OUTDOOR SUMMER CONTESTS

WHEELMEN TO MEET AT BOSTON.

THE PREPARATIONS ON A LARGE SCALE.

A PARADE, BRASS BAND AND A DINNER—EXHIBITION OF MACHINES.

The note of preparation now dominates the harmony of the world of wheelmen, preparation that points toward a great and glorious time at the League meet to be held in Boston the latter part of this week. The League of American Wheelmen is a great institution. Like the average college alumni association it lives to dine and dines to live. Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that it lives to dine and parade and parades and dines to live. Of course it has a board of officers and a racing board. The latter has bored the racing fraternity greatly of late by suspending all the principal "flyers" on the damning charge of being "makers' amateurs." The board of officers also makes itself heard semi annually to the extent of sixty-seven and a half columns of "proceedings," stenographic reports, and published in the "official organ." Besides these, the League has a representative or "consul," a sort of a good Samaritan on wheels, in every town of importance. The pay of a consul is the privilege of having his name published once a year in the "official organ." His mercenary characteristics are, a suitable capacity,—liquid measure,—endurance and leisure. His duties are to take in the wandering tourist that comes down from Jericho, steer him to the League hotel, which is some pet hostelry selected by the consul and thereby entitled to wear in its office a certificate of the fact and of good moral character; bind up his wounds, and treat him in the customary manner. Then if he thoroughly understands his duties he will take the stranger out to the roughest piece of road in the neighborhood under pretence of showing him "the good riding" and run him over it until he drops out of the saddle from exhaustion. Still, as was said before, all these things are secondary to the annual parade and banquet.

Once a year the League has a meet in some large city. Every wheelman who can beg, borrow or steal a vacation of four or five days puts on his best uniform and goes to the meet. The board of officers and the delegates from the League clubs get together and wrangle over parliamentary law for the space of three days and nights in a heroic effort to fill out the necessary columns of "official proceedings." But the great body of wheelmen are taken in tow by their resident brethren and kept going day and night in the endeavor to show them the town. Riding parties are made up to traverse all the good roads in the suburbs; there are theatre parties and receptions. Then on the last day there is a grand wind-up with a long procession of uniformed wheelmen on glittering machines. The night is passed in the absorption of the various elements that go to make up the modern hotel banquet and the less varied elements that make up the modern after-dinner speech. Then there is a grand packing away of wheels in baggage cars, a shower of "good-bys" and "See you at the next meet," and the League of American Wheelmen is a year older.

Boston is the best place for the annual festival of wheeling when all things are taken into consideration. There are more roads to be ridden over and more facilities for wheeling in every way. This, together with the fact that the sport was never more popular than it is this year leads on to the belief that the coming meet will be the greatest of its kind. There will be several thousand wheelmen in the city and from Thursday morning to Monday night there will be half a dozen parties and entertainments all going at once, so that the visiting wheelman will be in a more unhappy condition than the small boy at the three-ring circus. The whole affair will culminate on Saturday, when there will be a parade, the regular League races and a banquet at the Hotel Vendome in the evening. The prospect of a parade greatly troubleth the souls of the Boston wheelmen. Boston is always about half a tone above the pitch on all matters of taste and culture, and Boston wheelmen form no exception to the general run of modern Atheonians. They have come to the conclusion that parades are vulgar and childish. Well, perhaps they are not so far from the truth. Most thoughtful wheelmen will admit the last count of the indictment, but as lively a crowd as the average collection of wheelmen can afford to be childish once a year. What further wrings the Bostonian soul is that the committee of arrangements have contracted for a brass band in a wagon to lead the procession. The idea of riding behind a band wagon like a "hippodrome gent," in Barnum's "grand opening pageant," is calculated to wrench the dyspeptic Boston mind almost out of the world of sanity.

New-York wheelmen are going in a crowd. They are going for a good time and they wouldn't worry their precious souls if there was a band sandwiched in between every two clubs in the line. They will go up in the Fall River boat on Wednesday night, and there will be such a flood of bicycling song and story let loose on the moonlit waters of the Sound as will drive the susceptible Connecticut mermaids to the verge of emotional insanity. The Citizens' Club will send fifty men. They will put up at the Hotel Vendome, and the Massachusetts Club has offered them the freedom of their house as long as they stay in Boston. The Kings County Wheelmen, of Brooklyn, hope to send nearly as many men. The New-York Club, the Ixions, the Harlem Wheelmen, the Brooklyn Bicycle Club, the Long Island Wheelmen and all the clubs of New-Jersey will send large delegations, and the old City of Bristol will fairly swarm with sturdy wheelmen. It more than 300 go the fare will be only $3 for the round trip. The citizens will not come back till Monday night.

