2,000 DANCERS AND NO MEN.

A REAL STAR-SPANGLED FROLIC OF THE WORKING GIRLS.

There Were 11,000 Women or so in the Garden—Mobbing a Stray Man and Propitiating Him With Ice Cream—The Girls' Party Getting to be One of the Biggest Things in the Big Town.

There was a dance—a beautiful dancing party—in the Madison Square Garden last night, with no men. It was immense in numbers, in merriment, and in uniqueness. It was the New Year's party of the working girls' clubs of this town and neighboring towns. Twenty clubs were represented, and fully 2,000 girls of ages ranging from 16 to—well, to more than 20—joined heartily in the dancing. Each one of the 2,000 working girls had the privilege of inviting four friends to look on, so that with the members and their friends, the directresses and their friends, there were 11,000 people in the great amphitheatre. Safe behind the rigid barrier that had been erected against bearded man, the girls had their beautiful frolic out.

There were three black coats there—some of the girls said they had counted four, but perhaps they counted one twice.

Mr. William E. Dodge was in one of the black coats. Then there was a servant of Mrs. Richard Irwin, one of the directresses, who was there in the capacity of an assistant. The only man who really had the privilege of the vast floor was Mr. T. J. Bull, the assistant superintendent of the Garden.

Mr. J. C. Buell, a brother of the assistant superintendent, wanted to find that official early in the evening, and was rash enough to come inside. It was while the girls were dancing the Saratoga lancers. When the merry dancers saw a man! a man! on the floor there was at once a storm of hisses. Mr. Buell is a tall, good-looking man.

He was apparently not abashed a bit by this social demonstration. He attempted goodnaturedly to pick his way through the mass of whirlwind dancers, but they would not have it so. They blocked the way and crowded him up against the guard rail so that he was obliged to retreat.

He was partly compensated for this later on. During the supper the girls sent out some ice cream to the men on duty at the entrance. As Mr. Buell was eating his cream a group of girls ventured outside of the big red curtain which was drawn across the entrance just beyond the gate and saw him.

"Oh, I want him, I want him," they shouted. "He doesn't drink; he eats ice cream."

As early as 7:15 o'clock girls and women began to flock into the big Garden. They came in twos, in threes, in fours, and in armies. An hour they poured in in an undiminished stream through the two gates at the Madison avenue end.

The girls, whether members of the societies or not, had all been supplied with tickets without charge. With the members came their mothers, their sisters, and their aunts, and such cousins as were eligible. Many ladies who have been interested in this work came, too. Now and then a man presented himself, and was slyly jeered by the girls as he was turned away.

At 8 o'clock Lander's orchestra struck up the music for the grand march, and the 2,000 girls who had been laughing and chatting all over the floor fell into line. They were led by Miss Lesser, their drill teacher, and by Miss Edith Minton. First in the line were the members of the Thirty-eighth Street Club, 175 in number, wearing red turbans and fichus. Among the other clubs represented in the march were the Second Street, the Steadfast the Endeavor, the Far and Near, the Progressive, the Prospect Hill, the Neighborhood Guild, the Anser, the Columbia, and the Ivy of this city; the United Workers of Jersey City; the Industrial Society, the Mutual Benefit, and the West Hoboken, from Hoboken; the Elizabethport Club and Second Street, from Brooklyn. The members of each club wore the club color, in the shape of turbans and fichus or pretty little shoulder capes of cheese cloth.

When they had circled the floor the scene changed to the Saratoga lanciers, the like of which, for animation and picturesqueness, was probably never seen before in this town.

The boxes and the balconies were thronged with spectators, among whom, and, of course, lost to view in that mass of women, was one only man! As red-topped, blue-topped, orange-topped, pink-topped, brown-topped, yellow-topped, and red-white-and-blue-topped dancers warmed up to the lanciers in as many sets of eight as the floor would hold, a cheer arose from one corner of the room. Set after set took up the cheer until the amphitheatre rang with the silvery sound. A broom drill that followed was participated in by thirty-eight members of the Thirty-eighth Street and the Ivy clubs.

