THEY WILL INVESTIGATE.

NEW YORK BASEBALL CLUB DIRECTORS TAKE VIGOROUS ACTION.

The Charge that the New York Team was Purposely Weakened at Boston to be Thoroughly Sifted—The Executive Committee Instructed to Make a Complete Investigation—Substance of the Charges and the Defence of the Managers—The Purity of the Game to be Maintained.

For the first time in the history of the game of baseball since the memorable occasion on which the League purified itself by the expulsion of those dishonest players, Craven, Hall, and Devlin, has a charge of unfairness worthy of attention been made. Most astonishing of all, the management of the New York Baseball Club is the defendant in the case. This is bringing the question home with a vengeance, and the outcome will be watched with the greatest interest. For some time past the charges against the New York club, which were openly made and stoutly reiterated, were overlooked by the local officials and laughed at by some of the more ardent admirers of the team. Finally the allegations of unfairness became so numerous and were so general that the management felt called upon to take decisive action.

Unwise advisers insisted that the affair would amount to only a nine days' talk and then be forgotten, while others, with a deeper interest in the welfare of the game, stoutly maintained that the charges should be thoroughly sifted, and, if there was any foundation for them, the offenders should be duly punished. On the other hand, if the charges were groundless, the public should also be apprised of that fact, and the game cleared of suspicion.

The assertion that all the talk of unfairness came from Chicago was not borne out by the facts, as a long, deep growl has gone up from the baseball patrons of New York city, who, first of all, demand fair play, and, that having been secured, are second to none in applauding the victors.

The prime cause of the present trouble is the recent loss of five games in Boston by the New York team, which defeats enabled the Bostons to overtake the Chicagos in the race for the pennant. The charge made by the Chicago management, and echoed by fair-minded patrons all over the country, is that the New York management did not put its strongest team in the game at Boston, the main allegation being that Rusie, the strongest pitcher in the team, was left at home, while inferior pitchers were put in the box against a team that was then playing the strongest game of any in the country. Another point made is that Connor failed to play in the first three games at Boston, and that, in fact, no effort was made to put a team in the field that could reasonably be expected to make a stand against the Bostons.

To the general charge of having purposely weakened the New York team so that Boston would have no trouble in winning, Messrs. Day, Mutrie, and Ewing, who accompanied the team to Boston and took charge of its affairs, enter an emphatic denial. They admit that Rusie was left at home, and their explanations as to the reason do not agree. President Day told a SUN reporter that Rusie was left at home because he had worked hard and was entitled to a rest. He said, so far as he knew, Rusie was uninjured. Manager Mutrie said the reason Rusie was left at home was because his elbow was lame and he was not in fit condition to pitch. Capt. Ewing said Rusie was hit in the leg with a batted ball in the last game at Brooklyn, and was so lame he couldn't pitch. That was the reason he did not go to Boston. In the case of John Ewing it is set forth that his services were needed in a crucial game, and was so swollen he couldn't get a shoe on. As to Connor, he missed a train, and that is the reason he didn't play. Buckley started to catch in one of the games and was injured.

The managers also state that had Rusie and the other absent players taken part in the games they would not have won, as Boston was playing with wonderful strength. The managers also go to some length to combat the imaginary assertion that the New York team deliberately played poor ball at Boston and thus permitted Boston to win easily. No such charge has been made, the only claim being that the New York managers did not put as strong a team in the field as possible.

The position taken by those who make the charges is that the conflicting statements as to Rusie being kept at home only go to prove that nothing ailed that pitcher, and that he was fully able to go in the box at Boston. In the case of Connor, it is admitted that he had a sprain or an injury to his foot in the game with Philadelphia at the Polo grounds on Sept. 21. He turned his ankle and limped off the field. After resting his ankle until Sept. 27 he was not considered in condition to pitch. The games at Boston were played on Sept. 28, 29, and 30. On Oct. 1, following the Boston series, the last games at Boston, Ewing entered the box at the Polo grounds and pitched the Brooklyns out for five hits, one of them a scratch. He showed no signs of lameness and ran the bases as well as he ever did. The claim is made that if Ewing was able to pitch in his best form on Thursday, Oct. 1, that he certainly should have been able to go in the box at Boston the day previous.

