PING-PONG TOURNAMENT FOR BROOKLYN SOCIETY?

THREE WOMEN PING-PONG LEADERS.
Brooklyn Society Players Who Have Won Many Prizes.

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Friends Want Two Social Leaders to Meet—Results of Various Contests, Mostly Held in Brooklyn, Where All Is Ping-Pong.

In Brooklyn ping-pong literally seems to be all things to all men—and women. Folk of every class are practically cranks about the game. Non-players are so few as scarcely to be countable. From society leaders of the Heights to market gardeners out in the suburbs there are no exceptions to the rule of ping-pong. The politicians are actually talking of putting a table in each of the party headquarters. Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff is the political ping-pong heavy-weight.

The athletes have found the game good training exercise. The Crescent Athletic Club keeps four games going.

The society folk are holding ping-pong parties. Such hotels as the St. George and Margaret are busy with the game.

In addition all classes meet in the half a dozen public ping-pong parlors of the borough, and all of them, too, are represented in the ping-pong tournament now being held in a Fulton street dry-goods store.

Among the society women who have most distinguished themselves in play are several of the younger set. Notably have Miss Alice Post and Mrs. Eugene V. Brewster acquired honors. They have so many prizes each that their friends are trying to bring them together in a tournament for society women to be held in one of the big clubs. There is strong reason to believe that this tournament will be held and that a dozen or more of Brooklyn's social favorites will participate in it.

Miss Post is a well-known dramatic reader and of wide acquaintance in society. In going out a great deal she has had a great practice in ping-pong at many houses, and has become known as the champion ping-pongist of society. Mrs. Brewster is the wife of a well-known lawyer, and she frequently entertains her friends with ping-pong parties.

Among those who came to the front in the recent open ping-pong tournament for women in Brooklyn was Miss Anna Lysaght, who played an exceedingly swift game. She and her sister, Miss Agnes, stood well up in the score in a contest against some of the best players in Brooklyn. It was won by the woman tennis champion of the United States, Miss Elizabeth Moore.

At Athletic Club.

At the Crescent Athletic Club Saturday, there was played out the handicap tourney for the championship of the club, which had caused a lively struggle Tuesday evening. Fully two hundred men crowded into the gymnasium to see the finish, which brought together two of the scratch or Class A men and two of the next or B Class men. Nearly every one expected W. K. Fowler, who is a crack golf player and the winner of some notable ping-pong contests, to carry off the club championship and the prize cup, but he did not get beyond the semi-finals, going down before F. C. Gardner, who had a handicap advantage of half-fifteen.

Mr. Fowler defeated Charles Adams in a bout that had been deferred from Tuesday. Then he tackled Mr. Gardner, and sent cannonball serves across the table in an effort to simply overwhelm his antagonist. Mr. Gardner met them, gave as good as he got, and won by a slight advantage.

For the finals W. Hazard and Mr Gardner were matched. It was a close hot fight, Mr. Gardner having in every other game the advantage of a fifteen handicap over his opponent. Mr. Hazard won the first set, 6—3, but Mr. Gardner tied the second at "five-all." Mr. Hazard, however, won two straight games and the set.

Mr. Gardner reversed things after the two were again on "five-all." This time Mr. Gardner got the two straight games. Mr. Hazard got six games out of ten in the next set and so carried off the blue ribbon.

An Open Tournament.

The open nine-day ping-pong tournament for the men's championship of Brooklyn has got under fair headway at Abraham & Straus's store. These are the results of the first day's play, the winners being named first:

E. H. Lockwood, P. H. Koehler, 6—4, 6—2; C. W. Tucker, Louis H. Hunt, 6—2, 6—3; R. Macbeth, E. W. French, 6—4, 6—0; E. H. Scott, J. McNamara, 4—6, 6—2, 6—4; W. F. Cooper, A. B. Rowland, 6—0, 6—4; C. F. Waller, R. L. Sanford, 5—7, 6—4, 6—0; Arthur Hook, A. E. Schierenbeck and G. J. Furth won by default.

Ping-Pong Hop.

One of the early birds among the seaside hotel proprietors is to open his season with a ping-pong hop. All the prizes are to go for ping-ponging—and they include a handsome loving cup for best man player and gold watch for the best woman player. The affair is to be held Thursday at the White House Inn, Arverne. It is to be under the special direction, so far as ping-pong is concerned, of Prof. Joseph Striem, who this spring in Manhattan gave instructions to many of the stage folk playing along Broadway. Lewis H. May, who has won several ping-pong honors, and Arthur Butler, another player of redoubtable power, are to be among the contestants.

