of Next Summer.

Deals for Two Circuits Still Talked About and the Fate of Louisville and Washington Occasions Much Speculation.

next session of the league, which is merit. scheduled for the last Tuesday in February. No official action was taken, but before the magnates fled from the giddy metropolis the majority expressed themselves in no uncertain phraseology as in favor of the adoption of the two-circuit plan. In fact, the secret wirepulling of the base ball enginners has narrowed the case down to this: Every club is willing to enter into the scheme except Louisville and Washington. The latter are willing in a way, too, but they believe they have a chance to dictate terms. If they persist in holding up the deal there is every indicatiton that the magnates will conclude to go shead with a tenclub circuit. In such an arrangement the Capitol City and Bourbonville would be but way stations from a financial point of view and would be forced to the opinion that they could do better if they were in a circuit consisting of eight of their class.

Wagner of Washington gave an indication of the way the wind is blowing by admitting the advantages of an eight-club major circuit, but including the senatorial city in the bunch. This is looked upon as a token that Wagner is getting ready to make a bid for big money. The Louisville delegates gave an even stronger indication of a desire to get in out of the wet, but worked it a bit too strong. They offered to sell the Louisville club and franchise to New York for \$50,000 cash. They argued that the Giants would be strengthened by the addition of such players as Clarke, Dexter, Cunningham, Wagner, Frazer, Magee and Kittredge, and that Freedman would be able to put another team in Louisville out of his surplus playing material to enter the proposed American association. But Freedman gave this proposition a frigid glare and even revoked his offer to take Clarke out of the Kentuckians' hands for \$10,000. From now on until the February meeting

the fans may look for an out-and-out case The Bourbonites have already commenced it by announcing to their supporters at home that the team will stay in Louisville and that the Colone's will be in the race for the flag next season. Washington has done likewise, and both will hold out for a \$50,000 bunch of money each, Will they get it? The answer to this question is the only thing that stands in the way of the establishment of two eight-club circuits

Owing to the chaotic situation there was Frazer to the Quakers. Manager Wilmot of ington is angling for McGraw as Mugay has declined to go to Brooklyn on account of his Baltimore business. Pittsburg made a bid of \$2,500 for McGuire, but Washington could not see it. Burns made overtures attach a jackscrew to his price. Freedman surprised Billy Nash by telling him that he was not wanted as captain because he had been quoted in an interview as saying that he wished to have control of the players and work in harmony with John B. Day. Buck Ewing made fancy offers for Rusie and also Dave Cross. Shortstop Wrigley. First Baseman Carr and Pitcher Donovan of Washington were lumped for the sum of \$500 and sold to the Richmond (Va.) team.

Brooklyn next year with its acquisition of Baltimore players will be a big factor in the league race. Moreover, it will be a financial success of huge proportions, it is predicted. When the deal is completed Andrew Goose Freedman will be dealt a terrific thwack forninst the solar plexus. It is estimated that a winning team in Brooklyn will draw as properous and voluptuous a stack of elongated green as a winning aggregation at the Polo grounds. The anti-Freedmanites in New York are already beginning to figure the profits that will accrue from the double-headed venture. They have counted out \$100,000 velvet in Brooklyn and a \$10,000 loss in Baltimore, thus leaving \$90,000 to be divided between the partners in this prospective base ball trust -for Hanlon and Abell will conduct the teams on a 50 per cent basis. The Trolley Dodgers will be a team that will be skating close on the heels of the leaders, for the team that can be picked from the material that the two clubs at present provide will be as follows: Pitchers, McJames, Hughes, Corbett, Maul, Kennedy and Dunn; cateners, Clarke, Smith and Ryan; first base, Kelly; second base, Daly; third base, Demontreville; shortstop, Jennings; outfielders, Jones, Griffin, Keeler and Anderson; extra infielder, Magoon.

With these men wearing Brooklyn uniforms, the new Baltimore team may be made up as follows: Pitchers, Miller, Yeager, Nops, Kitson, Howell, Caston and McKenna; catchers, Robertson, Grim and Crisham; infielders, McGann, Lachance, Hallman and Ball; outfielders, Holmes, Brodle and Sheckard. If McGraw is not turned over to Washington or disposed of otherwise he might be

number of the Orioles are discussing the advisability of striking in the hope and exselves out of the transaction. The combination comprises the star players of the team, the "big four," Kelley, Keeler, McGraw and Jennings, together with Clarke and Robinson. These players are said to have decided not to sign a Brooklyn contract until their salaries are increased. They have formed an offensive and defensive alliance and will demand the salary limit of \$2,400 and 10 per cent of the net profits. This plan savors considerably of the co-operation plan and is an apparent threat of the revival of the brotherhood. The recalcitrant players are undoubtedly encouraged in their de- been recognized as a sport tricks of many mand by a Baltimore syndicate of rich sport- kinds have been introduced to win or lose ing men who are engineering a plan of buying the Baltimore franchise and putting in and if all reports be true big Ed Dunka first-class team. This movement is receiv- hurst, the Syracuse heavyweight, must be ing the support of the Baltimore fans, who are disgruntled at the idea of not having a first-class team after having been regaled with an article of championship stripe for Dunkhurst to knock out half a dozen pugiso many years.

