

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

BASE BALL.

WORKING THE SQUEEZE PLAY.

Harry L. Taylor, president of the Eastern league has issued instructions to his umpires as to how to decide when the bases are full, two strikes and three balls on the batter and the man on third tries to steal home. Such a play came up in the Newark-Jersey City game two weeks ago. Catcher Shea tagged him two yards before he reached the plate. Umpire Fireman allowed the run to be scored, contending that the ball thrown by Hester to catch the runner was the fourth "ball" on the batter, which forced in a run. President Taylor witnessed the game personally and as a result he handed out the following instructions: "Several times this season it has occurred that with the bases full and three balls and two strikes on the batter and the pitcher, on the rubber, the runners having started running, the claim has been made that the ball thrown by the pitcher must be a ball or strike regardless of the runners. If, in your judgment, he has not started to pitch, but sees the runner starting and throws to the catcher or to any other player to make a play, call the play as made. Under any circumstances, if the ball thrown by the pitcher is hit or struck at by the batsman, call it a pitched ball. If the pitcher has actually started to pitch and the catcher interferes with the batsman by stepping in the place or otherwise call it an interference and allow the run to be scored and the batsman to take his base and the other runners to advance. If the pitcher has not started to pitch allow the catcher to receive the ball wherever it comes to make the play."

A STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER.

A staff photographer for a professional baseball club is the latest thing under the sun. The Chicago National League club which is now leading in the championship race has such an official. It is the duty of this photographer to be in attendance at all games and to instantly take a picture of scenes of an exciting nature, copies of which are to be given to the press with the compliments of the management.

"I think this expense will be justified," said President Charles Murphy of the Club, who is now at Boston. "A few days ago Pitcher Jack Taylor was carried off the field by rollers after a particularly exciting contest. The great trouble was unable to get away from the fans and they carried him to the clubhouse on their shoulders."

"In the last game with the world champions of New York, persons seated in the overflow in front of the grandstand suddenly became wild with joy as Harry Steinfield knocked a liner up against the centre-field fence, driving in Slagle and Chance thus winning the game and many rushed to the home plate when the great third baseman scored a short time later to embrace him. There have been many such scenes this season at our park and they could certainly make fine pictures for the newspapers."

In the future we will have our own man on hand with his camera and snapshots will be taken the instant that anything out of ordinary occurs at the ballpark. I think other clubs will soon follow our lead in this newspaper business has taught me that the papers will welcome such photographs."

THE RING.

BOXING BRIEFS.

Jack Twin Sullivan, the Cambridge welterweight is reported to have started on his Alaskan trip. He has been assured of a match with Billy Bates, who fought Jack O'Brien at Dawson and Fairbanks last year and is a favorite among them. The fight will have to be scheduled for Fairbanks, as the Dawson authorities have shut down on boxing.

The bout which was to take place between Mike Twin Sullivan and Rube Smith at Denver on Monday night was shifted at the last hour to August 10. Benny Vankor and Herman meet the same day at Indianapolis.

Eddie Graney has received the sanction of Billy Nolan, Baltimore manager to take on a match with Joe Gans, providing the Baltimore lightweight agrees to make 133 pounds ringside. Gans has vociferated his desire to make 133 pounds, and Nolan's statement to Graney is conclusive proof that the men are matched.

Aurelio Herrera is now at Milwaukee, where he will arrange the details of his match with Charley Neary on August 17. After that fight he may come as far East as Chelsea, Mass., as he has been promised a fight with Kid Goodman, whom he defeated last year in 15 rounds at the same place.

PICKS NELSON TO WIN.

One Pacific coast tips Nelson to beat Gans. Probably he won't find many to agree with him—that is, assuming that the "Smoke" is right and the fight level. However, his views are worth considering. He says:

After beating around the bush with alleged interviews, the daily papers are at last forced to take the Gans and acknowledge that Joe Gans and Battling Nelson are at last matched to fight at Conna in the fall. It was the intention of the promoters to keep the match a secret until after Nelson had disposed of Kid Herman, a task which every man with any pugilistic judgment believes he is capable of doing. When Herman fail-

ed to defeat Abe Attell in twenty rounds he does not appear to have a lookin with Bat.

All sorts of predictions are made on this contest. Gans has never done the lightweight limit, 133 pounds at ringside, since he became well known. He did not beat Erne at these figures and while the weights of the Britt-Gans fight were announced as 133 at ringside, this match was clouded with such a shroud of suspicion that nothing in the nature of a criterion can be gleaned from it.

But the lesson which Battling Nelson taught Herrera in the matter of weight will serve well in this match. Herrera tried to steal ten pounds on Nelson by forfeiting \$1,000, believing that Bat and Nolan would not see the fat purse get away from them on a matter of weight, as Nelson had already beaten the Greaser.

