BATTLE OF THE CHAMPIONS.

THE AUSTRALIAN ABLE TO COPE WITH ANY MAN IN THE WORLD.

Features of the Great Fight from the First Round to the Knock-out—The Californian's Nose Broken—Jackson Strikes an Iron Post—McAuliffe Game to the Last.

The report of the fight between Joe McAuliffe, the champion heavy weight of the Pacific coast, and Peter Jackson, the colored champion from Australia, printed in THE SUN on the morning after the contest, with descriptions of each round, gave a spirited account of the great battle. Further details by mail make it appear that the Australian is well qualified to meet any other man on earth for the championship belt of the world. The following interesting points of the contest are taken from the San Francisco *Chronicle*:

In answer to an inquiry as to how McAuliffe felt just before the fight, Farley, his trainer, replied:

"He is in the best possible condition, and fit to fight for his life," was the reply. "In fact, I believe both men are thoroughly fit, and whoever wins to-night should be the best man. This is very pleasing to me, as I desire the stranger to be at his best, so that everybody may get a square show for their money."

"What does Joe weigh?"

"In the ring he will weigh 212 pounds."

The Australian champion remarked that he felt good and strong, and he certainly looked fit. His eyes were bright and his magnificent proportions loomed up through his tight-fitting walking suit.

"I will weigh 200 pounds exactly in ring costume," said Jackson, when asked, "and I look forward to a pretty hard fight. I am fully alive to the fact that I am to meet a man bigger, stronger, and younger than myself, and one who has proved by his string of victories that he is a fighter from the ground up. I have no fear of the result, however, and if it's my luck to go under I think there will not be one present who will not say that I did my best."

Jackson began to show his superiority in the opening rounds, and in the fifth it became evident that the Californian was struggling with a master hand. At the beginning of this round Jackson got home heavily on McAuliffe's eye with his right, the force of the blow staggering the coast champion. McAuliffe tried to land on Jackson's body, but Peter avoided the blow, and after worrying Joe for a few seconds by repeated feinting he sent in three consecutive left-handers on McAuliffe's swelled nose, and Joe clinched and expectorated a mouthful of blood. After the breakaway Peter forced him into a corner, and banged him alternately in the ribs and face with his speedy right. Jackson maintained his advantage till the end of the round, fighting like a demon, and although McAuliffe got in a heavy right-hander on the Australian's jaw, the blow did not seem to have the slightest effect on the darky champion.

McAuliffe looked tired as he went to the centre in the sixth round. He led out with his left, but fell short, and Peter went in heavily, landing his right and left in quick succession in Joe's wind, and giving him a heavy right-hander on the head which sent McAuliffe into his own corner. Jackson kept stabbing away with his left at McAuliffe's wind, and placed his right heavily on Joe's bleeding ear, and then jumped springily away and showed all his teeth in a broad grin. The next blow was also struck by Jackson, who sent in his left and landed it lightly on the Californian's poor nose. McAuliffe got back with both left and right, but the blows were light and did little damage. Jackson then followed the tactics which distinguished him throughout the fight, followed McAuliffe up, and dealt him a heavy left-hander in the mouth and landed his right on Joe's jaw. Both then became wary and were sparring for an opening, when time was called and they retired smiling.

Jackson opened the fun in the seventh round by landing his left neatly on McAuliffe's mouth Joe responded by putting in a heavy right-hander, but Peter did not receive the full force of it, doubt-ess fortunately for him, for, seeing the mighty fist coming, he dodged just in time and McAuliffe's glove glanced off the Australian's woolly head. Jackson came up smiling and sent in a heavy left-hander which caught Joe in the right side, just under the arm-pit. McAuliffe then sent in a heavy left-hander, one of the prettiest blows of the fight, which caught Jackson on the chin and sent his head back with a jerk. The Australian, however, merely moved his head back to its normal position, opened his spacious mouth, grinned again, and made at his opponent. McAuliffe, however, succeeded in knocking Jackson off, although he was forced to the ropes by Peter. McAuliffe had decidedly the best of this round. At the end of the ground, however, the betting had taken another turn, and from 2 to 1 in favor of the Californian at the beginning of the battle became even money.

Jackson followed the same line of action in the eighth round. He soon had McAuliffe near the ropes, and led off with his left, but Joe dodged, and Peter's blow went bang against the head of the iron counterpost. Jackson then went to work with a vengeance, as if to recover what he had lost by the blow on the post, and landed his right on McAuliffe's chin, his left on his wind, and then again placed his right heavily on Joe's suffering chin. Peter followed Joe up closely, keeping him near the ropes and forcing him into corner at every opportunity. McAuliffe aimed a heavy right-hander at Peter's head, but Jackson ducked neatly and got away. When time was called, Jackson walked smartly to his corner, but McAuliffe retired slowly. This action at the end of the rounds was characteristic of the men throughout the fight, Joe saving every energy, as a good fighter should, but Peter walking smartly back as if he had not the thought that he would ever get tired.

