SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY.

RACING.—Westchester Racing Association, Morris Park, 2 p. m.
YACHTING.—America's Cup race, Columbia against Shamrock, off Sandy Hook, 11 a. m.
GOLF.—Women's National championship, Philadelphia; invitation foursome tournament, Ardsley; open tournament, Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, Long Island; tournament, Myopia Hunt Club.
HUNTING.—Meadow Brook Hunt Club, run from Meadow Brook, meet, 3:45 p. m.
TROTTING.—Kentucky Trotting Breeders' Association, Lexington, Ky.; meets at Morristown and Saugus, Mass.
BASEBALL.—Brooklyn against Baltimore, Washington Park, Brooklyn, 3 p. m.
BENCH SHOW.—Rhode Island State Fair Association, bench show, Providence, R. I.
SHOOTING.—Unknown Gun Club, Dexter Park; New-Jersey State League tournament, Smith Brothers' grounds, Newark, N. J.; Independent Gun Club, Reading, Penn.; Hill Top Gun Club tournament, Paris, Ky.; Ottumwa Gun Club, amateur tournament, Ottumwa, Iowa; Scioto Gun Club, amateur tournament, Chillicothe, Ohio; Greensburg Gun Club tournament, Greensburg, Ind.

THE RACETRACK.

SPENCER'S SORRY RIDE ON ETHELBERT.

PERRY BELMONT'S FAST COLT DEFEATED BY HIS JOCKEY.

Spencer, the idol of the betting ring, rode Perry Belmont's fine colt Ethelbert in the fifth race at Morris Park yesterday. Of course Ethelbert was the popular favorite, and of course Spencer did not win with him. F. D. Beard's sable seraph Brien would have been an easy first on Ethelbert if he had had the mount, but Spencer was second. Spencer's riding in certain races has had a great deal to do with the gloom which has covered the turf since the Fourth of July, and his handling of Ethelbert in more than one contest has been of a sort to drive thousands of people from the tracks. Perhaps Mr. Belmont has no curiosity with regard to the details of Spencer's listless riding of his excellent colt on certain occasions. Should he care to take up the case and probe the bottom facts possibly he might forbid A. J. Joyner, his trainer, to employ Spencer to ride Ethelbert again. In the Realization Stakes Spencer rode Ethelbert well, and his mount was first by ten lengths. The Realization is a famous prize, first money is large, and Spencer, who can ride with skill when he is bent on victory, did not throw away the Realization, as he threw away the fifth race yesterday, and as he has thrown away certain other prizes this season.

Raffaello's head was in front of Ethelbert's head at the close. Ethelbert carried 125 pounds, and Raffaello had 115. Ethelbert is worth to-day at least $5,000, and is the best three-year-old in training in America. Raffaello is not worth $5,000, although Mr. Joyner in his efforts to defend Spencer's listless riding said repeatedly and emphatically in the presence of several witnesses that he would pay $10,000 promptly for Raffaello if he could get him for that sum. Here's a chance for Mr. Murphy, owner of Raffaello, a colt worth less than $5,000. Mr. Joyner will certainly not repudiate an offer made so openly and so forcibly in the hearing of several persons. If Mr. Murphy can get $10,000 for Raffaello he will be one of the luckiest horseowners living. Glance at Raffaello's record. On August 5, at Chicago, he was beaten by Deering. Is Deering a $10,000 runner? On August 16, at Chicago, Raffaello outran Jolly Roger, Lady in Blue, J. McCleevy, Tulane and Pay the Fiddler. Are Jolly Roger, Lady in Blue, J. McCleevy, Tulane and Pay the Fiddler great stake horses? On August 26 Raffaello was beaten at Chicago by Serrano and Crocket. Are Serrano and Crocket world wonders? At Chicago on September 2 Raffaello was beaten easily by Carnero. Who will pay $10,000 for Carnero? On September 5, at Chicago, Raffaello was again beaten easily by Carnero. How many offers of $10,000 each has the owner of Carnero received for that horse? On October 5, at Morris Park, Raffaello, with only 110 pounds up, defeated McLeod of Dare, carrying 118, Lady Lindsay, carrying 110, and some others. Did that race make Raffaello worth $10,000? If the owner of Raffaello can hold Mr. Joyner to his offer of $10,000 for a colt not worth $5,000 Joyner will soon regret that he made the offer.