THE TURF.

RACES AT CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Aug. 2.—A large crowd turned out to see the fourth day's racing at the Glenville track. One of the best cards of the week was offered, including the free-for-all trot the sweepstakes for three-year-old pacers, the 10 class trotting and the 2:23 class trotters.

In the free-for-all Snyder McGregor Wentworth and Sweet Marie were the only starters, but as the horses had never met before considerable interest centred in the race.

Sweet Marie showed conclusively that she was in a class by herself this year, with the possible exception of Tiverton, by winning all three heats in easy style.

In the first heat Wentworth was placed second because of interference at the first turn by Hogan but in the next two heats Snyder McGregor was second, the last heat being decided by a nose.

In the sweepstakes for three-year-old pacers, Kelly, a bay gelding by Baron More, carried off the honors in clever style with Vance Nuckols, Brenda Yorke, second and Discreet third.

The last quarter of the second heat was paced in 1:01 seconds. The 2:10 class trotting was one of the best events pulled off so far during the meeting. Ed Geer's Gold Dust Maid won in straight heats, but was forced to step the second heat in 1:07 and the third in 2:07 to turn the trick.

BETTING STOPPED.

Cleveland, O., August 2.—The authorities in Newburg stopped pool selling there after the betting on the colt race had been started. Ed Cusher sold for \$25, Noma 17, Gay Bingen \$10 and the field, \$6.

Jas Brady's son of Bingen, 2:06, had a walk away in this race, winning the first heat in 2:12, and the next in 2:14; five lengths ahead of the second horse at the wire.

W. L. Snow's Imperial Allerton won the first and third heats in the 2:12 class trotting, the Phantom taking the middle heat.

In the 2:1 class, pacing, Alfalfa won the second and third heats. Prince Hal won the first heat and finished second in the next two.

Billy Cole won the 2:15 class pacing in straight heats. Sir Dair nosed Tommy Murphy's Vesto Boy out of second place, right at the wire, in the third heat.

SHERRING AT BROCKVILLE.

Brockville, Aug. 2.—The Old Boys' reunion, which has been in progress since Saturday last, reached a climax yesterday. More than 10,000 visitors thronged the Island City, coming from all parts. The weather was simply ideal for putting on at the fair grounds an excellent programme of athletic sports. The immense enclosure and grand stands were packed. Great interest centred in the appearance of William Sherring, the champion long-distance runner of the world, who, after being gracefully introduced by Dan Derbyshire, M. P., gave an exhibition two-mile run. Sherring was greeted with enthusiastic applause, and ladies tossed bouquets at him when circling the half-mile track. The Perth and Carleton Place lacrosse teams, bitter rivals in the Eastern Ontario League, met in a match for a trophy. For a time it was thought the teams would not come to terms, because of the action of Carleton Place, who played Timmins and Stars of the Ottawa Capitals. Perth took the ground that both men being professionals, endangered the amateur standing of the other players. The Junction team refused to drop the importations, and a deadlock ensued. Perth eventually dropped the protest, and the match which was a red-hot one, ended in a draw—3 goals each. All the scoring was done in the first two quarters. Carleton got the first three goals and Perth the last two. Numerous penalties were dealt out for tripping and slashing. The day's programme concluded with an illuminated flotilla and fire-works on the river.

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BRIDEGROOM OF AN HOUR.

Shot Dead on Platform of Railway Depot.

Charlotte, N. C. Aug. 3.—A telephone message from Bessemer City states that W. M. Brown, a bridegroom of an hour, was shot and killed by John M. Kincaid at the depot there today. Brown was married at eight o'clock to a Bessemer City girl. They were escorted to the depot by a number of friends and intended going to Danville for the honeymoon. When the party arrived at the depot, Kincaid, who was there, called Brown aside. A moment later five pistol shots rang out, and Brown was dead with Kincaid standing by holding a smoking pistol. Kincaid immediately gave himself up to the authorities.

It is said Brown was to have married Kincaid's sister, whom it is alleged he betrayed some months ago.

TINY TRIPLETS.

They are So Small That Hat Will Hold Them.

New York, Aug. 3.—The American says:—Triplets so small that if they were rolled into one mass would just about fill a six and one-half inch hat were placed in the incubator at Dreamland, Coney Island, yesterday. The faces of the tiny beings are scarcely larger than a moderate-sized watch.

Mrs. Charles Spier of No. 166 Hamburg avenue, Brooklyn, is the mother. She has nine children beside the triplets, and all are normal and healthy.

The new arrivals are two girls and a boy. The three weigh only forty-two ounces, and it is said that they are the smallest triplets on record.

BRIDE 70, GROOM 73.

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