INUSRGENCY IN TENNIS

Western Devotees of Game Rebel at East's Rules.

PROBLEM FOR THE ASSOCIATION

National Organization Left on Limb by the Attitude of New Followers of the Clay Court Contests.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The fascinating theme of lawn tennis and its national aspects, from the American standpoint, recently produced a lively and entertaining debate between two devotees of the game, who also hold positions as club officials.

"Without intending any criticism of the United States Lawn Tennis association for its share in past lawn tennis history," said one of the expert players, "it is certain that its position toward the game will be put to the test during the coming season. From all sections of the country, and especially the west, where the newly instituted clay court championship of the United States has served as inspiration, there is a marked increase in the number of those seeking the pastime of the courts. Now the question that comes into the minds of some of us is: Is it to be shown that the laws and rules of the game mean something and are to be observed, or are they to stand as only something to be interpreted or violated according to agreements between friendly competitors?

Power to Westward.

"There is no evading the fact that the national association and the active members of the executive committee are to be more closely judged by their acts this year than in the past. It is not shooting wide of the mark to predict that another year more power will be vested in representatives from the west, and even the Pacific coast. The time has arrived for the governing body to face the conditions squarely and realize that no longer is lawn tennis the favorite game of a select few in the eastern states, but is a sport played ardently by upwards of 4,000,000 of our population from Canada to the gulf, and from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific.

"The determined attitude of the western players at the last annual meeting stands as the handwriting on the wall. Dr. P. B. Hawk, who is a leader in that section of cf the country, and the others associated with him, have declared that there the rules will be strictly observed. So the east may not do otherwise. Altogether, players here have been dissatisfied with the enforcement of rules upon one special court, or in a special match of a tournament, and all others decided in a haphazard manner. If rules apply to one group of players or match, all should be so governed and judged. The unfairness of making one player the especial victim of a foot-fault judge, and allowing others to go free, has already provoked to outbursts of excusable anger. The opportunity for a general enforcement of all the rules—and lawn tennis is remarkably free from the manifold technicalities surrounding other sports—is in the hands of the national association. Several of the executive committee in the past have endeavored to place the burden of infringements upon the clubs. Certainly the clubs are in a measure responsible, but their laxity carried no penalty for flagrant infringements, and so nothing is accomplished beyond an unpleasant discussion that ends nowhere.".

Growth Due to Merit.

The continuance of the discussion emphasized the belief that with the widespread growth of the game throughout the country—a growth due solely to merit, and not to the boom of promoted fostering—that conditions were to be materially improved this season. Among the most important clubs there is a concerted effort toward enrolling an adequate staff of umpires and linesmen before the actual competitions of the tournaments begin.

Underneath the subject of rule enforcement and the position the national association may take in governing, crops out a spirit of intense rivalry. At last the west looms as a menace to the supremacy of the east upon the courts. Westerners have declared, in no spirit of boastfulness, that in tournament management they excelled the east. Then the west has set itself the task of building up premier championship lists that will surpass other sections of the country. Their implied challenge has stirred not only the players of this section, but the national association. As a consequence the tournaments about to begin afford early evidence of exceptional sport and keen interest in every way.

PRINCETON TENNIS HAMPERED

Bad Management and Few Courts Threaten Sport.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 7.—Tennis at Princeton university is in a bad way. It is probably the worst managed minor sport at Old Nassau, and the undergraduates are complaining, with considerable justice. Princeton has ten courts for more than 1,300 students, while Lawrenceville preparatory school has thirty-two courts for only 400 boys, and some of these are too small to hold a racquet, and there is doubt that as large a proportion out of Princeton's total enrollment play tennis, or rather would like to, as is the case at Lawrenceville. Princeton has club courts, but these are accessible to only a limited number of men, and a good many club men may be seen on the university courts any day.

PEORIA BATSMEN PLAY WELL

Defeat Danville Three-I Team Six to Three.

DANVILLE, Ill., May 7.—Peoria batted hard today and won, 6 to 3. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Danville	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	1
Peoria	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	6	12	3

Batteries: Reynolds and Wolf, Smirler and Asmussen.

WATERLOO, Ia., May 7.—Dubuque won today's game, 4 to 3. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Waterloo	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	8	2
Dubuque	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	10	2

Batteries: Clausson, Taries and Harrington, Glass and Mason.

DAVENPORT, Ia., May 7.—Darkness today stopped a twelve-inning tie game with the score, 3 to 3. Score:

												R.	H.	E.
Davenport	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	2
Rock Island	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	1

Will Arrange for Olympic at Stockholm

International Committee to Hold a Meeting for Big Contest at Luxemburg.