One of the new features of the meet this year will be an exhibition of machines under the management of the Boston Club. Every year in England there is a grand exhibition known as the Stanley Show. It is held in London by the Stanley Club, and hundreds upon hundreds of different styles of machines are exhibited. Every manufacturer sends a specimen of every latest type, and no buyer thinks of making his purchases until he has been to the Stanley Show. The efforts of the Boston Club will not at once equal this English exhibition, but they promise to afford a fine beginning, as every American manufacturer has put in a bid for space and will, of course, attempt to outshine his neighbors.

COLUMBIA ATHLETIC WORK.

THE UNIVERSITY AND FRESHMAN CREWS.

HARD LABOR ON THE HARLEM—THE CINDER PATH AND BASEBALL.

Only five weeks remain before the University and freshman boat races between Columbia and Harvard take place at New-London, and on Saturday afternoon next the athletes of these and other colleges meet for their eleventh annual field contests at the Manhattan Club Grounds. Since October last, when the college year began, Columbia's strong men in the field and at the oar have been long and faithfully at work training for the contests which are soon to be decided.

The crews have given some inkling of their powers in the Harlem River regatta a fortnight ago and the Athletic Association on Saturday last held its annual spring field meeting. Columbia's brown gabled boat-house which broke from its moorings at Mott Haven one winter's night a year ago and floated to its present position at One-hundred-and-sixtieth-st. on the New-York side, is crowded every pleasant afternoon now with a score of brawny muscled young men who are training for the university and freshman crews. As they sit or lounge about their quarters in their blue and white striped Jerseys these warm afternoons waiting for the arrival of their "coach," they present a picture of health and vigor rarely to be found. After training in Wood's Gymnasium from January 1, until the Harlem River was cleared of ice, the crews took up their quarters in Mott Haven, and there since March 23 they have boarded, slept and exercised. The forenoons have been given up to their college duties, and Sundays they have been permitted to spend at their homes.

Any afternoon about 2 o'clock a little company of twenty to twenty-five young men, each carrying a hand-satchel filled with books, may be seen walking down Madison-ave. from Columbia College to take the train to Mott Haven. Once there, they lose little time in making ready for the track, and for a couple of hours the young oarsmen practise at running, throwing the hammer, bar jumping, pole vaulting and at other gentle exercise which will tend to give variety to the somewhat monotonous life, and at the same time bring all their muscles into play. About 4:30 o'clock the steam launch Carrie Goodwin steams down to Mott Haven and takes off the young men to begin their work on the water. Now we see them in their element. If any appear stiff and awkward on land, once in the boat with blades poised ready for the coach's word to "let fall," all this disappears, and even with their many faults they display a freedom and harmony of movement which shows that their long and careful training together has brought about a wonderful change.

The other afternoon a TRIBUNE reporter watched the University crew as it went over the course under the eye of its coach, W. B. Peet, who held the tiller and gave each word of command. Gently the boys carried their long paper shell and placed it in the water. Richards, Doubleiy, Berkwith and Meiklejohn were in last year's university eight and the others were all in the freshman boat which defeated Harvard in 1884. The Carrie Goodwin follows with a half dozen graduates and the reporter aboard and leisurely the boat makes for a point about half a mile above the boat-house where the practice pull down the river begins. Once under way and then begin the coach's comments, in a clear ringing voice which can be heard almost incessantly. No. 2 and No. 4, bow and even the stroke, first one and then the other, come in for a share of criticism and long and painfully are the eight brawny backs often held in impossible positions while the coach points out some glaring fault. Then they are off again, only to stop perhaps a few strokes later, while No. 2 is warned that he does not reach far enough and No. 5 is told he is overreaching and so falling behind the others in the next catch. The crew is rowing now probably as it will sit in boat at New-London on June 26. The coach, W. B. Peet, himself a veteran college oarsman, having stroked the successful '85 Columbia crew in its freshman race with Harvard and held a place in the University boat ever since, is not overconfident of his crew from its present appearances.

"Many of these faults which I have grouped together for you," said Mr. Peet, in talking with the reporter, "I hope to see disappear before the day of the race. The crew is a promising one, but not one to rest great and sure hopes of victory on as yet. The faults of the different members in the boat are briefly as follows: Bow, Richards, '87, does not get reach enough. He drops his head and shoulders on the full reach in his endeavor to get a longer one. After the stroke is finished he does not start on his recover quite soon enough, and in getting his oar away from his body he pushes his body back. He does not get his oar into the water as soon as he is on the full reach. No. 2, Meiklejohn, '86 (captain), does not get reach enough, and does not keep his blade covered long enough. He does not feather long enough, and does not get his oar over on the catch as much as he ought. No. 3, C. A. Stevens, '87, is a little slow; does not get reach enough; does not start on his recover at once after finishing his stroke; dips too deep and does not get his oar over enough on the catch. He should row with a straighter back. No. 4, Warren, '88, does not swing his shoulders on the stroke enough; gets his oar over too much on the catch, and does not get his oar into the water smoothly. No. 5, Donnelly, S. of L., does not get enough reach; is bunched up too much when in position to take his stroke; does not swing back enough, and is nearly always a little late. No. 6, Harris, '87, does not get reach enough; drops his head and shoulders a little on the full reach, and does not get his oar into the water as soon as he is in position. No. 7, Beckwith, '88, School of Mines, overreaches, and so is almost always behind time. He does not start on his recover quite soon enough; does not feather long enough. Stroke Lockwood, '87, does not swing perfectly straight in the boat; settles at the end of his stroke; does not get his oar over enough on the catch, and when he spurts does not swing back enough, but jerks on the end of his stroke.

