Plans of the Big League Magnates Seem for several years past. Easy to Discern.

TWO EIGHT-CLUB CIRCUITS IN SIGHT

Weaker Cities Will Be Dropped from Twelve-Club Arrangement and Old National and American Re-Established as Near as Possible.

The meeting of the big league managers in New York during the last week has resulted in the commencement of a revolution that is likely to become widespread before it reaches a conclusion. The fusion of Brooklyn and Baltimore, which has been hinted at for several weeks, means considmore than the strengthening of the Trolley Dodgers and a slap at Freedman of New York; it will undoubtedly and unquestionably result in the establishment of the two eight-club circuits. Some of those who claim to be on the inside are free enough season of 1899 opens.

According to confidential information that has leaked out the magnates are working up a scheme to control professional base bell all over the country. The plan is to band together sixteen of the largest cities in the control of the national agreement, these cities to be divided into two sections can Soldier of Manila, hunting is plentiful eight clubs each. The premier circuit will consist of Boston, New the mountains not ten miles off plenty of York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, deer are to be found, while the marshes, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and St. Louis. The secondary bunch will be made up of Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Cleveland, Louisville, Indianapolis, Detroit and Milwaukee or Kansas City.

The plan seems perfectly feasible. transferring the Baltimore players to Brooklyn one of the cities has been gotten out of the way. Cleveland will undoubtedly be willing to move to St. Louis. In fac a clear indication that this is the next move was given in the turning down of Von der more than anxious to sell out for financial reasons and all that the league needs do is to buy the club up. That disposes of three of the undesirable quartet and it only remains to put another away. The Senators are likely to be the individuals picked upon inasmuch as base ball has not been highly profitable in the capital city of late.

Adrian C. Anson, the daddy of the baseballists, is hankering to hold the managerial helm of the Browns next season. Anse has demonstrated that a yoke of oxen. aided and abetted by a charge of dynamite and a 13-inch persuader, would be inadequate to keep him out of the profession in which he has grown up. As to the question of whether he will succeed in making the riffle, it seems likely that the answer depends upon the solution of the tangle in which the Browns are now enmeshed. The Grand Old Man is said to have made his preliminary advances to Chris Von der Ahe. who is not at present the ace in the St. Louis pack, but with the money that Anse can command it may be that he will be able to step in under any management. Money is the quality that will take in any negotiat-

Jimmy Slagle, the hard hitting center fielder of the Kansas City team, will not be a Pirate next season after all, for he figured in a deal with Washington in which he landed in the Capital City, while Second Baseman Reitz of the Senators will don the Pittsburg uniform next season. The occasion for the transaction was the weakness existing at the Pittsburg second sack, which has been the hole through which many a game has crept since the days of Fred Dunlap, a decade ago. Reitz is one of the best second bagmen the game has ever produced, and is an excellent emergency hitter, as he has always hugged the 30 mark. As a consequence of the deal the Senators will have an outer garden that in all around work will not be surpassed in the league. Selbach is a wonder in fielding and rounds to at the close of every season with a stick average of about 32.0. Freeman is a terrific slugger, and, as a consequence, of his work in thirty games, he was the second man in the league when it came to making up the averages. The mer who accompanied the men in the deal were Padden and O'Brien. The former is a good infielder and a poor batter, while the latter is an excellent emergency man.

If the minor cities will agree to the sixteen-club plan it is expected that a new tronclad agreement, to hold good for ten years, will be drawn up and signed by all interested. A national board of arbitration. composed of representatives of both circuits, would of course be a necessity and a world's championship series between the two pennant winners almost a certainty. In a word, the magnates want to establish the old League and American association circults as nearly as possible, but under such a compact that there will be no conflict, no enmity and a total absence of anything calculated to produce another base ball war. Unless the thing can be done with perfec harmony it will not go through. It has been secretly pointed out to all concerned that the national game is in a bad way and heroic measures must be resorted to in order to bring eack the old days of prosperity.