NEW YORK, May 7.—A meeting of the International Olympic committee has been called for the second week in June at Luxemburg for the purpose, it is said, of passing on the program of the games at Sweden in 1912. This program has already been arranged and will be presented by Colonel Balck and Comte Clarence de Rosen, the Swedish representative on the international jury, and to judge from the cursory allusions about its make-up it will not be nearly as long as the program of the English Olympic two years ago.

Such sports as football, archery, boxing, golf, hockey, lacrosse, racquets, tennis, motorboat racing and polo are to be excluded, but there are to be a few events belonging to the track and field department which were not included in the English list. One is the pentathlum or all around championship. This was given in the program at Athens in 1896 and was won by Mellander, a Swede. Colonel Balck, it is said, will suggest that the entire fixture cover about ten days and that the entries from each country be made through their respective governing bodies to the international committee. The Swedes will also suggest that the date of their games be fixed for the early part of the month of June.

The work of constructing the stadium, near Stockholm, has progressed considerably. The stadium is situated in the Idrottsparken, near the city of Stockholm, on a picturesque site. As to the success of the fixture there need surely be no doubt, for the Swedish government is behind it and the crown prince will be the president of the meet. The government has donated 400,000 francs toward the expenses of erecting the stadium and other incidentals. The Swedish Sporting association have come forward with their help and have contributed the sum of 100,000 francs toward the expense fund. The Swedes say they will carry out the program much the same way as the English did and they will imitate the London management as much as possible.

Des Moines Opens Season This Week

Parade of Hundred Automobiles Will Escort Team to Grounds—Mayor to Pitch First Ball.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 7.—(Special)—Des Moines opens the season at home this week and great preparations are being made for the first game at the local park. A long automobile parade is being planned, with T. Fred Henry's band in the lead. The Iowa Auto club, under the leadership of President John Gibson, will endeavor to line up 100 automobiles for the big procession. Mayor Hanna will throw the first ball. Former Manager Dwyer expects to join the team tomorrow or next day and though still weak from the appendicitis operation it is possible he may be in the game next week. His batting is expected to help put the Champs on the upgrade.

SETTLE BASKET BALL EMINENCE

High School "B" Class Defeats Seniors by Score of 32 to 26.

High school "B" class of the Young Men's Christian association won the championship of the Omaha High school by defeating the senior class team by a score of 32 to 26. This is the first defeat for the seniors, while the "B" squad has a record of two games lost out of thirty-one played.

The game was fast from the start. During the first few minutes of play the seniors ran up a score of 10 before the "B" squad got any, but from the time the latter started to score they kept the pace just a little too fast for the others. Hughes and Crocker did the star playing.

The lineup:

H. S. "B."		SENIORS.
Jacobs	L.G.	L.G. Geib
Burkenroad	L.F.	L.F. Mills
Hughes (C)	C.	C. Howard
Crocker	R.G.	R.G. Welrick
Carlson	R.G.	R.G. (C) Hoffert

Field goals: Crocker, 7; Carlson, 4; Burkenroad, 1; Hughes, 2; Welrick, 2; Howard, 4; Hoffert, 2; Mills, 1. Free throws: Burkenroad, 4; Howard, 4; Hoffert, 2. Each side awarded 1 point.

Miller Park Men's Plans.

The members of the Miller Park Club club attended a smoker at the club ground rooms, Friday night which gave those who were not familiar with the conditions at the popular resort the idea of the line of work that has been mapped out for this year's entertainment of the club.

The members who started the movement for a general athletic club at the Miller park site explained what was meant by the organization of a club that would mean one of the sport centers of the city.

Speeches were made boosting the organization which indicated that the growth of the organization was steady and would eventually terminate in one of the strongest athletic organizations of Omaha.

FOUL TIPS CATCHERS' BANE

Tom Needham, Old Backstop, Relates Experiences.

STORY OF BATTERED HAND

Crippled Members Tell Tale of Many Accidents Behind the Bat—Some Are Born Under Lucky Star.

NEW YORK, May 7.—"Some catchers must have been born under lucky stars. Certainly I wasn't," says Tom Needham, a veteran big league catcher. "When base ball fans discuss the various players with perfect hands, few stop to consider the backstops who have been in the game year after year without sustaining injuries other than slight dislocations. But the doctors and surgeons have been a busy lot of men affixing finger splints and binding up the tape since base ball was adopted as the national pastime. Speaking of the disabled catchers it happens to be my lot to register among the badly bent species. Ten years ago I had two perfect hands. Save for a few scars which bore mute testimony to my greenness as a tamer of white rats and a group of freckles there wasn't a blemish on either mitt. Now I am ashamed to look at them.