In Manhattan three social clubs united Saturday in a ping-pong tournament in which each was represented by a single champion. So close was the playing that all finished even, with the match nearly over. The finals will have to be played another day. The clubs were the Saronel, Empresnes and Merry Hours, and their champions were, respectively, Milton Loebl, Harry Abramson and Maurice Weisl. These were the results of the matches.

First Set.—Weisl—Loebel, 6-0; Loebl—Abramson, 6-4; Abramson—Weisl, 6-5.

Second Set.—Loebl—Weisl, 6-3; Abramson—Loebl, 6-1; Weisl—Abramson, 6-5.

The third set will be played at the residence of Mr. Weisl on Tuesday of next week. The first prize is to be a handsome ping-pong set, the second a set of ping-pong racquets.

The Merry Hours Social Club is to give a ping-pong party at the home of Marc Rosenberg on Monday, May 26, and the favors are to be boxes of candy, the boxes representing ping-pong bats.

The Morris Tournament.

The Morris Ping-Pong Club, one of the two organizations of the city that are exclusively ping-pong, continued its tournament at the end of last week, with these results in the second rounds:

H. H. Felch beat Harold Broadhead by 10—8, 2—6, 8—4, and then M. S. Clark had a hard battle with Harry Douglas Nicholas, who is the ping-pong champion of Yonkers and is well known in the suburban city as an all-around player of sports. Handicapped by a notable stoutness, Mr. Nicholas still was able to make Mr. Clark play two hours before victory was his. The scores were 2—6, 10—8, 8—6. Mr. Nicholas, after this fatiguing bout, played R. Townley Bryan, than whom there is scarcely a harder player in New York. Mr. Bryan won, 6—2, 6—1, 6—0.

The finals in doubles then came up, and Mr. Bryan and L. A. Smith defeated Harry Broadhead and partner hands down, 6—0, 6—1, 6—2.

Mr. Bryan is to play H. H. Helch in the single finals, and then the fur is expected to fly.

EXPERT BELIEVES MURDER PROVEN IN M'AULIFFE CASE

Justice Mayer Will Probably Decide on "John Doe" Inquiry This Week.

The "John Doe" inquiry into the death of James McAuliffe may be brought to a close this week. It will rest with Justice Mayer, before whom the District-Attorney has been conducting the inquiry, to decide whether The World has exonerated the foes of murder and if it has pointed to the guilty.

If Justice Mayer decides that McAuliffe was murdered the case will then probably be out of the hands of District-Attorney Jerome, because of his prejudice in deciding otherwise that Mr. Mayer will then appoint a special Grand Jury with a special prosecutor to take up the case and indict the guilty.

A summing up of the case prepared by a member of the New York Bar who has had wide experience in criminal cases shows that The World has established a much sounder case of murder in the McAuliffe affair than is shown in many of the cases which go to trial.

It is shown that Mr. Jerome's contention, together with the statement that it would be hard for the murder to be fastened on anyone, has emboldened the murderers to repeat the crime. This contention is shown to be groundless, because the murderers knew that Mr. Jerome was hamstrung by the Glennon case, and that the beating went too far and killed him.

The efforts of the District-Attorney to contradict every witness for the prosecution has had the effect of making the testimony of such witnesses stronger. It has already led to The World's producing more witnesses to substantiate the first one, who now the case appears can hardly be doubted by any legal reasoning person, according to the criminal expert who made a resume of the case.

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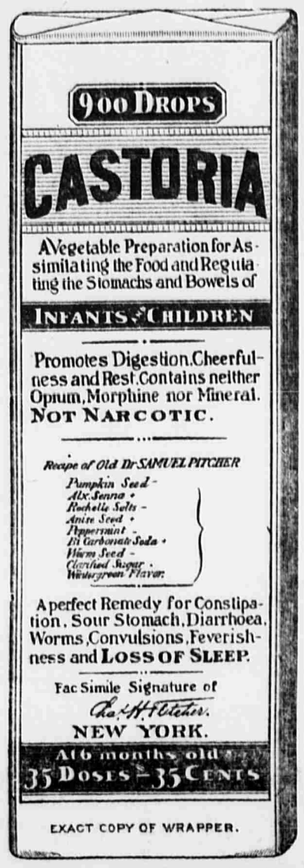

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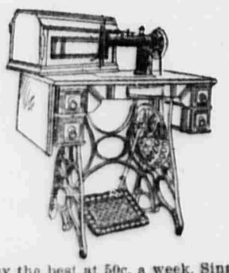

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