A point made by the managers is to the effect that New York had no chance to win the pennant, and the result of the remaining games could not change the position of the team. Therefore there was no good reason why the team should go to Boston and fight as though the pennant depended upon the result. The complainants counter heavily, as follows: At the time the Chicagos last played in New York city, on Sept. 17, 18, and 19, the New Yorks had no earthly chance of getting better than third position, and yet they played a game that for brilliancy and all-around perfection, has never been excelled by the New York or any other team. Rusie and John Ewing had been saved for some days previous to the arrival of the Chicagos, and their work in the box was superb. Rusie pitched two games and Ewing the other. The result of these efforts was that the Chicago team and its management was that the Chicagos were beaten three straight games in a crushing manner. After disposing of the Chicagos the New Yorks turned their attention to the Brooklyns and thrashed them three out of four games, Rusie pitching two games in one afternoon.

These are the arguments pro and con that have passed between the defenders of the team and those who make the charges. Meantime the public, on whose support the life of the game depends, has been looking on with great unease.

Realizing that inaction at this stage of the game would be fatal to the interests of the pastime, the directors of the New York Club have aroused themselves and will take vigorous action. A meeting of the Board of Directors was held yesterday afternoon, and, after some discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It has been charged in the public press throughout the United States that the management of the New York Ball Club so weakened its team in the five games recently played at the city of Boston with the Boston Club that it was impossible for the New York Club to win any of said games; and

Whereas, Such a charge is manifestly injurious to the business of this company, and also to the national game of baseball; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Company be, and it hereby is directed to make an immediate and full investigation of the public charges above referred to and report the result of its investigation to this Board at a meeting to be held on Monday, Oct. 12, 1891.

The members of the Executive Committee are John B. Day, E. B. Talcott, and J. W. Spaulding.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Spalding said to a SUN reporter: "We shall immediately set on foot a thorough investigation, and the testimony of all who can throw any light on the matter will be secured. If it is possible to get at the bottom of the affair we shall do so."

Ball Games Yesterday.

The American Association championship season came to a close yesterday. The scores were:

(First game) Athletics, 18; Boston, 2.

(Second game) Boston, 6; Athletics, 0.

Washington, 9; Baltimore, 0.

THE RECORD.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Boston	93	42	.689	Milwaukee	64	72	.471
St. Louis	93	43	.620	Columbus	61	76	.445
Athletic	75	66	.535	Louisville	55	84	.396
Baltimore	69	64	.519	Washington	44	98	.333

ATHLETIC, 18; BOSTON, 2 (FIRST GAME).

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—The Athletics and Bostons played two games this afternoon. The home team won the first game easily, scoring almost at will. The latter's support was indifferent, particularly behind the bat. Weyhing pitched a steadily effective game. The scores:

ATHLETIC.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BOSTON.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wood, l. f.	1	0	0	0	0	Brown, c. f.	1	2	1	2	1
Bowman, l. f.	1	1	1	0	0	Duffy, r. f.	0	1	0	0	0
McTamy, c. f.	3	3	4	0	0	Broutheis, 1b.	0	1	12	0	0
Larkin, 1st b.	4	2	12	1	0	Farrell, 3d b.	1	1	3	2	2
Milligan, c.	1	2	8	3	1	Stricker, 2d b.	0	1	2	1	1
Hallman, 2d b.	1	2	2	4	0	Richardson, l. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Corcoran, s. s.	3	2	1	4	0	Quinlan, c.	0	0	5	1	0
Mulvey, 3d b.	2	4	0	2	0	Cotter, c.	0	0	3	1	0
Cross, r. f.	2	3	0	0	0	Pitzgerald, p.	0	0	0	1	0
Weyhing, p.	0	1	0	2	0	Radford, s. s.	0	1	1	5	1
Totals	18	22	27	15	2	Totals	2	8	27	14	5

Athletic	4	2	2	2	1	1	0	5	2	—18
Boston	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	—2

Earned runs—Athletic, 6; Boston, 1. Two-base hit—Brown. Three-base hits—Milligan, Cross. Broutheis. Farrell. Home runs—Larkin, Cross. Stolen bases—Bowman, Corcoran, Weyhing, Stricker. Double plays—Corcoran, Hallman, and Larkin. First base on balls—Larkin, Milligan, Corcoran, Weyhing, Stricker. Hit by pitched ball—Wood, Broutheis. Struck out—Bowman (2), McTamany, Weyhing, Richardson (2), Quinlan (2), Carter, Fitzgerald. Passed balls—Milligan, 1; Quinlan, 4. Time—1:50. Umpire—Ferguson.

