THE WORLD OF SPORTS

SPORTING COMMENT.

News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

This will be a quiet week in the sporting world. Outdoor and in there will be little to entertain, and not since early in April have so few fixtures been scheduled. The meeting of the National League on Tuesday may arouse some little interest in baseball circles, although from the present outlook little but routine business will be transacted. The bowlers and skaters will find something to do, and the association football players will continue their league championship fight. The dispersal sale of the Rancho del Paso stud, the six-day bicycle race, the opening of the hockey season and the indoor games of the 7th Regiment were the most important happenings last week. The six-day race, judged by the crowds which day and night occupied the Garden, was more popular than ever among those who enjoy this particular kind of sport. The race itself was more interesting in some respects, in spite of the fact that the riders were always miles behind the record, because of the lap stealing, which lent an uncertainty to the final outcome. Root and Fogler finished strong and deserve credit for a victory that up to Thursday night seemed largely in favor of the Bedell brothers.

THOROUGHBRED RACING.

The dispersal sale of James B. Haggin's Rancho del Paso stud gave added proof of the stability and popularity of thoroughbred breeding and racing. During the four days' sale something over $400,000 was expended for breeding stock. It is true that to this amount James B. Haggin himself was a contributor, as he bought in a number of the stallions and mares for his Elmendorf stud, in Kentucky, but there were enough buyers for the choice offerings to show clearly the strength of the market and the growth of the industry. It gave evidence also of the fact that E. R. Thomas and Sydney Paget, H. T. Oxnard and Andrew Miller and F. C. Bishop are going into the breeding industry on a large scale, and this can only make for the best interests of the sport. It was a noticeable fact that James R. Keene and August Belmont were not bidders. Their farms are pretty well stocked, however, and this did not necessarily indicate any lack of interest on their part. When the sale was advertised horsemen wondered how between four hundred and five hundred head of breeding stock could be disposed of at anything near their true value. The sale passed off, however, and, on the whole, the prices averaged well. The demand for the stallions, outside of four or five, was not strong, but this was not surprising, as those which were bid in for a song were either too young or too old to attract breeders. The sale of Watercress for $71,000 places him among the great sires of the time, a position he already occupied by virtue of the deeds of his sons and daughters. When one recalls the performances of Waterboy, Watercolor, Reliable, Water Light and First Water, among others, the surprise is that he did not bring $100,000. Star Ruby was undersold at $30,000. Mr. Haggin would hardly have let him go for $60,000 had any breeder wanted him particularly.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.

When the rules committee of the National and American leagues meet there is likely to be a lively discussion as to what remedy, if any, should be adopted to improve the batting next year. The American League is said to favor some legislation along this line, while the National League owners are apparently satisfied with the present conditions. Connie Mack has suggested that a substitute batsman be allowed for the pitcher, without the removal of the latter from the game, while an even more radical proposition comes from another manager who thinks it might be advisable to cut the pitcher out altogether and only have eight men go to the bat. Frank Navin, of Detroit, suggests a base on three, instead of four balls, but this would probably result in too many free passes, which the crowd does not like to see. Stahl, of Washington, believes that an amendment to the final strike rule would be effective. He says: "When a man swings hard on the ball and sends out a good solid drive which goes foul, it should not count as a strike. The umpire should be instructed to call all such fouls a ball. This would greatly improve batting, as this is the only feature of the foul strike rule that hurts the batsman." A free hitting game is more popular with the fans, and it is safe to say that any legislation looking to more batting would be well received.

WATER POLO.

The University of Pennsylvania has decided to train a water polo team this season, to play under the English rules. The New-York Athletic Club will also have a team instructed in this style of the game, and a meeting between the two is practically arranged to take place some time in the near future. The New-York Athletic Club took the initiative in this matter in order that a fair trial be made of the two styles of play. There has been some unfavorable criticism of the American game on the plea of undue roughness. Last winter there were several instances when ill feeling was aroused between teams because of unnecessary kicking, strangling or biting when under water out of sight of the referee. As a matter of fact, the game is quite as rough, if not rougher, than football. The English game of water polo bears about the same relation to the American game that the association football game does to the American Rugby game. In the American game there are six members on a side, the ball is six and a half inches in diameter and the goal is at either end of the tank, is four feet wide and eighteen inches above the surface of the water. The goal is protected by two keepers. In order to secure the goal it is necessary that the man carrying the ball should touch the goal while holding the ball, otherwise the score does not count. There is necessarily a great deal of roughness connected with this method of playing water polo. In the English game there are seven men on a side, and the ball is nine inches in diameter, and can only be caught by one player, and it cannot be carried as in the American game. The goal keeper wears a red cap, so as to be distinguished from the other players. He watches the goal, which is ten feet wide, and with the cross bar three feet above the surface of the water. The goal keeper is not permitted to do anything outside of the four-yard line. To score, the ball must be thrown between the uprights and under the cross bar, and no player can throw the ball beyond half the distance of the tank. Should it be thrown beyond the half distance, the ball goes to the opposite side. Should the ball be thrown out of bounds, one of the opposing side must throw the ball in again in any direction, and if the opposing side throws the ball back through their own goal line by mistake it is then given to the opposing team, and the ball must be thrown from the corner of the goal line. In the English game the ball must not be carried as in the American game, but it may be pushed along in swimming, similar to "dribbling" in association football.

HARVARD BASEBALL AND COBURN.

