GOSSIP OF THE BALL FIELD.

A REVIEW OF THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON.

The Trouble With the Brooklyn Club—Radbourne's Bad Eye—The New York Club and Big Salaries—Other News.

The poor showing of the Brooklyn Club since the opening of the championship season is almost wholly due to a lack of team work. The club individually is as strong as it can well be. The men are all good base runners, batters, and fielders, but they don't work together. Each man seems to be for himself, and every one else must take care of himself. This sort of ball playing will not do and the sooner the men find it out the better. President Byrne has done all that man and money could do to get a good team together. In fact, he has done everything but do the ball playing himself, and though he is not a bad player he could not do much worse than some of the players have done.

It has now come to that point where something must be done. Why not try the same plan that the New York team did last season? Each man that did not play was considered one of a committee to criticise the work of the team on the field, not in order to find fault, but merely in a friendly way. The shortcomings of the men could then be talked over before the next game, and an effort could then be made to improve the play. This could be tried, and in case it was not a success it could do no harm.

President John B. Day is opposed to paying Pitcher Keefe the amount of money that he demands, simply because he expects to come out no better than even on the coming season. Were the New Yorks to play on the Polo grounds again this season he would willingly pay Keefe the salary which he demands, for then Mr. Day would be sure of coming out ahead financially. The Staten Island grounds will prove far less profitable than the old Polo grounds, and a great many dollars must be taken in before a balance is shown on the right side of the book.

One of the base ball players in the National League of whom we hear little or nothing and who is one of the best in his position, is Danny Richardson. No one ever saw Danny play what might be called a bad game. He has no off days, and is always in condition. Probably no second baseman on the diamond to-day says a more steady game, both at second base and at the bat. The amount of ground which he covers is something remarkable, and his work is steadily improving.

In talking of Radbourne, the Boston pitcher, the other day, one of the Boston players said: "It is not generally known but Radbourne is almost blind in his right eye, and has been so for five years." To see Radbourne on the field no one would suspect that this was the case. He can see at a distance of three inches with his right eye, but that is all. How he watches the bases as well as he does with a bad eye is one of the mysteries of the day.

It looks from the start off as though the St. Louis club would again win the Association championship, and unless the base ball cranks in this part of the country are badly out of their reckoning the Browns will win the flag this season just as easily as they have done for three years past. One great thing about the club is that it has a head, that is one-half of the struggle. Comiskey gets team work out of his nine.

The plot of ground bounded by 147th and 145th streets, Lenox and Seventh avenues, is being filled in and graded, it is said, for a ball ground for the New York Club in 1890. A large number of piles are being driven in the ground at one corner of the plot, on which it is said the grand stand will be placed. It is not known for certain that this place is for the New Yorks, but an informant seems to be well posted.

BOSTON, April 27.—At last the ball tossers have settled down to play ball for blood and glory. The bean-eating sluggers scored the first knock down and took first blood for the New Yorks. That was a good deal of glory, and there was not so much sadness when the boys stopped to second game. It is easy to see that the wearers of the historic "Red Stockings" know how to handle the ash, and if they don't burn holes through their bats with fire water, they will make a good record before the season closes. Manager Hart saved the situation by assuming entire charge both on and off the field, and, in a measure, limiting the authority of Kelly as field captain. The latter was as restive as a colt under the responsibilities of the office of captain and was rapidly demoralizing the whole nine. His conduct during the opening games was so unlike that which he had promised when he was appointed captain that the directors were seriously considering the advisability of deposing him before the opening of the championship season. But after consultation they decided to give him a longer trial. They hoped that he would settle down to better work when the season for good, hard, honest work opened. Director Billings, who was Kelly's warmest supporter, said to THE SUN correspondent:

"I will confess that Kelly's work has disappointed me. I had been led to expect better things of him. If he don't brace up, though, I shall be the first to vote to put him out of office. We appointed him captain because we firmly believed that he would be the best man in the place. It was a matter of business with us, and we shall not stand any fooling from him. But I'm for giving him a good chance to show what he can do."

The triumvirs wish now that they had accorded the offer of President Day to play the opening games with the New Yorks in Boston. Their refusal of the proposition was based upon the supposition that the opening games would not be well attended, and that they would make more money by waiting. The big lights attendance at the games in Jersey City set them to thinking, and they have come to the conclusion that they lost money by insisting upon playing in Jersey City.

It is singular how quickly the craze to secure Ward has died out. A month ago the small fortune demanded for his release by President Day would have been paid in a jiffy if there had been the slightest sign of assent from the New York management. Now the great short stop is a drug on the market as far as Boston is concerned.

