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THOMAS F. BAYARD.

The Honorable Career of Our New Ambassador to England.

Thomas Francis Bayard, the new ambassador to the court of St. James, was born in Wilmington, Del., in 1828. He was fitted for a mercantile life and

HON. THOMAS F. BAYARD.

placed in a business house in New York city. He returned to Wilmington in 1848, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He was appointed United States district attorney for Delaware, but resigned the following year. In 1855 he removed to Philadelphia, where he became the partner of William Shippen. He returned to Wilmington and succeeded his father to the United States senate in 1868. He was reelected in 1875 and again in 1881. Mr. Cleveland appointed him secretary of state in 1885. On the day on which he was elected to the senate for a full term his father was also reelected a senator from Delaware to serve for the unexpired part of his original term. This is the only case of a father and son being voted for by the same legislature to fill the senatorial office. In the senate he served on the committees on finance, judiciary, private land claims, library and revision of laws. In 1881 he was elected president pro tempore of the senate. He was a candidate for president in 1880 and 1884. Including his great-grandfather, Gov. Bassett, he is the fifth member of his family who have occupied seats in the United States senate.

WHEELMEN'S PRIZE CUP.

To Be Competed For at the Great Race Meet at Chicago.

The League of American Wheelmen have been presented with a very handsome trophy to be competed for in their international race meet, to be held at Chicago next August. Henry L. Salhonstall, a member of the Elizabeth A. C. Wheelmen, is the donor of the prize. It is a sterling silver cup, gold lined, and stands twenty-eight inches high on

FIRST PRIZE AT THE INTERNATIONAL RACES.

a six-inch ebony base. The figure of Fame standing upon a globe surmounts the lid. The heads of Bacchus and Mercury adorn the arms of the urn, under which are American eagles. The L. A. W. emblem is engraved upon the back.

The cup will be a perpetual challenge trophy, and the conditions under which it will be competed for will be determined upon by the racing board of the league. It is the most valuable prize ever donated to the L. A. W. by any individual member of the organization. It will be raced for annually.

"Beef, Lemons and Cheese."

An American naval officer says that once, when a great function took place in the harbor of Cherbourg, several vessels of our American squadron were present and were drawn up in line to salute the empress' yacht as it passed, says an article on the navy. The French sailors manned the yards of their ships and shouted: "Vive l'Imperatrice!" Knowing that he could not school his men to repeat those words in the brief time left to him, the American admiral ordered his crew to cry: "Beef, lemons and cheese." The imperial yacht came sweeping on, and as it reached the fleet a mighty roar went up of "Beef, lemons and cheese" that entirely drowned the voices of the Frenchmen. And the empress said she had never been so complimented.

Facts About Ireland.

The population of Ireland in 1891, according to the revised returns just issued, was 4,681,248. The natural increase of population, or excess of births over deaths, for the year was 23,117, and the loss by emigration was 59,623; 21,875 marriages were registered within the year, and it is significant of the religious feeling which exists in all parts of Ireland that only 399 were by civil contracts in the registrars' offices.

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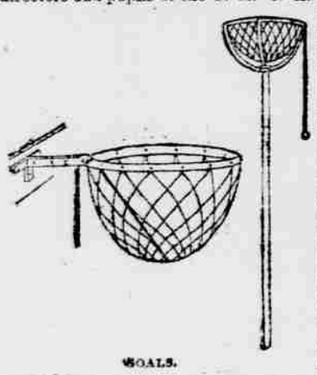
Basket Ball as Played in Y. M. C. A. Gymnasiums.

A Game for Both Sexes—It Is Something Like Football, But Has No Rough Features and Is Full of Fun.

For a long time gymnasium instructors were confronted by the necessity for a game which could be played indoors by old and young, male and female. They wanted a game devoid of rough features, yet one which should be thoroughly scientific, and which should afford plenty of opportunity for good healthy exercise for the scholar or business man, and training for the athlete. Such possibilities, says the New York Sun, have been discovered in the game of basket ball, which has become so popular in school and club gymnasiums throughout the country.

The game was first introduced by the directors and pupils of the Y. M. C. A.



GOALS.

training school at Springfield, Mass. Its advantages were soon perceived, and the sport spread to the gymnasiums controlled by the Young Men's Christian association, and was further introduced in scholastic institutions and club gymnasiums. At the training school the game was developed, and a strong team was drilled in the simple workings of it by James Naismith, one of the Springfield instructors, and an earnest worker in the field of all-around sport and recreation. In New York and Brooklyn are several good teams, and these play the game from time to time.

The game can readily be played in almost the smallest gymnasium. As the sizes of the exercising rooms vary, the game played by each team is slightly different. All the match games are played under regular rules, however, and the peculiar disadvantage which a "gym" may have for the visiting team is remedied so far as possible. The game can be played out of doors on a large field quite as well as in a small gymnasium. The goals pictured in this column are used, the upright one for the field, on which it can be placed at any point, and the other for indoor play. The latter is attached to the gallery or the wall of the room. The string is used to turn the goal so that the ball may readily be regained. These goals are the improved article. The first goals, from which the game got its name, were only peach baskets nailed to the wall or running track.