The announcement from Cambridge last week that Coburn had resigned as head coach of the Harvard baseball team because the athletic committee had decided that he was eligible to pitch another year, came as a surprise. Harvard needs the services of Coburn in the box; of that there is no doubt. That he is technically eligible under the Harvard code is also true, but it is a grave question that the spirit of the rule is not being broken in allowing him to play another season. In his freshman year Coburn pitched the Exeter game, although he was twirling regularly for the freshman nine. The next year he had a broken thumb, the next his studies kept him from playing ball, and then in the following spring he was kept off the diamond by an accident he sustained while out driving. In 1903 he helped Clarkson in some of the preliminary games and won the second Yale game at New-Haven, played in a heavy rainstorm. In 1904, after Clarkson was declared ineligible by reason of signing a contract with the New-York American League team, Coburn pitched the rest of the games and won two of the Yale series. Last year he tied the first game in a 1 to 1 score in a twelve inning game, and then lost the second largely because his team fell off in the batting. Under the Harvard athletic committee's interpretation of the eligibility rules the game he pitched against Exeter in his freshman year does not count, and consequently he has only played three years. The rules provide that a man may play four years in intercollegiate games. The Harvard rules call colleges those institutions conferring the degree of A. B. or B. S. and West Point and Annapolis. The dual agreement recognizes all institutions graded as colleges in the latest report of the United States Commissioner of Education. Exeter is a school and not so graded, and hence Coburn is declared eligible. It is a fine point to draw and one which does not reflect particular credit.

AUTOMOBILING.

Madison Suarqe Garden will be a city in itself during the automobile show to be held there January 13-20. For not alone will it house thousands of people, but it will have in service the largest private telephone exchange in the world, arrangements to that end having been perfected. There will be 150 telephones, with switchboard positions for eight operators. From the Garden to the Madison Square exchange will be sixty-five trunk lines, which is a greater number than is found at the Waldorf-Astoria, which has heretofore been the largest private exchange. To properly handle the traffic, twenty-three employes will be needed, to say nothing of the scores of "hello" girls at the various booths. There will be a manager, two supervisors, eight day operators and seven night operators, with two relief operators and three messengers. The system will, as a whole, have more employes than exchanges at some cities, being 10 per cent greater than is required to conduct the telephone service at Stamford, Conn.

In view of the talk about two miles in a minute, and the race on the programme of the Ormond-Daytona tournament, which requires that speed before the prize is awarded, it may be mentioned that such a pace means 176 feet a second, or from New-York to Chicago in a little over eight hours, as against the fastest train time of eighteen hours. Nevertheless, it is not improbable that the speed will be supplied on the wave-washed speedway of sand, as at least a dozen cars are being built especially for the tournament with 120 miles an hour speed as the main object. Last year the best mile was made by H. L. Bowden with an eight-cylinder 120 horsepower Mercedes that was overweight, so the record could not be allowed. His time was 32 4-5 seconds. Mr. Bowden has now retired from the racing game. The present official record is 43 2-5 seconds, by Arthur McDonald, with the six-cylinder Napier racer. According to present plans, there will be at least two months of motor car and motor boat racing in the South this winter. Beginning with the annual tournament on the Ormond beach, January 22-29, W. J. Morgan, manager of the Southern Circuit, has arranged for motor boat tournaments at Palm Beach and Miami. Then there will be the 100-mile road race in Cuba and some short distance events, and a tournament on the Galveston Beach, which Colonel E. H. R. Greene says is one of the best in the world. Then it is planned to have a race meeting on the Pablo Beach near Jacksonville.

CHANGES AT ARDSLEY.

Club Will Add 200 Yards to Playing Length of Links.

Before another season opens up the Ardsley Club will considerably improve its eighteen hole links. Some two hundred yards is to be added to the playing length, and there will be less walking between tees and greens. The erection of villas near the clubhouse has compelled the abandoning of the former seventeenth and eighteenth holes, but the course will be better for the new arrangement.

Will Tucker, the club's professional, has had to put in four new greens of unusual size. This work is practically completed, and, if necessary, the rearranged course could be played over at once, but it has been decided to keep the old course in commission until spring.

The first hole is now over the gully, and the second is also unchanged, but the third is now shorter and to a new green. The fourth will be over the mound bunkers and aqueduct to the old green, at the corner near Broadway, 520 yards. The fifth will be a two shot hole to a large oval green. A new green has also been made for the sixth.

Players will tee up for the eighteenth hole back of the bunker formerly carried from the sixteenth tee. The second shot should carry the mounds, and then it will be a long approach home to what was formerly the third green, which is to be enlarged. The hole will be about 550 yards. According to present plans, the out journey will be 3,080 yards and the in 2,730, giving a total of 5,810 yards.

In days gone by many important golfing meetings took place at Ardsley. The national women's championship was held there in 1898, and the first three intercollegiate championships also took place over the course by the Hudson. Open tournaments have also been run off, but since 1900 the only open competition has been a handicap for members of the Hudson River Golf Association.

NOTES OF THE LINKS.

The same Metropolitan Golf Association handicap committee which did such efficient work last season has been reappointed for another year. It consists of Leighton Calkins, chairman; F. W. Menzies and F. J. Phillips. The committee will issue its next handicap list earlier than usual, probably in March.

The golfing membership of the South Orange Field Club has been in a state of excitement ever since the news leaked out that the property at present occupied by the nine hole links was likely to be sold to real estate speculators. The price asked for the property is $15,000, and the club has the option until to-night. It is stated on authority, however, that the influential members have come to the rescue, and that the sum stated has been pledged.

The Baltusrol Golf Club at its annual meeting elected the following board of governors for the ensuing year: Louis P. Bayard, Charles B. Beckwith, J. Edgar Bull, A. de Barry, S. B. Davidge, John Du Fais, Frederick E. Walker, E. N. Todd, Louis Keller, Adrian H. Larkin, A. Friede Riach, Edward G. Thompson, Newton E. Stout and William S. Smith.

