

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

HOCKEY.

AMHERST WANTS PLAYERS.

According to an Ottawa paper the Amherst Ramblers have got hooks out for some crack Upper Canadian hockeyists. The team is evidently determined to get a championship combination together next season. "Baldy" Spittal, of Ottawa, and Fraser, and Serviss, of the Smith's Falls seven, are the players the Ramblers are after. The Ottawa Free Press says:

"Baldy" Spittal, the well known Ottawa hockey player, who managed the Canadian Soo team last year has received a flattering offer to play with the Amherst team in the Nova Scotia League the coming winter. Spittal will probably turn it down. From the same people Spittal was requested to try and induce Fraser and Serviss, of the Smith's Falls team, to come with him. It may be the Falls pair will undertake the trip. Amherst is the town that won championship of the Nova Scotia League in 1905, and sent in a challenge for the Stanley Cup, but was turned down, as the league was not considered representative enough. Apparently the team purposes strengthening up this year and walk through the league, hoping to get a whack at the great hockey trophy next year.

The Moncton Transcript notes that "Spittal played with the Ramblers some years ago, and his presence with them and the playful habit of signing his name Siddall, on the hotel registers of the various cities on the hockey circuit, caused them some trouble with the N. S. H. L. However that is all over now.

SUSSEX MAY QUIT.

Will the New Brunswick Hockey League survive the shock if Sussex should decide to drop out?

The Record, of Sussex, proposes that the team of that place should seek its own level by getting into a League with St. John. A nice little two team league these would make—Sussex, the tall-enders in the New Brunswick League last year—St. John, the team that dropped out of the League, last year without playing a game.

Possibly it might be suggested, if the intimation would in any way hasten the proposed withdrawal of Sussex, that the league will go on just the same should the team from the Valley decide to retire. The N. B. H. L. existed before Sussex had a team in it, and the chances are that it will contribute without it.

Sussex did not contribute very materially to the calibre of the N. B. H. L. last year. Its team was not capable of giving any other seven in the league a hard game, either at home or abroad, and their fruitless, but persistent efforts to disqualify the Moncton team for alleged professionalism did not find them much favor here.

The Record's article, which can be accepted as pretty nearly representative of the feeling in Sussex hockey circles, is as follows:

"The members of the Sussex hockey team are arranging for the coming season. The guessing competition at the exhibition netted only a small sum compared with that of last year but there is no doubt there will be a team to represent the town this year. It is questionable, however, whether it will be wise for Sussex to enter the provincial league again this year. It is questionable, however, whether it will be wise for Sussex to enter the provincial league again this year under similar conditions to those which prevailed last season. There is no doubt but that Moncton will have an out and put professional team, as in the winter of 1906, and it would be madness for Sussex to compete with such an aggregation. What would seem a better proposition would be for Sussex to enter in league with St. John and some near-by team, who would consent to a strict amateur status. The matter will probably be settled in the near future."

And here's hoping that the Sussex team will follow The Record's advice.

THE RING.

FITZ MAY FIGHT BERGER.

New York, Oct. 1.—Jimmy Coffroth, the promoter of San Francisco, yesterday wired a tempting offer to Bob Fitzsimmons, the veteran pugilist, to fight Berger the California youngster, who has attracted some time ago and drew attention to himself by appearing in Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in a six-round bout. Coffroth's offer to Fitzsimmons states that he would like to have the lanky fellow meet Berger under his auspices at San Francisco during the latter part of October. He will give the fighters sixty per cent. of the gate receipts to be split as they agree.

As Berger is now in the vicinity of "Frisco" and is in touch with Coffroth, it is believed that the fighter himself instigated the promoter to wire the offer. At any rate, it is known that Berger is not unwilling to meet Fitzsimmons, because when he was East he said that he would not only take on the fellows who are aspiring to championship honors, but also those who have defended the title in the past, naming Lanky Bob specifically.

About the same time Fitzsimmons sent a letter to The American, offering to meet Berger in the ring and to go as many rounds with him as he pleased. At that time, however, Berger had the theatrical bee in his bonnet, and was so hot after the stage money that he decided to postpone his ring career—or what was

left of it—until he had his pockets well filled with the stage profits. He also declared that he was willing to meet Fitz, but he would not do so until some generous fight manager put up a goodly sum for a purse.

Under these conditions, it is more than likely that the two fighters will come together if they see enough money in sight. There have not been many fights held at Frisco since the earthquake, and none of those that were held were a sufficient importance to attract the sporting public to any great extent. Coffroth thinks that by this time the San Franciscans have fallen into better circumstances, and that they will now have more time to devote to the ring.

Although Fitzsimmons is now so old that many of the sports believe that he would not be able to go very far, there will be plenty who will bet on the Cornishman's chances. Berger, of course, is very young, and may have some advantage in his youthful strength, but in a protracted fight it is hardly likely that he will be able to outdo the crafty ring tactician, Fitzsimmons, who is still known as the greatest fighter of them all. Coffroth but will undoubtedly do so within a couple of days. As Bob has been out of training for some months, it is not unlikely that he will ask Coffroth for a more distant date in order to have more time to pull into the ring form. One thing is certain, and that is that Bob is confident of beating Berger no matter when they meet. He realizes that Berger is young and strong, but as he himself is so clever in the ring he hopes to put Berger away in very short order. Besides, Berger is now parading as a heavyweight of championship calibre, merely on the strength of his fight with O'Brien, which was by no means satisfactory to the sporting world.