The drill was in the brooms, led with bunches of various colors, and gave the audience a good idea of the gymnastic exercises that the girls practise at their club rooms. Their manual and evolutions were accurate and military. There followed a music drill by about 100 young women from the Thirty-eighth Street Club and the Prospect Hill, Annex, and Steadfast clubs.

There was no more interesting scene to the spectators than the country dance, which was at the same plan as a genuine backwoods breakdown. Everybody danced who had not taken another set out to supper. Here again the cheers broke forth, drowning the music and the exaggerated buzz! buzz! that never ceased to rise from the sore of seats.

Then came what is known among these girl gymnasts as the junior drill. It was given by the Endeavor Club, an organization composed, as one of its members told THE SUN reporter, of "pretty girls only." She was quite right. They were all pretty, and their light blue turbans and neat shoulder dresses of the same color set them off. A Virginia reel followed such as would have delighted the devotees of that ancient dance in its palmy days. The sets nearly filled the floor.

The dance wound up at 10 o'clock with a procession of the Saratoga lanciers. Just before the close President Sturgis of the Madison Square Garden Company was permitted to look in on the scene.

The semi-uniforms of the girls, though plain, were pretty, and were models of inexpensiveness. A typical costume was a black cashmere dress trimmed with narrow bands of velvet, with turban and fichu of light pale pink and blue cheese cloth. Miss Grace H. Dodge, the President of the Association of Working Girls' Societies, like most of the directresses, was dressed in a black cashmere at fifteen cents a yard, trimmed with dark velvet at 19 cents a yard, and with turban and fichu of red cheese cloth at 4 cents. She wore no jewelry, and ornaments of all kinds were very few even among the spectators.

Our group of girls wore light white muslin aprons, embroidered with yellow daisies and with yellow fichus of cheese cloth. These aprons were made by the girls themselves while on a vacation at the holiday house of the society on Long Island.

Yet another group had aprons of pale pink, with kerchiefs of light blue, and turbans pink and blue.

A short 400 wore light red turbans and fichus.

The directresses present were Miss Dodge, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Miss C. S. Potter, Miss Virginia Potter, Mrs. Archibald Alexander, and Miss Rebecca F. Morse.

Many and varied were the comments of the girls as they left the garden.

"Only to think of it," said one turbaned beauty. "Not a man there."

The Association of Working Girls' Societies was formed in February, 1884, and has lately spread more widely than any previous effort to combine working girls for self-improvement.

The foundation principle of the club is that people are best helped who help themselves, and the practical aim is to establish working girls' clubs for social pleasure and general improvement, which shall be supported and managed by the girls themselves. While rich ladies are identified with the movement, they have the management very largely to the girls themselves.

They advise help, and give them time and labor. The individual clubs have rooms where the girls can meet socially evenings, and establish clans in as many different educational branches as the individual clubs can afford.

All expenses are divided equally among all members, and the principle that any member, rich or poor, is no better than any other member is rigidly observed.

A hundred delegates from clubs in all three associations met in the Metropolitan Opera House in the spring for a convention of three days.

The objects were briefly to establish a common ground of action for all the clubs, and to encourage and assist each other in the work of self help and advancement.

Pickpocket Wagner Has His Day.

Joseph Wagner, a professional pickpocket, had his day in the General Sessions yesterday, and it was a particularly disagreeable one. Wagner was convicted before Judge Fitzgerald, in December, of stealing a diamond horseshoe pin from the scarf of Simon Steingut, a second avenue real estate dealer, on a Grand street car. While Wagner was on trial, a species of in the court room organized him as the man who had stolen his gold watch on Nov. 1. So after his conviction for stealing the scarf pin, Wagner was tried, in another part of the General Sessions, before Judge Cowing, and convicted of stealing the watch. Judge Cowing, in Part II., first sentenced Wagner, yesterday, to State prison for ten years. Then Wagner was taken before Judge Fitzgerald, in Part III., who sentenced him for two years more, to begin at the expiration of Judge Cowing's sentence.

CHEEK AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

Dr. Depew Tells the Yale Alumni What They Will Do for a Man With Education.

The blue banner of Yale was conspicuous by its absence from the annual dinner of the Yale Alumni Association last night, not because the Harvard football team trailed it in the mud of November, but because Delmonico is still too choice of the new decorations of his banquet room to permit what he considers gilding refined gold.

