WATER REGISTER MURPHY.

HE DISAPPEARS FROM HOBOKEN LEAVING A DEFICIENCY.

Some Folks Think he is Short $30,000 and Some $60,000—His Long Delay in Calling a Meeting of the Commissioners.

Within the half hour between 7½ and 8 o'clock on Thursday evening Michael H. Murphy, the popular Water Register of Hoboken vanished from view. The delinquency which is supposed to have caused his disappearance is estimated at about $30,000, with a tendency to grow. Hoboken secures its water from the Hackensack Water Company. It has a Board of five Commissioners. Four of these Commissioners are elected. The fifth is the Chairman of the Common Council, ex officio. None of the Commissioners receives any salary, while the elected members are required to give $20,000 bonds each for the faithful performance of their duties. The Water Register is the executive officer of the board. He is elected on the general city ticket every three years, draws a salary of $2,500 a year, and is required to give a bond of $20,000. It is his duty, aided by a sufficient force of clerks, to collect the water rates, keep the accounts of the Board, and in a general way transact its business. Murphy has been Register four consecutive terms. He was reelected a year ago without opposition.

It came to the knowledge of the President of the Board, William J. Winges, some time ago that the Commissioners were delinquent in their payments to the Hackensack Water Company, but Register Murphy alleged as an excuse the difficulty of collecting water rates and the large number of consumers who were delinquent. R. W. De Forrest, President of the Water Company, finally insisted upon a settlement. President Winges told the Register there had better be a meeting of the Board called to take some action in the matter. The Register assented, but delayed calling the meeting. Finally on Thursday, when Mr De Forrest notified the President that suit would be begun at once if something was not done, Winges went to the Register and directed him, in a peremptory manner, to call a special meeting for that evening. Murphy did call the meeting for 8 o'clock that evening, notifying all the members. Eight o'clock came, and so did the Commissioners—all of them. But Murphy did not put in an appearance.

The Commissioners sat around smoking and chatting for fifteen minutes, when they began to wonder where Murphy was. After another fifteen minutes had elapsed they began telephoning in various directions for him. When the telephone failed to find the absent Register, district messengers were announced and sent post haste in all directions after him, but with no better success. At last the Deputy Register, George Perry, was summoned. He could throw no light upon his principal's mysterious absence. Then the Commissioners began to rub their eyes and ask each other if there might not be something wrong. They only knew very little about the affairs of the office. The bank book was found and it showed a balance of $6,000 on deposit in the First National Bank, of which $3,407.96 had been deposited that day. The fact of the Register having made a deposit of so large a sum that very day tended to dispel any suspicion that he had fled. But it was certain that the Board was owing the Water Company $30,000, and the $6,000 available would not settle that claim. Why was there not enough money on hand to meet current obligations? This query bothered the Commissioners until they adjourned near midnight, that it was a vexatious and tedious job which would require several days to complete. One of them said, however, that the Register's delinquency could be no greater than the amount due the water company, if it was as much. They supposed that their revenues were sufficient to meet all their obligations, and they profess profound ignorance as to how this large indebtedness, now amounting to nearly $60,000, could exist if the water rates had been duly collected and the receipts applied to the payment of the bills against them. Without saying it directly, they give the impression that Murphy has absorbed an amount at least equal to whatever the Board is now owing.

Murphy was a single man, 44 years old. He lived with his stepmother and a stepsister, a young woman about 24 years old. The stepmother is infirm, and the sister is the housekeeper. Neither has any means, and Murphy has been their sole support. They lived very modestly in an apartment in Park avenue, near Fifth street. The mother and sister protest that they have not seen him nor heard from him since he left home in the usual way on Thursday morning. They insist that they know nothing of his whereabouts, and appear to be greatly worried about him. August Stede, editor of the *Hoboken Evening News*, one of Murphy's most intimate friends, says he cannot explain the matter in any other way than that Murphy has let the money slip through his hands in driblets in little acts of generosity and benevolence.

Chief of Police Donovan says he has known Murphy all his life. He had the most implicit confidence in him. He had not been called upon to take any action in the matter. The general opinion in Hoboken is that Murphy is guilty to the extent of the indebtedness of the Board, but the sympathy for him is universal. Very few were willing to believe that he had run away, potafting to his deposit of Thursday as evidence to the contrary. He is described as one of the most genial men in town; always ready to treat the boys; never refusing to sit in at a friendly game of cards for the drinks, but never gambling for money.

Murphy's bondsmen are ex-Assemblyman Martin Stelcles and Teacher-elect John Brunn. They may be abundantly able to make good whatever shortage may be discovered.

The Commissioners last night declared Murphy's office vacant.

DISEASES THAT AFFLICT INDIANS.

