

## SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

## BASE BALL.

## A NEEDED CHANGE.

When the rule makers get together this winter let them legislate against the habit all pitchers have of grooming a new ball on the grass, says the Washington Star. Much time is consumed in the process, and few if any slab artists know why they go through that elaborate delay. Dozens of pitchers have been asked why they do it, and no two give the same answer. If the new ball must be manicured, why not sublet the job to the boy who holds the bag and tosses out ammunition at the call of the umpire? The boy could attend to that important function and save the tired pitcher a lot of work. In advance of each game the ground-keeper could cut a small bale of grass from the playing field. If there be virtue in the grass treatment the pitcher? If need be, the boy could throw after hour the boy sits beside the bag, occasionally rolling out a new ball. What would be easier for him than to break open the boxes and wipe the new spheres on his little bale of hay, in full view of the pitcher? If need be the boy could expectorate on the ball before rubbing, and thereby insure the proper and complete treatment. The more we think of the idea the more we are convinced that it would fill a longfelt want. Should the pitcher find on examination that the ball had not been artistically rubbed he could toss it back and call for another. The attention of the rules committee has been called to this grass business, which has been neglected too long. Now is the time to act.

## SPORT FOR SPORT'S SAKE.

Now the Amateur Athletic Union, so it announces, intends to investigate the proselytizing for young athletes by the big athletic clubs. That it will accomplish this reform is regarded as doubtful by those who have watched the growth of this tendency, and have observed the standing of the organizations which practice it. The whole desire, according to the sentiment now prevailing in America, is to win. Almost everything—not everything, of course—is subsequent to this. The physical benefits accruing from the encouragement of athletics, the general tendency to encourage men to prolong outdoor exercises after their school or college or boyhood days, all of which is aided by the attention given to athletic competition by the big, influential athletic organizations, count as practically nothing if these organizations fail to

turn out winners. Losers, at first places, and of the greatest number of points are failures, and if the string of defeats cannot be turned into headlines of victory athletic committee will cease to be of consequence and young members of athletic prowess will be estimated by their social or financial resources only. In this respect the truth might as well be conceded—that England is far ahead of America. The Englishman, far more than the American, keeps up sport for its real benefits. Of course, he has some absurd ideas about amateur standing, going so far, sometimes, as to say that a man who works for a living is not a real amateur; but he steers clear of the notion so prevalent over here that sport isn't worth while if you don't win. Probably Americans some day will grow away from this error and not be afflicted with the English interpretation of amateurs, either.

## GOLF.

## HAS ASKED OUTSIDE HELP BEFORE.

H. H. HILTON, unwittingly I am sure, is something less than just to the Royal and Ancient Club, says Golf Illustrated. Writing, he says: "It is made plain that we are to have a new set of golfing rules, and what is more remarkable is that the Royal and Ancient are for the first time taking outside advice in the making of Rules. In past years the Royal and Ancient has been a law unto itself."

This is not quite correct, because, in at least the last two revisions, the Royal and Ancient Club, or the Rules Committee, has sent its draft proposals for revision for various to various golfers outside the Royal and Ancient Club, whose knowledge and experience might be of value in suggesting improvements, and it is in the same spirit that the new rules are now to have the benefit of suggestions from the United States Golf Association.

## GOLF AND THE LUSITANIA.

One of the most jocular of golf critics avers that the Lusitania is credited with carrying a nine-hole golf-course. As a matter of fact, two well known Liverpool golfers wished, while the leviathan was in the dry dock, to drive a ball the length of the steamer and to pitch a ball over the deck cabins. The opportunity to essay these feats did not occur. By way of keeping in practice, a golfing passenger might tee old balls near the stern and drive into the ocean; but, as the Atlantic passage is shortening so rapidly, there remains little time to do more than talk golf while crossing the ferry.

## HOW TO TEST YOUR KIDNEYS.

If any of your family have been troubled with kidney disease make a test of the urine and satisfy yourself whether you need a good remedy before the disease has caused serious complications.

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The tearful old woman was put aboard the International Railway car and was taken back to Canada. Grief-stricken, penniless, friendless, she is now in care of the police at this place.

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If the money, irritations and disappointments of the year were aggregated for the United States in hopelessly unintelligible telegrams of this kind, the average political economist would have a fit. When the average person in the small city or town decides on the jump to go to see a friend in the city and decides to telegraph that friend what train to meet, he becomes an unconscious imbecile.

Will leave for Chicago tonight on 8:30 train. Meet me.

This is the text of a ten word message which I received the other night from a friend in an Ohio city. He had started for Chicago before the telegram was received by me, and while I wanted immensely to meet him at the station instead of making the least effort to do so I took it out in swearing.

In sending a telegram announcing an arrival the name of the road and the train number are the two absolute essentials. It will be a help to the recipient of the message in most cases if the time of the arrival of the train be given also. Frequently, as between the two stations involved in such a message, a difference of one hour in standard time otherwise might confuse. But as between the number of the train and the numerals in the hour of arrival the telegrapher has a chance of error, and in writing the message these two sets of numerals should be separated by the name of the road. Taking the ten word message as the standard of length, then, any person going anywhere from any station on any railroad may use the one set form of telegraphic announcement of arrival:

Arrive No. 5, Lake Shore, due 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Ordinarily no possible further information is necessary in the greatest railway center in America. The train number is unchangeable on its own system. Any railway employee anywhere will identify the train in a moment. If the recipient of the telegram wishes to know whether the train is on time before he starts to the station, he can learn in a moment over the telephone by asking about No. 5, and in the query he will have the reader response for the reason that his informant will be grateful for the inquirer's succinct knowledge of train operations.

It behooves a prudent person to make trial of everything before arms. —Tennce.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A boy's idea of a hero is another boy who runs away from home.

Nothing is so often overestimated as the information given confidentially.

As a rule, what a man calls his rights represent merely desired privileges.

You may have forgotten more than the other man knows and still be a short horse.

The man who is scared into being good is the one most likely to boast of his exceeding virtue.

There are lots of ways of wasting time. Feeling sorry for yourself brings about as little returns as any.

When a man goes to church and hears a sermon which seems intended expressly for him, he never enjoys it very much.

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