The C. and A. club couldn't have had a finer day than Thursday, for the opening of their season. The weather was such that nobody could stay in the house contentedly; and after one got out of doors, the only thing he could do was to let the crowd carry him towards the ball grounds. Arrived there, the new grand stand was found to be a good place to rest in; and for two hours, morning and afternoon, every lover of the game sat behind the wires or stood outside the ropes-just as he could find room-and looked at the interesting games between the Maine State College nine and the Nationals.

In the morning game, Andrews and Keith were the visitors' battery, and our change battery, Christie and Kennedy, had their first trial. With the work of Andrews everyone is familiar from last season; of his new partner it is enough to say that he holds him as well as Rogers ever did and plays an errorless game. On our side, I for one am well satisfied with the showing made by our kid battery. Up to the sixth inning—in other words, while they were backed up—but five hits were made off Christie. In the sixth, all the Nationals went off their heads and the visitors got seven hits, scored six runs-and won the He fielded his position perfectly, made two put outs and ten assists, used a good deal of headwork and altogether gave promise that when he and the other Jimmy get a little better acquainted with each other they will be valuable men to have.

The features of the morning game were Rogers' fine catch of Milligan's fly; Milligan's catch of Bird's sky-scraper, and Elwell's of Robinson's ditto; Keith's capture of a foul fly from Christie, and Elwell's catch of Whitenect's fly. These were all running catches, of course. Otherwise, they would confer no special credit on the fielder. The number of flies caught is in at breakfast-for a fly is the easiest of all balls to hold.

Our boys must brace up on base-running, and learn to take more chances. In the morning game, the M. S. C's stole eleven bases-the Nationals four. It is all well enough to be cautious, but there is such a thing as getting on to a bag and taking To see Whitenect, Kennedy, White and Thompson get around does my heart

In the afternoon game, the Freeport terror, Small, went into the box, and put his curves everywhere but where the batter wanted them. Reliable Rogers held him beautifully. Small's favorite drop was most effective, though all his balls were nice to look at and impossible to touch. The Sun says that eight hits were made off him and the Telegraph says four. Take your choice.

For our side, Robinson pitched a magnificent game. The visitors got but five safe hits and only one man took first on balls. If the battery work had been all of the better; but, of course, "they got there all the same"—the errors, I mean.

I want to add that I never saw third base better covered than it was by Robinson in the morning game. He took everything that came to him, and never made an error. Whitenect, in right field, did the same. The pair made about 2,000 friends, Thursday.

As for the afternoon fielding, Bell made a beautiful one-hand stop of Roger's hot liner; and Thompson's running catch of Philbrooks fly; Babb's capture of DeForest's foul fly, which he took off the fence: Milligan's pick up of Rogers' hot liner, and several stops by White, were all worthy of

A word with you, Captain Bell. If you want to increase interest in the noble game and strengthen your chance of victory, train three or four good men-say Kennedy and Whitenect, to lead off-for coachers. Get them to exercise their lungs until their voices can be heard on Partridge island; ease, grace and precision. then load them to the muzzle with the rules of the game, and fire them off every time your side is at the bat.

It goes without saying that my friend Harrison was on Thursday, as on all previous occasions, a model umpire. When men were on the bases, he stood behind the pitcher, and his decisions on base-running were perfect, while no one questioned his judgement of balls and strikes. The visitors expressed the utmost confidence in his ability and honesty, and cheered for him as heartily as they did for their own success. Every body likes Morton, and I am one or two-of the everybody.

The grand stand is a great addition to the grounds. When the club raises the wire netting about 6 feet and covers the stand with an awning, it will be perfect. The ladies appreciated it, Thursday afternoon, and filled all the space reserved for them and overflowed into the adjoining territory, so to speak. Their attendance, of course, Detroit, 576; New York, 565; Pittsburg, will increase the popularity of the game and they can't help enjoying the sights on the

The Cricket club has now the best grounds in Canada and better than any in New England, except, perhaps, Boston, Portland and Manchester. We have a ball nine that fits the grounds pretty well-though the M. S. C.'s did wipe them out by 12 to 8 and 10 to 1—and we may confidently expect to see some pretty stiff ball this summer. So mote it be!

