

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

BASE BALL.

CHAMPION PENNANT GATHERER.

By winning the world's championship Charles A. Comiskey again becomes the most conspicuous figure in baseball.

The Old Roman who has won almost a dozen pennants, is prouder of this achievement by his White Sox than of any victory ever won, even when he himself was in the thick of the fray as captain and first baseman of the old St. Louis Browns.

Yet Comiskey captured four pennants in a row when he piloted the Browns which feat never has been duplicated on professional baseball Comiskey at the head of the Browns, won the American Association championship in 1885 and 1886, and in the same years thrashed the Chicago Nationals for the world's championship. He won the Association pennants of 1887 and 1888, too, but in 1887 the Detroit Nationals, and in 1888 the Giants defeated him for the world's championship.

That made six pennants—four Association and two world's pennants—before he broke into Chicago with the White Sox. In 1900, 1901 and 1906 Comiskey's Sox won the American League championship. In the last year they also, as everybody knows, won the world's pennant, making ten trophies.

Comiskey himself, therefore, is the champion pennant-gatherer of the world, and likely to remain such forever, since his high, improbable record is so far beyond anything any other man will win eleven of them.

A BASEBALL YARN.

So far as baseball records go, the most expensive drive ever made on a ball ground occurred in Cincinnati some years ago, when Sam Mertes, who was playing with Chicago, slammed a home run over the fence.

Just back of the park is a saloon, the occupants of which always thought themselves protected, but the awakening was near. On Saturday afternoon, in question, Chicago needed a couple of runs and there was a runner on first. Mertes came up and as the bat met the ball it cracked like a pistol shot, and away soared the sphere at an angle of 30 degrees.

Passing over the fence it tore up a mechanical advertising apparatus costing over \$20, and still unimpeded, smashed through a plate glass window, struck the centre of a table, breaking up a pinocle game, and then bounded over the bar and into the outglass were on the shelves. When the wreckage had been cleared up a bill was presented to the baseball management for \$64 damages. The bill hangs in that saloon as a trophy.

HOCKEY.

GOSSIP FROM FAR WEST.

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—Hockey talk is beginning to come to the fore. The cold spell is having its effect and the familiar rattle of skates will soon be heard on all sides. The expected famine in hockey ice for the season now gives promise of being relieved somewhat, for this winter, at least. Some time ago it was announced that the Auditorium rink would be turned into a roller skating palace this winter and regular skaters and hockey attendants there would have to look elsewhere. It now seems almost certain that the big rink will be thrown open again this winter to the hockey players and skaters. It will be too late for the new leases to turn it into a roller skating rink for the winter, when they get control of it, so it is almost assured that they will allow it to be used for ice skating as formerly, making it a roller rink in the spring. The news will be welcomed by the local senior skaters, particularly, who seemed to stand to suffer most by the closing of the doors of the venerable rink.

By the way an interesting rumor has been going the rounds that the Winnipeg Victorias would not have a senior team this winter. With the past record of the Bisons in view it needs only to be mentioned to be dismissed. The Vics comprise the oldest hockey club in the west, with records and traditions glorious, and it's about a hundred to one shot that the supporters would allow such a calamity to happen. Officers of the club state that the Vics will be doing business as usual and smile at the suggestion, though they admit that senior players are not picked up easily. To all appearances, however, the Vics will be in line this winter with the same team as last year. Up in Brandon they have a hockey bug badly and when the hockey enthusiasts are striving to get a club which will not only be able to take the measure of the Kenora Thistles, but will also be able to work their names into the paper in regard to Stanley Cup games. Realizing their position, they have decided to can several of their gold bricks, filling their places with real live players. Only the other day a representative of the Wheat City team was in Winnipeg with his eye and glad hand on the lookout for Winnipeg players. The result of his efforts are not yet known, though it is said the western team has been able to prevail on several of the newly-acquired Portage men to continue their way to the Wheat City.

THE TURF.

NEW YORK'S TURF SCANDAL.

New York, October 26.—Jockey Radtke, who was suspended Tuesday by the stewards of the Jamaica track, was not at the course yesterday.

day. He was told when he received his suspension not to come to the track unless he was sent for. No new developments in Radtke's case came to the surface during the afternoon, but there were several reports that the Jockey Club stewards had two bookmakers under surveillance and that an investigation by the turf authorities would probably bring forth an interesting turf scandal which would rival the Durnell-McCauley trouble in California last winter.