Joe Lloyd, open champion of the United States in 1897, has returned to Pau, in the South of France, for the winter. Tom Vardon visited there recently and played the best ball of Lloyd and A. Dominick, a Pau professional. Vardon, making rounds of 79 and 81, finished 1 up.

There will be a clear fortnight between the amateur championship of Great Britain and the open next year. The amateur is to be held at Hoylake, May 28 to June 2, and the open at Muirfield on June 13 and 14 and the following day, if necessary.

SULLIVAN TO MEET COHN.

Overshadowing the handicap events are the scratch races arranged for the Hertberg Testimonial Games, to be held at the 22d Regiment Armory, 68th-st. and Broadway, on Saturday evening, December 16. In the 70-yard dash, scratch, Robertson, Knakal, Danaher, Groene, Teevan and others will meet. The 440 will have Harry Hillman, Lawson Robertson, Grafton Smith, of the 22d, and Dan Frank, of the New West Side A. C., and Joe Devere, Pastime A. C. These four men are the fastest 440 men in the country, and the winner will undoubtedly break the armory record of 52 2-5 seconds. The one-mile run has for starters Jimmy Sullivan, the fastest one-mile runner in America, and Harvey Cohn, who has gone under 4:25 repeatedly.

MILLER LEADS JOCKEYS.

Finishes Ahead of O'Neil and Knapp for the Season.

Miller, W. A. Stanton's apprentice jockey, by virtue of his clever riding during the latter part of the season, particularly at Aqueduct and Bennings, earned the distinction of heading the list of winning jockeys for the season, with 105 winning mounts to his credit. O'Neil comes second, with ninety-five; W. Knapp third, with eighty-eight, and Tommy Burns fourth, with seventy-one.

When Knapp left for California after the Jamaica meeting he was at the head of the list, with O'Neil pressing him hard. It looked then as if the last named would earn the coveted place, but while he passed Knapp and held the lead for a time Miller eventually outstripped him, and at the close of Bennings, a few days ago, was safely at the top.

Miller deserves particular credit for occupying the place held last year by Hildebrand. A year ago he was hardly heard of, and he is still an apprentice. It was not until midseason, either, that he began to attract more than passing notice, but now he ranks with the best. Knapp, too, is a product of the last season, and in this respect there is cause for congratulation. Hildebrand, although suspended early in the fall, is eighth on the list, while Crimmins, of whom so much was promised at this time last year, is fourteenth, with only twenty-three winning mounts to his credit. The standing of those winning ten or more races follows:

Jockeys.	First.	Second.	Third.	Unplaced mounts.
Miller	105	92	79	345
O'Neil	95	92	78	212
W. Knapp	88	68	59	238
Burns	71	62	69	342
J. Martin	64	54	55	231
Lyne	64	44	43	199
Baird	58	64	41	168
Hildebrand	57	53	57	184
Shaw	55	37	46	150
W. Davis	48	37	37	148
Romanelli	35	29	39	205
McDaniel	34	26	40	236
Sewell	26	30	25	128
Crimmins	23	24	26	141
Diggins	22	23	22	140
J. Jones	22	20	16	114
Perrene	19	20	18	99
Wiley	19	13	12	64
J. J. Walsh	18	19	13	118
Ray	18	9	5	11
L. Smith	15	33	22	238
Redfern	15	19	12	48
Nicol	15	18	20	81
J. Johnson	15	16	20	143
Notter	15	15	29	117
B. Smith	15	12	13	132
Bell	15	9	10	56
W. McIntyre	13	15	12	130
Odom	12	17	7	52
Fuller	11	12	6	33
J. Kelly	10	12	11	82

CONEY ISLAND STAKES.

Events for June Meeting Will Close on January 2.

The Coney Island Jockey Club is calling the attention of horsemen to the fact that the stakes and handicaps for the June meeting of 1906, at Sheepshead Bay, will close on January 2 next. Included in the list are the Suburban Handicap, with a guaranteed cash value of $20,000; the Commonwealth Handicap, with $10,000 added, and the Advance, with a guaranteed cash value of $15,000.

The estimated value of the Commonwealth Handicap is $18,000. The distance of the Suburban and the Commonwealth is, as usual, one mile and a quarter, while that of the Advance is one mile and three furlongs. The latter race is weight for age.

These three races are for three-year-olds and upward, as are also the June Handicaps, with $7,500 added, the estimated value of which is $15,000. These are divided into the Coney Island Handicap, the Sheepshead Bay Handicap and the Long Island Handicap, at six furlongs, one mile and one mile and a furlong, respectively, and with an added value of $2,000, $2,500 and $3,000, respectively.

The other events for three-year-olds and upward are the Equality, with $3,000 added, at one mile, and the Thistle, with $2,000 added, at one mile and a furlong.

For three-year-olds, exclusively, there are the Swift, with $3,000 added, at seven furlongs, and the Spindrift, with $3,000 added, at one mile and a furlong.

For the two-year-olds, the Great Trial, with a guaranteed cash value of $25,000, at six furlongs, and the Double Event, with a guaranteed cash value of $20,000, are, as usual, the leaders. The first part of the Double Event is at five and one-half furlongs, and the second part at six furlongs. In addition to the $10,000 which is the value of each race, $1,000 in plate or money will be given by the association to the horse which succeeds in winning both halves of the event.

The other two-year-old stakes are the Zephyr, with $2,000 added, at five and one-half furlongs; the Spring, with $2,000 added, at six furlongs, and the Vernal, with $2,000 added, at five furlongs.

