# **COSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON**

Close of the Season and Review of the Big Five's Work.

HARVARD LEADS THE FAIR PROCESSION

Crimson Waves in the Front Rank and Orange and Black Comes Next -Nebraska and lows Seem to Be Retrograding in the Sport.

Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Yale, Cornell-that is the way the average footballist will rank the various members of the big quintet of the eastern gridiron as a consequence of the scason's work. It is an unsatisfactory conclusion, to be sure, for Princetonians will not admit that the Crimson had a cinch on beating the Tigers, nor will the Cornellians confess that Yale could have beaten them. But it is the only way that the sharps are able to figure out a championship where no championship can exist under the circumstances.

Of the five Princeton passes through the way. Two others have rolled up a higger total of points against opponents, Cornell and Pennsylvania, but the Tigers were scored on but once and only five points that time. These five points, however, represent a tie record of old Nassau. Harvard has been as they knew how. scored on four times for a total of eighteen points and stands fourth in the list on the basis of its own scoring record. Pennsylvania has scored the highest total number of points on opponents. Yale has the poorest record, both in scoring and being scored against, from the standpoint of points. The records of the five teams are as follows: HARVARD.

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Total ...... 298 Total ...... 29 The ranking given above is somewhat different from what it was last year, based on the same material. Pennsylvania last season had a team cinsidered superior to anything on the eastern gridiron. Harvard and Yale, in consequence of the tie game they played with each other were about even up in the race for second place. Princeton was next and Cornell again wound up

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Harvard cinched her claim to the champlonship a week ago by most decisively skinning the Blue by a score of 17 to 0. The Crimson was superior to Yale in every that it had this year not only the best team that fair Harvard has ever turned out, but one of the most perfect foot ball machines that has ever appeared upon the gridiron. worked smoothly, harmoniously and quickly, there was no bungling or fumbling, every man knew just what, where, when and how he was to act his part and was Johnny-on-the-spot every time. The vicvard and will undoubtedly act as a healthy stimulant upon her athletics. They certainly ought to eradicate that principle that has so long ruled supreme in the home of the Crimson-that no man can secure a place on its teams unless blue blood flows through his veins. Captain Dibblee bucked this principle this fall. He insisted that a position on the foot ball team should be the reward of merit mone, and he has adhered to that determination. The result was that Harvard is reputed to have had this season the best team in its history. To be sure, the eleven may not have been solely the consequences of this new injection into Harvard's athletic system, but it certainly had something to do with it.

The final culminating game of the season of the big five was the Thanksgiving day struggle between Cornell and Pennsylvania. This resulted as the most ardent Cornellian feared it would, even though he hoped otherwise. Considering the work done by the Quakers this year and their disorganized back field, Cornell could well be said to have the opportunity of a lifetime to down its enemy, particularly as with the addition of Charlie Young it had fully as strong an eleven as the one of last year, which held York City, and the most interesting event end of the first half it looked as if the Cornellian hopes were to be realized, for the score ended in their favor, their touchdown being made on a blocked kick after the Quakers had held them for downs on their one-yard line. But in the second half the Ithacans could not withstand the attack of the Pennsylvanians and good gains were repeatedly made by the latter. Two touchdowns gave the Quakers the victory with the ball on Cornell's five-yard line at the close of the game. It was the nastlest, most disagreeable foot ball day of the year, but different weather conditions would hardly

game at the Council Bluffs Driving park on Thanksgiving day. This contest was without doubt the poorest of the series that has uldering the rank of the two elevens

annual struggle is supposed to possess, being delayed in order to enable the quarter and the other backs to hold a bit of a social session! Yet this happened frequently and was certainly calculated to fill the spectators with disgust, for they could not have helped seeing a player step over to another, apparently to pass a joke, while the game was held at a standstill to permit of these pleasantries. Iowa played in a more business-like manner than did Nebraska. When she got the ball she played with some snap, some vim and some generalship and displayed more than an elementary knowledge of the principles of interference. But Nebraska, the champion of the Western Intercollegiate league, had no vim, had no snap, had very little generalship, had interference that was not often noticeable to the naked eye. The only time that the team showed that it possessed any ginger was when the ball was rushed down to Iowa's goal line in the second half for what looked to be certainly a touchdown and this was spoiled by a stupid blunder that a prep school team would not have been guilty of.

