CHESS HONORS DIVIDED.

GUNSBERG AGAIN PLAYED AN EVANS GAMBIT.

The Veteran Altered his Defence, and, Although Gunsberg Played a Very Clever and Brilliant Attack, he Could Not Win.

Again the Evans Gambit. This was the order of play yesterday in the championship encounter between Steinitz and Gunsberg at the Manhattan Chess Club in West Twenty-seventh street. But Steinitz, in accordance with the intention of which he had already notified his opponent, declined to continue all through with the same defence he had adopted in the cable game against Tschigorin. Of course, Gunsberg knew quite well that the veteran would alter his method, and, therefore, in again opening the Evans, Gunsberg manifested an enterprise at once admirable and courageous.

Speculation became rife after the opening moves as to where Steinitz would first depart from the cable game, and the spectators did not have to wait long before this point was decided. The game of Monday was adhered to up to the end of the sixth move. On black's seventh turn came the anticipated change. In his game by cable with the Russian player, and also in the game played last Monday with Gunsberg, Steinitz moved on his seventh turn Kt—K R 3. Yesterday he varied this move by playing P—K R 3. A spectator who was present when this move was recorded, stated that in tournament play a few years ago this same movement was made by a strong amateur against Steinitz himself, who on that occasion was playing white.

For some time the game was conducted on fairly even terms, Gunsberg pursuing the initiative with marked vigor and ability. At length the opinion of the spectators turned chiefly in favor of the Hungarian's game, which was considered, long before the adjournment, to be the superior of the two. After white's eighteenth move, just when the middle game was about to be introduced, the position was as follows:

Black (Steinitz)—15 pieces.

White (Gunsberg)—14 pieces.

Quite an hour before the usual time for adjourning one of the strongest club players exclaimed: "I think white has 'busted' him now." The appended diagram shows the position at the point where white recovered the gambit pawn on the thirty-third move:

Black (Steinitz)—8 pieces.

White (Gunsberg)—8 pieces.

Steinitz took a long time to consider his reply, and was still thinking when the time arrived for adjourning the afternoon sitting. At this time it was clear that he was playing for his only hope—a draw.

The move which Steinitz sealed on the adjournment was one by which he attained his object of drawing the game. When it had been opened and the move made on the board of play, the veteran said to his younger opponent: "You may think it over and tell me if you want to play for a win." After a few moments' consideration, Gunsberg said that if his opponent's remark was intended to be an offer of a draw, he was willing to accept it. The game was thereupon recorded as a draw, making the score now: Steinitz, 5; Gunsberg, 3; drawn, 21. The greater part of Gunsberg's play was counted by many as fine chess, and altogether he has proved a surprise.

Steinitz makes the following comments upon the game:

"Gunsberg is certainly very plucky. He offered the Evans Gambit for the second time, although I had given him notice that I thought myself at liberty to alter my defence at any time. In his comments upon this notice he calls it a retraction of a challenge that ought never to have been made, but I do not think that fair-minded chess players will agree with him. If all challenges ought to be accepted formally within a reasonable time, and Gunsberg could not expect that I should wait for his convenience and be bound to a long series of moves, while he would be at liberty to alter his tactics at any time or not play that opening at all.

"However, I did not abandon the leading idea of my defence; I played 6...Q—B 3, which was the original bone of contention between Tschigorin and myself. On the seventh move I also advanced P—K R 3, which was the line of play I had intended to adopt against Tschigorin, before knowing that he had included in his combinations P—K R 3. Gunsberg then proceeded with a sort of Ruy Lopez attack by 8 B—K t 5, and threatened to gain a pawn for two moves in succession. Black lost patience on the ninth move, and exchanged pawns in a manner that gave his opponent a good centre attack, which could have been avoided by B—K t 2 instead.

"The fight for position soon afterward resolved itself into an attempt on white's part to force on his K B P, while black parried that attack and attempted a counter demonstration by the advance of his pawns on the queen's wing. This was hardly judicious, though it might perhaps have worked well, considering that black was a pawn ahead. If he had on the twenty-seventh move simply protected the weaker ed Q B P by Q—K sq, as it was, white won the queen's centre pawn and obtained a passed K P, which, at the time of adjournment, looked threatening. However, black had some compensation by the exposed position of the adverse king, while his own was in security, and he still also more freedom of action for his rook on the open file.

"It was a fair draw, considering that white's king could be much harassed; the probable continuation would have been: 34 B—Q sq, B x R 35 R x B, Q—K t 2 ch; 36 K—K t sq, R—R 3; and the game could hardly be won by either side."

The run of yesterday's game and analytical notes by Steinitz follow:

GAME XIV.—EVANS GAMBIT.