Two steeplechases will also close on the same date. These are the Beacon, with $3,000 added, for four-year-olds and upward, over the full course, and the Independence, with $2,500 added, for four-year-olds and upward, over the full course.

Five stakes for the autumn meeting of 1906 will also close. These are the Flight, for two-year-olds and upward, with $3,000 added, at seven furlongs; the September, for three-year-olds, with $3,000 added, at one mile and three furlongs; the Autumn, for two-year-olds, with $2,000 added, at six furlongs; the Flatbush, for two-year-olds, with a guaranteed cash value of $10,000, at seven furlongs, and the Great Eastern, for two-year-olds, with a guaranteed cash value of $7,500, at six furlongs.

On the same date the Futurity for the autumn meeting of 1908 will also close. This race has $10,000 added, and the estimated value is $75,000.

TO-DAY'S ENTRIES AT CITY PARK.

First race (selling; for all ages; five and one-half furlongs)—Modredlaw, 117; Nevermore, 114; Rather Royal, 114; Billy Hansel, 109; Sam Hoffheimer, 109; Dr. Aco, 99; Mathis, 96; Elphie Collins, 96; Steve Lane, 96; Burnett, 96; That's What, 94; Tichimingo, 94; R. U. Arn, 94; Anna McLaurine, 92; Pirate's Dance, 91.

Second race (purse; six furlongs)—Orbicular, 115; Lady Esther, 112; Hauteur, 106; Daring, 106; Quinn Brady, 106; Polly Prim, 103; Folly Perkins, 98.

Third race (selling; one and one-sixteenth miles)—St. Tammany, 106; Ernest Parham, 106; Dr. Wang, 104; Custus, 103; King of the Valley, 103; Tapiola, 102; Berry Hughes, 101; Beecher, 101; Sanction, 98; Mammon, 98; Lou M., 97; Grosgrain, 92; Aten, 92; The Trifler, 92; Molo B., 89.

Fourth race (purse; seven furlongs)—Bad News, 119; Thespian, 100; Henry Ach, 100; Tom Crabb, 97; St. Noel, 97; Ferryman, 95; Wood Claim, 92.

Fifth race (steeplechase; short course)—Alice Dougherty, 147; H. M. P., 147; Alice Commoner, 141; Redlands, 141; Lionel, 132; Scops, 127.

Sixth race (selling; one and one-eighth miles)—Gravina, 104; Amberita, 104; Deil Leath, 104; Doeskin, 104; Evaskill, 99; Harry Stephens, 100; Safety Light, 99; Town Moor, 99; Florizel, 99; Gambler, 95; Jove, 94; Lampadrome, 90; Liddon, 88; Derry, 85; Naran, 85.

FAIR GROUNDS ENTRIES TO-DAY.

First race (purse $400; five and one-half furlongs)—Wedding Ring, 112; Desha, 115; Golden Glow, 111; Pattonville, 115; Oriflamme, 107; Holloway, 108; Holland II, 118; Hollowmas, 112; Lena J., 112; D. W. Flynn, 110.

Second race (selling; purse $400; six furlongs)—Gallant, 107; Luretta, 110; Tempt, 97; Friendless, 102; Venator, 101; Red Raven, 97; Brookston, 97; Girdle, 106; Kohinoor, 97; Arabo, 105; The Plains, 100; Nat Eggleston, 104.

Third race (purse $600; one and one-sixteenth miles)—Novena, 99; Little Scout, 101; Monte, 95; Phil Finch, 109; Pasadena, 106.

Fourth race (handicap; purse $700; one mile and seventy yards)—Footlights Favorite, 102; Nine, 94; Phil Finch, 114; Ben Hodder, 91; Columbia Girl, 96; Reidmoore, 90; Novena, 95.

Fifth race (purse $500; five furlongs)—Deuxtemps, 109; Waterwing, 112; Duenna, 109; Catherine R., 109; Stoner Hill, 112; High Chance, 112; The Ram, 112; Joe Colston, 105; Beechwood, 100; Attraction, 109; Cousin Kate, 109; Etrina, 109; Guiding Star, 118; Marvel P., 109; King's Gem, 112.

Sixth race (selling; purse $400; one and one-eighth miles)—Ethel's Pride, 97; Bery Waddell, 105; Allan, 98; Pickles, 100; Madoc, 98; Light Note, 101; Decoration, 99; The Regent, 104; Antimony, 103; Handspinner, 98; Nones, 101; Consuelo II, 94; Edward Hale, 101; Imboden, 98.

"AUTO" CLUB OF AMERICA SHOW.

When the sixth annual show of the Automobile Club of America is opened on Saturday night, January 13, the public will have its first view of the new armory of the 69th Regiment, the most convenient entrance to which will be on 26th-st., near 4th-ave., with other entrances on Lexington-ave. and 25th-st. Gasolene, steam and electric vehicles, both for pleasure and business purposes, will be on exhibition, with space left for all sorts of accessories and sundries. In fact, everything connected with the industry will have a place in the show.

VIRGINIA'S QUAIL GONE.

Hawks Have Nearly Exterminated State's Game Birds.

[From an Occasional Correspondent of The Tribune.]

Burkeville, Va., Dec. 10.—Only once before within the memory of the present generation of hunting men has there been such a scarcity of game birds in Virginia, and for weeks the citizens of the Old Dominion have been engaged in a lively—if somewhat unprofitable—discussion of the causes which have brought about within an incredibly short time the virtual extermination of the quail in many parts of the State.