Iowa probably did the best she could. Her supporters have never boasted of her excellence. It has been admitted that the team was made up of men who, with three exceptions, had never played foot ball before. She did not expect to win. She should not season with the cleanest record in a scoring have won if Nebraska played foot ball. She did win, however, because she had brains enough to take advantage of the blunders of her opponents, and therein lay her superlority over Nebraska. Her team work was of a fair quality. There were no stars, but game and furnish the black mark in the all men played together, apparently as well

> It is reported that the Nebraska team was not in shape to play a hard game. The sporting editor of The Bee was told by Lincoln men who ought to be in a position to know that the team broke training immediately after the Kansas game and made no physical preparation for the Thanksgiving game. It did the same thing last year and the consequence was that it won from Iowa only by a very narrow margin. That result should have taught the Nebraska footballists a lesson, but apparently it did not, and they have consequently reaped the proper harvest. Even though they have defeated Kansas, certainly they have not entitled themselves to the championship of the Missouri valley.

Another moral may be drawn from the game—the need of fair, impartial officials with backbone. The officials who acted were fair and impartial enough, but they lacked the element required to enforce the rules. If they had insisted that the rules should be obeyed there would have been comparatively little of the delay, the squabbling, even the quarrels that took place upon the field. The remedy for this lies with the teams themselves. The west has not yet reached the point where its teams want the best officials for their games. Each wants a man that will give it "the best of it." When the time comes that the teams look only for the man who will strictly enforce the rules without advantage or favor to either then and only than will foot ball reach the amateur plane on which it prides itself and to which it is entitled.

The Bee will not retract an lota of what it said regarding the actions of Coach Knipe of the Iowa eleven on the field of play. In fact, its statements were admitted to be true by members of the eleven. However, by request, not from Mr. Knipe, it is asked to state that the coach was unduly excited during the game. It is said that he was entirely wrapped up in the team, particularly on account of its poor success during the season, and that he was wrought up to fever pitch over the excellent stand that it was making against the Nebraskans. It is stated also that the excitement later brought on an attack of heart disease, which was finally warded off through the efforts of two doc-

Mr. Knipe has played foot ball for seven years. Four of these were spent upon Pennsylvania teams, which passed through more exciting times than were to be seen on the foot ball field across the river. He had never been afflicted with heart disease from excitement during that time.

At a meeting of the Iowa foot ball eleven on the night of the game Tackle Eby was elected captain of the team. The team members also petitioned the athletic council of their university to appoint Dr. Knipe as coach next year.

For the third consecutive year Kansas shu out Missouri in their annual struggle at Kansas City on Thanksgiving day, closing the season of the Western Intercollegiate league. Missouri showed up much better than had been expected and almost played the Jayhawkers to a standstill in every department of the game except kicking. In the punting game the Missourians were outclassed and this fact gave the Kansans the victory.

Lafayette, which a couple of years ago reached the acme of its foot ball career by beating the University of Pennsylvania, has won one game out of nine and scored only twelve points, against 207 for its opponents, this season.

Quarterbacks the country over are usually men of small stature and light weight. This has been a custom among the big university Our camp was pitched right in the heart teams ever since the beginning of the sport. of the Hole. There was snow upon the But the Chicago university eleven has made ground and it was cold, but otherwise the a radical departure from the rule by playing conditions were as favorable for hunting as a 200-pounder in the place. His name is we could have wished. There were all Kennedy, and, in spite of his weight, he has kinds of elk in the vicinity of our camp. been a success in every respect, so the Why, every day we could see upon the critics say. As Stagg coached the eleven, he wide meadow before our camp a half a dozen made the selection of Kennedy himself and of the animals grazing. They were safe in doing so he declared that it was not ab- enough, as we could not crawl upon them. solutely necessary to play a small man at but we found plenty of others elsewhere.