GUNSBERG. White.	STEINITZ. Black.	GUNSBERG. White.	STEINITZ. Black.
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	18 Q—K 4	P—B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	Q Kt—B 3	19 R—Q 3	Q—Q sq
3 B—B 4	B—B 4	(45 min.)	(1 h. 12 m.)
4 P—Q Kt 4	B x P	21 Q—B 2	P—Kt 4 (m)
5 P—B 3	B—B 4	22 K—R sq	B—Kt 3
(2 min.)	(1 min.)	23 R—Kt 1	Q—Q 4
a Castles	Q—B 3	24 R—Kt sq	P—Kt 5 (n)
7 P—Q 4	P—K R 3 (a)	25 P x P	B x B P
8 B—Kt 5 (b)	K Kt—K 2	(56 min.)	(1 h. 23 m.)
9 B x B (c)	P x P (d)	26 B x B	R x B
10 P—e 5 (e)	Q—K 3	27 R x R	P x B (o)
(8 min)	(20 min)	28 R x R P (p)	K t x R
11 P x P	B—Kt 5 (f)	29 Q x R	K t x Q P
12 B—Kt 2 (g)	P—Q 4	30 R x K t	B x K t
13 Kt—B 3	Castles	(1 h. 23 m.)	(1 h. 30 m.)
14 Kt—K 2	Kt—K t 3	31 Q—K 6 ch	K—B sq
15 Q—K t 3	B—K 4 (h)	32 R—Q sq	B—B 4
(32 min.)	(40 min.)	33 R x P	Q—Q Kt sq
16 Kt—B sq	Q Kt—K 2	(2 h. 20 m.)	(1 h. 27 m.)
17 B—K 3	Q—Kt 3 (i)	Drawn game.	
18 B x B (k)	P—K B 4 (l)		

NOTES BY W. STEINITZ.

(a)—Perhaps the safest plan, considering black's last move.

(b)—If 8 Q—Kt 3, black intended to play 8...K Kt—K 2; 9 x P Kt x P; 10 Kt x Kt, P x Kt; 11 B x P ch, K—Q sq; with an excellent game, though the game now is even.

(c)—Of course this prevents black from castling for a little while, as in that case white would answer K B x Q Kt, thereby winning a pawn.

(d)—Kt x P was preferable.

(e)—Though black dare not take that pawn on account of the ultimate K—R sq, it was far better to retake the pawn at once and leave the entire pawns standing abreast, with the option of advancing either later on.

(f)—Again a good move.

(g)—White could have won a pawn here by 12 B x Kt, B x B (of course if 12...Kt x B; 13 P—Q 5 with a winning game); 13 P—Q 5 recovering the pawn with a good game.

(h)—If 15...B—K 2, white would probably have answered Kt—Q 2.

(i)—P—K B 4 at once was superior.

(k)—A very fine rejoinder, which gives white the pull in a precarious-looking position.

(l)—If 18...P—Q B 3; 19 R—Q 3, Q x Q; 20 P x Q, threatening R x Kt as well as P—B 5 with an excellent game.

(m)—Manœuvring with the pawns on this side was not advisable. The text move weakens the Q B P, and although there is apparently no danger at present, it is a source of trouble at a later stage.

(n)—Instead of this, black would have done better to play Q—K sq.

(o)—Black could again have improved his position here by Q—K sq.

(p)—White must have looked far ahead before taking this pawn. See in several ways his game looked dangerous after this; but on examination it will be found that his position remains sound.

(q)—Probably better than 33...Q—R 5; 34 Kt—Kt 3, Q—K t; 35 Q—B 6, R—Q Kt sq; 36 Q x R, R—Kt 8 ch; 37 K t—K sq, R x R; and black has no time for Q—K 7, as white would mate in a few moves, commencing with Q—B 8 ch; 38 Q x R, Q—B 6 ch; and white's R has more freedom, although by best play it would also end in a draw.

WHY LINTON OBJECTS.

He Says that He Is Only Looking After His Legal Rights.

President Thurman arrived in town yesterday from Philadelphia. "The clouds are passing away," he said to a SUN reporter, "and I can see the sun back of them as plainly as if there were none to obstruct the vision. I have been in politics for many years, but I tell you the base ball business beats it by long odds. It has been nothing but the hardest kind of work for me since the season closed, and I shall not be sorry when it is all over. No, I cannot tell you what will be done, although there is no question of my knowing all about it. Wait until the time comes; then you will find out for yourself. I saw all the parties in Philadelphia who want the Athletic's franchise, but cannot tell you what was said or done."

Gen. Brinker of the Rochester Club arrived in the city yesterday and had a conference with President Thurman, in response to a telegraph despatch from the latter. Gen. Brinker offered to get out for a certain sum, less than he formerly offered to do so. "And I think the Association will accept it," said President Thurman. "The General is inclined to be fair and straightforward in this matter, although he does hold a signed guarantee by the Executive Committee of the Association that that body would make good all his club losses for the past season. This guarantee would probably hold good if put to the test. I cannot say what the price is that the General wants."

