SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The base ball poet of the Minneapolis Tribune thus unburdens himself:-"NO GAME-RAIN."

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary,—
It rains, and the winds are never weary.
The vine still clings to the mould'ring wall;
"But terday yer ain't goin' ter see no ball"
For the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary,—
It rains, and the winds are never weary.
My thoughts still cling to the mould'ring past,
"But der ball park gate's locked tight an' fas'"
For the day is dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart, and cease repining; Behind the clouds is the sun still shining. Thy fate is the common fate of all:—
"Der's boun' ter be days when dey can't play ball."
Some days must be dark and dreary.

Everybody should be happy next Thursday when the first game of ball will be played on the C. and A. grounds. I predict a great crowd and good ball. There is nothing wrong that I can see about that grand stand. The arrangements are perfect. The members of the press have been located in the front row of that part of the stand assigned to the ladies. When the game grows monotonous the fair sex can admire the reporters and the boys, when they grow tired of in and out shoots, can vary their account of the game with a little descriptive. The grounds will be in fine order by that time and I look for fun and victory.

The Nationals have placed their work in the hands of good men, in choosing Bell for captain and Frank White for assistant. Both of them know their business and can be relied upon to attend to it. Do as well this season as you did last year, boys, and sleeve buttons, or the earth, or anything else you would like to have, next October.

I hear that the club sports which will be held on the afternoon of June 9, are only open to club members, but that makes no difference. Every man who thinks there is any spring in him belongs to the club, so we boys, and don't be later than June 7, or extent of \$70,000. All hail, Macbeth! Secretary Barker will consign them to the waste basket. There is going to be a band and any person who wants a seat and good view can occupy the grand stand. The official programme is given as follows :-

No. 1. Throwing Ball;

" 2. 100-Yards Dash;

" 3. 1st heat, Bicycle Race;

" 4. One Mile Run;

" 5. Running High Jump;

" 6. 2nd heat Bicycle Bace;

6. 2nd heat, Bicycle Race;
7. Putting Weight;
8. Hurdle Race; 9. One Mile Walk; " 10. Three Standing Jumps 11 220-Yards Dash; 12. Throwing Hammer; 13. Bieyele (Finals) Race;

" 14. 440-Yards Dash.

A few cranks and objectors have from time to time thrown cold water upon the idea of base ball and cricket succeeding in the same club. The record of last year was a conclusive answer to any objections, but some men won't be convinced. Let me the wonderful success of the Staten Island | ter. He says :-Cricket and Base-ball club. Its membership is about 600, nearly 200 being ladies. Lacrosse, foot ball and lawn tennis are also played. There are from 16 to 18 lawn tennis nets, four of which are for the ladies' use. H. W. Slocum, who stands next to R. D. Sears among the tennis champions of America, is one of the club's best ball players.

The very latest is the Boys' league, organized Wednesday night with seven clubs, which will begin the season June 1, close it Sept. 10 and play two games a week.

The sparring exhibition in the Victoria rink, Monday night, was an interesting one, and I am glad to note that it was well attended. The set-tos between Bryson and Buckley and McNeill and Whelan were not too bad, and that between Jack Magee and Jack Power was exceedingly good. Of course there was no disturbance. Nobody but a few fossils had any idea there would

I hope to see the day when it will be possible to announce a boxing exhibition in St. John without frightening the chief of police into an apoplectic fit.

Many of our wheelmen remember with pleasure their acquaintance with that good cycler and jolly good fellow, Frank Elwell, of Portland, Me. They will be interested to learn that as chief consul of Maine he is trying to get up a party of riders to take a eyeling tour through Ireland, England, France and Switzerland. They will leave will be gone untill about the 1st of Sep-

are you thinking of? Do you imagine that as a cricket club you can play that game successfully, and take a hand in lacrosse, base ball, tennis and foot ball? Do not make such an error. I hate to see good material wasted.

I am glad that my Fredericton sporting fraiends are waking up. They have been asleep too long. I can remember when to meet the Celestial cricketers was to court defeat. But Aleck McLaughlin and Ned Allen were then in their prime. The present Mayor was no slouch in those days in guarding his wickets and Tot Bliss never failed to get there as long-stop or at the

I am quite in line with the suggestion of that bright and newsy sheet, The Sporting and Dramatic News, which suggests the substitution of cricket for tennis on the officers square. The officers would find more fun in cricket and the ladies could look on-or if that were selfish nets and wickets are moveable goods and a part of the time could be devoted to each.

The infantry school men are strengthen-

The University club have appointed next game with me." It is now in order for seek as their great field day. Well, I Mr. Sullivan to let loose his mouth. week as their great field day. Well, I wish the boys a fine day and a great crowd -but I need not add the latter: Fredericton is like every other place: it only needs a band and a free show to empty every house in town. I hope the mistake of giv-ing so many valuable prizes has not been made this year. As a rule, a collegian has less cash than brains—I think I hear some one sneering at their financial conditionand it takes a lot of money to give the show the U. N. B. boys favor the capital with.