They Suffer from all the Ills that Whites are Heir To Except Delirium Tremens.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—A table compiled from the reports of the United States Indian agents for the year 1886 shows that 65,356 Indians were taken sick and wounded during that year so as to require treatment, of which number 1,744 died. Of this number eleven died by homicide and six by suicide. Several others died violent deaths by accident. Of those treated the majority seemed to suffer from diseases of the eye, 7,860 being treated for conjunctives alone, and over 400 for other diseases of like character. The greatest sufferers from these diseases are the Indians of the great plains in the treeless and rainless belt. Over 1,400 of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes of Indian Territory, and nearly 600 of the Kiowas, Comanches, and Wichitas of the same Territory suffered from these diseases. Diseases of the respiratory organs were next in order, over 6,000 being treated for diseases of the lungs and throat, not including the consumptives, of which there were 1,015. The chief sufferers from these diseases were Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota Indians, although the Cheyennes and Arapahoes of Indian Territory, with less than 3,500 Indians, show a larger percentage of every disease than any of the other tribes.

In the matter of zymotic diseases the Indians are, of course, great sufferers, as their carelessness and uncleanliness do much to aid disease. Over 12,000 of them were treated for miasmatic diseases, 7,600 being treated for remittent and intermittent fevers alone, and of influenza and quinsy over 3,000 more. Of cutaneous diseases due to humorality there was little to support the loud cry that of late years has been raised against the Indians. Less than 2,000 were treated for all diseases of this class. Rheumatics seized upon 3,500, and 2,254 were treated for scrofula. That dyspepsia and civilization always go hand in hand seems to have been somewhat an erroneous idea, for over 7,000 Indians were treated for diseases of the digestive organs, over 1,000 of whom had dyspepsia pure and simple. Four overfed aborigines died of Bright's disease, 1,244 suffered from headache, and 1,775 were treated for neuralgia. Four Indians suffered from inebriation, and only one in 250,000 red man had the delirium tremens. Over 3,500 were treated for the itch, and 2,509 for other skin diseases allied thereto. The total Indian births last year were 4,419 as reported by agents.

The Railway Mystery.

The inquest in the case of the murdered and unidentified girl at Railway was put off yesterday morning to next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The postponement strengthens a rumor that new evidence is expected from New York. A large number of people residing in Milton and vicinity have been subpœnaed.

The well in Clinton Frost's yard was dug out yesterday, as a fortune teller had advised. All that was discovered were some sticks and a stone. There is a prospect that the body may be buried within a few days. Anybody who would say he could recognize the body in its present state of decomposition would prove by that assertion that he could not have known the dead girl when she was alive.

THROUGH CAPE COD.

The New Agitation to Get a Canal Across that Crooked Yankee Output.

BOSTON, April 15.—Four clamorous schemes for cutting ship channels through Cape Cod are making things lively at the present session of the Legislature. A canal franchise is now recognized as a plum worth fighting for, and the competition to secure it is of the sharpest description. On more than a dozen occasions large parties of legislators have been taken down on the cape by one or another of the charter applicants, and have been feasted and and fêted most lavishly.

The history of previous enterprises for bisecting the cape is as discouraging as possible. The project, by the way, is nearly two centuries old, as shown by the following extract from the archives at the State House:

Oct. 30, 1697.

In the House of Representatives:

Whereas it is thought by many to be very Necessary for the preservation of men and Estates, and very profitable and useful to the publick, if a passage be Cut thro' the Land att Sandwich from Barnstable Bay so called into Monument Bay, for Vessels to pass to and from the Western parts of this Country.

Ordered: That Mr. John Otis of Barnstable Capt. William Bassett and Mr. Thomas Smith of Sandwich be and hereby appointed to view the place, and make Report to this Court at their next Sessions what they judge will be the General Conveniences or Inconveniences that may accrue thereby; and what the charge of the same may be; and probability of effecting thereof.

Sent up for concurrence.

Die predict. PEN TOWNSEND Speaker.

Void. a Concurrance in Council.

JAS. ADDINGTON Secry.

During more recent years the Legislature has granted charter after charter for digging a canal on substantially the same location as that above described, but most of the winners of the franchise seem to have sought it simply as a privilege of possible market value. It is not known that anything was ever obtained for the franchise, or even that there has been a bid made for it worth considering. The company now seeking a renewal of its charter, generally known as the Lockwood party, has not an encouraging record. It has dug a ditch half a mile long, barely enough to hold its charter up to June next, when the four years expires in which the Legislature required that the canal must be completed. They ask for an extension of time and for permission to capitalize the scheme at $10,000,000.