Two years ago there was scarcely a county along the eastern and southern slopes that did not shelter within its pine woods and its tangled undergrowth literally hundreds of coveys of quail. The veriest novice from the North, with his unschooled, crudely handled field dogs, thought nothing of finding a dozen coveys within the course of an afternoon's tramp. To-day the veteran hunter considers himself lucky if he puts up one small covey after hours of the hardest kind of work.

The unprecedented severity of the winter a year ago, the prevalence of hawks and the floods of last May and June are the causes generally ascribed for the annihilation of Bob White and his feathered contemporaries, the woodcock and the pheasant. The fact that most of the quail which have been found this fall are second broods, and were not hatched until well into the summer, gives some credence to the theory that the unusual rainfall was largely responsible for the decrease, and that the young birds were drowned before they were able to leave the nest. This theory, no doubt, accounts in a measure for the scarcity, but the farmers, on whose plantations the quail find cover and breeding grounds, and the natives, who learned woodcraft along with the alphabet, are unanimous in holding the hawk chiefly responsible.

The six weeks of bitter winter a year ago, when the fields and woods were covered with a crust of snow and ice six inches deep, placed whole coveys of birds at the mercy of the hawks. No one who has ever observed the hawk's methods in hunting quail, even under ordinary conditions, and has noted his untiring zeal, his bold and brilliant swoops from the unmasked battery of the sky, his recklessness and his grim patience, will deny that in the course of the year he is responsible for the destruction of more birds than all the sportsmen with chilled shot and skilled dogs combined.

The shadow of a hawk, silent and sinister, on a field of brown straw will transform a quiet feeding ground into a scene tense with impending tragedy and will strike greater terror into a covey of quail than the noise of a dozen guns. One has only to observe the difference in the flight of a covey flushed by a hawk and one put up by a hunter or his dog to appreciate this fact. When the latter puts up the birds they will, nine times in ten, all fly in the same direction and, notwithstanding the shot that is poured into the feathered ranks, will alight within a few hundred yards and within a comparatively small area.

A hawk squandered covey, on the other hand, will scatter to every point of the compass, and will frequently fly from a half to three-quarters of a mile before seeking covert. A hunter happening on a hawk hunted gang of birds before they have gathered can readily tell who his predecessor has been by the closeness with which the single birds will lie for his dog. Though he does not kill each time he strikes, the excessive fear this swift winged hunter imparts can readily be understood. He is as relentless as the most shameless pot hunter. If he fails at first, he keeps on until he succeeds, swooping at his victim again and again—as often, in fact, as it goes to cover. The mysterious phenomenon of scent never balks him as it does a dog. He selects his victim at the first flush and never lets up until a tragic little heap of feathers tells the final story of the chase.

Athough the big clumsy winged "skimmer" hawk is not averse to quail and is frequently seen hunting them, the blue wing chicken, or, as he is called in many States, the owl hawk, is by far the most destructive of all his species and his ways are the most brilliant and spectacular. Gray and grim and silent, poised on the limb of a naked old field pine, he bides his time, waiting to hurl himself with incredible swiftness at a little red target of deer berries, two hundred feet away, on which a flock of birds is feeding. His presence has robbed the quiet field of all its drowsing peace and tranquil security. Even the blithe and careless cottontail rabbit scurries to the nearest shelter.

The leader of the covey sounds his fluttering little note of warning and his flock instantly rallies around him in a compact circle. Suddenly, without warning, without the flutter of a wing, the gray ball on the limb overhead fires himself at the huddled group like a dynamite projectile. If he misses he singles out one of the birds and gives instant chase. The cry of a quail, when pursued by a hawk, is unlike any other note it has, and once having heard it one will not readily forget it. There is something almost human in its despair and terror.

Unlike the ruffed grouse, Bob White has little knowledge of strategy. He seldom attempts to put trees or other obstacles between himself and his enemy, but flies in a straight line for the nearest shelter. Not infrequently the fast blue wing will overhaul his quarry in mid air, and, seizing it in his talons, carry it off to his larder.

It would be difficult to estimate the monetary loss to the farmers and land owners which the extermination of the game birds of the State will cause. Hundreds of Northern sportsmen who have been coming here for years on annual quail hunts and have materially swelled the coffers of the natives with whom they have boarded have sought new fields now, either in the Carolinas or in Georgia. With a knowledge of the loss which the extermination of its quail crop means it would almost seem as though the State would take some definite steps toward its preservation, but so far it has not even taken the trouble to place a bounty on the hawks.

MONEY FOR CYCLISTS TO-DAY.

Riders Who Took Part in Long Grind Are All in Good Physical Condition.

The eight teams that finished the six day bicycle race last Saturday apparently felt no bad effects from the long grind, as yesterday all were up and about, either at the Ashland House and Putnam House, where they were stopping, or at Madison Square Garden, the scene of the contest.

Root and Fogler, the winning team, were out about 10 o'clock and visited the Garden. The Bedell brothers, who spent the night at a Turkish bath, were at the Garden about noon superintending the packing up of their bicycles and racing paraphernalia. McLean and Moran and Hopper and Hollister and Logan and Downey were also at the Garden early in the day packing up.

At the Ashland House, where a number of prominent cyclists stopped during the races, it was said yesterday that the general opinion was that the contestants had finished the race in much better physical condition than in any year past.

It is expected that the prize money will be awarded to the winners to-day at the Hotel Bartholdi.

A. C. C. NEW YEAR'S RUN.

For years the Associated Cycling Clubs of New-York have conducted a New Year's run for bicyclists starting at 12 o'clock midnight on January 1 from Central Park Circle to Yonkers and Tarrytown. Two years ago a class was established for motor cyclists that immediately met with popular favor. This year the cyclists will start at 12:01 o'clock and the motor cyclists at 12:31 o'clock. W. A. Beaver won the bicycle and A. Krueder the motor cycle honors last year. Five years ago H. Y. Bedell won in a blinding snowstorm. The run is open to all amateurs, regardless of club affiliations.

