IN AND OUTDOOR SPORTS.

LATEST GOSSIP ABOUT THE BASE BALL PLAYERS.

Clarkson Explains and so Does Sam Thompson—It Looks as Though There was Trouble in the Philadelphia Brotherhood Club—Everything Quiet Here.

The base ball magnates are resting just now, and will make but few efforts to get any more of their old players until after the New York-Ward suit has been decided. In the mean time they say that they will have just as good teams next season as they had last year. With regard to the Players' Clubs, a League manager said yesterday: "Why, if they should take the field now, where would the interest be? There would be only one club in it, and that would be the New Yorks, and the games would surely be so one-sided that there would be no interest."

The Philadelphia *Times* says: "It was reported on the street yesterday that Harry L. Taggart and W. H. Whitall of the local Brotherhood Club had become sick of the enterprise and were about to draw out of the concern. Taggart is said to have disagreed with the other stockholders in several important matters—among others locating at Forepaugh's Park and signing Lave Cross of the Athletic Club. Mr. Whitall has never been very enthusiastic over the club.

"When asked yesterday if he did not feel a little disheartened over the news of the desertion of Thompson and Myers, H. M. Love said: 'Not a bit. You will find us in the field no matter what happens. We will play ball if I have to pitch, catch, play all the bases, play the outfield, and carry the bats. We are in the business to stay. This last piece of enterprise on the part of Messrs. Reach and Rogers may prove very expensive to them, for we propose to at once commence proceedings against them to recover damages for inducing Thompson, Myers, and Mulvey to break faith with us. We will also make things hot for the players mentioned, and for Mr. Brush of the Indianapolis Club, who acted as the Philadelphia Club agent in the matter.'"

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—Sam Thompson and Al Myers have signed three-year contracts with the Philadelphia League Club. It has been known for some weeks that President Brush of the Indianapolis Club was conducting the negotiations in behalf of the Philadelphia Club, but not until Sunday did he succeed in getting the names of these well-known players to the contracts. The Philadelphia people practically accepted Thompson's terms two weeks ago, but the stick has been on the second baseman. They wanted Myers, but were not willing to pay him as much money as they offered Thompson. The latter held out, and said that Myers must get the same terms he was offered. Saturday evening President Reach gave in and wired President Brush to go ahead and sign the men, which was done. The three-year contracts call for $10,000, and it was a very good day's work for the two players, in conversation with Thompson yesterday afternoon concerning the step, the big right fielder said:

"Yes, I have signed for three years at a good salary, and am very well satisfied with the transaction. The Brotherhood boys will, I know, be sore on me, and I expect a severe scoring at their hands, but I will have to stand it. I simply looked after my best interests in sticking to the League. The Philadelphia Club offered me the only big chance I have ever had in base ball, and I took it. That's all there is to it. I told them I wanted Myers to get similar treatment, for I wished him to make the jump when I did. They finally agreed to this, and to-day we are out of the Brotherhood and back in the League. My friends in Danville, Terre Haute, and that vicinity have been urging me all winter to stay with the League. Every argument has been brought to bear, and to-day's work will be good news to them. They all take an interest in me and say they will get a chance to see me if I am in the League; otherwise their interest in the game would lag. All these things naturally have more or less influence on a man."

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—President A. G. Spalding said to-day: "I have just received the contract of Charles Garvin of Newcastle, Pa., who was signed a few days ago. Exactly what is going on East I am not apprised. A committee has been appointed to take whatever action, legal or otherwise, that may be necessary, and I am informed that they contemplate taking injunction action against Ward. The exact nature of the proceedings to be taken I expect to learn through the papers."

Anson said also that he had great store by young Kittredge, the catcher signed by him some time ago. The Brotherhood team will not occupy grounds on the north side. That was settled this afternoon. Residents of the blocks near the proposed site at the foot of Ohio street hustled all last week and Sunday to obtain signatures to a remonstrance against the ordinance closing Ohio street for the benefit of the local Brotherhood Club, and obtained a large number of signatures. Until this afternoon it was the intention to make a fight in the Council, but after discussing the situation President Weidenfuller counselled the abandonment of the site. An endeavor will be made to secure grounds on the south side.

"SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Purely business reasons prompted my signing with the League, coupled with receiving fair and honorable treatment during my connection with reliable business men. The Brotherhood contract is a delusion and a snare; an agreement with an irresponsible party of the first part, transferrable to a corporation formed, or to be formed. They are in no wise liable and guarantee nothing. Ganzel and Smith acted honorably in their dealings, and, like myself, look on it in a business light, and not from a sentimental standpoint. J. G. CLARKSON."