"Foul tips, the bane of all catchers, have altered the general appearance of my paws. The fingers of my right hand have been maimed or splintered so often I can scarcely cite all the instances. It was one of George Mullin's fast balls, accompanied by a foul tip, that smashed the little finger of the pegging hand years ago, when I was connected with the Grand Rapids of the Interstate league. Charles Pittinger, now dead, broke the first finger of the same hand in 1904. The gnarled effect of my index finger speaks for the speed of Oscar Street. That happened while I was catching with the Wheeling club.

Work Under Difficulty.

"Oftentimes catchers, though hurt, are asked to work daily under painful conditions. That happened to me after Vic Willis, now of the St. Louis Cardinals, had smashed the little finger of my throwing hand in 1900. While playing on the Fort Wayne club of the Interstate league under Manager Miller, I had the misfortune to break one finger. The club was up in the pennant race and Miller refused to give me a lay-off until the finger recovered. Instead he compelled me to work fourteen games under penalty of a discharge.

"Catching at all times is the most dangerous position on the ball field. Take the case of Jack O'Neill, the old Chicago player. His hands were all shot to pieces in years of service, but the hardest blow came when a foul tip crashed through his mask, blinding him in one eye. This accident drove O'Neill from the diamond. Among the catchers who have been more or less fortunate, I would mention the names of Roger Bresnahan of the Cardinals, Pat Moran of the Cubs, Charley Dooin of Philadelphia Nationals, Gibson of Pittsburg, Admiral Schlei of the Giants, Billy Bergen of Brooklyn and Johnny Kling. None of those catchers has been seriously hurt behind the bat. Larry McLean, Jimmy Archer, Billy Sullivan, Joe Sugden, Frank Bowerman, belong in my class as regards hard luck. Chance of the Cubs, who held down a catcher's job for ten years prior to going to first base, is another of the unlucky players.

How They Work.

"No two catchers work alike. That's undoubtedly the reason catchers who go through game after game without hurting their hands usually suffer injuries about the legs, yet my hands are always getting in the way of foul tips.

"Catchers also are a superstitious lot. One won't permit another to touch his glove lest some hoodoo might follow. Each catcher has his own particular model, the same as batters have their favorite stick. These gloves are made per order in glove factories. There must be more than 100 different designs, which goes to show the little eccentricities of the catchers. One backstop will catch the ball high up on his glove, another will receive it right in the middle of the mitt, and others have different spots well worn into the leather and padding showing clearly where the ball lands.'

High School Tennis Doubles.

Thirteen couples have been entered for the boys' doubles in tennis in the Omaha High school. The winners will play Robert Thompson and Robert McGague, the last year's champions. The list of entries is: Coons and Lavidge, Bancker and McMenemy, Welrick and Hatch, Gardner and McCullough, Fernald and Sussman, Morris and McCormick, Harn and Ohrle, Gaines and Grant, Baldrige and Howell, Carpenter and Patton, Tukey and Millard, Pollard and Davis and Zimmerman and L. McCague.

Lame back may be cured by applying Chamberlin's Liniment two or three times a day, with a vigorous rubbing at each application.

Iowa School of New Foot Ball

Coaches and Gridiron Experts from Several Colleges Giving Amended Rules a Tryout.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 7.—(Special.)—"Iowa's School of New Foot Ball" has started its classes on the Drake stadium. At the first session there were present a large number of coaches around this city and Coach Clyde Williams of Ames and many former gridiron heroes. Experiments, numerous and varied, were tried.

Among those who attended the first class in the new school were: John L. Griffith, Drake coach; Clyde Williams, Ames coach; John Van Liew, East High coach; Robert Higgins, West High coach; Dr. Thomas Burcham, prominent official and former coach and player; W. Carlson, former East High player; A. Carlson, former East High player, and W. G. Stevenson, class team coach at Drake.

The entire time was consumed in devising plays to advance the ball. It was discovered that the only plays that were successful were the old-time "trick plays," consisting of delayed passes, fake runs, fake bucks, cross bucks, double bucks and criss-cross formations.

