

SPORTS WITH THE BALL.

LATEST NEWS ABOUT BASE BALL, HANDBALL, AND BOWLING.

The First Deal Between a Club and Player Under the New League Rule—Some Interesting Facts About Minor League Players.

Manager James Mutrie arrived home from the South yesterday. His trip was purely on business, but notwithstanding that he kept his eyes open for anything so dull as base ball in now, "said Jim, "and there is not likely to be anything new until after the new year has begun. Every club manager that I met has his thinking cap on just at present, and they are not likely to move until after the excitement of the holidays has passed. No, I do not want any of the Washington men. The party that I did go to was not in Washington, so I came home."

A story from Boston to the effect that the New York Club was after Campbell of the Harvard College team, was denied by the Harvard Club. The Harvard Club manager, Mr. Mutrie, and President Day denied that they had received the terms of Campbell's contract. It is said that Campbell would be paid \$100,000 for the season, and that he would be paid \$100,000 for the season, and that he would be paid \$100,000 for the season.

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GUM CHEWING AS AN ART.

Interesting Jaw-wagging Contest Among Young Women in a Bowery Museum.

Eight pairs of jaws contentedly wagging, silently, ecstatically wagging, eight pairs of eyes delightfully glancing, eight pairs of eyes rapturously twinkling, eight feminine souls lost to their environment in the contemplation of delicious bliss, as the eight pairs of jaws continued wagging, wagging, masticating gum. It was a beautiful picture of the consummation of innocent joy.

"We furnish all the gum," said the professor, "and Mrs. Paul, the stage manager's wife, says that they chew it like the dickens."

So it seemed. A shrewd observer of female nature, having noticed that many young ladies tried to make it appear that caramels rather than gum absorbed their attention, announced about two years ago that the gum chewer should be detected according to this rule: If she opens her lips at every chew, it is gum; if the lips are opened only at every other chew, it is caramels.

"You just wait," said the professor, "until I give the lecture. I will give you the whole history of chewing gum."

An audience of about 200 men, women, and children had all gathered in the Bowery museum. It was in a museum on the Bowery. The usual choirless—a fat woman, a venture, a man, a woman, a child, a man, a woman, a child.

The flower of the lot was a bay mare called Prairie Flower. At 4 years of age she was the most perfect animal ever bred in the United States. He was a white man who was adopted by the Peorias when he was a boy. He subsequently married the daughter of a Baptist priest, the chief of the tribe, and became a man of importance among the Indians.

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HE HAD DRUGGED THE MARE.

THE FATE OF A RASCALLY JOCKEY IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

A Story of a Horse Race in Which the Wiles of Kansas City Sports Prove Too Much for the Crack Racer of the Peorias.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan., Dec. 24.—Something like eight miles south of this place is a small stream called Warren Creek, emptying into Spring River from the east. A good many people go down to that creek every year to visit certain old depressions and shafts in the ground known as the Spanish mines, from a tradition which says that De Soto's men once dug out silver ore there.

There's a fellow buried by that stump. He got killed, I reckon." The reckoning should the wayfarer pursue the subject, will be found to be correct.

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ELECTRIC MOTORS WIN THE DAY.

THE FRIENDS AND FOES OF THE FOURTH AVENUE ELECTRIC MOTOR RESOLUTION HOLD TWO BOUTS AT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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THE MOUNT PLEASANT EXPLOSION.

A Terrible Disaster Caused by a Man With a Lighted Pipe.

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A PRESENT FOR THE MAYOR.

A PICTURE OF THE LOG HOUSE IN WHICH HE WAS BORN.

History of the Old Homestead at the Head of the Mountain, Haverstraw, Where the Mayor's Maternal Ancestors Settled.

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