C. W. Holderman, an old Omaha boy, is playing quarterback on the Kansas 'varsity of bear. In all probability it was too late this year. It is his first year at foot ball in the season for the latter, as the woodsand he will no doubt become a star in the men round about declared that there were future.

#### WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN Sale of Star Pointer for \$15,000 the Most Interesting Event of the Week.

The feature of the light harness world hast week was the sale of trotters and pacers at the Madison Square garden in New in the sale was the knocking down of the famous Star Pointer, the only two-minute horse in the world, from the auction block. The sum of \$15,000 is a tidy fortune for a bit of horseflesh under ordinary circumstances, but in this case the price was than was expected. Although the horse had a record of only 2:0214, when James A. Murphy bought him in March, 1897, and he has since paced five miles in 2:00 or better, he brought \$600 less than a year and a half ago.

The new owner of Star Pointer is W. J. White of Cleveland, former congressman from Ohio, who is known as one of the most liberal patrons of the trotting horse in Amer-The concluding foot ball struggle of the of Buffalo something like \$40,000 for one year in this city was the Iowa-Nebraska bunch of trotters a few years ago, and founded the Two-Minute Stock farm at Cleveland. He afterward bought the trotting stallion Russia, by Nutwood, and hung of Milwaukee were around Jim Den's home been played by the two teams and was a up prizes amounting to \$10,000 or \$15,000 for at Arapahoe last week and are reported decidedly mediocre exhibition of foot ball breeders of fast colts by that horse. A to have killed 588 quall. farmer down in southern Indiana, who bred in the foot ball of the central west. From Czar, 2:12%, by Russia, got several thoua critical standpoint there was nothing in sand dollars of the Cleveland breeder's the play of either team to commend itself money by giving a fast record to his colt days' warfare against quall and rabbits. and the game was exasperatingly slow. Im- at 2 and 3 years old. White bought Guy agine a contest of the importance that this | Wilkes, 2:15%, at the Garden a couple of

verybody thought the horse had passed the days of usefulness. But it turned out that indigestion was all that ailed him. He is now as vigorous as ever. Star Pointer will probably get a chance next year to lower his record and will then be retired to the

The next best price for a horse at the sale was \$7,000, that was paid for Klatawah, the sensational champion 3-year-old pacer, 2:051/2. James Butler, the owner of Directum Kelly and Direct, is the great colt's new owner. A great many horsemen look upon Klatawah as being a prospective two-

by Prodigal, owned by Marcus Daly, were eagerly bid for. Twenty head sold for a total of \$27,915. Nearly all of those that year-olds. Handspring, a promising 2-yearold, went for \$4,025.

Another great horse has passed away recently in Robert McGregor, whose great breeding qualities far surpassed his racing powers. He began his trotting career as a 3-year-old in 1874, and trotted in 1883, wining eighteen races that aggregated \$15,000 in purses. The earlier years of his life were spent in campaigning in Kansas and Illinois. He was foaled in 1871, being sired by Major Edsail, dam Nancy Whitman, by American Star, grandam by Young Messenger Duros. While he was a representative of the Hambletonian-Star cross he can scarcely be said to have been fashionably bred, because his sire got little of excellence outside of him. Yet his success in the stud was very great, and he is now the sire of eighty in the list, all but three of which pacer, Kentucky Star, 2:081/2, and his most distinguished the trotter Cresceus, 2:09%, at 4 years. Before he died he had the distinction of being the sire of more 2:15 performers than any other horse living. His daughters have produced forty in the list.