Base Ball Notes.

The ball players were very quiet yesterday.

Mike Kelly has decided to stay in San Francisco for a few days longer.

Larry Marr gives the lie to the cowardly charges made against him of crooked play in the last Columbus-Brooklyn series by his honorable method of dealing with the Columbus club directors. Were he disposed to act unfairly, he could get even by jumping to the Brotherhood. This he will not do, but has written the Columbus directors, telling them that he appreciates the fact that they paid money to secure him, and that he will give them a chance to get it back, providing they will his release at an early date. Marr is an honorable ball player, and everybody who knows him pronounced the charges as groundless and malicious at the time they were made.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

If the League does decide to take any of the Kansas City players into consideration, of course, who will get Long. It has transpired that all the clubs desiring his services have not an equal chance to get them, inasmuch as they claim that priority in his case with the Negotiation Committee has something to do with it. In this important matter the Philadelphia Club seems to have been a little quicker than its rivals, and that there was the first claim filed with the committee. This being true, there is little doubt but that if the greatest short stop in the world leaves Kansas City he will wear a Philadelphia uniform next year, although his avowed preference for Chicago or Boston may have something to do with his location. No matter where he goes, he will himself be a drawing card equal to a whole team of Brotherhood stars.—*Kansas City Times.*

FOOTBALL.

Football in Newark.

There was to have been two games of football on the O. N. T. grounds, East Newark, yesterday, but the one which was to have taken place in the morning between the noted pottery team of Trenton and the Almas of Newark failed to materialize on account of the former not showing up. There was a good crowd present, but they went away disappointed. In the afternoon the game between the Almas and the O. N. T. Clubs took place. There were nearly 1,000 spectators, but owing to the late hour in which the players made their appearance on the field the crowd became noisy. The O. N. T.'s lacked some of their best players. The game was governed by the American Football Association rules. In the kick-off the O. N. T.'s sent the leather flying into the Almas' field, and managed to keep it there until a goal was secured. After this neither team scored in the first half. The second half opened in a rather lively way, and the pace was kept up throughout the limited time without either side scoring.

Two Games at Ridgewood.

The Nonpareil Football Club's first eleven played against the Thistle Football Club at the Ridgewood Base Ball grounds yesterday afternoon. The game was stubbornly contested throughout, and both teams played to the best of their ability. The strong wind made accurate kicking impossible, and this fact accounts for the poor success in the many attempts at goal. Neither side was able to score, the match resulting in a draw.

The Nonpareils' second eleven defeated the newly organized Jersey City Club on the Ridgewood Base Ball grounds by 3 goals to 1 yesterday afternoon.

The Game at Prospect Park.

The football team of the Mission Band of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church defeated the Young Men's Band of Mount Olivet Church at Prospect Park yesterday by a score of one goal to none. The game was played under Association rules.

Harrington's Christmas Swim.

Frederick Harrington of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, an expert swimmer, took advantage yesterday afternoon of the mild weather for a plunge in the bay. When he appeared on the shore at Tompkinsville, clad in a bathing suit he attracted much attention. He is declared to have stayed in the water half an hour. He said he enjoyed his Christmas bath, and that the water was only a little colder than it was sometimes in summer. He is about 50 years old.

HANDBALL.

Ex-Alderman Jim Dunn and Barney McQuade Beat Champion Casey and Partner.

Everything around the Brooklyn Handball Court yesterday wore a holiday aspect. In keeping with their usual custom, the members of the Brooklyn Handball Club assembled early, and the court's utmost capacity was tested throughout the entire day. Champion Casey was kept busy receiving his friends, a number of whom were from New York, New Jersey, and other places in the vicinity.

The principal attractions of the day began with a handball match between Joseph Donohue and Frank Devlin. The question of superiority between these players has been one of long standing, and yesterday's match is supposed to settle the matter. The men are very evenly matched, and after a stubbornly fought contest Donohue won by the following score:

Joseph Donohue	21	18	21	60
Frank Devlin	17	21	2	38

Then followed a game of racquets between Robert Malcolm and L. Forde. Both men gave an interesting display, but Forde proved to be the most skilful and won by the following score:

L. Forde	15	15	15	45
Robert Malcolm	11	10	8	30

Ex-Alderman James Dunn and James McEvoy then stepped into the court to play the best two in three games of handball. A crowded gallery greeted the contestants, and from the high reputation of the players everybody expected to see a rattling match. So they did as far as the first game was concerned, but the second proved to be a veritable walk over. Dunn had the first hand, but was deposed after making an ace. McEvoy did not score until the fourth hand, when he placed a couple of aces to his credit, the score at that time being two all. The playing was sharp, but the ex-Alderman's "killing" plays were very damaging. McEvoy took the lead at the eighth hand by scoring five aces, principally by service, but at Dunn's following attempt the score showed nine all. From this time on the latter's hand service and fine general play told heavily in his favor, and he scored the necessary number of points to win the game, while McEvoy stood at fifteen. The score:

James Dunn	10	10	20	40
James McEvoy	00	20	15	35

Aces by service—Dunn, 4; McEvoy, 0.