One of the sensations connected with the league meeting was the announcement that John B. Day will succeed Andy Goose Freedman as manager of the Giants. There seems to be a little question that this means nothing more nor less than that Freedman is the New York club in answer to the demands of the other club managements in the league. The latter have made it plainly apparent that they did not believe that New York could ever be made a winner as long as Freedman is allowed to indulge in his paretic breaks. With the metropolis as a loser, the other club owners looked into a very dark financial future, the brunette hue of which is expected to be scattered by the restoration of Day. It was under the Day dynasty that the New York club as an investment was in the June of its financial and artistic bloom. The Giants have won the each time Day was at the helm.

Van der Beck, the Detroit magnate who has made offers to buy the Cleveland and Louisville players and franchise, seems to have decided to back out of the transactions entirely. When it was shown to be impossible for him to secure the Spiders ha threw out his defi to the Kentuckians and was quickly called. He was expected to be on hand in New York to put up some portion of the \$40,000 he offered, but he was missing quantity.

Manager Selee of the Bostons is considering a scheme to take a couple of ball teams to the Philippines next winter. He has figured out that twenty of the best players could be put in fine winter condition at little or no cost by making the trip at the close of the regular season.

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

Warm Weather Gives the Hunters a Chance to Take the Field Once More.

SOME SPORTS OF MIDWINTER fact that the weather has prevented any game market during the last few weeks has never been stocked better and the prices for this class of game have been lower than

> The Dupont Gun club was to have held a special meeting in Billy Townsend's store last Tuesday evening, but the meeting was postponed. The business that was to have come up will be considered at the annual meeting to be held in January.

The Douglas County Fish Protective acro ciation will hold a meeting at Ed Krug's house on next Tuesday evening. Some ways and means are to be devised of raising money to meet obligations incurred during the last season, among them being an item for the prosecution of the illegal seiners caught at Cut-Off lake.

Dorsey Burgess, Billy Townsend, Henry McDonald, Billy Brewer and Billy Hardin are at Columbus today in attendance at a shoot under the auspices of the local gun club. The particular feature of the day is to be a fifty live bird race between Burgess and Burke of Eigin for a bet of \$100. The main event on the regular program is to be side of the waters. After this go the to predict that it may take place before the will be a number of other events, both at Since that time he has lowered the colors live birds and targets.

> Gus Icken and Con Young have gone for a few days' hunt on the prairies in middle land a couple of months ago to meet him,

According to a recent issue of the Ameriin the immediate vicinity of that city. In snipe, pigeon, mallard and teal. The natives trap the duck and snipe after nightfall with the aid of a rude jacklight, the glow of which so confuses the birds that a net can be easily thrown over them. In the foothills mountain grouse are as plentiful as quail upon Nebraska prairies.

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS Abe in favor of Muckenfuss. Louisville is Tom Sharkey's Chance to Square Etmself Comes When He Meets Kid McCoy Next Month.

Thomas Sharkey, puglist, will have a chance in the near future to demonstrate to the sporting public whether he has decided to enroll himself in the society of fakirs and shell men, of whom Corbett seems to be presiding chairman, or whether he is a gloveman on the square. When, and also if, he meets that smooth Hoosier at the Lenox Athletic club in New York on January 10, he will have an opportunity of clearing his skirts of all suspicion that he had a hand in the diegraceful flasco cemmonly dubbed the Sharkey-Corbett fight. It will be a case of Mr. Sharkey being tried in

To be sure, the same sort of a test will be applied to the Hoosier, upon whose per-son more than a suspicion of faking already attaches. His action in agreeing to a private set of articles previous to the preposed bout with Corbett and making another for the benefit of the public, however; stamps Mr. Smoothly McCoy as an individual who is ready to seize any opportions made in connection with the St. Loius | tunity where he may secure a piece of the purse without taking the chance of a knockout. Consequently, even if McCoy goes through the journey with the man-of-war's man on the level, sporting critics will still look upon him as ready to do a bit of faking whenever the chance affords.