"The crew as a whole does not keep good time; the oars hang over the water and do not go in neatly enough. The men do not slide slowly enough on the recover. They do not start on the recover soon enough. Most of them do not feather long enough. They do not keep their blades quite covered, and some of them get jerky when they spurt. The two substitutes have their faults too—Applegate, '89, comes nearly up to the perpendicular on the first half of his stroke before he kicks his slide; finishes stroke with a bad jerk; takes hold of the water with bent arms; and rows with a crooked back. G. T. Stevens, S. of L., settles very badly at the end of his stroke; does not take hold of the water until he has started his slide; does not get his blade in the water neatly; and does not stick to it well when he tires."

The coach would not say anything of the crew's chances in the race with Harvard, and the boys themselves were scarcely more talkative. Old oarsmen on the river, however, speak confidently of the Blue and Whites, as they are called, and point to their easy victory over the Atalantas two weeks ago in support of their conviction that this year's crew is the strongest Columbia has put upon the water since the days of Goodwin, Simonds and Cornell. The ages, weights and heights of the collegians may be seen from the following table. It is not likely to be changed much in the next month.

	Weight.	Age.	Height.
Bow, Guy Richards, '87	154	20	5.8
No. 2, W. A. Meiklejohn, '86, (Capt.)	171	20	5.10½
No. 3, C. A. Stevens, '87	165½	20	5.10
No. 4, G. E. Warren, '88	160	20	5.10½
No. 5, C. M. Donnelly, S. of L.	173½	21	5.11
No. 6, Sidney Harris, '87	177	20	6.0
No. 7, C. E. Beckwith, '88, S. of M.	169	22	5.9½
Stroke, R. Lockwood, jr., '87	164¼	19	5.9½
Average	166½		
Substitute, C. T. Stevens, S. of L.	165	21	5.10½
Substitute, R. C. Applegate, '89	155	19	5.11¼

R. L. Morrell is the only candidate for coxswain. He weighs 104 pounds, has a clear head and a good voice. While the University crew is out practising, the dozen or more freshmen who are in training for a race with the Harvard freshmen get into their shells and, under the guidance of some upper classman, are soon off for their day's pull. The University crew covers from three to four miles each day in practice, while the freshmen content themselves with rowing from a point two miles above the boat-house down to the railroad bridge. Occasionally the crews have a brush with one another or with some of the river eights, but usually the coaches confine the efforts of the men to the work in hand.

No time has yet been taken by either of the crews for the entire distance of the races which they are to row. The most promising eight of the freshmen who are training with their weights are given, and these with probably slight changes will comprise the crew which will meet Harvard, and in all probability the Yale freshmen on the Thames at New-London on June 30. They are:

	Weight.
Bow, F. W. Benton	154
No. 2, E. Knapp (captain)	160
No. 3, J. Pike	157
No. 4, E. F. Workes	160
No. 5, R. T. Wainwright	170
No. 6, D. L. B. Dresser	161
No. 7, C. K. Beekman	147
Stroke, H. C. Pelton	140
Average	158¼
Coxswain, A. J. Provost	115

The crews will probably start for their quarters at New-London on June 10, thus receiving the benefit of three entire weeks' training over the course of the race before the day of the contest. The steamer Carrie Goodwin will accompany the crews to New-London as in years past, and the men expect to occupy the same quarters near the starting post as for the past three years.