BOSTON, 6; ATHLETIC, 0 (SECOND GAME).

BOSTON.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	ATHLETIC.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Brown, c. f.	1	0	0	0	0	Bowman, l. f.	0	1	0	0	0
Duffy, r. f.	2	1	1	0	0	McTamy, c. f.	0	0	2	0	0
Broutheis, 1 b.	2	1	10	0	0	Larkin, 1st b.	0	0	9	0	1
Farrell, c.	1	0	1	2	0	Milligan, c.	0	0	2	1	0
Stricker, 2d b.	0	1	2	1	0	Hallman, 2d b.	0	1	2	4	0
Richardson, s b.	0	1	2	0	0	Corcoran, s. s.	0	1	1	2	0
Quinlan, l. f.	0	0	0	0	0	Mulvey, 3d b.	0	0	3	2	1
Haddock, p.	0	0	0	2	0	Cross, r. f.	0	0	2	0	0
Radford, s. s.	0	0	0	3	0	Chamberlin, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	4	18	9	0	Totals	0	5	18	10	2

Boston	2	0	1	0	3	0	—6
Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Double plays—Duffy and Broutheis; Corcoran, Hallman, and Larkin. First base on balls—By Haddock, 1; by Chamberlin, 4. Struck out—By Haddock, 2; by Chamberlin, 2. Passed ball—Milligan. Wild pitch—Chamberlin. Time—1:55. Umpire—Ferguson.

WASHINGTON, 9; BALTIMORE, 0 (FOURTH GAME).

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Playing to-day between Washington and Baltimore was the greatest farce ever seen on a ball ground. It was dark when Washington went in at the beginning of the seventh inning, and after taking the lead over Baltimore by two runs purposely tried to get out, so that the visitors might have a chance to finish the inning. Kerins would not allow this, but stubbornly insisted on their playing a winning game throughout the inning. The visitors, being utterly unable to see the ball, Washington scored about 24 runs before the last man was declared out. Kerins then insisted on Baltimore playing out the inning, but Barnie refused, so the game went to Washington by a score of 9 to 0. It was so dark while this burlesque was going on that the players could not be seen from the grand stand. Attendance, 500. The score:

Washington	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
Baltimore	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

OTHER GAMES.

BOSTON, 9; NEW YORK, 8.

BOSTON, Oct. 5.—Over 12,000 persons saw the Boston League team defeat the New York League team at the baseball grounds here this afternoon. The game was wonderfully interesting, and the fielding of ball over so high in this city. Brodie and Kelly of Boston distinguished themselves by making three-base hits each, and Tiernan and Connor of New York each made a home run. New York had the lead for three innings, when the Bostons made four runs, after which they were never in it. The score:

Boston	0 0 4 0 0 2 3 0 0 = 9
New York	1 0 2 1 0 1 0 1 2 = 8

AT SIOUX CITY.

Sioux City	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 = 3
Chicago	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 = 2

Base hits—Sioux City, 9; Chicago, 6. Errors—Chicago, 7. Pitchers—Hart and Hutchison. Umpire—Hurst.

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis	4 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 = 7
Louisville	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 1

Base hits—St. Louis, 11; Louisville, 10. Errors—St. Louis, 6; Louisville, 3. Pitchers—Burrill and Stratton. Umpire—Doless.

THE STAR PITCHER.

It is Hutchinson—But Rusie, Ewing, Clarkson, and Staley Are Nearly as Good.

The eight clubs in the National League tried sixty-two pitchers the past season, and of this number, but few showed any extraordinary skill. The Philadelphias tried eleven pitchers, and the New York and Cleveland clubs ten each. The champion Boston Club had nine pitchers, while Anson thought seven were enough to win the championship with. The three tail-enders, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh, had the least number, each having tried six. But twelve of the sixty-two pitchers won more than half of their games. These were: Clarkson of Boston, Esper, Ewing, Gumbert, Hutchinson, Lovett, Nichols, Rusie, Staley, Stein, Vickery, and Young. Of this number Hutchinson has a better percentage than any of the others.