As a matter of fact, there are not a few of the elect who freely predict that the proposed fight will never take place if Sharkey shows a disposition to go through the fight on the square. These skeptical individuals believe that if the Indiana kid encounters such a state of mind in Sharkey he will straightway proceed to improved so much that I am prepared to boxing withdraw as gracefully as possible from the bet \$2,500 that he can beat any of the other great attempt to put a period at the end of any cut him loose. All he needs is confidence conversation between himself and and grub." Sharkey in the shape of a kick, as he did in the case of Corbett at the Gilsey house in New York. Sharkey and Corbett are two differently constituted individuals. The sailor lad, for example, is "no gentleman," according to the Pompa-

In view of the possible contingencies that may be rammed in the three weeks before the proposed fight takes place it would be a bit premature to say anything about the result of the proposed go. It would be a peculiar mitt battle-more so even than a level fight between Corbett and Sharkey would have been. McCoy is a past master in the art of sidestepping and could have given Corbett lessons in this element of the pugilistic game at any time in the latter's career. He is par excellence an infighter, the chief of the clan of this sort of scrappers. In the past he has succeeded in getting away safely after landing a right and left. Whether this fashion of fighting will overcome Sharkey's bull rushes, his punch and his quite respectable science displayed in the Corbett flasco is the question to be decided. Sharkey will have the advantage in weight and general build, while McCoy will have a couple of inches benefit in altitude and no less than six inches in reach.

The second most important bit of news in the world of the scrappers is the reported possibility of a fight between Red Robert Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan for the middieweight championship of the world. Ever since Tommy has graduated from the welters to be thrust entirely behind the throne of he has had a hankering to separate the champion from his middleweight laurels and has made various and divers advances to Red Robert. The Syracuse boxer recently made Fitz an offer to go him twenty rounds with the middleweight championship credentials up as the main section of the purse. Bob, however, is of a money making character and made response to the effect that he would engage in a finish fight with the ex-welter champion for a side bet of \$10,000. Ryan dubbed this announcement of the Cornishman as an effort to creep out of a tight place through a very small hole, insisting that \$10,000 is beyond his means and championship only twice in their history and Fitzsimmons knows it. Fitz now comes back with a proposition that he will be willing to wage glove war with Ryan for \$2,500 a side. but insists that the setto shall be to a finish. Ryan has not as yet made answer to this latest pronunciamento from the champion. Glovemen and their admirers would like to see the matter of the middleweight championship settled, for it is charged that Fitz can never get under the limit of this class, while Robert declares to the contrary. With Fitz over the limit Ryan would be against an almost insurmountable proposition, for while unquestionably he is one of the toughest bundles of bother for his pounds in the ring, he could hardly expect to send a heavy man of Fitz's caliber to the floor.

Now that Red Robert has consented to emerge from his pugilistic retirement in order to take on Tommy Ryan, members of the Society of Biffing 400 would like to see him enter the ring with the winner of the Sharkey-McCoy setto. Stuffed glove critics are inclined to believe that the man-ofwar's-man and the Kid are the best heavyweights in the roped arena now, barring Fitz. As Sharkey appears to have laid away The cold weather of the last couple of his rough-and-tumble tactics and is fighting weeks has had a decidedly disastrous effect according to rules, the belief is widespread upon the gunners and those who have wan- that he should be given another chance to dered out upon the snow covered heaths of cross arms with the Cornishman should he Douglas county have been very few in num- put a quietus on McCoy's career. Fitz many of the leading tracks the rule has The warmer weather has awakened has all along declared that he was handed been strictly enforced one day and ignored

immediately.

Two of the greatest boxers at their weight that the old country has ever produced met in London last week, when Billy Plimmer and Peddlar Palmer squared off on the resined platform. They are fighters from the ground up and scientists with the stuffed mitt. In sending Plimmer to the floor in the seventeenth round Palmer but topped off a past claim of superiority over his rival, for he simply repeated the dose that he administered to Plimmer on November 25, 1895. At that time Plimmer was the premier man in his class of all England, having but a short time before received a decision over George Dixon in a four-round go at the Madison Square garden in New York. Palmer wrested his laurels from him by knocking him out in the fourteenth round of the fight. Palmer has also met Dixon and the bout between these two lads was one of the fastest ever put up on this of Dave Sullivan and Johnny Murphy. His next match may be with Billy Rocheford, the Chicagoan. The latter went to Engbut the fight was postponed on account of Rocheford's Hiness. The Windy City representative is still in London and hopes to be able to meet Palmer some time in February.

