

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

BASE BALL.

Joe Corbett, at one time a high class pitcher in the National League, will never be able to play ball again. Inflammatory rheumatism has so crippled the young man that he is in critical shape just now. Corbett is living in California, where he went several years ago after closing an engagement with the Brooklyn club, which by the way, has kept him on the reserve list ever since. He was probably one of the most sensitive players that ever put on a uniform. It was while he was a member of the Baltimore champions that he appeared in the box during a game at Eastern Park, Brooklyn, one day and during a streak of hard luck was harshly called down by Capt. Jack Doyle of the same team. Corbett was ready to cry when he heard Doyle's remarks, and, throwing the ball to the sod, he walked to the bench, declining to continue with the job. Several teams have tried to secure Corbett since he left the Brooklyn, but the officials of the latter club have always labored under the delusion that some day Corbett would come back.

INDEFENSIBLE ACTION.

The Acadian Recorder says:— Unless the facts are different to what they are reported, Amherst will be awarded the game, as no team has the right to leave the ice, when ordered to continue by the referee.

The New Glasgow team were suspended by the M. P. A. A. A. in March, 1904 for refusing to continue play, when ordered to do so by the referee in a game at Pictou. The North Sydney team were also suspended for refusing to obey the referee in the game at Halifax the same month when he ordered one of the team off the ice and he refused to leave.

It seems unfortunate that the New Glasgow team should have taken such action. The rules distinctly say, "all questions as to games shall be settled by the umpires and their decision shall be final." The referee has power to remove a goal judge in event of a dispute.

HOCKEY.

HOCKEYIST PUNISHED.

Police Magistrate O'Ree of Ottawa, has fined a hockey player fifteen dollars for striking another with his stick during the game. A similar enforcement of law directed against certain hockeyists in this province might have a salutary effect. It seems time that drastic action was taken in this respect.

THE TURF.

DAN PATCH AND ED GEERS.

Interest in events of the light harness horse world promises to be keen during 1906. The grand circuit is sure to offer many fine attractions for trotters and pacers, and drivers will receive their share of attention.

What 1905 did in the world of trotters and pacers is now history, but the work of one man and one horse stands out as the most brilliant. Ed. Geers, "the silent man from Tennessee," who has driven many a champion trotter to victory and records in his many years on the turf, comes out at the top of the list of winning drivers. In the Grand Circuit races he scored 16 firsts, 17 seconds, nine thirds, 14 fourths and was unplaced 15 times. The prize money he won amounted to \$32,004. His nearest rival was Lon McDonald, who won \$27,160 in stakes and purses.

While Geers' record is hardly up to that of a year before, nevertheless he has laid further claim to the discomfited has seen in years, but today ranks with the cleverest young driver in the country. The years have not robbed him of any of his cunning and 1906 is sure to land him well up among the top-notchers.

Of all the pacers none has been better to compare with Dan Patch. Great as was the horse's sire, Joe Patchen, he never compared with his get. During 1905 Dan Patch paced 56 miles in from 2,000 to 155, the latter being the world's record. In nine of the 36 miles the stallion averaged 1.57, and in six others averaged 1.58. He did no less than seven miles under 2.00. He began his season's campaign in September, and in 66 days broke four world's records. During the horse's career on the turf he never lost a race and of 56 heats he has lost but two.

There is a lot of work ahead for Dan Patch this year. He is now in the stud and will be sent out to add to his fame. His owner, M. W. Savage, is now mapping out a schedule, and to keep the horse in fair shape during the winter months he will be given daily exercises, hitched to a sleigh, on the streets of Minneapolis.

GOSSIP FOR HORSEMEN.

Dr. John G. Wentz is wintering two fast ones in Bethlehem, Pa. These are the three year-olds Coranet (2:18), by Alcantara. The latter colt has shown an eighth in 14 seconds.

Old Keno F. (2:15), who was raced successfully back in 1895 by Chas. Thompson, died recently in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a chestnut gelding, foaled in 1883 by Mohawk Hambletonian, dam Iran, whose breeding is given as untraced in the year book.

G. and C. P. Cecil, Danville, Ky., have decided to sell out their famous Cecilian Park stud and will offer the horses at Lexington in February. Cecilian Park farm has sent out some of America's most noted trotters and pacers.