The Bostons played thirteen games before the opening of the season, and their work was watched as never before. The "Big Four," as the Detroit players are known, were the centre of interest, but Hay, the youngest player on the nine, leads the batting. He played in twelve games and made nineteen base hits. Big Dan Brouthers stood fourth in the team, with sixteen hits. Hardie Richardson made the greatest number of hits, twenty-five, but his average placed him below Hay. The heavy batters of the team, as shown in the opening games, are: Hay, Richardson, Brouthers, Nash, Kelly, and Quinn. As a team the Bostons scored 128 runs, to 79 for their opponents. They earned 41 of these runs against 26 for their opponents. They made 140 base hits, including 33 two-baggers, 5 three-baggers, and 1 home run. The Bostons won ten of the games, losing two to the Athletics and one to the Jersey City's.

Their fielding was not as good as their batting, but they managed to do better than their opponents. Kelly led the team in the number of runs, with a record of 20. His base running was also superior to that of the others, yielding him 8 stolen bases. Quinn came next with 6 stolen bases.

The exchange in fielding positions between Quinn and Hay has been a good thing for both players. Quinn is a poor judge of fly balls, and Hay's weakness is in holding thrown balls, or rather his inability to hold thrown balls. There was no reasonable assurance that he would hold a ball thrown to cut off a base runner at second base. The chances were, rather, that he would drop the ball. Manager Hart saw that a change was necessary, and swapped off Hay and Quinn.

Next week the boys will have settled down to steady work, and it will be easier to take their calibre.

CLEVELAND, April 27.—The Clevelands left for Indianapolis in a rather dismantled condition. McAleer strained his leg twice, once at Louisville and again at Canton, and is very lame. Sprague and Gruber have sore arms, and the Northern trip after the team left Hot Springs did it no good. Its training and practice season was a very cheap one. Good exhibition games covered all expenses and left a profit of $100 or so. Few teams have done better than this. Snyder joined the other men at Indianapolis, and is in fine trim. He and Sutcliffe will do most of the early League work. Zimmer's catching so far has not been satisfactory. The chances are that Lohbeck, who came from Texas as a catching wonder, will not do. He is a good thrower and catcher, but is slow, and cannot hit or run bases. He will probably be released to Omaha. Nicholson is also crippled. He strained his leg badly in the long Canton game, and will be unfit for work for a month. Some dealing has been going on with Columbus for a pitcher, and Tarnahan may go there. Minneapolis on Wednesday bought Pitcher Martin Duke, paying about $300 for him. He wasn't steady enough, in Manager Loftus's opinion, for the League, but is liable to round out into a great player, being a good hitter, fielder, and base runner, besides pitching. Immense crowds watched the blackboards on Wednesday, noting the progress of the game at Indianapolis. The local betting was 5 to 4 on Indianapolis, and a good deal was lost by reason of the club's defeat.

There will be an immense crowd at the League grounds next Friday, when Chicago opens the [illegible] season here. [illegible] the game promises to be a [illegible] with a [illegible] for the [illegible] and souvenirs for the ladies. The Chicagos always were popular favorites, and they and the Pittsburgs will draw best this season. The two uniforms of one pattern idea have been abandoned in the face of a cry that the gray and black suits are [illegible]

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—The conquering heroes returned from Louisville on Wednesday, and on Thursday many honors were showered upon them. The brilliant start made by the team has convinced the St. Louis enthusiasts that Comiskey will very probably take the pennant again. The opinion appears to be unanimous that the Athletics is the only team the Browns have to fear. The four victories at Cincinnati were more than Comiskey expected, and he is now of the opinion that the Reds will not finish better than last year. The lack of a head in the Cincinnati team is the most striking feature of the organization. Wolfson has so far been a great disappointment. His arm is almost useless, and every attempt he makes to use it in the box results in the defeat of the team. The last effort was in the last game at Louisville, and he was simply "killed." There are those who predict that he will be of very little service to the Browns this season, and again some are of the opinion that he would like his release. Hudson is a valuable man outside of the box, and can be utilized successfully on first base or any outfield position. Both Jack Boyle and Milligan were injured on the trip. King's terrific speed knocked out the hands of both catchers, and the management is now on the lookout for a good catcher.

A Southern League catcher named Bellman was tried in Louisville, and accompanied the Browns to this city. Of the new players Duffee has made the biggest hit. He is not only a fine batter, but he is one of the best throwers on the diamond. He has thrown five men out at the plate who tried to score from second and third on hits and flies. Fuller is also a success, and is batting fairly well since the season opened. Devlin, the left-hand pitcher, arrived this week and announced himself ready for work. He will take Hudson's turn in the box until that player's arm comes around.

