HARNESS RECORDS OF 1893.

THE NEW YEAR BOOK, WITH ITS SUMMARIES AND STATISTICS.

Only Fast Performances Now Given in Detail—Volume IX. Only About Half the Size of the Former One—The Tables of Sires and Dams Have Notable Omissions.

When the first volume of the Year Book of Trotting and Pacing was issued in 1886 all the events of the preceding season on the driving parks of the United States and Canada were presented in 273 pages. The doings of the next year were chronicled on fewer pages, but after that the horses and tracks so increased that the Year Books swelled annually till the one which gave what happened in 1892 occupied two parts containing 1,214 pages.

Finding that the work had grown too cumbersome for ready reference, the American Trotting Register Association decided to cut the next volume down, and the Year Book of 1893, which was issued this week, contains 633 pages less than the annual report has been since 1889. The new volume is confined as far as possible to what occurred last year, and has, therefore, little value as a work of reference for anything before that period. The summaries come first, and are more circumscribed than before, as no races are given in detail where there was not at least one heat as fast as 2:30 trotting, or 2:25 pacing. Slower records made in 1893 are grouped in an alphabetical list wherein "tin cup" records are distinguished from the more creditable ones earned in actual contests.

Then follow the statistical tables, eleven in number, beginning with the list of 2:30 trotters, which has a total of 9,102. The pacers that have scored 2:25 or better follow to the number of 1,871. While the totals are given at both gaits, only those that performed last year are mentioned in these lists, so that many horses with champion records do not appear. Nancy Hanks did not improve on the 2:04 she made in 1892, so that she is dropped, and for the same reason Mascot, Hal Pointer, Johnston, and other famous pacers are also missing, though they were in active service during last year. All the cracks that have been retired or are dead share a similar fate, such as Flora Temple, Goldsmith Maid, Dexter, Rarus, St. Julien, Maud S., Jay-Eye-See, and Sunol. Those that held championships are found in a "Table of Fastest Records," besides others in which trotters that have scored 2:20 and pacers with marks as fast as 2:15 are arranged according to the speed they showed either in races or against time.

One of the most valuable tables heretofore has been that in which the record makers appear under their sires, but in the attempt to make Volume IX. merely a year book this has been abridged to the verge of mutilation. As only those sires are now in "The Great Table" whose get scored new records in 1893, many famous progenitors of speed are omitted. Rysdyk's Hambletonian is the most notable of these, while Volunteer, Almont, and Blue Bull each manage to get in by a single performer. Other great stallions now dead, such as George Wilkes, Electioneer, Happy Medium, and Dictator, have still several representatives on the turf that are adding to their fame, and therefore appear in their respective places. Electioneer continues to lead with a roll of honor that now numbers 136 trotters and one pacer, but only twenty-six of these are in the new Year Book.

The list of performers by the get of George Wilkes that now amounts to seventy-six shrinks to five that were successful last season. Nutwood has more in the fast list than any other living sire, his total being ninety-three trotters and sixteen pacers.

There is an axe to be ground in the Great Table of sires that were formerly included there, "none of whose get won a heat in standard time in 1893." In this there is a good deal of valuable information, such as the total of producing sons and daughters, with the number of their performances in the 2:30 list. This shows that the descendants of Rysdyk's Hambletonian in the second generation, with records of 2:30 trotting or 2:25 pacing, number 1,431. The "Table of Great Brood Mares" has suffered greatly in the boiling-down process, so that it is impossible to learn from it how many of their produce have made records prior to 1893. Such famous dams as Green Mountain Maid, Emeline, and Clara are only credited with sons and daughters that have sired or produced speed, and Miss Russell has only Rustique among the record makers of last year.

The last of the statistical tables gives the rejected performances of 1893, and there are ninety-seven of these. Among them is the mile in 2:09¾, made by Nancy Hanks at the Grand Circuit meeting at Detroit last July. This is the fastest performance by a trotting gelding, and is accepted by the turf authorities as placing Guy in the 2:10 class, though according to the Year Book his mark is still 2:10¾, made in 1886. Last September at Windsor, Ontario, the stallion Gold Ring trotted in 2:12¾, the best mile for that gait ever scored in Canada, but this is also thrown out by the Register Association. Another record made near the border, which is not accepted is that of the filly Wild Crocus, who trotted in 2:25¼ at Hamilton at 2 years, the fastest mile for that age in Canada.

