DECLINE OF POOL-ROOMS.

Only the Initiated Can Gain Entrance to Them Nowadays.

GREAT SECRECY OBSERVED.

Bolts, Bars and Watchers to Prevent the Entrance of Undesirable Customers.

SEVERAL KEPT OVER SALOONS.

An Evening World Reporter Manages to Get Into Many and Describes How They Are Run.

While it is certain that there are just as many pool-rooms running today as when the proprietors were allowed to do business openly, still the uninitiated have a hard time trying to bet on horse-racing. There is something in the present manner of conducting pool-rooms to remind the gambler of the time when before the passage of the Ives bill every proprietor had to pay a dozen or more watchers, and raids from Headquarters detectives were of frequent occurrence.

To get into a pool-room in these days the would-be bettor must be vouched for by some one who is well known to the proprietor or the watchers.

Scouts are out on every corner. The appearance of ward men and detectives is signalled, and even if raids are contemplated, the difficulties of making successful captures seem almost insurmountable.

Neither is there the same profit in the pool-room business. The expense attached to the running of each establishment is much greater, while the fear of being betrayed necessarily means a light business.

Pool-Rooms Preferred to Track.

There was a time when hundreds of men would prefer going into a pool-room than to a race track. On the walls were the big blackboards showing in large letters the names of the horses entered in the different races, the weights jockeys and the track betting. Inside the railing a telegraph instrument clicked merrily, and as the race was being run at the track a deep-voiced man described the positions of the horses at various points.

All that is changed. There are few blackboards now. Neither is there any man to call off the race. Instead of the bustling rooms of other days men speak only in whispers. Then there is always fear that the police might drop in at any moment.

Several Close Together.

Within a stone's throw of the Grand Central Depot half a dozen pool-rooms are in operation, and to nearly all of these an "Evening World" reporter managed to gain admission yesterday. All of these rooms are located over liquor stores, through which entrance must be effected.

It was almost laughable to see the secrecy observed about James R. Keane's saloon, 677 Third avenue, between Forty-second and Forty-third streets. The saloon itself is small, scarcely more than twenty feet long, having one bar and one bartender to dispense the drinks. Overhead is the pool-room, to enter which, unless well known, is next to impossible.

A door leads from the saloon into the hallway at the bottom of a flight of stairs.

A man who is a perfect giant in stature stood in the saloon beside the door. When the reporter tried to pass him the watcher slammed the door, and before asking any questions gave two distinct knocks on the panel. Instantly there was the sound of bolts and bars revolving, and all was silence.

Questioned by the Doorkeeper.

The guardian of the door then put a number of questions, concluding with the declaration that as the reporter was not known he would not be permitted to [illegible] patairs.

"We can't be too strict," he added, [illegible] the papers got onto us there [illegible] the mischief to pay. I am [illegible] out these are my instructions." [illegible] then one of the habitues of the [illegible] volunteered the information that [illegible] visitor was "straight," and after [illegible] the road was easy.

[illegible] giant knocked on the door again, [illegible] was followed by the sound of [illegible] drawing bolts and chains. Then [illegible] the door swung open another man [illegible] found seated in the hallway.

[illegible] flight of narrow stairs led to a [illegible] sixteen by seventeen feet, and on [illegible] bring the contrast between that and [illegible] pool-rooms of former days was apparent. On the top of the stairs two [illegible] men stood guard, while two other [illegible] employees were walking uneasily up [illegible] down.

The room was bereft of furniture, not [illegible] even a chair being visible. On the [illegible] wall was an ordinary board showing the [illegible] races at the different tracks. There [illegible] was no appearance of betting anywhere. At the end of the room was a door which led into a little hall room about [illegible] feet by three, and in this was a small table around which three men sat. Sheets of paper were spread out before them, while occasionally they whispered with another man who stood at the door beside a speaking tube which connected with a room above. In the latter room was the operator, who received the information from the track and then whispered it down through the tube.

The men were marking the odds on a slip of paper when the reporter entered, and having completed their task, the slip was tacked up on the opposite wall. Instantly there was a rush of bettors towards it. They discussed the odds, the horses and the jockeys, which were all marked on the slip, and then the crowd moved slowly towards the little table, the reporter going with the others.

Bet, but No Tickets Given.

Here again was a big difference apparent. Instead of making out a slip or "commission," as the old-time pool-rooms demanded, and receiving in return for the money deposited a printed and numbered card, no slip of any kind was made out, nor was any card given in exchange.

The men who had the "sure thing" simply put down their money, named the horse they wanted to play and gave merely the initials of their name. All this was duly recorded on the sheets, and later, in case any of the favorites won, the money was paid out on repeating the initials originally given.