LOUISVILLE, April 27.—President Davidson is a bitterly disappointed man in that he has tried his club and found it so badly wanting. To tell the truth he has labored under great disadvantages, and it is not altogether his fault that he did not strengthen his team with a few high-priced players. He simply has not had the money, nor any way of raising it that seemed sufficiently safe. It was his hope some three months ago, when there were rumors that the club would be sold, that some man with capital would buy an interest and help him to run it on a proper scale. No one cared to do so, however, and there was nothing left for Mr. Davidson but to struggle on with what men he had or could pick up without expense. He was hopeful that the young players would turn out well, and from the way they showed up in exhibition games he felt sure they would. But his greatest disappointment was in Esterbrook, on whose ability as a first baseman and field captain he had counted extravagantly. Neither Esterbrook, Tomney, or Shannon has been able to do the work of responsible amateurs. To add to his troubles, three of his old players, Browning, Kerins, and Ramsey seem to have utterly broken down. On Ramsey he has placed his greatest hopes, notwithstanding the great pitcher's habits, and the failure of Kerins and Browning has also hurt him deeply. What he will do with them at this late date, or whether he will do anything at all beyond shifting a few positions and possibly releasing Tomney, Browning, and one or two others, is hard to tell. He may be forced to put Hecker at first base permanently. Wolf is short, Ehret is at left, and Kerins is at right. Hecker has often been tried at first, but is not satisfactory in that position. He is a great batter, however, and it is the opinion of every one that he gives promise of doing better work this year than since 1884, when he carried off the honors in the Association. He is much lighter and in every way in better condition than he was last year.

With Hecker and Ehret in the field Stratton and Ewing would have to do the pitching, unless Ramsey should come to himself. Ewing has distinguished himself so far, and if he keeps up his present gait he will be one of the stars of the season. Evidently he learned a great deal from Buck Ewing last winter, and his speed is much greater while his delivery is far more deceptive than it was before. Stratton has also done good work, though Hecker has done even better.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE NOTES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

The season opened in Atlanta with skyrockets and a brass band.

Atlanta will wear gray uniforms, and Birmingham blue and cream.

Monk Cline's release was bid for by Atlanta, but the little shortstop could not be had.

Turnstiles will be used in the Southern League cities since the percentage plan has been adopted.

The Memphis team is rated first class. Her pitchers are strong, and she has several good base runners.

New Orleans and Birmingham played exhibition games at Birmingham ever since the arrival of the latter team from Brooklyn.

Birmingham is putting up a stand for colored people. Birmingham and Charleston get considerable patronage from colored people.

Nearly all the Southern League teams will carry eleven men. New Orleans started out on her first trip with only ten, however.

Several New Orleans umpires are after situations in the Southern League, but the minimum of salaries they demand is $150 a month.

Bob Pender was the first man signed by Atlanta. He is a New Orleans pitcher and his good work in the box has been referred to before.

Beach umpired the opening game in Atlanta, Sullivan in Charleston, and Hurst in Chattanooga. These men constitute the staff organized by President Wharton.

The opinion is general that the League will go through the season. Every city has raised sufficient money to start out with, and moderate attendances will be sufficient to carry the nines through.

The Atlanta people held up their hands in terror when Billy Taylor was proposed to them and refused to have anything to do with him. Taylor is, however, looking better than he ever did before, and is hitting the ball hard in New Orleans.

There is some opposition to President Kent in Birmingham, and the difficulty is said to have arisen mainly due to the fact that a feeling was worked up against him by people who were in the club last year and who did not want to be superseded. Kent is a newspaper man and well posted on the game.

Kelly and Boneman, a St. Louis battery; Douse, a New York catcher; Mills, a Birmingham second baseman; Kingsley, a New York third baseman, and Haine, a short stop, picked up on the spot, have been signed by Atlanta. The outfield will be made of Sterling of Philadelphia and Craig, an Atlanta player, with one of the change pitchers drafted in.

COMING BALL PLAYERS.

Carsey is doing well with the New Havens.

The Leontines have some good material in their team.

Ridley seems to catch on, no matter with who he plays.

Gus Williams is credited as being the best semi-professional pitcher in New York.

The base ball grounds at Central Park will probably open shortly for the youngsters.

At Cuban Giants' grounds, Hoboken—Custom House Brokers' clerks defeated Public Store Clerks, 30.

Hayes's record as a twirler is not of the best this year, but then it was against strong teams that he pitched.

The Hamiltons of Yorkville play the Primrose Club of Mt. Vernon at the latter's grounds on Centennial Day.

The Tempests will play the St. Mary's at Manhattan grounds on Tuesday. A great game is expected.

The Concord Base Ball Club of Staten Island will play the Silver Stars of New York at Foley's Grove to-day.

Manager Ryan of the Recreation grounds says he will have only first-class clubs play the Senators this season.

The Sagamores made 13 hits off Ebling, the crack pitcher of Rutgers college team, while they made but 3 hits off Welch.

The Kingston Base Ball Club has engaged Sullivan, the crack catcher, who caught for the West shore Base Ball Club during the season of 1886.

Joe Brown, the pitcher of the Keeneys of '85, '86 and '87, will again play ball. He has signed to pitch and play in the field for the College Points.

All amateur clubs desiring games with the Irving, Jr. (players ages averaging 16 years), can address Jesse A. Hanig, manager, 91 Wooster street.

The new uniforms of the Arctic Athletic Club's nine will be ready for their game with the Pilgrims to-day on the A. A. grounds at Port Morris.