At Gravesend, in the last week of the meeting, Spencer was fined and suspended for the rest of the meeting because he did not ride Pink Domino in an earnest and efficient manner. When a jockey under engagement to one of the leading officials of the Jockey Club is suspended at Gravesend his offence is surely flagrant. Gravesend has always been noted for its leniency to unfaithful and disloyal jockeys. Spencer's ride on Ethelbert was worse than his ride on Pink Domino. If he had been suspended for the year within a few days after his first unsatisfactory ride last spring the turf in this State would have fewer critics and fewer enemies than it has to-day. No jockey ever prominent on the courses of the Empire State has afforded more just reason for censure of the turf than Spencer has. If Ethelbert had been ridden in all his races this year as he ought to have been ridden his fame as a colt of distinction, quality and lofty rank would be wider than it is. Spencer's listless rides on the colt have hurt the value and the reputation of the son of Eothen and Maori. And nothing has been more certain in racing since the first Derby was decided in England than that Ethelbert, properly ridden, could have been first by at least two lengths yesterday. Even Vercingetorix, a cheap selling plate filly, was not far behind Ethelbert.

Few women were seen at Morris Park yesterday, and few of the men who were present are influential or celebrated. In numbers, eminence, character and substance the attendance at the races this autumn is much below what it was a few years ago. Why? Simply because the turf in recent months has been smirched with scandals like Spencer's Pink Domino ride at Gravesend, for which he was punished lightly, and Spencer's Ethelbert ride yesterday, for which he will probably not be punished at all. Racing has lost its hold upon the goodwill and favor of tens of thousands of recreation loving Americans who formerly were glad to help it on. Silly and shallow persons of little brains and small wits chatter and chirp and twitter and pipe out their feeble notes of protest against efforts to clean up the sport. They say that there has been very little wrongdoing on the tracks this year. Why, they have Martin, Williams, Turner, Maher and McCue been put on the ground, and several other jockeys suspended and severely punished at times? Had these jockeys been doing no wrong? Every one knows that our turf rulers always lean to the side of mercy, and never inflict a penalty except in a clear case of guilt. Only fools or knaves deny that this has been one of the worst years ever known in this State for turf trickery.

The first affair yesterday was a petty selling steeplechase with only $500 added money. Seven went to the post. Not one of them was really worth $100. Six of the seven fell or refused to jump, and Decameron, the favorite, came in alone. Later Fool Hardy and Nestor, who had fallen, were remounted, but not by the riders who had tumbled off. Under steeplechase rules second money and third money were awarded to Fool Hardy and Nestor. The whole affair was contemptible and disgraceful. Raymond, who rode Fool Hardy, was seriously injured by his fall, and one of the other riders had his collarbone broken.

In the second race the odd mare Lambent was the favorite and the winner. A. N. R. ran second, and Lady Lucas third. His Excellency, ridden by Spencer, was favorite choice to Lambent, but Spencer rode him in his charming Spenserian style and the colt was unplaced.

Clawson signalized his restoration to the saddle by the generosity of William C. Whitney with an exhibition of brilliant jockeyship on Mr. Whitney's Toluca in the McGrathiana Selling Stakes, the third race. Toluca was the favorite. Clawson handled her deftly and timed his run keenly. Matanza is frequently and was a close second to Toluca. L. V. Bell, owner of Matanza, and his friends backed Matanza with confidence.

In two races at this meeting the friends of Elmore, the well known trainer, had reason to rejoice when Belle of Lexington and King's Courier, both trained by Elmore, displayed uncommon speed and were successful. Elmore's Hansborough had been showing fast trials, and he carried more money in the fourth race, a selling affair, for two year olds, at seven furlongs, than any other in the field of sixteen. The start was one of the worst which even this starter ever made, but there was no excuse for Hansborough, who got away well. He did not have speed enough to obtain place. Possibly Hansborough had done so much in his trials that he had no speed left for actual racing in public. It is a very common and very injurious practice among American trainers to require too much from their horses in private trials, and then the poor beasts are slow in their races. It may be that Mr. Elmore made no such error, but it is certain that Hansborough was swift in his trials but was slow in the race. American trainers lose more races by excessively fast preliminary trials against the watch than in any other way. Green B. Morris's Goldone, second choice to Hansborough, won the race handsomely. Mauvilla, an outsider, was second, and Federalist was third. Hansborough was slow as a stalled ox. Little Dangman, ridden by James Galway, one of the stewards of the Jockey Club, was ridden by O'Connor and was well backed. He was almost left at the post by the precious starter. He had no chance when the flag fell.