The plays in which the straight buck into the line were used proved unsuccessful. It is the opinion of some of the coaches that the spread formation will be used more than ever this year. A short-flipped forward pass will be tried more or less also, in order to have the defense open up slightly.

More classes will be held this coming week and it is expected that the attendance will be gradually increased until all the experts in central Iowa will be responding to the roll call.

WET GROUNDS, NO TENNIS

Match Between Nebraska and Creighton for Today Called Off.

On account of Thursday's and Friday's rain the tennis match to be played on the grounds of the Creighton Tennis association between Creighton and Nebraska universities today was called off and will probably be played later in the month.

The Cornhusker teams were to arrive Saturday morning, but the wet condition of the courts rendered play impossible, so a telegram was sent by Creighton asking to postpone the match. This will enable the blue and white team to practice and perfect a fast system of play. The team is now made up of Howard Farrell, B. Smythe, Hal Driscoll and George Shirley. Owing to the large number of entries in the tournament, the last few rounds of play were somewhat delayed and the team members were unable to practice together.

Wednesday afternoon was played the prettiest match of the season, between Shirley and Bushman. The latter defeated Festner in the tourney, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3, and Gleason, 6-4, 6-3, and was then open to challenge. Shirley challenged and in an excellent match proved he was the better man. Bushman, by steady, consistent playing, won the first two sets, but lost the last three and the match.

South Omaha Bowlers.

Metz Bros. bowling team defeated the Carpenter Transfer team last night at South Omaha by a score of 2,624 to 2,493. The South Omaha team played about even until the last game when they dropped about 100 points to the visitors. Score:

METZ BROS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Neale	170	187	175	532
Sprague	162	178	194	536
Demman	200	166	164	530
Huntington	171	140	162	473
Blakeney	157	223	172	552
Totals	860	897	867	2,624

CARPENTER TRANSFERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Lepinski	161	189	144	494
Clark	189	198	170	557
Nolan	145	154	117	416
Kennedy	205	178	177	560
Hemleben	140	197	146	483
Totals	840	896	754	2,490

Banquet for Bowlers.

There will be a meeting of the captains of the Omaha Bowling league, Booster league and Mercantile league at Francisco's Sunday at 10:30 a. m. for the purpose of arranging a joint banquet to be held at some early date. At this time there will also be a meeting of the captains of the Omaha Bowling league to make nominations of officers for the following year. Election will follow by a vote of the members of this league by ballot, which will be deposited at the alleys. This is important.

York Loses to Beaver Crossing.

YORK, Neb., May 7.—(Special.)—A team from the City league of York was defeated at Beaver Crossing, 4 to 2. Eddie Moore, formerly pitcher for Kilbourne's York Colts, pitched for Beaver Crossing and Hefty of York pitched a good game, and had he been given better support would have landed the game for York. In the first inning three fielding errors by York allowed three scores and after this Beaver Crossing was able to make only one more score.

A Bachelor's Reflections.

Sentiment fills a woman's life just the way square meals do a man's.

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A man can admire himself for the way his wife forgives his failings.

Life is full of pain; a few men get hanged; most men get married.

When a girl has a married sister it's a sign she is going to try to run her love affairs for her.

A woman believes in love ahead of everything else, so that when it comes on [illegible] she can still go on believing.—New York Press.

SOUTHPAW PITCHERS WIN

Artists Flinging from the Port Side Not at All Slow.

NOTABLE EXAMPLES RECALLED

Experts Now Agree the Left-Handers Are Not to Be Underrated in Control, Speed or Other Qualities that Win Games.

NEW YORK, May 7.—It is a common expression in base ball that when a port side pitcher goes through a game with one or two bases on balls "he had good control for a left-hander." As a matter of fact, when it comes down to that there are some left-handers, and not by any means a striking scarcity of them, who have quite as good control, day in and day out, as most right-handers. There are not any southpaws who have as good control as Mathewson, but Mathewson has exceptionally good control among right or left-handers. The two left-handed pitchers who have been in the box for the Highlanders this season have put the ball over the plate as well as any right-handers, those two being Vaughn and Frill. Vaughn has shown noticeably good control.

Another left-hander whose control is nearly always conspicuously good, for a right or left-hander, is Wiltse of the Giants. Control is his long suit. Plank of the Athletics is a left-hander who has nice control as a rule, and so has Doc White of the White Sox. Among the left-handers of the olden days "Lady" Baldwin was possessed of effective command of the ball. Wildness was not among his faults, while Matt Kilroy had fine control and Ed Morris knew how to and could put the ball where he wanted to.

Pass a Good Many.