Jackson as usual led off with his left in the tenth round, but fell short. He again led with the left, and this time landed twice in the wind and once on McAuliffe's mouth. Joe again contented himself with merely countering, but did not lead off. After a brief spar, however, McAuliffe did lead off, but Peter made an upper cut with the right and landed Joe heavily on the face and then forced him into a corner. McAuliffe led off again and Jackson countered and came back, but just as he reached McAuliffe his foot slipped; he clinched his opponent, and, as Joe made another pass at him, Jackson rolled to the floor, landing squarely on his back. It was not a knockdown, but the supporters of McAuliffe cheered lustily. Jackson did not for a second lose his presence of mind, but, gaining his feet, he coolly squatted on his haunches, watched the timekeeper, and at the end of about three seconds arose and again assumed his offensive. The fall of Jackson had evidently greatly encouraged McAuliffe, for when he again found the Australian before him he made at him heavily and landed his right on Peter's body, and during the remainder of the round got in several other good blows.

The eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth rounds were not over-exciting. The fifteenth round was hot and heavy. Jackson renewed the tactics he had employed earlier in the fight. He followed Joe to the ring side and gave him a couple of telling right-handers just over the ropes, then dodged away from the ropes, and tried unavailingly to reach Jackson's neck with right-hand swings. Jackson returned to the charge, and used his left again on Joe's wind, following up with a right-hander that sent McAuliffe's head back.

In this round McAuliffe struck the heaviest blow that he had yet delivered. He got home with his right on Jackson's jaw, and the cheers that went up indicated that Joe's backers thought the tide of battle had turned. Jackson, however, merely shook his head and grinned and made at Joe. There was a good rally, in which Jackson showed to the better advantage. He started the blood from McAuliffe's ear again, and made it palpable that the result of the fight would be in favor of the Australian.

McAuliffe fought on through the following rounds with extraordinary gameness. In the twentieth round he stepped on his water bottle, which rolled to the front, the cork came out, and the fluid spilled over the floor. McAuliffe then stepped in the water, and almost slipped down. Jackson, as one of the spectators expressed it, "danced around him," and with lightning-like rapidity his arms flew back and forth, each time his fists finding their marks and each time doing some punishment. During this round McAuliffe treasured his strength and got in no good blows.

When Joe came to the twenty-first round the left side of his face and forehead were swelled. His nose was bulged and his left eye nearly closed, while the right displayed a tendency to follow suit.

The fight continued, with everything in Jackson's favor. The twenty-fourth and last round was a terrible one. Jackson started in at a merry pace, and banged Joe in all four corners of the ring one after the other. Joe clinched at every available opportunity, and when infighting made desperate attempts to send his right home on some weak spot about Jackson's head, but the tricky Australian always saved himself with his shoulder or by ducking. Jackson struck Joe with his right on the nose, and Joe tottered. The end was at hand, for Jackson, after forcing him for the last time into a corner, battered McAuliffe on face and body until the coast champion was dazed. Then Jackson struck him in the stomach with his left. This brought Joe's head toward, and the knock-out blow was administered. It caught McAuliffe fair between the eyes, and he fell to his knees. The blood drops fell from his nose and his eyes were closed. He was not thoroughly unconscious, but he could not raise himself, and he scraped in a dazed manner for the lower rope of the ring, failing to find it.

The timekeeper counted out ten seconds, but Joe was still kneeling, and the referee declared Jackson the winner amid howls of delight from those who had taken the odds on the betting.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

As McAuliffe sat in his chair after the knock-out he was a pitiable sight. His face was a mass of lumps and bruises. One of his seconds held his head up by placing his hand under Joe's chin, and it was at first thought by the onlookers that McAuliffe's jaw was broken. His nose was broken, his left eye closed, his right eye almost shut up, his lip swollen, his left ear cut, swollen, and bleeding, and several abrasions on the stomach showed the power of the Australian's mighty arms.

Jackson's dressing room adjoined McAuliffe's. There the Australian was found, with his distinguishing smile still upon his countenance, holding a levee. The only mark upon him was a slight lump near the left eye. He was apparently as fresh as when he entered the ring, and was certainly fit to fight a dozen more rounds. Jackson spoke highly of McAuliffe, saying he was one of the hardest men he ever met. He said he had struck McAuliffe hard enough to have felled a bullock, but, as the fight showed, it was only after a great number of such blows that McAuliffe went under.

Sullivan Left for Toronto Last Night.

John L. Sullivan notified his friends, Messrs. Johnston, Lumley, and Wakely, by telegraph yesterday afternoon that he would leave on the night train for Toronto to meet Kilrain, Mitchell, and Harding to arrange for their coming fight with the *Police Gazette* representative.