The bout between "Mysterieus" Billy Smith and Walcott something over a week ago seemed to demonstrate more than anything else that the old Barbadoes wonder is slated for a trip to Hasbeenville-which is little more than a ratification of rumors that have been prevalent for many moons. At the same time Smith took a mighty stride toward the welterweight championship, for critics affirm that mover in his career has he ever before put up such a great fight. He was Walcott's superior in science, generalship and also in heavy hitting, which was formerly the latter's strongest suit. In the eleventh round of the twenty-round journey Smith floored Walcott twice and the Barbadoesian was groggy and was saved by the bell before Smith could put in the finishing punch. On points Smith won in a

A new star burst into brilliancy in the lightweight firmament a week ago when Bobby Dobbs, the Kentucky Senagambian, received the decision over Dick Burge of England in a London prise ring. While Dobbs got the go on a foul, the critics over the pond were pleased with the way he acted and may that he proved himself the better man of the two. The first half a dozen innings of the affair were rather tame, but thereafter the Englishman was wearled and Dobbe waded into him with Sharkey wallops. Finally Burge's manager claimed a foul in the eighth round, and when it was disallowed refused to let his man continue the fight. The decision is quite a feather in the colored man's cap, for Burge is quite a crack. He was bested but once before in his career, that time by Lavigne, the undisputed lightweight champion of As soon as Dobbs returns to this country he proposes to try to take on a go with Lavigne for the championship laurels.

ment the other night when he declared that met Jeffries in a ten-round bout at the Lenox club last summer, could whip any heavyweight in the world, bar Sharkey. "All Armstrong needs," said O'Rourke, "is something to eat. Hitherto he has starved himself almost to death. He has been working with Sharkey lately and has boxing matches, as well as in cycling coneven though he hadn't had a square mea McCoy affair is predicted, although the in a month. I'm going to feed him a bit, opinion is as general that McCoy will not teach him some wrinkles in boxing and then

Tom O'Rourke made a surprising state-

Joe Choynski, who has been declared to be lame, halt, blind and pretty nearly every-thing else except dead within the past few minor importance were brought out and months, will be lined up against the big the onlooking scientists made happy. So Ohio giant, Ruhlin, in the Lenox Athletic club on January 3. The bout was to have occurred on January 10, but as that date has been selected as the time for the pulling off of the Sharkey-McCoy go the date was advanced.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Probable Modification of Rules of the National Trotting Association the Interesting Feature.

While most western reinsmen travel around the tracks under the rules of the American Trotting association, they will be interested in the special meeting of the National Trotting association that will probably be called as a consequence of the recent meeting of the Board of Review of that body. This interest will arise from the fact that the National association will very probably rescind certain objectionable and radical rules which it adopted at its last session and which the American association also considered and absolutely refused to touch. Three important rules will be discussed at

the meeting if it is held. The most unpopular rule passed by the last congress of the National Trotting association is what is called the anti-hobble rule, the application of which was postponed for one year, but which will come into operation next season unless repealed. Secretaries of associations are afraid that if the rule is enforced owners of horses who wear hobbles will only enter their nags on American association tracks and that in selfdefense they will have to join that association. The owners are naturally loud in their denunciation of the rule and the manufacturers of the obnoxious straps are also loud in their protests. On the other hand it is admitted that the use of hobbles is dangerous to life and limb of both driver and horse and of every other horse in the race: that many drivers of reputation, such as Ed Geers, will not drive a horse which wears hobbles, and that such a horse is valueless as a roadster after his racing days are over. But the greatest argument of all is that you cannot improve a breed of horses by mechanical methods.

Another rule to be attacked in the one requiring all drivers to take out licenses. While this rule has been complied with by the great body of the drivers, it has not been enforced by the associations, and there have been a few conspicuous instances of men who have refused to take out licenses and yet have been permitted to drive. The rule is a good one, but if associations will not enforce it it is better to remove it from the statute book. Prior to the last session of the congress judges had the power to declare the last heat of a race void if they thought there was fraud in the The last congress deprived them of that power, but authorized them to expel any person whom they thought had not tried to win. The experience of the last season goes to show that judges will not expel on suspicion, and it is proposed to again give them the power to call an extra

