The Clippers are in fine form and you can gamble on them for the Junior league championship. Some of the unbelievers went to the barracks to see the game Tuesday and they were paralyzed. They turned into enthusiastic admirers at once. One convert wanted to bet they could whip the Shamrocks and another ventured the assertion that unless the Nationals brace up the Juniors will show them how to play ball.

I don't want to turn your heads boys, but play ball; play for the game always and not for the audience and you will get there. I am rejoiced at the prospect of a good nine | the tournament will be held. There will be coming to the front. What we want is one that will beat the Nationals at least one out be awarded to the winners of first and second come down to fine work.

Why do they call themselves Juniors? We have no senior league in St. John and fellows as can be seen anywhere.

game as his brother Danny. If that is true no wonder the Emeralds went down as they did. I think Connolly, senior, made a mistake when he left off twirling the leather for umpiring.

Capt. Bell says that Knowlton curves finely. I know this myself, and can congratulate the subject of these remarks upon being a good all-round man at cricket or base ball. He knows how to guard his stumps, and he can puzzle the batter considerably.

Mr. Comber gives the colts great praise for their work this year. Many of them are in fine form, he says, and will show the seniors how to play soon. Tuesday was the first day this week the wicket was at all good, and the boys were there in scores.

St. Mark's boys to the front again, and this time a victory over the grammar school! Go in to win, boys. I wish you had a better field.

out of position, he is reminded quietly where he is. In this way the boys are liable to make fine fielders, at least,

The Maine Institute nine play the Nationals Monday and Tuesday. Brace up, boys, and give them a sound drubbing! We want a game now. Don't give in to every scrub team that comes across the

The Bowdoins would like to fix the dates the 22nd and 23rd, but enough is as good as a feast. The public is willing, but the management is wise in not driving it to death.

of base ball writers, the Boston correspondent of the Clipper, is far from joining in the prevailing howl against umpire Lynch. He

Lynch was most unjustly raked down by the papers. He was nothing if not impartial, and his work gave the utmost satisfac-Lon Knight never saw him umpire before last week, and pronounced him the best of Whether or not this is due to their good tion to unprejudiced lovers of the game. the league corps.

I believe it all. Last summer, I know, Lynch did as good work as any umpire that ever went on the field, and it would have been strange if he had degenerated so markedly in one short year. The curse of an umpire's life is that he is fair game for all the people who swallow their brains whenever they open their mouths. Between you and me, the world is full of 'em.

I am glad to note the announcement that a special chapter for the instruction of ladies who wish to play lawn tennis has been added to that clever little manual, Lawn Tennis as a Game of Skill, brought out each spring by the Scribners. It is edited by Richard D. Sears, the American tennis champion. There are so many young ladies who would love to handle a racket "if I only knew how." Take my advice, girls, and get the book.

I always welcome a good thing in print or out. Consequently I am looking for the second volume of that most interesting of descriptive books, Around the World on a Bicyle. It will be published in the fall by

()4) - 1. I have never seen any rules in the St. John livery stables, and, with the proprietors' permission, copy these from the Horseman, which gives a New York stable the credit of them:

No man will be employed who drinks intoxicating liquors. No man must speak loud to any of the horses, or in the stable where they are. Horses of good blood are nervous; and loud, excited conversation is felt by every horse in the stable who hears it. Excited words addressed to one horse are felt by every other horse who hears them, and keep them all nervous and uneasy. No man may use profane language in the hearing of the horses.

It would not be a bad idea for livery stables all over the country to adopt a part or all of this rule. Don't know that it should be confined to livery stables only,

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the people want, and as the latter can again. always tell a good thing when they see it, I imagine there will be nothing but smiling satisfaction.

Intellectual Boston stands a poor show for the tennis championship this year. Her favorites are lazy, while New Yorkers are ever at the nets.

The New England championship series begins the 20th inst., and all the clubs will be at the New Haven Lawn grounds, where events in singles and doubles. Prizes will of three games and that team will have to places in the singles and to the winners of first places in the doubles. In addition to the first prize in the singles, the club will offer the "Championship of New England Prize," which must be won three times, not the Clippers are as athletic and fine looking necessarily consecutively, to become the property of the winner. This prize is now held by Mr. H. W. Slocum, jr., the winner They say that Connolly pitches as good a in 1887, who will defend the same against the winner of the singles in the coming tournament. Matches will be best two out of three sets in the trial matches, with advantages games only in the odd, or deciding, set. In the finals, best three out of five sets will be played with advantage games throughout. All players defeated by the winner of the first prize in the singles shall have the right to compete for the second prize.

> A ten teet jump, without weights, is always envied, and I can vouch that the muscles of the legs must be as hard as iron and as springy as steel to do it. But records give way before Maynard's jump, recently made at Vermont university. He on his finger let alone a fourteen pound The amateurs lead again.