Amid all the interest felt by Columbia's alumni and undergraduates in her prospects on the water, there are many who are watching with closest interest her endeavors to wrest from Harvard the Intercollegiate Athletic Cup in the games to be held next Saturday. If Harvard wins the greater number of contests at that time the cup will remain its property and it will then have won it five years in succession. With this prospect in view it is easy to perceive the importance that the Columbia athletes attach to the coming meeting. A dozen or fifteen colleges will send representatives, but in years past the struggle is likely to be between Harvard and Columbia. The latter college will have at least one man in each of the sixteen contests, and as Harvard and Yale are making stronger efforts than ever before to get out their latest athletic strength a number of close contests and possibly some broken records are expected. Columbia is hopeful of winning four and possibly five of the races on the card, but their calculations are somewhat upset by the recent games at Harvard, where two intercollegiate records were broken. The hammer was thrown at those sports, ninety feet and one inch by D. B. Chamberlain, and E. C. Wright claims to have walked one mile in seven minutes and one second, beating the intercollegiate record of seven minutes, four and four-fifth seconds, made by Charles Eldredge, of Columbia in 1877. Still, the wearers of the blue and white are publicly hopeful and for over two months have more than a score of students busily training under a competent trainer ever since the middle of March at the New-York Athletic Club's grounds at Mott Haven. Derickson, the well-known runner was graduated in 1885, but his place has been almost filled by C. H. Mapes, '86, School of Mines, who is entered for the 100 yards dash and for the running broad jump. In the latter contest Mapes has a record of over twenty feet. In the pole vaulting, Alexander Stevens and W. L. Tyler will represent the college, the former with a practice record of about nine feet five inches. In the 120 yards hurdle race S. H. Safford, of the School of Medicine, is expected to win that contest for the college. He is said to have the collegiate record for the distance, being one second over his competitors. F. A. Ware will appear in the mile walk, and in the two-mile bicycle race, always an exciting contest, D. H. Renton and G. E. Gage will once more meet the champions from Yale and Harvard. Guy Richards has jumped 5 feet and 8 inches in the high jump and the college is making up a tug-of-war team of four men, who, it is believed, will hold at the cleats the teams from Lafayette and Harvard which have proved so formidable in years past. In the other contests the college will be represented by one or more students, but the greatest hopes of the Columbians centre in the hurdle race, the one mile walk, the bicycle race, the broad jump and possibly the high jump. For a week past a number of the contestants in these games have been practising daily on the Manhattan club's grounds, at Eighty-eighth-st. and Eighth-ave., where the meeting of the different colleges will be held on Saturday. This will give them a familiarity with the track which in the walking and running contests is no mean advantage to have over one's competitors. Although in recent years baseball has somewhat cast track athletics in the shade, a large attendance is looked for on Saturday, and some close and exciting races may be expected.

Of the work that has been done and is being done by Columbia's baseball nine during the spring, the record of the games and practice matches played is an evidence of the careful training that they have undergone. This is only the second season since base ball was revived at Columbia. It was started up to take the place of football in which interest had been waning steadily for a number of years. This year's nine contains four of last season's team and with the new material added a series of matches with other college and local amateurs and professional nines has been arranged which have thus far resulted most gratifyingly to the Columbians. Although not a member of the Intercollegiate Baseball League, the Columbia nine has thus far met and defeated the teams of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Lehigh Colleges and the University of Pennsylvania. The team will probably start immediately after examinations for a week's tour in the State, playing the local professional and college nines in Central and Western New-York.

HARLEM OARSMEN ACTIVE.

ONLY A WEEK BEFORE THE SEASON OPENS.

RACES TO BE ROWED NEXT MONDAY—THE SEASON TO BE MEMORABLE.

The Harlem River oarsmen are making busy preparations for the annual spring regatta of the Harlem Regatta Association on May 31, and it promises to be the most successful that the association has ever held. The clubs which will take part are the Metropolitan, Nassau, Union, Nonpareil, Eagle, New-York Athletic, Atalanta, New-York Rowing and the Columbia College Rowing. The entries are not complete, but they will include the best oarsmen on the river. One of the most interesting races in the regatta will be the eight-oared shell. The crews which will certainly compete are the New-York Athletics, the Atalantas and that from Columbia College. One or two other clubs are talking about putting in crews, but have decided nothing definite as yet. On the present form of the men the Columbias should win, but "Davy" Roach, the trainer for the New-York Athletic Club, has a strong crew in training and they are doing hard work, and if they do not win they will make the college boys do good work.

G. D. Philips and M. T. Hard, of the New-York Athletic Club are doing hard work in the pair-oared shell and expect to carry off most of the prizes in their class. Roach also has some junior singles in hand who, he expects, will do good work. These with the senior and junior fours will about complete the New-York Athletic Club's contingent. It is said that the race for the senior singles between Richard Morse, of the Nassaus, and Daniel Nolan, of the Albany City Rowing Club, will be a pretty race. There will be a good field but the race will be between these two. The Unions will furnish a four and a pair and the Eagles will send a four and one or two singles. There is a good deal of quiet betting on the result between Goepfert and Reagan and Kent and Bulger of the Metropolitans, with the latter crew slightly in the lead.

There is some trouble in the Atalanta Club. Complaint is made that some of the new men in the eight, that was beaten by Columbia recently, will not train sufficiently. Whether or not they will send any other crew than the eight to the regatta has not been decided.

With all the crews in training and many oarsmen, who do not intend rowing in the races, every clear afternoon the river presents a busy appearance. John H. Abell, jr., one of the most enthusiastic of the old-timers, is out every day and coaches his favorite oarsmen.