All the windows were kept closed in spite of the heat, and as the day wore on the room became crowded. Under ordinary circumstances the place would not accommodate more than about fifty people, but over 100 managed to get into it.

The gamblers were all or nearly all of the poorer class, and the men who run the room will take anything from a dollar up.

No "Kicking" Heard.

Half the men there were smoking or using tobacco, and the atmosphere soon became thick enough to cut, but no one minded it. The game itself seemed to be conducted on a perfectly fair basis, and no "kicking" of any kind was indulged in.

When the reporter started to leave he had to go through almost the same performance as when entering, save that he was not questioned; but all the bolts had to be withdrawn and the same signalling gone through with.

Downstairs in the bar the man who was pointed out as being the proprietor of the room was walking about nervously. There was a positive air of sadness about his countenance, doubtless caused by his contrasting the present miserable condition of affairs with the glories of the past.

Other rooms on Forty-second street, one on each side of Third avenue, were also visited. The conditions in each case were the same. The wonder was that the entrance to all was from a saloon.

WANT FEWER RACES.

English Turf Writer Thinks the Sport May Be Overdone.

LONDON, April 16.—The Daily News this morning editorially urges that in the election for new stewards of the Jockey Club, which takes place this week, somebody be chosen who favors a policy of curtailing instead of increasing the number of races.

Otherwise, the paper says, Parliament will be found granting a local veto on racing.

BASEBALL CHAT.

"Jeems" Stafford received an opportunity yesterday to show the New York cranks just what kind of ball he is capable of playing, and the McPhee boomers who have been giving the new second baseman unjustified raps were forced to acknowledge the correctness of "The Evening World's" reports of his work in the South. Jim covered his position in a manner that set aside all doubts as to his agility and headwork. It is pleasing to note, however, that certain adverse critics who may have axes to grind are manly enough to come to the front and give Jim credit for the game he put up. It takes more than one game to make a player, however, but yesterday's game is a sample of what the Webster boy has done before and is capable of doing again.

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Pitcher Driscoll had the Giants doing all kinds of twists and turns trying to connect with his slow curves for six innings yesterday. As soon as he put a little speed into his delivery, however, it was all day with him. The Giants smashed the ball all over the lot.

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"Dad" Clarke still refuses to tell where he got that "sparkler." It is said that the gem cost $1,500.

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Lester German will in all probability do the twirling against the Yale aggregation to-morrow.

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Come, come, Yon Yonson Doyle, it is nearly time you were getting into the game and stopped taking foolhardy chances in base running. Such exhibitions of carelessness as were made yesterday are far from funny, and that's no joke.

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"Little Amie" Rusie received good practice yesterday for Thursday's great game. Up to the last inning he held the collegians down to two or three scattering hits and struck out ten men.

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Michael "Jersey" Tiernan keeps right in the game. He has no intention of being ousted by any young blood.

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George Van Haltren took his old place yesterday and put up a strong game. His shoulder is about right again.

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Jack Sharrott, formerly one of the Giants, now manager of the Bangor Baseball Club, is married. His bride was Margaret Coleman, of Bangor, Me.

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The Holy Cross College team opened the baseball season at Springfield yesterday by defeating the Springfield Eastern Leaguers in a closely contested game of six innings. The game was played in the mud and rain and was terminated by darkness, when the score was 3 to 2 in favor of the collegians. Sackalexis won the game in the third inning by rapping out a three-bagger with two men on bases and two out.

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The Mercury Baseball Club is made up as follows: P. Newman and J. L. Neufeld, catchers; Capt. M. H. Krabs and J. Weinberger, pitchers; H. N. Appell, shortstop; W. Krampner, first base; S. Belaman, second base; N. Busky, third base; S. D. Hollner, centre field; L. H. Frauenhar, left field; J. Frauenhar, right field; Henry Scheibel, mascot. They are open to play teams averaging seventeen years of age. All challenges should be addressed to Capt. Maurice H. Krabs, 21 Willett street, city.

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The Young Lucania Baseball Club has organized for the season. They would like to hear from teams eleven to twelve years old. The following players compose the Lucania team: P. Clark, J. Meyer, D. Miner, E. Richmond, A. Brening, G. Miner, R. Daneson, T. McBride, Eddie Morris, George Dodd, mascot. Address all challenges to P. Clark, 486 Hudson street, city.

He wants "Mamie Reynolds" to write some verses.

To the Editor:

As a constant reader of "The Evening World" and a baseball crank, I take great interest in your "Baseball Chat." I notice our friend, Mamie Reynolds, opinion of the New Yorks after seeing the Princeton and U. of P. games. Did Mamie see the Yale and Brown University games? If so, what is her opinion of Capt. Davis and his so-called "Giants?"

A BASEBALL CRANK.