When half of the season had been concluded it was a neck-and-neck race between Hutchinson and Rusie, but Anson's man kept pegging away, with the result that he leads the National League twirlers. Rusie, Ewing, Clarkson, and Young are not far behind Hutchinson, however, not only leads them in percentage, but he also pitched more games than any other pitcher. He took part in sixty-three games, of which 40 of the games that the Chicago Club played, and of the victories gained by Anson, Hutchinson occupied the box in more than half. Rusie pitched fifty-eight games, and won more than the combined number of the other nine New York pitchers. The leading pitcher in each club was: Boston, Clarkson; Philadelphia, Esper; New York, Rusie; Brooklyn, Lovett; Chicago, Hutchinson; Cleveland, Young; Pittsburgh, Galvin; Cincinnati, Mullane.

The following will show the victories and defeats, and how many complete games and parts of games each pitcher took part in:

Name.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	Games Complete.	Games Complete Pct. of Games.
Baldwin	Pittsburgh	22	30	48	4
Beatin	Washington	1	4	5	1
Berger	Pittsburgh	0	1	0	1
Bryman	Boston	0	1	0	1
Barr	New York	0	1	0	1
Carruthers	Louisville	19	20	28	11
Clarkson	Boston	2	3	1	4
Clarkson	New York	36	19	47	8
Cleveland	Philadelphia	1	2	2	3
Coughlin	New York	3	4	5	2
Crane	Cincinnati	4	10	10	4
Dunning	New York	0	1	0	1
Davis	New York	0	1	0	1
Duryea	Cincinnati	4	8	8	1
Esper	Philadelphia	21	16	25	12
Ewing	New York	21	11	26	6
Foutz	Brooklyn	5	2	4	3
Galvin	Pittsburgh	15	16	24	7
Getzein	Boston & Cleve.	4	6	6	4
Gleason	Philadelphia	25	27	40	13
Grubert	Cleveland	12	22	27	7
Gormally	Philadelphia	0	1	1	0
Gumbert	Chicago	23	14	30	7
Hemphill	Washington	3	15	18	1
Hutchinson	Chicago	45	16	54	9
Inks	Brooklyn	3	10	10	3
Keefe	N. York and Phila.	9	11	12	6
Kilroy	New York and Phila.	5	6	9	2
Kelly	Boston	0	1	1	0
Kilroy	Philadelphia	0	2	0	2
King	Pittsburgh	15	31	40	6
Knepper	Cleveland	0	3	1	2
Killen	Cleveland	0	1	1	0
Lovett	Brooklyn	24	19	38	5
Love	Washington	0	1	0	1
Luby	Chicago	11	17	19	9
Maul	Pittsburgh	1	5	1	5
Mullane	Cincinnati	34	26	41	9
Nichols	Boston	33	17	44	8
Nicols	Chicago	2	1	0	3
Radbourne	Cincinnati	12	15	23	2
Rhines	Cincinnati	19	28	39	2
Rusie	New York	38	20	49	9
Ryan	Chicago	1	2	0	3
Saylor	Philadelphia	0	1	0	1
Seward	Cleveland	2	1	1	2
Schults	Philadelphia	0	6	0	6
Sharrott	New York	6	5	7	4
Smith	Philadelphia	1	2	0	3
Staley	Pitts. & Boston	23	14	31	6
Stein	Chicago	8	6	9	5
Stratton	Pittsburgh	0	2	2	0
Sullivan	Boston & Wash.	2	2	4	0
Stearns	Cleveland	1	4	4	1
Stephens	Cincinnati	0	1	1	0
Terry	Brooklyn	17	18	17	8
Thornton	Philadelphia	17	18	22	13
Tucker	Boston	0	1	0	1
Viau	Cleveland	17	24	32	9
Vickery	Chicago	7	6	7	6
Weyhing	New York	9	18	14	9
Young	Cleveland	26	23	41	9

There were eight tie games played during the season. New York, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh took part in three each; Chicago, two; Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and Boston, one each. The pitchers who participated in these games were: Rusie, three; Hutchinson and Gavin, two; Rhines, Gruber, Kling, Keefe, Young, Viau, Staley, Gumbert, Vickery, and Baldwin, one each.