The C. S. Weighers and Hills Bros. nines will play this morning at Ridgewood. A good game is expected, as there is considerable rivalry between both nines.

The Granites would like to hear from nines consisting of players from 16 to 18 years to play Sunday morning games at Atlantic Park. Address Charles Goben, F. O. box 3,157.

The Celtic Club have organized for the season and are open to all clubs with players under 17 years, the Howard and Jrs. preferred. Address James Nolan, 150 Sullivan street.

McMahon and Godley of Whitestone have had several offers but as yet have not decided where to play. They may be found in some prominent semi-professional team before May 1.

The Tiger Club would like to hear from the Ionas, Sylvans of Mount Vernon, Stapletons, and Brooklyn L. Also all other first-class clubs. Address James B. Dunn, 276 Henry street.

The Winonas, B. B. C. will challenge all amateur nines in the vicinity that consist of players between 17 and 19 years old. Address Manager Edward J. Rush, 50 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn.

The Ivy, B. B. C. would like to hear from some good unicorned teams whose ages are from 17 to 21 years, to play Saturday games. Address Louis Heifert, 384 Ralph avenue, Brooklyn.

The Broadway Theatre nine defeated the Lyceum Theatre nine by 18 to 4. The Broadway Theatre Club would like to hear from all theatrical nines. Address T. Fitzgerald, Broadway Theatre.

Ed Dillon, manager of the Fishkill, N. Y., team is an old timer, and if Fishkill does not see a decided ball playing this season they never will. Mr. Dillon is capable of getting a good team together.

A good deal has been said as to who is the best amateur second baseman. Brush of the Staten Island Athletics has few superiors on that base, his stops and throws being something marvellous.

The Concord Base Ball Club of Concord, Staten Island, would like to arrange games with clubs who have players are between 16 and 19 years. Address Barres Gardella, manager, P. O., Stapleton, Staten Island.

Oscar Brown, formerly catcher of the Young Alerts of Hoboken, would like the position of catcher in some strong uniform club, whose members are about 15 or 16 years old. Address 32 Garden street, Hoboken.

The Lord & Taylor Base Ball Club would like to hear from uniformed commercial clubs to play Sunday games on May 5 and June 2. Address J. Grunum, manager, in care of Lord & Taylor, Grand street.

The H. O. Neil & Co. Base Ball Club have reorganized for the season, and would like to hear from all [illegible] clubs. Address [illegible]

The Farragut B. B. C. of East Orange have organized and would be pleased to hear from all social, athletic and commercial clubs for Saturday and Sunday games. Address J. W. Hannan, 60 Clarkson street.

The employees of J. H. Louwenstine & Bro. have organized for the season, and would like to hear from all business nines with players under 16 years for Saturday and holiday games. Address Jesse Dreyfus, captain.

The original Acmes will present the following team for the rest of this season: Cramer, c. Armitage, p.; Fanker, 1st b. W. Tasson, 2d b. McKenna, s. s.; A. Peasch, 3d b. Smudge, l. f.; George, c. f.; Callahan, r. f.

The Strauss B. B. C. defeated the Jeromes at Atlantic Park last Sunday. They play the same team again to-day. The Strausses have several dates open in June and July. Address E. G. Baker, 401 Grand street, Brooklyn.

The Jerome nines would like to arrange games with the Mott Havens, Iona, Carlstadt, Excelsiors, Stars, Mount Vernons, Summits and all other amateur clubs in or out of town. Address D. J. Nagle, 336 Oakland avenue, Greenpoint.

The Southfields of Staten Island would like to arrange a few games for the month of May, at their new grounds on the South Beach, with clubs whose players are not over 21 years old. Address Wm. H. Ludlow, Rosebank, Staten Island.

The Emeralds of the Catholic Protectory would like to hear from good uniformed amateur teams only for Saturday and Sunday after May 12. Address K. J. McLaughlin, manager, New York Catholic Protectory, West Chester, N. Y.

Ridley will probably play with the Hackett, Carhart & Co. nines. His weight does not interfere with his stick work, as Andy is considered a hard hitter and always works hard for his side. He can go into the box if called upon to do so.

The Columbia Base Ball Club will contest their first game of the season with the Book Rats next Sunday at College Point. The Columbias would like to hear from all clubs with players under 15 years. Address James Barnum, captain, College Point.

A short time ago THE SUN said that Nat Collins would surpass his former record. In this it was correct, as Manager Davis says he is catching a better game than any man he has got. In a recent game he put out twenty and assisted twelve without a error.

The well known Kippo Base Ball Club that played so skilfully last year, and who had a record of 35 games won and 3 games lost, have changed their name to the Midland Base Ball Club and will play the Rivals at Putnam and Throop avenues on April 30.

Manager Warmen says he has a first-class team, and that his grounds are in good condition. He has received quite a number of applications from city clubs, but will arrange his games with clubs that have not a first class record. His address is Little Falls, N. J.