THE AMERICAN RECORDS.

Highlanders Make Poor Showing in Fielding Averages.

The fielding averages of the American League for 1905 were announced last night. In the club averages the Highlanders finished ninth. Out of 152 games played, the locals are credited with 4,027 put outs, 1,877 assists and 294 errors. Chicago, which heads the list, in 157 games played, is credited with 4,254 put outs, 2,266 assists and 217 errors, and has a percentage of .968.

Among the first basemen, Carr, of the Cleveland team, leads, with a percentage of .991. Chase, of the Highlanders, finished ninth.

Of the second basemen, Lajoie, of the Cleveland nine, finished first, with a percentage of .991. Williams, of the locals, finished third, with a percentage of .964.

Lowe, of the Detroits, leads the list of third basemen, with a percentage of .981. Conroy, of the Highlanders, finished seventh, with a percentage of .928.

Of the shortstops, Davis, of the Chicagos, finished first, with a percentage of .948. Conroy, of the locals, is third, with a percentage of .944.

Barrett, of Detroit, among the catchers, finished first, and Keeler, of the Highlanders, third. Donahue, of Cleveland, won the first laurels for pitchers, with a percentage of 1,000. He played in twenty games, made nine put-outs, forty-eight assists and no errors. Griffith, of the Highlanders, finished sixteenth, with a percentage of .960, and is tied with Glade, of the St. Louis nine. Waddell, of Philadelphia, leads the pitchers in the winning percentage. The records follow:

CLUB FIELDING AVERAGES.

	No. games.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.c.
Chicago	157	4,254	2,266	217	.968
Cleveland	154	4,058	2,047	231	.964
St. Louis	156	4,131	2,185	285	.957
Detroit	153	4,007	1,853	265	.957
Philadelphia	152	4,130	1,740	265	.957
Boston	153	4,076	1,916	298	.953
New-York	152	4,027	1,817	294	.953
Washington	157	4,132	2,012	323	.950

FIRST BASEMEN.

Carr, Cleveland	87	940	50	9	.991
Donahue, Chicago	149	1,645	114	21	.988
Davis, Philadelphia	149	1,621	91	24	.986
Stahl, Washington	140	1,343	94	21	.986
Jones, St. Louis	135	1,502	105	25	.985
Grimshaw, Boston	74	768	35	16	.980
Crawford, Detroit	51	478	41	11	.979
Lindsay, Detroit	88	761	57	18	.978
Chase, New-York	122	1,174	61	31	.976
Stovall, Cleveland	59	648	53	18	.975
Freeman, Boston	72	585	29	18	.972
Hickman, Washington	85	136	10	6	.961

SECOND BASEMEN.

Lajoie, Cleveland	59	148	177	3	.991
Dundon, Chicago	104	218	321	12	.978
Williams, New-York	129	385	332	25	.964
Isbell, Chicago	42	76	112	7	.964
Ferris, Boston	141	320	424	30	.961
Murphy, Philadelphia	150	287	387	31	.956
Schaefer, Detroit	141	403	389	37	.955
Moran, St. Louis	20	36	47	4	.954
Padden, St. Louis	16	32	44	4	.950
Kahl, Cleveland	30	60	94	9	.945
Stovall, Cleveland	45	97	107	12	.944
Nill, Washington	33	78	91	10	.944
Starr, St. Louis	16	20	43	4	.940
Rohe, Chicago	16	31	40	5	.934
Mullin, Washington	38	83	97	14	.928
Rockenfeld, St. Louis	95	219	255	37	.928
Hickman, Washington	85	170	281	38	.922

THIRD BASEMEN.

Lowe, Detroit	22	16	36	1	.981
Rohe, Chicago	17	16	32	1	.980
Bradley, Cleveland	145	187	312	29	.944
Tannehill, Chicago	142	168	358	39	.931
Coughlin, Detroit	136	137	255	37	.930
L. Cross, Philadelphia	146	161	249	32	.928
Conroy, New-York	48	80	87	13	.928
Unglaub, Boston	21	25	39	5	.927
Yeager, New-York	90	103	173	23	.926
Collins, Boston	131	164	268	36	.923
Gleason, St. Louis	142	118	271	38	.911
Hill, Washington	103	130	206	34	.908
Nill, Washington	54	60	97	18	.897

SHORTSTOPS.

Davis, Chicago	151	330	501	46	.948
Turner, Cleveland	154	285	430	41	.944
Conroy, New-York	18	42	36	5	.940
Wallace, St. Louis	156	385	506	62	.935
Yeager, New-York	21	43	69	8	.934
O'Leary, Detroit	148	358	411	55	.933
M. Cross, Philadelphia	76	159	195	27	.929
Cassidy, Washington	151	308	520	66	.926
Parent, Boston	153	294	461	66	.920
Elberfeld, New-York	108	244	317	57	.908
Knight, Philadelphia	81	143	188	39	.895

OUTFIELDERS.