There comes in opposition to the Lockwood petition, first, the Fox party, a Canadian syndicate which makes very positive promises to complete the canal within a reasonable time. Then there is the Tobey party, a combination of well-known New England capitalists, which offers substantially the same guarantee. Lastly come Mr. Thomas Bacon and his associates, who ask for right of way across the cape at Bass River, about twenty miles further down than the location sought by the other three. The cape is much wider at Bass River, where the shore borders on Vineyard Sound instead of Buzzard's Bay, but the channel of the river cuts almost half way across the cape to Barnstable Bay. In other words, the Sandwich location is nearly up to the shoulder of the cape, while the Bass River route is about at the elbow. The advantages claimed for the Bass River location are that, while it would make the distance from New York to Boston rather longer than the other, it avoids the dangerous navigation of Buzzard's Bay. It is argued, on the other hand, that Buzzard's Bay can be made safe at comparately small expense, and that the Government would probably do the work.

Whoever wins the prize, it will be awarded with such iron-clad conditions as will compel the immediate construction of the canal, so that perhaps within two years twelve-hour steamboat trips between New York and Boston can be enjoyed at low rates of fare. It is estimated that the construction of the canal will lessen the time of steamships between New York and Boston by about six hours. The latest gossip at the State House is that the committee will report in favor of extending the charter of the old company, with strict conditions providing for immediate forfeiture in case the work is abandoned or delayed. One fact leading to this decision is that the control of the company has partially changed, and that stronger parties have come in.

COLLEGE BASE BALL.

A Futile Effort to Break Up the Inter-Collegiate League in Maine.

LEWISTON, Me., April 15.—An attempt was made this spring by the faculty of Maine College to arrange a combination of all the colleges against the Maine Inter-Collegiate Base Ball League. They wrote to each of the other colleges requesting the faculties to unite with them in forbidding students to enter the League. Two of the colleges thought it would not be wise to take such a decided step, and the combination could not be effected. The League, nevertheless, has virtually been killed, as only two nines, those of Bowdoin and Colby, will make a contest this year. It is said that one reason for the action of the college was a condition imposed by a person making a large bequest to the institution.

President Hyde of Bowdoin College says:

"I consider base ball a harmless sport of itself. The talk about the dangers of the game is all nonsense. The risks of injury in base ball are insignificant—no greater than those attending any sport which requires active exercise. But I confess I do not like the League idea. I prefer that our boys should play base ball for the sportfulness of the game itself rather than for the excitement and outside features of the League. I think the League has some bad influences. It fosters gambling, and lowers the student to the level of the professional player. Our faculty would prefer to have our students arrange games between the several classes and play games with other colleges when convenient than adopt the league system; but we did not think it advisable to prohibit their entering the League.

"People get some strange notions into their heads about base ball. It makes us some trouble. A graduate of Bowdoin living in Ohio, who desired to send his sons to college, came to see me a short time ago, and told me he could not send his boys here unless we stopped this base ball business. 'Where are you going to send them?' I asked him. He said he'd send them to Williams. 'The Williams nine and our nine are going to play a game together in a few weeks,' I replied. 'I'll send them to Brown or Amherst then,' said he. I told him they play ball more at either of those colleges than at Bowdoin. He went home in doubt, but finally decided to send his boys here.

"Anybody who has had experience with a lot of vigorous young fellows knows that they must have some way to dispose of their superfluous energy. If they do not have sports they will expend it on doors and windows. Our gymnasium has effected a great saving in our expenses for repairs. The general average of repairs was never so low as it was last term.

"I must give a part of the credit for the reduction to our jury system, which is working admirably. In case any damage is done by bonfires or smashups the jurors investigate, ascertain who is responsible, and assess the persons who did the mischief. The jurors go at the work in a dignified spirit and their decisions are respected."

Dr. Hyde himself has a good record as a ball player. On this point he said: "My base ball reputation on paper is greater than it is on the field. I covered a base on a nine that had a wonderful pitcher and catcher, and with those two men it was easy for our nine to make a good record."

Aid For the Babies' Shelter.

The matinée given yesterday in the Lyceum Theatre in aid of the Babies' Shelter of the Church of the Holy Communion was a great success, and netted probably more than $1,000.

The programme contained two new productions. The first was a one-act romance by Brander Matthews, and was very capably rendered by Mr. Joseph Brennan, Mr. Henry Miller of the Lyceum troupe, and Mrs. Charles Denison (Mathilde Madison), formerly of the Madison Square company, all of whom had volunteered their services. The second representation was a two act comedy, translated from the French, and was an amateur performance, the six parts being taken by Messrs. Alfred Young and Harold Harrison and Miss Ada Ward of the Lyceum School of Acting, Mr. Edward Fales Coward, Mr. Henry C. Palmer, and Miss Alice Lawrence. The work was very good and elicited much applause. It concluded with a peasant dance.