The Mareva (uniformed) would like to hear from all clubs whose players are under 17 years. The Saturday afternoon of this month is free for the Acebiques, Arctics, Orientals, and Public School 43, preferred. Address George Prentzel, 51 Penn street, Brooklyn.

St. Joseph's Lyceum of this city will again have a nine on the diamond this year. The members are practising assiduously on their grounds at New Dorp, S. I. Mr. Connelly will captain them again, and hopes to see them win many a victory during the season.

The Buchanan Brothers' Base Ball Club have organized for the season, with the following players: Capt. Phil Nayer, p.; Dave Ryan, c.; J. A. Struck, 1st b.; W. Ellis, 2d b.; John Finnegan, 3d b.; F. May, r. s. s.; Dan O'Hara, l. s.; J. Morris, c. f.; H. Nayer, r. f.

The Volunteers of Mount Hope defeated a picked nine at the former's grounds on Sunday by 25 to 8. The batteries were Sullivan and Soyer for the Volunteers, and Kerr and Wilson for the picked nine. The feature was a home-run hit by Leavins of the Volunteers.

The Young Cables have changed their name to the Fultons, and would like to hear from some nine for a game next Saturday at the Prospect Park parade ground. The players must be under 15. Address J. Monaghan, care of Postal Telegraph Co., Fulton Market.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: I have leased the West Farms grounds for ten years and am going to try to make a first-class ball ground of it. I am expending many improvements and will open the season to-day with the Commercials. F. Hickey, 1,541 Third avenue.

The Sylvans of Harlem would like to hear from the Cuban Giants, Wapping Falls, Fishkills, Sauzerties, Mount Vernons, Stapletons, and all outdoor and town clubs. They are open for two games Decoration Day and Centennial Day. A. Strauss, manager, 1,867 Third avenue.

The Reliance team of the Brooklyn Amateur Association is open for out-of-town games on Decoration Day and July 4. They would like to hear from correspondents of the old Glendale Athletics, seasons of 1887 and 1888. Address Clarence Rudyard, 324 Monroe street, Brooklyn.

The Vanderbilts, the champion semi-professional team of Brooklyn, the same team which played on the Brooklyn Athletic grounds last season, would like to arrange games for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays with first-class clubs having grounds. Address Eugene Gill, manager, 67 Schenck street, Brooklyn.

The Anderson & Blatt Base Ball Club have arranged a number of out-of-town games but have a few dates left for Sunday and holiday games. They would like to hear from the Fishkills, Peekskills, Nyacks, Newburghs, Wappinger Falls, Poughkeepsie, and Kingstons. Address F. Blatt, 804 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

The T. H. Downing B. B. C. has reorganized with the following players: Ed. Daly, c.; J. W. Angerle, 2d b.; Eppel, c. f.; Thomas, 1st b.; Gray, r. f.; A. Nicholson, 2d b.; McDermott, s. s., and Riley, c. All commercial clubs desiring games will address Manager A. A. Nicholson, P. O. box 3,550, care of T. H. Downing B. B. C.

The Alaskas of Harlem have reorganized for the season with the following players: J. E. McGowan, c.; F. Coffin, p.; H. Robinson, 1st b.; Fleming, 2d b.; Jeffards, 3d b.; C. Wilsman, s. s.; C. Howard, l. f.; H. Ives, r. f.; O. Robby, s. s. They will play all nines with players under 16 years. Address John E. McGowan, Jr., 2,215 Lexington avenue.

The Irvington Base Ball Club would like to hear from all clubs under 17 years with enclosed grounds for holiday and Sunday games. They would also like to hear from a couple of good amateur players, and would like to hear from some gentleman who would like to manage the club. Address George W. Frayne, captain, 218 East Seventy-sixth street.

The Haverstraw Club will open the season on Tuesday against the strong semi-professional team of Brooklyn, the Ionas. The Haverstraw Club is composed of the following players: Joseph Parker, 1st b.; James Fay, 2d b.; Frank Wright, 3d b.; Wm. Wright, s. s.; Wm. Sabrina, r. f. and c.; Thos. Hesa, c.; Joe Conlin, p.; A. Stuart, l. f., and M. Howell, c. f.

Tefft, Weller & Co.'s Base Ball Club have organized for the season, with Harry Wilson, c.; Richard Shaw, pitcher; Harry Wilson, 1st b.; Harry Diver, 1st b.; John Kennedy, 2d b.; Peter Grimes, 3d b.; John Howard, c.; William Rain, r. f.; George Riley, l. f. They would like to hear from nines in the city in the jobbing or goods trade. Address Mr. Robert Shaw, Jr., 330 Broadway.

The Hudson Athletic Base Ball Club of Brooklyn has organized for the season with the following players: C. W. Bird, 1. f.; F. Degenwold, 1st b.; J. McLean, c. f.; Wm. Bird, 2d b.; Wm. Smith, c.; R. Simmonds, 2d b.; John Weir, r. f.; T. Aikens, s. s.; F. Fuller, sub. They would like to get a good catcher. Address Wm. Burns, manager, 179 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn.