At Oak Point "Jim" Pilkington is making active preparations to have everything in readiness for the race for a purse of $1,000 to be rowed by John Teemer and Wallace Ross on Decoration Day. Ross is training every day on either the Harlem River or at Oak Point. He seems to have regained much of the old speed which he lost last year and is rowing in good form. Teemer has not arrived in the city, but intends to be practising over the course early this week. He has the call in the pools and is expected to win, though Ross has many admirers who expect to see him give the champion a tight race, and if he does not come to the start just right to beat him. This will start off the professional season in good shape. On June 12 Teemer meets Gaudaur at Pullman, Ill., and on the result of this race depends largely which of the men will go to England and try to carry away the championship of the world from Beach. American oarsmen are confident that before the season is out the championship of the world in single shells will again be in America. Edward Hanlan and Wallace Ross have also arranged for a race, and other matches are to be made which will make the season of 1886 a memorable one. Hanlan will go to England and have another trial with his old rival, Beach.

FIGHTING FOR PENNANTS.

STILL HOPE FOR THE NEW-YORK NINE.

AN EXCITING WEEK IN BASEBALL CIRCLES—O'ROURKE'S FINE PLAY.

The last week has been an unusually interesting one to the followers of baseball. The change in the management of the Metropolitan club was the first surprise. The determination of the directors of the League and American Association to make their playing rules conform was a pleasing incident; the disgraceful scene in Brooklyn on Wednesday an unpleasant surprise, and the victory of Columbia College over the strong Yale College team on the latter's grounds set the friends of the local collegians wild with delight. The improvement shown in the playing of the New-York club brought with it many smiles and few tears, except in Cowboydom. The present week, although it will hardly bring such changes and surprises, will, nevertheless, be an unusually interesting one, overflowing with exciting and well-contested games. The friends of the New-York League nine are slowly regaining the confidence they lost in the local club, and will flock to the Polo Grounds in just as great numbers as ever, as soon as the players get home again. The club, of course, played wretchedly during its first week in the West, but the misfortunes which fell thick and fast upon it were a sufficient excuse for its bad playing. Few people can experience misfortune with a bold front, and baseball players are not among the few. The prospects of the club are considerably brighter, and its chances of regaining the lost ground are excellent. The disabled catchers are improving rapidly, and in another week both Ewing and Beasley will probably be in as good condition as ever. Beasley is almost himself now, while Ewing thinks he will be able to play in a few days.

That admirable player, O'Rourke, has again proved himself one of the most valuable players on the green diamond field. He is a master of every department of the game, and has shown that he can fill almost any position creditably on the shortest notice. The misfortunes to the regular catchers of the local club made it necessary for O'Rourke to go behind the bat. He has not caught regularly for many seasons, yet he soon regained almost forgotten points and played in excellent form in that position. His catching in Kansas City, where one day he faced Keefe's curves and the next Welch's pitching, could not have been improved upon. The other players also seemed to regain their old form after O'Rourke had started the reform, and all played with something of their old dash and skill. Gerhardt, who has been a sick man, is in better trim and has improved in his work of late. Ward also seems to have passed over his blundering epoch and now does his work at short stop in his old brilliant form. Connor is still rather weak at the bat, but his friends expect to see him regain his title of champion batsman before long. Esterbrook has done good work on the trip and shows Manager Mutrie's forethought in retaining him on third base, when the enemies of the "Dude" were clamoring for his release. Gillespie does not appear to be the Gillespie of old, and many people think that little Richardson ought to be made the regular left fielder. Those, however, who follow the club's games closely think differently. Gillespie is a sure batter, and although the club might find a better fielder it would be hard to secure Gillespie's equal in handling the bat.

The Western trips of all the Eastern clubs have been rather disastrous. All four of them have lost a large majority of the games played in the last two weeks. The Western clubs have shown remarkable strength, with the exception of the new club in Kansas City. The Detroit club have done the best work, and the Chicago club is close behind. The change of management and the addition of one or two new players to the St. Louis club have made a striking difference, and the nine is playing in greatly better form than last year. Whether the "Black Diamonds" will be able to keep up with the terrific pace being set seems doubtful to many. A marked improvement is also expected in the Boston club before long, and there are many people yet who think that the final struggle will be between this nine and New-York. Misfortune, in the shape of crippled players, has fallen with almost as much force upon the Boston club as upon the local players. Bruises and sprains heal quickly, however, and after the Boston club reaches home grounds the players will be in better trim and the nine will be harder to beat. Veteran baseball men do not think that the Detroit club will be able to set the pace much longer. The Western clubs will come East this week, and then the real playing strength of the nine can be gauged with better results. The "Big Four" nine will meet obstacles in Boston, New-York and Philadelphia which they will find difficult to ride over victoriously. That the Wolverines will not win another series of three straight games from the local clubs this season would be a winning wager for even a baseball "tout" to make. The New-York nine will play only one more game in the West, crossing bats with the St. Louis club at St. Louis tomorrow, and then starting for New-York immediately after the game. The club will play at the Polo Grounds on Thursday, and the players will have had ample time to recover from the fatigue of the trip. The St. Louis club plays in New-York on that day, the Washington and Chicago nines at Washington, the Philadelphia and Kansas City clubs at Philadelphia, and the Boston and Detroit clubs at Boston. The Boston and Washington clubs will have the most difficult games to win. No League games will be played on Tuesday, unless some of the Eastern nines remain in the West that day to play off postponed games. The scheduled games for the week are as follows:

Monday: St. Louis—New-York at St. Louis; Detroit—Washington at Detroit; Chicago—Philadelphia at Chicago; Kansas City—Boston at Kansas City.