It is also probable that the rule passed two years ago against laying up heats will be modified. It is a notorious fact that at | the exhibition. the huntsmen and a good many go forth the hot end of a robbing game in his go the next. It is a peculiarly worded rule announces that he has determined to under-Soday with dog and gun. In spite of the with Sharkey on the coast, but there is and is as follows: "Every heat in a race take the task, in which Teddy Edwards

could be cleared up in another match be-tween the two. Red Robert has already rider and driver to win. (This shall not be that he shall not vary his route, but inoffered to fight McCoy, so that, if the latter construed to mean that when a horse is tends to ride from London to Brighton and should win from the sailor, he would be hopelessly beaten, or from a bad start or back each day for a year. expected to make a match with the Kid other unavoidable causes the chances to win are destroyed, the driver must force his horse to his utmost capacity, but to do away as far as possible with the pernicious practice of laying up heats.) Should a rider or driver be found guilty of laying up a heat, he shall be fined, suspended or expelled." It will be seen at a glance that the application of this rule is left completely to the wisdom of the judges, and that is just what the drivers complain of. They say, and say justly, that the average amateur judge is not capable of deciding when a horse is laid up for just and sufficient cause. The probability is that all three rules will be modified at a special meeting of the congress.

> The year 1898 has been the banner one for the greatest number of trotting and pacing horses that have, during the season, entered the magic circle of the 2:20 list. The records show that about 750 horses have dropped into the 2:20 list the past season, and that the pacer is coming to the front. and, while a few years since the trotters outnumbered the pacers, now the side-wheelers are in the lead as to numbers. Ten years ago a 2:30 trotter was fast enough to go to the races with. Now, unless a horse can beat 2:20 three times, he is not worth taking away from home. In fact, to be of any account in the Grand circuit meeting or at the large associated tracks he must be able to go three heats better than 2:14. The showing, this year, is a wonderful one when it is remembered that but a few years ago the 2:20 list contained the names of less than 300 2:20 trotters. It is small wonder that Great Britain and all Europe send buyers of trotters to the markets of the United States. Breeders of trotting horses are greatly encouraged by the present state of affairs in the trotting world and con-fidently expect a profitable business for the next ten years or more, if not a continuous and ever increasing demand for the monarch of all horses—the American trotter.

Through the brilliant achievements of present day 2:10 trotting champions, those of the past years are but pleasant memories. or are entirely forgotten. Ralph Wilkes, 2:06%; Nightingale, 2:08; Paro Alto, 2:08%; Bessie Wilton, 2:09%; Altao, 2:09%; Ellard, 2:09%; Ethel Downes, 2:10, and Pamlico, 2:10, have all gone to the world where good orses go after their earthly careers are ended, but Jay Eye See, 2:10, and the peer-less Maud S, 2:08%, still remain in the land of the fiving, glorious representatives of the old high wheel sulky. Jay Eye See will attain his majority next spring, while the great chestnut mare will be 25 years old, when the daisies again open their eyes.

Much has been said about the American orses that are being shipped to Europe, but few horsemen are aware that quite a number are being exported to South Africa. The latter are all of excellent breeding.

WHEELING GOSSIP.

Madison Square Show, L. A. W. Polities and Other Interesting Matters.

The six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden is a fruitful text for newspaper moralizing on the degeneracy of bicycle sport. It is condemned as a brutalizing exhibition, a useless test of endurance, big Bob Armstrong, the colored pugilist, who perversion of sport to Mammon. But the only." oritics overlook the fact that while criticising the show they boomed it with columns of details and contributed to the success of what they now condemn. The almighty dollar is an essential ingredient of every show, good or bad. It is a necessary ele-In this respect the show was a \$100. As a "tournament of science" it was not wholly without lessons. Miller and Lawson demonstrated that they could

ride while asleep; Waller broke four scantlings without breaking his "slats;" another blackened the eyes of his trainer as minor importance were brought out and were the promoters and the winners.

