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STILL UNSETTLED.

W. I. Harris' Opinion on the Perplexing Baseball Outlook.

MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN SUNK.

Neither Side Will Compromise Now. They Propose to Fight It Out to the Bitter End, but to Preserve the National Interest in the Game.

The agitation by baseball writers of the question of compromise has accomplished something, inasmuch as it has brought out the fact that there is no prospect of a compromise during the present playing season unless it be of a nature not at all likely to occur. At Spalding, who seems to have been selected by common consent to be the mouthpiece of the National league, declares that the only compromise that the league will listen to must contain at the start a proposition of unconditional surrender. At the same time Mr. Spalding claims that the majority of the players and suggests that most of them will find this to be true when the surrender, which he says is inevitable, makes itself apparent. Mr. Spalding suggests that the players tell the men whom they have persuaded to invest money in the Players' league to be content with their present losses and quit the business, thus giving the players an opportunity to offer their services to their old employers.

This sounds well, but Mr. Spalding must know that even if they desired to do so the players could not adopt his suggestion, which is in effect a coal proposition to throw over the men who have rightly or wrongly assisted them in their new departure. They should be grateful enough to the capitalists to stand by them to the end, but even if moral obligations should not hold them to their new employers there is a more binding obligation that would hold the most of them. The National league provided the money for the Players' league baseball moral claims, and signed such players as they considered indispensable to contracts running for three years. The men Mr. Spalding needs to persuade to quit are the capitalists rather than the players. The former think they are forced to do so, and even if they cannot do so they can prevent their players from playing with any one else, and that does not seem to be any question but that they are right.

Mr. Spalding's interview and suggestions show that the National league apparently still underestimates the strength of those who oppose it. It is to be hoped that he and his associates may get a clearer view of the situation before the next season begins, and this is the wish of a man finally and loyal to the National league. The Players' league has collectively lost a good deal of money and some of the backers are pretty nearly ready to quit, but the great majority of them have no more intention of doing so without another season in the business than Mr. Spalding has of jumping over the board while on his way across the ocean. They propose to go ahead, and new men will be found to take the place of weak ones. The National league may be quite as well satisfied of this as any one else, but they do not give up without a struggle.

The interests of our great national pastime are more important than those of any player, club or manager, and they demand that there shall not be a war of extermination as the result of a hand to hand contest of rivalries between the National and Players' league. There is no doubt that the result will eventually be a survival of the fittest, but let the test be made in a way that will not wreck professional baseball entirely. The two leagues should not, in their intense rivalry, each other off, ruin the public patronage they are each striving to obtain. And that is what they will surely do if the present outlandish policy is pursued. If they must fight it out, and the indications are that they will have to do so, let the fight be under some kind of rule that will result in what will eventually decide the matter, may enjoy the better rather than be fretful and apathetic during its progress. An agreement between the parties would do much toward checking the decreasing interest in professional games. This agreement need not be a surrender by either side, but simply an arrangement for a test of the question as to whether or no, under favorable circumstances, it is possible for two such leagues to profitably exist. I am satisfied that they cannot do so in the same territory, but I am equally certain that nothing but a fair trial will convince the capitalists and the general public.

There are already indications that both leagues will try and steal away each other's star players next season. This is a poor policy and is meddling with fire. Neither side should lend themselves to such a practice, because it will surely undermine the public confidence now existing in the integrity of the national game. If any player on either side who signed a contract for a year, expires at the expiration of his contract to go over to the enemy well and good, but successful efforts to purchase the allegiance of contracted players by either side will do great harm to baseball, and even attempts to do so are not apt to do much good to the clubs employing such methods. The few star players there are in baseball the better it will be for baseball. Let the clubs on both sides keep their hands off contracted men. Every man contracted will put a spot on the fair fame of the game that years of endeavor cannot wipe out.

Fight if you must, gentlemen, but fight as fairly as the circumstances will let you; in all your moves keep the good name of the game and the belief in the honesty of its exponents unshaken. That Ward, Berg, Conley and Kelly have their eyes on Deane, the star pitcher of the Atlantic association. That Hartington is not such "a berry" as some of the Atlantic association people expected. That Grant, the colored player, will be always displaced when his team reaches Baltimore. That the grand stand at Brotherhood park, New York, is an imposing and spacious structure. That recently there has been plenty of room in it.

That Cartwright, Vander Abe's first baseman, is a "dead ringer" for Ed Crane. That the Philadelphia brothers astonished the gentlemen who represent the Windy city. That everybody wishes this "crucial war" was over. W. I. HARRIS.

The Olympic Athletic club of San Francisco has found a promising sprinter in W. H. Phelps, who it is said can give Victor E. Schifferstein, who has regained supreme there for four years, a beating in 100 yards.