All the Cleveland Players Have Signed for Next Season.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 5.—While the Boston League Club has been busy signing its men, the Cleveland League management finished up with its players on Saturday, and the team is practically completed for 1892. The last man was signed before the last game, and the following contracts are now on file with Secretary Hawley: McAleer, left field; Davis, centre field; Burkett, right field; Young, pitcher; Sherrom, pitcher; Tebeau, third base (he will captain and manage the team as well); Childs, second base; Virtue, first base; Zimmer, catcher. The latter is benefited by a three-year contract, which does not expire until January, 1895. Doyle agreed to terms yesterday.

In addition to the above the club has signed Cuppy, a promising young pitcher, and has come to terms with another youngster in an Ohio league. It is stated positively by the management that a pitcher of great excellence has been signed. His name is withheld through personal reasons. There is also but little doubt that Jack O'Connor will be with the local team next season. He has been here two weeks, and Tebeau thinks he is a good catcher.

The Association has had an agent here for a week, and he was joined by a second, but they did not succeed in getting a man to leave the Cleveland team. Von der Ahe offered indemnification for the asking, but the Cleveland players made terms of their own accord, and a better satisfied club never disbanded in the city. Burkett, Davis, and Doyle were worked upon all one night by the Association men. It is stated upon the best authority that Comiskey will not be with the Browns next season, but that he will be at the head of one of the prominent League clubs.

Baseball Notes.

The Beekmans defeated the Sacred Heart Academy at Van Nest on Sunday. The score was 19 to 6.

The Milwaukees of Chicago played two games in the American Association, of which they won twenty-one.

The Volunteers of Mount Hope and Fordhams of St. John's College played an interesting game on the latter club's grounds on Sunday, the college team losing by a score of 5 to 2.

CHESS MEN AT WAR.

The Manhattans Reply to the Brooklyn Club.

The resolutions passed by the Brooklyn Chess Club on Saturday and published in yesterday's SUN created quite a stir in New York chess circles, especially in the Manhattan Chess Club. Dr. Fred Mintz, the Chairman of the Match and Tournament Committee, made the following statement:

"Our last match with Brooklyn was played in June, 1887, and was won by the Manhattan Chess Club. As it is not customary to play, after four years or more, return matches, for the simple reason that many changes may be made, we are not willing to look upon this challenge as a return match. In our opinion team matches are played to decide the respective strength of the contending clubs, and we consider a team of ten or twelve not fit to represent a club with a membership of 220.

"When we declared our willingness to play with fifteen we did so to oblige the Brooklyn Chess Club, which was very anxious to have the match come off. We did not object to members belonging to both clubs playing on the Brooklyn side, although they ought to be barred. A match of twelve, wherein we have to play against six or eight of our own members, would be nothing less than a mockery.

"As to the statement of the resolutions that we refuse to play with a team of twelve for fear the Brooklyn Club might win, I, in answer, quote from a letter signed by the Chairman of their Tournament Committee: 'You know as well as you know anything that you have a good sure thing with a team of twelve. You really ought not ask us to make up a team consisting of a majority of knight players.' Although I firmly believe that we could beat the Brooklyns with a team of twelve, I insist upon a team of fifteen because I think that at least one-half of our opponents ought to be Brooklyn, and not our men, and because we want to give our second-class men a chance to participate in the match.

"We are willing to encounter the Brooklyn Chess Club with a team of twelve on each side if the members of both clubs are barred from playing against their own clubs, and this too was the proposition made the concession of excluding our eight strongest players."

BOWLING.

The United Clubs' Head-pin Tournament.

At the meeting of the United Bowling Clubs on Sunday evening plans were arranged for the Walhalla Hall tournament. Proprietor Guberding's prize of $100 will be distributed among the eight leading clubs, while the player having the highest total score will receive a gold medal. The teams will be eight men each, they to roll two games, a ten-pin head-pin and a nine-pin head-pin game, eight balls to each game, both scores to be added together and the winner to be decided thereby. The clubs drew for their numbers and it was decided to roll four games on each Sunday evening, beginning the coming Sunday. The schedule arranged was:

Oct. 11—Germania, Krakehlia, Spartan, and Empire.
Oct. 18—Seventeenth Ward, Doppel Riche, Mozart, and Jumbo.
Oct. 25—Schiller Bund, South Pole, Nordeutsche, and Fidelia.
Nov. 1—Old Bowery, Tuesday Afternoon, Onkel Brasig, and Felsenkeller.
Nov. 8—Orchard, Aurania, Kakuk, and Glendale.
Nov. 15—Rosedale, German-American, West Side, and Gotham.
Nov. 22—Germania, Krakehlia, Spartan, and Empire.
Nov. 29—Seventeenth Ward, Doppel Riche, Mozart, and Jumbo.
Dec. 6—Schiller Bund, South Pole, Nordeutsche, and Fidelia.
Dec. 13—Old Bowery, Tuesday Afternoon, Onkel Brasig, and Felsenkeller.
Dec. 20—Orchard, Aurania, Kakuk, and Glendale.
Dec. 27—Rosedale, German-American, West Side, and Gotham.

Should any of the clubs fail to roll their first game they will be barred from rolling the other. The prizes will be distributed on Sunday evening, Jan. 10, on which occasion the United Bowling Clubs will give a reception and ball at Walhalla Hall.

Athletic Bowling League Schedule.

The Athletic Bowling League finished their labors yesterday. Rule 18 was changed to read: "Postponed games shall be bowled at a time to be determined by the Executive Committee, but the same must be bowled within two weeks after the closing game of the schedule." Rule 8 was changed to read: "Any club member elected before the first championship game shall be eligible to bowl in a champion game, but if elected after the season is opened, he must be a member thirty days before he can bowl in the League." In case of a tie for either first or second prize, a series of three games will be rolled on neutral alleys, the committee to decide on the alleys, and they also are to select the referees. The schedule arranged by the committee was then adopted.

THE SCHEDULE.

Nov. 3—Orange A. C.	at	New York A. C.
Nov. 4—Roseville A. C.	at	Jersey City A. C.
Nov. 4—Montclair A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Nov. 10—North End A. C.	at	Manhattan A. C.
Nov. 11—Manhattan A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Nov. 11—Jersey City A. C.	at	Orange A. C.
Nov. 12—New York A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Nov. 13—Staten Island A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Nov. 18—Orange A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Nov. 18—Montclair A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Nov. 19—Manhattan A. C.	at	Jersey City A. C.
Nov. 19—Staten Island A. C.	at	New York A. C.
Nov. 25—North End A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Nov. 26—Manhattan A. C.	at	Orange A. C.
Nov. 26—Jersey City A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Nov. 27—New York A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Dec. 2—Manhattan A. C.	at	Orange A. C.
Dec. 2—Jersey City A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Dec. 3—New York A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Dec. 3—Staten Island A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Dec. 7—Staten Island A. C.	at	Jersey City A. C.
Dec. 7—Roseville A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Dec. 8—New York A. C.	at	Manhattan A. C.
Dec. 9—Orange A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Dec. 14—Roseville A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Dec. 15—Orange A. C.	at	Jersey City A. C.
Dec. 15—Montclair A. C.	at	Manhattan A. C.
Dec. 17—North End A. C.	at	New York A. C.
Dec. 21—Staten Island A. C.	at	Orange A. C.
Dec. 21—Jersey City A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Dec. 22—Manhattan A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Dec. 22—New York A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Jan. 4—Staten Island A. C.	at	Manhattan A. C.
Jan. 6—New York A. C.	at	Jersey City A. C.
Jan. 6—Roseville A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Jan. 9—Montclair A. C.	at	Orange A. C.
Jan. 11—Orange A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Jan. 12—Montclair A. C.	at	New York A. C.
Jan. 12—Roseville A. C.	at	Manhattan A. C.
Jan. 13—North End A. C.	at	Jersey City A. C.
Jan. 18—Staten Island A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Jan. 19—New York A. C.	at	Orange A. C.
Jan. 19—Manhattan A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Jan. 20—Jersey City A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Jan. 25—Manhattan A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Jan. 26—North End A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.
Jan. 26—Orange A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Jan. 26—Jersey City A. C.	at	New York A. C.
Feb. 3—Jersey City A. C.	at	Manhattan A. C.
Feb. 3—Roseville A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Feb. 3—North End A. C.	at	Montclair A. C.
Feb. 4—New York A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Feb. 8—Jersey City A. C.	at	Staten Island A. C.
Feb. 8—Orange A. C.	at	North End A. C.
Feb. 8—Manhattan A. C.	at	New York A. C.
Feb. 9—Montclair A. C.	at	Roseville A. C.