Twenty-one horses sold at Allen farm, through its annual price lists,

participated in 87 races in 1905. Four of these horses performed in 38 races and finished 14 times first, 14 times second, 5 times third, 3 times fourth, and twice outside the money. This is a great showing for the horses from one farm during one season.

It is reported that the sum of \$9,000 was recently refused for the fast filly Susie N. (2:04), by Moko. Susie N. was the fastest 3-year-old of 1905 and as she is a finely made, good sized filly and absolutely sound she should train on to a lower record and should also be a money winning trotter in her class if saved over until her 5-year-old form.

It is reported that Tiverton (2:04), is jogging as sound as a dollar for John Howell. If the gelding should come out good and fit next season, a series of races may be made with his old adversary, Sweet Marie (2:04). The mare has had rather the better of the son of Galileo Rex in the races in which they have met, but her superiority over him is by no means definitely settled.

Dr. A. R. Morton, Morton, Pa., says there is no doubt about the breeding of the dam of Chief Wilkie, (2:12). A Mr. Earl of Atlantic City, N. J., bought a colt by Red Wilkes and a filly by Andrew M., when yearlings at the Cloverdale farm closing out sale. He allowed them to run out together and Chief Wilkie is the result. The Andrew M. mare is out of Molly C., dam of Miss Lida (2:10), by Contractor.

BOWLING.

GET THE NEW YORK HOOK.

How to put the "New York hook" on a bowling ball so that the sphere after taking the first slide on an alley, will begin to revolve and at the same time take a sharp curve when near the head pin is a subject over which the younger and inexperienced bowlers are worrying their brains, and also seeking instruction from the stars, for it has become an admitted fact that the spin and hook are the real thing in getting the pins down, and without them you haven't got a chance to figure in the 230 class.

The problem is one each bowler must largely figure out for himself, and is acquired through long practice. The older bowlers seem unable to explain their method of rolling the ball, beyond the general rule of how to hold the sphere and how to twist the wrist, the writer could gain information from a dozen interviews.

In the old days, when the young bowler was taught to deliver the ball with the thumb and finger holes pointed in a line with the alley (thumb up), and a straight ball delivery, that appeared to be about all there was to bowling, except to hit the lumber between the No. 1 and No. 3 pins. In receiving this ball back from the pit it would invariably be found, that there would be a ring of dirt running diagonally between the thumb and finger holes. This is all changed in the "New York hook."

DIFFERENCE IN DELIVERY.

Examine the ball used in Johnny Voorheis, and a line will be found running around the centre of the ball over the heart of the wood, and it is a peculiar fact that as his ball rolls down the alleys the thumb and finger holes can be clearly seen at each revolution, and on the right side. Jimmy Smith, the Brooklyn champion, rolls a similar ball, although his delivery is different. John Koster's delivery makes his ball show a line running through the finger holes similar to that of the bowler using the straight ball.

As Koster's ball, however, strikes the alley when delivered it takes a long side on the polished surface, the fingerholes showing directly in front. Then the ball turns sharply over, taking the twist and hook at the same time. The rotary motion prevents the spectator from seeing the fingerholes, and the curve is very sharp as the ball nearly reaches the head pin.

Philadelphia bowlers have a very peculiar twist, as noted by the lines marked on the balls of Trucks and Dunbar, leading bowlers of that city. The spheres used by them show circles immediately below the thumbhole, the circle on Trucks's ball being hardly more than one-half the circumference of the ball, while that of Dunbar is even less. No bowlers could accurately explain how the balls should be marked like this, except that the ball spins on its way to the pins. This spinning motion is believed to be far more effective in getting the pins down than the straight plunge, and it may be this motion that has given Trucks and Dunbar such high averages.

HOW TO GET THE HOOK.

The hook and spin are given to the ball by the twisting of the wrist and manner of pulling out the middle finger from the hole as the ball leaves the hand. A study of the method of delivery on any alley must convince any observer that no two of the latter day bowlers use exactly the same motions. Some begin the twist as the ball is swung backwards, others when it reaches the midway point of delivery and yet others when it is nearly ready to leave the hand. In the first preliminary swing or backward motion, however, the great majority of bowlers hold the ball with the thumb toward the front. Voorheis says he adds to the twist and hook by spreading the fingers as much as possible and using the little finger to direct the curve.

SPEED TOO LITTLE AND OTHERWISE.