Charley Johnston will leave New York this morning for Toronto. He will represent the *Illustrated News*. During the afternoon Mr. Colvin of the *Clipper* officially notified Sullivan's friends of the receipt of Mr. Louis B. Allen's communication. The following is an extract from a letter written by Sullivan on Friday:

"If Kilrain gives me a chance I am satisfied that I can win. It will not be my fault if a fight is not arranged.

"I see by the papers that McAuliffe fared badly in his contest with Jackson. Jackson must be a good man but he must not crow too loud, as he has not yet met a clever man in this country. I see he says in one of his interviews that the fighters who live on this side of the water do not punish. He might think differently one of these days. Talk emanating from him as quick as this, before he has seen the men of this country, does not appear to me as being good judgment. He may be a wonder, but I have seen wonders put to sleep."

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—John L. Sullivan told a friend that he should start for Toronto on the 7 o'clock train to-night to meet Kilrain, and in less than an hour the news had spread over the city. When the hour arrived there was a large crowd at the railroad station, but Sullivan was not there. In conversation with a reporter this afternoon the big fellow said:

"I intend to go to Toronto by the very first train that will carry me there. I am trying to find out about the time the train leaves now. I have never gone there direct from here before."

"Will any one go with you?"

"Yes, Barrett will go, but no one else from here, I guess."

"Any one from New York?"

"Yes, my backers. They leave there to-day, I understand."

"What do you think of this demand of Kilrain's backers?"

"It's just like the rest of their dealings with me. That's the way they have treated me right along. I should think they might have given me a few days or a week's notice."

"Have you heard from New York?"

"Yes, I received a telegram to-day telling me to go to Toronto at once, and I am going just as quick as I can find a train. They will find me there on Monday if I can get there."

Sullivan was dressed as if ready for the journey, and he wore a greatcoat trimmed with fur, a tall hat, and a fashionable suit of dark goods, fitting his magnificent figure to perfection. He looked the picture of health.

Jake Kilrain to John L. Sullivan.

BUFFALO, Jan. 5.—"Jake" Kilrain issued the following to-day:

In reply to Sullivan, I wish to state that the American public will not be humbugged. Sullivan must come to the scratch at the time appointed and arrange a match for $5,000 and the *Police Gazette* diamond belt, which represents the championship of the world. Myself or representatives will be at the place appointed at Toronto. I mean, as heretofore, business. It is too late for Sullivan's excuses about a license. I am a native-born American, of Irish descent, and I intend that the American public shall be judge and jury in regard to whether Sullivan or myself is champion and ready to prove it, like every genuine champion should, in the prize ring, not in the newspapers.

JAKE KILRAIN, Champion of the World.

Cardiff May Fight Jackson.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—It is not unlikely that a match will be arranged between Patsy Cardiff and Pete Jackson, the Australian champion. John Donaldson yesterday received a letter from a member of the California Athletic Club saying a liberal purse would be subscribed if a meeting could be arranged. Donaldson says it is probable the match will be arranged, though it will depend somewhat upon the outcome of Cardiff's match with McDonald and Fell. Cardiff will ask for a purse of $2,500 and $250 for expenses to San Francisco, the loser to get $250. If these terms are agreeable the match with Jackson will be arranged, and Cardiff is confident he can make things interesting for the Australian.

Littlefield Puts Wilson to Sleep.

James Littlefield of Harlem and William Wilson of Long Island, two middle weights, met in an up-town house in Harlem yesterday morning and fought to a finish under London rules with four-ounce gloves. Littlefield had more science than his opponent, and put him to sleep after thirty minutes' hard fighting by a neat upper cut on the point of the jaw. Littlefield is said to be a very promising boxer.

McAuliffe Not Dying—To Fight Again.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

There was a report around town last evening that Joe McAuliffe was dying. In order to find out whether there was any truth in the report a *Chronicle* reporter visited Joe at his parents' home in the Mission. When told of the rumors, Joe, who was seated on a rocker, arose and remarked: "I'm a pretty lively looking corpse, I tell you."

When asked about the fight he said: "Jackson is a good man and a square fighter. He is the best man I ever fought. He did not take any mean advantage of me, and is the most gentlemanly man in the ring I have ever met. I was not in condition last night. I was led to believe that I had a soft thing, and, therefore, did not train enough. As soon as I get over my soreness, which will be in a week or two, I am going to challenge Jackson to fight for the stakes—$2,500 a side. I think that he will give me a return. I won't believe that I am whipped until he does it again."

Athletic Notes.

Fred Janssen is a hustler among hustlers.

The Berkeley Athletic Club will send one and perhaps two tug-of-war teams to the Union games on the 19th.

The Manhattan Athletic Club will give a set of scratch games next May, when the European team will be selected.

W. Ronkey, winner of the Varuna Boat Club's heavy-weight boxing championship, will be in the middle-weight class this year. Pat Cahill will find Ronkey a very stout opponent.