The growth of the fast list since the first Year Book has been very rapid. In the first three years the totals were not given, and since 1890 only those pacers that scored 2:25 or faster have been included. The numbers from 1888 to the close of 1893 are as follows:

Year.	Trotters.	Pacers.	Total.
1888	3,256	487	4,043
1889	3,851	962	4,813
1890	4,614	1,251	5,865
1891	5,608	954	6,562
1892	7,494	1,309	8,803
1893	9,102	1,871	10,973

Heads Apart at the Finish.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Three favorites and two outsiders won at Roby to-day, and the racing was the best of the week. The track, although improved by rain, is still slow, and will require about an amount of wet weather that would ruin any other track in order to make it fast. The third race was the best that has been seen at the track, the three placed horses being heads apart at the finish. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; nine-sixteenths of a mile. Airtight, 106 (Gratty), even, won; Kismet, 100 (T. Murphy), 40 to 1, second; Questor, 106 (Steppe), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:06. Tattler, Jack White, Miss Dunn, Lou Hicks, Ika S., Maggie Shower, and Luke P. also ran.

Second Race—Selling; eleven-sixteenths of a mile. Harry R. (McIntyre), 95 to 1, won; Winfield, 92 (N. Hill), 4 to 5, second; Polly, 94 (Thorn), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:21¼. Springtime, Mary, and Shenandoah Boy also ran.

Third Race—Selling; six furlongs. Tarquin, 108 (Vignes), 10 to 1, won; Upkate, 103 (Tobin), 6 to 1, second; Keck, 100 (N. Hill), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Sir B., Gomez, Ernest L., Flora B. and Jay also ran.

Fourth Race—Selling; five furlongs. Halcyon, 93 (Clay), 8 to 5, won; Speedwell, 97 (Corbley), 5 to 1, second; Extra, 97 (Donoghue), 97 (Shields), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:04. Joyce, Bob Lytle, Weaver, Tom Dixon, and Oakland also ran.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile. Fakir, 111 (Thorn), 8 to 5, won; Sewanee, 104 (Shields), 7 to 2, second; Potter, 104 (Gratty), 8 to 1, third. Time, 2:00¾. George W., Col. Clay, Oregon Cyclone, and Edith also ran.

Madison to Have a Patrol Judge.

MADISON, March 8.—Pleasant weather, large attendance, and track a little slow. Four favorites and two heavily backed second choices captured all the events. Commencing next Saturday Madison will have a patrol judge at the head of the stretch. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; five and a half furlongs. Barker Harrison, 98 (Breyer), 5 to 2, won; Bay of Pi, 114 (W. Hueston), 6 to 1, second; Al Orth, 103 (Arnold), 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:20. Labrador, Judge Thurman, Tom French, Cole Younger, Texas Kid, John Francis, and Bessie Owens also ran.

Second Race—Selling; five and one-half furlongs. Fairmont, 104 (Walsh), 4 to 1, won; Sonoma Boy, 103 (Healy), 2 to 1, second; Ed Glenn, 103 (W. Hueston), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:18. Sam S., Adjuster, Little Fellow, Jr., Ivanhoe, Gov. Brown, and Uncle John also ran.

Third Race—Selling; heats; five furlongs. Cactus Blossom, 97 (Berger), 3 to 1, won; Audiphone, 98 (Nosby), 3 to 1, second. Time, 1:11. Others distanced. Second heat—Cactus Blossom, 97 (Berger), 4 to 5, 3 to 1, second; Irregular, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:11½.

Fourth Race—Selling; five and a half furlongs. Silent, 97 (Ivery), 3 to 1, won; Breton, 107 (Wallace), 9 to 2, second; Austral, 112 (H. Penny), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:19. The Indian, Firelighted, Sleepy Fred, Laureatan, Southernest, Buckthorne, Viola C., and Capulin also ran.

Fifth Race—Selling; six furlongs. Kildare, 112 (H. Penny), 2 to 1, won; La Rue, 95 (Berger), 6 to 1, second; Pegasus, 107 (J. Regan), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:26. Hubert, Dan Farrell, John K., Irene H., Jennie S., Moonlight, and Jewel also ran.

McCafferty Lands a 7 to 1 Shot at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8.—Weather cloudy; track heavy and attendance fair. Summaries:

First Race—Six furlongs. Damask, 94 (Everett), 2 to 1, won by two lengths; Sub Rosa, 94 (Cassin), 8 to 5, second; Tolbit, 108 (A. Clayton), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:20½. Scotchman, Little Dutchman, Bob Nevin, Laura Cup, Sheridan Clarke, The Blackhawk, and Gull also ran.