The Glenwood Base Ball Club have reorganized with the following players: Charles Prime, 1st b.; George Holmes, p.; John Bird, c.; Bert Bailey, s. s.; William Kane, 2d b.; John Gillen, 3d b.; George Allen, r. f.; Joe Foley, c. f.; Richard Treloar, l. f. They would like to hear from all nines with players about 17 years old. Address John J. Bird, 504 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

The Grady's bookbinders have organized and would like to hear from all clubs in the trade for Saturday games during the half holidays. The players are: W. Ribber, p.; F. Gilmy, c.; W. Conlon, 1st b.; Joseph Mac, 2d b.; A. Connolly, 3d b.; W. Gilmy, s. s.; Robert Lucky, c. f.; P. Brennan, r. f.; Phil Conlon, l. f. Address William Ribber, captain, 588 Pearl street.

The Barnetts have reorganized for the season with the following players: Ed. Barnett, c.; Jas. Barnett, p.; J. Quinn, 1st b.; Sheahan, 2d b.; Cooper, p. and fielder; Shay, p. and fielder; Foster, r. f.; Haddell, l. f., and Kenehan, c. f. They would like to hear from the Sagamore Juniors (Brooklyn), and all clubs with players about 19 years. Address James Paton, 540 Hudson street.

The Roseville Athletic Association have filled all dates for ball games to July 1. The following games have been made: Sagamore, Woodstock, Hanover, Alpha, Tenth Ward, Acme of Brooklyn, Pavonia, Merritok, Lee, Lafayette. All communications should be sent to the Roseville Athletics, Seventh street and Seventh avenue, Newark, N. J.

The Fairview Base Ball Club of Brooklyn have organized for the season, and are open for sunday games with nines whose players are not over 19 years. The following are the players: C. Ward, c. and captain; W. Delaney, p.; A. Harper, 1st b.; T. Moran, 2d b.; T. Allman, 3d b.; G. Holmes, s. s.; H. Purdy, l. f.; J. McCormack, r. f.; W. Merritt, c. f. Address H. S. Conner, 184 Prospect av., Brooklyn.

The Diamonds of Jersey City have organized for the season, and will accept challenges from uniformed clubs whose players average about 17 and 18 years. The following are the players: B. Pease, pitcher; J. Wandell, catcher and captain; J. Allen, first base; D. Flathery, second base; F. Fendall, third base; J. Martin, short stop; J. Gardella, l. f.; J. Gardella, c. f.; J. Slaton, centre field; J. Gerhart, right field. Address, J. Martin, 18 Montrose avenue, Jersey City.

The Winnipauks of Norwalk, Conn., have reorganized for the season. The nines captained by Bob Sears, James, Jr. They have the finest enclosed grounds in Fairfield county, the half mile racing track of the defunct Agricultural Society. They would like to hear from the Senators, Commercials, Hackett, Carhart & Co., and other semi-professional nines. They have played the Cuban Giants, Atlas and other good clubs around New York. Address communications to Charles Finch, Norwalk, Conn.

The Vernon Base Ball Club, champions of the Prospect Park League, have made arrangements for a game with the crack nine of the Brighton Athletic Club at Dexter Park, Cypress Hills, to-morrow, at 3 o'clock P. M. The game will be of unusual interest to the friends of the Brighton Athletic Club, as this is the first game they have to play this season. Dates may be arranged with them by applying to the manager, H. J. Cox, care of Brighton Athletic Club, Station E, Brooklyn.

The Cowboys of New Rochelle have reorganized, and will place the following strong team in the field: Fox and E. Cordial, c.; Donohue and Burkhardt, p.; Killeen, 1st b.; Sheehan, 2d b.; Sexton, s. s.; J. Cordial, l. f.; F. Morris, c. f. The reserve battery will play third base and left field. They have good grounds at New Rochelle, and would like to hear from all clubs with players about 19 years old for Sunday and holiday games. Address Thomas F. Sexton, secretary, box 171, New Rochelle.

The Custom House brokers' clerks and Public Store clerks played a game of base ball at the Cuban Giants' grounds, Hoboken, on Friday, the Public Store clerks defeating the former by a score of 30 to 14. The features of the game were the heavy batting of Public Store nine and the brilliant infield work of the same. Although the Custom House brokers' clerks did some slugging, they lost by their costly errors in fielding. A return match will be played in the near future, and a great game is expected.

The Anti-Tobacco Grubbers (employees of the sheet room of J. J. Little & Co.) have organized for the coming season, with the following players: Tom Lacy, s. s. and captain; Tom Ryan, p.; Harry Foley, c.; Charles McQuade, 1st b.; John Edwards, 2d b.; Joe Hagan, 3d b.; Ed Ladd, l. f.; Tom James, r. f.; George Dilberger, c. f. They would like to play printing offices, binderies and bookbinderies, the Arwyie, Ivison's, Trow's, and McKibbon's bindery preferred. John W. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary, care J. J. Little & Co., 10 to 20 Astor place.