Medium speed and a short hook are chiefly sought by the stars, for while too much speed will cause splits,

leaving up the 7-10, 7-5, 5-10, and the like, too little speed will not push off the heavy pins used in match and tournament games. How to harmonize the speed with the most effective hook and spin is a point of most careful consideration for all good bowlers. And how to "find the alley" has been the secret of success with Voorheis, Smith and other stars. No two alleys are exactly alike, and it requires a great deal of study and comprehensive ability to know the spot to lay down a ball, together with the speed and sort of curve necessary to use to get the best results. It was the matter of personally gaining this knowledge that permitted Voorheis to obtain an average of 225 in sixty-two games in the Eastern League, in which strange alleys in several cities were used.

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WESTERN SLAVE TRADE.

Chinese and Indian Girls Sold Into Bondage.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 8.—A few days ago some sensation was caused here by the statement made by a member of the Local Council of women at Victoria that twenty Chinese girls were held in slavery in the Chinatown at the capital. Now comes the report that an Indian girl at Alert Bay has been sold to a red-skin old enough to be her father, and that the price was one thousand blankets. The girl was betrothed very young to a boy of her own tribe, but the ancient Indian custom of selling her to her parents to set aside the betrothal and hand her over to him. The missionaries say that the selling of Indian maidens is still carried on to an alarming extent. Some girls have been bartered backwards and forwards three or four times. The clergymen want the Government to take action, and they wish also to see an end put to the terrible potlashes, or feasts, which are carried on so openly in the winter, despite the law forbidding them.

CANADA IN MEXICO.

The Central Railway of Mexico, has recently awarded a contract to the Western Assurance Company of Canada, for the underwriting of its entire insurable property, which is placed at \$7,000,000 according to the recent estimate of the insurance inspector. The new policies, which will cover all rolling stock, port works, buildings and everything inflammable nature, went into effect on January 1st, and will remain in effect one year.

This will give some idea of the interest that is springing up between Canada and Mexico, and the special excursion which will leave Montreal by the Grand Trunk Railway on the 29th of this month, will afford a splendid opportunity for manufacturers and other business men to visit Mexico with a view of furthering the trade relations that are now developing.

A USEFUL PUBLICATION.

The attempt to put Quebec in line with the other Provinces of Canada in the efficient protection of her fish and her game receives particular attention in the January issue of the Canadian sporting Magazine "Rod and Gun in Canada," published at Woodstock, Ont. Strong support is given to M. Jean Prevost in his campaign, which indeed is similar to that inaugurated and carried on by "Rod and Gun in Canada" for the whole Dominion. The particular features of the Magazine are maintained by travel and sporting papers dealing with Provinces as far apart as New Brunswick and British Columbia; and in view of the Dominion Forestry Convention, an article on The Forest Wealth of Ontario is timely. A first instalment of a fishing yarn by Dr. J. M. Harper, of Quebec, promises excellent developments. Such questions as allowing firearms to be carried in game districts during close seasons, and a new fishing rod material, are amongst other important items, while to show how up-to-date the Magazine is in all that concerns outdoor life, a Department dealing with automobiles and automobilism, and another drawing the attention of sportsmen to books of special interest to them, are added this month.



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New York, Jan. 9.—Advises recently received from Ireland are to the effect that Richard Croker's racing establishment, known as Maddenstown Lodge, is the largest and most pretentious in the Emerald Isle. It is under the management of J. J. Parkinson, who up to 1904 was a successful rider and a disciple of the American seat.

Maddenstown Lodge itself shelters nearly 100 thoroughbreds. In the great stables at the lodge there is room for 80, while nearby, at Straw Hill, there are boxes for nearly 150 horses. The stables are equipped

with electric lights and all other modern conveniences. Sanitary arrangements are so good that upon the outbreak of influenza a year ago it had but short life at Maddenstown Lodge.

In 1905 the establishment had its best year on the turf, landing Mr. Croker's horses in first place on the list of winning owners, with about \$430,000.

One of the inmates of the stable is Vain Glory, a filly, who has not been beaten.

Others of creditable form were Rhododendron, Young Americus, American Boy, Mallow Man, Lady Dainty, Rombo, Blakestown, and Herbert Vincent, the last named being the namesake of the unfortunate son of Mr. Croker, who died last year.

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