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS out, and his terrible punishment did not

Tommy Ryan Meeting Becomes More and More Remote.

The lovers of boxiana may as well give up all hopes of seeing Red Robert Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan paired off in mitt Every blow I ever landed generally stayed warfare, for the champion has taken a po- on the spot, but my glove would slip all sition regarding the proposed battle that is over Dunkhurst's body. I noticed this the equivalent to the sheathing of the weapons very first punch I gave him. If I put a of biff, as far as the two fighters are jointly blow on his stomach my fist generally

take full advantage of the middleweight Base Ball Men Look Fondly Forward to Days poundage limit. The Syracuse lad has demurred to two of the provisions of this ultimatum; he wants the contest to be of fimited rounds and desires that Fitz be compelled to weigh in four pounds lighter than

MAGNATES HAVE NOT SETTLED ANYTHING the limit of the class-158 pounds. Impartial glovemen admit that Fitz is on no uncertain grounds when he refuses to entertain these two demands of the new middleweight-providing that he can make good his claim that he is still a member of the division. Ryan makes a brassy sort of a proposition to force Fitz to scale down lower than the class limit, when the contest would be for the championship laurels The base ball nabobs called a halt on their of the class. And with no definite rules on annual confab without consummating the the matter, Fitz may rightfully insist that much-desired double eight-club circuit, but a championship contest should not be limthere is little doubt that there will be much | ited in length. Lanky Bob's insistence that interchange of opinions anent this perplex- a sufficiency of the long green shall be put ing problem betwixt the present time and up in the shape of a purse is not without

"Here are a brace of fakirs who manage to get away with \$60,000 between them, is the way Fitz puts his side of the case. 'On the other hand, I who defeated both and the heavyweight divisions-am asked club will put up a \$20,000 purse and Ryan letics. After his graduation and when he ball season but lately closed has been a accedes to my conditions, I will cross arms had affixed himself to the teaching force of bonanza for the big eastern elevens again. with him and not otherwise."

A cloud of doubt of brunette hue will arise in the mind of any fight promoter who may be tempted to offer a \$20,000 prize for Ryan and Fitz to nibble at, for experts can hardly see it that the Syracuean would have much more than a fighting chance with the lanky one. Preliminary to such a match the question would arise, "Is the Cornishman as formidable as and is Ryan as clever a fighter as the latter was in his palmy days?" There is little doubt that Fitz, since he won the middleweight championship from Dempsey in 1891, has steadily improved, up to the time that he met Corbett, at least, while since that time he has kept himself in good shape. There is every reason to believe that his tremendous punching power and his pair of emarkably strong arms still stay with him. On the other hand, Ryan has only just gradunted from the welterweight class, in which ne was summarily beaten by Kid McCoy and also failed on two memorable occasions to stop Mysferious Billy Smith. Ryan is undoubtedly a clever and slashing hitter, out at middleweight he is not a whit better his long string of victories. That McCoy can whip Ryan at any weight many ring followers believe, so that they fail to see opinion is so prevalent that it would be difficult to scare up a \$20,000 or \$30,000 will be run under the auspices of the crowd to witness a meeting of the two big biffers.

The Queensberry program arranged for

January 10 gathers not a little additional interest from the showing that Kid McCoy made against Joe Goddard, the old barrier champion, in Philadelphia a week or so ago. This is calculated to set many a ring follower to thinking. It has been said that the not much trading transacted as a result of Kid cannot punch, but the neatness and the meeting, although a few deals were dispatch with which he dropped the oldput through. Louisville has sold Pitcher time Barrier champ, even though the contest was decided on a foul, speaks fairly Minneapolls bought "Germany" Smith from well for a jabber. He sent the big burly St. Louis for \$200, and Abbaticchio from Goddard from the center of the ring to the Philadelphia for a similar amount. Wash- rope with a jab that seems to indicate that he has a punch up his sleeve that no one bas suspected. As a rough, tough, heavyweight Goddard is a stumbling block for the best of them and McCoy all but put him to sleep. Then, too, he did it in a manner for Winnie Mercer, but was also advised to that was hitherto unknown to the Barrier away have taken a chance with him and won walloping. The Kid never took that chance. He planned and executed the coup de grace without giving Goddard a chance. In Sharkey the Kid will have a younger, more active and aggressive fighter o deal with, but his tremendous advantage in skill, quickness and reach may turn the scale. If he can make a defensive fight of it he will have the man-of-war's-man in box, the critics say, and they all coincide that the latter must get in his punch in the first few rounds. If he does not do this he may have a head put on him before the twenty rounds are over, for McCoy's continual jabbing is likely to wear him down, and when Sharkey reaches that stage McCoy will have him on the hip, for in his Goddard go the Kid demonstrated that he is a pretty stiff puncher when he has a man where he wants him.