The second game was rather a disappointment. A good start was made, and for four hands it was anybody's game. Then Dunn placed nine aces to his credit by superior playing, and followed it up in the next hand with a similar number. The score:

James Dunn	11	01	09	21
James McEvoy	11	11	10	4

Aces by service—Dunn, 3; McEvoy, 1.

Then came the chief attraction of the day. It was a handball match between Bernard McQuade, New York's champion, and ex-Alderman James Dunn against John Dunn and Phil Casey, champion of the world. It was the best in three games, and although Casey and his partner were defeated, it was not until their opponents were taxed to their utmost ability, and so it resulted in one of the finest struggles that has been seen in the Brooklyn court for many a day. The invincible Casey did all the outer work, and his "scoops" off service were, as usual, remarkable. He was finely supported by John Dunn, whose general play was far above the average. The "Old War Horse" of Gotham and Dunn played admirably together, making but few mistakes. The ex-Alderman's hard hitting and activity were particularly noticeable, while the cunning tactics displayed by McQuade produced the liveliest enthusiasm. The first game was closely contested, and when the marker cried out "eighteen all" the anxiety of the spectators was great. McQuade scored one ace, and then Dunn ended the highly exciting game by placing two aces to his credit on service. The score:

J. Dunn	05	12	31	2—14
M'Quade	14	10	01	—7
Total				21

Dunn	61	10	23	0—13
Casey	10	10	30	0—5
Total				18

Aces by service—Jas. Dunn, 7; McQuade, 3; John Dunn, 7; Casey, 3.

The second game was another lively encounter, and was won by Dunn and McQuade simply through good generalship. The latter kept the ball well out toward the back wall while Casey was playing on the inside, and vice versa if the champion was in the outer court. This had the desired effect, for, while John Dunn played a capital game, he was unable to stand the onslaughts and cunning of his more experienced opponents. The score:

J. Dunn	10	14	22	01	—11	Dunn	20	21
M'Quade	01	10	03	5	—10	Casey	40	10
Total					21	Total		

20	21	20	8					
40	10	30	3	0	3	0	3	—19
Total								19

Aces by service—Jas. Dunn, 4; McQuade, 3; John Dunn, 4; Casey, 0.

In the third game the ex-Alderman and partner had a telling advantage at one time, the score standing 17 to 11 in their favor. Casey, by brilliant playing, reduced the lead somewhat, but McQuade finally put an end to all the suspense with the score at 19 to 15 by scoring one point on play and one on service. Score:

James Dunn	1	1	4	2	0	0	2			—10
M'Quade		2	0	3	1	0	3	0	2	—11
Total										21

Dunn	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—6
Casey		0	0	2	0	3	1	3	1	—10
Total										16

Aces by service—James Dunn, 1; McQuade, 4; Dunn, 0; Casey, 3.

John Delaney has stirred up a hornet's nest in the Brooklyn Handball Court. John Malone and James McEvoy are very anxious to have a go with the New Yorker. McEvoy told a SUN reporter yesterday that he would play Delaney for $100 or any part of it, the best in 9 games, 21 aces to each game, at the Brooklyn Handball Court on New Year's Day. Make a match, boys, and have no further controversy about it.

There will be an unusual treat at the Brooklyn Handball Court this afternoon. John Lawlor, Ireland's champion, has written Casey that he will surely be on hand to play him that long-standing match of the best three in five games.

GOOD SPORT AT SWEENEY'S COURT.

When the New Yorkers want to play a game of handball they go to Sweeney's court on Thirty-fifth street and Third avenue. This court is ably managed and is therefore well patronized. Yesterday was specially attractive. John Delaney, one of the cleverest players in the country and who wants to try conclusions with anybody outside of Champion Phil Casey played several games and his work was pronounced that of a thorough artist. He took for a partner an excellent player and defeated John Rorty and William O'Neil the best three in five games. It was a thoroughly enjoyable match and Rorty and O'Neil put forth their best efforts to win. Delaney showed that he was not only an effective server, but that he possessed good hands, being particularly clever with his left.