William Norr of the *Spirit of the Times* is anxious to run J. E. Sullivan, the 200-pound President of the Pastime Athletic Club, for a $50 trophy. He claims that he was not in condition when he was defeated by Mr. Sullivan at the Pastime grounds. Come up, James.

W. J. M. Newark.—Berkeley Athletic, 19 West Forty-fourth street; New York Athletic, 104 West Fifty-fifth street; Olympic Athletic, Eighty-sixth street and Eighth avenue; Pastime Athletic, foot East Sixty-sixth street; Manhattan Athletic, 524 Fifth avenue; American Athletic, Sixth avenue and 112th street.

Yachting Notes.

The new commander of the steam yacht Narod is E. J. Smith.

The schooner yacht Norma, on board of which her owner, young Townsend Smith, recently died while on a Southern cruise, is advertised for sale or charter.

All the frames of Newberry Lawton's new forty-foot sloop are up, and her planking is nearly done, at Mumm's yard, foot of Fifty-fifth street, South Brooklyn. The new boat will cost when complete about $7,500. She has fourteen tons of lead in her keel.

Nells Olsen, the popular superintendent of the New York Yacht Club, has been granted a license as master and pilot of steam vessels. Capt. Olsen has had experience enough at sea to entitle him to a license long ago, but he never applied for one till now. He is 53 years old and a thorough yachtsman.

It is understood that delegates from the Larchmont, Oyster Bay, New Rochelle, and Knickerbocker Yacht Clubs will be invited to attend the meeting on Jan. 31 at the Gilsey House for the purpose of organizing a yachting association. The Yonkers, Tappan Zee, Columbia, and Sing Sing Clubs inaugurated the movement, which promises to be a big success.

The English steam yacht Queen Marfisa, owned by Mr. George Beer, made a fast and very satisfactory cruise last summer. She left Southampton with a party on May 16, and during the fourteen weeks following she covered 5,183 miles, visiting thirty-nine ports in the Mediterranean. Her average stay at each place was forty-five hours, her actual running time 577 hours, and her average speed nine knots. She burned about fifty pounds of coal per mile steamed.

News comes from England that the famous yacht builders, Messrs. Fife of Fairlee, are very busy at their yard on the Clyde. For Mr. Peter Donaldson, former owner of the fast cutter Ariel, they are building a ten-ton rating cutter, and for Mr. Jameson a six-tonner, also a 17-foot lugger for Mr. Stevens, and two twenty-tonners, one for Mr. F. C. Hill and one for Mr. Cross. At Partick-on-the-Clyde Messrs. Inglis are building a ten-ton rating cutter for an English yachtsman. The Fifes have designed several other boats, and have orders for some small ones.

Last Five Days of Verestchagin's Paintings

To-day will be the last Sunday upon which the Verestchagin collection of quaint and valuable curiosities and striking paintings can be seen in New York. The exhibition closes Thursday night, and the collection will be shipped at once to Chicago.

A NEW CLUB FOR MUSICIANS.

It Began with Seven Members, and Now 200 are Clamoring for Admission.

"The Composers' Club" is the title of an organization hardly a year old that contains much of good to the musical community of this city. It is not, as its name might imply, an association of composers who play and sing to each other little things of their own. Some of the members may be composers, but in this club they meet simply as earnest students of the works of the masters. Thus far the club has proceeded with extraordinary modesty, and avoided all public notices of its doings. From all appearances, this same modesty will characterize it in the future.

The club began with seven members, who met once a month in a private house on Twenty-first street. That was about a year ago. The purpose of the meeting was a study of Schubert and his compositions. A folio programme had been prepared with an excellent likeness of the composer on the cover. It would not be possible, of course, in one evening to get more than a mere suggestion of Schubert's immense contributions to music, but some of those creations that best typified his genius could be performed, and this the club did with the assistance of professional talent. The performance of the music was supplemented by a critical paper on Schubert, prepared and read by one of the members. A month later Beethoven and his works were similarly discussed. The club had begun to grow even then, and the earnest spirit that animated its members could not be more strikingly shown than in the fact that a considerable portion of the "Mount of Olives" was performed, the chorus being made up entirely of professional singers of the best standing.

The meetings soon became too large for accommodation in a private house, and for several months they have been held in Crescent Hall, Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street. The membership was limited to fifty, with an initiation fee of $2, and dues of $1 a month. So attractive was the plan to musicians and music lovers generally that it became apparent early this season that the limits of membership would have to be extended, and action to this end will probably be taken at the next meeting. It is probable, too, that the fees will be increased with a view to extending the usefulness of the organization, either by providing more complete performances of great musical works, or by accumulating a fund for the establishment of a club house in the future. All the most prominent musicians in the city are interested in the club, and it does not seem improbable that it may develop into a most powerful and valuable feature of musical life here.