Tim Hurst has the right idea about his conduct toward fighters who have selected him to referee a bout. After Hurst had been been chosen to referee the battle between McCoy and Sharkey he met in a cafe Kid McCoy. The festive Kid was with a merry party of friends, who were indulging in the 'juice of the grape." Hurst was accompanied by Jim Kennedy, former manager of the Coney Island Athletic club, and sat at a nearby table. McCoy sent word to Hurst to join his party and have some wine. Hurst, however, declined with thanks and sent word back to the Kid that he did not care to get better acquainted with him until he met Sharkey in the ring on the night of January 10. Hurst will receive \$500 for refereeing the bout.

Gardner and Dave Sullivan have finally been matched, their respective autographs having been attached to a set of articles according to which they will clash in New York on January 9 at catch weights. The match has been hanging fire for some time owing to the fact that the Omaha lad has wanted to meet the little Irishman at the same poundage at which the latter issued a defi to Dixon. Gardner held out for In connection with this Baltimore-Brook- no inkling of an intention to weaken. Acawhile, but finally gave in, as Sullivan gave lyn deal, it is interesting to hear that a cording to these terms the Celt will have an advantage of some ten pounds. The meeting ought to be satisfactory to the pectation of winning something for them- cream of the redhots, for much more depends upon it than a mere settlement of question of superiority of the two. Both Gardner and Sullivan hope that the one who wins will receive a return match with the colored wonder. At any rate, the result of the match will probably designate the feather who can be ranked next to

There are tricks in all trades, but no trade, if such it may be called, has so many tricks as pugilism. From the time fighting by man and man for man's amusement ha fights. The latest is indeed a novel one given credit for its invention. In his recent fight with Peter Maher at the Arena the Irishman landed enough hard blows on lists, but while Maher knocked Dunkhurst down several times he could not knock him seem to affect the big Syracuse boy. Probability of Bob Fitzsimmons and now leaks out that Dunkhurst covered his body with an oily preparation which took much of the effect of Maher's blows away. Maher, when asked about the matter, said: "Well, I was a bit suspicious, and felt like having my seconds examine Dunkhurst.

Dixon.

vestigation."

BITS OF MISCELLANEOUS SPORT New Life in Field and Track Athletics

the Aim of a Movement Just Started.

Track athletics are yet in their infancy to make another try.

stand as the champion of both the middle one can attain it. He is a Nebraskan and an Omahan and graduate of Dartmouth. to take part in a championship conflict for While in this energetic little New England which a purse of \$7,500 is offered. If some college he took considerable part in ath-

a hustler. he was when he whipped Jack Dempsey will be an attendant at the annual meeting bills. of the State Teachers' association at Lincoln, and while at the Capital City proposes to attempt to interest the university athletic interests in the formation of a state changing of the pigskin in case the ball in track association. The university would be play becomes too wet and slippery for use. especially fitted to act as the sponsor of such an organization, as it is the recognized head of the state in an amateur athletic quently that it becomes a burden to lift it, Its athletic material comes mainly way. from the state, and therefore it should be interested in the development of this ma- game, when the sphere was so slippery and terial in order that its teams may be of the best possible standard.

The scheme that the Omaha High school professor will present for the consideration worth considering. of the university will be an interscholastic than Dempsey was when he was winning as well as an intercollegiate association. He will recommend the formation of a body in which all the High schools as well as the colleges of the state will be represented. just how the Syracuse fighter could win This organization will hold a meet at some laurels in a battle with Lanky Bob. This central point where representatives of the various schools will compete. The body A. U. and consequently the records made

will be official. This is a move in the right direction and should receive the support of every one who is interested in amateur sports. There is no reason why the west should not be teur sport there is hardly a department that an hour with him. As a finale to be is so enjoyable, healthful and interesting as track athletics. A start once made, Ne brasks should secure as good a rank in this not throw him inside of theat, minubranch as is gradually being attained in he is unable to score a fall within that base ball and foot ball.

ing engineered by the Denver Wheel club at while the Mussulman is touring the country the present time. This organization is work- and is eating up everything in the shape ing on a plan to form an intercollegiate asseciation in Colorado which will include all the colleges in that state. The matter has is said to be negotiating for the athletic grounds of the Denver Athletic club, one of the most prosperous athletic associations in Graeco-Roman falls without trouble in brief the western country.