Jim Tracy and Ed Lynch undertook the task of defeating Pat Barrett and Mike Byrnes, but failed. Still the winners had no easy job. A little hard service just when and where it was needed did the work.

Eddie Sullivan and John Porter subsequently played Thomas Seery and John Donohue. The men were pretty evenly matched, and the spectators settled themselves with the prospect of seeing a lively struggle. They were not disappointed. Seery and Donohue made a gallant attempt to carry off the honors, but Sullivan and Porter played an almost perfect team game and won.

On New Year's Day Manager Eddie Sweeney promises a number of clever attractions in the way of handball and racket.

Sports at Harvard.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 25.—The college is a dull place this Christmas recess. There has been a general exodus of New Englanders and those who live east of the Mississippi, and many Westerners received invitations to the homes of their fellow students. There are a good many left of the 2,000 students, however, and for these a special Christmas service was arranged. After the holidays there will be a general awakening all along the line. Sports will boom, and all the athletically inclined young men will go into training for the various sports in which they think they can excel.

They will start in by running and walking, and will not pay much attention to the pulleys and weights until their wind is well established. The various crews especially will be systematic in their training. The base ball tossers will also begin to take good care of their muscles, and get themselves into shape for a career of victory.

Harvard students have the reputation of being fast, but they know enough not to be foolish. A movement was started in the interests of a toboggan slide on Divinity field, and books were placed at various localities for the purpose of getting signatures. Only thirty of the students cared to risk their necks on the slide, and the project was abandoned. Now the students want an ice skating rink, which shall be reserved for their exclusive use. There are two or three fields which, with a small outlay of money, might be flooded and converted into first-class skating surfaces. These are owned by the college, and the students are quite enthusiastic in anticipation of favorable action by the college authorities.

Larkin will Not Accept.

Jimmy Larkin, the undefeated 122-pound Jerseyman, got a despatch from Boston yesterday offering a purse of $400 if he would fight Hippy Homan twenty rounds, or to a Boston finish, about Jan. 1. The despatch was sent from Boston several days ago, but Jimmy did not get it, because it was misdirected. He will not accept the proposition, because the purse is not large enough. He is anxious for a fight, and would like to meet any 122-pound man in the world, bar none, for anywhere from $500 to $2,500 a side, or a purse of not less than $1,000.

He will cover any forfeit that is posted, he told a SUN reporter yesterday, or he will meet any of the 122-pound men or their backers any day at the *Police Gazette* or the *Illustrated News* office, provided he is notified the day before. Larkin has always taken good care of himself, and he can get into condition for a fight in a very short time. He claims the 122-pound championship of the world, and he is ready at all times to defend it, he says.

THE CRICKET CLUB RECORD CUP.

The Cup Awarded to Germantown at a Meeting on Tuesday—Points Decided.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The annual meeting of the Club Record Cup Committee was held on Tuesday to award the cup. Two claims for awards of matches were brought to the attention of the committee, the Germantown second eleven claiming the game played by them against Merion second, at Ardmore, on May 18, and the Merion first eleven claiming the unfinished game started by them against Germantown on July 4.

In the second eleven match the facts as set out in the protest filed were that the captains agreed to stop play at 6 o'clock. Germantown led on the score of the first innings. The second innings was started, and when the club house clock showed 6 o'clock Merion was still 18 behind. Germantown then asked the umpires to call the game, which they declined to do, stating that the clock was fast and that the right time was ten minutes of 6. Merion then succeeded in passing Germantown's score and the umpires awarded the game to Merion. Germantown asked the committee to set this decision aside, on the ground that in the absence of an understanding to the contrary the time of the club house clock was the time meant in an agreement to draw stumps. The committee declined to reverse the decision of the umpires, on the ground that whether the match was to be stopped by the time as shown by the club house clock or by the correct time (it being admitted that the clock was wrong), was a question of fact, and that under rule 43 the umpires were the only proper parties to decide such a question.

The unfinished first eleven game was claimed by Merion on various grounds. The committee finally passed the following resolutions in regard to it:

Resolved, That this committee, under the facts as stated, doesnot feel authorized under the rules of cricket, or of the Club Record Cup, in granting the request of the Merion Cricket Club that the unfinished Merion-Germantown game should be awarded to Merion.

Resolved, That as the unfinished Merion-Germantown match was begun on the 4th of July, a time when in the contemplation of neither party could it have been intended to play any men except those who were in this country, it would have been more in the interest of cricket, as well as in the spirit of the game, that the match should have been played out between teams composed of men who were on this side of the water when the match was begun.