Second Race—Five furlongs; selling. Parquette, 96 (Cassin), 4 to 5, won by two lengths; Bobby Burns, 105 (A. Clayton), 4 to 1, second; Midget, 94 (Macallin), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:04. Red Mike and Alroy also ran.

Third Race—Five and a half furlongs; selling. Silver Tip, 119 (McCafferty), 7 to 1, won by a neck; Grady Progression, 107 (J. Hill), 9 to 20, second; Emperor Billy, 107 (Weaver), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:22¾. Hattie Gant, Sally, Facelet, and Sangamon also ran.

Fourth Race—Seven furlongs; selling. John Irwin, 99 (Talbot), 8 to 5, won by two lengths; Bolster, 99 (Macallin), 8 to 1, second; Constance, 92 (A. Clayton), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:48¾. Alphonse, Sanford, Elaridge, Merry Eyes, and Pearl's Girl also ran.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs; selling. Silverado, 107 (Macallin), 2 to 1, won easily by three lengths; Horace Leland, 107 (J. Hughes), 12 to 1, second; Hobnff, 110 (Jones), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Carmen, Mollie G., Ruby Payne, Van Wart, and Wigwam also ran.

BOUNDLESS HAS BROKEN DOWN.

The Winner of the American Derby Falls Lame at Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, March 8.—Boundless, the four-year-old winner of the American Derby at Chicago last year, worth $50,000, pulled up lame in a sight fore tendon to-day, after going over the Little Rock Jockey Club's track. He had just been ridden a mile in 1:48½, and it was after this run that the lameness was discovered. This makes it necessary to withdraw him from all future participation in the turf, and his owner says he will at once send the horse to Lexington and put him in the stud.

It was the intention of J. E. Cushing, owner of Boundless, to arrange a three-cornered sweepstakes with Clifford and Yo Tambien, to be decided at this point some time during the coming meeting. Eugene Leigh was willing to start Clifford, and it was only necessary to secure the consent of Chris Smith to name Yo Tambien.

Of course, the mishap to Boundless makes the race an impossibility. He is a brown colt, four years old, by Harry O'Fallon, out of Endless, and his winnings in 1893 amounted to more than $70,000.

Blizzard Wins for White Hat McCarthy.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Weather fair and cool; track slow. Summaries:

First Race—Five furlongs; selling. Folly, 108 (Hannawalt), 12 to 1, won; Winnifred, 94 (F. Carr), 2 to 1, second; Jennie Deane, 94 (J. Weber), even, third. Time, 1:07. Alfred R., Happy Band, and Iron Heart also ran.

Second Race—Half mile; maidens, sea Spray, 115 (Irving), 7 to 10, won; Claudie, 115 (E. Lloyd), 15 to 1, second; Geneve, 115 (Hill), 3 to 1, third. Time, 0:54½. Sweet, Al Brocck, and Ontario also ran.

Third Race—Mile handicap. Blizzard, 103 (Seaman), 4 to 1, won; Pyro, 98 (C. Weber), 3 to 1, second; Royal Flush, 104 (Carr), 2½ to 1, third. Time, 1:50¾. Francesca and Comrade also ran.

Fourth Race—Four and a half furlongs; selling. Nerlea, 89 (Isom), 2 to 1, won; Canny root, 114 (Madison), 20 to 1, second; Red Light, 116 (Seaman), 2 to 1, third. Time, 0:59¾. Fred Parker, Guard, and Lord Dunsar also ran.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs; selling. Catch Em, 88 (Chevalier), 6 to 1, won; Grandee, 105 (Irving), even, second; Kaphar, 93 (F. Carr), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:00¼. Joe, Hercules, Nutwood, Charger, Faro, Nicodemus, and Joe Ellis also ran.

The Winners at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, March 8.—There was a large attendance at the races to-day. Weather clear and warm. Track fast. Summaries:

First Race—Six furlongs; all ages. Anonia, 4 to 5, won; Poor Abe, 4 to 1, second; Longfellow, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:19¾.

Second Race—Five furlongs; selling. Doley Brown, 2 to 1, won; Champagne, 8 to 1, second; St. Mark, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:05.

Third Race—One-half mile; Waiters' Handicap; purse $125. Long Tom, even, won; Abe Hastings, 6 to 5, second; Bob, 8 to 1, third. Time, 0:52.

Fourth Race—Five furlongs; selling. Fan King, 6 to 5, won; Hesperia, 7 to 1, second; Monk Overton, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:04¾.

