

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

A Peep Into the World of Base Ball, Racing, Golf Bowling and Athletic Sports Generally.

BASE BALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston—New York, 11; Boston, 2.
At Chicago—Chicago, 4; Pittsburg, 3.
At St. Louis—Cincinnati, 2; St. Louis, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	34	10	.773
Philadelphia	25	17	.595
Pittsburg	26	19	.578
Cincinnati	21	22	.488
Chicago	22	24	.478
St. Louis	18	25	.418
Brooklyn	15	30	.333
Boston	15	28	.313

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At New York—Boston, 2; New York, 5.
At Philadelphia—Washington, 6; Philadelphia, 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Cleveland	24	12	.667
Philadelphia	22	16	.579
Chicago	22	16	.579
Detroit	18	20	.474
St. Louis	18	23	.439
Boston	16	21	.432
Washington	17	23	.425
New York	16	23	.410

EASTERN LEAGUE.

At Newark—Rochester, 2; Newark, 1.
At Baltimore—Baltimore, 19; Buffalo, 4.
At Providence—Toronto, 10; Providence, 4.
At Jersey City—Montreal, 6; Jersey City, 2.

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

At Concord—Concord, 13; Lynn, 3.
At Haverhill—Haverhill, 5; Manchester, 2.
At Nashua—New Bedford, 4; Nashua, 1.
At Lowell—Fall River, 8; Lowell, 5.

HINTS FOR PLAYERS.

Manager Lajoie of the Cleveland team, in an article for the Atlanta Journal, has the following to say concerning batting:

"To begin with, a good batter is born, not made. Take any ball player with a good eye, steady hand and a little judgment, and you can teach him how to hit, but if he hasn't those three qualities to open up on you might as well hitch a can to him at the start for there's no coaching on earth that can do him any good. In these days when a ball is breaking three or four ways and breaking awful fast it takes a pretty good eye to follow the bend and a good steady pair of arms to help out your eye. So, in my opinion, to open with the three things needed by any first class hitter are good eyes, steady hands and enough judgment to guess with or guess out the pitchers. And it takes some pretty good guessing for they are getting wiser every day in the box.

"There's no particular style of holding a bat or standing at the plate that you can teach a batter. Let him stand up the way that feels most natural to him. If a bat feels better in his hands held way down near the handle, he should always hold it there, and if he can get a better swing holding it high up he should take this course.

"Bill Keeler holds his bat stick almost half way up, while as for myself I can hit better with a longer swing nearer the handle. Then again, some hitters like to hug a plate right on the corner of the pan, while others stand back and step in to the ball they want to smash. The man who stands closer to the plate can come nearer working a pitcher, and then again he can sometimes step and wade into one of these benders on the outside corner, while the fellow who stands far back is helpless against a pitcher with good control, who is able to shave the outside edge with his curve ball.

"There is one point, however, which every batter should always follow out. And right here is where most hitters make a mistake. The second a pitcher winds up, the batsman should watch every movement and then follow the ball with his eye until it reaches the plate. A good many players lose track of the ball until it reaches the pan, and then as a rule it is all off and only a matter of guess. If you follow the ball with your eye pretty close all the way up you will stand a good chance to know what is coming off, and so be ready to go against it. Never take your eye off the ball and you will be pretty safe most of the time. Sometimes a pitcher will fool you even then, but he doesn't stand half the chance he does the other way.

"Another point is to always step into a ball and never away from it. Whenever you see one of these fellows reaching for the water bucket with his front hoof you can put it down that he is a mark for the man in the box. A good pitcher will have this kind of duck shooting all the afternoon. It's a pretty good thing not to draw away from the finger bowl. Never let a pitcher know you are afraid of him, no matter how much speed he has or how wild he is. Stand up and take your chance at ducking and he won't be wasting many more at your head.

"Here's another point. You don't always have to wait until a ball splits the plate. The fellow out there in the box is there to keep you guessing. When he does this everything breaks his own way. What the batsman should do is to keep the pitcher guessing. If he puts one over a bit wide and isn't looking for you to go against it just step out and sock it for a change. Do this once

or twice and then he is up in the air. Fool him just the same as he is trying to fool you.

"If you are not able to figure out what is coming up you can't stand much chance to hit that day unless you are lucky.