New Orleans, Oct. 26.—Three favorites and three outsiders divided first money at Jamaica yesterday. Oraculum scored an easy victory in the Hempstead selling stakes at six furlongs. He opened at 6 to 5 but as there was a heavy play on Loring from 2 1/2 to 1, down to 7 to 5, the price on Oraculum was forced up to 5 to 2 at the close. Miller broke Oraculum off in front, and making the pace, won easily, by three lengths.

Lord Derby heads the list of winning owners on the British turf, his winnings now being in excess of £20,000. Major Eustace Loder comes second, with approximately £15,000.

THE RING.

PICTURES SHOW FOWL.

The Boston American now contradicts the statements by Tad, recently given so much prominence in its columns to the effect that the Gans-Nelson fight pictures show no fault by Nelson. On Thursday the American said:

Ever since the fight pictures of the recent Gans-Nelson battle were produced there has been a question raised in the cities in which the films have been shown as to whether or not a foul blow was struck, and as to whether Siler being in a position to see it.

Last night at the Howard Theatre where the pictures have already been playing two weeks to crowded houses a representative of the Boston American was the guest of the management. For the occasion a special head and lens and a twenty-four foot screen were used. The figures were exactly the size and every movement made by the men was plainly discernible.

The American reporter sat behind the screen, where the pictures could be seen to the better advantage than in a box. When the 42nd round arrived, which was the final one of the contest, Jim Neil, father of Frankie, who looks after both Tex Rickard's and Joe Gans' interests in the pictures, gave warning when the fatal blow was about to be delivered.

After circling around the ring two or three times, Nelson and Gans were seen to come together near Gans' corner. The Dane first gave the colored man a hook in the stomach and then followed it up with a straight arm punch below the belt. Joe was then seen to roll over, while Referee Siler declares him victor on a foul. Siler was certainly in a position to see the punch.

At close range, details are brought out that escape the audience in the front of the house. For instance, it is hardly plain that Nelson's face is covered with blood after the second round and also Gans' exceedingly clever covering up of his stomach, which Nelson is laying for, because of his knowledge that the Ortolano was weak from training down to less than 133 pounds.

GOLF.

GOLF "PROBS." AT PLAY.

New York, Oct. 26.—Four ball competitions prevailed on the links of the Forest Hill Field Club yesterday in the continuation of the first annual tournament of the Eastern Professional Golfers' Association. Professionals teamed up in the morning when Jack Hutchinson of St. Andrews, and Orrin Terry of the Wyckoff Country Club homed, led the field with a best ball of 69. They divided the first money, amounting to 475.

Willie Morton, of Lakewood, and George Turnbull of Waterbury, came next with an even 70 and each received \$225. Two teams, Jack Pearson, of Richmond County, and A. H. Fenn Poland Springs, and George Sparling, of Newwood, and Dave Ogilvie, North Jersey, split up the \$225 given for third prize.

Alec Campbell, Brookline, and Geo. Thomson, Rossville, had been picked as a likely pair, but neither succeeded in keeping out of trouble. The same may be said of Geo. Low, of Maltus, and Isaac Mackie of Fox Hills.

A large field started in the afternoon event in which amateurs and professionals teamed up. This resulted in four pairs tying for first place with a best ball of 12, and it was decided to have all remain over and play off today. The leaders are F. G. Egner and Will Gault, Theodore Crane and Ben Nicholls, Walter Kohbe and George Low, J. D. Foot and Herbert Strong, with 72.

Jerome D. Travers, the metropolitan champion, reached the links in time to "hook up" with Tom Anderson, the Montclair "pro." Considering that Travers had never seen the course, he did remarkably well and his individual score was 76. The best ball for his side was 76. Gaudin made a 72 for his side, which was the best individual effort of the tournament. He began with 2 at the 200 yards first hole and went out in 33. Coming home he dropped strokes on the last two holes, otherwise he would have had an even 70.

The Caloric Paradox.