Goldone was entered to be sold for $550. H. Balcom bid on him and he was bought in by Mr. Morris for $1,600.

The starter was in his worst form. Much of his work was inexcusably unfair. On Tuesday he left Glorian at the post in a field of moderate size. Some of the apologies for the starter (who has been apologized for with more persistence, frequency and disregard of truth than the apologists for any previous starter have manifested) say that Glorian was off with the others on Tuesday when the flag fell, but stopped running within a few strides because he wore blinkers, to which he was not accustomed. That is an ingenious fabrication. The plain, blunt truth is that Glorian was left at the post on Tuesday in a race for which he was well backed. In the last race yesterday Bangor was the favorite and Glorian second choice. Glorian was first and Bangor second. Summaries:

FIRST RACE—Selling steeplechase; $500 added. About Two miles.

		Betting. St.	Fin.
Ivan Fox's br. g. Decameron, by Boccaccio—Victoria, 6 yrs., 153 lb. (Black)	1	7—5	1—2
‡H. Hewett's b. g. Fool Hardy, 3, 135 (Raymond)	2	7—2	1—1
‡H. S. Page's b. g. Nestor, 6, 153 (Donohue)	3	7—2	6—5
*Sibley, 5, 148 (McInerney)	0	8—1	3—1
*Al Reeves, 3, 133 (Calhane)	0	15—1	5—1
†Dr. Reed, 6, 148 (Davison)	0	6—1	2—1
†The Parrot Mouthed, 5, 151 (Green)	0	8—1	2—1

Time—4:08.
‡Fell, remounted by other riders. *Fell. †Refused.
Decameron came in alone.

SECOND RACE—Highweight handicap; for all ages; $600 added. Last six furlongs Withers Mile.

M. Clancy's b. m. Lambent, by Amphion—Starlight, 6 yrs., 115 lb. (O'Connor)	1	2—1	4—5	
J. E. McDonald's br. c. A. N. R., 3, 121 (Bullman)	2	6—5	8—5	
Osceola Stable's b. f. Lady Lucas, 2, 110 (Doggett)	3	15—1	5—1	
Standing, 2, 112 (Jenkins)	0	7—2	6—5	
Herbert, 2, 116 (Wilson)	0	8—1	3—2	
Feep o' Day, 4, 140 (Odom)	0	4—1	6—5	
His Excellency, 2, 118 (Spencer)	0	4—1	6—5	
Allaire, 2, 99 (Hirsch)	0	8—1	3—1	

Time—1:15.
Won driving by a head; two lengths between second and third.

THIRD RACE—McGRATHIANA STAKES; for fillies three years old; $1,000 added; selling. Last seven furlongs Withers Mile.

Sydney Paget's ch. f. Toluca, by Nomad—Sweet, 115 lb. (Clawson)	1	6—5	3—5	
L. V. Bell's ch. f. Matanza, 107 (Jenkins)	2	3—1	1—1	
L. O. Appleby's b. f. Country Dance, 108 (Spencer)	3	6—1	2—1	
Belle Gray, 98 (Dangman)	0	10—1	5—1	
Theory, 100 (Odom)	0	3—1	1—1	
La Chester, 100 (O'Connor)	0	20—1	8—1	
Halo, 95 (car. 90) (Wilson)	0	10—1	3—1	

Time—1:12.
Start very bad. Won driving by a head; two lengths between second and third.

FOURTH RACE—For two-year-olds; $600 added; selling. Last seven furlongs Withers Mile.

G. R. Morris's b. c. Goldone, by Goldfinch—Abilene, 106 lb. (Dollman)	1	5—1	2—1	
P. H. Haines's b. f. Mauvilla, 107 (Richards)	2	20—1	8—1	
L. S. Burridge's ch. c. Federalist, 95 (car. 90) (Wilson)	3	8—1	3—1	
Oread, 109 (Dangman)	0	3—1	2—1	
Maidstone, 87 (J. Daly)	0	40—1	15—1	
Erwin, 105 (Piper)	0	10—1	4—1	
Hansborough, 105 (car. 108) (Jenkins)	0	4—1	8—5	
Zeronia, 97 (J. Slack)	0	8—1	3—1	
Precursor, 105 (O'Leary)	0	15—1	5—1	
Matt Simpson, 95 (car. 98) (Gilbourne)	0	100—1	50—1	
Fredinghuysen, 100 (Boland)	0	30—1	10—1	
La Vega, 98 (car. 91) (Lawler)	0	50—1	15—1	
Monbeer, 105 (car. 109) (Garrett)	0	12—1	5—1	
Belgrade, 108 (O'Connor)	0	6—1	2—1	
Mate Hanlon, 92 (car. 94) (Piper)	0	15—1	5—1	
Wandering Minstrel, 108 (Spencer)	0	30—1	10—1	

Time—1:28¾.
Start one of the worst ever seen. Won neatly by two lengths; a length between second and third.