Twenty-five horses have entered the 2:05 list of harness performers up to date. There are but three trotters in the list-Alix, b. m., by Patronage, 2:03%; Nancy Hanks, b. m., by Happy Medium, 2:04, and Azote, b. g., by Whips, 2:04%. All the others are

At the horse show recently held in New York John R. Gentry 2:001/4; Direct, 2:051/4; Klatawah, 2:051/2, and Robert J., 2:011/2, were entered in the special class for pacers having records of 2:06 or better, but Robert J. failed to answer the bugler's call and the remaining trio paraded for the blue ribbon. Klatawah was too big-galted to figure as a show horse, and the contest narrowed down between Gentry and Direct. Under the governing conditions which called for breeding, individuality and racing qualities, it was a tossup for first honors between the two stallions, but Gentry's beautiful lines outclassed Direct's bulldog build. Gentry consequently secured the blue ribbon with Direct second and Klatawah third.

One of the strongest combinations on the flavor, will be the stable presided over by Thomas L. Keating of California and Myron E. McHenry of Freeport, Ill. Keating in the spring came over the great divide with a very small stable, but they were all stars, as in the list was Klatawah, 2:051/2, the sensational 3-year-old pacing champion, who is as handsome as he acts; Searchlight, 2:04%, the 4-year-old racing champion; Anaconda, 2:041/2, who held his own in all the fast classes, and the beautiful trotting mare Dione, 2:0914. Keating was compelled by ill health to get some one to drive; he made arrangements with the Illinois reinsman with such satisfactory results that a partnership has been arranged. MoHenry is a breeder, and has a stable of his own, winning in 1896 the \$10,000 Kentucky Furity with Rose Croix, and in 1897 the \$5,000 Futurity for 2-year-olds with his filly bulk into the arena. Janie T. He is considered to be one of the best trainers in the west.

### FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

Dr. Bryant Tells of the Hunt He and / Dr. Coulter Had in Jackson's Hole.

Dr. D. C. Bryant and Dr. F. E. Coulter have just returned from a three weeks' trip to the wilds of the woolly west such as are found in the famous Jackson's Hole in Wyoming. A two-weeks' sojourn in this huntamen's paradise netted them a bag of game that included five elk, eleven wolves, several mountain sheep, innumerable minor beasts of the woods and trout galore. Within the next few days the two physicians will have on exhibition before the eyes of their admiring friends the skins of the elk and the wolves. Dr. Bryant is well satisfied with the result of the trip.

"Jackson's Hole is the paradise of this entire country for the hunter of big game," he declares. "There is not another spot in the United States that equals it. Naturally it is more frequented every year and in time it will die a natural death in this respect. For example, it seemed to me that there were fewer elk to be seen than in past years and they will grow scarcer as time goes on. But neverth-less we had all the sport we wanted and more. We killed five and could have had as many

more had we wished. "We saw no deer and could find no tracks plenty of holes in the mountains. Mountain sheep were quite plentiful and there was a sufficiency of wolves. The streams were shock full of trout. We caught a few. but we were after big game and did not pay much attention to the piscatorial tribe." Dr. Bryant believes in comfort wherever

stove and all modern conveniences. The snow of the last week drove quali from the underbrush haunts and hiding places and furnished some of the best sport that the senson has yet seen. Almost everybody in the city who owned a gun was out in the country on Thanksgiving day and had good luck, returning with nice bags of quail. In some sections of the country the snow was deep, making it difficult for both hunters and dogs to work. The snow also inaugurated an active crusade against rabbits.

John McDonald, Henry McDonald, Billy McDonald, John Lewis and Gus Harte had quite a rabbit drive in the neighborhood of Calhoun on Thanksgiving and nearly ica. He paid the late General R. L. Howard devastated the country thereabouts of cottontails and jacks.

George Loomis, Charley Johannis, Billy Hardin, Frank Parmalee and Dr. Merrill

Henry McDonald and Billy Townsend went to Atkinson last night for several

traps by the shooters of that burg. Burke may meet Dorsey Burgess at 100 birds for spent with targets and live birds.

The trap shooting world is very quiet just challenges for championship trophies. It pionship and the E. C. cup, as well as the The Montana collection of young trotters has recently won. Inasmuch as these trophies are in the hands of well known no one else seems to want to go after them, elon on its merits? brought the highest prices were 2 and 3- but it would be a good thing for the game year-olds. Handepring, a promising 2-year- if men like Jim Elliott or Charlie Budd should throw out a defi.