Ladies Helping a Deserving Charity.

Delmonico's large dining room was crowded from 4 to 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon by ladies desirous of helping along a deserving charity. It was an Easter fete in aid of the building fund of the Ladies' Library of Hospital and Prison Association. The Hungarian band, led by Munzi Lajos, played in the balcony. Miss Annie Leary, Miss Carola Livingston, Mme. de Barrios and Mrs. Frederick R. Gilbert were congratulated on their success in organizing the fete.

The use of the hall was donated by Mr. Delmonico, and, as the expenses were very light, the profit to the fund was more than $1,000.

Dance of J. & C. Johnston's Employees.

Teutonia Assembly Rooms, on Sixteenth street, near Third avenue, were gay last night with gas lights, music, and dancing. The employees of J. & C. Johnston held their annual reception and, in spite of the rain, the rooms were well filled. This association has been eight years in existence, and now numbers about 1,500 members. Mr. Jacob Mans, the President, who is a nephew of Mr. Johnston, did the honors.

War Between "Society" Directories.

A preliminary injunction was granted yesterday by Judge Wallace against Louis Keller, publisher of the "Social Register," upon the application of the List Publishing Company, whose publication, the "List," it alleged, had been pirated. The two books are rival society publications. Maurice M. Minton is the compiler and actual owner of the "List."

Labor and Wages.

The Susquehanna and Columbia Iron companies of Columbia, Pa., have granted the demand of their puddlers, machine and roll hands for an increase in wages from $2.75 to $4.05 per ton for puddling. All ton men will be paid on the same scale.

AMUSEMENTS.

Patti's Marguerite.

"Faust" was produced last evening in the Metropolitan as the third night of the Italian Opera season. The cast included Madame Scalchi as *Siebel*, Mlle. Valerga as *Martha*, Signor Del Puente as *Valentin*, Signor Novara as *Mephistopheles*, Signor Vicini as *Faust*, and Mme. Patti as *Marguerite*. This is an arrangement of characters which has often been previously set before the public, and most habitual opera goers would at once know from a simple reading of the names exactly how the parts were taken, and would, under ordinary circumstances, be able to gauge correctly also the general effect produced by this assemblage of artists. They would know, for instance, that Mme. Scalchi threw off *Siebel's* "Flower Song" with a careless dash, making many slurs and sudden breaks from head to chest tones, and that she received for these same efforts a vociferous encore. They would see in their mind's eye Novara's gymnastic posturings in the sword scene, and his diabolical gesticulations during the "Gold Song." They might even think they heard the strident tones of Signor Vicini's voice, which is at its worst in "Faust's" music, and they would certainly imagine everything superlatively lovely and beautiful about Mme. Patti's whole performance. Perhaps, therefore, those thrifty individuals who stayed at home and read the cast in their evening paper enjoyed their thoughts upon the performance as well as many of those who sat through it.

For the truth is that there was little or no spirit in the performance, no intelligence or novelty of action, and no astonishingly good singing. The general impression was of a tame, lifeless, and even sometimes faulty performance. Signor Vicini was unpardonably flat, the chorus was often out of time, the ballet, dressed in primary colors, was awkward and ugly, and Mme. Patti was conventional, cold, and not winning or sympathetic as *Marguerite*. She wore her own black hair, a beautifully fitting white gown, and looked slender but not girlish, nor by any means unsophisticated.

"A Trip to Africa" at the Standard Theatre.

The Standard Theatre's production of "A Trip to Africa" is crowding that well-appointed house so that Manager Duff smiles contentedly, and has nothing to bother him beyond the fact that some time in June the hot weather will close him up. Miss Lillian Russell and Eugene Oudin divide the honors of the opera, because their duet, "The Flower Song," is the gem of the piece. Miss Lillian is renewing her triumphs in this engagement, the peculiar though hampering beauty of her Egyptian costume disclosing her nearly as she was when her face and figure first captured the city. J. H. Ryley, another of the many stars of the piece, needs no recommendation to New Yorkers, and Charles W. Dungan, Madeline Lucette, and Zelda Seguin are also described when their names are announced. The scenic effects, new tricks of electric lighting, and fresh, beautiful costumes are worth seeing. The work of the chorus girls, in a half page, half soldier costume over light-brown tights, are already known as chocolate éclairs."

ARSTINGSTALL'S MISSION TO INDIA.

He Wishes to Establish a Trade in Comic Elephants with the Nabobs.