ST. ASAPH ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, ST. ASAPH, Va., April 16.—The entries and weights for to-morrow's races on this track are as follows:

First Race—Five furlongs.

Benefactor	105	Chevalier	105
The Kelp	105	Wheeler	105
Senator Vest	105	Deno	105
Mabel Glenn	105	Herkimer	105
Oxford	105	Johannes	105

Second Race—Four furlongs.

Hermia	105	Bandala	105
Religion	105	Felicia	105
Summertime	105	Lady Greenway	105

Third Race—Six and a half furlongs.

Albert Sidney	117	Hawarden	112
Travers	117	Reform	112
Foundling	117	Salvor	109
Sue Kittie	112	The Scalper	109
Ceremony	112		

Fourth Race—One mile.

Copyright	113	Major-General	109
St. Michael	110	Peter the Great	103
Restraint	110	Paladin	94

Fifth Race—Five furlongs.

Lorimer	105	Cuckoo	105
Lochinvar	105	Lillie K	105
Ina	105	Round Brook	105
Velvet Rose	105	Tancred	105
Dumas (late Esher)	105	Minnie S	[illegible]
Dolly colt	105		

Sixth Race—Five furlongs.

Bonnieville	106	Teardrop	98
Vision	104	Wilton	94
Tolosa	103	Stanley M	91

Fifth race failed to fill. The first was divided.

SPORTING MISCELLANY.

A convention of bowlers will be held in this city within two weeks, to revise the rules now governing the game. Presidents and secretaries of clubs are invited to communicate with Dr. Timm, 6 East Third street.

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The National Ethiopian Amusement Company, which engineered a successful cake-walk at Madison Square Garden last month, has secured the Garden for Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, when a similar entertainment, but on a much larger scale, will be given. The jubilee chorus of 100 voices is rehearsing new songs, and there will be a different programme each night. New features will mark the buck and wing dancing competitions. Several prima donnas contest the claim of the Black Patti as the premier songstress of the colored race, and the more prominent will be engaged to give their side of the argument. The cake-walk is to be a mammoth affair. Sixty couples will start Friday night for the $250 prize and will walk until the judges sift them down to thirty couples, who will compete in the finals Saturday night. Manager Jim Kennedy is also arranging a match walk between Luke Blackburn and Proctor Knott for the final night. Both men have won championships at straight walking.

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The St. George Athletic Club will hold a carnival of sports at its grounds in Weehawken, N. J., on July 4, including a set of members' games and a baseball game between the Teutonia Club and the St. George Baseball Club.

PLATING THE CUP DEFENDER

Manganese Bronze "Planking" All Ready for the Bolts.

She Will Be Called "Defender" and Will Have a Dagger Centre-Board.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BRISTOL, R. I., April 16.—From a most authoritative source "The Evening World" correspondent has ascertained that fifty of the steel frames of the cup defender are now set up in the well guarded works of the Herreshoffs. The work of setting up was begun in the centre of the boat, working forward and aft.

The work of bolting on the manganese bronze plates will be begun at once, in order to keep things moving while waiting for the sternpost. The plates are fifteen feet long and four feet wide, and six of them when weighed at the shop yesterday tipped the scales at 4,000 pounds. As this bronze is worth 50 cents a pound, it will readily be seen that the work of plating a boat, which will be about 126 feet over all, will be an expensive operation.

It is figured that the cup defender will have a breadth of beam of 23 feet and about 18 feet draught.

The plating of the boat will be begun in the centre. Bolts of the same material as the plates will be used and great care will be exercised in heating them, as slight overheating would cause the metal to crumble and run like lead. The plates have been smoothed and polished during the past few days, and they will be bent to the required curves by an ingenious machine in the Herreshoff shops.

The sails, which are being made of cotton duck in a large unoccupied room at the factory of the National India Rubber Company, will be completed in about four weeks.

The cup-defender syndicate has officially announced that the name of the yacht will be "Defender." Her crew will be made up entirely of Americans, every man of whom is a thorough master of his vocation. Their names and ages are as follows: George Conant, thirty-six; W. C. Pickering, thirty-two; J. P. Russey, twenty-seven; F. B. McCauley, twenty-three; John T. Staples, twenty-six; Roswell L. Fifield, twenty-four; Walter Eton, nineteen; Gardick Green, eighteen; George Stinson, thirty-two; E. E. Hamblen, thirty; James Robbins, twenty-two; E. C. Haskell, twenty-six; Samuel Bray, twenty-six; George L. Hardy, thirty-one; Rollins Staples, thirty-one; Charles H. Scott, thirty-two; John T. Marshall, thirty; Harry W. Gray, twenty-three; William Scott, thirty-six; Irving Barbour, twenty-seven; Bentley Barbour, twenty-three; Herbert Bray, twenty-one; Leslie Stinson, twenty-four; W. W. Horton, twenty-six; H. P. Davis, forty.