The game can be played by a number of men at once. In a small gymnasium, however, five a side is the most convenient number. In larger rooms nine men can play on a side. This is considered the regular number, and they are placed as shown in the accompanying illustration. The game itself is strictly one of passing the ball from man to man. It can neither be kicked nor batted with the fist. The object is to get the ball into the basket or goal. A large person is useful, but one of the best players at the Twenty-third street Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is a little chap not much over

POSITIONS OF THE PLAYERS.

four feet tall. To get an uncovered position is of the utmost importance, as the player can thus easily get the ball and as easily pass it to one of his side near the goal. It requires a great deal of practice to put the ball in the goal, which is placed at some distance above the players' heads. Not alone must a player be skillful, he must also be very lively. A player must throw the ball from the spot where he catches it, but he can turn around to throw it. No interference is allowed, and tackling and pushing are strictly prohibited. A player may only obstruct the passage of the ball after it is thrown.

When the game is played on a field the player may run with the ball if he continually throws it above his head and catches it again. The ball may also be dribbled along the ground with the hand.

Team play counts for everything in basket play. The two forwards and the home man should always work together to get the ball into the goal. The backs guard the goal, and the center men are supposed to get the ball and pass it forward toward the home man.

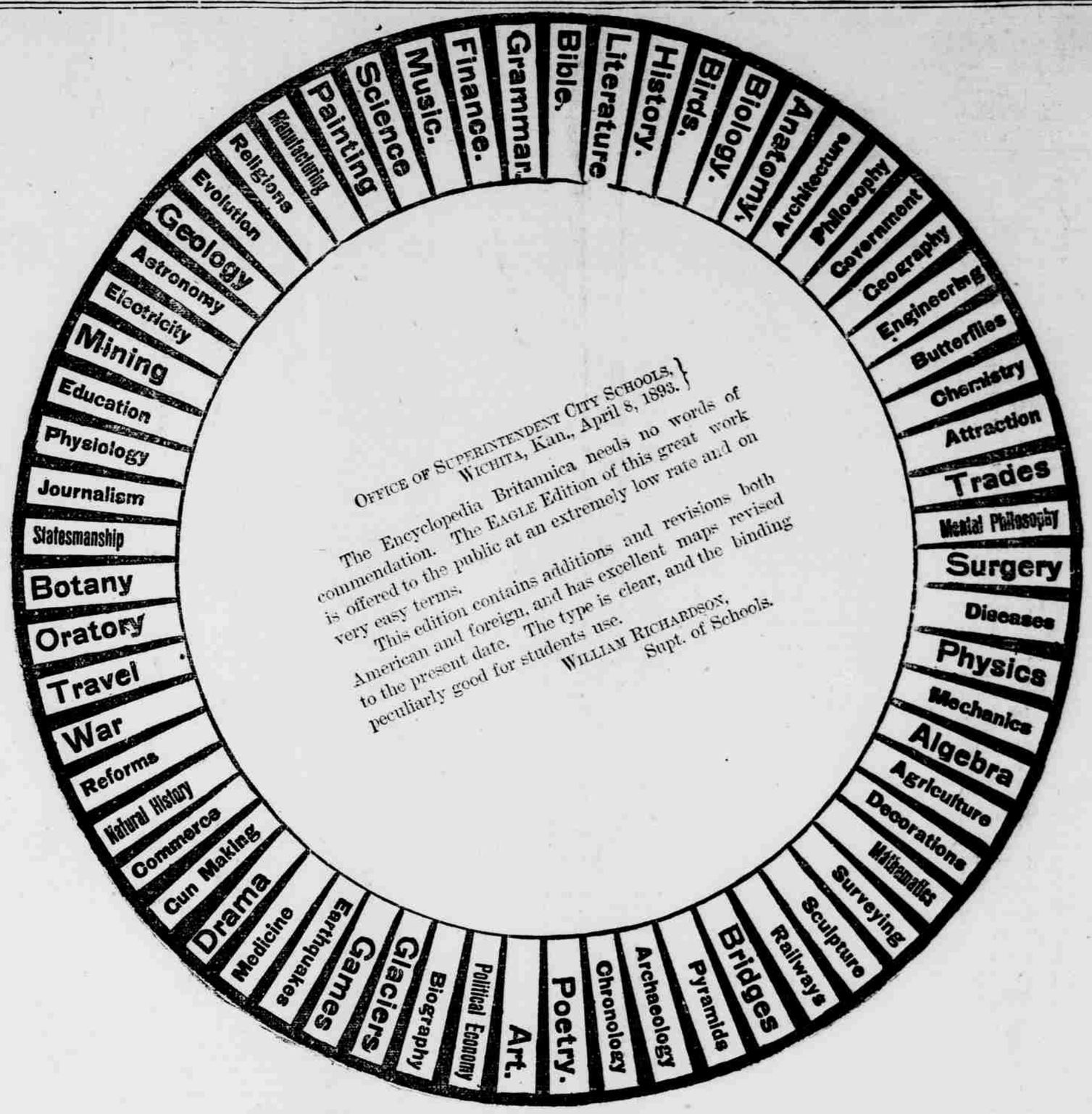
The game is usually played in two halves of fifteen minutes each, with a slight intermission. When a goal is made the game goes right on. It is perhaps the "fastest" game played today, and is played with a snap which football players in lining up may well envy.

Might Marry Fools in America.

Several men who have outlived their greatness are now glad to earn their living as coachmen in Berlin. Among them are sixteen nobles, seven retired army officers and three pulpitless pastors. Three British notabilities now gleefully crack the whip as London cabmen; they are an ex-member of parliament, a baron and a marquis.

Long Lived.

The turtle can live for nearly a century and the pike for about one hundred and seventy-five years.



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