While on this matter that seems to indicate an increase in state sporting interest. it may not be amiss to mention a sort of rewakening in the same line that is taking place in this city. That a revival is taking place seems to be the moral that can be gleaned from the determination of the local Bohemian turning society to erect a commodious club house and gymnasium during the coming spring. While this society, as well as the Turners and the Young Men's Christian association, deal mainly in gymnastic work, yet this organization as tention to field sports. Consequently any advance either makes will result in a proportionate progress in field sport. While talking about this new club house of the Bohemian turners, it should be mentioned also that Omaha may possess still another club and club house of an athletic character The Omaha Wheel club is seriously considering the advisability of extending its athletic field and is talking of erecting a club buildformally notified in New York that he had ing with a modern gymnasium, fully equipped.

> In the very near future the well known billiardists, Carter and Schaeffer, will probably give a series of exhibitions in this city for the edification of the lovers of the ivories. Tom Foley is trying to make the necessary arrangements to get them to stop over for a couple of days when they pass through the city on their way to Mexico where they, together with a couple of other sharps, expect to open the eyes of the greasers with wizard strokes and incidentally reap a small fortune apiece. If the arrange ments are completed, it is the intention to secure one of the theaters for the exhibitions in order to enable the local sharps to gain a few pointers on the proper manner to dally with the ivory balls,

> The Omaha Curling club is preparing for the most successful season in its history. The park commission has set aside for its use the upper lake in Hanscom park, which is too small for skating purposes, but is ample for the "roarin" game. The club members gather there on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons to engage in their favorite sport and during the couple of weeks that the curling season has been on a number of good games have been played. A club team contest is on the tapis for the near future, at which time the membership will compete for a medal which has been offered by A. C. Troupe. One or two other prizes will be offered during the course of the season and with the stimulus that will be imparted in this way a successful and entertaining winter's play is looked for The club numbers on its rolls at present about thirty-five names, the owners of whom are almost all active players. Guy C. Barton is the patron of the club and is not averse to taking a hand occasionally.

> Anent this purely winter sport it will not be out of the way to say a word or two about another sport which finds its particular season during the reign of the ice king-skating. During these crisp winter days when the mercury is hovering down at the bottom of the tube there is congealed fluid galore about Omaha-an ample sufficiency for skating. There are, too, plenty of skaters in the city, but with the usual indifference displayed by the Omaha citizen regarding sporting matters no advantage has been taken of this condition in the shape of contests. The average Omaha young man seems to prefer the beatific occupation of gliding over the ice with the average Omaha maiden to the zest and excitement of a race—if you know the average Omaha maiden, you can hardly blame him either. But there certainly are a sufficient number of the local pantalooned sex who ar unattached to fill the lists of a skating carnival. It may not be impertinent to suggest to the management of the skating

notice that my blows refuse to remain on | carnival of this character ought to be made shall be waged, and that he be allowed to the spot where landed I will make an in- successful with the assistance of a few which will be served during the middle of prizes and will bring out many a man, and the day. girl, too, who is able to cut a few capers in speed and fancy figures.

A skater has come over the pond who is in the way of an ice cutter that America can produce. This individual is Oscar Julius, a Swede. He came from his native land a in this state. The Young Men's Christian | year ago to engage in the six days' bleycle association branches occasionally have a race held in New York and also engaged in meeting, the University of Nebraska holds the one just closed, in both securing a a rather loos, spring meet and a profes- creditable place. Julius' long suit, however, sional foot race takes place once in awhile. is skating and he has just issued a defi to But beyond this the track games have but any one who thinks he is an ace in the a small section on the Nebraska sporting skating pack, not barring Jasp Edem, Johncalendar and there is nothing that will son or Nellson. An indication of the Swede's bring track athletes in the various parts ability is shown in the time he made in a of the state in active competition with each race of 10,000 meters, a little over six and other. Attempts to form a state track asso- one-fifth miles, in Europe. He covered the ciaion have at various times been made, but distance in 17:58, only three seconds bethey have never yet met with success. But hind the world's record. The hour skating that enough of the entries in this event have not a whit daunted by past failures, Prof. record of Europe is to Julius' credit, the Bernstein of the High school is preparing Swedish youth having covered eighteen Prof. Bernstein is a man who is able and Donoghue, the noted speed skater of this cognizance of this remonstrance and have these fakirs, who remains undefeated and competent to succeed in his object if any country, has picked up Julius' defi and ar- inaugurated a system by which twenty-five the position in question. The first person made in the near future.

the Trinidad, Colo., High school, he did In this financial column Pennsylvania considerable in developing the athletics of heads the list, the receipts from her games that institution. Since his connection with being in the neighborhood of \$75,000 over the High school of this city he has always and above expenses. Harvard comes sectaken a great interest in its athletic de- ond with net receipts of \$37,000, Yale next partment and has done not a little to raise with \$25,000 and Cornell fourth with \$12,000. the standard of the young spottsmen of Princeton's velvet has not yet been com-Omaha's native institution of learning. And puted. In almost every other branch of in addition to this record Mr. Bernstein is sport the athletics at these universities have been carried on at a loss and the foot During the coming week Prof. Bernstein ball surplus is being employed to foot the