WEALTH WORKED A CHANGE. "Crazy Ward" is Now Known as Mr. Frank Worth. They called him "Crazy Ward" and tolerantly smiled at his whims. Now they speak of him as Mr. Frank Worth, and his whimsie he is really a man of large intelligence and an extremely good companion.

These two divergent opinions of the people of St. Louis can be quickly accounted for. "Crazy Ward" was a crackbrained vagrant who hung about the engine houses and ran to fires. Mr. Frank Worth is a gentleman who recently inherited money at New Orleans of the value of \$100,000.

Ward or Worth—the latter is the man's real name—was born at sea something over half a century ago. He lived at New Orleans until 1878, and has since been a resident of St. Louis. A fracture of the skull long since unsettled his wits, and he passed his time until his recent accession to wealth in "running with the machine." Speaking of his career he said the other day:

"I ain't much now. Been fireman too long, but I'm not dead yet. Been all out up and nashed, you know, at fires. Was drinking tea with old man Henry Shaw when Southern took fire. Han down and saved New York fireman. Threw a rope to the sixth story, me and Phelim O'Toole did. Gave Phelim \$500, I am told. I saved Kate Claxton, the actress, and she offered me diamonds. I told her, was not saving lives for diamonds. Had my face burned off there. Wall of Freebel's fall on me too. Fell in a hole at Cess avenue fire. Nearly drowned. Lumber pile I on me in Bremen and Dutch Henry pulled me out. Froze to the ground at St. Nicholas fire and Chief Sexton gave me his clothes. Asked a horsekeeper for a drink that day. He wouldn't give it to me. He died the next day. Got hit with a brick at a Main street fire and knocked through a door. Oh yes. Stepped on a big iron hoop at another Main street fire, hoop went up and broke my nose. Fell in a cellar of hot water at a church fire at Washington avenue. The ladies saved my life."

SUICIDE OF A FAMILY.

A Horror That Recently Shocked the French Capital. The latest horror that has forced itself to the surface to disturb the gay serenity of the smiling Paris is the suicide of the Hyam family, who closed all the air vents of their miserable little apartment, put some charcoal on the brazier and calmly lay down in such other arms to await death by suffocation. They had no work, no money, no resources, and were starving, and they preferred painless suicide to the lingering

misery of unappassable hunger. To procure the deadly charcoal they pawned the last article on which the monte de pieté would advance money. When a commissary of justice broke open the door he found the father and six children dead. Some signs of life were detected in the mother's frame, and after strenuous efforts she was brought back from the brink of the grave. Now that the woman has no family to share good fortune with her she is tasting the sweets of comparative comfort, for a subscription started in her behalf immediately after the fact became public has netted a handsome sum, sufficient indeed to keep her from want during the remainder of her sorrow burdened life.

A New Use for the Photograph. The inhabitants of Mexico have discovered a new use for the photograph. It is proposed to place these instruments in the principal postoffices of the republic for the benefit of the illiterate. Citizens who cannot read or write will talk into the receiver, and when the cylinder reaches its destination the messages will be repeated to their correspondents from another machine. The great question, of course, is: Will it be necessary for a postman to be present when the photograph is unburdened of its soul? If so, it is obvious that the system will not be very profitable for all communications. To be told in the presence of a comparative stranger that the only girl you ever loved finds that her feelings toward you have undergone a change, or even that, unless your tailor's bill is paid immediately, the matter will be placed in the hands of a lawyer, is a contingency that cannot be ignored without embarrassment.

Terrible Ending of a Debauch. A spree, a broken spine, death at a hospital. This is the record of James Gaynor's last twenty-four hours on earth. He and Thomas Hanley, both residents of Cincinnati, met on Friday evening at a social glass. They were then they had another and another. They became so intoxicated that the police warned them from the street, and they therefore decided to finish the debauch at Hanley's rooms. They were joined in the orgy by another man and woman. While the quartet was crazed by excess Hanley threw Gaynor down stairs. He lay at the bottom of the steps snoring and shrieking with pain until an ambulance conveyed him to the hospital, where he died from spinal injury soon afterward. Hanley and his companions were arrested and held to answer on a charge of manslaughter.

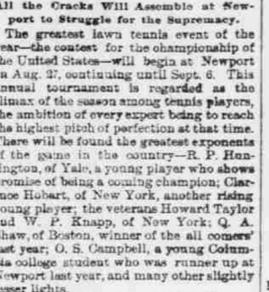
A Lawyer Downs the Gamblers. The gambling houses of Saratoga seem to have made some big losses during the season. Among the heavy winners is Abe Huzumel, a criminal lawyer of New York city, who is "ahead of the game" over \$10,000.