It is believed that Gen. Brinker will be satisfied if he gets $12,000.

President Prince of the defunct Players' League, called on President Thurman yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

The injunction suit of Linton against Goodwin et al came up in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday. A. L. Johnson of Cleveland, C. W. Prince of Boston, and E. L. Linton of Brooklyn, the new triumvir, were on hand. It was shortly after 10 o'clock when the case was called. Anderson and Howland of counsel for the defence, asked for a postponement of two weeks, on the ground that they had not had time to make out a full answer. Attorney Dillon, for the plaintiff objected, but the suit was postponed.

E. L. Linton told a SUN reporter yesterday that he was not obstructing the consolidating of the two clubs because he wanted to get the money out that he has invested nor because he wanted to be mean, but because he is acting as a trustee and has the interests of others at stake. He intends to find out in the courts if, as trustee, he will be directly responsible for debts and suits against the club and against the Players' League. He says that he, as a delegate from the Brooklyn Club signed, on his own responsibility the ten years' contract, and that this places him in a peculiar position, not occupied by Wendell Goodwin, who did not sign it. All the several of the clubs have been consolidated, "but I tell you, every legal point is going to be determined right here in Brooklyn," he continued. "I intend to have the courts of this State make a decision as to the rights of minority stockholders. My ideas are my own, and in fighting consolidation here, I think I am right. I had rather be right than the President—of a small railroad concern. Goodwin's proposition is to give Byrne $40,000, and nobody knows where it is to come from. The debts of our club are $80,000. Goodwin says he will float stock to the amount of $70,000, but I tell you he can't, what will be done. If Goodwin will put $70,000 cash in a trust company, as a guarantee that he can float the stock, I will withdraw all objections. I do not want the public to think I am an obstructionist, because I am not. I am simply looking after the legal rights of myself and associates."

Shooting in the Galleries.

The Bull's Head Rifle Club held its regular club competition at the range of the Zettler Rifle Club, 331 Bowery, on Friday evening. The features of the contest were the fine work done by Capt. Gus. Zimmermann and A. Stein, both men putting up five good scores. The results on the 25-ring target, 250 possible points, were:

A. Busse, 242; Schmidt, 240; Koch, 230; Schaerer, 218; Leonhard, 224; Schuetz, 226; Stahl, 228; Lies, 227; Stein, 248; G. Reim, 238; G. Zimmermann, 246.

After the club shoot Zimmermann entered in the bull's-eye match for the two gold chains which is now in progress at the Zettler gallery. He fired 240 shots, a number of them quite close to the centre and the whole showing a remarkably fine average. There are only 100 bull's-eyes left for the completion of the contest.

The New York Rifle Club held its annual meeting and election of officers at their headquarters, 94 Forsyth street, on Friday evening. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer showed that the corps had taken a lively interest in the sport of rifle shooting during the past year, and that the treasury is in a healthy condition. The subsequent election of officers was in some instances very closely contested, and resulted as follows: Captain, J. Cook; B. Kumm, Secretary; A. J. Christen, Financial Secretary; M. von Dingelow Corresponding Secretary; B. Zettler, First Shooting Master; J. Fuchs, Second Shooting Master.

The Hudson Rifle Club of Marion, N. J., will try conclusions with the Harlem Rifle Club at that organization's range, on Third avenue, on Jan. 20.

A match has been arranged between C. Rein and R. Busse of the Bull's Head Rifle Club for a handsome trophy, to be shot for this month on the range of the Zettler Rifle Club. The conditions are fifty shots each man on the twenty-five ring target, two-inch bull's-eye, off hand 100 feet distance.

The Alsig rifle team was beaten again in the fourth match with the Our Own Rifle Club at the latter's range, 135 Springfield avenue, Newark, having been unable to win any out of the four contests. The Our Owns scored a victory by a margin of 28 points.

The following scores made by the members of the Turtle Bay Rifle Club on Friday evening at their range in Forty-second street, 5 shots on the Massachusetts 12-ring target, 200 points:

G. R. Jantzer—60, 60, 57, 59, 56; total, 292; percentage, 97.33. C. H. Plate—55, 57, 56, 56, 54; total, 278; percentage, 92.67. O. G. Fuchs—53, 54, 54, 57, 54; total, 274; percentage, 91.33. A. Frank—53, 57, 51, 54, 55; total, 270; percentage, 90.00. H. W. Steffan—53, 53, 51, 54, 57; total, 268; percentage, 89.33. W. H. Glascom—54, 48, 57, 48, 56; total, 264; percentage, 88.00. W. Zanzi, Jr.—41, 51, 50, 48, 52; total, 242; percentage, 80.67. Unlandherm—44, 40, 44, 51, 49; total, 228; percentage, 76.00. H. Lingelbach—42, 46, 42, 41, 42; total, 214; percentage, 71.33.