> Some foot ball men are agitating a change in the foot ball rules that will permit of the in rainy weather and on a wet field the leather oval becomes so waterlogged fremuch less kick it. This was the case in Pennsylvania-Cornell Thanksgiving the wet that it often spoiled the plays. Under the existing rules, however, no new ball could be introduced. The point is well

That wreatler four-flush, Ernest Roeber, has thrown out a sickening bluff in a public declaration in New York to the effect that he is anxious to meet Hall Adali, the "Terrible Turk," who is having as much fun with the American mat artists as did his of Potter for several years and in that successor, the ill-fated Yousouf. The Ger- capacity has rated as one of the shrewdes: man wants to meet the Mohammedan in February, and is likely to have his bluff called, as the Turk has an engagement in and his connection with the national com-New York during the latter part of that mittee has given him a wide insight into month. Roeber announces that he will the workings of the organization. He is a meet all comers on his arrival in the metropolis and will give \$50 to each and proficient in every line of sport and in ama- every one who is able to stay a quarter of lenge, he declares that he will present his compliments and \$100 to the Turk if he does

limit, he says that he will then condescend to wrestle the Turk for the championship Something of this same character is be- of the world and \$1,500 a side. In the meanof wrestlers that comes his way. The first fall to be scored against him was secured the other night by Duncan Ross in Inreached such a point that the wheel club diapapolis and the Turk lost that only because, not understanding the collar-andelbow style, he broke holds. He got two time. The next interesting engagement of the sultan's subject is to take place in Chicago on January 23. On that date he has agreed to gain four successive falls Rooney, the "giant gripman," within ninety minutes of successive wrestling. If either Burns or Rooney gain a fall or if Adali fails to throw each of the men twice, the match

will go to the two Americans. A bicycle race of considerable interest is on the boards in New York for tomorrow night. It is to be the first demonstration in America of the possibilities of artificial well as the other two pay considerable at- pacmeaking for blcycle racing. Harry Rikes, the elongated lad who holds the world's record for the hour, will be the rider opposing motor pace. Rikes will try to ride a faster twenty miles under regulation pace motor bleycle. It will be a good test, for there is no rider in the land who can comfor if the cumbrous steed beats them, it will have to go to work for a living.

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD Omaha Men Find a New Paradise for Hunters in the Choctaw Nation's Preserves.

Judge Ives, Dr. Connor, Frank Gaines, George Patterson, M. A. Hall and John C. Barnard returned to Omaha last Thursday after a two weeks' absence, with the information that they had discovered a new hunting paradise for the lovers of the gun. This ideal spot for the huntsman is located in Indian Territory just over the Arkansas border and on the land of the Choctaw nation. Armed with a permit and over the state line, the hunter finds himself in the very heart of nature, among hills and vales and woods which apparently have never been contaminated by the hand of civilized man and which is chock full of deer and squirrel and rabbits and wild turkey and quail and chicken and about everything in the way of small game that the heart of

the shooter may desire. The Omaha party left on the first of the month and journeyed to Wood river, where several days were spent in camp. They finally landed in De Queen and from tha townstruck into the territory. They went but twenty miles, but when they located their first camp they brought themselves in pretty close communion with primeval nature. The hills, almost mountains, were covered with wild woods and tangled brush, through which no one apparently had ever penetrated This condition of the country was not with out its disadvantages, for the roads are execrable, and made the passage of a large hunting party difficult.

And the Omaha party formed a big camp is it contained thirteen persons, being composed of five drivers and a couple of guides in addition to the sports. This is given as an explanation of the fact that but little game was brought back to the city, the local shooters claiming that they were kept busy shooting enough for the camp to eat. They had sport enough, for the deer stood upon the hillsides and the turkeys roosted upon the trees awaiting to be plugged, according to report.

a great hunting try," declares Attorney Half. "The only backers are the crackers, finest examples of the breed, who are slow enough to drive many crazy. But if you can overlook his, you find yourself in one of the primeval sopts the poets sing about and you can't take a step without running into some game. I am surprised that the country has not been discovered, for if it were known it would be overrun with hunters."

The Omaha Gun club will have an all-day Christmas shoot on its grounds across the show that there were then 408.869 bicycles concerned. He has laid down three condi- slid around his ribs and past his body. It's privilege on the exposition grounds that it comprise the brogram. The shooters, how- 1894. The treasury benefits to the extent of river tomorrow. Live birds and targets will in the country, as compared with 203,000 in

feature of the card to be a turkey dinner

Henry McDonald, Billy Townsend, Bill Hardin and "Welch" all had a share in the money that was put up at the shoot held at ambitious to skate rings around anything Columbus last week by the local gun club. The affair was very successful and drew a good crowd of shooters from different parts

> Burke, the Eigin shooter, is doing some tall hustling in an attempt to discover some one who is willing to shoot him a race at live birds. He was in Omaha last week with a roll of money to back himself, but failed to find any takers.