Freezing is usually associated with cold, but water can be frozen on a red-hot plate. This pretty experiment has rightly been called the caloric paradox. If a drop of water is placed on a red-hot or white-hot metal plate it does not suddenly flash into steam under the influence of the great heat. It does not even boil. It simply evaporates quietly and slowly as it rolls about the plate. Now, suppose that the drop on the plate is a volatile liquid like sulphuric acid. It will evaporate, and this evaporation will produce cold. Let a drop of water fall in the sulphuric acid drop, and it will be frozen in spite of the heat. M. Bouigny thus froze water on a white-hot platinum capsule. Faraday carried this remarkable experiment even further. Pouring some ether and solidified carbonic acid gas on a red-hot platinum capsule, he formed a spheroidal mass which evaporated very slowly. He then brought some mercury into contact with it, and this was instantly frozen. Now, mercury requires a temperature of 40 degrees below zero to solidify it, and here it was frozen on red-hot platinum.

A Restless Patch of Earth.

There is, near to the Thüringen summer resort, Traunsee, a curious and locally celebrated phenomenon—namely, the floating island which disports itself at will, now at this and now on that side of the Haufe, a small and charmingly situated lake. The little island also has its own flora, varying from that on the immediately adjacent mainland, among which may be mentioned the "meat consuming" Drosera rotundifolia, while flowers and edible berries grow here in rank profusion and slender birches cast their shade over those who care to land and investigate this restless little patch of earth. Birds are especially partial to this spot, wild ducks and other aquatic birds breeding here in great numbers. But the great event of the year is the "Volksfest" held up on the island every Ascension day, when dancing and "bratwurst eating," washed down by the obligatory beer is the order of the day.—Pall Mall Gazette.

They Joined Hands.

Mr. Rhodes once told a circle of friends after dinner the story of his first meeting with Beit. "I called at Porges' late one evening," he said, "and there was Beit working away as usual. 'Do you never take a rest?' I asked. 'Not often,' he replied. 'Well, what's your game?' said I. 'I am going to control the whole diamond output before I am much older,' he answered as he got off his stool. 'That's funny,' I said. 'I have made up my mind to do the same. We had better join hands.' Beit, Cecil Rhodes had small patience with arithmetical details. Once this characteristic involved him in a difficulty. Pitching a balance sheet into the pile of papers before Beit, he exclaimed desperately, 'Here, you understand things. For heaven's sake do it for me.'"

THE END OF THE LINE.

Butterflies That Live on Fish.

The butterfly was blue and transparent. As through blue glass its tiny heart could be seen beating inside its body, and the professor read a newspaper article through its lovely blue wings. "This," he said, "is the pteropoda, a Mediterranean butterfly. It eats fish. On its tongue are rows of pointed hooks. They serve as teeth. This beautiful creature would turn up its nose at a garden of roses and lilies, but it would feast ecstatically upon a putrid eel. Now and then a pteropoda is found on the Florida or the California coast. It is only abundant, though, in the Mediterranean."

The Power of Intuition.

"The power of intuition usually spoken of as being so mysterious is really not so at all," said a woman recently. "It is merely the ordinary method of reasoning from observation intensified. The so-called intuitional person differs from the one of more commonplace powers in possessing a keener sensitivity to facts. She or he, for it is absurd to assert that this power is exclusively feminine, observes a thousand things that persons of duller sense fail to see and that are beyond the control of the most skillful actor."

Possible Explanation.

"I wonder why the water spirits the marriage notices directly under the death notices?" queried the typewriter boarder, as she glanced over the local paper.

"I don't know," rejoined the fussy bachelor, "unless it is to remind us that the fools are not all dead yet."—Chicago News.

Maidenly Modesty.

"Ah my love," sighed the ardent lover, "if you only knew how beautiful you are!"

"You mustn't say that," protested the dear girl. "I don't want to know."

"Why not?"

"Because it would make me too conceited."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Elixir of Youth.

In former times elder flowers were treasured not only by lovers of hedge-roses but by those who desired to preserve their own beauty and youth. According to the seventeenth century prescription the elder flowers were to be gathered on midsummer day, powdered and put into borage water, which was to be drunk daily for a month, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. This was a much prized elixir of youth. By common consent there has always been something supernatural about the elder tree. In Denmark it is protected by the elder mother, without whose leave it is dangerous to pluck the flower. In Germany the hat should be taken off to it. And in England it has been variously considered the tree of the cross and the tree upon which Judas hanged himself, to be treated with reverence or fear accordingly.—London Standard.

WARM OCEAN CURRENTS.

Moving Northward May Effect Marked Change in Our Climate.