Bowling.

At Mannerchor Hall the Lexington Club rolled the appended prize game:

Miss A. Baumann, 19; Miss S. Piechner, 23; Miss A. Duschnes, 17; Miss M. Flashner, 26; Miss B. Piechner, 27; Miss T. Piechner 15; Miss S. Duschnes, 41; Miss R. Flashner, 35; Miss K. Fisher, 24; Miss H. Lichtenberg, 19; Miss H. Kohner, 17; Miss L. Froelich, 26; Miss B. Schwartzkopf, 16; Miss S. Loeffler, 18; Miss F. Hahn, 29; Miss R. Kurzman, 20; Miss F. Cohn, 12; Miss B. Davidson, 27; Miss D. Dietz, 46; Miss I. Schwartz, 13; Miss B. Stein, 21; Miss M. Stein, 27; Miss A. Lost, 19; Miss M. Schwartzkopf, 20.

A high score was rolled by the members of the Imperial (Inc) Club at their last night's bowling at Mannerchor Hall. The score was as follows:

Team No. 1—Freund, 159; Tobias, 145; R. Rosenberger, 164; H. Rosenberger, 134; S. Deutsch, 137; E. Solomon, 138. Total, 777. Handicap, 45. Total, 1,016.

Team No. 2—Schiff, 156; Rosenberger, 134; R. Griesman, 153; Sommers, 151; Yankhauer, 122; M. Griesman, 171; J. Deutsch, 160; Samuel Deutsch, 114. Total, 1,101.

The five men team of the Washington Club found the head pin in good shape on Thursday night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

C. Moses, 170; A. May, 176; M. Bauer, 158; L. Moses, 150; J. Zeun, 170. Total, 824.

SECOND GAME.

C. Moses, 186; A. May, 141; M. Bauer, 169; L. Moses, 159; J. Zeun, 143. Total, 800.

The Adelphi and Jokers played the following game on Thursday evening:

Adelphi—Bottel, 121; Newman, 122; Maire, 96; Katz, 141; Kugler, 113; Wolf, 133; Butt, 121; McGrath, 99. Total, 948.

Jokers—Grossman, 148; Hildebrandt, 119; Zubiller, 111; Bauer, 112; Waring, 71; Schaeffer, 125; Weisman, 112; George, 154. Total, 902.

The Defendam Club, which is made up of Twenty-second Regiment boys, rolled this game on Thursday evening:

Team No. 1—Boedecke, 150; A. Vogel, 115; Mettler, 119; Munroe, 94; Kellock, 140. Total, 615.

Team No. 2—Schomburg, 153; F. Vogel, 142; Nichols, 152; Dwyer, 133; Rudolphy, 152. Total, 682.

The following is the score of the second game bowled by the Prospects at their alleys on Thursday evening:

Team No. 1—Ledger, 139; Rayter, 246; Kerndorff, 173; Vormbaum, 128; Knauer, 155; Greubel, 174; Fenske, 145; Mechmann, 150; A. Meebus, 90. Total, 1,407.

Team No. 2—A. Vaupel, 161; Frees, 148; Voth, 108; Hecht, 139; P. Moebus, 148; Hoetzel, 95; Hefele, 131; Kramer, 89; Haffen, 180. Total, 1,199.

By vanquishing the team of the Bayonne Bowling Club in a poorly rolled game on the alleys of Schulz's Newark bay House at Centreville, on Thursday evening, the Ramapo Athletic Club's bowlers dissolved the spell between themselves and the team of the New Jersey Athletic Club for second place in the race for the championship of the Bayonne Amateur Bowling Tournament.

Bayonne Bowling Club—A. G. Garnaus, 131; F. Van Wickle, 130; W. H. Capes, 131; E. Seymour, 141; S. W. Brown, 118; E. Hagrin, 100; W. J. Brown, 107; R. K. Stockton, 128; E. H. Mabie, 131; J. B. Duryea, 154. Total, 1,300.

Ramapo Athletic Club—R. C. Merton, 123; E. Johnson, 154; A. G. Van Winkle, 135; H. K. Burk, 127; C. H. Morel, 168; H. A. Griffith, 118; F. Langley, 128; F. R. Allaire, 139; G. Mitscelus, 141; C. S. Vogel, 110. Total, 1,341.

The first games since the holidays were rolled in the Prospect Heights tournament on Friday evening. The score:

FIRST GAME.

Speedaway, No. 1—John Theutbarn, 158; Bennett, 164; Dickerson, 203; Hardy, 139; James Theutbarn, 148. Total, 877.