George Arstingstall, the king of elephant trainers, is about to go to India on one of the most novel missionary enterprises ever undertaken. He sailed from New York last Saturday, and received an appropriate send-off from all the show people in the city. He is better known as the "Professor," and is certainly one of the principals of the faculty which has perfected the education of elephants for amusement purposes. Every one is familiar with the development of this education, from the simple trick of ringing a bell or grinding a hand organ, that excited the wonder of the circus goers of the last generation. How those old-time assemblages, those primitive trainers, and even those pioneer performing animals, would stare at the antics of the performing elephants of to-day. The education now includes such accomplishments as dancing, head balancing, pyramid and other acrobatic formations, velocipede riding, sparring, and a long list of other tricks.

Indeed, they have been taught to do so many tricks and taught so well that there is no further demand for novelties, and so the Professor, whose salary has greatly exceeded those even of professors of ball playing, was confronted with the cold fact that he would have to stand a reduction, as a result of the logical operation of the law of supply and demand. But it happens that in a snug portion of his earnings has stuck to his fingers, so that at the end of the round his seconds had to carry him to his corner.

In the third round Duffy sparred feebly for wind. Cavanagh, fresh as a lark, forced the fighting and after three lefts and a terrific uppercut he hitched a right hander under the jaw and knocked him completely off his feet. Duffy tried to rise three times, but at each attempt he fell forward on his face. Time was called before he recovered his feet, and the referee declared Cavanagh the winner. The fight was over in less than fifteen minutes.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—The first race to-day was a selling race, seven furlongs. Charley Marks led from start to finish, winning by two lengths, Probus second, a length ahead of Miss Daly, third, beating Pat Daly. Time 1:30¼.

Second Race.—Purse $250; 105 pounds each; one mile. Favor won easily by three lengths, Gov. Bate second, three lengths in front of Weeka, third. Time 2:05.

Third Race.—The Crescent Stakes, for three-year olds; $500 added; one and a quarter miles. Withrow won by half a length, Volcano second, two lengths ahead of Hidalgo Rose, Jack beating Tom Hood, Mahoney, Fitzmore, Alice Moore, and Romp. Time 2:11¾ the best time ever made for the distance over this track by three-year-olds with weights up. The winner carried five pounds penalty for having won the Pickwick Stakes, making his weight 117 pounds. Blaylock rode the winner.

Fourth Race.—Selling; 1 1-16 miles. Our Friend won easily by three lengths, Handy Andy second, a length ahead of Watchom, third, beating Valet. Time 1:53.

$25,000 for the Brown Collection.

The sale of the paintings in the collections of Augustus L. Brown and George Fawcett Rowe was concluded last night at Moore's Art Gallery, 200 Fifth avenue. Seventy-five paintings brought nearly $13,000. The highest price of the sale, $1,775, was paid for a landscape by Munkacsy. Following is a list of some of the paintings sold last night, the names of the artists, and the prices received:

C. H. Staples, "Blue Mountain Lake"	$40 00
Bakalowicz, "The Page"	20 00
R. Swain Gifford, "On the Nile"	55 00
Kaemmerer, "The Scribe"	200 00
Munkacsy, "Landscape"	1,775 00
William Hart, "Landscape and Cattle"	140 00
Eugene Fichel, "The Critics"	120 00
Charles Emile Jacque, "Sheep in Pasture"	110 00
Jules Dupre, "Morning on the Meadows"	240 00
H. B. Kock Koek, "The Old Homestead"	60 00
Bruce Crane, "October"	60 00
George A. Baker, "Female Head"	42 00
Meyer von Bremen, "Mother and Child"	310 00
A. F. Bunner, "San Giorgio della Salute, Venice"	325 00
Victor Palmaroli, "Admiration"	800 00
Charles François Daubigny, "Landscape and Sheep"	140 00
Auguste Toulemonche, "Memories"	107 50
Seymour Joseph Guy, "As Much As He Can Stand"	45 00
J. H. Dolph, "Market Place, Antwerp"	75 00
Eugene Joseph Verboeckhoven, "Interior and Sheep"	510 00
H. A. Loop, "Meditation"	32 00
Heinrich Lange, "Close of a November Day"	55 00
Felix Ziem, "Moonlight"	325 00
Leon Richet, "Near Barbizon"	65 00
Karl Wilhelm Hubner, "The Lovers' Dispute"	50 00

The grand total approaches $23,000.

Street Obstructions Not All Gone Yet.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir:* What is the matter with Mayor Hewitt's enforcing the law in regard to trucks backing on the sidewalk and men and women forced to walk in the street when it rains and should I see he is driving away obstructions from the streets. Why not tak? OLD READER.

NEW YORK, April 15.

BROOKLYN.

The Brooklyn Yacht Club will open its season on May 30, and the annual regatta will take place on July 18.

The Rev. William H. Ford, lately pastor of the Middle Reformed Church, has accepted a call to the old Bushwick Avenue Reformed church.

An epidemic of measles has prevailed among the children in the Bridge nursery in Hoyt and Bridge street. There were fourteen deaths during the past fortnight.