The standing of the clubs for the cup was then found to be as follows:

FIRST ELEVENS.

	Germantown.	Merion.	Young America.	Philadelphia.	Tioga.	Total won.	Record points. Won.	Lost.
Germantown		1	1	2	2	2	8	24
Belmont	1		1	2	2	2	7	21
Merion				2	1	2	3	11
Young America		1			1	2	3	9
Philadelphia		1		1		2	3	9
Tioga				1			1	3
Total lost	1	3	3	6	6	9	28	84

SECOND ELEVENS.

	Belmont.	Germantown.	Merion.	Philadelphia.	Young America.	Tioga.	Total won.	Record points. Won.	Lost.
Belmont		1	2	1	1	2	7	14	6
Germantown	1		1		2	2	6	14	4
Merion		1		2	2	1	6	12	6
Philadelphia	1		1		1	2	4	8	12
Young America	1			1		2	4	8	12
Tioga	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	16
Total lost	3	2	3	4	6	9	27	54	54

JUNIOR ELEVENS.

	Germantown.	Tioga.	Young America.	Belmont.	Merion.	Philadelphia.	Total won.	Record points. Won.	Lost.
Germantown		1	2	2	1	1	7	14	2
Tioga	1		2	1		2	6	12	6
Young America				2	2	1	4	8	8
Belmont	1				2	1	4	8	12
Merion	1			1		1	2	4	10
Philadelphia	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	10
Total lost	1	3	4	6	5	5	24	48	48

	Points won.	Points lost.	Percentages.
Germantown	50	9	.847
Belmont	43	27	.614
Merion	34	25	.576
Young America	25	38	.397
Philadelphia	19	38	.345
Tioga	15	51	.227
Totals	186	186	

The cup upon these figures was by a unanimous vote awarded to the Germantown Cricket Club.

Christmas Day Cricket.

An old-time single wicket cricket match between ten members of the Manhattan Cricket Club was played in Prospect Park yesterday. This is probably the first on record as having been played on a Christmas Day. The fine weather attracted quite a crowd of old cricketers. The winners had the pleasure of eating a good supper at the Manhattan Cottage, Long Island road. The sides were as follows:

FIRST INNINGS.

CANSFIELD'S SIDE.		SECRETARY DAVIS'S SIDE.	
Bloxam, run out	1	Rose, b. Pattison	5
Cansfield, b. Rose	1	Smith, b. Prendergast	0
Prendergast, b. Rose	0	Bodine, b. Prendergast	0
J. L. Pattison, b. Rose	1	Davis, b. Pattison	9
		Jones, b. Pattison	0
Total	4	Total	14

Umpire—R. Hooper.

WHEELING.

Probability of a Change of Officers in the L. A. W.

"There has never been an election for the chief office in the gift of the League of American Wheelmen when there was so much preliminary talk and discussion so far ahead of the convention as this year," says the *Boston Herald*. "There seems to be no reason to doubt that the next incumbent will be Mr. James R. Dunn of Massillon, O. He will have the thorough support of the West and South, and New England will be almost unanimous in his favor. Mr. Luscombe, the present incumbent, has made himself very unpopular by his action in favoring the election of Gov. Hill of New York, and there are many wheelmen who have not forgotten this act. Then he raised no small rumpus by removing Mr. Isaac Potter of the Committee on Rights and Privileges. Mr. Potter is a member of the Brooklyn Bicycle Club, and is a very popular member. Mr. Luscombe affiliates with the Long Island wheelmen. In running for office last year he did not have the support of Long Island, and intimates that last incident has probably been his death, as far as his election to the Presidency is concerned. Mr. Mott of Baltimore is one of the most popular wheelmen in the country, as well as being one of the most able, but he is a very busy man, and could not give that time to the office that it properly demands, so that he was wise to withdraw his name from the nominations and make up his mind to continue the same good work that he has been doing as Chief Consul. There can be no doubt, however, that the time will come when his name will head the ticket. The Vice-Presidents are sure to be Emery of the city, Dr. Emery has done splendid work for the League, as well as for his club, and no Chief Consul has tried harder or accomplished better results.

"The Doctor is undoubtedly in training for a position just a notch higher, and he deserves it."

Wheeling Notes.

Very few wheelmen were in the parks yesterday.

The membership of the Prospect Wheelmen of Brooklyn now numbers thirty.

Davis, the Harvard crack, will compete in the English championships next season.

The next athletic entertainment of the Buffalo Bicycle Club will be held on Jan. 11.

The members of the Kings County Wheelmen greatly regret the losing of their President, M. Bridgman.