Speedaway, No. 2—Ritchie, 151; Hamilton, 208; Gamgie, 118; Davis, 135; Ives, 109. Total, 710.

SECOND GAME.

Anconia, No. 2—Schaefer, 122; W. Dena, 136; Burton, 181; C. Dena, 140; De Roubaix, 181. Total, 700.

Speedaway, No. 2—Ritchie, 162; Hamilton, 131; Gamgie, 128; Davis, 153; Ives, 147. Total, 824.

THIRD GAME.

Speedaway, No. 1—John Theutbarn, 132; Bennett, 215; Randall, 126; Dickerson, 160; James Theutbarn, 149. Total, 781.

Anconia, No 2—Schaefer, 189; W. Dena, 142; Burton, 158; C. Dena, 137; De Roubaix, 145. Total, 686.

The last game in the Brooklyn National Tournament on Friday evening was won by the Fearless Club, after a close game with the Waverly Club. The score:

Fearless—O. McKirey, 173; Davies, 147; Mehl, 124; Ankamp, 136; McKirey, 162. Total, 742.

Waverly—Oehrling, 147; Eberhardt, 130; Langdon, 148; Livingston, 138; Harrison, 151. Total, 723.

Shooting at West Farms.

The shoot of the Bronx River Gun Club, which should have taken place on New Year's Day at the West Farms grounds, but had to be postponed on account of the foggy weather, took place yesterday. The first event was a live bird contest for a $25 gold medal, which was won handily by G. Nichols; in second event, 15 single and 5 pairs of blue rocks for the club badge, Pringle was victorious. A subsequent shoot at 50 single blue rocks was won with 42 hits by J. Deane. The shooting, especially at the inanimate targets, was very difficult on account of the dark background. The scores:

Live-bird match for a gold badge and extra prizes, 28 yards rise, American Association rules, 25 birds each man—G. Nichols, 22; J. Murphy, 20; R. Constantine, 18; J. Fisher, 18; M. Breidenbach, 18; J. Adams, 16; C. Clark, 16.

Club shoot for the club medal, American Association rules, 15 singles and 5 pairs of blue rocks—F. Pringle, 23; E. Miller, 22; J. Deane, 22; G. Nichols, 22; S. Constantine, 18; R. Fisher, 18; M. Breidenbach, 16; T. Jaquay, 17; C. Clark, 17.

Sweepstake shoot, same conditions, 50 blue rocks each man—J. Deane, 43; S. Harrington, 39; O. F. Mackey, 38; Major Sherlley, 38; M. M. Chadbourne, 36.

LAWLOR TOO MUCH FOR GRADY.

Seven Games of Handball on the Go-as-you-please Plan.

The result of the first series in the home and home go-as-you-please match of fifteen games, for $50 a side, between John Lawlor and John Grady, played yesterday at Courtney's court, showed that the ex-Irish champion knew exactly what he was doing when he signed articles to give his opponent ten aces in each game. That Grady should have been beaten so easily, however, was a total surprise. He is a man who always keeps himself in good condition, is supposed to be familiar with every turn of the court, and has played with and antagonized some of the finest players in this country. In exhibition games he always shows off to the utmost advantage, and it has always been claimed by experts that, put Grady and Courtney together, they could beat any pair in the country, barring Casey.

Yesterday, Grady hardly ever appeared in poorer form. He scored in the seven games but forty-three actual aces, which is but a slight fraction over six to a game. His service was terribly ineffective, and in his general play was more like that of a stranger to the court. He was unable to judge the balls accurately, and at times was wholly unable to see them. On the other hand, Lawlor played a strong and reliable game, notwithstanding he received an ugly injury to the knuckles of his right hand in the first game. His service was quite regular and very destructive, while his well-known activity was displayed to a marked extent.

Grady's best playing was shown in the first and fifth games and his poorest display was probably in the fifth game, when he allowed Lawlor to serve eighteen consecutive aces without losing his hand. Grady's best execution was from the ace line, for in the fifth game he put together five clever aces from that point, and in another game he scored the twentieth ace from the front wall he lost his hand easily. At the next attempt he scored the winning points from the ace line, actually making more aces in the game than Lawlor did. In the next game, however, Grady seemed to lose all heart, and was beaten to a standstill. The seventh game was exciting for a time, Grady being in the lead by 17 to 10. If the fifth hand Lawlor had won the game, and was the game out with eleven aces. The scores of the games were:

FIRST GAME.

Lawlor	4	1	0	1	8—	9
Grady (10 aces)	2	0	3	1	5—	21

Aces by service—Lawlor, 6; Grady, 6. Time, 11 minutes.

SECOND GAME.