Chicago shooters figure that they have won a victory in the determination of the Interstate Shooting Association of Shooters to name new purses for the Grand American The westerners have contended not been in on the money and have threatened to withdraw unless this is remedied. miles 220 yards in that space of time. Joe It is reported that the directors have taken rangements for a race are expected to be out of every 100 of the entries will be allowed in the purse. If this is done, the four top scores, twenty-twos, twenty-threes, twenty-From a financial point of view the foot fours and twenty-fives, for instance, will be sure of a share of the big purse,

> E. D. Fulford has challenged Rolla Heikes for the E. C. cup and the inanimate championship at inanimate targets. There is no question that Heikes will accept the challenge, for he is bound to do so or forfeit his claim to the championship title. In the latest shoot for the cup last October, Heikes won it from Gilbert.

Attorney C. W. Britt will present a bill to the legislature according to which dogs will become personal property.

THE WHEELING WORLD. Spirited Campaign for Control of the League of American

The approaching election of officers of

the League of American Wheelmen is not fikely to be as tame an affair as was predicted two weeks ago. Opposition to the Keenan slate has appeared and its backers promise to give the Pennsylvanian a lively run. Conway W. Sams of Maryland is the new candidate for the presidency and his appearance in the field provokes irritation among the slatemakers. Sams is a leader of the Maryland division and has a fine record of continuous and successful fabor for the welfare of wheelmen. It is said that Sams will have the support of Potter, as he has been one of the leading lieutenants politicians of the league. He has fearned much, too, from his astute New York friend, lawyer by profession and is rated as one of the leading members of the bar in his home city of Baltimore. Some of the well-wishers of the league think that it would be well or the organization if there should not be such of a wrangle for offices this year and that for that reason Sams would be a good man a year later. According to an official of the league who is believed to have made a careful canvass of the situation neither side would have enough votes to win at the present time, and if Sams means bust he will have a vote almost equal to Keenan's, the result being left with a few doubtful states which may be awung one day or the other. If this is true and if the election can be conducted on a friendly basis it will be the most interesting contest the league has ever had.

Early next month the executive committhe League of will hold a mail election to decide whether the next national meet shall be held in Boston or Buffalo. Both cities have invited the league to meet in the territory of each alternately from "Farmer" Burns and J. J. next summer and both are making personal appeals to the delegates for their Pamphlets and other literature showing the respective merits of the cities have been circulated, and representatives have visited the larger divisions seeking their support. This endeavor to secure the honor of entertaining the league next summer has been going on for over a year. At first Buffalo had decidedly the better of it, but recent developments have placed that city in almost a hopeless position, it is said. The leaders in cycling circles in Buffalo have more than once shown their sympathy with the outlaw movement of the racing men. because the leaders in the movement came than his opponents, assisted by the petroleum from that city and again, Buffalo has lost a large proportion of its league membership in the last year. On the other hand, Boston mand a better racing course than Elkes, and has steadfastly stood by the league and has each of these human pacemakers will try increased its membership. On this showing to ride rings around their petroleum rival, the Boston workers expect to get the meet. Acting upon the presumption that the conmeans that they will lose their jobs and test is already settled in its favor, Boston is making preparations for the affair. Committees are being appointed and fares on the railroads have been decided. As soon as the vote is announced, if it is in favor of Boston, the work will proceed on systematic lines.

The New York division of the league de cided by a vote of 38 to 8 to dispense with the State Racing board. It is not known whether the division will support like action at the national assembly. The New York Tribune says there is very little prospect of the league relinquishing race control, because it is extremely difficult to secure the necessary two-thirds vote for repeal. Meanwhile Chairman Mott is piling up fines. The last bulletin shows that fines aggregating \$5,000 have been imposed on prominen amateurs and professionals who took part in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden. The league certainly does not expect to get all this money, but Chairman Mott says that the men transgressed the rules and pay they must. The riders look upon the bulletin as a huge joke. A well known amateur when he read the bulletin and saw that he had been fined \$100, smiled and said: "I don't believe the riders will I se any sleep over this latest move of Mr. Mott's. In years to come Mr. Mott will be able to tell how he nearly made a lot of money for the League of American Wheelmen.'

mechanical engineers in the country, recently completed a number of tests of a new process of manufacturing seamless steel tubing, writes the Ithaca correspondent of the New York Press. So important are the results that it is announced that the cost of manufacturing bicycle tubing by the new process will be reduced in this country about a half, while the durability of the tubing will, at the same time, be increased. It is believed that the discovery of this new process will revolutionize the bicycte tube industry in the United States and will directly affect the prices of wheels in the coming season. By means of it, it is possible to make the very highest grade of seamless tubing out of ordinary American steel, costing about \$35 a ton. Formerly it was necessary to use Swedish steel billets, costing about \$125 a ton. In the last few months

Prof. Rollo C. Carpenter of Cornell uni-

versity, known as one of the most expert

these billets have been quoted at exactly the same price wholesale that the finished tuning is sold at retail, and bicycle manufacturers were expecting a rise in the price of tubing next spring. As it is now, the price of bleycles should be lowered. The fact that in France there is a tax on cycles makes it easy to collect statistics as to the number of machines in the country

The returns, going down to the end of 1897.