Barrett, Detroit	18	29	0	0	1.000
Crawford, Detroit	103	152	18	2	.988
Conroy, New-York	21	67	1	1	.986
Seybold, Philadelphia	132	213	13	4	.983
Lowe, Detroit	24	45	5	1	.980
Stahl, Boston	134	249	11	6	.977
Jones, Chicago	153	337	21	11	.970
Bay, Cleveland	143	303	14	10	.969
Koehler, St. Louis	124	227	24	8	.969
Keeler, New-York	139	194	17	7	.968
McIntyre, Detroit	131	286	18	10	.968
Fultz, New-York	122	252	4	9	.967
Lord, Philadelphia	60	94	9	4	.962
Jones, Washington	142	240	24	11	.960
Cooley, Detroit	95	223	12	10	.959
Selbach, Boston	112	186	8	15	.958
Cobb, Detroit	41	85	6	4	.958
Hahn, New-York	43	83	5	4	.957
Callahan, Chicago	93	120	10	6	.956
Freeman, Boston	51	64	0	3	.955
Stone, St. Louis	154	278	15	14	.954
Hess, Cleveland	27	52	5	3	.950
Anderson, Washington	111	194	10	11	.949
Jackson, Cleveland	103	191	16	11	.948
Isbell, Chicago	40	65	5	4	.946
Stanley, Washington	27	47	4	3	.944
Hickman, Washington	47	72	9	5	.942
Hoffman, Philadelphia	117	214	12	14	.942
Hartsel, Philadelphia	148	253	6	17	.938
Flick, Cleveland	131	177	18	13	.938
Knoll, Washington	63	110	8	8	.937
Holmes, Chicago	89	150	11	11	.936
Vinson, Cleveland	36	63	1	5	.930
Burkett, Boston	149	276	11	22	.929
Huelsman, Washington	116	189	7	15	.928
Frick, St. Louis	118	117	15	11	.923
Green, Chicago	107	119	9	12	.914
Dougherty, New-York	114	173	11	21	.897
Van Zant, St. Louis	74	70	9	11	.878

CATCHERS.

Schreck, Philadelphia	114	785	114	15	.984
Sugden, St. Louis	85	420	112	9	.983
Kittredge, Washington	76	323	113	10	.978
Kleinow, New-York	83	361	82	10	.976
McGuire, New-York	70	366	69	11	.975
Sullivan, Chicago	94	389	104	13	.974
Warner, Detroit	36	185	40	6	.974
McFarland, Chicago	70	343	88	12	.973
Criger, Boston	109	539	147	20	.972
Bemis, Cleveland	58	256	52	9	.972
Drill, Detroit	71	345	73	13	.970
Clarke, Cleveland	44	178	41	8	.965
Buelow, Cleveland	60	262	72	13	.963
Doran, Detroit	30	123	33	6	.963
Spencer, St. Louis	34	134	41	7	.962
Weaver, St. Louis	28	139	38	7	.962
Roth, St. Louis	29	114	36	6	.962
Powers, Philadelphia	52	222	49	12	.958
Haydon, Washington	77	368	125	23	.955
McGovern, Boston	15	67	11	4	.951
Armbruster, Boston	35	154	30	11	.944

PITCHERS.

Donahue, Cleveland	20	9	48	0	1.000
Altrock, Chicago	40	32	132	2	.988
Rhoades, Cleveland	28	6	78	1	.988
Walsh, Chicago	22	9	41	1	.980
Owen, Chicago	42	20	120	3	.979
Patterson, Chicago	13	5	32	1	.974
Smith, Chicago	39	27	77	3	.972
Joss, Cleveland	32	24	106	4	.970
Bender, Philadelphia	35	14	77	3	.968
Young, Boston	38	2	87	3	.967
Sudhoff, St. Louis	32	20	96	4	.967
Howell, St. Louis	38	21	78	7	.966
Mullen, Detroit	44	20	134	6	.963
Glade, St. Louis	32	13	102	4	.962
White, Chicago	34	20	75	4	.960
Griffith, New-York	25	1	23	1	.960
Bernhard, Cleveland	22	14	53	3	.957
Powell, St. Louis	40	2	39	2	.953
Hogg, New-York	39	5	35	2	.952
Wolfe, Washington	27	10	48	3	.951
Pelty, St. Louis	31	15	92	6	.946
Plank, Philadelphia	41	24	82	6	.946
Tannehill, Boston	37	9	97	6	.946
Townsend, Washington	34	21	64	5	.944
Winters, Boston	34	14	81	6	.941
Orth, New-York	40	13	96	7	.940
Hughes, Washington	39	9	69	5	.940
Chesbro, New-York	41	11	97	7	.939
Dineen, Boston	31	11	77	6	.936
Henley, Philadelphia	25	10	77	6	.935
Donovan, Detroit	34	16	67	6	.934
Hess, Cleveland	27	22	62	6	.933
Killian, Detroit	39	14	79	7	.930
Gibson, Boston	24	11	28	3	.929
Moore, Cleveland	30	14	72	7	.925
Patten, Washington	43	28	81	9	.924
Falkenberg, Washington	12	6	17	2	.920
Kitson, Detroit	33	5	65	7	.909
Coakley, Philadelphia	34	10	68	8	.907
Jacobson, Washington	22	8	37	5	.900
Buchanan, St. Louis	22	8	47	8	.873
Waddell, Philadelphia	46	13	89	15	.872
Buttmann, New-York	17	3	28	5	.861
Morgan, St. Louis	13	5	34	8	.830

PITCHERS—WINNING PERCENTAGE.