Bridge President Howell is inclined to favor the building of a surface cable road along the bridge driveways, and of starting it from the City Hall in Brooklyn.

Mrs Margaret Welt is suing August Welt for absolute divorce in the Supreme Court. She alleges that he abandoned her four years ago, and is now living in Peru with another woman.

A young woman, who said she was Mrs. A. Way, left a 10-months-old child at St. Ann's nursery, 237 Adams street, yesterday, promising to return for it in a few hours. She did not return, and the child has been sent to the city nursery.

John S. James, a wealthy broker, has purchased S. P. Chisholm's house and lot on the park at the foot of Pierrepont street, Columbia heights, and it is said each foot of ground has cost him $1,000. The remainder of the park is owned by A. A. Low, Henry E. Pierrepont and Alexander M. Lite. Mr. James is to build a handsome residence on the property.

The grand jury has failed to indict John Delchman, who was accused of swindling Emma Swanson, his sweetheart, out of $250, and then refusing to marry her, as he had promised. Her old affection for him has returned, and it was her appeal to the grand jury in his behalf which saved him from conviction. Delchman says he will now marry her, in spite of all opposition on the part of another girl.

Prof. R. W. Raymond, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Ten of Plymouth church, at the close of the prayer meeting last night, reported that the committee had resolved to publish a memorial pamphlet containing the accounts of Mr. Beecher's illness, death, funeral and memorial meetings. Messrs. Shearman and Tilney were appointed a sub-committee to attend to the details of the publication. The pamphlet, which it intended as a Beecher souvenir, will be sold at a low price. Mr. Shearman announced that Mr. Joseph Parker of London would be in Brooklyn on June 24, to deliver the oration on the anniversary of Mr. Beecher's birthday.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

The American Association Championship to Open To-day—Games Yesterday.

The American Association championship season will open to-day, the Eastern clubs playing in the East and the Western Clubs in the West. The Metropolitans will play in Brooklyn, Baltimore at Philadelphia, Louisville at St. Louis, and Cincinnati at Cleveland. These games will be watched with more than usual interest on account of the many changes that have been made in the clubs. The strongest teams will be put in the field, and all will try to win a first game. In Brooklyn, Porter and O'Brien will do the bombarding act for the home team, while Mays and Holbert will officiate in a like capacity for the Metropolitans.

Erastus Wiman, Managing Director Watrous, Bob Ferguson, Gus Abel, Director Doyle, and President Byrne are only a few of the notables who will grace the upper boxes of the grand stand to-day, and cheer their favorites on to victory.

BALTIMORE, April 15.—The Hamilton, Ontario, Club of the International League was defeated by the Baltimore nine to-day in a game marked by heavy batting and rather poor fielding. The score:

Hamilton	2	0	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	—10
Baltimore	2	4	0	3	1	3				—13

Base hits—Baltimore, 16; Hamilton, 12. Errors—Baltimore, 3; Hamilton, 5. Pitchers—Smith and Horner.

LOUISVILLE, April 15.—The Detroits defeated the Louisville Club again to-day in an interesting game, characterized by hard batting and poor fielding. The score:

Louisville	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	—5
Detroit	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	—11

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—The Philadelphias shut the Athletics out to-day in the last game of the spring series. The record for the series stand, five games won by each club and one tie. The score:

Philadelphia	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	—6
Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Base hits—Philadelphia, 12; Athletic, 8. Errors—Philadelphia, 2; Athletic, 4. Batteries—Ferguson and Clements; Miller and Robinson.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Darkness prevented the completion of the most interesting game played here this season. It was between the Washingtons and the Syracuse Stars of the International League. The Stars outplayed the home club all points. Their only error was a very disastrous one, as it allowed three men to cross the plate when the bases were full. The score was a tie when the game was called. The score:

Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	—5
Stars	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	5	—5

Base hits—Washington, 8; Stars, 10. Errors—Washington, 3; Stars, 1.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 15.—The game at Athletic Park today between the St. Louis and Indianapolis Clubs was a rather tame affair compared with the Chicago game of yesterday, and resulted in a defeat for the St. Louis champions, who were outbatted by the home club. The score:

Indianapolis	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	—5
St. Louis	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	—3

Earned runs—Indianapolis, 1; St. Louis, 1. Errors—Indianapolis, 0; St. Louis, 5. Base hits—Indianapolis, 9; St. Louis, 7.

BASE BALL NOTES.

The Columbia College Team will play the Jersey City Club in Jersey City to-day.

The Princeton College team will make its first appearance of the season at the Polo grounds to-day. New York's strongest team will take care of them.