"The Evening World's" exclusive statement, made some months ago, that she will have a centre-board, is corroborated. The board will be much the same as was the forward one on the Jubilee. It will be a "dagger," located just forward of the fin.

WANTS TO MEET SANDOW.

Strong Man C. A. Sampson Means Business and Posts His Money.

C. A. Sampson, the strong man, is more than anxious for a contest with Sandow. He called at "The Evening World" office this afternoon to express his willingness to compete at feats of strength with his rival for any sum from $5,000 to $10,000 a side.

He suggests a competition of twelve feats, six to be selected by each man, the proposed feats to be written and sealed and only opened when the men are on the stage ready to begin the contest. Any other fair and reasonable plan would be equally satisfactory to the challenger, he says.

In earnest of his offer, Sampson has deposited $250 with the Police Gazette, and anxiously awaits the reply of Sandow. It will be remembered that the challenger has made repeated efforts to bring about a match, but has never succeeded in getting Sandow down to actual business since their unsatisfactory contest in London, five years ago.

GOSSIP OF THE TURF.

The Coney Island Jockey Club, despite the objections that have been raised to the Gray bill, announces stakes for its two meetings. Of course the provision is made that the events may be declared off. The stakes are as follows: June meeting—Suburban Handicap, $5,000 added; Coney Island Handicap, $1,500; Sheepshead Bay Handicap, $1,500; Long Island Handicap, $2,000; Grass Inaugural Stakes (on turf), $1,500 guaranteed; Swift Stakes (three-year-olds), $2,000; Spindrift Stakes (three-year-olds), $2,000; Zephyr Stakes (two-year-olds), $2,000; Spring Stakes (two-year-olds), $2,000; June Stakes (two-year-olds), $2,000; Vernal Stakes (two-year-olds), $2,000; Daisy Stakes (two-year-olds, on turf), $1,000; Pansy Stakes (two-year-olds), $1,500. Autumn meeting—Flight Stakes, $2,500; September Stakes, $2,500; Autumn Stakes (two-year-olds), $3,000; Flatbush Stakes (two-year-olds), $3,000; Great Eastern Handicap (two-year-olds), $5,000. Entries for the June meeting close April 22, clerk of the course, C. I. J. C., Fifth avenue and Twenty-second street, city.

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C. C. Moffatt, President of the St. Louis Fair Association and Western Turf Congress, has received a despatch from W. G. Harding and J. A. Murphy, stating that the horse Simmons had been reinstated and was eligible to run on any of the Turf Congress tracks. This means that his match race with Dr. Rice will take place at the Fair Grounds next Saturday.

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The St. Asaph Stakes yesterday was far from satisfactory. The alleged phenomenon, The Hartford, for which "Father" Bill Daly refused a bona fide offer of $10,000, was beaten after running a quarter of a mile. Applegate and Just passed The Hartford and was gaining rapidly on Floretta, who was making the running, when he bolted and went wide on the far turn. This, of course, cinched things for Floretta, who galloped home an easy winner.

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Had Applegate run straight and true it is likely that a bruising finish would have resulted. The writer predicts that the first time this pair meet on a straight track Applegate will prove the victor. He has a resolute style of going and will ultimately prove the best youngster of the pair. There is some excuse for The Hartford, in the fact that he has been sick during the meeting, and was hardly at his best. He stopped so suddenly, however, that the conviction was forced upon one that he lacked heart.

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Dan Downing, son of the owner of Equity, was far from satisfied with the way Reiff rode Equity. So, in fact, were the majority of those who backed the mare. The mare was within striking distance of the leaders on the far turn and was going very easily. Reiff made a very poor feint of riding a finish, but it did not fool any one. Secretary McIntyre asked Mr. Downing after the race what was the matter with the mare. Downing replied that there was nothing wrong with the mare, but that he was far from satisfied with the ride he got.

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White Cockade, who ran in the maiden race, cost W. B. Jennings $750 as a yearling. He sold him to Spears & Walters for $50. The colt ran a very fair race yesterday after getting away badly.

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Reiff gave Lollie Eastin a very easy race in the closing event. He sat still throughout, and the filly was close up all the way. She will be cut loose very soon, so this paragraph is worth committing to memory.

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St. Michael is a very bad horse. This is the animal that caused J. F. Ware to be ruled off last Fall, and at the time "The Evening World" protested against the injustice of the ruling. The gelding has never won a race since, and does not seem likely to unless he strikes very bad cattle.

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Montezuma ran out on the turn in the fifth race. Scarcely a day passes but some race is lost by horses running wide. This is caused by the fact that the turns are not thrown up enough. Horsemen have complained, but the Association pays no heed.

Baseball.