A Useful Sweeping Apron. I saw a few days since a new idea for a sweeping or drying apron. It was made of unbleached muslin. There was a hem down each side to about eighteen inches from the top, fastened on the upper edge with a strip of yellow silk. Each lower corner of the apron was turned over at right angles, meeting in the center. The hem around these corners was finished with the silk border stitching also. This turned in the center at the bottom was pinned up and secured with the stitching. Each corner was divided into two pockets by perpendicular rows of stitching. Across the top there was a hem an inch and a half in width and through this a yellow satin ribbon was passed with long ends for strings. One can imagine the comfort and saving of time by finding the soft dust cloth and pair of old gloves always in place in one of the pockets.—Housewife.

How to Prepare Fly Paper. Almost any sticky substance spread upon paper will answer for catching flies, but if

A SCULLER OF NOTE.

J. F. Corbett is One of the Best Known Amateur Scullers in the West. J. F. Corbett is one of the best known amateur scullers in the west. For several seasons he has proven a worthy representative of the Farragut Boat club of Chicago at the national and other leading regattas east and west. He is a native of Canada, having been born at Owen Sound, Ont., Feb. 10, 1856. He stands 5 ft. 9 1/2 in in



J. F. CORBETT.

height, and in condition lowers the scales at 145 pounds. He made his first appearance in a race at the regatta of the Mississippi Valley Rowing association at Moline, Ill., July 24, 25, 1888, representing the Pullman Rowing club. On the first day he won the junior singles in 10m. 12s. for a mile and a half straightway, and on the following afternoon carried off the honors in the senior scullers' event in 10m. 13 1/2 s. He has won innumerable races and has recently added to his fame by winning the senior singles at Newark on the Passaic river. Corbett ran away from the others, winning by five lengths in 8m. 50s. On the same day he accomplished a remarkable feat by winning the quarter mile dash for single scullers in 1m. 8 3/4 s, which is almost as fast as a good pace in a quarter mile run.

YACHTING TALK.

The models in a yacht club are a study. Each one indicates a problem yet unsolved. No two are alike, and in fact it seems impossible to duplicate exactly the same form, weight, fit of sail and other details intended to produce equal results. Yet on paper or in the model they all look like thorough-breds. It is not an uncommon thing to see a handsome yacht steaming up the canals leading to the interior of the states, where they give pleasure to the families and guests of owners who have their country houses on the borders of the great lakes and rivers. Webb keeps one yacht on Lake Champlain and another in New York bay. Several others do likewise elsewhere. As yachtsmen grow richer and can afford it the tendency is to turn sailing vessels into steam yachts. They are thus not only independent of wind and tide, but busy men may use their craft in going from and to home as they would a coach. Flagler, of the Standard Oil company, carries a secretary with him, and thus disposes of a large amount of work while en route, morning and night.

St. Louis' Latest Pet. Ed Cartwright is a Johnstown, Pa., boy. He was born there Oct. 6, 1859. He commenced his professional career with the Youngtowns in Ohio the year the American association was born. He continued there in '83 and '84, and '85 found him out of the harness. During the winter of '85 he wandered down south, and the Mobile club found him a treasure. He was in New Orleans the following year, while in '88 and '89 he wore the garb of a Kansas

AMONG THE ATHLETES.

Ed Hartley, of the Acme Athletic club, Oakland, Cal., who recently lowered the amateur record for swimming a half mile at the Terrace baths, doing it in 16m. 29 1/2 s, of English birth, 5 ft. 5 in tall and weighs 147 pounds in condition. He is a good all round athlete and particularly expert boxer. Since his arrival in San Francisco he has won several medals. He swims on his right side and can stand, and when reaching out he sinks under water and in fact is submerged a great deal of the time.

Peter Cannon, the great Scotch professional distance runner, has not yet succeeded in getting on a match worthy of him, nor are the prospects bright. He will find a worthy competitor. Cannon has won all the distance races he has been in at various California games and has frightened the Americans.

Charles Currie, the best shot putter in the world, intends making an attempt during the coming fall to wipe out all existing shot putting records. He is at present at Lake Couchiching, Ont., living on an outdoor life and, as he says, getting in condition every day. The weights he will endeavor to make new figures at are 14, 16, 18, 21 and 24 pounds. He holds the present 14 and 21 pound records, 51 ft. 4 in. and 38 ft. 11 in. respectively. He stands 5 ft. 6 in. high and weighs at present 215 pounds.

Swimmer Dalton's Feat. The American swimmer, John Dalton, who has intended making the attempt to swim the English channel from Folkestone to Boulogne for some time, performed a daring feat not long ago. He left Dover by the boat "Penguin" on Monday, having previously arranged with the owner of the sailing boat Ethel to fall in with her somewhere off the Goodwin Sands, where he intended to jump off.