On either side of Dr. Depew, the President of the association, were President Dwight of Yale University, Edward King, President of the Harvard Alumni Association; J. W. Alexander, President of the Princeton Alumni Association; Prof. Hadley, Gen. Husted, Isaac H. Bromley, W. H. McElroy, Major Bundy, and Isaac Newton Lewis.

Among the 150 or more Yale men at the other tables were Brayton Ives, C. Van Santvoord, R. S. Bussing, Proctor Clark, E. H. Converse, W. E. D. Stokes, Robert Jaffray, C. A. Watson, L. Holbrook, H. C. Pratt, A. A. Miller, H. H. Curtis, and O. Harper.

The entire of the dinner was not only enlivened by instrumental music, but by cheerful college songs from the glee club, in the choruses of which all voices joined.

Cheerful "Ah, theres!" greeted President Depew when he rapped to order and began the speech which was to open the oratorical part of the festivities.

After saying that the late political upheaval which had apparently overwhelmed one party only proved that parties may come and parties may go, but Yale goes on forever, he continued:

"The daily press and the magazines have been full during the past year of discussions upon the question whether a collegiate education unfits a man to compete in the active business of life or not. The error in the discussion is that the making of a large fortune has been taken as the only standard of success. There are in the United States about seventeen millions of workers. Of these it would be a large estimate to say that two hundred thousand were college graduates; and yet, like Abou Ben Adhem, the college graduates lead all the rest. Their trained ability guides the millions, they form the majority among the law makers, they fill the bench, they take care of the consciences of the rest in the pulpit, of their health in medicine, and of their estates, for a commission at the bar. They give them their politics, their opinions, and their morals, through the press, and as managers of great corporations and business enterprises they substantially control the transactions of the country.

"A college graduate of mine translated from the law to railroading, rescued a bankrupt corporation from ruin and placed it upon a prosperous basis, and then administered its affairs with consummate ability. When he returned many years afterward to his country home and sat, as of old, upon the nail keg of the corner grocery, the patriarch of the neighborhood gathered about him and one said:

"'Is it trew that you air gettin' a salary of more than ten thousand dollars a year?'

"My friend said, 'It is.'

"'Wall,' said the local oracle, 'that shows what cheek and sarcumstances will do fur a man.'

"But it was neither cheek nor circumstances, though my friend had both, but it was the discipline and training of a liberal education."

He ended a paean in praise of Yale with this:

"There are 100,000 lawyers in the United States and nine Judges of the Supreme Court. Every one of these lawyers, with faith in the doctrine of chance, believes there is a probability that he may be selected for any vacancy that may occur upon the bench of that highest tribunal on earth. Two such vacancies have happened within the past few years. It was not chance; it was not accident; but the survival of the fittest, which gave to Yale both the vacancies, supreme evidence of the highest quality of selection that they both came from my own class of '56."

President Dwight, the next speaker, when the strains "For he's a jolly good fellow," which greeted him, had subsided, said among other things that he and President Patton of Princeton had been called fanatics about football. He didn't believe a Princeton professor could be a fanatic about anything, and he himself had been told that he looked like an Episcopal minister. As for football in connection with Harvard, he thought President Eliot, when the football team of that university recently presented itself before him in quest of laurel, should have told it not to act as if it had never won a victory before! President Dwight added that it was fifteen years since this had happened.

Prof. Hadley told a story which he said Mr. Depew had probably used fifty times a year. It was about the Irishman who insisted, when at a Western hotel, on having his dinner in course—soup, fish, entrée, roast, &c.—and was asked by the waiter whether he had partitions inside. Harvard, the moral was, wanted to give education on the Western plan, and not begin with the freshmen in the soup and the seniors for the after-dinner speakers.

Isaac H. Bromley's speech concluded with a poem in honor of the President of the Yale Alumni Association of which a couplet was:

Fresh as a daisy and sweet as the dew,
So fly ever lights on Chauncey M. Depew.

Mr. King, in behalf of Harvard, made some remarks about football, and then Mr. Alexander had something to say on the same subject, but in a reverse way.

After the speaking was over college songs wound up the merrymaking.

THE NEW ORLEANS VENDETTA.