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—Another event has occurred which tends to confirm the belief of a large number of scientists men that the ocean currents along the Atlantic coast of Canada are changing and the colder waters are being replaced by warmer ones. Prof. Prince, commissioner of fisheries, recently received for identification part of a large fish taken at Harrigan Cove, Nova Scotia. It has been found that the fish is a tarpon or giant herring, the greatest of ocean game fishes and a native of the Florida and Mexican coasts. This is the first taken as far north as Canada.

Other warm water fish received in Canadian waters by the marine biologists.

logical experts in the last few years are Spanish mackerel, sword fish, tunney and other tropical sharks. The dog fish, which has become so numerous in Canadian waters of late, was only met in southern waters until recently.

A change has been observed in the annual movement of ice towards the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It has become more irregular. All these things are held to be evidences of a change which may bring the Maritime Provinces under the influence of warm currents and qualify that portion of Canada to claim a place in the banana belt.

BRITISH BRIEFS.

The sale of the personal effects of the late Mr. J. L. Toole will take place in November.

At Conway the Welsh rifle championship was won by Lieut. Davies, the King's prizeman.

Close to Barnstaple a farmer has a hen which is mothering five turkeys, three chickens, and a duck.

Comprising 950 head, the whole Nocton Heath flock of Lincolnshire pedigree sheep has been purchased by an Argentine breeder.

Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree has been elected president of the Dickens Fellowship Dramatic Club in succession to the late Mr. John L. Toole.

The King of Spain has just had an Irish jaunting car built for him by an Irish firm, and President Roosevelt has followed His Majesty's example.

"Granny" Craske of Sheringham, Norfolk, is probably the oldest Salvationist in the world, for she will celebrate her 100th birthday in December.

The big wheel at Earl's Court Exhibition, London, is to be demolished in October.

Charged at Epping, a tramp told the Bench that he was the "King of Tramps," and had not slept on a bed for twenty-three years.

Now that the English harvest season is over, the rush of Irish emigrants has begun.

Princess Louise opened the new grammar school for girls at Leeds. It has cost about £17,000, and will accommodate about 300 pupils.

The body of Mr. John Turner, a well-known Heywood contractor, who carried out important works at Kimberley during the siege, has been discovered hanging from the branch of a tree in Carr Wood, near his home.

A milkman, summoned at Mistle, Essex, for selling milk deficient in milk fat, said the deficiency was caused by the operation of thousands of flies, who removed the cream for themselves.

The Modesty of Women.

Naturally makes them shrink from the delicate questions, the obnoxious examinations, and unpleasant local treatments, which some physicians consider essential in the treatment of diseases of women. Yet, if help can be had, it is better to submit to this ordeal than let the disease grow and spread. The trouble is that so often the woman undergoes all the annoyance and shame for nothing. Thousands of women who have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription write in appreciation of the cure which dispels all the examinations and local treatments. There is no other medicine so sure and safe for delicate women as "Favorite Prescription." It cures debilitating drains, irregularity and female weakness. It always helps. It almost always cures. It is strictly non-alcoholic, non-secret, all its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper; contains no deleterious or habit-forming drugs, and every native medicinal root entering into its composition has the full endorsement of those most eminent in the several schools of medical practice. Some of these numerous and strongest of professional endorsements of its ingredients will be found in a pamphlet wrapped around the bottle, also in a booklet mailed free on request, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. These professional endorsements should have far more weight than any amount of the ordinary lay, or non-professional testimonials.

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Bernhardt and Dumas. Sarah Bernhardt had just been elected a life member of the Comedie Francaise. When she found that she had a paper to sign she became nervous and went to see the younger Dumas to tell him that she shrank from the binding terms of the engagement. Dumas' advice was unhesitating. "My dear child, don't sign; your hair is too curly. People with hair like that—"

and he passed his fingers through his own crisp waves—"ought never to sign contracts for life. The temperament is too intractable."

Sarah Bernhardt, however, signed, and, meeting Dumas again next day, confessed she had done so. "That's all right," remarked Dumas cheerfully. "I have won 500 francs (\$100). I bet Mme. Dumas that amount after you left yesterday that you would at once go and sign the agreement. Well, I shall buy you something with the money."

The next day Mme. Bernhardt received a magnificent wig of fair hair, absolutely flat, lank and straight. With it came the following sentence on a slip of paper: "Now that you are really one of the house wear this. You will need it."

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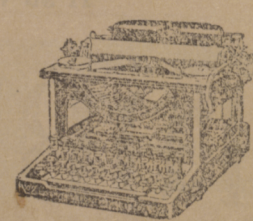
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