"There are certain pitchers in the league always who have certain hitters fooled. Harry Howell, with St. Louis, is the hardest man in the league for me to hit, while Jack Powell, with New York, is another. When I go against these two I generally have my troubles.

"This 'split' ball is a tough proposition. It can be hit all right, but it has a batter guessing, for not even the pitcher always knows just where it is going to break. You can't do much figuring when you can't guess which direction the shoot is liable to take, and then the break is faster than that of the old style curve ball of New York, and Dineen, and Gibson, of Buffalo, all had this down fine last season and when it was working right they were tough people to beat.

"To pick up the knack of hitting a man has to keep plugging away and practice hard. You can't learn to bat out in the field or sitting on the bench. You've got to be up there at that plate and get your eye trained to follow a fast ball and a curve, and my advice is to get all the practice you can. It's a whole lot easier to learn how to field than it is to hit. There are plenty of those who can learn how to handle a fly ball or stop a grounder, but only a few who can step up with the hickory and set the pitcher on his head. There are plenty of fast fielders in the minor league who would be higher up to-day if they could only hold their ground at the bat. Good fielding only saves a game but it takes hitting to win one.

"NAPOLEON LAJOIE."

THE RING.

MITCHELL AND SULLIVAN.

The announcement that John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell have signed articles has brought up many reminiscences of the days when two gladiators met before. When this announcement was made seventeen and a half years ago it made a big stir. Every sporting writer in the civilized world, almost, took an interest in it, and the meeting between the champions was advertised in great shape.

Now, however, most of them think it a joke. It is doubtful if the two old timers will be able to convince many people that they are in earnest. As a fight the contest caught not to be much of a drawing card. But if the two do come together again there will probably be plenty of fans willing to help with the price of a ticket.

According to the agreement which was announced last week, the big fellows will clash at Tacoma, September 10, for fifteen rounds. The purse is to be the gate receipts, split, 65 per cent to the winner and 35 to the loser. No weight was specified. They will probably weigh something like 240 pounds apiece. It is announced that the ring will be built especially strong.

Past performances will not count to any great extent, but for the benefit of "dope fiends" it might be well to look over the records. They have met twice before. The first fight between the pair took place in 1888. The date was May 14, and the place New York. Those who saw the contest will remember it as a fierce affair, lasting three rounds, with Sullivan the winner.

The next fight was five years later. It was the memorable meeting on the turf of Chantilly, France. Each was claiming the championship of the world, and fight followers of two continents were on hand to see the contest. The men fought thirty-nine rounds with bare knuckles. The contest lasted three hours, ten minutes and fifty-five seconds, and was under London prize ring rules. Mitchell got first blood in the eighth, and Sullivan scored a knockdown. The referee was B. A. Angle, and he decided it a draw. On form, then, Sullivan ought to win the fight in Tacoma.

The title for which they fought is again open. Jeffries is now in California, living as a retired champion. San Francisco, June 3.—Jim Jeffries, the world's champion heavyweight boxer will be at the ringside on July 2, when Marvin Hart, of Louisville, meets Jack Root, of Chicago, in a finish fight at Reno, Nev., and on that day the champion will formally announce his retirement from the ring. Egan thinks it would be a good idea to have Jeff referee the contest, but it is not thought that Jim will consent to take such a tough job upon his shoulders. Egan expects the winner of this fight to be declared the champion heavyweight of the world, but he must not forget that Mike Schrock, of Cincinnati, and Bob Fitzsimmons, who fight at Salt Lake City on July 4, will strongly oppose any such announcement.

GOLF.

A. G. Barry, winner of the British amateur championship last week at Prestwick, is a student at St. Andrew's University, and the youngest player to succeed in annexing the title, for A. J. T. Allan, who won in 1897, was out of college and over 20. Osmond Scott, the runner-up, is of a famous golfing family. His sister, now Lady Margaret Hamilton, won the British women's championship the first three years it was played, and a brother won the open championship of Australia last October at Sydney and was runner-up to J. D. Hodson of the amateur.

"Has Walter J. Travis, the amateur golf champion of Great Britain

last year and the three times champion of this country, lost the skill that made him famous in two continents, or is it a case of too much experimenting with long shaft clubs?" asks the New York Tribune.