Yale vs. New York—Polo Grounds to-morrow, 3.30 P. M.

HORSE-TRAINERS ANXIOUS.

Weather Against Getting Their Charges Ready for May 15.

Youngsters Show Fair Form at Sheepshead and Gravesend.

(Special to The Evening World.)

GRAVESEND, April 16.—Cold and raw northeasterly winds blew down the Long Island race tracks this morning. Trainers are beginning to complain of the weather, as the time is very limited for them to have their charges fit for May 15.

Dave Gideon, J. E. McDonald, E. McDonald, Charles Littlefield, sr., and Frank Clarke took up positions in the judges' stand at Sheepshead, and Billy Lakeland appeared first on the scene with a string of Messrs. Keene's three-year-olds.

Agitator, Irish Reel, Roundelay and Emma C. did a strong gallop. Agitator showed some of his famous sire's moods, and Lakeland says he has one of the worst tempers he ever saw in a horse.

In the second set the two-year-old division was worked. Goldcrest was again in the lead, but the gallop to-day was in indian file, and each held his position to the finish. Mr. Gideon spoke very nicely about Mr. Lakeland's string. Domino and Assignee had a good strong gallop twice the circuit of the track. The antics of the famous black amused the visitors immensely.

The third set Mr. Gideon was deeply impressed with, especially with Freeland's beautiful brother. The Faverdale colt made his appearance again with this set. He looked and moved well. Inquirendo, the brother to Reporter, Bowling Green and Hornpipe made up the set. A quartet of grander looking three-year-olds could not be seen. Their work to-day was a long gallop in Indian file, with the Brooklyn candidate, Hornpipe, in the lead. The last mile was well under a two-minute clip.

Charles Littlefield's strings were well looked over by Mr. Gideon. Connoisseur and Bright Phoebus were his choices.

J. E. McDonald's two-year-olds were worked half a mile in 53 seconds.

The party afterwards went to the stable to see Rubicon.

At the Gravesend track good routine work was done. The colt Nick Johnson did a clever piece of work, running a quarter of a mile with 130 pounds, against the wind, in 25 seconds, flat.

WANT DAMAGES FOR ARREST.

Hackman Thompson's Case is the First of Its Kind on Record.

Joseph R. Thompson, a member of the Hackmen's Union, has brought suit in the City Court for $2,000 damages from W. H. Sealch, a livery stable keeper, of East Thirty-second street.

Thompson was arrested last June on Sealch's complaint for keeping his hack standing on the corner of Thirty-third street and Fifth avenue, in violation of the law. He was taken before Justice McMahon and held for trial in Special Sessions, where he was convicted and fined $5.

Through his counsel, Charles and Alfred Steckler, he has brought the suit on the ground that the Court of Special Sessions had no jurisdiction in the matter. The law provides that in an offense of that kind the fine is to be imposed by the Mayor or his Marshal, and and is to be sued for and recovered by the Corporation Counsel.

If the Court decides for Thompson, the policeman who arrested him, Justice McMahon and the Judge of Special Sessions are equally liable for acting without authority. Thompson's offense was not one for the criminal courts to take cognizance of, it is held.

The case is the first of its kind to be tried. All suits for damages for arrest are based upon the acquittal of the suitor; in this instance the party suing has been convicted. The Court of Appeals will probably have to decide in the matter.

A NAUGHTY PHONOGRAPH.

Anthony Comstock Has the Owner Arrested and Held.

Agent Oram, of the Society for the Prevention of Vice, acting under orders from Anthony Comstock, this morning arrested Serafo Arteaga, of 36 Broadway and 65 Exchange place, on a charge of circulating indecent, profane and sacrilegious speeches.

Comstock heard a phonograph was in the saloon of Charles A. Kramer, at 67 Warren street, called "The School." Oram heard nine selections, which he says were obscene and indecent. The bartender said Arteaga was the owner.

Oram confiscated the machine and the nine rolls and secured a warrant for Arteaga's arrest.

Arteaga was held by Justice Voorhis in the Tombs Police Court this morning in $500 for examination on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. William F. Grote, known as "Fatty," became bondsman.

Kramer was arrested by Agent Oram this morning. He told Justice Voorhis he only used the cylinders complained of at the special request of patrons, and they were not exposed to the general public. Justice Voorhis held him in $500 for examination Thursday.

MUST PAY LAWYERS' FEES.

Settling a Case Out of Court Does Not Remove the Obligation.

Judge Herman Bolte, of the Second District Court, decided to-day that lawyers must be paid their fees in cases where they have been retained and where the litigants settle their differences out of court.

The decision was given in the suit of Louis Silberstein to recover $149 for rent from Joseph Fortunato. The case came to trial a few days ago and Silberstein's lawyer announced that his client had settled the case without consulting him and asked for costs.