> Western shooters, and particularly thos who reside in the vicinity of the Windy City, are pulling teeth and toenail in the effort to have the Grand American handicap for 1900 held at Chicago. Failing in this, there seems to be a possibility that the westerners will secede from the event. The easterners seem to be inclined to make the shoot a permanent eastern fixture at Elkwood Park, N. J., and to this the western they must travel.

meetings of owners of dogs held in this Mo The Missouri Field Trial Associa-

# PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS on the lightweight menu.

Doing the Work the Press Has Failed In-Killing the Game.

has put such a smirch upon the escutcheon of pugilism as cannot be erased by years happened in its history. It was a pure nent. and simple case of mean swindling, a specimen of the putridity that is being con- BASE BALL PAID SOMEBODY tinually disclosed. Examine the evidence.

On the afternoon of the fight, at 3 o'clock, ix hours before the fight commenced, Harry Beecher, sporting editor of the New York Journal, said to the city editor of that paper n the presence of several members of the staff: "The fight of tonight looks like a fake. trotting turf next year, and also one of the My investigations lead me to believe that most interesting because it is of a western there is a put-up job to give the fight to Sharkey on a foul in the ninth round. I make this prediction now before witnesses to see whether it will be justified.

Was this a coincidence merely? This is what Langdon Smith wrote of the occurrence in the ninth round of the fight:

rence in the ninth round of the fight:

The closing act of the drama came like a flash of lightning from a clear sky. In came Sharkey with a bull-like rush, not with his head down of old, but with his hair tossed from his forehead like the mane of a wild buffalo. The long white arm of Corbett swept around in a swift curve and caught Sharkey a terrific rip in the ribs.

The two men came together in a clinch. The two men came together in a clinch. The gloves of both went savagely hunting for a soft spot on the breakaway and again

"What do you mean there, Kelly?" he howled. "Don't you see Sharkey fouling? Where are your eyes?" "Get out of there, McVey," yelled Charlie hite. "Do you want to lose the fight on foul?" Somebody on the outside of the ring

somebody on the outside of the ring pulled McVey back but he charged in again. This time he stayed in, getting entirely into the ring.

Referee Kelly held up his hand. When the ring had been cleared and the announcers could be heard over the tumult, it was made known that Referee Kelly had given the fight to Sharkey on a foul and ad declared all bets off.

Four days before the fight took place W. B. Gray, the manager of Kid McCoy, made the following confidential statement to the sporting editor of the New York World: 'The fight will not last more than twelve rounds at the outside. Sharkey will get a decision either on a foul or because of a uling on some tactics in the ring, or because of some act on the part of the seconds. Corbett has no knowledge of this conspiracy. He is to be sold out by his own nen. He will fight on the level because he has too much to lose by defeat. There is no question about these facts." At the conclusion of the fight Referee

John Kelly made the following statement regarding his decision: "I stopped the fight and gave the decision to Sharkey because McVey, one of Corbett's seconds, in violation of all rules, jumped into the ring. I called all bets off because I believe the action of McVey was paid for by somebody who had bet on Sharkey, and I did not propose to decide public money on a palpable fake. I would not be a party to any such fraud. No one can tell me that McVey lost of St. Edwards declined to proceed further his head. He has been behind fighters for years, and there was some fraudulent deal ready been completed, seven were scored behind his movement. So far as I can see the fighters were on about even terms when stopped the bout in the ninth round."