Acquittal of the Provenzano Gang on Their Second Trial—Guilty the First Time.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23.—The jury in the Provenzano-Matranga vendetta case brought in a verdict of not guilty to-night. This is the vendetta which is supposed to have caused several murders and culminated in the assassination of Chief of Police Hennessy. A feud arose out of business differences between the Matranga and Provenzano families. The scene with the executive mansion was a brilliant one. The superb toilets of the ladies, who attended in full force, many accompanied by their guests from a distance, made a striking contrast to the background of palms and smilax that decked the entire suite of apartments, alternating with the scarlet uniforms and pink azalias that banked the mirror stands and blossoming plants of white and red.

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SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

John S. Moulton of New York has been appointed confidential clerk to the Commissioner of Pensions.

The Rev. Minot J. Savage of Boston has accepted a call to the Unitarian Church of the Messiah in Chicago.

Mrs. Lizzie Blackson, who had been married only a short time, was burned at Pittsburgh yesterday by the explosion of an oil lamp.

Considerable alarm exists in Georgetown, Pa., over a disease among children resembling diphtheria. Several have died, and the public schools have been closed.

The Edison General Electric Company of New York filed in the office of the Secretary of State, yesterday, a certificate of an increase in its capital from $12,000,000 to $15,000,000.

The joint resolution already adopted by the Indiana Senate asking Congress to suppress the dressed beef trusts and repeal the McKinley bill was adopted by the House yesterday.

The Post Office in the new Town house in Milford, Mass., was entered by burglars yesterday morning, the safe blown open, and $800 in money, stamps, and registered packages stolen.

Chas. Tracy, 18 years of age, who worked on a farm of Kenyon Terry, three miles from Norwich, N. Y., committed suicide yesterday morning about 9 o'clock by taking strychnine. Insanity is supposed to be the cause.

Anderson Harris, colored, who murdered Mayor Davis of Clinton, Miss., three months ago, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Chrisman to be hanged March 14. Harris confessed and received his sentence with indifference.

Stephen F. Sherman, of the late firm of Sherman Brothers & Co., of Buffalo, who was convicted of grand larceny in connection with grain transactions, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Lambert to five years in Auburn State prison.

The barge H. N. Conklin of Albany, Capt. O. Demming, with 1,000 tons of coal consigned to Byron Dexter, hat manufacturer of Danbury, dragged her anchor in Thursday's storm, drifted on to rocks just outside of Norwalk harbor, and sank in eight feet of water.

The fast express on the North Penn Railroad, ran down three Hungarians on the trestle bridge across Sancon Creek, three miles from Bethlehem, Pa., killing Anthony Gemlitch and Joseph Cesntos. Joseph Smodj escaped without injury. The men were in search of work.

The rambling old house, in which the burners of the Gaspee made their plot, standing at the corner of South Main and Planet streets, Providence, was sold by auction yesterday for $5,000. The manteltree in the Sheriff room brought $60. The building is to give place to real estate improvements.

The third suit for $40,000 has been brought in the Circuit Court in Bloomington, Ill., against M. T. Scott, a capitalist of that place. This, like the two brought a few days ago, is for the recovery of commissions alleged to be due for negotiating the sale of mineral lands in Washington Territory to an English syndicate. George Rendell of New York brings the last suit.

C. Fred Crawford, who received a majority of votes in the election of Fire Warden for the Central Falls district of Rhode Island on Jan. 6, has been cited to appear before the Supreme Court of Providence on the information of the Attorney-General that at the time of his election he was not a legalized voter, and that therefore George A. Cummings, who received the next highest number of votes, is lawfully elected Warden.

A Rochester detective left Joliet, Ill., last night with the check swindler, Charles Hebert, alias Theodore Meinstermann. Hebert was sent to prison from Peoria for grand larceny for one year, and his term expired yesterday. The detective was waiting at the prison doors for him. Hebert's plan was to deposit money in a bank in the presence of some friend, issue checks, and then draw out his deposit and skip. At Peoria he got $2,000 in this manner. There are enough counts against him in New York State to keep him in prison during his life if convicted.

BROOKLYN.

The Grand Jury is going to St. Johnland next week to investigate the management of the County Farm.