League politics is growing warm. It is announced that Potter is out of the race for re-election to the presidency. Right on the heels of the announcement Pennsylvania selected a delegation solid for Keenan. Keenan appears without a competitor in the race. The rest of the slated ticket, as pubisihed in this column last week, remains unchanged. The question of dropping race control is receiving serious consideration. The probabilities are in favor of discontinuing control, for the reason that league control is so weakened that its continuance would be folly. Members of the racing board admit as much, though they hope by some means to regain it. The New York Times says the west will support it at the assembly, but that the eastern vote will be sufficient to relinquish control. The best proof of the approaching end of race control by the league is furnished by Chairman Mott's latest bulletin. The wonderful document teems with the dollar mark from beginning to end, and the foreigners' distorted deas of this country's wealth receives another verification of the popular fallacy, after a perusal of the budget. Five thousand dollars in fines is imposed on promi nent amateur and professional riders who took part in the races held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, during the past week. The board surely doesn't expect to collect all this money, but the men transgressed the rules, and Albert Mott didn't do a thing to them. How many racing men are losing sleep over this latest move of the fearless chairman has not been discovered yet, but in the years to come Mr. Mott will be able to tell how he nearly made a lot of money for the league, just as the little boy who rushed breathlessly into his home one day and told his mother how he nearly had a horse that was feeding in a pasture near by, because its owner had told him it was his if he could catch it.

The report of the captain of the Fairmount Park Guards, Philadelphia, as to the number of bicycles that entered the park in 1898 rather confirms the report of the Pennsylvania state railway commissioner as to the falling off in the popularity of the wheel. This does not necessarily mean that the sport is on a permanent decline, but more likely is evidence that those who took it up as a fad have begun to drop out of the ranks. September of this year shows a falling off of 23,388, as compared with September, 1897; October, a falling off of 28,132, and November, 33,234. This last nearly halves the number of wheels of November 1897, 64,525.

The interest in cycling is evidenced by the number of spaces that have been taken for the cycle show at Madison Square Garden, New York City, next month. Two-thirds of the area devoted to the exhibition have been contracted for and it is said only a halfhundred on the ground floor remain unsold. For these more than enough inquiries have been sent to insure the sale of the balance. Many of the principal manufacturers of wheels have secured space and so have the makers of accessories and parts. Horseless carriages will form a considerable part of

A young Englishman named Albert Towner

CHESS.

Game recently completed in the State

Correspondence tourney between Lee Edwards of Lincoln and Nelson Hald of Dannebrog. Notes by Edwards: Black-Edwards. White-Hald. Ville-Third.
1—P to K 4.
2—K Kt to B 3.
3—P to Q 4.
4—Q takes P,
5—K B to Kt 5.
6—B takes Kt. Black—Edwards, 1—P to K 4. 2—P to Q 3. 3—P takes P. 4—Q Kt to B 3. 5—B to Q 2. 6—P takes B (a). 7—P to Q B 4. 8—B to K 2. 8—K to K B 3. 10—Castles. 9-Kt to K B \$.
10-Castles.
11-Kt to K sq.
12-Q to Kt sq.
13-Q to Kt 5 (d),
14-Q B to Kt 5 (e),
15-B takes Kt,
16-P to K B 3,
17-K to R sq.
18-R to K B 2.
19-Q to Kt 2.
20-Q R to Q sq. -Q R to Q sq (c).
-Rt to B 4. to R sq (f). 19—Q to Kt 2. 20—Q R to Q sq. 21—Q to Q B sq (g). 22—B to K B sq. 22—B to K S (h). 24—P to K Kt 3. B 4. K Kt sq. P to K Kt 3.

Kt to Kt 2.

R (K B 2) to Q

Kt to K R 4.

B takes Kt.

P to Q B 3 (7)

P to Q 4.

P takes K P.

R takes O B sq (1). R takes Q. P to K B 4. R to K sq.

33—P to K H 4.

33—P to K G S G.

35—R to Q S.

35—R to Q S.

35—R takes R.

38—Kt to K t 5.

39—Kt takes P (ch.)

40—Kt to K t sq.

42—K to B 2.

43—P to K R S.

44—Kt to K B S.

45—Kt to Kt sq.

46—P to K Kt 4.

47—P takes P.

48—Kt takes P.

49—K takes B.

50—K to K S.

51—R to Q Kt sq.