This evidence seems to make a fairly strong prima facie case, and admirers of score is as follows: the roped arena will generally believe i strong enough to prove the faking of the bout, but it is difficult to discover how far the fake extended. By this is meant the question of whether the principals in the fight had any part in the play and put up a rehearsal for the benefit of the spectators or whether the fake was engineered by the betting ring. The latter proposition is the one that seems to be picked upon by unb!ased critics as possible, for both the Pompadour he goes and consequently the pair of and the Sailor waded into each other's physicians had a camp provided with a anatomy for keeps, and the pace was fast and furious-much faster, judging from the accounts, than the Corbett-Fitzsimmons setto at Carson City. That swipe that floored Corbett in the second round was not fakey by long odds, for, three inches lower, it would have scored a knockout for the sailor lad. But Corbett is clever enough with his dukes and counters and side stepping to deceive the closest student of the game. His reputation for faking, strengthened by the discovery of the agreement he had entered into with McCoy when these two were to have met, will cause followers of the ring to cast the strong eye of suspicion upon him. Sharkey, too, although his blows seemed to be backed by sure-thing steam, was suspiciously wild, not one-quarter of his swings landing. It is possible but hardly probable that the fighters themselves were on the level and that Connie McVey's scramble into the ring was arranged by the etting element, who had thousands up on the sailor lad. If the latter is the case, they gained nothing by the maneuver as a conse quence of Referee John Kelly's decision in

The referee also cannot escape the X-ray that is being cast upon the affray. Techhe was right in giving the fight to Sharkey when Corbett's second sprang into the ring, but "Honest John" has not been a John Burke, the shooter of Elgin, was sticklor over this rule, notably in the

in Omaha yesterday on his way to Mitchell-Corbett fight. But, technically, he Columbus, where today is to be spent at the was right up to this point, but from that point his reasoning seems to be awry. He declared all bets off because McVey's ena big wager. Otherwise the day will be trance into the ring was a "parpable fake." If he thought this to be the case, how could he hold a fake fight to be a fight and render any sort of decision under any rules? If now as regards challenges or even rumors of the fighters were principals in it, should not "Honest John" have so declared and thrown begins to look as if Fred Gilbert is satisfied up his position, giving spectators a chance to let Rolla Helkes keep the inanimate cham- to get their money back? If the fighters were not in it and McVey had committed cast iron medal, while Heikes, on the other the foul at the instigation of outsiders, was hand, appears to be willing to let Gilbert he not doing Corbett an injustice by handhold unchallenged the live bird trophies he ing the short end of the purse to him for an act for which he was not responsible? Should he not have had McVey forced out of the ring champions, it is not to be wondered at that and ordered the fight to go on to a conclu-

> The whole affair is an uncovering of the cancer that has been festering in ring affairs for some years. It will do more than columns of editorials to advance the crusade against prize fighting.

One of the most sensational tricks ever

turned by a boxer was the victory that Joe Gans secured over Kid McPartland a short time ago. When a boxer of McPartland's cleverness is totally eclipsed, baffled, beaten and shown up in the light of a novice, then his master must be a phenom and a possimen object on account of the distance that ble world beater. McPartland never before in his career was so completely bested and if Gans had nipped the advantage he had Tomorrow one of the most interesting secured over the Kid in the twenty-fifth round he would have made his victory dousection of the country is to open at Amoret, bly triumphant by keeling his opponent over for a knockout. His one fault, if fault it tion stakes will be run during the week be, is over-caution, a lack of pepper in the are trotters. His fastest performer is the and some of the crack hunting dogs of the blood, his refusal to take a chance when there is scarcely a possibility of losing. After flooring McPartland in the last round he Ben E. Nelson of the Cudahy Packing was content to step beyond range and spar company returned last week from a two the round out instead of driving home the weeks' hunt and made the hearts of several | blow that would have made his victory debrother employes glad by presenting them cisive. Gans is now entitled to a match with a brace of ducks and quail. He re- with Kid Lavigne the present holder of the ports plenty of game through Colorado and championship laurels of his class. A meeting between Joe and the little French de-