Thursday: New-York—St. Louis at Polo Grounds, New-York; Washington—Chicago at Washington; Boston—Detroit at Boston; Philadelphia—Kansas City at Philadelphia.

Friday: New-York—St. Louis at Polo Grounds, New-York; Washington—Chicago at Washington; Boston—Detroit at Boston; Philadelphia—Kansas City at Philadelphia.

Saturday: Philadelphia—Kansas City at Philadelphia; New-York—St. Louis at Polo Grounds, New-York; Washington—Chicago at Washington; Boston—Detroit at Boston.

All the American Association clubs are playing in good form, and the fight for positions in the pennant race is so stubbornly contested that the followers of the clubs are kept on the tiptoe of excitement. The Brooklyn and St. Louis clubs continue to pummel each other in their fight for first place, and both clubs are playing in such form that the other nines find it difficult to keep pace with them. The scene at Washington Park, Brooklyn, on Wednesday can only be deplored by all true lovers of the game. No precaution, however, could have prevented the miniature riot and the disturbance is likely to occur any day when a large crowd of people congregate to see a contest of skill or endurance. The baseball players themselves played admirably under the ribald-ious deelations of Umpire Clinton, and to their good behavior alone the absence of broken heads is due. James Clinton made his debut as an umpire under the most favorable auspices. He was a veteran player, who understood all the technicalities of the game thoroughly. Those who knew him intimately said that he was cool and collected, as well as a thorough gentleman, and that he was just the man for the place. Many thought that he would jump into the shoes of "Bob" Ferguson and become the first American Association umpire. Just what was the matter with Clinton on Wednesday nobody seemed to know—not even himself. He made decisions grossly unfair and virtually gave the game to the St. Louis club. The clubs are running so close for first place that a defeat for either is costly, and it was only natural that the spectators should become highly incensed. Clinton had given general satisfaction until Wednesday, and even on that day he was loudly applauded when he stepped on the field to open play. The excited Brooklynites have since cooled off, and now say that Clinton did not knowingly give the game to St. Louis. The more sober-minded seem to think that the umpire saw that he had made a mistake in the early part of the game, and in trying to even up matters made a greater mistake that ever. He finally became so unnerved by the howling and hissing of the crowd that he did not know what he was doing. Clinton has a pair of good eyes, but a pair of long legs. If he would stretch his legs more, and not depend so much on his eyes, he could do better work. This also applies to many of the other umpires. In making decisions on the bases, when the play is close and uncertain, an umpire cannot stand behind the bat and give his decisions with any exactness. John Kelly and "Bob" Ferguson, the princes of umpires, always run down to a base when there is a likelihood of a close play occurring. If Clinton had followed this rule on Wednesday, the unfortunate scene in Brooklyn would probably never have occurred.

All the American Association clubs are now in the East, and the Western nines so far have received anything but a pleasant reception. The Eastern clubs appear to be stronger than last year, and have so far won a large majority of the games. The St. Louis club may hold its own, but the Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Louisville nines will all lose more games than they will win on the trip. The Metropolitan club has improved wonderfully under Ferguson, its new manager, and the friends of the "Indians" are flocking back to their support, and now seem to think that the Metropolitans really have a chance for pennant honors. The games for the week are as follows:

Monday—Baltimore-Louisville at Baltimore; Athletic-Cincinnati at Philadelphia; Metropolitan-Pittsburg at St. George Grounds, Staten Island.

Tuesday—Brooklyn-Pittsburg at Washington Park, Brooklyn; Athletic-Cincinnati at Philadelphia; Baltimore-Louisville at Baltimore; Metropolitan-St. Louis at St. George Grounds, Staten Island.

Wednesday—Baltimore-Louisville at Baltimore; Metropolitan-St. Louis at St. George Grounds, Staten Island; Athletic-Cincinnati at Philadelphia; Brooklyn-Pittsburg at Washington Park, Brooklyn.

Thursday—Baltimore-Pittsburg at Baltimore; Athletic-St. Louis at Philadelphia; Metropolitan-Louisville at Staten Island; Brooklyn-Cincinnati at Washington Park, Brooklyn.

Friday—Baltimore-Pittsburg at Baltimore.

Saturday—Metropolitan-Cincinnati at St. George Grounds, Staten Island; Brooklyn-Louisville at Washington Park, Brooklyn; Athletic-St. Louis at Philadelphia; Baltimore-Pittsburg at Baltimore.