No lawn tennis player should be without the official lawn tennis rules as adopted nis association. Ten cents will get the little book, which is published by Wright & Ditson, Boston, and it is well worth it, as it look at Krock, for look at Krock,

contains besides the rules, cases and deci- instance! Where on the earth or the sions, rules for umpires; the Bagnall wild heavens above the earth or in the water system of drawing, and lawn tennis balls, under the earth did you get him? The by James Dwight; winter practice for lawn tennis, by R. D. Sears; winners of lawn tennis tournaments for 1887, by H. W. They may laugh at your kicking and jeer at your fielding, but they wouldn't swap you Slocum, jr.; classification of players of 1887, by Jos. S. Clark; merits of lawn tennis, by H. A. Taylor; fixtures for 1888 old man. You have already a very vivid and other items of interest.

A funny story comes to me from Boston. A jobber of rubber goods lately sent a box of tennis samples to a dealer in a small town in West Virginia, who wrote acknowledging the receipt of the package, but said they had no use for such articles in his town. He had tried to get the baseball clubs in his locality to take hold of the goods, but found, on investigation, that the majority went barefooted.

I am glad the college boys had fine weather for their sports, for their preparations are usually grand and somewhat expensive. The programme was an improvement on that of former years, because it was shorter. Nothing tires people so much as six or seven hours standing about, and then a wind up of presentations, speeches, music and song.

I can only congratulate Sherwood Skinner game. Seventeen hits in all were made off Christie and the visitors earned (in that fatal sixth inning) five of their ten runs.

on his splendid running jump of seventeen right away. They must have it hammered into them. I find my young men anxious to learn," and if there is anything in them on his splendid running jump of seventeen second slower than has been done on the same ground, but even 11 1-4 seconds on that course, which is lumpy turf, is good going, and warrants the assertion that Watson can, on a good track, make it ten and a

> Eight and two thirds feet is a nice little vault, isn't it? I would like to see that record go up. Fisher can do it if he has practice and coaching. The last is as necessary as the first.

In conclusion I congratulate you boys on your good sense in continuing the abolition itself about as accurate a test of a man's of the graduates race and striking the ability as is the amount of coffee he drinks walking contest off the programme. Add the potato race to the discarded list next year, and your bill of fare will be choice.

> I am glad to see that the grounds committee of the Agricultural society are making energetic efforts to give a fine programme of races July 1. A grand stand, which will be some kind of a weather protector, will be erected and as the society in a bank. will want to give a fine opening meet, I predict good crowds and better races.

Dominion Day falls on Sunday, but Monday, July 2, will see the opening of the Agricultural driving park. Moosepath will hardly be recognized in its new dress. The programme for one day's race is a good one, and there are lots of promises for numerous entries, and a good day's sport. The committee is a good one and will do its

So Yorktown has changed hands again. There was no lottery about the transfer this time (I am one of the few who believe that lottery was square), but \$400 cash. It seems a small sum for the great runner who game, the score would have shown up has such a record of victories. I hope the plucky gentleman jockey who bought him and took him to Boston, Wednesday, will make his money out of him. That would be a good revenge, after getting so many defeats from Yorktown and Collins to ride him to victory at last.

> The Longwoods of Boston and the Young Americas of Philadelphia had bad weather for their match in Boston. Young America went out for 52 runs, the bowling of George Wright and Chambers being termed "very I tancy the visitors did some good work also, as Wright's wickets fell for two runs and the total score was 50.

A recent description of Renshaw, the great tennis player, says: He is only 27 years old, is 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighs 152 pounds. The features of his play are safety and brilliancy, volleying and placing to perfection, and excellent judgment in estimating an opponent's strength and weakness. In sprinting f8r the base line to the service line he cannot be equalled, and in placing a ball he is unexcelled in

The Longwood tennis tournament was not a success. The courts were heavy and many of the players out of form. Mr. Dwight is looked upon as a great single player and Pettitt as one of the best doubles in the country. Sears was out of form.

The Junior league begins its season Monday. I have seen the cup that my enterprising friend, Jennings, has given to be played for, and it is a daisy. The boys will vote that it is worth while to scratch gravel pretty lively for the sake of winning such a trophy as that is. May they make a hard fight for it, and may the best men

During the week, in the National league, the tail-enders have crawled ahead a little, but relative positions have not altered. The percentages, including Thursday's 416; Philadelphia, 409; Indianapolis, 346; Washington, 208.