It must be conceded, however, that the very best control is shown by the right-handed pitchers. Also among the pitchers who did the most work last year two or three left-handers were conspicuous by the number of balls they issued. There was Killian of the Tigers, for instance. In 172 innings, about nineteen games, he gave forty-nine passes to first, which is an average of nearly three strolls a game. Nap Rucker of the Brooklyns gave 101 bases on balls in thirty-eight games last year, which was almost three a game. Three bases on balls a game doesn't seem so very many when you come to think of it, not enough to harp on wildness, yet Rucker, next to Killian, gave more bases on balls a game than any leading big league left-hander except Killian and Karger.

Mattern, of the Boston Doves, in forty-seven games dispensed 101 promenades to first base. Leifield, of the Pittsburgs, gave only fifty-four in thirty-two games. Lush of the Cardinals, provided sixty-nine walks in thirty-four games. In 275 innings, about thirty games, last year, Plank walked batters sixty-two times, an average of a fraction over two. Waddell, in 229 innings, walked slightly over two men a game. Krause of the Athletics, averaged over two to a game, forty-nine walks in 220 innings. Killian averaged close to three a game; White less than two, and Karger, who was the "wildest" of any of the leading southpaws, over three. Karger gave twenty-two bases on balls in sixty-eight innings.

Right Hand Champions.

By comparison, the work of several of the prominent right-handers is given; Matthewson distributed only thirty-six bases on balls in thirty-seven games. Brown gave fifty-three in fifty games, averaging slightly over one a game to Matty's less than one. Camnitz gave sixty-eight bases in forty-one games. Smith of the White Sox, gave seventy bases on balls in 365 innings; Mullen of the Detroits, seventy-eight in 303 innings; Young of the Clevelands, fifty-nine in 295 innings; Bender of the Athletics, forty-five in 250 innings; Walsh of the White Sox, fifty in 230 innings; Joss of the Clevelands, thirty-one in 242 innings; Johnson of the Washingtons, eighty-four in 297 innings; Warhop of the Highlanders, eighty-one in 233 innings, and Pelty, of the Browns, fifty-three in 199 innings.

Smith averaged less than two walks a game, Mullen over two, Young less than two, Bender less than two, Walsh less than two, Joss a good deal less than two, Johnson less than two, Warhop over three and Pelty over two. Wild Bill Donovan, a right-hander, was wilder than any of the pitchers of either kind named. He handed out sixty bases on balls in 140 innings. That is practically fifteen games, and sixty walks for fifteen games is an average of four to a game.

LAWN TENNIS BLUE RIBBON

Beals C. Wright to Head the American Team in Davis Cup Play.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Beals C. Wright of Boston will head the American team of challengers for the Davis international lawn tennis challenge cup this season, and the preliminary tie matches will be decided on the courts at Wimbledon, London. This was made known officially from the executive committee of the United State National Lawn Tennis association. In addition, the certainty of Americans playing against the British Isles' team, the offer challenging nation against the Australasian holders of the trophy, was assured by the acceptance of the expense guarantee of $2,000 to defray the traveling expenses of the Americans to London.

The further announcement was made that William A. Larned, national singles champion; William J. Clothier of Philadelphia, and the national doubles champions, Harold H. Hackett and Frederick B. Alexander, had all positively declined to consider places on the team, pleading pressure of business as their reason for refusing the honor. Raymond D. Little, who has held a place on other international teams, has signified the possibility of his going, as have also the two Californians who met the Australasians last year. Maurice E. McLoughlin and Melville H. Long. The rules make a team of four players possible.

The date for the international ties at Wimbledon remains to be decided upon by the English Lawn Tennis association. There is the probability, however, that the Americans will not sail from this country until after the all-comers' national championship at Newport, R. I., in August.

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AIM AT TWO-MINUTE MARK

Owners of Fast Harness Horses Are Keying Them High.

LAST YEAR'S RECORD WAS GOOD

Uhlan, Penisa Maid, The Harvester and Soprano Are Four Candidates in the Field that Will Go for Two-Minute Goal.

DETROIT, Mich., May 1.—There were so many sensational performances during the 1909 harness season that close followers of the sport are already figuring on the chances for record-breaking performances during the coming racing year. The two-minute mark appears to be the goal aimed at in an actual race, and there are several candidates for a place in the charmed circle.

There are at least five or six trotters who showed wonderful form last year that have ben picked as possible two-minute flyers in 1910, and the followers of the big line feel confident that the mark will be reached this year.