In his decision the Judge says:

"Lawyers, and more particularly the young ones, are cheated right and left by their clients. I believe that attorneys should properly be protected by the Court in the collection of proper fees, more particularly in a district court."

Who Has Seen Miss Irene Brough?

Supt. Byrnes received a letter this afternoon from Eugene Williams, a saver of Whitehall, Texas, asking him to find a Miss Irene Brough and hand her a letter that was inclosed. Mr. Williams's letter says that he has learned of matters most interesting to the young woman. Miss Brough moved in New York few months ago, the letter says, and it is feared she is in want.

Held Up in a Busy Freight-Yard.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 16.—Owen Bigelow was piloting his engine through the yards at Thirty-fourth street and Stewart avenue, one of the busiest parts of the switching system to-day, when a man jumped on the car with a revolver. Bigelow and his fireman, Charles Dillis, made no resistance, and handed over their watches and money, but Bigelow was sly in the last when he raised an alarm, so the robbers were escaping. His wound is not fatal.

Grand Jury After Firebugs.

Fire Marshal Mitchell was a witness to-day before the Grand Jury. His testimony is believed to be in connection with the recent west side fires, which are being investigated, it is said, by the Grand Jury.

TO WED HOLLAND'S QUEEN.

Prince Alfred Likely to Be Betrothed to Young Wilhelmina.

LONDON, April 16.—The World publishes a report to the effect that Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, eldest son, and heir of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (more generally known as the Duke of Edinburgh), second son of Queen Victoria, is likely to be betrothed to the young Queen Wilhelmina of Holland.

QUEEN WILHELMINA OF HOLLAND.

The young Queen was born at The Hague on Aug. 31, 1880, and the young Prince was born in London on Oct. 15, 1874. The mother of Queen Wilhelmina is Regent of Holland during the minority of the Queen.

It has been announced here that Queen Wilhelmina, accompanied by the Queen-Regent, will leave Amsterdam on May 26 for London, via Flushing.

BRITAIN WON'T ACCEPT.

The Globe Says She Will Push Her Claims Against Nicaragua.

LONDON, April 16.—The Globe this afternoon says that the answer of Nicaragua to the ultimatum of Great Britain, regarding the expulsion of Mr. Hatch, the British Consular agent from Nicaraguan territory, is not acceptable to the British Government, and that steps to enforce the ultimatum will be taken immediately.

It is stated on good authority that the question of a protest upon the part of the United States against the bombardment of Greytown, and the landing of British troops on Nicaraguan has never been raised between Great Britain and the United States, so far as the British Government is aware.

In any case, it is added, the British will not bombard Greytown in the event of Nicaraguan refusing to comply with the demands of Great Britain. But steps will be taken to insure the payment of the indemnity demanded by the British Government, and the necessary orders have been sent to commanders of British warships.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Sir Julian Pauncefote has not received any definite advices concerning the latest Nicaraguan developments. Sir Julian has not been kept advised of the negotiations, but such a decisive move as the one reported, indirectly involving the United States, undoubtedly would be communicated to him.

EARTHQUAKES IN AUSTRIA.

Laibach Reports Six Slight Shocks—Twelve Killed So Far.

VIENNA, April 16.—A despatch from Laibach, capital of the Duchy of Carniola, announces that there were three fresh earthquake shocks there yesterday evening and three more at 9 o'clock this morning. These shocks, however, were not serious and the people are returning to their homes.

Of the number of persons killed, two met their death at Laibach and seven were killed in the vicinity of that place. In addition, three children were killed in the village of Rodica.

Enormous damage was done in many towns and villages of the Laibach district.

GEN. CAMPOS IN CUBA.

Arrival of the "Peacemaker" Hailed with Enthusiasm.

HAVANA, April 16.—Capt.-Gen. Martinez de Campos arrived at Guantanamo at 9 o'clock this morning. He met with an enthusiastic reception from an immense crowd of people which acclaimed him as "The Peacemaker."

There is rejoicing over the whole island and by all classes of society at the arrival of the Captain-General, for there is a longing for peace.

Gen. Campos took possession of the island as Captain and Governor-General of Cuba at the moment of landing and without the customary ceremonies, as, by a special order of the Spanish Government, signed by Her Majesty the Queen, he is exempted from taking the oath and from all the legal performances employed upon such occasions.

FLOOD IN THE MERRIMACK.

Water at Nashua Still Rising—3,000 Forced to Stop Work.

NASHUA, N. H., April 16.—The flood in the Merrimack River here this morning reached the highest point for twenty-seven years, and the water is still rising at the rate of two inches an hour.

The city is practically cut off from the north, no trains or mails having arrived over the main line of the Concord and Montreal Railroad for thirty-six hours. The electric power plant has been forced to shut down because of the flood, and as a result scores of factories depending on it have closed.