Lawlor	6	1	8	2	8	0	5—21
Grady (10 aces)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2—10

Aces by service—Lawlor, 14; Grady, 5. Time, 16 minutes.

THIRD GAME.

Lawlor	2	3	3	1	0	7	1—21
Grady (10 aces)	1	0	0	2	3	...	1—16

Aces by service—Lawlor, 15; Grady, 6. Time, 15 minutes.

FOURTH GAME.

Lawlor	3	4	4	1	4	0	1—21
Grady (10 aces)	1	0	0	0	1	0	...—12

Aces by service—Lawlor, 11. Time, 16 minutes.

FIFTH GAME.

Lawlor	5	0	1	2	3	6—	8
Grady (10 aces)	1	2	0	1	0	3—	21

Aces by service—Lawlor, 4; Grady, 1. Time, 10 minutes.

SIXTH GAME.

Lawlor	18	1	2—	21
Grady (10 aces)	0	0	0—	10

Aces by service—Lawlor, 8. Time, 8 minutes.

SEVENTH GAME.

Lawlor	1	0	0	1	11—	21	
Grady (10 aces)	1	1	0	0	...—	17	

Aces by service—Lawlor, 9; Grady, 5. Time, 18 minutes.

Total aces—Lawlor, 123; Grady, 113. Without the handicap—Grady, 43. Aces by service—Lawlor, 87; Grady, 70.

Referee and marker—Robert Malcolm. Time of series, 1 hour 30 minutes.

The match will be finished at Casey's court next Saturday afternoon.

At Casey's Court, yesterday, Patrick Quinn and John Connors defeated Thomas Holmes and Dennis Murphy after a lively struggle of three games. The result was as follows:

Quinn and Connors	21	16	21—58
Holmes and Murphy	18	21	10—48

Billy Smith and Joseph Daly had rather an easy time in defeating George Heaney and James Cody, as the following score shows:

Smith and Daly	21	21	7—49
Heaney and Cody	14	12	21—47

AMERICA'S CHAMPION SKATER.

Young Joe Donoghue Vanquishing All Foreign Rivals.

Joe Donoghue's grand showing in Europe has set his friends and the athletic world wild, and the champion young skater will receive a reception upon his return home that will adequately express the universal admiration. Apropos of his performances the *Spirit of the Times* has the following interesting editorial sketch:

In the winter of 1888-1889 Joseph F. Donoghue of Newburgh, N. Y., a slim, pale-faced lad, not yet 19 years of age, crossed the Atlantic to test his speed in competition with the amateur skaters of the Old World. At Amsterdam he struck a fence post and fell in the half mile, was fairly beaten in the 1 mile by Panschin of St. Petersburg, Russia and won the 2 miles. At Vienna he was beaten by Panschin in the one mile, and skated over the Hamburg course, 1 mile, Hamburg he won the Hamburg Cup at 1 mile, and the Ladies' Cup at 2 miles (1,102 yards, and was obliged to cancel a dozen engagements at other points on account of the distinctly setting in of a thaw and bad weather. He was far from satisfied with the results of the trip, but circumstances prevented another trial a year later. This season the boy, older, heavier, stronger, and more skillful than before, invaded Europe for the second time, and his progress has been thus far a triumphant procession. At Christiania, Norway, he easily beat Fredriksen, champion of the North, in a five-mile match. In England he beat the English and Russian champions at 1¼ miles. At Heerenveen he led the Dutch and German champions at one mile and three miles, and at Amsterdam he beat all comers at 1 mile, 2 miles, five miles, and five miles, scoring all four points for the world's international amateur championship, and carrying away the handsome cup and medal, which had been offered for several years, but never before won.

Every American expected that he would win all his European races and win them easily, but the circumstances of some of his contests make his success especially noteworthy. He is a lad not yet twenty years of age, has no trainer, never skates a mile at all alone, and is compelled to personally make all arrangements and attend to every little detail of business and travel, in countries with whose languages he is wholly unfamiliar. He left Christiania, Norway, Saturday, on a steamship, was so seasick that he did not eat from Sunday evening till Tuesday afternoon; got ashore at sunset, Tuesday; took train at 11 P. M.; lived on a plate of hot water, two sandwiches, and three changes of train until 3 P. M. next day; reached Heerenveen after his race had been called; hobbled into his skating clothes; swallowed a plate of soup; hurried to the race course and was in time to skate in the last trial heat, and to handily win both the trial and the final against the fastest skaters of Holland and Germany. That sounds like true American grit.

A little study of skating annals will convince any impartial investigator that not only Joe F. Donoghue, but his youngest brother, James A., and also Elmer Simpson and H. F. Mosher are all faster than any amateur skater in Europe, and it would seem that the next competition for the world's championship should be held where the world's fastest skaters live—in America.

Charley Johnston Will Back Sullivan for $20,000.