Pupils in the girls' Central Grammar School will in future be carried in the cars of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company for half fare.

The annual dinner of the Police Captains will be held on Feb. 21 in the assembly rooms in the Academy of Music, and between 250 and 300 persons will participate.

The new Reformed Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation, in Nostrand and Jefferson avenues, will be opened for worship to-morrow. Bishop W. R. Nicholson of Philadelphia will preach in the morning and the Rev. Dr. H. G. Hodman in the evening. A platform meeting will be held in the afternoon, at which addresses will be made by the Rev. G. Hunttington, rector of the church, and the pastors of neighboring Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist churches. An effort will also be made to wipe out the floating debt of the church, which amounts to $7,000. The entire cost of the new church was $48,000.

SOCIAL LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

Ball at the Spanish Embassy in Honor of the Young King's Birthday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The ball given this evening by the Spanish Minister and wife in honor of the fifth birthday of the young King Alphonso was a brilliant event. Owing to the large number of invited guests it was necessary to secure additional space for their accommodation, notwithstanding the spacious entertaining capacity of the large double embassy on Massachusetts avenue. Representative and Mrs. Connell of Omaha, who occupy the adjoining house, originally built with connecting doors for just such an emergency, generously offered the use of their parlor floor for the occasion, and the usual crush of a large entertainment was partially avoided. Carte blanche had been given to the florist, whose artistic skill was everywhere displayed in a graceful blending of palms and flowers, combining in roses of yellow and red the national colors of Spain. The walls of the entire double suite were hidden beneath pendant vines combined with the glossy leaves of the laurel and holly. A globe of scarlet and yellow roses, tied with the Spanish colors, was suspended between the folding doors, and on the flower-decked mantel in the second room was a portrait of the young King and his mother. The mantel in the front drawing room was ornamented by a floral crown, with the letters "A. XIII." entwined in blossoms. The entire basement floor was used for the supper room.

The Minister and Secretaries of Legation attended the reception at the White House in full evening court dress, with jewelled orders. The Minister returned in time to assist his wife in welcoming the company. Mme. Suarez wore a magnificent imported robe of yellow Canton crêpe, with flowers of embroidered silk mull, and ornamented with ribbons of cream moiré. The bodice was cut V-shaped at the neck, and trimmed with bands of chiffon. Diamond ornaments glittered on her corsage, and a necklace of pearls encircled her throat. Mrs. Armendariz of Madrid, guest of the house, wore corn-color brocade; her daughter, Miss Angeles Suarez, a handsome gown of scarlet gauze.

Over the entrance to the house was suspended the flag of Spain, and transparencies were placed in every window. In the rear parlor a full string band was stationed behind a semi-circular railing ornamented with national bunting, which also surrounded a floral emblem. At 12 o'clock the cotillon was led by Mr. Scoape Medigh, with Miss Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Everett. In one of the figures of the dance there was introduced a large frame covered with tissue paper, through which the couples broke their way, causing much merriment. The favors were scarlet and yellow rosettes for the gentlemen, cigars tied with the two colors, small balloons, porcelain bonbonnières, bronze plaques, paper knives, monkeys, and other novelties.

The second of the card receptions given by President and Mrs. Harrison was held to-night, it was in honor of the Congress. The scene within the executive mansion was a brilliant one. The superb toilets of the ladies, who attended in full force, many accompanied by their guests from a distance, made a striking contrast to the background of palms and smilax that decked the entire suite of apartments, alternating with the scarlet uniforms and pink azalias that banked the mirror stands and blossoming plants of white and red.

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An Appeal for Ireland's Evicted Tenants.

BUFFALO, Jan. 23.—Mr. James Mooney, ex-President of the Land League, received the following cablegram to-day, signed Dillon, O'Brien, Harrington and Redmond:

BOULOGNE, Sur-Mer, Jan. 23.

To James Mooney, Buffalo:

Pending negotiations the position of evicted tenants is becoming extremely critical. Write entreating American friends not to delay forwarding funds to save tenants from ruin.

In accordance with this urgent appeal, Mr. Mooney, who is an ex-President of the Land League, and has the confidence of the Irish leaders, earnestly requests committees having in trust funds contributed for the relief of the tenants to forward this money at once to Dr. Joseph E. Kenny and Mr. Alfred Webb, 43 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, Ireland.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

The football team of the I. A. A. C. will go to Newark to-morrow to play the Newark team of the same name.