62—Resigns. R (Kt sq) to K sq -R takes R.
-B to B 8.
-K to Kt 2.
-R takes Q B P.
-R takes Q B P.
-R takes Q R P.

(a) 6—P takes B: Made to get away from the rook, but leaves the pawns in a weak position for the end game, as the rethe game shows. (b) 9—P to Q Kt 3: A good move, which renders Black's open Kt's file valueless, as well as posting his bishop in a strong position. Q takes K Kt P, led to complications, which would have destroyed White's at-

(c) 12-Q R to Q sq: White has every piece in play and well posted, while Black is cramped. (d) 13-Q to Kt 5: This sally of the queen lost time and gained nothing.

(e) 14—Q B to Kt 5: Almost the only move to stem the attack. (f) 17-K to R Sq: K to R 2 was slightly stronger.
(g) 21—Q to Q B sq: Had White placed his king at R 2, Black could not have gained

(h) 23-Q to K 3: White's attack seems (f) 23—Q to K 3: White's attack seems about neutralized now.
(f) 27—B to Q B sq: A very strong attacking and defensive move.
(f) Here black missed his way. R to K sq to prevent the advance of the K B pawn was the proper defense. White finishes up in artistic style. The game was very well played by Mr. Hald.

In a letter to this column from Lee Edwards of Lincoln the writer remarks: We are going to get Harry N. Pillsbury here for two nights, one to give a simultaneous chess, and possibly checkers, acrossthe-board exhibition, and the other to give a simultaneous blindfold exhibition of chess

It is expected that it will be possible to announce a problem-solving tournament in the near future. Members of the Nebraska with a spring, and those with very stiff Chess association have offered tokens for excellence in this direction and others may be added. The plan will be to offer a series of problems, one each week, with a credit of the ball or dancing room, and on it will allowance for each one solved in proportion be fastened, haphazard, with the gilded match. Some such argumentative act as big fellows. He made a monkey of Jeffries, resulted in the calling off of the Corpetts are the control of the corpetts are the c trainers sums ranging from \$1,000 down to the conclusion of the series will naturally be declared the winner. This is somewhat of a pioneer effort along tihs line and communications are invited from those who would desire to enter such a contest. No admisison fee will be necessary to its success.

> Questions and Answers OMAHA. Dec. 16 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In a cribbage game A plays three spot, B plays three spot, C plays four spot, D plays four spot A plays five spot, Does A count a run on his five spot play? How many points?—V. B. Squire.

Ans .- A does not count a run. BELLWOOD. Neb., Dec. 15.—To the Sportlng Editor of The Bee: What was the largest attendance at the World's fair held in
mated in color, the garters will be loosened, Chicago in 1893 any one day?-George S. Gould.

Ans.-Chicago day, 758,000.

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Great Camera Sale.



We are overstocked and have decided to make a Great Sacrifice Sale for the Holiday Trade, which will put the price of cameras within the reach of all. Get a Gamera and make a picture of the Christmas Tree or Party.

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CHRISTMAS COTILLONS.

Each Guest Must Send Anonymously a Gift to the Hostess A Christmas cotillon, planned by a well

known society woman, who is ever devising some new way of entertaining frequently invited guests, will be given on the night of December 26, relates the New York Herald. Her invitations, sent out about ten days before the date of the event, will request early replies, and also state that each guest is required to forward the hostess a small gift, which must be comic in variety and as inexpensive as can be purchased, 25 cents being the limit in price. There must be no deviation in the nature and value of the gifts, or this part of the program will fall very flat. These gifts are to be sent anonymously, after acceptances of invitations have been mailed, and not later than two days before the cotillon. In the meantime the hostess will make, or have made, several stockings from glazed or paper muslin in wo colors, blue and pink or blue and white or pink and white. A tiny pronged tag, such as is used for marking prices on goods in shops, will be fastened to each stocking, and then both sets will be numbered to correspond. Of course it is understood tha of these stockings those of one color are for the men guests, those of the other color for the women.

As fast as the gifts arrive they will be placed each in a stocking, without any discrimination: indeed, so far as is possible they will be "stockinged" still in their wrapping papers, so that the hostess herself will not know how they are really distributed until the cotilion begins.