At the beginning of this season a rule was adopted that none but members of the club should be permitted to take part in the performance of music at the regular meetings. That this does not restrict the members to inferior talent may be seen by a glance at the programme for the Schumann night, which occurs next Tuesday. Schumann's only quintet for strings and pianos will be played by Sam Franko, Charles S. Schmidt, Nahan Franko, Victor Herbert, and Miss Lucie E. Mawson. The gentlemen here named will also play the quartet in A minor, op. 41, one movement from the recent E flat quartet will be played by Miss Mawson, the orchestral parts being supplied at a second piano by Miss Emily Buchmann. Several of Schumann's most beautiful songs will be rendered by Miss Jessamine Halenbeck, soprano; Miss Alice S. Lincoln, contralto; Miss Helen Dudley Campbell, contralto, and Messrs. Clinton Elder and Wilbur F. Gunn, tenors.

Admission to the concert, of course, is by invitation, and about 300 tickets have been issued. If there is more than a chance that after the regular programme has been finished some more Schumann music may be performed by distinguished guests, but, naturally, nothing of that kind is expected. The February meeting will be devoted to a study of Brahms.

OFFICIAL SKATING PROGRAMME.

The National Association Willing to Make Terms with Jack Frost.

The National Skating Association, whose programme for their regular championships are printed below, has done much to promote the interest in this most exhilarating of winter sports during the few years it has been in existence, and its meetings have invariably been attended with the utmost success. The only drawback encountered so far this season is the lack of ice for our champions to get into condition on, but the boys are hopeful that the clerk of the weather will do something to help them out before the arrival of the time set for the contests. Good fair ice could be found at Newburgh, Albany, and Lake Placid, but the expense would be too great for the number of competitors to allow him from the number entered. A total failure is marked zero." A fall does not necessarily constitute a failure.

The following is the official programme:

Jan. 17.—220-yard and 5-mile races on the Hudson River, at Newburgh, N. Y.

Jan. 18.—1-mile and 10-mile races on the Hudson River, at Newburgh, N. Y.

Jan. 19.—Figure skating on Van Cortlandt Lake, New York city.

The events open to the amateur skaters of the world are: Figure skating, 220-yard, 1-mile, 5-mile, and 10-mile races. Gold medal to first, silver medal to second, and bronze medal to third in each contest. Skaters unknown to the committee must submit satisfactory proof of their amateur standing. Entries close Monday, Jan. 14, to S. J. Montcomery, Secretary, P. O. box 938, New York city.

If the river should be free of snow the 220-yard and 1-mile races will be skated straightaway with the wind, and the 5-mile and 10-mile races up and down a straight half mile, with rightabout turns at either end. If the ice should be covered with snow, an elliptical track, 30 feet wide and one-third of a mile in circuit, will be cleared of snow and used for all the races.

The programme, as announced above, is what is now arranged and intended by the association but as no control over wind and weather, it cannot guarantee a strict execution of its schedule. The committee can only say they will endeavor to give the contests as above announced. If on either of the announced days no good ice can be found the races will be postponed from day to day until there is good ice.

The object of the following programme of the National Skating Association for the figure skating contest is to set forth the movements of figure skating so as best to test the proficiency of the competitors, and at the same time economize the strength of the contestants. The movements are arranged under comprehensive, fundamental heads, designed to include everything appertaining to the art. It is to be understood that whenever practicable all movements are to be executed both forward and backward, on right foot and on left. It should be continually borne in mind that grace is the most desirable attribute of artistic skating:

1. Plain forward and backward skating.
2. "Lame foot"—a field step and in cutting circle.
3. Outside edge roll, forward.
4. Outside edge roll, backward.
5. Inside edge roll, forward.
6. Inside edge roll, backward.
7. Figure eight on one foot, forward.
8. Figure eight on one foot, backward.
9. Cross roll, forward.
10. Cross roll, backward.
11. Change of edge roll, forward—commencing either on outside or inside edge.
12. Change of edge roll, backward—beginning either on outside or inside edge.
13. (a) "On to Richmond;" (b) reverse "On to Richmond."
14. (a) "Locomotives," forward, backward, sideways—single and double; (b) waltz step (not to be done on the point of the skate).
15. Bureau raises, inside and outside edges.
16. Curvilinear angles: (a) single, double, chain, and flying threes, beginning on inside or outside edge; (b) turns from outside edge to outside edge, or from inside edge to inside edge, forward and backward.
17. Grapevines, including "Philadelphia twist," &c.
18. Toe and heel movements, embracing pivot, circling, toe spins (pirouettes), and movements on both toes, &c.
19. Single flat-foot spins and double-foot whirls.
20. (a) Serpentines on one foot and on both feet. (b) Change of edge, single and double.
21. Loops and ringlets on inside and outside edges, simple and in combination.
22. Bizarre and complex movements, at the option of the contestant.
23. Specialties, embracing original and peculiar movements.

