Abbott will have to meet aged performers in Grace Hastings, 2:08; Kentucky Union, 2:0714; Klamath, 2:0714, and Onoqua, 2:0814. This will be the first start this year for the two latter.

A scheme has been sprung by some Cleveland horsemen to establish trotting tracks in Hayana and San Juan, when peace is declared. They argue that the trotters and pacers-now compelled to remain idle all vinter-could be sent to Cuba and Porto Rico, and kept in training during the cold nonths in the states by competing in races Porto Rico's climate is especially there. adapted to the trotting horse and it would be an ideal place, so horsemen say, to fit the flyers for the early campaign over there.

Mattie Patterson, who took a record of 2:09%, not long ago, is the first 2:10 performer to be scored by the Dakotas. baugh would strike at only minnows. Then mare was formerly owned by R. B. Mathie-

> When Andy McDowell won a heat with Lena N in 2:051/4 at Cleveland recently, and established a world's record for pacing mares, he placed five championships to his credit. The others were gained with Alix 2:03%; Azote, 2:04%; Klatawah, 2:06%, and Directly.

Owners of pacing horses are of the opinion that the size and speed of the pacing be offered for the delectation of Nebraska field has reached the point where it has become essential to classify it in some other way. At Dubuque, Ia., recently twenty-six pacers faced the starter in the 2:07 class Four of them were only eligible for the purse, and of course the owners of the othe twenty-two were disgruntled. So many recruits are coming into the pacing class every day that it will be necessary, it is said, to copy the methods in vogue on the running tracks in order to cope with the question Local horsemen advocate the idea of a different classification than that which obtains at present. They say that it is something that managers of harness meetings owe their patrons, and that the one who takes acvantage of the opportunity to please patrons and owners alike will be the gainer.

> It is stated that the Oakley track in Cininnati, owing to the fact that the runners meet, has been declared off, will be devoted in the future exclusively to light harness races. It was a trotting track before it became the home of the thoroughbreds.

# WHIST.

In laying down a general theory for re turned leads Cavendish writes as follows: "Hoyle says not a word about returned leads and as the subject is of the greatest importance, it may be assumed that in his day there was no general rule. Payne is the first to give any instruction on this point and he dismisses it in three lines, 'In re turning your partner's lead play the bes you have when you hold but three origin ally.' He does not say what you are to do with more than three, and from his cur way of putting the matter, it may be in ferred no serious value was attached to the proposition. Matthews merely says, 'With three return the highest; with four the low est of your partner's lead."

"The theory of returned leads remained in a most unsatisfactory condition until well past the middle of this century. 'Caelebs published in 1858, has the following, 'With less than four originally of partner's aggressive lead, there is rarely any profit in inessing; in any event the next highest the two remaining.

"It remained then for Clay and myself (1862) to assert and explain a positive rule as to returned leads. Clay's remarks (Short Whist, 1864) deserve examination. He gives the rule, return highest of three. lowest of four and notes the exception in the case of holding the winning card, when it is to be returned irrespective of number. He then proceeds, 'The foregoing is, of all similar rules, the most important for the observance of whist players.' He next gives the theory and explains how 'careful attention to this rule assists your partner to count your hand.' It seems strange that up to this period writers on whist ignored such an elementary rule altogether r put it as one to be observed in a casual sort of a way, or stated it briefly and with out comment." Cavendish concludes with a list of contingencies in which exceptions should be observed.

# CHESS.

The following hard fought game was reently completed in the Nebraska Chess tournament between T. N. Hartzell and M. F. Winchester, the latter resigning after fifty-one moves:

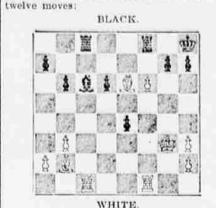
TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE Hartzell, Black-Wine ck-Winchester. Kt to Q B 3.

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P to Q 4.

Kt to Q R 4. P takes P.
B to Kt 5
P takes P.
B to K 2 (ch.)

51-K to Kt 5. interesting end game, as follows: Problem No. 35: Black to play and delay mate



Western solvers found considerable difficulty with problem No. 34, because in many

cases even after the key move had been hit the difficulty of the different variations proved formidable. The solution is ne follows: 1-Kt takes Kt. 2-Any. 2-R to K 4.
3-Q mates, or
1-R to K R 4.
2-R to Q 4 (ch).
3-Q to Q Kt 5,
mate, or
1-R to K R 4.
2-R to R 5 (ch).
3-R takes Kt, mate, 1-Kt to K 4. 2-P takes R.

1-Kt to Q Kt 3, 2-Kt interposes, 1-R to K R 4. 2-R to R 5 (ch). 3-B to B 7, mate, or 1-R to K R t. 2-B to B 7 (ch). 3-Kt takes Kt, 1-Kt to Kt 5, 2-Kt interposes, 3-Kt takes Kt, mate, or 1-R to K R 4, 2-R to K 4 (ch), 3-Q to Q R sq., mate, or 1-R to K R 4, 2-R to K 4 (ch), 3-P to B 4, mate,

Logan, Norton, Kan.; C. Q. De France and "Rock Island Conductor," Lincoln, and Nelson Hald, Dannebrog. A number of partial solutions and comments were sent in, a communication from one solver being as follows: "There are exactly eleven different mates in this problem, with The game in the Nebraska chess tourna- over twenty-two variations in bringing about ment printed last week developed rather an | the mate. There are only two defects that the most critical solver can find with this problem, the dual mates of Q to K B 4 or Q to R sq. in two of the variations, and the possible mate in two moves caused by black playing B to R 6 or B 8. On the whole I believe it to be the best problem The Bce has ever published."

Solutions have been received from D. F.

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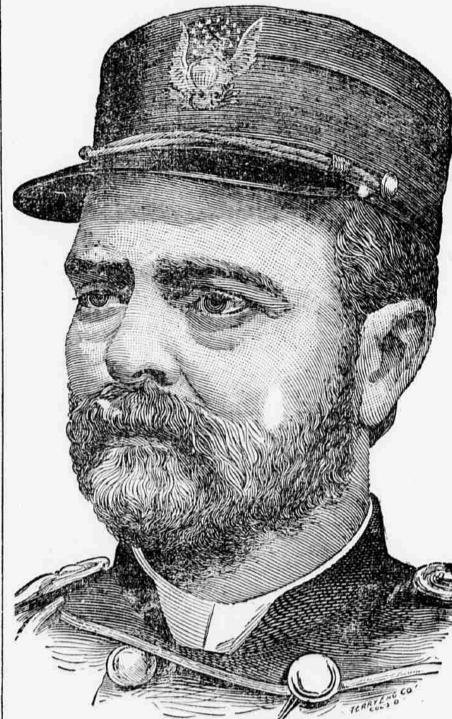
A gentle sigh fluttered her bosom. Why "Well, of course it depends somewhat upon the length of the season," she answered, very quietly. Time, recollect, was not a function of the absolute; being rather an incident of finity.

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# COLONEL COIT

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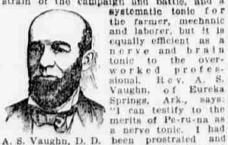
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