A well-known League player said yesterday that the Brotherhood of ball players would make an effort to stop the buying and selling of players another year. He said that the matter would be taken up early next year, but the League had a little the better of the Brotherhood by holding their spring meeting after the Brotherhood had held their's. Another year this would not happen.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The Chicago Ball Club returned today from its Eastern trip with a record of 5 games out of 7. Comiskey on Wednesday's game, was cautiously attired in a Prince Albert suit and a faun-colored English overcoat that enveloped his tall form from shoulders to calves. He carried a walking stick of light-colored wood, surmounted by a big white-metal Egyptian third. Emmanuel, a recent present from Tommy Burns. Anson said regarding the new men: "There are one or two of them who have not yet come up to what I expected of them in positions or at the bat, but they may do better between now and May 1. Daly is going to catch our Chicago spectators as even Kelly never caught them. His work behind the bats is perfect. Anson will take the boys out for their first practice upon the home grounds tomorrow afternoon, if the weather is pleasant, and will continue practice every day until the opening of the championship season.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Manager Harry Wright of the Philadelphia Club is engaged in a brisk correspondence for two or three new men. He does not want pitchers. He has enough of that kind. Pitchers are as good as any in the country. Buffinton, who joined the club yesterday, and pitched in the afternoon, holding the Athletic team down to two safe hits, surprised everybody, and is considered an good acquisition. The club has twenty-two men under contract, but half a dozen or more of these will doubtless be disposed of. The young blood is not showing too well, and what Harry wants now is additional batting strength. All news about the contemplated deal of Philadelphia and New York is refused at the Philadelphia headquarters, but it is known that two men from the New York team are wanted. Who they are is kept a profound secret, and the veteran manager only smiles when asked. Poorman of Boston has been in the market. Buffinton and Gunning gave much good reports of him that Soden was telegraphed to to-day, and asked if he had been disposed of. The answer came that he had been sold, and it is learned to-night that he has been secured by Athletics. Poorman will play in the field, and Roseman, formerly of the Metropolitans, will probably be used as a substitute. He is not batting very strongly.

Cavanagh Knocks Duffy Out.

Ed Duffy of East Newark and Frank Cavanagh of Newark fought early yesterday morning in a big barn near Third street, in East Newark. The fight was for $150 a side, with hard gloves, for the middleweight championship of New Jersey. Cavanagh weighed 160 pounds and Duffy was two pounds heavier. The ring was staked on the flooring of earth. Duffy lit out with his right and caught Cavanagh behind the ear, knocking him down. The first knockdown was claimed and allowed, and the round ended in Duffy's favor. In the second round Cavanagh took Duffy by storm, catching him a heavy blow on the jaw and bringing the first blood through a frightful gash. Following his advantage, he knocked Duffy all around the ring, flooring him five times so that at the end of the round his seconds had to carry him to his corner.

In the third round Duffy sparred feebly for wind. Cavanagh, fresh as a lark, forced the fighting and after three lefts and a terrific uppercut he hitched a right hander under the jaw and knocked him completely off his feet. Duffy tried to rise three times, but at each attempt he fell forward on his face. Time was called before he recovered his feet, and the referee declared Cavanagh the winner. The fight was over in less than fifteen minutes.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—The first race to-day was a selling race, seven furlongs. Charley Marks led from start to finish, winning by two lengths, Probus second, a length ahead of Miss Daly, third, beating Pat Daly. Time 1:30¼.

Second Race.—Purse $250; 105 pounds each; one mile. Favor won easily by three lengths, Gov. Bate second, three lengths in front of Weeka, third. Time 2:05.

Third Race.—The Crescent Stakes, for three-year olds; $500 added; one and a quarter miles. Withrow won by half a length, Volcano second, two lengths ahead of Hidalgo Rose, Jack beating Tom Hood, Mahoney, Fitzmore, Alice Moore, and Romp. Time 2:11¾ the best time ever made for the distance over this track by three-year-olds with weights up. The winner carried five pounds penalty for having won the Pickwick Stakes, making his weight 117 pounds. Blaylock rode the winner.

Fourth Race.—Selling; 1 1-16 miles. Our Friend won easily by three lengths, Handy Andy second, a length ahead of Watchom, third, beating Valet. Time 1:53.

Killen and Clow Willing to Fight.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 15.—Pat Killen and John S. Clow, the pugilists, have arrived and will make this city their headquarters until they can get up a fight. Killen is in the very pink of condition and has not touched liquor for months. He says he will fight Dempsey for any amount he can name, and that he is willing to fight Cardiff. Killen says that he will fight any man in America, from Sullivan down, for any amount not exceeding $5,000 a side. Some time ago he challenged Jake Kilrain by telegraph to fight for $2,500 a side, but received no reply.

Racing in England.