	Won.	Lost.	T. O.	Tie.	Ave.
Waddell, Philadelphia	27	10	5	1	.730
Walsh, Chicago	8	3	3	0	.727
Tannehill, Boston	22	9	5	0	.710
Coakley, Philadelphia	17	8	7	0	.680
Altrock, Chicago	24	12	0	2	.667
Plank, Philadelphia	24	12	4	1	.667
Falkenberg, Washington	6	3	1	0	.667
Joss, Cleveland	20	11	1	0	.645
Rhoades, Cleveland	16	9	2	0	.640
Killian, Detroit	23	14	2	0	.622
Bender, Philadelphia	18	11	2	0	.621
Owen, Chicago	21	13	3	2	.618
Griffith, New-York	9	6	1	1	.600
Smith, Chicago	19	13	2	2	.594
Chesbro, New-York	20	14	6	0	.588
Donovan, Detroit	19	14	1	0	.576
White, Chicago	16	12	3	0	.571
Orth, New-York	18	16	5	0	.529
Moore, Cleveland	15	14	0	0	.517
Mullin, Detroit	21	20	2	0	.512
Winters, Boston	16	16	1	0	.500
Pelty, St. Louis	14	14	1	0	.500
Kitson, Detroit	13	13	2	1	.500
Young, Boston	18	19	0	1	.486
Jacobson, Washington	7	8	3	0	.467
Hughes, Washington	17	20	1	0	.459
Dineen, Boston	12	15	8	0	.444
Powell, St. Louis	11	14	7	0	.440
Wolfe, Washington	9	12	4	0	.429
Hogg, New-York	9	13	7	1	.409
Patterson, Chicago	4	6	0	0	.400
Hess, Cleveland	10	16	0	1	.385
Howell, St. Louis	14	23	0	0	.378
Patten, Washington	14	23	3	1	.378
Bernhard, Cleveland	7	13	1	0	.350
Sudhoff, St. Louis	10	20	0	1	.333
Gibson, Boston	4	8	6	0	.333
Buchanan, St. Louis	5	10	1	0	.333
Donahue, Cleveland	6	13	0	0	.316
Townsend, Washington	7	16	2	1	.304
Henley, Philadelphia	4	11	4	1	.267
Morgan, St. Louis	2	6	1	0	.250
Buttmann, New-York	2	8	1	1	.200
Glade, St. Louis	6	25	0	1	.194

M'COY AFTER CORBETT AGAIN.

Last night Norman Selby ("Kid" McCoy) made a statement at the Penn Club that he had posted a forfeit of $5,000 with one of the newspapers to meet James J. Corbett.

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YALE FOOTBALL REFORM.

Some Action Likely Soon, but No Radical Changes.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 10.—Inquiry among the faculty shows that there will be wide support for the investigation of football at Yale, which was announced in The Tribune last Saturday. The movement comes from a large and responsible element in the college faculty, and is directed mainly against the overimportance which it is alleged has been given the game.

There is no present indication that any such radical move will be made at Yale as the abolition of football. If, however, certain reforms are not commenced, it is said that there will be a movement against the continuance of the game.

What is to be expected from Yale, however, is a complete inquiry into the general conditions surrounding football as played at Yale, with definite propositions looking to a new status for it. This new movement at Yale is entirely separate from and independent of the recently appointed investigating committee of three professors who are now at work on compiling a report which will do, it is understood, especially with the financial side of the game.

The present new movement is against the present condition of the sport itself, and, if information given to The Tribune is correct, Yale may shortly be in the throes of the same agitation which is now sweeping the country in regard to football—with this difference, however, that there is no disposition at Yale to abolish the game or to criticise it, especially on the lines of rules and play.

The interests at Yale centers in the relation of the game to university work rather than on its technical side. Yale supports Mr. Camp in his 10-yard rule proposal, but has not yet signified its readiness to join with other protesting colleges in a wholesale changing of the rules of the game.

NAVY IS FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Annapolis Thinks Quaker City Best Place for Army-Navy Football Match.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 10.—A naval officer, who is in a position of authority in athletics at the Naval Academy, said to-night that there was no likelihood of the navy consenting to New-York as the place for future Army-Navy football games, as it required too great a journey for the Navy team.

Washington, he thought, was out of the question for the same reason from the West Point standpoint. His conclusion was that Philadelphia was the most natural place for the holding of the game.

While the Navy authorities do not feel that they are in a position to open negotiations with the University of Pennsylvania, it is likely that they would look at such a thing most favorably if it was suggested to them.

HARD TO WIN AT HENLEY.

James Pilkington, president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, when asked last night what he thought of another crew from the Vesper Boat Club going to England to compete in the Henley Regatta, said:

I think it is nothing more than a waste of time. Just look back in the early '70's, when the Hillsdale Boat Club crew of Michigan proved itself to be the best crew in this country and won the National Regatta three times. Yet, when they went to England to compete in the Henley regatta they did not win. Likewise the Shaumetts, also one of the boat clubs in Michigan, went over to England and were badly beaten. In view of this fact, an American crew, to go to England, should first prove itself to be the best in this country and have a special try out. Why is it that the crews that are sent over to England never have any more men than the boat calls for? This is another thing that should be taken seriously into consideration. Because, if anything should happen to one of the oarsmen, it would put them out of the race. Everything should be looked up carefully before any attempt is made on the part of American oarsmen to send a crew to England to compete in the Henley regatta.

CHARLES T. WHITE WINS POOL TROPHY.

A handsome solid silver and gold lined cup, donated by the Fifth Avenue Hotel, to be contested for in a pool tournament among the political reporters of the Amen Corner, was won on Saturday night by Charles T. White, of The Tribune. The preliminary games on Friday night eliminated all the players excepting Mr. White and Robert Fuller, of "The Herald." The handicap was arranged so that Mr. White played 80 points to Mr. Fuller's 60. Great interest was manifested among the friends of the contestants, and a large crowd was on hand to witness the final game. Mr. Fuller took the lead, and, when the first five frames had been played, appeared to have the game well in hand. With the score at 50 for Mr. Fuller and 54 for Mr. White, the latter ran out, while Mr. Fuller was making a single ball. Mr. White's name will be engraved on the cup, and it will be presented to him some night this week.

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