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#### THE COLLEGE ATHLETES.

The Great Amateur Tournament Which Takes Place May 17.

New York, May 7.—[Special Correspondence of THE INDEPENDENT.]—College athletes all over the country are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the most notable athletic event of the year which takes place in this city on May 17. On that day all the crack athletes of the intercollegiate association and those who have distinguished themselves in the Amateur Athletic Union will struggle for the supremacy at the first annual spring meeting on the Berkeley Oval, above High Bridge, on the Harlem river. Great records will probably be made, as the contestants have in view the inter-collegiate meeting on May 31. Invitations have been sent by the Berkeley Athletic Club to all the champions in the different sports, and it is stated that the rivalry, especially from the colleges, have been numerous and very gratifying. The fact that at the inter-collegiate meeting in May, 1889, eight records were broken adds additional importance to the coming contest. Within the past three months the grounds at the Berkeley Oval have been improved greatly, and the track is now said by competent judges to be the fastest ever laid in this country, both as to its shape and bed.

This year the games committee of the Berkeley have arranged a program especially designed to test the track athletes. The rules of the American Athletic Union will govern all the contests. Among the events will be a 100-yard dash, scratch; 150-yard dash, handicap (limit 17 yards); 400-yard run, handicap (limit 15 yards); 600-yard run, scratch; half-mile run, handicap (limit 30 yards); 2-mile run, high jump, scratch; 120-yard hurdle, scratch; 220-yard hurdle, handicap (limit 11 yards); 2-mile bicycle, handicap; 3-mile bicycle, team race (teams of 3 men); putting the stone (10 pound), handicap; broad jump, scratch; and tug of war (350 pounds limit), teams of men. Handsome silver cups will be given to the first, second and third in each event, except in the tug of war, in which contest each member of the winning team will receive a prize. A banner will be awarded to the club scoring the greatest number of points during the entire meeting, and in the team bicycle race a banner will also be presented to the leading team, in addition to the other prizes.

Although the entries do not close till May 10, Dr. W. L. Savage, secretary of the games committee, has already a long list of noted athletes who have announced their purpose of competing at the meeting. All the colleges will be represented, including, more particularly, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Princeton, and the Manhattan, New York, New Jersey, Stargisland and Berkeley Athletic clubs. Among the great amateurs of field and cinder-path who will compete are Luther Cary, of Princeton, C. H. Sherrill, of Yale, Herbert Shipman, of Columbia, and A. H. Green, of Harvard. All are famous sprinters, and the opinion is general that the contest will be between Cary and Sherrill, with the chances slightly in the former's favor. In the quarter and half-mile runs it is admitted that Downes, of Harvard, and Dohm, of Princeton, will cut out the pace. Willie Day, of the N. J. A. C., is likely to capture the two-mile run prize, but he will have to meet the speed and endurance of B. George, the greatest runner of the M. A. C., and also Young and Sidney Thomas. Day's recent feats in running have made him a dreaded opponent on the track. There are no entries for the high jump, scratch, this year, but it is understood that J. D. Webster, of Pennsylvania, will compete, and he is almost sure to be winner.

In the hurdle race Mapes, of Columbia, and Copeland, Schwegler, Puffer, Young and Devereux, of the Manhattan Athletic association, will be the principal contestants. The Columbia college boys are watching this event with deep interest, and are hoping to see Mapes, their champion, come in ahead. Should he win, it will send his stock away up as a competitor in the inter-collegiate on the list. Puffer has won the indoor high hurdle championship, and there are some who think he will repeat his victory. Copeland is anxious to beat Schwegler, who outran him at Travers' island last fall. Willie Windle, the champion two-mile bicyclist, will make his last appearance as

a competitor on the flying wheel when he comes on the track on the 17th in the two-mile bicycle handicap. It is quite probable that he will handle the riders so as to retire with an untrodden record. His rivals in the race will be Rich, Campbell and Davis. The entries for the bicycle team race are about complete, the Berkeley club team being notably the strongest in the competition. Harvard and New Jersey will probably have teams in the race. Ex-Champion Rowe is now training the Berkeley riders.

In the broad jump, Columbia confidently relies on Victor Mapes to carry off the prize. The long-of-war teams are not yet quite filled.

Among the hurdlers, Herbert Mapes, of Columbia, may be classed as a No. 1. He is the present intercollegiate champion and will enter both hurdle races at the Berkeley meeting. He jumps the hurdle with knees bent and drawn, his legs well up. His jump is always a short one and he never stops running for an instant. Williams of Yale jumps much higher and does not draw up his legs so much as Mapes. He is much more powerful, however, and accordingly places more reliance in his strength. Deering's style is similar to Williams'. Copeland, of the Manhattan, relies considerably on his great strutting power and spring, rather than on scientific hurdling. He jumps high and with straight legs. Schwegler is noted for his strength, but not for his gracefulness. He runs with bent knees, after the style of Jordan, the record holder.

#### The Ancient and the Modern Foot.

A noticeable thing about the statues found in our museums of art, supposed to represent the perfect figures of ancient men and women, is the apparently disproportionate size of their feet. We moderns are apt to pronounce them too large, particularly those of the females. It will be found, however, that for symmetrical perfection these feet could not be better. A Greek sculptor would not think of such a thing as putting a nine inch foot on a five and one-half foot woman. Their types for these classical marble figures were taken from the most perfect forms of living persons. Unquestionably the human foot, as represented by these old sculptors, was larger than the modern one; and, in fact, the primitive foot of all people of whom we have any record, either by printing or statuary, was considerably larger than the restricted foot of modern times. The masculine foot, forming an approximate average of four different countries, was about 12 inches long; this would require at least a No. 12 or 12½ shoe to cover it comfortably. The average masculine foot to-day is easily fitted with a No. 8½ shoe, and is therefore not above 10 7-16 of an inch. Now, by the old sculptural rule of proportion, a man 5 feet 9 inches in height should have a foot 11½ inches long, or one sixth his height. It was of no consequence what size sandals he wore, but he would have required a modern shoe of at least a No. 10½ for a minimum fit, or a No. 11 for real comfort. For women, allowing for the difference in the relative size of the two sexes, a woman of 5 feet 3 inches in height would have a foot ten inches long, requiring a modern shoe—it ought only to be spoken in a whisper—No. 6 as the most comfortable for that foot, or a No. 5½ as the limit of torture. The reason for the difference between the old classical foot and the modern one is obvious—restriction is what has done it.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

#### Vienna Statistics.

The city government of Vienna publishes annually a fat book full of statistics concerning about everything in the municipality that can be figured on. The volume for 1888, which has just appeared, contains 600 pages and a few interesting details as to the life and habits of the Viennese. The number of houses was increased by 280 to 13,321 in 1888, although unusually many flats and villas on the outskirts were bought throughout the year. There were 15,500 legitimate and 11,500 illegitimate births in the city. In consequence of the raising of the prices of cigars by the government, 12,000,000 fewer were smoked than in 1887. The Viennese get even with the state, however, by smoking cigarettes, the consumption of which was increased by 24,000,000. Two hundred and ninety-six citizens left the Roman Catholic church and 257 the Jewish church. Sixty adopted the Jewish faith and 130 cut loose from religion altogether.

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