LONDON, April 15.—At the Newmarket Craven meeting to-day the Newmarket handicap race of 500 sovereigns was won by Mr. J. Hammond's 5-year-old chestnut horse Eurasian. Lord Londonderry's 6-year old bay horse Cambusmore came in second, and Sir G. Chetwynd's 3-year-old chestnut horse Ferneelian third. Eurasian won by half a length. The other starters were: Mr. J. Lowther's 5-year-old chestnut horse King Monmouth, Mr. Douglass Baird's 4-year-old bay colt St. Michael, Mr. Manton's 4-year-old chestnut colt Stour and Avon, and Lord Bradford's 4-year-old bay gelding Martinet.

Sporting Notes.

The famous mare Phyllis, 2:15¾, died on board ship while on her way across the Atlantic to Vienna.

Jack Burgess, the third finger of whose left hand was bitten by a dog four weeks ago, will have the finger amputated.

Mike Brennan, the "Fort Costa giant," is being put in condition to meet Sullivan on the latter's arrival on the Pacific coast.

Con Reilly of Cincinnati and Lem McGregor, "the St. Joe kid," will meet in a fight to a finish shortly for a purse of $1,000.

John McMahon and Homer Lane will wrestle at Prof. Mike Donovan's benefit in Chickering Hall to-night, and Jake Kilrain will wind up with Donovan.

Richard Croker's four horses will be taken to Sheepshead Bay next week for a trial of speed.

Jake Gaudaur is to have for a partner in double sculls his brother Charles, a powerful young fellow, more than six feet in height, and fully as promising a sculler as Jake was at his age.

Jack Golding, the trainer of the Manhattan Athletic Club, is putting the track at Eighty-sixth street in shape for the season. The squads of Harriers and Olympic Athletic Clubs will use the track.

Steve Brodie, who jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge, proposes to go through the rapids in a Paul Boyton suit. He has been practicing floating and on April 25 will float down the East River from Brooklyn Bridge to the Battery.

Australia comes to the front with another champion who wants to fight Sullivan. Frank C. Slavin is his name. He is 21 years of age, weighs, trained, 198 pounds, stands a fraction over six feet in height. It is said to be possessed of great strength, is a general all-around athlete, a clever boxer, and an expert wrestler.

Jack McAuliffe, the light-weight champion, and a number of friends called at the *Sporting Times* office on Friday night and deposited $100 forfeit to bind a match with Jem Carney for $5,000 a side and the light-weight championship of the world. McAuliffe was in excellent health and spirits, and talked cheerfully of his prospects in a battle with Carney. He said: "I was dealt with foolly by Hosko, and I want to get at Carney to show Hosko that I can win anything he ever had."

The Beckwith Sandstrom swimming match for the world's championship came off as Sandstrom's backers decline to put up the $1,000 deposited for by Beckwith. To a Sun reporter yesterday Beckwith said: "Sandstrom is a deep square sport. He offered to swim me any how, but I can't do that, you know. I am here to make some money, and if I can't make it off Sandstrom I've got to find some one else. This week I finish up my engagement and go to Brooklyn, and next month I am off for the West."

Be Will Receive the Gas Reform Assets.

Judge Donohue has appointed Jacob Marks a receiver for the Gas Reform Association on a judgment for $4,827.57 obtained by John J. Bradley.

Base Ball Polo Grounds To-day.

Princeton College vs. New York. Game, 3:30 P. M. Admission, 25c.—Adv.

THE SWELL SHOT AT SOMEBODY.

An Actress Going to Niblo's was Close Behind Him When He Fired.

The Mulberry street police yesterday evolved a romance out of the well-dressed man and the pistol shot in their bailiwick on Thursday night. They found that the pistol was discharged at Crosby and Jersey streets, near the stage entrance of Niblo's Garden, and they conceived that a duel had taken place between the two lovers of some ballet girl or actress, and actually made inquiries based on that hypothesis among the members of the "Black Crook" company. Their inquiries not meeting with satisfactory answers, they concluded the pistol must have been discharged accidentally while some one was examining it.

Mme. Tissot, who goes on the stage at Niblo's Garden in the third act of the "Black Crook," threw a little light on the shooting last night. She was on her way to the stage entrance of the theatre with her husband about 8¼ o'clock on Thursday night, and as she turned into Crosby street from Houston she saw a tall, slender man leaning against the wall in the hallway of a tenement house between Houston and Jersey streets, on the east side. As she and her husband were about crossing Jersey street the thin man ran past them and turned into Jersey street. An instant later a big man, with a sandy board closely cut, dashed up to the corner, and standing just in front of Mme. Tissot and her husband, took a pistol from his pocket and fired one shot at the man who was fleeing toward Mulberry street. The revolver was held so close to Mme. T