Jacob Schaefer, one of the fastest men on the Berkeley Athletic Club's team of racers, has resigned from the club.

M. H. Crowther has been appointed a delegate to the Associated Cycling Clubs from the Pennsylvania Bicycle Club, vice W. D. Supples, resigned.

The Hudson County Wheelmen expect to greatly increase their membership in the next two months, owing to the reduction of the initiation fee.

The Oxford Wheelmen of Philadelphia will hold a reception on New Year's night, to which the members of the different clubs in the city are to be invited.

The second monthly athletic entertainment of the Buffalo Bicycle Club last week proved a big success. Boxing, wrestling, and jumping were the principal features of the evening.

Dr. W. L. Savage, who is at present connected with the Berkeley Athletic Club will have charge of the gymnasium in George Isdwell's new building, now being erected at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue.

The next entertainment of the Brooklyn Bicycle Club will be their Christmas entertainment, which, having been delayed, will take place in January. The club will give a "stag" entertainment and a ladies' reception in February.

At the next meeting of the Mount Vernon Wheelmen a new delegate to the Associated Cycling Clubs will be elected to succeed J. A. Scott, whose term expires at the end of the present year. The candidates for the office are J. W. Haines and F. B. Wood.

Chairman Darst of the Racing Board of the L. A. W. will not express an opinion on the changes that should be made in the racing rules, or the changes that are likely to be made, but says that everything will come out after their meeting in January.

The New York Bicycle Club will, according to custom, ride the old year out on Wednesday next. The run will be in charge of Capt. Nisbett, who will start from the club house at 11 50 o'clock. The riders will visit the different wheel clubs in the city while on the run.

The following officers have been elected by the Genesee Bicycle Club: President, G. Montromery; Vice-President, H. Heckleman; Secretary, F. Dokeiow; Treasurer, I. Cross; Captain, F. Schaefer; Road Committee, Messrs. Thomson, Schaefer, and Montgomery; Executive Committee, A. McLean, M. Kendall, and H. Dreman.

VENDETTA WINS AT 100 TO 1.

THE SURPRISE OF THE YEAR AT THE GUTTENBURG TRACK YESTERDAY.

Peter Weber Gives the Good Thing to His Friends in Fordham—Bookmakers Lose Heavily—Bergen Rides Three Winners—Jim Murray First by a Head—Lottery and Flambeau Victorious.

There was joy in Fordham last night, and those readers of THE SUN who live in the vicinity of that village and note the smiling faces to be seen on all sides to-day, should not put it all down to the joyous Christmas time, but give a little credit to Peter Weber and his four-year-old gelding Vendetta.

Peter is a quiet man. But he knows when he has a good thing, and when, a few days ago, he gave a number of his friends the tip that Vendetta would start in the E. Walbaum, Jr., handicap at the Guttenburg track on Christmas Day, and that they had better be on hand to take a few dollars from the strong boxes of the hard-working, struggling bookmakers, they looked sage, placed a finger alongside their nose, and remarked that they would be there, no matter what excuse would have to be manufactured in order to hurry through their Christmas dinner. Vendetta had been quietly worked at Jerome Park, and old Peter chuckled when he noted how fast the gelding could reel off the quarters. The chuckle became a broad grin when, on Tuesday, Vendetta's weight was announced as 85 pounds, and that grin expanded into a roar as Vendetta darted past the post yesterday afternoon the winner of the contest, with odds of 100 to 1 against him in the books.

There were fully 5,000 persons present, the handicap which was thought to lie between Now or Never, with Garrison up; Blue Rock, with Bergen up, and Bellwood, riden by Soden. The other starters were Wilfred, Swift, Rapine, and Vendetta. It was not a good day for the talent, and, savage with losses on other events, they poured the money into the ring on the favorites. Vendetta was despised, 50, 80, and 100 to 1 being the ruling odds. The Fordham contingent kept their secret well, and passing quietly about the ring, placed their modest fives and tens at the outside figures, the bookies casting pitying glances at the poor lambs so soon to be shorn. There was consternation when Vendetta, after keeping a prominent position in the race from the start, took the lead at the head of the stretch. Bergen, Garrison, and Soden all going to the whip, and when Weber's tiny son kept on and won the race cleverly with the gelding there was no corn in Egypt. Nearly every book lost from $1,000 up to $3,000 on the race. Weber pulled off the same kind of a sugar plum with this gelding at Monmouth Park last summer, and should the son of Sensation and Stiletto never be returned a winner again, he has earned his keep.