THE TURF.

TOO MANY INFANT JOCKEYS.

New York, Sunday.—Discussion of the various alleged reasons for the tragic death of little "Frisco" at the Gravesend track on Friday has taken wide ground. Old horsemen said the Brooklyn track is in parts sadly in need of new soil, and several instances of horses having been crippled because of mis-steps at various times, due to the uncertain footing, were mentioned.

Others said the practice of racing horses in blinders had become entirely too common, and that it was not a rare sight to see nearly an entire field of runners go to the post with the so-called "rogues' badge."

Still others—and probably these last were the men who hit the mark—declared that the present day trainers were too fond of putting "infant" jockeys in the saddle. A large field is frequently found with apprentices greatly in the majority and as it follows that apprentices are necessarily lads of limited experience there is a premium on accidents, especially in races where everything depends upon which horse first reaches the turn.

Whether this state of affairs is one that can be regulated by enactment at the hands of the ruling body of the turf is open to argument. But something must be done to minimize the dangers which are only too palpable every day when there is a big field, else the pleasure of a large portion of the race-going crowds will be in jeopardy.

DAN PATCH BREAKS RECORD.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 2.—Dan Patch today paced a mile at the Illinois State Fair grounds in 1:59, breaking the track record.

GOSSIP OF THE TURF.

The two heats in 2:04 and 2:03 by Sweet Marie, are the two fastest ever trotted in competition, and the second heat is the fastest second heat ever raced by a trotter in competition.

The two-year-old colt Blue Hill, by Bingen, 2:06, out of Nelly McGregor, 2:14, trotted the last quarter of a workout mile at Syracuse in 30 seconds.

Nancy Hanks, 2:01, has a producing daughter, as the breeding of the three-year-old filly, Vanitza, reads; Sire, Peter the Great, 2:07; dam Princess of Monaco by imported Meddier, second dam, Nancy Hanks, 1:04 Happy Medium.

While the mile in 2:02 which Sweet Marie trotted at Columbus last week is a second behind the latest record by a trotter made without a wind-shield in front it was still a remarkable performance as it was made at a regular meeting, while the world's record of 2:01 was made by Lou Dillon late in the season at a meeting at Memphis which was held for the sole purpose of getting fast records for Mr. Billing's trotter, Lou Dillon and Major Delmar, 1:59.

MAY GO TO BOSTON.

It is probable that the handsome Kremlin, mare, Kremont, 2:22, which raced here this summer, will be taken to Boston by Driver Frank Fox, who is down here with the speedy Gloria. J. Hugh Calder has about completed arrangements for the sale of Kremlin. At Halifax recently the mare was driven several fast miles by Fox, who made her go very steady without skipping. Owing to Kremont's beauty, she should be a good buy for Americans.

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The proprietor of a Boston hotel says that a week or two ago a dusty, tired looking person from Nashua, N. H., presented himself at the desk of the hotel, stating that he desired a room. "I've got my supper and shall be off before breakfast," said he gravely to the clerk. "Now, what would be your lowest price for a room to sleep in?" "One dollar if you leave at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning," was the reply. "Well—er—wouldn't half a dollar make it just about right?" demanded the wayfarer, producing a battered fifty cent piece. "You see, I'm all excited up traveling, and I don't expect to sleep more'n half the time I'm in there."—Harper's Weekly.

Embarrassing.

A certain doctor of divinity was accustomed to slip down a side aisle at the conclusion of his service and be at the door of exit to greet the people as they passed out. He was especially cordial to strangers.

One Sunday he extended his hand to a young German woman, who in answer to his inquiry said she lived in a certain suburb. The minister then told her he would like to call and see her some time, whereupon the girl, with a blush, stammered:

"Please, sir, I've got a young man!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Never Gets By.

"I always hate to pass an ice cream saloon when I'm walking with my girl."

"When I'm out with my girl I've never happened to pass one."

"That's strange. How do you manage it?"

"I don't manage it; she does. She always insists upon going in."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Dangerous.

Mrs. Hornbeak (in the midst of her reading)—Mercy sakes alive! Here is an item about a surgeon on at Biggerville removin' an epithelioma from a man's lip.

Farmer Hornbeak—Well, I sh'd judge it was about time for people to quit using such long words when it requires a doctor to git 'em out.—Puck.

Misunderstood.

De Ritter—Wouldn't you like to read this new book of mine?

Kandor—No, thank you.

De Ritter—It's Cleverley's latest novel. I just bought it—

Kandor—Oh, let's have it. I thought you meant you wrote it.—Catholic Standard and Times.

They Had One.

"Why, Tommy," exclaimed the Sunday school teacher reproachfully, "you don't even seem to know what the Bible is!"

"Oh, yes, I do!" replied Tommy. "It's the thing you press autumn leaves in."—Minneapolis Journal.

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—Lippincott's Magazine.

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Policeman—Fifty-three articles?

Rambling Waggle—Sure; a deck of cards and a corkscrew.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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