The friends and admirers of John L. Sullivan were somewhat indignant when Slavin's offer to bet Sullivan $5,000 that he could not stand before him for six rounds was published in THE SUN. Many affected to disbelieve the challenge, while others said that Slavin had got an attack of big head, and thought that his victory over Joe McAuliffe had placed him on the highest pinnacle of pugilistic fame. The challenge, however was formally issued by Billy Madden immediately after his arrival home from Europe on Friday morning. Madden is empowered to make matches for Slavin by the backer of the Australian, Arthur Cockburn.

Madden's challenge on behalf of Slavin became known just before Sullivan's warmest supporters left for New Orleans. Some of them selected Charley Johnston, the man that which set out for the Crescent City on Friday afternoon could not be found. Jimmy Wakely, Dick Roche, John Kelly, Charley Johnston, and Phil Lynch, just before his departure, Charley Johnston said: "If Slavin wants to fight Sullivan, and the champion can be induced to reconsider his determination of retiring from the ring and will fight Slavin, I will back John L. against Slavin or any man in the world for $20,000 of my own money. Mitchell's flat, that he wants to meet Sullivan in a twelve-round go, I don't think is worth mentioning. I think it is merely one of Billy Madden's dodges to keep himself before the public, and I think the pair, Slavin and Mitchell, would prove easy victims for the Sullivan that should he meet them under rules that do not require too much sprinting. As I said before, if Sullivan will fight I will back him for $20,000."

Fitzsimmons Affected by the Weather.

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss., Jan. 10.—For the last three days the weather has been very bad for pugilistic training. On Wednesday and Thursday the wind was light, with heavy rain at intervals. Notwithstanding the storm, Fitzsimmons did his work. He made his usual run of fourteen miles and has gone through other exercises equally as laborious. He said to-day: "I feel pretty well, outside of a cold caught in the storm and a lameness in my left leg, one of the tendons being a little strained from too vigorous exercise and exposure. The excitement over the coming battle grows, those knowing how equally the men are matched are at a standstill, and for once the bookmakers are in a quandary as to which side to bet on. Those having seen Fitzsimmons box and run say that only Dempsey's noted ring manœuvres can save him. Fitzsimmons is very silent regarding the fight, but every muscle of his face denotes a stubborn determination to win the battle.

Spider Miller Whips Joe Sohl.

The finish fight with skin gloves between Spider Miller and Joe Sohl, former members of the Hornbacher A. C., who have been "on the outs" since the disruption of that organization, took place yesterday afternoon on Long Island. The men were to have scaled at 118 pounds, but Miller looked much heavier. He was certainly taller, and had a longer reach. He was seconded by Eddie Daly, while Eugene Hornbacher looked after Sohl. Tom Russell and George Carroll held the watches, and James McCabe was referee.

It was a "right smart lively go" while it lasted, and the thirty spectators who paid from $2 each for admission seemed satisfied. But Sohl wasn't in it. He made a good defence and gave Miller several punches that he will still feel to-day, but the spider played the hammer-and-tongs act on him until in the third round, Sohl took a seat in his corner, hung his face on his hands, and said that the proceedings had been so interesting up to that time that he was satisfied with the draw. Friends urged him to go it a little longer, but Joseph would only reply that he "had enough." Miller got the gate money.

Will Back Dempsey Against the Marine for $10,000.

Richard K. Fox received the following yesterday from the Secretary of the Harpers and Eagle Athletic Club of Savannah:

"This club will back Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, against Peter, middleweight in the world, George La Blanche, the Marine, preferred, for $10,000 a side."

The information was immediately wired to Gus Tuthill, the backer and friend of Dempsey. The offer stands good whether Dempsey wins or loses in his fight with Fitzsimmons.

Solution and Answers to Correspondents.

Solution to W. Grimshaw's problem, K—B 2, solved by J. R. Ely, Jr., city.

Stephen Bell, New York—Yes, you may have two or more guesses on the board.

SPLENDID WINTER RACING.

NECK-AND-NECK FINISHES IN SURPRISING TIME AT GUTTENBURG.

Flambeau Looms Up in the First Race, and Pays $188 for $5—Lizzie Beaten by Frances S.—Prince Fortunatus Wins the Handicap—Ben Harrison is a Clinker.

The attendance and weather at Guttenburg yesterday resembled that of a fine racing day in April at the Brooklyn Jockey Club's track. The course was fit for summer stars to run on, the betting ring was packed to the edges, and hundreds of well-known owners and trainers of race horses chatted in the sunshine on the quarter stretch, surrounded by groups of racegoers. Favorites won a majority of the races in fast time.