Experience has shown the following to be the most practical method of scoring: "The number to be given to the one standing first in any section shall be that of the number of contestants. Should three, the two or more of equal merit, they should be marked the same number, and the one coming next below takes the number resulting from subtracting the number of competitors above him from the number entered. A total failure is marked zero." A fall does not necessarily constitute a failure.

PLUCKY MISS SULLIVAN

Shook the Thief Who Had Stolen Her Pocketbook Until He Dropped It.

Annie Sullivan, a petite young woman, is a daughter of Detective Richard Sullivan of the Delancey street station, and is employed as cashier at Lichtenstein's fancy goods store, 283 Grand street. On Friday evening at 6½ o'clock she left the store in company with another young woman, who is also employed there. Crossing Grand street they walked arm-in-arm through Eldridge street, and had just passed Broome when a tall, stout, medium height and ugly features forced his way between them and hastened on. Annie at once discovered that her pocketbook was gone, and, telling her companion so, gave chase to the thief. A man who had overheard her remark gave chase also, but Annie overtook the thief first. Her black eyes snapped yesterday as she told how she shook him and compelled him to drop the pocketbook. The thief, however, was about to strike her in the face when the man who had joined in the chase arrived. The thief fled, but the strange man caught him, and a policeman took him to the Eldridge street station.

The prisoner said he was Joseph Goldstein, a Russian, 27 years old, and a tailor, and that he lived at 240 First avenue. At Essex Market yesterday he pleaded guilty, and Justice Patterson held him in $1,500.

A Woman Beats Two Deputy Sheriffs.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 5.—Deputy Sheriff Catlin had a serious experience with Mrs. James Moohan of Hamden. He had a writ to attach a wagon which Moohan owned. Moohan was absent, and Mrs. Moohan, weighing about 200 pounds, went at Catlin and his assistant, Con Reynolds, with a club. A farmer came along on a load of hay, and Catlin commanded assistance, which the farmer reluctantly rendered. He got a bad dose of the club as well. Then the three banded together and went for the wagon. Mrs. Moohan dropped the club and began biting and striking, but the three got the wagon, although they were pretty badly pummelled. A warrant will be issued for the arrest of Mrs. Moohan, but it will take a big posse to serve it.

SPORTS WITH THE BALL.

LATEST NEWS OF THE BASE BALL AND BOWLING MEN.

Danny Richardson Signs a New York Contract—What is Going On at League Headquarters—The Hamilton Club Retires.

Danny Richardson, the king of second basemen, signed a contract with the New York Club yesterday for another season. Danny and Mr. Day talked for only one minute and a half when they came to an agreement. Last season's salary suited Danny, and after receiving his advance money he left for his home in Elmira.

The Central League will hold a special meeting at Hazleton, Pa., on Friday next. Easton seems to be the only doubtful club in the league, and the chances are that some other club will take its place.

A despatch from Rochester says: "Manager Leonard has returned from Hamilton with the contract of the first member of the Rochester Club signed for next season. He secured Marr Phillips, Hamilton's shortstop. It is expected that Hamilton will not deposit its guarantee with the International Association next year. Phillips will fill a vacancy which has existed in the Rochester infield since 1886, when McKean went to Cleveland. He is not only the best short stop in the International League, but he will add greatly to the batting and base running strength of the home team. He is one of the sluggers of the League, standing eighteenth in rank with an average of 301."

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—The Middle States League held a meeting at the Washington Hotel to-day. The four clubs were represented as follows: Cuban Giants, J. M. Bright; Philadelphia Giants, C. H. Mason; Frankfords, J. E. Rigby; Wilmington, C. H. Mason. Norristown was represented by Barney Stevens, and Harrisburg by James Farrington—the two latter gentlemen made application for membership and were admitted. Communications were read from parties in York, Lancaster, and Reading, but no definite action was taken.

Mr. Farrington's motion to amend the salary limit rule so as to read that an affidavit from manager and players, in which both are to swear that the limit of $75 per month has in no way been evaded, was unanimously adopted. The meeting was then adjourned to meet at Norristown on Jan. 21, at 11 A. M. At the coming meeting the Schedule Committee and Board of Directors will be elected, and applications for membership will be passed upon.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—As far as the Cincinnati Club is concerned the week has been dead, but the presence of an Association President and a League manager to-day enlivened the news stream. Chris Von der Ahe arrived in the city from St. Louis this morning close upon the heels of Ted Sullivan of the Washingtons, and at noon the Fuller deal was closed. St. Louis paid $7,000 for the release of the Washington shortstop, and he was at once signed by Mr. Von der Ahe to succeed Will White in that position. "Der boss President" sent after Jack Boyle, and after interviewing him on signing for next season he left for Columbus. He will offer the releases of White and Harry Lyons to that club, and announced from Columbus I will go to New York to meet Mr. Barnie and Mr. Byrne, when the Schedule Committee will meet. My Secretary, George Munson, joins me there."