The annual meeting of the combined lodges of the Sons of St. George will be held at Grand Army Hall, Williamsburg, on Jan. 26.

The lacrosse championship of the A. A. U. this season will be worth winning, and every indication points to a hot contest for first place.

Constant Reader.—At a public exhibition at the office of the *Police Gazette*, on Jan. 14, Jack Quirk, Tyr of Canada lifted a platform on which were eighteen men. The actual weight was 3,638 pounds.

The Wayne A. C. will take possession of Caledonian Park on Feb. 7. There is an eight-lap track on the ground, a dancing room, bowling gallery, and all other auxiliaries of a well-appointed outdoor club.

G. D. G., Brooklyn.—Apply to the Secretary of the Eastern Athletic Club, 541 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, for the information desired. The club is not a member of the Amateur Athletic Union, but will apply shortly for admission into that body.

In the weekly contests at whist in the Brooklyn Bicycle Club's tournament on Wednesday evening, three series were played, resulting as follows: Messrs. Skinner and Fuller defeated Messrs. Raymond and Malcolm by 16 to 15; Messrs. Hobbinig and Fuller beat Messrs. Malcolm and Skinner by 20 to 14, and Messrs. Malcolm and Fuller defeated Messrs. Skinner and Rahming by 10 to 18.

The Rondout (N. Y.) Canoe Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. A. Coen, Commodore; Frank Van Deusen, Vice-Commodore; George Hutton, secretary; Dr. C. W. Cridell, treasurer. The Commodore named the following committees: House—G. D. B. Hasbrouck, Harry S. Coykendall, Augustus Hayes. Applications—F. A. Hubbard, Jansen Hasbrouck, Charles Van Wagenen, Rezatto Dr. Josiah Hasbrouck, William Stephens, John D. Kline.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—SIR: Having read the article "Acorns Stand True to Their Colors," I will write a few lines in regard to the above article. It is a fact, not a rumor, that I have joined the M. A. C., and that I will represent them in all future competitions. I have asked for my release from the Acorn A. A., which was refused, and I was thus compelled to resign. I have no regrets for having joined the M. A. C., knowing it will be of great advantage to me as an athlete. I think I have done my duty as an athlete toward the Acorn A. A., but recent actions of the officials have compelled me to make a change. FRANK M. REILLY.

399½ Union street, Brooklyn.

LONG BRANCH, Jan. 22.—The Central Gun Club held their monthly live bird shoot on their grounds at Pleasure Bay yesterday. The opening event was a club shoot at ten birds. William C. Price winning with a clean score. The other marksmen and their scores were as follows: George Cubberly, 9; Phil Daly, Jr., 9; A. F. Cubberly, 9; J. L. Price, 9; A. Newman, 9; Japhis Van Dyke, 9; E. W. Reid, 8; Elisha Price, 8; W. Barber, 7; E. W. Price, 6. A miss-and-out shoot, 31 entrance eight entries, was won by George and A. Cubberly, John Price, and Phil Daly, Jr. Another miss-and-out event, same conditions, was won by W. C. and E. W. Price and Japhis Van Dyke. The final shoot, a miss-and-out, same conditions, was won by E. W. and John L. Price and George Cubberly. After the shoot the members went to Price's Hotel, where the club cup and badge were presented to E. W. Reid and E. W. Price respectively.

A special handicap road race, for the point prize, was held by the members of the Ridgewood Harriers, on Wednesday evening, over the Glendale roads. The course was about five miles. The traveling was fairly good, and the time made by the winner was very creditable. It was 8 o'clock when Referee James A. Blanchard of the Germania A. C. called the runners out and despatched them according to their handicap allotments. Capt. John J. Gourdin was on scratch, with the handicap marks extending from 30 seconds up to 7 minutes 8 seconds. James B. Murphy (30 seconds) won by two yards from John J. Gourdin (scratch), who was five yards in front of Arthur Jordan (1 minute 12 seconds). It was a rattling finish, with the three placed men fighting it out all the way. Time, 28 minutes 14½ seconds.