The only surprise of the day came in the opening scramble of five furlongs, in which Steve Jerome was a post favorite at 5 to 4 on, and Red Light second choice at 5 to 1 in the field of nine. The talent entirely overlooked the four-year-old colt Flambeau, son of Forester and Bounce, that went begging at 30 to 1, but a squad of veterans backed the beggar at that price. Flynn got the colt away in the ruck; but forging ahead in the homestretch Flambeau won easily by a length, Marty B. snatching second place from Blackburn by a head. Marty B. was a 4 to 1 place shot. Blackburn was well backed as third choice to win. Only one straight mutual ticket was sold on the winner, and that paid $188.70 for $2.

It was a fine betting day, and bookmakers had all they could do to take in money on Ben Harrison, with Bergen up, for the second race. The gelding went to the post an odds-on favorite. Objection rating next, at 2 to 1 against, Pearl Set next in favor, at 8 to 1, the others going as rank outsiders. The race was the fastest of the day. Objection set a clipping pace for five furlongs. Ben Harrison, followed by Pearl Set, came with a rush at the finish, and, heading the leader, Ben Harrison won by a neck from Pearl Set. Objection losing the place by half a length. The winner ran the three-quarters of a mile in 1:14 ¾.

The race of three-quarters of a mile for three-year-olds was also a hummer from start to finish. Lizzie, ridden by Lambley, was post favorite at 9 to 10 on; Woodcutter, with Miller up, second choice at 2 to 1 against; Francis S., with Taylor up, having a strong following at 6 to 1. All started neck and neck, jockeying in close order to the finish, where Taylor landed Frances S. winner by masterly riding a head in front of Lizzie, Woodcutter losing second place by a neck.

Prince Fortunatus was backed all round the ring at even money to win the handicap at a mile, Brussels, second choice, at 3½ to 1. Winona led the cluster at the start, making way for Blue Jeans on the turn to the backstretch, where Brussels took up the work. Prince Fortunatus laid himself out to win at the head of the homestretch, and in a neck and neck race with Brussels all the way home, won by half a length, Brussels beating Winona two lengths for the place.

Autocrat, at 6 to 5; Ranoocas, 8 to 5; Red Elm, 4 to 1, and Sunday, 5 to 1, was the order in which the four were rated that started for the $500 purse in a scamper of five furlongs. Sunday led at flagfall, running out in the light to the homestretch, where Autocrat collared the leader and forged ahead in the last half furlong, winning by two lengths from Sunday. Red Elm a poor third.

Twelve joined in the last race, a mile dash, Melodrama having the call in the betting at 2¼ to 1, Macauley second choice at 3 to 1, Supervisor and Fernwood rating at 6 to 1 each. Melodrama made a good run in the lead for three-quarters of a mile, hotly pressed. The leader was drawn into the ruck in the last furlong, Macauley winning handily by two lengths, Supervisor second, and Melodrama third. Summaries:

THE FIRST RACE.

Purse $300, for beaten horses; selling allowances; five furlongs.

D. Johnson's b. c. Flambeau, 4, by Forester—Bounce, 107 (Flynn)..... 1
C. J. Kelly's ch. h. Marty B., 4, 102 (Lambley)..... 2
C. F. Saunders's b. c. Blackburn, 4, 101 (Clayton)..... 3
Blackburn, Ripton, Alma filly, Steve Jerome, Red Light, and Dahlmia also ran.

Time, 1:02¼.

Mutuals paid $188.70, $40.25, $53.85.

THE SECOND RACE.

Purse $400; selling allowances; three-quarters of a mile.

H. Hondy's ch. g. Ben Harrison, 5, by Bramble—Guildean, 107 (Bergen)..... 1
Glendale Stable's b. f. Pearl Set, 4, 106 (Simms)..... 2
Hoben Sen's b. c. Objection, 4, 104 (Lambley)..... 3
Cora Tanner, Topmast, Carnegie, Bootjack, and Tripler also ran.

Time, 1:14¾.

Mutuals paid $8.50, $2.85.

THE THIRD RACE.

Purse $400, for three-year-olds; three-quarters of a mile.

Charles Sattler's br. f. Frances S., 3, by Stratford—Water Lily, 119 (Taylor)..... 1
W. C. Daly's b. f. Lizzie, 3, 119 (Lambley)..... 2
Albert Thompson's ch. g. Cascade, 3, 108 (Simms)..... 3
Woodcutter and Primero also ran.

Time, 1:15¾.

Mutuals paid $8.70, $2.35.

THE FOURTH RACE.

Purse $700; handicap; one mile.

J. R. Sellers's br. h. Prince Fortunatus, 6, by Fonso—Little Madam, 112 (Porter)..... 1
J. Hynes's b. h. Brussels, 5, 106 (Taylor)..... 2
H. Hents, jr.'s ch. m. Winona, 4, 102 (Bergen)..... 3
Balloton, Blue Jeans, Iceber