The "sports" will remind many old 'grads" who read this of the days when the agile and muscular Balkam boys led the way, when Percy Gilmor jumped high and broad, when Roberts, Fenety and Jack dashed the 100 yards, when Bridges and Teed made mile and half-mile records, when Meagher and Barker recorded their splendid broad jumps, when Brewer took the belt and Broderick the high jump cup, and a score of other facts; for, say what you will, I doubt if a finer lot of athletes can be found in Canada than have been and are on the university compus.

A couple of months ago Rev. Fr. Powers whipped with a cane a lad named Hartigan, of Livermore, Cal., because he went to a base ball game instead of to church. The priest was arrested on a charge of assault and battery and fined \$50. Then the boy petitioned the superior court for a guardian, we will give you a breast-pin, or diamond- and as soon as one was appointed began principle, anything a "detective" tells me. suit against Fr. Powers to recover \$5,000 damages. All the kids will agree with me when I add that any one who would try to keep a boy away from a ball game ought to

Monday was the Kentucky Derby day and Macbeth, a bay colt by Macduff out of Angus, won the great event by a length, in take them all in. Send in your entries, 2.38 1-4. His owners are better off to the

> The Sporting Life understands that the Bangor nine is the strongest amateur club in Maine. We thought so, last season.

that only one man at a time shall coach, and that he shall direct his coaching to the base-runner. It is a good rule. Good coaching is a vast addition to the interest runs. of a game-mind that, Capt. Bell!-but there is no earthly reason why two loudlunged players should stand at first and third and yell at each other for two hours. Nobody enjoys that. When I hear it I always yearn for a club.

My friend Malaney, who covered first base for the Woodstocks, last season—and did it exceedingly well-has ideas of his own in regard to the league contest; and they are so sound that I can't resist the clinch the nail. The wisdom of the C. and | temptation to print them, apologizing to A. club management is also evidenced by John for thus making use of a personal let-

> Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Boston, Pittsburg, Washington and Indianapolis ended last season in the order named. The champions are supposed to have a weaker nine this season than last, losing among other players Dunlap; they have, no doubt, in Brouthers, Rowe and Thompson, the best and heaviest batters in the league; but, in my opinion, they are very weak in batteries. Philadelphia is also weaker than last season, and the recent death of Ferguson will be a loss not easily remedied. Chicago, with Clarkson, came in third, and now without Clarkson where are they liable to come in? Acknowledging, though, that in Anson the club has the best captain in the league, he will not be able to bring his "kids" to first place this season; the club's batteries are not up to my standard for winners. New York and Boston have both improved their New York and Boston have both improved their nines wonderfully since last season, and they have the best batteries in the league. The former, in my opinion, has the men capable of winning the pennant. Look at the pitchers: Welsh, Titcombe, Crane and Keefe, the latter the best in the world, Crane and Keefe, the latter the best in the world, even ahead of Clarkson. I do not think they will win, for the simple reason that a winning club has to be a well managed and harmonious one; the New Yorks are not. Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington and Indianapolis I consider out of the race for first place. Now, the winners of the pennant I think will be the Boston nine. They have a captain and manager in John Morrill that has few peers, and the team will be better managed, not having two heads as last year; it will, also, be a harmonious team, doing team work, and not working for individual records. The nine has a galaxy of pitchers in Sowders, Clarkson, Radbourne, Madden and Conway—the latter two "kids" but good ones. For these and other reasons my winner is Boston.

The feature of the week in the league contest has been the meeting between the Bostons and Chicagos. Rain interfered with the preparations which Al. Spalding had made to give the visitors the greatest reception on record, Tuesday, but it held off long enough to allow six innings to be played, and the Boston boys touched up Van Haltren for 32 totals and won the game, hands down, by 20 to 5. Wednesday Chicago won by 2 to 1, with Baldwin in the box, and Radbourne pitching for Boston for the first time this year. But four America the latter part of this month, and hits were made off Rad., while Boston got six; but in one case they were bunched, and in the other not. Thursday Chicago got there again, 9 to 2, Sowders being hit Look here, my Moncton sports, what pretty freely, while Krock was hit only five times. Yesterday, the last game of the series was played, At the time Progress goes to press, the result is not at hand.

During the week, Boston has dropped, Detroit has climbed above New York and Pittsburg and Philadelphia have changed places. The percentages are: Chicago, 800; Boston, 681; Detroit, 619; New York, 578; Pittsburg, 421; Philadelphia, 388; Indianapolis, 333; Washington, 150.