The interest in baseball in Columbia College is tenfold greater than ever before. The remarkable form in which the Columbia club is playing has made hosts of friends for the student ball tossers. To win consecutive victories from the great college nines at Yale, Harvard, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania is a feat no other college will ever perform. The fact that the nine only recently came into existence and that the men have played so little together makes the performance of the club even more wonderful. The nine has a first-class pitcher in Ayrault, and they have the best college or amateur catcher in the country in Finley. He is a little man, almost a boy in stature, and one hardly expects to find such much baseball knowledge and science in so small a space. The other seven positions are all filled by competent men. The coming games with the Jasper club of Manhattan College will have great significance to followers of amateur sport. The Jaspers have been the undisputed college champions for years, and the students will not relinquish that title to Columbia without a stubborn fight.

The Brooklyn and St. Louis clubs will play at Ridgewood Park, Long Island, to-day.

MAKING READY FOR THE OCEAN.

STEAM YACHTS AND YACHTS WITH SAILS.

THE CLUBS SETTLING DOWN TO BUSINESS—ARMS ON YACHTS.

The yacht clubs have been getting down to work in the past week and have been holding meetings and fixing dates. The American Yacht Club was the first to open the season formally which it did by a reception and excursion on Jay Gould's fine steam yacht Atalanta. An idea of the beauty of the interior decorations of the Atalanta can only be got by seeing them, but some idea of the size of her dining saloon may be had from the fact that on Thursday's excursion fifty people sat down to dinner there. Tiffany & Co. are at work on the $10,000 international challenge cup ordered by the American Yacht Club. The cup is pretty certain to stay on this side of the water, for though the English build fast merchant steamers they build slow steam yachts. Horace Daniels, who has bought Norman L. Munro's steam yacht Norma, is about to start on a trip to Fortress Monroe in her. The Herreshoffs are building a steam launch for Mr. Munro and he has several yacht designers at work on estimates for a new steam yacht for him. The English steam yacht Amy, which was chartered by E. D. Morgan, is for sale. The Amy is nearly 200 feet long and was built on the Clyde in 1880. The yacht Yosemite, which cost about $150,000, is now ordered for sale for $50,000.

It is the proper thing in yachting now for every large yacht to be armed. In the armory of the Atalanta are six Springfield carbines, six beautiful cutlasses with hilts and scabbards of silver and six navy revolvers beautifully mounted in silver and mother-of-pearl. James Gordon Bennett on his yacht Namouna has a complete outfit for forty marines. The guns on the deck of a large yacht, while they are primarily designed for salating purposes only, are often of a kind which might be effective in a fight. The Atalanta has two Hotchkiss rapid-fire guns on her deck and the Utawana, when she was owned by W. E. Connor, had a similar armament. When a yacht is on a cruise around the world or intends to visit South Pacific Islands, the carrying of arms is not an unnecessary precaution. When John J. Phelps started on his cruise around the world in the schooner yacht Brunhilda he ordered a lot of rifles to be sent to him at Naples. The arms failed to arrive before the Brunhilda left Naples and she proceeded without them. When in the Indian Oceans he was chased all one night by a pirate.

Mr. Betz, the Philadelphia brewer, has sailed for Europe in his son's steam yacht Sybilla. Charles H. Osgood is having a new steam yacht built for him.

The action of the Seawanhaka Club in offering a $1,000 cup for the four big sloops Puritan, Priscilla, Mayflower and Atlantic to compete for at the annual regatta of the club on June 19 will probably result in bringing at least three of them together. The offering of this cup, too, is a sign that the Seawanhaka Club is recovering from the severe shake-up it recently experienced.

Among the members elected at the meeting of the New-York Yacht Club last week was Frederick Gebhard. It seems that Mr. Gebhard, having achieved a reputation on the turf, is about to turn yachtsman.

The Larchmont Yacht Club will open its yachting season on June 5 with a pennant regatta. The Pavonia Yacht Club will hold its opening regatta on May 31.

The Atlantic will probably be ready for a trial trip the latter part of this week. Her sails will be bent on Tuesday.

POPULARITY OF LAWN TENNIS.

THOUSANDS OF PLAYERS NEAR THIS CITY.

THE CLUBS IN CENTRAL AND PROSPECT PARKS—CHAMPIONS IN BOSTON.

If the popularity of lawn tennis is diminishing in England, as stated, such cannot be said of the game in the United States, where it is in its zenith. Preeminently suited as it is to the tastes and habits of the American people, it is ever increasing in favor and the players in and around New-York can be counted by the thousand. In Central Park alone over a hundred clubs have permission to play, and an almost equal number play in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Then there is an immense number of lawn tennis players in New-Jersey, there being a flourishing club in every town within fifty miles of the city.