FIFTH RACE—Handicap; for three-year-olds; $700 added. Withers Mile.

M. Murphy's ch. c. Raffaello, by Farandole—Jennie S., 115 lbs. (Jenkins)	1	2—1	1—2	
P. Belmont's b. c. Ethelbert, 125 (Spencer)	2	4—5	1—6	
Turney Brothers' ch. f. Veracious, 98 (O'Connor)	3	15—1	3—1	
MacLeod of Dare, 114 (Bullman)	0	7—2	4—5	
Clarista, 87 (J. Slack)	0	15—1	3—1	

Time—1:41½.
Start very bad. Won driving by a head; three lengths between second and third.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; $600 added. One and one-sixteenth miles over the hill.

F. R. & T. Hitchcock's br. h. Glorian, by Sir Modred—Gloriamne, 4 yrs., 108 lb. (O'Leary)	1	7—5	out
R. T. Wilson, jr.'s, ch. c. Bangor, 3, 102 (Spencer)	2	6—5	out
J. J. McCafferty's b. h. Handpress, 4, 114 (J. Slack)	3	3—1	1—2

Time—1:48¾.
Won driving by a half length; three lengths between second and third.

MORRIS PARK ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

The entries and weights for to-day's races at Morris Park are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Handicap; for two-year-olds and upward. Last five and one-half furlongs of the Eclipse Course.

Name.	Weight.	Name.	Weight.
Richard J.	114	Belle of Lexington	103
St. Callatine	111	Onock Queen	102
Jinks	109	Hinsdale	102
Our Gertie	106	Prestidigitator	100
McMeekin	105	Uncle Louis	92
Belle of Holmdel	105	Queen of Song	92

SECOND RACE—For two-year-olds; selling; non-winners at this meeting. Last five and one-half furlongs of the Eclipse Course.

Mauvilla	114	Native	97
Templar	112	Summer Girl	97
Kitchener	110	Decimal	97
Olex	107	Xenora	97
Kamara	107	Jamaica	97
Mercer	106	Year Heart	92
Precursor	104	The Bobby	92
Jucoma	104		

THIRD RACE—THE NEW-ROCHELLE; selling; $1,500 added; for three-year-olds and upward; at ten pounds above the scale; $10 each, starters to pay $50 more; to second horse $300 and to third $200 of the added money. The Withers Mile.

L. O. Appleby's b. h. Trillo, 4 years old, by Tristan—Elena	114	
O. L. Richards's b. g. Charentus, 5 years old, by Charaxus—Contenta	112	
G. W. Grandee's ch. c. Duke of Middleburg, 3 years old, by Cayuga—Lady McNairy	107	
W. E. Applegate's ch. c. Hardy Faddee, 3 years old, by Parole—Sophia Hardy	104	
L. V. Bell's b. c. Dr. Eichberg, 3 years old, by Candlemas—Nell Saffe	106	
Deimel & Farrell's ch. c. Alpen, 3 years old, by Sir Dixie—Alpenrose	106	
Sydney Paget's ch. f. Toluca, 3 years old, by Nomad—Sweet	104	
James Whitten's b. g. The Pride, 3 years old, by Dundee—Bees Wing	104	

FOURTH RACE—THE WESTCHESTER HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of $1,250; second of the autumn highweight serial handicaps; for two-year-olds and upward; special entrance fee; starters to pay $30 more; $15 forfeit. Last six and one-half furlongs of the Withers Mile.