About three thousand persons have been forced to stop work as a result of the freshet. The Pennichuck Brook railroad bridge has been washed away, and the water is now undermining the Canal street bridge. Streets in the eastern part of the city near the river are partly submerged. The water is now backing up through the sewers and causing much damage.

CONCORD, N. H., April 16.—The rise in the waters of the Merrimack reached its climax at midnight, when the river touched high-water mark at a point nearly two feet above the mark set by the great flood of 1869. Since last night, however, the river has fallen thirteen inches and is still receding. The damage thus far reported is small, and there has been no loss of life.

Farmer Dunn's Weather Forecast.

Weather Forecaster Dunn predicts occasional showers and stationary temperature and high northeast winds for this afternoon and to-night. There was a slight storm will along the New England coast this morning.

Weather Forecast.

Forecast for thirty-six hours ending 8 P. M. Wednesday for New York City and vicinity: Cloudy, with an occasional shower, stationary temperature, northeasterly winds.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the morning hours as indicated by the thermometer at Perry's pharmacy:

3 A. M.	45	6 A. M.	41	9 A. M.	46
12 M.	49				

Died of a Broken Heart.

Bernard Kellner, a veteran, living in Newark, died on Saturday. His friends say that his death was caused by a broken heart. Kellner's name was recently dropped from the pension list as a dishonorably discharged soldier. He was ill at the time, and the disgrace killed him.

CROKER'S FIRST WIN.

Eau De Gallie, formerly Utica, Gets the Crawford Plate.

Defeated a Field of Nine English Cracks at Newmarket.

Jockey Sims Sent the Colt Out and Was Never Headed.

NEWMARKET, April 16.—Mr. Richard Croker scored his first victory on the English turf to-day, winning the Crawford Plate Handicap with Eau de Gallie, formerly Utica, formerly Trojan.

Estar, four years old, carrying six stone eight pounds, the property of Sir J. Blundell Maple, was second, and Erin, five years old, carrying seven stone twelve pounds, the property of Capt. Machell, was third.

The post odds were 8 to 1 against Eau de Gallie, 7 to 1 against Estar and 9 to 4 against Erin.

Eau de Gallie carried 102 pounds, Maple 92 pounds and Erin, as mentioned, 110 pounds. Worlsthorpe carried top weight—122 pounds.

Willie Sims, the colored jockey, was on Eau de Gallie and made the running throughout. The colored boy rode in masterly style and won with comparative ease.

At the drop of the flag Sims was first away and was never headed. Erin, the favorite, ran almost even with the American horse, and the latter seemed to tire a bit coming up the hill, and towards the finish it looked dangerous for the son of Iroquois.

Sims applied the whip just in time, and Eau de Gallie responded gamely and fairly jumped ahead and captured the prize.

The other starters were Prince Soltykoff's Woodthorpe, Baron de Rothschild's Harfleur II., M. R. Lebaudy's Acrobat, Capt. Machell's Erin, Mr. Daniel Cooper's Paprika, the Duke of Hamilton's The Nipper, Sir J. Blundell Maple's Estar, Mr. T. L. Cambie's Telesinus, and Sir. J. Miller's Lord George.

The cheers which arose as the American horse won could not have been heartier if an English horse had come in ahead. Messrs. Croker and Dwyer and Hardy Campbell, their trainer, were congratulated on all sides.

When Simms rode into the paddock after the race the cheering was renewed, and the unsaddling was witnessed by a great crowd of people, the majority passing favorable comments upon both horse and rider. In the jockeys' dressing-room Simms met with another reception, the jockeys crowding around him and shaking hands with the winner of the race.

During an interview Simms said:

"Yes, we have made a good beginning, and I only hope we can keep it up. I thought at one time that Erin might prove dangerous, as my mount found the hill tiring, but Eau de Gallie was there when I called on him. The courses are very different from what I have been accustomed to, but I must say that I like them better. There was plenty of room and it was all straight running to-day."

In the meantime, in the paddock, the crowd witnessed Hardy Campbell superintending Eau de Gallie's rubbing down. There was much curiosity as to the nature of some preparation which was poured over the horse's back from a long bottle.

"Why, it is whiskey," said one.

"No," said another, "they are giving him an American shampoo. We had better do the same if it makes them as fit as that one was to-day."

"I can only say that I am greatly pleased," said Mr. Croker after the race. "We really did not know how our horses would show up under such different conditions. I greatly appreciate the kindly and sportsmanlike spirit with which we have been treated by all."

Mr. Croker emphatically contradicts the report that Simms was in Paris, and that he had to raise the jockey's salary in order to prevail upon him to come to England.