I wouldn't mind visiting Woodstock June 30. The flyers of Carleton county will be on the race course, and the purses clubs play on Dominion day. The officers Rev. Mr. de Soyres makes an admirable amount to \$300-enough to make it inter- of the former club are J. D. Chipman, cricket critic, if he will pardon me for call- esting. There will be three races, and en- president; George Rider, vice-president; ing him such. When a St. Mark's boy is tries have to be in Wednesday evening, J. E. Ganong, sec. treas.; A. Cameron

> George Wright, of the Longwoods, is in Ryder, vice-captain. hard batting luck this season. His team beat Chelsea out of sight—144 to 63—lately, but George only scored 2. Pettitt had 61 to his credit.

The Mystics got a worse thrashing from the Lawrences—53 to 139—but of the latter score Carmichael contributed 75 and Brice 26. That looks like professional work. I observe that O'Hair, the professional who coached Monoton last season, played with the Mystics.

It was whispered about town last night I am pleased to note that one of the best | that the Boston directors were negotiating with the officers of the Asylum for Deat Mutes, at Hartford, with a view to securing coachers who could, if possible, make less noise than those now under Mr. Morrill's management. But for the fly-like buzzing of the crowd in the grand stand one could hear a house fall whenever a Boston player attempts to do a little base-running on the South End grounds. Base stealing is out bringing up is not known. More bags might be sneaked, however, it proper coaching were indulged in. As it is now the coacher near first keeps his eyes riveted on the Providence railway station, and a shadhorn has to be tooted to call him to his turn at bat. As for the man near the third base line, hel tries to see how much stiller he can keep than his brother. Meanwhile he amuses himself by watching the runner at first slowly freeze to the canvas.—Boston Letter to Sporting Times.

> Umpire Daniels, of the National league, in case of a close play at the plate, calls out distinctly. "The run scores," or vice versa, as the case may be. This practice is one that all umpires might follow and give better satisfaction to the audiences

I observe that the Fredericton Park association is going to have races in July. The Sporting and Dramatic News says: On the 11th of July the Fredericton Park association will hold a meeting on their track for which purses will be offered for three minute horses, for two-forty horses and for maritime runners."

I hope the C. & A. club will have a fine crowd at their sports Saturday. They will be well worth seeing. The programme is

as follows :--Throwing Ball; 100 Yards Dash; Bicycle Race, (1st heat); One Mile Run; Running High Jump; Bicycle Race, (2nd Heat); Putting Weight; Hurdle Race; One Mile Walk; Three Standing Jumps; Three Standing Jumps; 220-Yards Dash; Throwing Hammer, (Caledonian rules); Bicycle Finals; 440-Yards Daih,

1. DV 1 VI 3 K The 100-yards dash will be worth the price of admission. Frank White and Warlock will be the contestants and if they get there as they do when running bases, there will be some fun. Either of them can beat Scott, it is said, but that may be all talk.

Does the Junior league pay for the umpiring it gets? I am told so. Connolly should do better work than he is doing. A | Address

I learn that the new grand stand at old pitcher himself, he ought to know the proper Moosepath will be something to stare at. position of a pitcher. Kearns should also The gentlemen in charge of it know what look at the rules before he goes into the box

> There will be some changes in the National nine on Monday. The battery will be Christie and Whitenect. I want to see that pair backed every inning boys. Robinson will be around somewhere, probably in the field, but wherever he is he will find the ball.

Don't imagine that the visitors have no players. Their battery is a dandy I am told. Priest and Pashor have not struck St. John together yet, but I remember the latter as one of the Woodstocks team that sailed through town once.

There has been some practice this week. Morton is keeping the boys at it and they come up smiling every time. By the way Morton is smoking a new brand of eigars, called "Morton's Choice." That enterprising firm, Bell & Higgins, is responsible for it. The label represents the diamond, with every man at his post and the umpire "Morton" with his eye on the pitcher.

Will. White and Barker will be substitutes in the first game and Christie will change places with one of them the second day. I want to see a good crowd and victory for our boys. 3

It is announced that the Atlantas, of Halifax, have accepted an invitation to play the Shamrocks here, July 2. I am glad the old club is waking, and hope they are in good enough practice to show the visitors how to play ball.

Boston's admirers are crestfallen. Their favorite is still in third place and Chicago has a great lead. New York is dangerouscovered 11 ft. 21/2 in., without even a ring ly close, while Detroit cares not for the eastern leaders, but has her eye on Chiweight. The best previous record was eago. The averages on Thursday were: Johnson's (professional) 10 ft. 101/2 in. Chicago, .718; Detroit, .609; Boston, .595, and New York, .560. Washington leads the other end.

> St. Stephen and St. Andrews cricket and H. C. Clarke, committee of management; J. L. Thomas, captain; George.

Another race track heard from, and it is St. Stephen this time. The officers for the next year are W. F. Todd, president; C. H. Eaton, treasurer; Jas. E. Osborne, secretary. It is proposed to hold a meeting

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