Manager Sullivan was en route to Washington after his sad mission, burying his father and a brother in Milwaukee. He wired Will Widner to meet him at the depot, and the two talked of a prospective disposition of the latter's release. Widner would like to go to St. Louis.

SYRACUSE, Jan. 5.—John C. Chapman, who will manage the Syracuse Stars next season, was manager of the Louisville in 1876 and 1877, the Milwaukees in 1878, the Holyokes in 1879, the Albanys in 1880, the Worcesters in 1882, the Detroits in 1883 and 1884, and the Buffalos in 1885, 1886, and 1887. He organized the Buffalo International League Club in 1886.

He has brought out a number of good players, among them being Roger Connor, Mickey Welsh, and Pete Conway. Mr. Chapman held a consultation with the Executive Committee of the Association and they turned over to him seventy applications from players. He will remain here for the present.

HAMILTON, Jan. 5.—The *Spectator* says: "It is definitely settled that Hamilton will not be a member of the International Association next season, and that there will be a vacancy in the League after Saturday, when the time for depositing the guarantee with Secretary White will expire. The directors of the team came to the conclusion that the necessary amount required to run the team could not be secured, and that there was no money in base ball. The $1,200 that is required immediately could be raised all right, but beyond that the directors were not very sanguine. Seeing that the franchise would be forfeited, Marr Phillips and Mickey Jones were released this morning. Phillips has signed with Rochester. Jones has not received any offers yet. Secretary Dixon was seen by the *Spectator* to-day. He corroborated the statement that the Hamilton franchise would be forfeited. He regretted that the team was going to drop out, and prophesied that the citizens would be crazy after base ball before the summer was half over. If there had been a few more directors with as much push as Secretary Dixon the team would not now be bankrupt."

"The withdrawal of Hamilton from the International Association," says the *Toronto Herald*, "was not an altogether unexpected step, but it is none the less to be regretted. The retirement of the Ambitious City cannot fail to have an injurious effect, more particularly upon the other two Canadian clubs in the Association, as its team was always a big drawing card in Toronto and London. Just what the result of the abandonment of its franchise will be upon the Association as a body is at present difficult to determine. Grand Rapids, Mich., or Utica, more probably the latter, may be asked to fill the vacancy in the Association's ranks. Neither place, however, could make the Association as compact as before constituted.

"Hamilton's withdrawal teaches a lesson that should not be overlooked. To ball players especially it is a timely warning. If they continue to demand such high salaries the existence of the International Association is one of a few years at most. Their demands are altogether out of proportion to the receipts which their appearance on the ball field draws into the treasury of the clubs. The parties who have each year been going into their pockets for the maintenance of the game are tired of it, and unless this season with the reduced salary limit in operation marks a new era, other clubs will be forced to follow Hamilton's example. Then the 120 players who earn an easy livelihood in the International Association will be forced to look for employment elsewhere. It may be easily got, but it is doubtful."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The disposal of Fuller indicates very plainly that Mr. Hewitt is confident that Ward is to play here during the present year. Up to date nothing official has been received at Washington headquarters from Ward, and Mr. Hewitt says that he hardly expects his formal proposition, mailed just after the Australian party sailed from San Francisco, to overtake the Giants' short stop before he reaches Egypt. It is desirable that Ward should make his decision respecting Washington as promptly as possible, but Mr. Hewitt appreciates the fact that he is pledged to remain with the Spalding combination for a certain period, and consequently he may not be able to report for duty here until the middle of April. Manager Hart, who is engaged in arranging a series of games in all the League cities between the Chicago and All American teams, was in this city a few days ago to consult Mr. Hewitt on the subject. The present understanding is that the final game of the series will be played here.

Hank O'Day has informed Mr. Hewitt that he is prepared to sign a contract for the season, and he speaks very cheerfully of the outlook for the Senators, with Ward in command. Hank seems to be satisfied with the pitching rules, and he promises to be in good form for steady and efficient work when the season opens. He assures Mr. Hewitt that he proposes to have complete control of the ball, and hopes to pitch many winning games this year. Eddie Donnelly has also written to Mr. Hewitt concerning the various reports about his being released. He states that he is prepared to sign a contract, but if he is to be disposed of he would like to have a voice in selecting his future assignment. Mr. Hewitt says he is in no hurry to get rid of any of the players now held in reserve, and, so far as Donnelly is concerned, he will probably remain a senator for some time to come. Both Donnelly and O'Day appear to be satisfied with the rating given them by President Young.

At League headquarters very little routine business has been transacted during the holiday week. Messrs. Day, Nimick, and other League magnates have forwarded to Mr. Young their compliments of the season, and several letters of inquiry from minor association towns have been received.

Charlie Farrell has signed to catch for the Chicagos, having accepted the classification given him under the new rule.

There appears to be no disposition on the part of classified players to participate in the naval gives these, and Mr. Young feels encouraged to hope that the new system is going to be carried out in the proper spirit.