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FREE LOVE VS. SPIRITUALISM.

The "Anti-Fraud Society" Desires Facts for the Information of T. B. Kelsey.

About three hundred circulars were received yesterday by members of the Brooklyn Spiritual Association. The same society a week ago received a lot of circulars headed in big letters, "Madam Dis De Fake," in which many members of the association were caricatured. Yesterday's circular owes its origin to the Anti-Fraud Society, as the circular itself avers. It begins as follows:

"Free lovers, fools, and fakirs must be driven out of Brooklyn spiritual meetings. The Anti-Fraud Society is determined to expose and hold up to ridicule the contemptible impostors called public mediums, and the fools who are duped by them. Also the free lovers who, by their presence at public meetings, keep respectable people away. All persons of good character desiring to join the Anti-Fraud Society are requested to notify the secretary."

An address to the spiritualists of Brooklyn follows, in these words:

"In our next circular we will give the names, addresses, &c., of the free lovers who attend the various spiritual meetings in Brooklyn. At the present time we are in possession of names, dates, important facts, &c., in the case of thirty-two persons, and we want to get more information. If you are in sympathy with this movement and know of any persons whose names should appear in our next circular, please fill in the following form and return to us. We intend to make it hot for free lovers and mediumistic liars and tricksters."

In the form at the bottom of the circular there are vacant spaces to be filled with the name and address of any married woman whom the signer can "positively state" to be maintaining questionable relations with a man, the address and name of the man also to be given. The circulars filled in are directed to be sent to Thomas B. Kelsey at the general delivery of the Brooklyn Post Office. The circular concludes as follows: "We hope enough additional information will be sent in to make our next circular interesting."

THE POTTER-LOVELL FAILURE.

Beginning of Criminal Proceedings Against the Members of the Firm.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—The criminal proceedings against Walter Potter of the Potter-Lovell Company, brought at the instance of Slingluff, Disney & Co. of Baltimore on a charge of embezzling a note of that firm, after many postponements, were begun in the Municipal Court this morning before Judge Hardy. Mr. Lovell, his partner, would also have been a defendant, but he is a fugitive, and it is said by those who are supposed to know something about his movements that he will not again be seen around here until this trouble blows over. The complainants tried to have all the facts relating to the wreck of the banking house brought out in the hearing, but counsel for the defence insisted that the evidence must be confined to the incidents connected with the disposal of the notes in question. Mr. Potter was in Europe at the time the negotiations were carried on, and all the correspondence was conducted over Mr. Lovell's signature. The defence will be that Mr. Potter knew nothing about the negotiations in this particular case, and that no case can be made against him. Mr. Lovell will keep out of the way, and thus cause a postponement of criminal proceedings against the firm.

The evidence showed that the notes were dated Aug. 1, 1890, and were respectively for $3,661, $3,871, $3,881, and $3,991, and that they have all been discounted.

Cashier Foster of the Potter-Lovell Company took the stand with the books of the company, and showed that the note for $3,991 was sold on Aug. 19 with the guarantee of the Potter-Lovell Company; that the note for $3,661 was sold on Aug. 19 and guaranteed; that the note for $3,871 was sold on Aug. 22 and guaranteed, and that the note for $3,881 was pledged Aug. 5. This testimony made a sensation in court, as it proved that the statements in Mr. Lovell's letters to Slingluff, Disney & Co. The case was continued for a week.

An Endowment for the Institute of Christian Philosophy.

Mrs. Mary S. Robinson, of Mamaroneck, will read a paper on "The Will" before the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, at Hamilton Hall, Columbia College, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 3. At the last meeting of the Institute, it was announced that an endowment fund of $15,000 had been secured, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt contributing about one-half of that amount.

What is English Billiards?

The English billiard world has been all torn up by the dispute raging among the professionals on the subject of what really constitutes the English championship game. It grew out of John Roberts's offer to discount any player in the world, 24,000 points up; that is, Roberts offered to concede a start of 12,000 points to his adversary at the spot barred game. W. J. Peall appealed to the Billiard Association to settle the disputed point whether or not the spot stroke is barred in English billiards.