Of the other events Flambeau, well supported and ridden by Bergen, won the opening event in hollow style. Vigilant, also ridden by Bergen, and a strong favorite, captured the second event, and when the young jockey landed Lomax the winner of the third race, the talent thought it was Bergen's day, and began to play his mounts. Jim Murray defeated Marty B. in a head-and-head finish in the fourth, and the fifth saw old Lottery in front at the end.

THE FIRST RACE.

Flambeau was the tip for the two-year-old event, with Hemet a strong second choice. The favorite took the lead at the drop of the flag, and, making all the running, won easily by four lengths from the Wissahicon colt, Hemet a good third.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second, for maiden two-year-olds; five furlongs.

D. Johnson's b. g. Flambeau, by Forester—Bounce, 112 (Bergen) 1
T. Harris's b. c. dam Wissahicon, 115 (Kelly) 2
Castle Stable's ch. c. Hemet, 115 (French) 3
Frederick II., Chalkscence, Barrientos, Millerton, Woodlawn, William Henry, and Nannie King filly also ran.

Time, 1:05¾.

Pool Betting—Against Flambeau, 3 to 1; Hemet, 8¼ to 1; Wissahickon colt, 4 to 1; Millerton, 6 to 1; Frederick, 8 to 1; Woodlawn and William Henry, 15 to 1 each; Nannie King filly, 20 to 1; Barrientos, 40 to 1.

Mutuals paid $12, $5.35, $4.

THE SECOND RACE.

Vigilant, ridden by Bergen, carried the bulk of the money in the second race, the others being at long odds. It was no soft thing for the favorite, who had to be ridden to win by three parts of a length from Wynwood. Gallatin was a poor third, with the others tailed off.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second, selling allowances; one mile and an eighth.

C. J. Kelly's blk. c. Vigilant, 4, by Eolus—Vigilina, 108 (Bergen) 1
Union Stable's ch. g. Wynwood, 4, 105 (Penny) 2
Castle Stable's b. g. Gallatin, 4, 101 (Warwick) 3
Banker, Lancaster, Lemon, Big Brown Jug, Bettie L., Landseer, Masterbok, and Carrie G. also ran.

Time, 2:00.

Pool Betting—Against Vigilant, 8 to 5; Banker and Wynwood, 6 to 1 each; Lemon and Gallatin, 8 to 1 each; Carrie G., 10 to 1; Lancaster and Big Brown Jug, 20 to 1 each; Landseer, 40 to 1; Bettie L. and Masterbok, 50 to 1 each. Mutuals paid $4.05, $3.40, and $6.

THIRD RACE.

Shotover was the favorite for the third race at five furlongs, Alva and Lomax being the most fancied of the others. This race was a good one, Lomax winning cleverly from Hot Scotch, a head before Extra, who in turn beat the favorite a head. Alva was very close up.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second. Selling allowances; five-eighths of a mile.

A. Iselin's ch. g. Lomax, 6, by Faustus—By Halleck 107 (Bergen) 1
Union Stable's ch. f. Hot Scotch, 3, 112 (Blaylock) 2
G. B. Jennings's ch. g. Extra, 4, 107 (McDermott) 3
Shotover, Alva, Glenloch, Capstone, Sartet, Carlow, Macao, Dr. Jekyll, Fletch Taylor, and Goldfish also ran.

Time, 1:06¼.

Pool Betting—Against Shotover, 7 to 5; Lomax, 5 to 1; Glenloch, 6 to 1; Carlow, 8 to 1; Alva and Fletch Taylor, 10 to 1 each; Hot Scotch and Dr. Jekyll, 12 to 1 each; Goldfish, 15 to 1; Capstone, 40 to 1; Extra and Sartet, 50 to 1 each; Macao, 75 to 1. Mutuals paid $6.55, $4.90, and $14.05.

THE FOURTH RACE.

Marty B. and Bass Viol were the most strongly supported of the starters for the fourth race, and the good thing looked like going through until the final furlong, when Jim Murray came strong on the outside, and, despite Miller's efforts to carry him out, won by a head. Bass Viol was a good third.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; selling allowances; five-eighths of a mile.

W. R. Babcock's b. g. Jim Murray, 4, by Helmbold—Janet Murray, 115 (Miller) 1
C. J. Kelly's ch. c. Marty B., 4, 111 (Miller) 2
D. Dunn's ch. g. Bass Viol, 6, 111 (Bergen) 3
Gardey, The Miller, Huntsman, Jim Irwin, Slasher, Peacock, Little Minnie, Electricity, Skip, Alida, Gelding, Wonderment, and Bonny Lass also ran.