"Once more interesting base ball rumors are in the air," says the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*. "One is to the effect that Rowe and White are trying to buy their releases from Detroit. If this is done they will play at Buffalo and claim that they cannot then legally be put on the black list. If they fail to secure their releases it is understood that Rowe will come here and White will go to Boston.

"There is certainly good grounds for a report of this kind. At the meeting of the directors of the Buffalo Club Rowe definitely stated that two extra players would be secured by Buffalo to fill the places of White and himself, providing the two last named could not get their releases. This seems to indicate that Rowe and White have still some common sense left. They know that they cannot play outside the League except with permission.

"Another rumor is that there is a very warm exchange of opinion going on between 'Pop' Smith and President Nimick. The former will not sign except under certain conditions. The club will not grant him these conditions, and there is a hitch. The club officials refuse to say what the trouble is, but it is understood that Smith refuses to sign unless the club guarantees to keep him the season or transfer him in a way that will cause him no decrease in salary for the season.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 5.—James Hart of Milwaukee, A. G. Spalding's agent in this country, came to the city to-day and closed a contract with the Cleveland Club officials for a game between the All Americans and Chicagos at the ball park between April 16 and 18, according to the time of the tourists' arrival in New York. So far the plan made contemplates the arrival of the ball teams in New York about April 5, and the games arranged so far are as follows:

At New York, April 6; Boston, April 8; Brooklyn, April 9; Washington, April 11; Philadelphia, April 13; Pittsburgh, April 14; Cincinnati, April 15; Cleveland, April 16; Chicago, April 20. These dates will be changed a little if necessary.

Mr. Hart may manage the finances of either the Chicago or Boston clubs of next season, but will not go into a minor League, because of the great risks and small profits usually associated with clubs in them. Speaking of the Australian tourists, Hart said: "When the Spalding expedition leaves Melbourne on Monday it will be 2,000 ahead, and from that point Mr. Spalding expects to lose money. It has just been decided to go to India, and the expedition will go to Colombo Ceylon and play in Madras, Bombay, and Calcutta. A cablegram, which says 'India' only, tells me that our new cypher, the old one was carried away in my grip with the tourists, that from India the tourists go to Calcutta.

They are likely to reach Colombo about Jan. 24 and Cairo about March 3. At the latter place they will be met by the first letters from America. From Egypt the route is that already published. No profit is expected at any game except those in India. The teams do not know of the new playing rules, the graded salary law or changes, and are therefore playing under the old rules.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Base ball is costly in Kansas City.

Mr. John Hopkins will umpire again during the coming season.

Lou Lesser of the Lexingtons is home from Florida to attend the funeral of his father.

Games of ball were played in the up-town lots every afternoon during the past week.

In selecting umpires the Union Leagues should not forget the fine work done by Grace Pearce of last season's Central League.

Andrews has as much as signed with the Philadelphia Club, for he told Manager Wright Wednesday that he would accept the club's terms.

Ben Frank, who played with the Little Rocks of Yorkville last season, arrived in this city from Hanson, Ky., Jan. last week. He will stay here but a short time.

Corkhill thinks that Cincinnati will miss him just as much next season out of centre field as the St. Louis Browns missed Welch this year. Corkhill says he is devoid of egotism in this assertion.

Manager Leadley of the Detroit Club has secured Pitcher Anderson. In 1886 he played with Milwaukee, and his work attracted Anson's attention, the latter making an unsuccessful effort to secure him for the Chicago Club. In 1887 he played with St. Paul, and last season played on the Pacific coast, pitching for the Greenhood and Moran Club. He led the Coast League in batting, and did remarkably good pitching.

Jim Hart has been in Pittsburgh. He had a long consultation with President Nimick, but nothing absolutely definite was done. Mr. Nimick was perfectly willing to have the teams play a game there, but as Mr. Hart could give no guarantee as to when the teams would return, no dates could be fixed. Matters were so adjusted, however, that it is certain that the teams will play there during the early part of April. It was understood that satisfactory terms were arrived at between Messrs. Hart and Nimick.

Bowling.

The Independent and Volunteer Bowling teams rolled the following game at Stengel's Atlantic Garden alleys in Greenville, Jersey City, on Friday night:

INDEPENDENT.	S.	S.	R.	Score	VOLUNTEER.	S.	S.	R.	Score
F. Bischof	0	3	1	127	H. Kaiser	0	3	1	109
L. Schwarz	2	2	6	135	Genment	0	2	8	107
H. Herrman	2	1	7	124	Weston	3	2	5	135
F. Herrman	3	4	4	143	Ballard	1	4	5	133
H. Hauser	2	3	5	144	Van Winkle	4	2	4	151
G. Klein	0	8	2	159	R. Kirch	1	4	5	133
W. Schlim'n	5	2	3	170	Cummings	3	4	3	152
W. Frantz	0	4	6	130	Westling	0	3	7	101
C. Herig	5	2	3	171