> Billy Madden's German champion Gus Ruhlin, is so encouraged by his showing against Joe Choynski that he wants to take m Sharkey for his next engagement, Choyn-The fight that took place in New York last ski is said to have tipped his tile to the Swiss Tuesday night between Corbett and Sharkey after the bout. "He's one of the most dangerous customers I ever tackled, and he is bound to come along the line. To be sure, of scouring and cleantiness. It was a dis- he is slow, but his slowness rises from a grace to the manly science of boxing-a lack of experience. He will improve in most palpable fake that will do more to both his hand and footwork" is reported to degrade the ring than anything that has be Choynski's opinion of his latest oppo-

### Western League Attendance Was Not So Light as the Magnates Sought to Make Out.

Despite the yelp that has been put up bout the hard times in the Western league, unofficial attendance figures hardly indicate that the magnates were so far in the hole as they might wish the public to believe. A total of 1,645,000 people witnessed the games, only 110,000 less than the total for 1897, when no squeal was raised. Kansas City is located on the best spot on Easy street, having drawn 300,000 people, 180,000 of them at home. Milwaukee has the same figures as last year, 280,000, but last season she headed the attendance list, while this year she is second. Kansas City was sixth last year with 200,000. This year Omaha-St. Joe and Minneapolis are tied for tail-end honors with 140,000 each, while a year ago Grand Rapids wound up the procession with 160,000. The attendances in the remaining cities were as follows: Inthe two men rushed together and hung. There was no palpable sign of a foul when McVey, one of Corbett's seconds, scaled the ringside like a flash and forced his huge the remaining cities were as follows: Indianapolis, 240,000, against 260,000 in 1897; St. Paul, 190,000, against 240,000; Detroit, 185,000, against 220,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 220,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 220,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 220,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 200,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 200,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 200,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 200,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 240,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 240,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 240,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 240,000; Columbus, 170,000, against 260,000 in 1897; Columbus, 170,000, against 260,000 in 1897; Columbus, 170,000, against 260,000; Columbus, 170,000; Columbus, 170,000; Columbus, 170,000; Columbus, 170,000; Columbus, 170,000; Columbus, 170,000; Columbus, against 220,000.

> Charles Nichols of the Boston club must be accorded the title of the king pitcher of his day, and his record is unique. He has pitched nine consecutive years in the National league for Boston, and in only one year has he failed to secure a better percentage of victories than his club. During 1898 he made his best percentage of victories -73.3-and participated in a remarkably large number of games. Here is his record:

Nichols, Boston ......... ...... ........ 63.1 67.3

During his connection with the Beancaters he has pitched in more than one-third of the games played by that club, numbering 414 contests, of which 279 were victories and 135 defeats.

### CHESS.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the probable outcome of the Nebraska Chess association correspondence tourney now nearing a close. This tournament was begun April 23, 1898, with twelve contestants entered. According to the rules each player was required to play one game against every other player, thus making a total of sixtysix games to be played. After taking up four games at the beginning, N. G. Griffin and, inasmuch as two of his games had alagainst him without play and he proceeded with the unfinished two. In September the secretary, C. L. Owen, who was playing all his games, resigned them because of press of other duties. Up to November 23 the

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C. Q. De France, Lincoln	416	414
Lee Edwards, Lincoln	6	3
N. G. Griffin, St. Edwards	0	10
Nelson Hald, Dannebrog	7	3
T. N. Hartzell, Kearney		10 3 3 2 914
Paul Nelson, Pilger		2
C. L. Owen, Alblon	114	914
A. Powell, St. Edwards		4
A. Rasmussen, South Omaha	514	234
G. N. Seeley, Kearney		
E. H. Tyson, Nebraska City	6	0
M. F. Winchester, Dannebrog		414
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	44	

The outlook is that Mr. Tyson will capture first prize. His unfinished games are against De France, Hartzell, Nelson, Powell and Seeley, with good prospects of winning at least three out of the five. The race for second place is particularly interesting, Messrs, Edwards, Hald and Hartzell having about equal chances. Edwards' rames against Nelson and Seeley are both in his favor at present. Hald and Hartzell have a game each against Seeley, and it looks as f Hartzell must win from Tyson to tie for

The American chess champion, Harry N. Pillsbury, will start on a tour through the United States in a few days, giving exhibitions of blindfold and simultaneous playing. Mr. Pillsbury will pass this way and may be induced to pause in Omaha.