Bowling Gossip.

Olmstead made the highest score, 190, on the Jersey City Athletic Club's alleys last week.

Loveland's alleys in Jersey City will be occupied by the Lafayette Bowling Club this season.

The Apollo Club monopolizes one of the Grote Cup, which was stolen out of their alleys recently.

The Jersey City Athletic Club have appointed Edward Schultze to captain both the five and ten men teams.

This will be the Spartan team in the American national tournament: Thum, Schwacke, Vorrath, Foege and Kahlsdorf.

It is quite likely that the wheelmen of the Jersey City Athletic Club will enter a team in the Wheelmen's Bowling League.

The Ivanhoes will roll a friendly match game with the Roseville A. A. on the latter's alleys next Monday evening. The teams will be ten men each.

The Peerless Club, one of the competitors in the American national tournament, have not yet picked out their team, but it will be a strong one.

Last Saturday evening at Myers's bowling alley in West Thirtieth street the Arlington Bowling Club celebrated a successful year of its membership. Larry Corcoran, who is now lying seriously ill at his home in Newark.

At the annual election of the Una Bowling Club, at Bidwell's, in Fifty-ninth street, the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Shaw; Vice-President, M. R. Stevens, Jr.; Secretary and Treasurer, T. E. Seitz; Captain, C. L. Raser.

The Franklin Club held their first annual meeting on Thursday, and elected the following officers: F. Marsden, President; A. F. Schwarzler, Vice-President; H. Beckamp, Treasurer, and A. H. Sievers, Captain. In the first game rolled by Capt. Sievers with the club he ran up the high score of 205.

A number of prominent business men of the east side have organized by the taxing club and elected the following officers: President, O. F. Fisher; Vice-President, J. J. Curry; Treasurer, John Wise; Secretary, Lawrence Steinburgh, Captain, Frank Steinburgh. The club has been named the Steinburgher Bowling Club, and will roll every Tuesday evening at Metropolitan Hall.

Some dissatisfaction is shown by the members of the Palma Club regarding the selection of bowlers on the Columbia team. Instead of holding a competition for the purpose, a committee is usually appointed with power to use their own judgment in the matter. This year, however, it is thought that there is some chance of the Palma contingent making a hit, and a strong team will be placed in the field.

The Cuming Club will roll every Friday evening on Zimmerman's alleys. The following game was rolled last Friday: Team No. 1—Jester, 147; Kaiser, 156; Hoffman, 160; Hoesch, 189; H. Sander, 157; Kurtz, 148; Plate, 108; Gunther, 106; Laun, 134. Total, 1,229. Team No. 2—Muller, 111; Battey, 149; J. Hoesch, 156; Krug, 182; Schwarz, 141; Zimmerman, 116; Moyer, 97; Kaus, 71; Dolan, 89. Total, 1,062.

At one time the head-in game was the crane, but it is rarely played now, as there is more excitement manifested in the American game. The former requires accuracy, but it is not so attractive as the game of nine pins. The best head-pin bowlers are those that roll a straight ball, as a curved ball is more apt to miss the mark. In the tournament to be rolled by the United Bowling Clubs the head-pin game will adopt the guide, but many of the clubs would rather have it changed to the games where strikes and spares reign.

A change has been made in the outlined schedule to be adopted by the managers of the Brooklyn National tournament. The plan originally intended to start a twenty-one club tournament, but at a meeting of the Board of Managers held the other evening it was decided to abandon this idea and limit the tournament to fifteen clubs. The clubs entered are the Pioneer Boat Club, Recreation, Varuna Boat Club, Saranac, Lincoln Council, Peconic, Nameless, Echo, South Paw, Waverly, Montauk, Kings County Wheelmen, Osceola, Lincoln Council and Clermont. It was found that a larger number of clubs would entail the rolling of a very long period of time, which reason it was concluded to have only fifteen clubs. On Thursday evening the Board of Managers will again meet, when a schedule committee will be appointed and a new schedule for the games will be rolled three nights as heretofore. The opening games will be rolled on Monday evening, Oct. 19.