SPORTS OF THE DYING YEAR | tions for the fight—that a big enough purse a good trick all right, but the next time I is in a position to set the ball a-rolling. A ever, will probably consider the main £162,000 a year by the rage for cycling. Naturally the department of the Seine contains the largest number of machines, nearly 80,-000, while the mountainous departments have the fewest. Thus in the Hautes Alpes there are only 383 bleycles. Corsica comes at the bottom of the list with 133.

> The object of a new contrivance just pat ented in England is to overcome any vibration or joiting on rough roads. The invention consists of a steel plate or tube with a hole to allow the saddlebar to pass through into the down tube of the cycle. Attached to the steel plate or tube is a screw band for holding the saddlebar at the required height. The steel plate or tube is connected

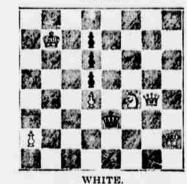
CHESS.

springs.

with the frame of the bicycle by other

With the aid of members of the Nebraska Chess association a problem-solving tournament is announced to begin with problem No. 53. Each position will be graded in proportion to its difficulty and each person sending in a correct solution will be credited with the number of points offered on whose score reaches fifty points will be debrog, Neb., has contributed \$1.50 to be devoted to a prize and a token will also be offered by this column. The matter is announced informally and will be in the nature of a preliminary skirmish to a more definitely arranged contest later on. Solvers are invited to express criticism in as few words as possible on each problem published. Contestants will be allowed two weeks on each situation.

Problem No. 53, by Jan Dobrusky, eight points for correct solution in full; those sending partial solutions will be credited with the number of variations covered, getting on the clothing. White to play and mate in three moves BLACK.



The following notice to chess players has

been issued by the secretary of the Nebraska Chess association: Members of the Nebraska Chesa associa tion are hereby notified that it is desirable to have our second annual tournament begin ate prizes will be given, but at this time i is impossible to give particulars. Let each member who desires to enter this tournal ment notify the secretary of the earliest possible moment. Chess players of Ne-braska who are not members of the association are requested to correspond with the secretary with a view to becoming members and taking part in the coming tournament. The first tournament is now rapidly new .ug close: it has resulted in some well played games and an increased interest in chess, as well as having brought about increased ac-quaintance and colse friendships among the members. CHARLES DE FRANCE, Lincoln, Neb. Secretary.

match between Kansas and Nebraska chess mayers, probably eight on a side. For purposes of competing the players on each side will be ranked and each two contestants of equal rank will play two games, each having the first move in one game. Messrs. Voss, Ufford, Gibson, Moise, Parker, Hitchcock and Bayless are already slated to up- dried beans and these he throws into the old the dignity of Kansas, and Mesers. Tyson, Hartzell, Edwards, Hald, Barron, Rasmussen and Clark are mentioned as the knights of Nebraska.

Arrangements are about completed for a

Thomas C. Patterson of North Platte, Dorr H. Carroll of Gothenburg and John L. Clark of Albion have recently joined the Nebraska | beans-have made their escape through the Chess association.

At Davenport, Ia., on December 20 Harry N. Pillsbury, champion American chess player, won six out of eight games, playing simultaneously and blindfolded. His opponents were the best players in that vicinity. W. A. Weld and Dr. E. M. Sala of Roch Island, Ill., won one game and J. V. Streed of Cambridge, Ill., secured a draw.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Great Britain imports 75 per cent of its More than 4 600 men are occupied in Grand Rapids in the manufacture of furniture. Before the war Cuba contributed about me-twelfth of all the tobacco used in the

In the United States 390,000 cubic feet of pine are used annually in making matches. The imports of coal into Germany in the first eight months of this year were 3,655,475

The industrial cordage factory at Merida, has an order from London for 4,000 ons of binder twine.

A model farm on the American plan and with American machinery, stock and methods is about to be established by a Chinese mandarin who lives near Shanghai. Most people suppose that the use of snuff is obsolete, but the statistics presented by the commissioner of internal revenue show there is a steady and large increase in the production and sale of that article.

New Albany, Ind., has a federal labor union composed of printers, cigarmakers and iron molders, as a result of a visit to that city by James Wood, the organizer of the Cigarmakers' International union.

Honolulu bananas are now being received t Seattle, from whence a direct service now runs to Hawail. Previously that territory ot its supplies from South America via New Orleans.