As each gift is stowed away its stocking will be gartered with a gay ribbon tied in a bow, which will also confine a sprig of mistletoe and holly. No two garters will be alike, but this will not form a great obstacle, since there are hundreds of pretty ribbons as different from each other as possible. And here it may be stated that the hostess bought half a yard more of each kind than she needed for a garter. The reason for this apparent waste, and also for the variety of her choice, will appear later. At odd times, or possibly at one sitting, as many clothespines as there are stockings will be gilded and put aside to thoroughly dry. They will be of the kind that work

springs will be the chosen ones. On the evening of the cotilion a gilded clothesline will be stretched across one end stockings. They will make a brave show ing, too, as they are really attractive in appearance. Aside from this they are, ever on sight, provocative of good-natured curiosity and promoters of great merriment. There will be one or two little dances be-

fore the distribution of the stockings, which will occur about 11 o'clock, so as to give everybody plenty of time to search for his partner, whom he must find by the number on his stocking. There will be no escap-ing partners. The law of corresponding numbers will be inflexible, and a man must dance with his mother-in-law if he finds that the number on her stocking is a duplicate of the one on his.

the contents withdrawn, inspected and com pared and then used as favors for this particular cotilion, which will be danced at

Stockings and garters will be fastened with the clothespins, to the left sides of coats and bodices. At the end of this cotillon supper will be served and will consist of traditional Christmas dishes, dainties and drinks, and while, in the main, conventionalities will be observed, decorous merriment will be allowed and Christmas quips and jests will make the rounds of the table.

Suspicious Circumstances. Washington Star: "It looks kinder queer, Malindy," said the new millionaire to his

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ount wouldn't take his coat off at dinner, like the rest of us don't it?"
"Maybe he didn't have no shirt," suggested the lady. "I've seen fellers fixed up
thataway in the shows." Christmas, Eighteen Ninety-Eight,

Harper's Bazar. A year ago, a little year.

But, oh! it seems full ten years long
Since one she loved was here—was here,
And with her sang the Christmas song.
The Christmas song of mirth and cheer,
One year ago, one weary year.

Alone she sits and thinks of him, The empty room is strangely dim.
Save for the candles' yellow glow.
Almost one fancies ghosts about;
The sparkling Yule-tide stars are out.

She sings, with what a quavering note,
Her grieving thoughts are far away,
A sob is trembling in her throat,
How shall she sing this song today?
Old memories at her heart-strings clutch,
One's native land may ask too much!

And yet, there may be tender ghosts
That steal from shores contiguous
To waves that sweep from our own coasts,
And wistfully yearn over us;
Such shadowy friends, so close they stand,
One almost feels the vanished hand.

And many a heart this Christmas-tide Keeps vigil, for its dear ones gone. A lonely hearth, a chair beside The embers once that redly shone. And many a heart must mourn its fate This Christmas, eighteen ninety-eight.

Vain Veracity. Detroit Journal: Fired with zeal to emulate a great and good man, Alfred cut down the cherry tree with his little hatchet. Then he went into the house and informed his stern parent that he could not tell s

"Do you think I shall be the father of my country?" Alfred now asked, anxiously.
"There is no certainty about it, my son," replied the old man, with streaming eyes.
"Times have changed in 150 years. The
boy who cannot tell a lie is assured of nothing except that he can't very well be a pain-Thus we see that opportunity is a large

element in success.

She Had Her Reasons. Chicago Post; "Why ir it," they asked, "that you sued him instead of horsewhip-

ping him?" particular cotilion, which will be danced at midnight. When Christmas falls upon some other day than Sunday the cotilion will first I looked at it just as you do, but my when the cotilion will are the cotilion will first I looked at it just as you do, but my manager finally convinced me of my error. There is more immediate advertising horsewhipping than there is in a suit, but he pointed out that a lawsuit could be spread out over several years and therefore in the long run gives better results."

Belshazzar the Second. Detroit Journal: "But think of your health!" urged the physician. "Read the handwriting on the wall!" The merchant prince buried his face and

"Long ago," he exclaimed, bitterly, "I made it an inviolable rule of my business not to read anything unless it was type-Malindy," said the new millionaire to his written or printed!"
wife after the guest had departed, "that the And business is business.

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