"This is a pertinent question among golfers, and one that can only be answered satisfactorily later in the season. That Travis was off his game and playing for below his true form in the Metropolitan championship, when fairly overwhelmed by Travers, the schoolboy golfer, is true, and this is said without detracting in the least from the credit due to the former interscholastic champion. Travis would not acknowledge that his long handled club were at fault, and simply said: 'Poor putting.'

"It may be said, however, that the additional exertion required in swinging the heavier and more ungainly clubs might easily account for lack of steadiness and control on the greens. Travers had never been noted for a particularly brilliant long game. His success has been due rather to the accuracy, consistency and general machine-like regularity of his game from tee to green. His deadly short game and ability to go down at hole after hole in the regulation two puts has won him more matches than the lengthening out of his drives twenty yards could hope to. Now in an effort to get distance he is apparently sacrificing the strongest feature of his game. He may persist and eventually prove his theory correct, but in the meantime he is likely to lose more matches than he wins.

ATHLETIC.

MOTOR BOATING.

The Sydney Post says:—From all indications the season of 1905 will be a very good one for motor boat racing in Sydney, as all the boats at present in the harbor are being refitted. C. A. Lowe's boat, the Norma has had a 10 h. p. Buick engine installed, giving her a speed of about ten knots. One of the best features of this engine is that it is absolutely noiseless and there is no vibration, two things which have hitherto been the greatest drawback to this style of boat. Mr. Lowe has only given his boat one or two trials, but is very much pleased with her showing.

C. J. Burchell has had a 3½ h. p. Lathrop placed in his boat which has increased her speed from 3 to 10 miles per hour. Mr. Lowe is fitting up a dory with a 3 h. p. Toronto Junction gasoline engine for Dr. H. E. Kendall. This boat when completed is expected to be a very good seaboat.

A. W. Cruise's launch is being painted and repaired, and being subjected to a general overhauling.

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Rumors that the Government Has Been Forced to Sell Large Tracts of Crown Forests.

London, June 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times says: There is no change to record as regards the prospects of peace. No offers, direct or indirect, have been made by either side, nor is there any indication of a desire at Tsarskoe-Selo to open negotiations. Until that desire prevails or until the representatives of the nation declare against the war nothing can be expected from the efforts of the advocates of peace. An attempt, which it is tardily admitted from Washington began there after the defeat at Mukden, is not worth repeating until the peace sentiment at Tsarskoe-Selo is beyond the influence of caprice or intrigue.

It is now admitted that the government has absolutely decided to convoke the popular representatives. I am even assured that the Bulgare electoral scheme is already approved. This, however, is not material, for under the stress of the present crisis the most cunning devices will not prevent the people electing men qualified to decide the momentous issue of peace or war, which involves a responsibility ap-

parently too onerous for Sovereigns unaided. The main consideration is, Will the representatives be summoned quickly?

The financial resources of Russia are again subject to discussion. It is reported in the newspapers that the treasury is selling huge tracts of the State forests. Rumors are circulating on the Bourse that the government proposed to float a popular loan, but that all the branch offices of the Imperial Bank declared the proposal inopportune. There are other rumors to the effect that Germans are refusing to continue to cash Russian treasury bonds. A remarkable feature is that such rumors only serve to strengthen the stock markets, as they deepen the prevailing conviction that peace is near.

Enough, however, probably remains in the war chest to last another month, long enough to enable the Japanese to compass the destruction of Gen. Linovitch, unless, as military men now hint, he is prepared to follow the hospitals to Chita, abandoning Vladivostok to its fate. Military men are discussing the new aspect of the campaign. It is suggested that the Japanese may now capture Sakhalin, and establish a base at the estuary of the Amur, whence gunboats could quickly reach the Kabarovka terminus of the railway to Vladivostok. The Japanese will thus take Linovitch between two fires. The feasibility of the undertaking is acknowledged by the General Staff. The only question is as to whether the Japanese have enough troops.

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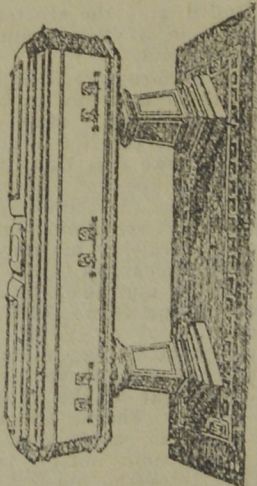
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