Prior to 1859 Virginia was the greatest tobacco producing state, the annual yield being 122,000,000 pounds. The present yield of Virginia is approximately only 50,000,000 pounds per annum. Succeeding the civil war, Kentucky took first place in tobacco, and holds it with an annual yield of up-ward of 225,600,000 pounds. The greatest scarcity of skilled workmen

ever known in the history of window glass industry of this country is now being ex-perienced, and as the season advances and the additional furnaces now under construction are put in operation the scarcity, particularly of blowers, will be even mo parent. Already the contest for men has be-gun, by manufacturers offering inducements men employed by other firms to come to them. Near Tampa, Fla., there is an industry that

is pursued nowhere else in the world—that of growing tobacco under cover. Only one firm at Tampa has adopted the plan, and "it is found wonderfully satisfactory." An acre or more in a patch is covered with cheese cloth stretched on framework, which holds it ten feet above the ground. The cloth also runs around the patch. It affords protection from heavy rains and from winds that would injure the plants, and beautiful leaves are so raised.

Machinery and apparatus which cost the French \$75,000,000 are now strewn along the line of the Panama canal in a distance of about forty miles. There are dredges by the hundred brought from Belgium and France at an expense of \$15,000 each; great steam cranes brought by the shipload from Birmingham at a cost of \$8,000 each; railroad cars, thousands of steel rails, heaps of railroad tools, steel cables and other things that cost small fortunes twelve years ago, and all are now useless and buried in dirt

What is commonly known as heart disease what is commonly known as heart diseases is frequently an aggravated form of dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from indigestion, it can be cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It cures the worst forms of dvanensia. It digests what you eat.

SOME LATE INVENTIONS.

In a newly designed folding umbrella the lower portions of the ribs are attached to sleeves sliding on the upper parts, with the braces fastened to the sleeves to force them outward as the umbrella is opened.

Napkins can be readily attached to the clothing by a new device formed of a circular spring band, with clamps folded in one side one of which receives the edge of the napkin and the other engages the coat lapel. A door knob has been patented for use on office doors, composed of a dial set in the face of an ordinary knob, with adjustable hands on it to be set by turning the knob until they indicate the hour of the user's return.

To prevent pencils from slipping out of the pocket a rubber cylinder has been de-signed, with soft rubber rings arranged on its surface to catch on the inside of the pocket when the device is placed on the head of a pencil.

Doors can be easily kept closed by a new spring attachment formed of an expansible spiral spring fastened at one end to the door frame, with a cord running from the other end through pulleys to the top of the door, the spring stretching when the door is pulled

A railway spike has been designed which will not pull out and allow the rail to turn, a slot being cut in the spike near the head, clared the winner. Nelson Hald, Danne- in which an auxilliary spike is inserted at nearly right angles to be driven into the tie and fasten the main spike in place. An Ohio inventor has patented a carpet

fastening which does away with the use of tacks to hold the carpet in place, a metallic border being inserted under the edge of the baseboard and having clamps along its outer edge in which the carpet is fastened after being stretched. For use in washing women's hair a new

device is formed of a tin trough with an extension on one side, which can be attached to a common chair, with a slotted portion to fit over the neck and prevent the water from A Hungarian has patented a doll which will blow soap bubbles, an expansible rub-ber bulb inside the body being depressed at

the back after the tube extending from the mouth is dipped in the water, blowing air through the tube and expanding the film at the end of the tube.

An adjustable bed has been designed

which can be altered to fit long or short persons, the side rails telescoping and carrying a cog mechanism by which the footboard can be pushed out to the disired length, a chain gearing being run by a orank to turn the cogwheels.

JAPANESE SANTA CLAUS.

The Feast of Hotel Similar to the Christian Festival. The Japanese little folks know nothing of

the mysterious joys of Christmastide, but the name of Hotel, a celebrated Chinese priest, who was kind to children, signifies to the Japanese boys and girls, in a measure, what Santa Claus does to Young America. Hotel is represented with an immense sack, gathering good things for his young friends. He is said to have eyes in the back of his head and to be able to see around corners, thus finding out whether the little ones are good or naughty. The Japanese New Year was formerly a

noveable festival like that of the Chinese, but it is now celebrated on a date corresponding to our first of January. This is a day of universal rejoicing with both old and young. The ceremony of mame-maki, a cean-throwing, is a leading feature in the preparation for this holiday. There is a superstition prevalent among the Japanese that there may be evil spirits in the house which must be driven out before the dawn of the New Year. Accordingly, on the last night of the old year the house is swept and cleaned and the windows and doors hung with ferns. Then the house-father, arrayed in his very best clothes, goes through all the rooms; the Httle ones of the family, undismayed at the thought of possible hobgoblins, skipping gaily after him. He has provided himself with a quantity of corner and recesses, crying aloud: "One wa soto, fuku wa uchi." (Demons depart, good luck enter). The young folks join joyfully in the cry, frolicking and laughing till the tour of the house is completed and the horned demons and other evil spirits-who are supposed to have a great aversion to open door.

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