Time, 1:05¾.

Post Betting—Against Marty B., 2¾ to 1; Bass Viol, 3¾ to 1; Bonny Lass, 6 to 1; Electricity, 8 to 1; Gardey and Jim Irwin, Skip and Alida Gelding, 10 to 1 each; Jim Murray and Slasher, 15 to 1 each; The Miller and Peacock, 20 to 1 each; Huntsman, 30 to 1; Little Minnie, 40 to 1 each. Mutuals paid $39.75, $13.35, and $4.40.

THE FIFTH RACE.

Now or Never closed favorite for the handicap, 11 to 10 being the best figure obtainable against Garrison's mount. Blue Rock was second choice, with Bellwood next in favor. Vendetta and Rapine were the rankest of outsiders at almost any odds. Swift, Blue Rock, Vendetta, and Bellwood were in front all the way to the head of the stretch, when Vendetta, Bellwood, and Now or Never drew away from the others, the former still in advance to be the favorite and almost fowling him. All were ridden out, Vendetta winning by a length from Bellwood, with Now or Never a close third.

The G. Walbaum, Jr., Handicap—Purse $700, of which $150 to second; one mile.

F. Weber's b. g. Vendetta, 4, by Sensation—Stiletto, 95 (Weber) 1
W. R. Jones's b. g. Bellwood, 4, 110 (Boden) 2
D. R. McGeah's b. c. Now or Never, 4, 122 (Garrison) 3
Wilfred, Blue Rock, Rapine, and Swift also ran.

Time, 1:47.

Post Betting—Against Now or Never, 11 to 10; Blue Rock, 3 to 1; Bellwood, 8 to 1; Swift and Wilfred, each 25 to 1, and Vendetta and Rapine, each 50 to 1. Mutuals paid $94.55, $25.40 and $6.45.

THE SIXTH RACE.

Tyrone was a red hot favorite for the last event of the day, Lottery being the most fancied of the others. In the stretch Lottery took command of affairs and won, hands down, by two lengths. Tyrone was second, shaving a lot of speed in the stretch, a length before Teddington, third.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; selling allowances; seven-eighths of a mile.

A. Hilms's ch. h. Lottery, 6, by Glen Athol—Lotta, 118 (O. Harris) 1
Fordham Stable's br. h. Tyrone, 5, 123 (Miller) 2
Palisade Stable's b. g. Teddington, 3, 110 (Kelly) 3
Wayward, Top Sawyer, Velvet Artless, Valeur, Dynamite, Tunis, Vaulter, and Compensation also ran.

Time, 1:30¾.

Post Betting—Against Tyrone, 7 to 5; Lottery, 5 to 1; Wayward, 6 to 1; Top Sawyer, Tunis, and Teddington, 8 to 1 each; Artless, 10 to 1; Dynamite, 12 to 1; Velvet and Compensation, 15 to 1 each; Valeur and Vaulter, 20 to 1 each. Mutuals paid $55.25, $8.40, and $2.75.

Entries for Guttenburg To-day.

The following is the programme for Guttenburg to-day:

First Race—Purse $300, beaten horses; three-quarters of a mile. Extra, 115; Bordelaise, 115; Electricity, 115; Full Sail, 115; Ocean, 115; Hearst, 115; Remember Golding, 110; Arlington, 110; Little Fred, 110; Dr. Jekyll, 110; Alida gelding, 97.

Second Race—Purse $300, three-year-olds; six and one-half furlongs. Ten Broeck, 128; Glenloe, 125; Gold Vase filly, 115; Lemon Blossom, 106; Stephanie, 100; Skip, 100; Nettie, 100.

Third Race—Purse $500; selling; one mile. Benediction, 110; Glendale, 108; Larchmont, 107; St. Nick, 105; Wynwood, 95; Big Brown Jug, 95; Gallatin, 95; Guy Gray, 92.

Fourth Race—Purse $300; selling; five furlongs. Buckstone, 116; Belle Kennedy, 111; Lillie D., 111; Fred B., 110; Anomaly, 109; Herman, 106; Cupid, 107; Carlow, 107; Lomax, 106; Claiter, 103; Harry Brown, 101; Gold Bond, 101; Festina, or Nanie King filly, 95; Ten Brook, 97.

Fifth Race—Purse $300; all ages; six and one-half furlongs. Glenmound, 105; Kenwood, 105; Drumstick, 102; Lima R., 102; King Crab, 102.

Sixth Race—Purse $300; beaten horses; one mile. Bay Ridge, 133; Lottery, 133; Bela, 120; Tunis, 120; Glad