The Paterson Club have received their new uniforms from Spalding & Bros. and their local admirers who have seen them say that they are by far the neatest and most becoming ever worn by any local team. They are blue (very light), with white trimmings, white stockings cap of blue and white, and old gold belts. They have still a number of open dates which they would like to fill with first-class teams. They have Decoration Day, May 30; A. M. and P. M., June 8, 12, and 19 and July 4, A. M. and P. M., and 7. They would like to arrange with the Metropolitans, Staten Island Athletics, New Jersey Athletics, Jaspers, Jersey Blues, and St. John's College team. Address F. J. Hynes, manager.

The Mt. Vernon Athletics have arranged the following games: on May 4, Summits of N. J.; May 11, Alpha of Brooklyn; May 18, Merritt of Brooklyn; May 25, Brooklyn of South Side; May 30, Clark O. N. T., two games at Newark; June 8, Acme of Brooklyn; June 15, Lee of Brooklyn; June 17, Flushing A. A.; June 22, Clinton of N. Y.; June 23, Amateurs of N. Y.; July 4, Windrops (two games at Jersey City); July 13, Lee of Greenpoint A. A.; July 20, Carlstadt of N. J.; July 27, Windrop; Aug. 3, Brooklyn L.; Aug. 10, Acmes of N. Y.; Aug. 24, Windrops of N. Y.; Aug. 31, Windrops of N. Y. Games will also be arranged with the Gotham Allertons, Sagamore, and, if possible, the Cuban Giants during the season. The standing of these clubs assures base ball lovers of Mt. Vernon many interesting and exciting games.

The Stapleton Base Ball Club has been seriously handicapped from the start of the season. Their star pitcher, Kelly, has been troubled with a lame arm, from a cold contracted in the first game with the Gothams. Their second baseman is also on the sick list, and will be laid off for a few weeks for repairs. The accounts for the loss of the game to the Gothams and the Cuban Giants while the games they played so far won, in their original condition, are not the best. Manager [illegible] has now [illegible] the Stapletons [illegible] in their grounds to-day with the Merritts of Brooklyn. They play the Rahway A. C. at Rahway on Saturday, May 4, and on Sunday following (May 5) they will play the Commercials at the Stapletons' base ball grounds, when the great Murphy is expected to have sufficiently recovered to pitch his team to victory.

SOME CONNECTICUT CATS.

One that was Lost in a Flue—Several Eccentric Norwich Specimens.

NORWICH, April 27.—The Connecticut cat now and then takes steps seemingly, to rub up against unusual experiences. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg of Shapley street New London, have a cat whose nature is not always satisfied with the humdrum rate of its common walk. Her name is Yum-Yum. She went up the flue the other day. The Kellogs dwell in a large, old-fashioned porous house, and the crooked and cavernous chimneys as a number of flues that twist and lead upward and away into gloom and mystery are soot. Yum-Yum selected a flue that suited her purpose, walked in, purring reflectively, her tail dragging straight behind in the carriage of expectation, and disappeared. She evidently found the flue to be of greater physical scope and the windings more devious and perplexing than fancy had pictured those things, for she was gone three days. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg missed and mourned their errant pet and searched the whole house for her, and they von put their faces to various thimble holes in the spreading chimney and shouted "Yum-Yum!" into the rumbling telephonic shafts. 'Yum-Yum!" rumbled along the dark tunnel and died in hollow echoes in the bowels of the old dwelling, and soot fell with the vibrations, but no reply from Yum-Yum was transmitted back to the Kellogs listening at the thimble holes.

At the third day hope forsook their hearts; Yum-Yum must be dead. But in the forenoon of the fourth day Mrs. Kellogg, who had visited a "spare room" up stairs, and in a listless, disheartened way was settling things to rights therein, suddenly stopped in her work and harkened to a queer muffled sound that seemed to come from just outside the shell of this universe. It sounded very much like a piteous and appealing meaow, but if the note had shinne down a strand of light from the most distant star in the system it could not have been fainter or more elusive. But whether it came from Jupiter or from the spirit land, Mrs. Kellogg recognized in it the voice of the lost Yum-Yum.

She shouted to Mr. Kellogg, who responded instantly. He bounded into the up-stairs spare room, he listened a moment, located the source of the meaow, which now grew more distinct, frequent, and imperative, and the next moment in great excitement he began to take the chimney to pieces. Mr. Kellogg tore out the iron register from the flue at the chamber wall, and then both he and his wife thrust their face into the opening and cried: "Yum—Yum!"

"Wow-wow! fp-t-t-spt!" came the feline response in a thick soot-choked voice.