Brooklyn Knocked Out Again at Quoits.

Brooklyn quoit pitchers seem to have the hardest kind of luck recently. They did whoop up matters a little when McFarlane won Dick White's Labor Day tournament, but they got a setback afterward in Philadelphia when Kennedy tipped over McFarlane, and they have not recovered from that affair yet. Still, the Brooklyn men claim that they are in the swim yet. They have lost their crack player, McFarlane, who has lately become a resident of Newark. There are several good representatives left, however, and they propose to keep their pitchers along at a lively rate until Denis Callahan's Thanksgiving tournament.

At White's grounds in South Brooklyn yesterday, Joe Hall, who is unquestionably one of the cleverest 10-foot quoit pitchers in the country, had a match and a tussle with Frank Doran, a very creditable pitcher indeed when in form. The contest was for $10 a side, at 10 yards, to pitch from a yard mark inside of time, the ball being two inches above the surface of the clay. Hall was a prime favorite, still Doran had a number of admirers who laid even money on his winning. Both teams were at their best, and it was hard to tell a winner as there is in the country in Jack Williams, while Tom Smith, a young and promising pitcher of rare good judgment officiated in the same capacity for Doran. Hall started in the game in a way that filled him in the better pitching form, and he continued to run away from his opponent until the end, when the score stood 66 to 51 in his favor. Doran's display was only a disappointment, and at the end of the game John McFarlane cheered to play Hall at 10 yards for $10 or $20 a side some time next week. But Hall would pitch him only in Brooklyn or New York, and then he wanted to restrict him in the diameter of quoits. Uncle Tommy Dewhurst, who was once beaten by Hall, then had an inning, and challenged Hall to play him a 10-yard game for from $10 to $20 a side, best and best quoits, the pin at one end to be level with the clay and at the other end as far above the clay as Hall chooses. This proposition was made to conciliate matters, as Dewhurst usually pitches the pin and Hall pitches the reverse. Hall guaranteed that he would clinch a match with his old opponent some time next week.

The opening of Frank Vogt's grounds, in Kearney, N. J., on Saturday, was highly successful. The grounds are nicely fitted up with three rinks, and furthermore an electric light has been brought into use, and old quoit men say that it is quite an innovation. On Saturday night $10, divided up into three prizes, was offered on the 15-yard rink, and the same amount at nine yards. On the former, the veteran James McLaren and John McFarlane, played for first and second money, as at one time the score stood 19 to 15 in favor of the latter. The contest was very hard and brilliant pitching and scored 24 consecutive points, winning the game by a score of 31 to 27. Frame won third money. The latter stated that he would play Tom Dewhurst a match at eighteen yards with seven-pound quoits at any time.

It is stated that James McNeil of New York will shortly accept the challenge of Alexander Kennedy to play for $200 a side.

The games of the Brooklyn Heights Athletic Club, to be held next Saturday, on the Polo grounds, on Clinton avenue, Fifty-sixth street and Eighth avenue, are attracting a fine entry list. Many of the crack athletes who have been competing at St. Louis are entered. The B. A. C. medals are considered by many the finest that have been given here this year, with the exception of the A. A. U. trophies. On account of the late return of athletes from St. Louis entries will be kept open until Wednesday morning. Entries must be made to Samuel Tosch, 85 Pearl street, New York.

AZRA WINS THE CHAMPAGNE.

THE KENTUCKY COLT DEFEATS ST. FLORIAN AND DAGONET.

Third Choice in the Betting, but an Easy Victor at the Finish—Leonawell's Splendid Race—A Victory for Peter—Kitty T. and Busted Broke Father Bill Daly Out of Two Pennos—Airplant and the Holmdel Colt Win the Selling Races.

Five thousand persons saw the Kentucky-owned 2-year-old Azra win the Champagne Stakes at Jerome Park yesterday afternoon. St. Florian and Dagonet, two public idols, being overthrown when Clayton landed the handsome bay colt in front at the finish.

The Champagne Stakes is at seven furlongs, and the followers of Azra, who was third choice in the betting, thought their colt would win beyond a doubt if the pace was made warm from the start. Neither Dagonet nor St. Florian relishes a distance, but both have a phenomenal turn of speed and are easily superior to the son of Reform in a sprint. The race was run to suit Az