Today, Boston is booked to play Indianapolis; New York, Detroit; Philadelphia, Chicago; and Washington, Pittsburg. That trouble about princely salaries demanded assignment doesn't indicate that there will by the Clarksons and Kellys will be obviated, be much of a change in the relative posi- for they will be no better than any other

The bluff and bluster that preceded the Sullivan-Mitchell hippodrome are about to be duplicated in the Sullivan-Kilrain scrap. The latter has begun it by writing from the Isle of Wight that: "All the stakes must go up at once, and I will agree to have the battle decided the other side of the Missouri, The articles must be drawn up and signed so that Mr. Sullivan must fight or his backers lose their money. I think Sullivan and Phillips want to give a ing their muscles by kicking the foot-ball. few exhibitions to make up for their heavy They are doing good work, though a visitor losses over here, and that the challenge was unkind enough to remark that the field | business is only a guy on the public to help !

looked as if recovering from a fall plow-ing. the exhibitions. Sullivan tried to get out of his match with Mitchell, but failed. He will have no chance of trying the same

> Sullivan took a benefit, Wednesday night, and 3,000 people crowded into Music hall to cheer for the great John L. There was considerable talk exchanged between Sullivan, La Blanche and the colored pugilist, Godfrey, but no scrap, though Godfrey has been telling the newspapers that he was aching for one. The champion told the audience, in his usual vigorous fashion, that he and Harry Phillips are out. The Herald seems to think that he and Pat Sheedy may come together again and make an Australian

Speaking about Phillips, the New York Sun prints a queer story to the effect that he is a burglar and that he organized a gang in Montreal to rob the vault of the Grand Trunk Railway company and then went abroad to escape the consequences. The Sun's informant is Frank Hayner, private Outstanding Assurance... 483,029,562 00 detective, who gives in detail facts in connection with the organization of the gang of | Paid Policy Holders since burglars in Montreal, he himself being one of those selected by Phillips to do tho work, he (Hayner) having formed Phillips' acquaintance for the purpose of trapping him. The burglary was actually committed, but both Hayner and the thieves were arrested, and he now claims Phillips dare not cross the Canadian border as he will be arrested if he does so. I don't take any stock in the yarn. Like every other newspaper man who has met that sort of cattle, I disbelieve, on

One of those disgusting exhibitions known as six-days'-walks ended in New York last Saturday and we are just beginning to hear the last of it through the papers. Why anyone, except the gamblers and suckers who want to bet, should ever go to see a 144hours' walk is beyond me. It is nothing more nor less than a training school of brutality, and a lady or gentleman is as much out of place there as in a Bowery dive.

W. G. Grace, of England, has, without doubt, the most brilliant record of any cricketer that ever lived. He has made The International association has ordered over 50,000 runs, which means that he has run over 600 miles of ground to obtain these runs. He has made 100 runs in an inning more than 180 times, 200 12 times, 300 runs thrice, and once he made 400

> The Bangor Commercial tells a good story of C. H. Nelson, the Waterville horseman, whom everybody knows or has heard of. There is a fine for fast driving in Waterville, and the other day Nelson swept down College street behind one of his fast ones at a rattling gait. When in front of the Elmwood hotel, one of the officers of the city stepped out and stopped

"Mr. Nelson, I shall be obliged to collect \$5 from you for fast driving on this

The irrepressible Nelson did not wait a second, but drew out a well-filled pocketbook, and selecting a \$10 bill from it, he said: "Here, take this ten, for I'm coming down through here at a h-ll of a rate in a few minutes."

The Chicago club is said to have a chaplain, Rev. Thomas E. Green, the rector of St. Andrew's church. It would do no harm to add one to the equipment of the other nines, with the exception of Washington and Indianapolis-which are past praying for.

The New York Athletic club has unanimously decided to send a team of athletes to Europe to enter for the English contests at Crewe, and then to cross to Ireland and compete at a number of meetings there. It is also the intention of the club to have the team go to the Continent, France being the destination there. The team will probably consist of A. A. Jordan for the broad jump and hurdles; E. C. Carter, for the one and four mile runs; George Gray for putting the shot; C. M. Smith, for the quarter and half-mile runs, and Guy Richards for the high jump. Carter is the champion one and four mile runner and cross-country champion; Gray, of Toronto, is well known as the champion shot-putter; Smith is an old champion half-mile runner, and Richards has more than once cleared six feet.

Articles have been signed for an international bicycle race for the world's championship, best three in five heats, between Miss Jessie Oakes, England's champion female bicyclist, and Miss Elsie Von Blumen, America's champion, of Rochester, N. Y. The contest will take place at Exposition park, Allegheny City, on Decoration day. The winner takes 65 and the loser 35 per cent. of the gate receipts. The distance of the heats will not be less than one mile nor over three miles, and will be determined by a toss on the day of the race.—Sporting Life.

Wouldn't you like to be there?

Apropos of the Sporting Life note to the effect that a Cleveland man has invented an appliance by which a ball can be given any curve by an inexperienced player, the Rochester Herald remarks :- "A Rochester newspaper man has already patented a contrivance by which the biggest muffer in the profession can catch all the balls that come anywhere near him, and all that is wanting now is the man with an invention by which players who now strike out can bat a ball, pitched with the aid of the curve-giver, whenever or wherever they desire. Then anybody can play ball well, and all this player."

A Mule and a Hen were looking over a fence at a ball game. "I'd like to take a hand in that game myself," remarked the Mule. "The only part you could play in it," retorted the Hen, "would be the kicking." "And all you would be able to do," returned the Mule, "would be to set on the grand stand and cackle." Moral-Spectaors at a ball game often think they could play a certain position on the diamond better than the man who is hired for the purpose.—Sporting Life.

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