W. M. Rogers's b. h. Richard J., 4 years old, by Morello—Bonnie Leaf	127	
Sydney Paget's b. f. Jinks, 3 years old, by Albert—Hoodoo	118	
C. H. Smith's b. c. Lieutenant Gibson, 3 years old, by G. W. Johnson—Sophia Hardy	118	
James McLaughlin's b. f. Lady Lindsay, 3 years old, by Sir Modred—Memento	110	
F. R. Hitchcock's b. c. General Mart Gary, 3 years old, by Macduff—Kate Pelletier	108	
F. R. & T. Hitchcock's ch. c. Tamor, 3 years old, by Tammany—Oriole	108	
G. B. Morris's ch. g. The Bobby, 2 years old, by Inspector B.—Fanny Blossom	107	
Osceola Stable's ch. f. Nanine, 2 years old, by Meddler—Petrease	106	

FIFTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; non-winners of $1,200 this year or last year; at ten pounds above the scale. The Withers Mile.

Handpress	112	Maximo Gomez	105
Glenaine	109	Mith	102
Tellis	106	Rare Perfume	102
Scotch Plaid	107	The Gardner	100
Elmer	107	Leando	100
The Roman	106	Souchon	95

SIXTH RACE—Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; $1,000 added. One and one-eighth miles, over the Withers Course.

Carnero	119	Muskadine	107
Rox	118	Lethario	102
St. Cloud	111	Maid of Harlem	97
Decanter	108	Sir Hubert	90

RACING IN ENGLAND.

AMERICAN JOCKEYS RIDE UNPLACED IN THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

London, Oct. 11.—At the second day's racing of the Newmarket Second October meeting, to-day, the Second October Nursery Stakes were won by J. Ross's Risby. E. Herbert's Brigadore finished second, and Sir S. Scott's Lottie Hampton, bay colt, was third. "Ted" Sloan rode Lord Harewood's Free Companion, but was unplaced. Eleven horses ran on the Rous Course five furlongs. The betting was 100 to 8 against Free Companion.

The Cesarewitch Stakes were won by R. A. Oswald's Scintillant. This race is a handicap of 25 sovereigns each, 10 sovereigns forfeit, with 500 sovereigns added, for three-year-olds and upward, the owner of the second horse to receive 200 sovereigns, and the third 100 sovereigns out of the stakes; entrance, 5 sovereigns; the Cesarewitch Course (two miles, two furlongs and thirty-five yards). W. Wilson's Ercildoune and A. Wagg's Mitcham were second and third respectively. All the American jockeys who participated in the race were unplaced. There were twenty-two starters.

Sloan finished first with Lutetia in the race for the Cheveley Park Stakes. The second and third horses were St. Mydia and Sonatura, respectively. Six ran the Brethy Stakes Course (six furlongs). The betting was 7 to 4 on Lutetia.

St. Paulin, ridden by L. Reiff, won a maiden stakes. Semper I was second and Angelure finished third. Corceyphenus, with Sloan up, was unplaced in a field of twenty. The betting was 3 to 2 against St. Paulin.

Sloan, on Sandia, was unplaced in a field of eleven horses, in the Autumn Handicap. Scarlpant was the winner. Sati was second and Lucknow was third.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING AT COLUMBIA.

J. Boyce Smith, jr., captain of the Columbia track team, took a squad of candidates for the cross country team out for a short jog yesterday afternoon. Those who ran yesterday were Clark, Atkins, Mills and J. W. Goff, son of Recorder Goff. Only two miles were covered, but the distance will be lengthened daily. Mr. Smith will take out a squad every afternoon. Cross country running was allowed to drop into oblivion for several years at Columbia, but with the organization of the Intercollegiate Cross Country Association last year it was revived.

BASEBALL.

CLOSE OF A DISMAL SEASON AT THE POLO GROUNDS.

THE CHAMPIONS WIN THE EASIEST SORT OF A VICTORY—GAME ENDED IN THE SIXTH INNING—REIDY DOES GOOD WORK.

GAMES YESTERDAY.

Brooklyn, 7; New-York, 2 (Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 0.

THE RECORDS.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.ct.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.
Brooklyn	98	46	.681	Pittsburg	75	72	.510
Boston	94	55	.631	Chicago	74	72	.507
Philadelphia	92	57	.617	Louisville	73	73	.500
Baltimore	85	59	.590	New-York	58	88	.397
St. Louis	84	60	.560	Washington	52	98	.351
Cincinnati	70	67	.511	Cleveland	20	130	.133

The baseball season at the Polo Grounds closed yesterday in the thoroughly dismal manner predicted by those who realized before the season began that nothing could be expected from a cheap and penny saving management, which meant, of course, a cheap ball team and poor playing as a necessary adjunct. The final game was between the New-York and Brooklyn teams, and the champions, of course, won as they pleased. Brooklyn won ten of the dozen games played with New-York this year. The New-York team will go to Washington to-day, where it will wind up the season on Saturday.