In the matter of record breaking, last year was sensational, to say the least, for marks that had withstood the assaults of a score or more of years yielded to the inevitable. Native Belle's 2-year-old performance in 2:07¾, at the trot, being, of course, the most meritorious. It is rather early yet to obtain anw accurate idea from that quarter, if any, is to come the youngsters that will continue this time-shading stunt.

But this early in the season one thing in connection with the time tilts is certain. It is that there will be lots of shooting at the two-minute mark, and among good judges, four horses stand out rather preeminently as the most likely to get down to the two-minute figures.

These four have all shown their ability as race horses, and in this respect differ somewhat from Lou Dillon, the world's trotting champion, of whom it may be said, without detracting in the slightest from her glory as a record-breaker, that she was never a consistent race mare.

Four Promising Candidates.

The four to whom horsemen look as at least furnishing the bulk of the entertainment in endeavoring to attain the even two minutes for the mile, are, in the order of their present records: Uhlan, 2:02½; Penisa Maid, 2:04¼; The Harvester, 2:06¼, and Soprano, 2:08¾, as a 3-year-old.

On the form he showed last season, the chances favor Uhlan, for which C. K. G. Billings, the present owner of Lou Dillon, paid $35,000 after Bob Proctor, the Readville, trainer, had marked him in 2:02¼. Uhlan has been wintering at Thomasville, in the south, and is now at Memphis. While he will probably be used very largely for matinee racing by Mr. Billings, it is certain, also, that he will be sent to beat his record before the year is out.

Uhlan proved his racing qualities last season in his race with the great Hamburg Belle, forcing the mare to trot in 2:01½ and 2:01¾, the fastest two heats ever trotted in a race. Uhlan turned the tables on Hamburg Belle at Readville, winning in 2:02¾ and 2:03½, and later trotted in 2:02¼. Trainer Proctor stated last year that he thought Uhlan would surely trot a mile in two minutes this year, and good judges feel this prediction will come true.

Banking on Penisa Mid.

According to M. D. Shutt of Rock Rapids, Ia., if any trotter goes in an even two minutes the coming season it will be his own little Penisa Maid, that delicate but sweet-gaited little mare that was quite the sensation of the Grand Circuit of 1909. Few could see a year ago at this time where Shutt was justified in making payments on Penisa Maid, then with a record of only 2:19¼, in all of the big stakes of the year. Yet she proved the year's biggest money winner, earning in stakes and purses $22,733, or nearly twenty times as much as the $1,200 Shutt paid for her.

She returned to winter quarters with the credit of the fastest heat ever won by a trotting mare in a regular class race, and, as if to cap the climax, late in the fall, over the poor half-mile track in her home town, stepped a quarter in an even 30 seconds. Shutt has the mare at Memphis, and says she can beat 2:00. And if his judgment is as good at the present time as it was twelve months ago she surely will do the trick.

It is poverbial that Edward Geers rarely waxes genuinely enthusiastic over any of his horses. Equally true it is that he believes he can drive The Harvester in 2:00 this season—surely that he can beat Cresceus' long-standing stallion record.

Geers Has the Harvester.

At Readville Geers drove The Harvester a workout mile in 2:04½ as against Directum's 4-year-old record of 2:05¼, and later at Lexington he was stepped in 2:09¾. Two years ago The Harvester, as a 3-year-old, was unbroken in February, but by fall a record of 2:08¾. Last year he was the largest money-winning trotter among the stallions, and showed a trial in time that was faster than the record that had stood for seventeen years for 4-year-olds. The world's stallion record of 2:02¼ looks to be surely in The Harvester's reach, and a mile in 2:00 not unreasonably beyond his limit.

The race track managers of the country, collectively speaking, have awakened from their lethargy of many years duration and have at last realized that innovations and departures from the stereotyped are necessary to bring to their race meetings the largest crowds.

The days of straight three-in-five events throughout, with the racing lasting five, six and some times even seven or eight heats, to be carried over two or three days, are things of the past. While such races, very properly, will continue to have a place on the program, novelties and features are to be introduced all along the line.

In this the tracks of the country are very largely, consciously or otherwise, following in the lead of the Readville track, long noted for its aggressive, initiative policy, culminating with its rich $50,000 American handicap derby, that attracted probably more attention than was ever given to any other race in the trotting world.

The early announcements of race program show that this year there are to be many novelties in the way of stakes, the Tavern "Steak" at the Cleveland grand circuit meeting being one of the most conspicuous in this line.

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