Harry Reed and Stonenell were also entered for the Crawford Plate. It was said that the former was off his feed.

It was the first race in which any of the Croker and Dwyer string had faced the starter. Banquet was entered for the Mid-Weight Handicap yesterday, but was scratched at the last moment.

The Newmarket Craven meeting of 1895 opened to-day with brilliant weather, but a small attendance.

Messrs. Richard Croker and Michael F. Dwyer saw their horses exercise this morning and were early upon the scene. Their horses were entered for the Double Trial Plate, of 200 sovereigns, for two-year-olds, and for the Crawford Plate, handicap, of 25 sovereigns each, for three-year-olds and upward, and for the Apprentice's Plate, 103 sovereigns, for three-year-olds and upward.

Later in the day Messrs. Croker and Dwyer resolved to scratch all their entries but Eau de Gallie in to-day's events.

The following were the conditions of the race:

The Crawford Plate (handicap) of 15 sovereigns each, with 300 sovereigns added; the second horse to receive 50 sovereigns out of the stakes, for three-year-olds and upward. Bethany Stakes Course, six furlongs.

Eau de Gallie, or Utica, as the colt was known when shipped on Jan. 12, is a three-year old, by Iroquois—Duchess. He is a half brother to Clifford. He won the Expectation Stakes as a two-year-old on Brooklyn Handicap Day last year, against a field of twelve crack colts. He finished second in the Great American at the same meeting on May 26, Waltzer winning.

His next victory was on June 6, a sweepstakes, in which Monotony, Rosita and Sir Dixon jr. started. At Jerome Park, Sept. 25, he won from Midgley, Cockade, Romping Girl and Metropolis. His last victory of the year was on the closing day of the Jerome meeting, when he beat Jewel, Beauregard, Fannie B., Vent and Vocality.

Utica was regarded as a great colt in the opening of the season, but his percentage of victories for starts during the racing was not regarded as at all phenomenal. Still, the breeding was in the horse and his three-year-old form was predicted to show much improvement.

The Grocers' Convention.

About two hundred and forty delegates to the National Retail Grocers' Union, from various places within one hundred miles of New York, are in the city to attend the second annual convention, which opened last night at the Grand Central Palace, Lexington avenue and Forty-third street, where the big food exhibit is going on. There will be a conference to-day between the retailers, manufacturers and wholesalers. To-night the association will elect officers.

Howard Gould's Yacht Stuck on Ways.

BRISTOL, R. I., April 16.—Howard Gould's twenty-rater Niagara, which was to be launched to-day, stuck on the ways at Herreshoff's yard at noon and cannot be launched until the next tide.

TO FIGHT SOCIAL EVIL.

Plan to Enlist Real-Estate Owners in a Crusade.

D. J. Osgood of the City Vigilance League, with Detective Lennon, called on the Mayor to-day to lay before him a new plan of warfare against the social evil.

The League has issued a call to real estate owners, in which the plan of crusade is set forth as follows:

The City Vigilance League, realizing there has been a large depreciation in real estate values in various locations in the City of New York, the result of renting property to people of questionable and immoral character, particularly in flat houses, where the social evil flourishes in its most subtle form; also from the renting of corner store property to liquor dealers who own bawdy houses or brothels, licensed and tacked up in a few weeks ago, by a Tammany Excise Board, thus depreciating the value of entire blocks and destroying them for residential purposes for reputable people; and as the social evil has spread to all parts of the city, it has been decided that unless reputable real estate owners take concerted action millions of dollars in real estate will be destroyed, and honest people of moderate means will be forced to seek homes outside of the city.

The document goes on to say that 20,000 men are employed in the retail liquor stores of the city, who undoubtedly control 50,000 Tammany votes. It quotes Foreman Tabor, of the Grand Jury of 1892, as estimating that the revenue to the police from the liquor stores, disreputable houses and gambling hells reached the enormous sum of from $7,000,000 to $10,000,000 a year.

The league calls upon real estate owners to enroll themselves as members of the "Real Estate Owners' Department of the City Vigilance League."

An assessment of $3 a year for associate members and $5 a year for active members will be made, and it is expected by the League that, with the aid of the real estate men, the social evil can be in a great measure rooted from the resident districts of the city.

The Mayor has taken the matter under consideration, and as it is known he has ideas on the subject he may be expected to say something about the new scheme.

New Jersey Robbed Right and Left.

TRENTON, N. J., April 16.—The investigation into the State House frauds to-day included the printing, translating and interest on State bonds. It was shown that Chief Clerk Joseph Hulme, of the Treasury Department, received many thousands of dollars' interest on deposits, which he kept, or, as he said, "used for political purposes." He admitted receiving from $10,000 to $12,000 in four years from a few financial institutions. The next session of the Committee will be on Tuesday.

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