Reidy received a total from the champions, and held the home players safe from the start. His support was of the best sort. Carrick was hit hard and often in the first two innings, the Brooklyn players taking such a lead that they did not have to exert themselves for the rest of the contest. The Harlem aggregation make the worst record ever made by a professional team in this city, and the stockholders lost more money than the club ever lost before, except in the Brotherhood year. It was a discouraging ending of the local season in Harlem, just as was predicted.

It was announced last night that the proposed series of games between the Brooklyn and Philadelphia teams would be played no matter whether the Quaker City players finished in second place or not. The first three games will be played in Philadelphia, where professional baseball has been liberally patronized this year. Score:

BROOKLYN.	ab.	r.	lb.	po.	a.	e.	NEW-YORK.	ab.	r.	lb.	po.	a.	e.
Jones, cf	3	1	2	2	0	0	Halteen, rf,3b	3	1	2	0	0	0
Keeler, rf	3	1	1	2	1	0	Brown, 3b	3	0	2	0	1	2
Jennings, lf	3	2	2	5	1	0	Davis, ss	2	0	1	3	4	0
Anderson, cf,lf	3	2	1	1	0	0	Doyle, 1b	3	0	0	5	0	0
Farrell, c	3	1	2	3	2	0	Gleason, 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0
Cross, 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	Warner, c	2	0	1	3	0	0
Wrigley, ss	3	0	1	2	3	0	Fleming, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Yock, 2b	3	0	0	2	4	0	Doheny, lf	2	0	0	2	1	0
Reidy, p	4	0	0	1	2	0	Carrick, p	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	27	7	11	18	11	0	Totals	22	2	8	15	8	3

Brooklyn	4	3	0	0	0	x—7
New-York	0	1	0	0	1	0—2

Earned runs—Brooklyn, 3; New-York, 1. Two base hits—Casey, Beck. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 5; New-York, 4. First base by errors—Brooklyn, 1. Base on balls—Off Reidy, 1. Struck out—By Reidy, 1; by Carrick, 1. Sacrifice hit—Davis. Stolen bases—Keeler, Anderson. Umpires—Connolly and Hunt. Time of game—1:05. Attendance—285.

BOSTON, 2; PHILADELPHIA, 0.

Boston, Oct. 11.—Timely and consecutive hitting by the Bostons in the fifth inning scored the only two runs to-day. Stahl's phenomenal catch of a seemingly sure three bagger off Flick's bat in the eighth inning saved at least one run, and probably the game for Boston. The game was called in the eighth inning on account of darkness. The score follows:

									R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	x	2	8	3
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

Batteries—Willis and Sullivan; Fraser and McFarland.

TESTIMONIAL FOR BROOKLYN PLAYERS.

Edward M. Grout, chairman of the Citizens' Committee having in charge the benefit testimonial for the Brooklyn baseball team, has called a meeting for this evening at 8 o'clock at the Carleton Club, Sixth-ave. and St. Mark's Place.

BASEBALL CHANGES IN THE WEST.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—The Western Baseball League is now of the past, and in its place is the American Baseball League, organized at the annual meeting of the Western Baseball League, held to-day. The question of the change of the name of the league occasioned much discussion, but was finally settled by a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The meeting of the league was long, and when the magnates adjourned they had not completed all they had laid out in their programme, and will convene again to-morrow, at 10 a. m., to complete their work. President Johnson was instructed to write to the National Board of Arbitration, asking a revision of the National Agreement, changing the drafting season to two years and the drafting price to $1,000 instead of $500. Ten per cent of the total receipts of the year were divided among the clubs of the league, in the following order: Minneapolis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Detroit, Buffalo, Columbus and Grand Rapids tied, and St. Paul. The amount of fines paid during the year was $305. The Board of Directors appointed for the next year consists of J. H. Manning, C. H. Saulpaugh, W. F. G. Colt, G. A. Vanderbeck and President Johnson. Johnson was authorized to make the schedule for 1900. The matter of transportation for the clubs was also referred to Johnson.

POLO.

ROCKAWAY HUNT CLUB DEFEATS THE LAKEWOOD TEAM.

The second contest in the Staten Island Polo Club tournament took place at Manor Farm, West New-Brighton, Staten Island, yesterday afternoon. The contesting teams were the Rockaway Hunt Club and the Lakewood Polo Club.