It seems certain that the rules will be modified, just as the rules of the American game were when Slosson and Schaefer brought the game to a period of all other cracks. One of the founders of the game adopted in 1870, and since recognized as the standard for championship contests, says:

"When the Championship Committee of 1870 framed the rules it was expected that every one would be able in time to make hundreds by means of the spot, but it is now found that after all there are only about ten players in the world, who can beat the champion playing spot-barred, and that a championship table to even the very best amateur is a piece of furniture which reduces the game to a very tame pastime. The leading professionals do not want the championship table, it should at once disappear for the spot-barred game has evidently greater attractions for the public than the spot game, say."

The English Billiard Association held one meeting a fortnight ago in London. The meeting was open to any one taking an interest in the game, a large number of billiard enthusiasts took advantage of the opportunity to air their views. The attendance included all the principal professional players. A special general meeting of the association will be convened by the secretary on the signed requisition of members, when the vexed question will be finally settled as to what is English billiards and the style of table that is to be recognised.

Cricket Records.

Through a variety of causes, changes in the office of secretary being one of the principal, the complete record of the Manhattans for the past season has not made its appearance until now. The Manhattans are the undoubted champions of New York, and their showing for the last season, when they lost but a single game in the metropolis is unsurpassed. Altogether they lost but three games of the nineteen played. Two of these were away from home, when they had only six of their regular team. Mr. R. Cobb's services in both departments of the game were the mainstay of the club, and his record with the ball is all the more remarkable when it is observed that no other member of the club approached his figures.

A. Wallis, J. Rees, H. B. Coyne, B. C. Bloxsom, and S. A. Noon all succeeded in obtaining respectable batting averages, and they were instrumental in obtaining the club's good record for the season. The following officers have been elected for 1891: President, D. A. Munroe; Vice-Presidents, H. S. Jewell and J. Beardall; Secretary and Treasurer, Henry Martin; Captain, M. R. Cobb; Vice-Captain, L. A. Mackintosh; Executive committee, B. C. Bloxsom, A. Wallis, F. J. Prendergast, and L. A. Mackintosh. The following are the records:

Matches played, 19; won, 14; lost, 3; drawn, 2.

May 17, vs. Paterson. Won, 71—48.

May 30, vs. Longwood. Won, 86, 32 (8 wickets)—46, 18.

June 1, vs. Ashton. Won, 108, 8 (no wickets)—26, 84.

June 7, vs. Staten Island. Won, 156 (5 wickets)—81.

June 14, vs. Staten Island. Won, 198—99.

June 28, vs. *Bedford. Won, 125—61.

July 4, vs. Baltimore. Lost, 27, 36—63.

July 5, vs. Belmont. Lost, 86—107 (4 wickets).

July 12, vs. *Cosmopolitan. Lost, 53—56.

July 19, vs. *New York. Won, 152—88.

July 26, vs. *Kings County. Won, 56—24.

Aug 2, vs. *New Jersey A. C. Drawn, 89 (6 wickets)—126.

Aug. 7, vs. Staten Island. Won, 79—63.

Aug. 9, vs. *Bedford. Won, 81—42.

Aug. 16, vs. *Cosmopolitan. Won 157 (declared)—68.

Aug. 21, vs. *New Jersey A. C. Won, 90—38.

Aug. 23, vs. *New York. Drawn, 121—55 (9 wickets).

Aug. 30, vs. Paterson. Won, 48—45.

Sept. 30, vs. Kings County. Won 92—22.

* Championship games of the Metropolitan League.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Most in one inn.	Runs.	Ave'ges.
M. R. Cobb	28	5	96	401	22.5
J. Tyers	11	1	46	220	22.
J. Rose	19	4	50	294	15.9
A. Wallis	21	3	62	249	13.15
B. C. Bloxsom	18	2	43	185	13.3
S. A. Noon	15	0	29	172	11.7
H. B. Coyne	10	2	21	141	10.1
H. Berresford	2	0	18	20	10.
F. J. Prendergast	21	2	34	185	9.14
C. Dillon	6	1	28	46	8.1
C. Mitchell	7	1	12	29	4.6
H. Martin	9	0	10	27	4.3
S. Smith	4	0	6	18	4.2
L. Patterson	4	0	12	15	3.3

*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.