The Portlands saved themselves a world of wee by defeating the Lynns, Wednesday, 5 to 3. If they had kept on as they had been going, it was the intention of the Portland management to trade them off for a yellow dog and then kill the dog.

All the boys like to talk about Anson. Read "Touched-Out," in the New York

Sporting Times:

impression of just how good you are. But, Baby, won't you please put Mutrie on to another Krock. This is the one object of my eulogistic exordium. If the gentle Jeems does not do something to square himself for the horrible work of the team in Chicago and Pittsburg, I am much afraid that the good people of New York will rise in their might and stone him to death in the streets. And you love him too much, I know, to see him go down to such a fate, without you having a single shy at him.

And Anson likes to talk about himself and the great game. The Philadelphia

Sporting Life says: "I never want another club composed entirely of old men, the so-called veterans tried and true," said Capt. Anson, of the was snorter. Nothing three people so much as six or seven hours standing about, and then a wind up of presentations, speeches, nusic and song.

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The records were pretty strong, boys, and

Chicago club, to a friend the other day.

"I have had a club composed entirely of old men, and then again I have had, as at present, a club composed of part old men and part comparative kids. I much prefer the latter. It is hard to learn an old dog new tricks, and most of the vets are too set in their ways to catch on to a new thing Anson knows how to make the best of it. "I think the proper proportion is about twothirds old men to one-third youngsters. This keeps enough experience in the club to prevent verdancy from becoming too evident. Some of the older players in the Chicago club seem invaluable, but I could replace them in six months with men equally as good. The trouble in the Detroit club is owing to the preponderance of old men. They have the swelled head and are not amenable to management. They win games sure enough, but are not championship winners in the truest sense of the word, because they are not in harmony. Mark my words, and see if I am not nearly right in reference to this club."

Simply because the Detroit players are of a provident turn of mind and save their money, they have acquired the reputation of being the "coldest" aggregation of ball-players in the business. It is alleged that Lady Baldwin took 30 cents spending money with him on a three weeks' trip and only spent ten cents of it for stamps. Most of the Detroits handcuff their salaries every pay-day and soak the money away

Two new wrinkles, as the Sporting Life

The St. Louis Browns are playing as tricky ball as ever and have added this new wrinkle: Whenever an opposing baserunner is on third, as soon as the ball is hit the entire infield, except the man to whom the ball is batted, will start for home, ostensibly to back up the catcher, but really to block the runner, as each one after the other will cross the base path in front of the runner and thus retard his pro-

Another new wrinkle whereby he hopes to rattle pitchers of opposing teams is resorted to by Anson. It is to constantly call the attention of the umpire to what he considers the illegal delivery of the twirler. When the umpire rivets his eve on the twirler, the latter is likely to become nervous and fall an easier victim to heavy batters than if let entirely alone.

Speaking of new modes of umpiring, Gaffney says that he was led to take his stand behind the pitcher, when there were men on the bases, while still manager of the Washington club. During the team's practice work in the morning he would take his stand behind the pitcher and watch him de-livering the ball. He soon found out that unless the catcher was standing close to the batsman he could not gauge the height of the ball. As to whether the ball was over the plate or not he could tell that just as accurately as though he had been in the usual position between the catcher and batter or behind the catcher. As soon as his mind was made up on this point he resolved to carry it into effect, as an Association umpire, at any time when there were men on bases. Otherwise he still stands between the batter and the catcher.

My friend W. G. Richardson, of Montreal, purser of the Dominion line steamship Vancouver, has recently patented in Canada, the United States and England, inventions of his own by which billiards, croquet and cricket can be played on deck. In billards the deck is used for the table. The cushions are similar to those in use in the ordinary Manufacturers by Steam of Pure Confectable, and brackets connect the pockets.
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Before the Pelican chub, in Boston, Monday, night, two lightweights, Tommy Coburn, of England, and George Wright, a "champion of Canada," came together with two-ounce gloves. They were to have fought six rounds, but in three rounds Sporting Times:

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