The game was called at 3:35 o'clock, and four periods of fifteen minutes each were played. In the first period Hazard, of Rockaway, made a goal in one and a half minutes, which was tied by Dallett, of Lakewood, in the same time. Two more goals for Lakewood followed, and the period ended with another goal for Rockaway. One quarter goal penalty was charged against Rockaway for safety play.

The second period was one sided. Lakewood started with one goal by Robert J. Collier in two minutes, but Rockaway followed with four straight goals, with another safety penalty against them.

In the third period only three goals were made, one for Rockaway and two for Lakewood. The fourth and last period was hotly contested, but resulted in three goals for Rockaway, against nothing for Lakewood. The former team was charged with one-half goal for safety and the latter one-quarter for this period. George J. Gould, who was captain of the Lakewood team, made several excellent plays, and La Montagne, of Rockaway, distinguished himself in the second period by driving the ball half way across the field in two strokes and scoring a goal. The final score was 9 to 5¾, in favor of Rockaway. The winning team will meet the Somerset team at the same place to-morrow afternoon for the championship. The summary:

Rockaway Hunt Club.	Hcp.	Lakewood.	Hcp.
No. 1—W. A. Hazard	3	No. 1—George J. Gould	2
No. 2—R. La Montagne	3	No. 2—R. J. Collier	3
No. 3—Albert Franke	4	No. 3—J. Dallett, Jr.	4
Back—Lawrence Rand	2	Back—P. F. Collier	3
Total	12	Total	12

FIRST PERIOD.

Goal.	Made by	Team.	Time.
No. 1—W. A. Hazard	Rockaway	1:30
No. 2—J. Dallett, jr.	Lakewood	1:30
No. 3—R. J. Collier	Lakewood	5:00
No. 4—George J. Gould	Lakewood	4:30
No. 5—R. La Montagne	Rockaway	0:25

Knockout, 2¼ minutes overtime. Rockaway penalized one-fourth of a goal for safety.

SECOND PERIOD.

No. 1—R. J. Collier	Lakewood	2:00
No. 2—A. Franke	Rockaway	6:45
No. 3—A. Franke	Rockaway	1:00
No. 4—R. La Montagne	Rockaway	2:45
No. 5—A. Franke	Rockaway	5:30

Knockout, 20 seconds overtime. Rockaway penalized one-fourth of a goal for safety.

THIRD PERIOD.

No. 1—P. F. Collier	Lakewood	4:00
No. 2—George J. Gould	Lakewood	2:00
No. 3—A. Franke	Rockaway	3:45

Knockout, 1¾ minutes overtime.

FOURTH PERIOD.

No. 1—R. La Montagne	Rockaway	3:00
No. 2—Lawrence Rand	Rockaway	0:30
No. 3—W. A. Hazard	Rockaway	6:45

Knockout, 1¾ minutes overtime. Rockaway penalized one-half goal for two safeties, and Lakewood one-fourth of a goal for safety.

Summary—Goals earned: Rockaway, 10; Lakewood, 6. Less by penalties: Rockaway, 1 goal, Lakewood, ¾ goal for safeties. Total—Rockaway, 9; Lakewood, 5¼. Referee—Morton W. Smith. Timekeeper—H. L. Herbert. Starter—Henry T. Reedy.

CANOEING.

COMMODORE DATER WINS BROOKLYN CLUB'S FIRST PRIZE.

A meeting of the members of the Brooklyn Canoe Club was held Tuesday night, at the home of Samuel R. Bennett, No. 515 Clinton-ave., Brooklyn. The winners of competitions as announced follow:

Rudd paddling, plate and blue pennant, won by Commodore Henry M. Dater, who also won the open paddling with Passenger, and the spurt swimming; Pagan trophy, cruising rig, Frank L. Dunnell; open sailing, Frank L. Dunnell; open canoe paddling, double blade, Hogan trophy, Dater; decked canoes, paddling, Dater; open canoes, single blade paddling, for the J. P. Eastmond prize, Dater; special cup, sailing race on cruise, Dater; cruise race, paddling, Walter A. Engels prize, Robert J. Wilkin; Dunnell cup, Percy F. Hogan; Rudd competition, red pennant, Dater; passenger sailing race, Morton V. Brokaw, Buddington challenge cup, Dater, with 294 miles; Percy F. Hogan second, with 197 miles, and Robert J. Wilkin third, with 156 miles; Brooklyn Canoe Club record prizes for the season, cup and gold medal, Dater; second, silver medal, Frank L. Dunnell; third, bronze medal, tie between John R. McDivitt and Percy F. Hogan; record of points for season: Commodore Dater, 20 points; Frank L. Dunnell, 11 points; John R. McDivitt and Percy F. Hogan tied for third honors, each getting 7 points.