When the steamer was about two miles outside the Goodwin Sands, John Dalton suddenly left his seat in the stern of the ship and, before any one could stop him, jumped off the ship's quarter heading into the boiling sea, leaving only an overcoat behind him. Great excitement was caused on the steamer, but it was only of a temporary character, he took occasion to apprise some ladies of his intention who were standing near him, so that they might not be alarmed. The event caused great interest on shore when it became known. Dalton had very little swimming experience from the Goodwins to the Admiralty pier, but he showed no signs of exhaustion when he was taken out of the water.

A New Thing in Leather. First Tramp—Say, only, gimme a bit of string to tie on my corporations. Second Tramp—What yer givin' me? What yer mean? First Tramp—Only a new name for dese yer shoes. Dey's got no soles.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

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Colors and Decorations. In a recent lecture on decoration Mr. George Altison, A. R. A., stated that certain colors and tints are prejudicial to health. Very dark reds are so, and red and yellow are also prejudicial in the same way. If we have to remain in rooms so colored, all and every day. The lecturer said that a manufacturer had a woman's workshop painted yellow, and found sickness increased in his hands. His doctor recommended whitewash, and normal health was restored.—Chicago.

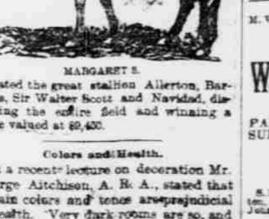
City blue and a St. Joe boy. From that Mission club he drifted to Hamilton up in Ontario, and there he remained until the 7th of July, this year. The St. Louis Fans have taken him to their baseball hearts. He weighs 215 pounds and is 5 ft. 10 1/2 in tall. Enthusiasm, which was long dormant in the Mound city, has once more been aroused by the good work of the new blood in the team, which has done more to advertise the city of St. Louis in the past than any organization or corporation within its limits. Rex McLeod, Jr.



Joseph Darby.

professional jumper, has about made arrangements to visit America next fall. He is jumping better than ever and has been busily engaged all spring in giving exhibitions through England. He is striving over to put him on the shelf indefinitely and to sum him condition up in a few words he says with two weeks' notice he can beat almost every record he owns. His present record jumps are 12 ft. 1 1/2 in for a standing broad jump without weights, 14 ft. 8 1/2 in. for the same with weights, and 41 ft. 8 in. for three standing broad jumps with weights.

Margaret S. Margaret S. is the winner of the Horseman Great Expectation Stake for foals of 1886 run at Detroit, Mich., recently. She



defeated the great stallion Allerton, Barrenos, Sir Walter Scott and Navarid, carrying the colt's side and winning a stake valued at \$2,400.

Care in Drawing Drinking Water. FROM first to last the water supply should be under the care of the head of the household, and not trusted to servants. They will not take the trouble to draw off the water the first thing in the morning that has been standing in pipes all night to corrode lead pipes or absorb sewer gas from adjacent waste pipes which have the usual pinholes eaten through them. "Lead pipes will be eaten away by water containing free oxygen without carbonic acid; therefore pure rain water infused lead pipes," says Capt. Galton, and the infusion of lead in the water standing over night is quite enough to give the babies colic and renew the symptoms of the grip in the elders of the family unless the stream is allowed to run until it is cold and clear. This water need not run to waste, but may be saved in a firkin for washing uses. A supply of fresh drinking water for the day should then be boiled in a bright tin lined or enameled kettle, for the copper lined teakettles are only another of the deadly devices which abound in housekeeping. Tea made from water boiled in a copper lined kettle is a corrosive infusion equal to upsetting the digestion in time, if it does not ruin the vital economy altogether, like so much arsenic.—Shirley Duro in New York Herald.

A Female Bull Fighter. The heroine of the hour just now in Lisbon is a German girl, Fraulein Johanna Maestrick. Fraulein Maestrick was born near Berlin, but went with her parents as a child to Portugal. When she was 17 an impresario, struck with her size and beauty, offered to train her as a female bull fighter. The agent sent his pupil, who is not yet 20, to compete at the show of the beauty which took place at Lisbon, where she carried off the first prize. The advertisement proved an excellent one, for ever since the impresario has been bombarded with letters from persons of all classes, wishing to know when the beautiful "torera" is to make her debut.

She has not yet appeared in an arena, but last week she came out in a trial fight at Oporto. A huge crowd collected to see the unusual sight. The young lady quickly laid two bulls in the sand, and rode off followed by a band of music, amid thunders of applause. Crowds of people collected before the windows of the hotel at which the "torera" was staying, and far into the night she was obliged to appear on the balcony in response to their calls for her.—London Globe.

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