Then Mr. Kellogg violently ripped out a square tin box, part of the heating system of the dwelling, at the removal of that, didn't seem to help him much, so he reached in again and yanked on some more of the nameless tin entrails of the household, and with the coming of the last batch of things a little aperture was disclosed, leading from the heating apparatus into the flue of the prehistoric chimney. The hole was just large enough to admit of the intrusion of a cat's paw, and instantly Yum-Yum's paw, dark with chimney soot, was intruded thereinto and it clawed about in the circumambient space vacantly. Mrs. Kellogg took hold of the paw and shook it, to reassure her pet the failure of her training for encouragement. Mr. Kellogg went at the chimney again. Common brick and mortar could not stand long before that gentleman's active and muscular chawing, and soon a whole brick gave way and dropped on the tin pipe with hollow din; and thereupon Yum-Yum emerged with a bounce and a sprawl, as sooty as a chimney sweep, rolled and bounded out into the room.

She was a queer-looking cat. Her beautiful velvet coat was all awry, ears, eyes, and whiskers were stuck up with grime, and her tail was limp as a mop. It was evident to the eyes that if ever a cat was transported with delight, it was Yum-Yum. And if ever family was pleased, husband and wife, and the children, too, who had come tumbling into the room, it was the Kellogg family of Shapley street, New London.

The gratitude of Yum-Yum was unbounded. She didn't wait to wipe the grime and soot off her face, straighten her smellers, or otherwise prink herself, but she frisked about the room in tumultuous glee, lay down on the floor and hugged herself, rolled over on her back a dozen times, and twice she climbed Mrs. Kellogg's ample form and purred under her chin. Toward Mr. Kellogg her expression of thanks was even more profuse and eloquent, for as soon as the first child came into the room Yum-Yum raced up to her, jumped on her back, and Kellogg, not planted at his feet she looked first at the child and then at her deliverer, and on her face was a sober, earnest, thankful look, that seemed to say: "That's the chap that did it; he did the job, and don't you never forget it." Yet there are people who claim to be in the world who pretend that cats have no feelings.

Mr. Kellogg throws light on the mystery of Yum-Yum's helpless plight in the caverns of the house by saying that "she got mixed up with the old chimney flues and the pipes of the new heating apparatus." He thinks, moreover, that she did not go in voluntarily, but fell into the chimney top while hunting English sparrows on the roof tree, a sport to which she was ardently inclined, and then blindly wandered along the tin and brick arterial system of the habitation. But she is back safe and hold in the opinion that Yum-Yum's exploit was the fruit of her own adventurous disposition.

Yum-Yum is not the only New London cat whose mind has a unique bent. Mr. Palmer, who keeps the meat market at 51 Bank street, is very proud of a pet whose coat is a brindled white without the colored hair; but it is not so much her rare color as her strictly business qualities that win the butcher's admiration. She sticks to the market—never leaves it. But a few days ago Mr. Parker missed his milk white cat, and he did not find her until the day he opened a drawer that was little used in his market desk, and there she lay in the drawer contentedly purring, and with four young kittens almost as white as herself about her. She had discovered a hole in the drawer at the rear of the desk and had quietly in and started housekeeping. Mr. Palmer hasn't the heart to disturb the family, who are still sojourning amid old account books and papers in the drawer.

There is an aged cat in East Haddam, near the bridge, on the Connecticut River, that may bear a charmed life, at least her owner, an elderly lady, believes so. The old cat the lady desired should be drowned, but not having courage to execute her wish she engaged a neighboring farmer to do so. The man put the old cat in a strong bag, tossed in 17 anchor weights, tied the ends securely with a tough string, went to the river's bank at night, and threw his offering overboard. The packet fell into the waves with a sullen plunk, and the river rippled on as if nothing had happened. The man then walked briskly back to the house of his neighbor with a poor grace, for he didn't like the business he had been in; but he must report the success of his undertaking. He opened the gate and stepped into the yard, and on the sill of the kitchen window, through which the lamp light from within streamed, there sat the cat which he had just drowned in the Connecticut River. "Meaow!" whined the wet cat; but the lady said: "There sits your cat, now where's my bag?" The cat had omitted to bring back the bag. The East Haddan cat still lives, no one having been found who desires to meddle further with such an uncanny beast.

Norwich has two very notable cats, which are already known to fame in the world. One has an idiosyncracy for collecting clothes pins. She not only picks up all the clothes pins lying about her own family dooryard and puts them where they belong, in the household receptacle, but when the clothes became scarce at home she goes over to the neighbors' dooryards and picks up their clothes pins and puts them where they don't belong. The family who own the cat never stay long short on clothes pins.

The other remarkable cat is fond of tampering with the city water supply. She mastered the secret of washbowls, faucets, and stop cocks. If she is thirsty she turns the thumb piece, lets the water run, and satisfies her want, but she is not particular about shutting off the water. Twice she has drowned the house at night, and the inmates might have been submerged, too, if they had not heard the nocturnal flood welling toward them, lapping the walls of the house, and hastily got out of its way. After the second catastrophe of the kind they wired the stop cocks at night, and the cat had no more fun with them.

Another Norwich cat is excessively fond of peppermint. She expects peppermint drops each night when her ow