GOLF.

MISS HOYT DEFEATED IN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

FORMER TITLE HOLDER BEATEN IN THE FIRST ROUND BY MRS. CALEB F. FOX—AN EXCITING DAY ON THE PHILADELPHIA LINKS.

Philadelphia, Oct. 11 (Special).—After reigning supreme for three successive years, Miss Beatrix Hoyt is no longer golf champion. Miss Hoyt was defeated to-day in the first round of the women's National golf tournament by Mrs. Caleb F. Fox, of the Philadelphia Country Club, by a score of 3 up and 2 to play. Though the defeat was unexpected it was not due to any of the incidents that sometimes turn the fortune of a golf match, and Mrs. Fox thoroughly deserved her victory.

By many Miss Hoyt's downfall was ascribed to overconfidence, but to those familiar with the ex-champion's style of game this seems hardly a satisfactory explanation. Miss Hoyt has been schooled in too many championships and has herself too well in hand to lose a match in this way. To know one's capabilities and to use them with accuracy and force is hardly overconfidence, and though Miss Hoyt exhibited no evidence of nervousness she realized fully the chances against her and played the best game that she knew. Toward the end, with defeat staring her in the face, it was natural that her strokes should become erratic, but it would be unfair to her victor to say that the game was not fought on its merits. It was at Morristown in 1896 that Miss Hoyt gained her title for the first time, and every year since then no player in the country has been able to take it from her. Now, however, she is out of the tournament for good, and will appear no more this week.

Mrs. Fox is a member of the club upon whose links the tournament is taking place, and in this respect she had a decided advantage, but, though she is favorably known in this district as a capable player, there were few who thought she would vanquish the hitherto invincible champion. Last year at Ardsly she did not even qualify. Her game to-day, however, was fast and sure, and above all she showed a keenness in seizing favorable openings that aided her success materially.

MISS HOYT'S POOR START.

Sunshine and little wind were the pleasant conditions under which play began in the forenoon. Miss Hoyt and Mrs. Fox were naturally the centre of interest, and as they left the first tee a throng of onlookers streamed in their wake. It was apparent from the outset that Miss Hoyt was not to have the easy victory that has characterized her progress in former championships, for Mrs. Fox not only held her own admirably, but at the eleventh hole she was 2 up. Still Miss Hoyt exhibited no anxiety and played with the same easy swing, as though the score were well in her favor. On the twelfth hole Mrs. Fox pulled her drive into a clump of trees, but in spite of this misfortune she got out nicely and then sent a fine brassey, which, however, carried only a few yards further than her opponent's drive. It was here that Miss Hoyt made an error in tactics that cost her heavily, for playing one off two as she was the hole was virtually hers. Instead of going short of the bunker and relying on her next shot to carry her over, Miss Hoyt attempted to carry the difficulty, and with the wind against her the result was what might have been anticipated. The ball fell into the bunker, and Mrs. Fox, who adopted the safer policy, was ultimately in the lead. The hole was finally halved in 6.

The next hole measures only 160 yards and is merely a cleek shot, though both women failed to make the edge of the green with that implement, and a half in 4 resulted, leaving Miss Hoyt 2 down with 5 to go. It was a critical situation, and the champion seemed to realize it for the first time, for on the green going to the next hole she twice missed an easy put and allowed an almost certain hole to be halved. In starting for this Miss Hoyt outdrove her opponent by fully fifty yards. Playing the odd Mrs. Fox sclaffed her brassey and sent the ball rolling down a side hill. Miss Hoyt, though topping her second, got well up the hill in position for a fine approach. Mrs. Fox, meanwhile, had made a beautiful cleek shot to the green, while Miss Hoyt on the like rolled to within a couple of feet of the cup. It was here that Miss Hoyt missed a great chance, for with the hole practically won she fiddled away three strokes in going down and the hole was halved in 6. Miss Hoyt was now 2 down with 4 to go.

Facing the fifteenth tee the champion topped her drive, but recovered on her brassey, and both were on the green in 3. On the approach puts Mrs. Fox laid her opponent a half stymie, and, though Miss Hoyt made an admirable attempt to clear it, the ball flew to the side, and Mr