Negotiations are being carried on by repesentatives of Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania for a chess tournament beween the two colleges, the contest to take place sometime during this term. In all probabilities four or five men will be chosen o represent each university.

The following was a game between the nasters, Steinitz and Trenchard, in the Vienna International tourney:

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to K 4.
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d 12-B to R 3.
d 12-B to R 5.
d 13-B to R 3.
d 13-B to R 3.
d 14-B takes B 8.
d 15-B to R 3.
d 15-11—Castles. 12—Q to K. 13—Rt to Kt 5.

19-K to R 2.
20-Kt takes B P.
21-Kt to K 7 (ch.)
22-K takes B.
23-Kt takes Q P.
24-K takes R.
Resigns. Score of game recently finished in the Nebraska Chess association correspondence tourney between Lee Edwards of Lincoln and T. N. Hartzell of Kearney. Notes by

STAUNTON OPENING. NOPENING.
Black—Hartzell.
1—P to K 4.
2—Kt to Q B 3.
3—P to Q 4.
4—P to K B 3 (a.)
5—K Kt to K 2.
6—B to Q 2.
7—Kt takes P.
8—Kt to Kt 3.
9—P takes P.
10—B to K 2.
11—Kt takes Kt.
12—P to Q B 3 (c.)
13—B to K 5.
14—B to R 4.
15—Q takes P (d.)
16—Q to Q 3 (?)
17—Q to B 5.
18—K to Q .
19—B to Kt 5 (e.)
20—Kt to Q 4. White-Edwards. 5-B to Kt 5. 6-Castles. 7-P takes P. 8-Q to Kt 3. 9-P to Q 4. 10-R to K (ch) (b.) 11-Kt takes P. 12-P takes Kt. 13-B to Q 3. 14-Kt to R 3. 15-Q to B 2. 15—Q to B 2. 16—B to K 3. 17—B to Q B 5. 18—R takes B (ch.) 19—B to B 5. 20—Q to Q 3 (ch.) R to Q 7 (cn.) 21—K to B.
R takes Kt (dis ch) 22—B takes B.
Q takes B (ch.) 23—Q takes Q.
R takes Q. 24—K to B 2 (f.)
R to K. 25—Q R to Q.
B takes R P. 26—K R to K. 24—R takes Q. 25—R to K.

Nelson Hald of Dannebrog:

33—R to K 3.

34—B takes R.

34—B to K R 4.

35—P to K 14.

35—B takes P.

38—K takes K.

37—B takes P.

38—B P takes B.

38—B P takes P.

39—K to K 2.

39—K to Q 5.

40—P to Q R 4.

40—K to B 4.

41—P to Q R 5.

41—K to K 4.

42—P to R 4.

43—K to B 3.

44—K to K 4.

44—R to K 4.

(a) Stauton claims Q to Q 3. to be Black's best move here. The text move is the same best move here. The text move is the same that Pillsbury played against Showalter and is probably as good as Staunton's.

(b) Book to here—Edwards.

(c) Better play; B takes B, 13. Q takes B (ch), Q to Q 2, etc. The text move drives the B to a stronger position. the B to a stronger position.

(d) Kt to Q 4, or K to B should be played here; the pawn costs Black a piece.

(e) The only move to prolong the game.

(f) Black might as well resign.

(g) The shortest road to victory lay through these sacrifices.

Problem No. 50: Mate in a position of this kind is accomplished with K by discovery check. 1-K to R t, must. This prevents Black's escape at Kt 8.

2-K to R 6.

3-B to K 4.

3-K to R 7, must. S-B to K 4.

4-K to Kt 4.

Compelling Black to move the P.

4-P to R 6, must.

Preparing flight square for Black. 6-K to Kt 3 mate. Solution to above ending was received from Dorr H. Carroll, Gothenburg, Neb. Constinution prevents the body from riding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Lit-cure sick headache. billousness. inactive

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