Fifth Race—Nine-sixteenth of a mile; selling. Barney Aaron, Jr., 2 to 5, won; Lucille, 10 to 1, second; Fraud, 10 to 1, third. Time, 0:58¾.

Fair Prices at Yesterday's Sale of Horses.

At the American Horse Exchange yesterday afternoon thirty-four head of fashionably bred saddle and harness horses consigned by Douglass H. Graud, were sold. The horses had been quartered at the exchange for some days, and were in excellent condition, and showed up in fine form when brought into the ring.

The attendance was the largest in many months, and the competition among the bidders was lively. Meteor, a slashing bay gelding by Redmont, went to S. E. Widener of Philadelphia for $475. Margrave, a bay gelding and a mate to Meteor by the same sire, was also bought by Mr. Widener for $500. Hamlet and Mona, chestnut mare and gelding, sold to J. L. Mott for $535.

Carl Antony bought Gossip, a chestnut gelding, for $330, and Rumor, a mate to Gossip, went to L. Perrines for $235. Sunshine and Cantho, a nice-looking team of chestnut geldings, with splendid knee action, were secured by George M. Drexel for $400. Emporia Belle, a good-looking bay mare, by Evermond, son of Harold, sire of Maud S., was rather a disappointment and only brought $400. She was bought by Mr. Judd. Berlin, a bay gelding, went for $225. Elaine, a well-mannered saddle horse, by Verus, brought $310.

Death of Uncle Jim McGowan.

James McGowan, for many years secretary of the Brighton Beach Racing Association, died at 23 Prospect place, Brooklyn, yesterday morning, at the age of 70 years.

As announced in THE SUN a few days ago, Mr. McGowan has been ailing since he received a stroke of paralysis a couple of years ago, and he was at death's door on half a dozen occasions. Mr. McGowan will be buried on Sunday at 10 o'clock, but the funeral services will be at his late residence on Saturday evening. Mr. McGowan worked on The Herald as a boy, and was a friend of the elder Bennett, William M. Tweed, John Morrissey, and other prominent men of twenty-five years ago.

No Quorum at the Jockey Club Yesterday.

The representatives of the new Jockey Club were to have met the Coney Island Jockey Club representatives yesterday to take action upon the racing rules, but owing to the absence of a quorum the meeting was postponed until Monday afternoon next. James R. Keene was absent, owing to illness in his family. It is probable that at Monday's meeting the terms of agreement between the new Jockey Club and the Coney Island committee will be settled, there being only two or three minor points of difference between the committee.

Fairlawn Farm Sold for $70,000.

LEXINGTON, March 8.—Fairlawn, formerly noted as the home of the trotting stallion Red Wilkes, was sold at auction here to-day. The place brought $70,000, $35,000 less than A. Smith McCann contracted to pay for it five years ago. The heirs of the late Gen. W. P. Withers bought it at the price stated. Mr. McCann owed the Withers estate a balance of $85,000 on the farm.

Californians Leave the National Trotting Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—At a meeting of trotting horse men, representing nearly all the associations in the Pacific Coast States, held here to-day it was decided to cut loose from the National Association. The Pacific Coast Trotting and Pacing Association was organized.

News from the Horse World.

Lee Swaits, 536 Jersey avenue, Jersey City, has opened a house on the Brooklyn Handicap with Don Alonzo and Sir Walter equal favorites at 8 to 1, Ajax, Clifford, and Lamplighter each at 10 to 1. The book is full on Leonawell.

E. B. Cosgrove, who hard work every day so as to be at weight when the racing season opens. He weighed 127 pounds yesterday, and besides taking several miles of road work he rides his own horse Aloha and the Washington Stable's Sport every morning.

PETALUMA, Cal., March 8.—Thomas Murphy, the well-known trainer and driver of trotting horses, has been appointed manager of the racing stables of the Czar of Russia, and with William Overholzer, assistant trainer, will leave San Francisco, March 15, for New York, thence to St. Petersburg.

Handball Experts to Visit Manhattan College To-day.