Many of the principal clubs in this State formed themselves into a State association last week and such organizations always tend to make the sport popular. A fine tennis club is held in connection with the Staten Island Cricket Club, which has a large following. Another popular club is the Far and Near at Hastings-on-the-Hudson. This being managed by the genial president of the National Lawn Tennis Association, Thomas K. Fraser, is a remarkably successful club and particularly liked by New-Yorkers. The St. George's Cricket Clan plays more tennis than cricket on its Hoboken grounds. Better grass courts are scarcely to be found in the country than here. Berkely Mostyn, the secretary of the club, is an ardent tennis player and pays particular attention to this part of the club's attractions. The championship tournament for the Middle States will be played on this ground. Other flourishing clubs are the New-York, Washington Heights and Brooklyn Heights.

Two of the most prominent players in this country and two who have done more in the interest of lawn tennis than any others, are the Rev. Dr. Dwight and R. D. Sears. Both of these players live in Boston, and the "Hub" has the further distinction of being the home of Pettit, the professional champion of the world, who curiously enough after defeating all the best players in England was himself beaten by the amateur champion of the United States, R. D. Sears. Both Dr. Dwight and Mr. Sears have visited England regularly each season for several years, and have had the advantage of practising with many of the best players in Europe.

But if Boston has the advantage of having three such renowned players among the 25,000 odd players accredited to New-York and its vicinity there are many excellent players. Beechman, who plays with the Staten Island Club and the Far and Near, is one of the most prominent tennis men in this section, and among New-Yorkers who have been looking at Boston with longing eyes for the championship of the United States now held by Sears, Beechman's name is frequently mentioned as the most likely man to wrest the trophy from Boston. This year there will probably be introduced lady championships, as is customary in England, and Messrs. Wright and Ditson will probably begin the movement at their tournament.

On June 4 and 5 the principal contests of the season will be started at Philadelphia, when the Joseph Clark invitation games will be held. On June 9, 18 and 11 the Middle States championship tournament will take place at St. George's, Hoboken. In the latter part of June the Longwoods, of Boston, will hold a tournament, and this is to be closely followed by the New-England championship games set for July 6, 7 and 8 at New-Haven. Then there is a pause until the first week in August, when Wright and Ditson's tournament will be held at Wentworth, and the annual meeting of the National Lawn Tennis Association at Newport, beginning on August 23, will decide the championship of the United States for another year and bring the season practically to a close. The great Canadian tournament will be held at Toronto beginning on July 27, when the championship of Canada will be contested for. Joseph Clark is at present the holder of the title.

The colleges come up strong in the game this year, and nearly all have lawn-tennis associations. Princeton is the latest to form an organization of this kind, of which A. D. Larkin, a prominent player, is president, and J. N. McCarter secretary. The Peekskill Lawn Tennis Association bids fair to become one of the most prominent clubs in this part of the country, and has recently acquired and opened new grounds, containing three good courts. Edward Wells, jr., is president, and the club has a membership of nearly 100.

A club somewhat novel in its features has just been formed at Washington Heights, consisting exclusively of married couples, and is in addition restricted to thirty members, or rather fifteen couples. Grounds have been obtained at One-hundred-and-fifty-second-st. and Tenth-ave. and will shortly be opened.

The Orange Club of New-Jersey, which has delightful grounds at Montrose, is fast growing in popular favor and will have a wonderful season. C. F. Weerishoefer, who was an ardent admirer of the game, was particularly fond of this club and attended its tournaments regularly.

A QUIET WEEK ON THE CRICKET FIELD

PROSPECTS OF AN INTERESTING SEASON—FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEK.

Newark did most of the cricket playing last week, only one match being played here, that between the International Tile and Kings County Clubs at Prospect Park yesterday. To-morrow, however, Staten Island will make its first appearance for the season playing the St. George's at Hoboken, where an interesting game may be expected. Straight along after this there will be a number of matches until September, and with three foreign teams here then, more cricket will be seen than in years past. The most important occurrence of the week was the meeting of the New-Jersey State Cricket Association at Newark, where an eleven was selected to represent New-Jersey in the first inter-State match of the season, that against New-York. Delegates from most of the clubs were present, and five names from each club were presented with the result that the eleven was chosen as follows: W. R. Williams and I. L. White, of Newark; E. Mountford, J. Mart and W. Brewster, of Trenton; J. Lawson and M. Moffatt, of O. N. E. of Newark; H. Maxfield, of the Alpas of Newark; J. H. Hinchcliffe and J. Bamford, of Paterson; and E. Potter, of Kearney Rangers, Newark. Cricketers consider this a good representative State team, and New-York is not likely to have an easy time beating it.

G. H. Walker, jr., of the Staten Island club, has gone to San Francisco for several months. He resigned his position as secretary of the club, and E. H. Outridge, of the Produce Exchange, is now filling the office.

The Trenton Club has secured the services of William Brewster, who for a long time was connected with the Newark Club. In addition to Brewster the Trenton will have in its eleven, J. Mart, E. Mountford, T. Wagley, S. Olive, S. Bowine, L. B. Pope, C. Evans, H. Masson, E. Ward and J. McIntyre. This is a remarkably good all round eleven and ought to make a first rate record this season.

The Newark Cricket Club will play Trenton at Newark on June 16;