A representative gathering, in which members of the New York Stock Exchange were conspicuous, assembled at the Brooklyn Handball Club's court yesterday. The famous experts, Philip Casey and ex-Alderman Dunne, set the ball a-rolling, but the champion did not quite get there in either of the two games played. Ex-Alderman Dunne and Major Carmody made rings around Jerry McMahon and Andy Gillon in the last double match on the card. The day's scores were:

James Dunne, Sr.	21	21—42
Philip Casey	20	16—36
James Dunne, Jr., and J. McNasen	19	21—40
A. Gillon and T. Casey	17	18—35
J. Carmody and J. Dunne, Sr.	21	21—42
J. McMahon and A. Gillon	8	14—22
W. Carroll	21	21—42
J. Murphy and J. Naughton	11	17—28

The announcement of the proposed visit of Phil Casey and Major Carmody to Manhattanville, made in THE SUN of Tuesday, attracted the notice of the Manhattan College faculty. Champion Phil Casey is in receipt of the following letter from Brother Eigear: "If you could possibly spare time to drop over to the college to give us a little advice about a court which we intend to put up, you would greatly oblige us." The champion has decided to be there at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He will be accompanied by ex-Alderman James Dunne, James Dunne, Jr., Col. Thomas Meehan, and Major John Carmody. They will also visit the Manhattanville Handball and Racquet Club.

Members of the Verona Handball Club got through an interesting programme on "club day" at their headquarters, 114 North Sixth street, Brooklyn. C. McGovern, President of the club, and his partner, W. Dwyer, were dissatisfied with the result of the opening match, and they will play the successful team a best-of-five match next club day for $10 a side. The scores:

D. Carroll and G. Starkey	21	21—42
W. Dwyer and C. McGovern	19	20—39
P. McGovern and D. Cannon	15	21—36
J. Kennedy and J. Smith	21	17—38
W. Murphy and P. Boyle	21	21—42
A. McCaffrey and J. Lee	12	19—31
J. Smith and F. Reid	21	21—42
C. Smith and T. Candee	21	16—37

Jack Plimmer visited the rooms of the Lexington A. C. yesterday afternoon and punched the bag and exercised for over an hour. Plimmer showed up remarkably well. He is a very stiff hitter and supple and quick on his feet. He does not swing, but hits straight from his shoulder. He spars just like his brother Billy, but a not so clever.

AMATEURS WHO CAN PLAY POOL.

Two Rattling Games for the Amateur Championship in Brooklyn.

The usual crowd of billiard lovers and pool sharps gathered at Daly's billiard parlors in Washington street, Brooklyn, last evening, to witness the pool games for the amateur championship of Brooklyn.

Two close, good games were looked for, as the players were supposed to be pretty evenly matched, but in this the spectators were disappointed, at least as far as the first game was concerned, as Miller made a run-away race of it, making nearly two balls to his opponent's one. One thing, however, was noticed, and that is the players are becoming more accustomed to playing in public, and the result is a great improvement in the general run of play, which is vastly appreciated by the spectators.

In the first game last night Edward Miller, 120 balls, was pitted against Jacob Duhme, who put up such a plucky game against Kirby on Wednesday evening. Duhme playing from the 100-ball mark. Miller started off at a good clip, pocketing nine balls to his opponent's six in the very first frame. He followed up his score by a run in the second frame, taking fourteen balls. This with runs of nine, fourteen, eight, nine, and thirteen gave him a commanding lead, the score at the end of the seventh frame standing 75 to 28 in his favor.

From this on it was all day with Duhme, in spite of the latter's occasional brilliant play. The result was Miller ran the game out in the thirteenth frame, the score at the end standing: Miller, 120; Duhme, 53. The score by innings follows:

Miller—9, 14, 9, 14, 8, 9, 13, 6, 7, 13, 6, 10, 5—128.
Duhme—8, 0, 0, 1, 7, 0, 2, 0, 8, 2, 0, 5, 0—62.
Scratches—Miller, 3. Duhme, 0.
Referee—Edward S. Kirby.

There was little delay in starting the second game, which brought out F. C. Irving and young Harvey Roberts, the former playing 120 balls to Roberts's 100. A quick game was looked for, as both play a dashing game, and a close and exciting one it proved.

Roberts took off every ball in the first frame, but Irving, not a whit discouraged, came back with runs of twelve, twelve, ten, and eleven in the second, third, fourth, and fifth frames, and for a few moments looked like a sure winner. Roberts, however, was game, and with runs of eleven and nine in his sixth and seventh frames and a run of fourteen a his eleventh altered the complexion of things. From this out it was nip and tuck to the finish, Roberts eventually winning by a score of 100 to 95. The score by innings follows:

Irving—0, 12, 12, 10, 11, 7, 4, 6, 8, 11, 15, 1, 0, 2—99.
Roberts—15, 3, 3, 5, 4, 8, 11, 9, 7, 4, 0, 14, 15, 7—105.
Scratches—Irving, 4. Roberts, 5.
Referee—Frank Gardiner.

The tournament will be continued to-night. Duhme announced last evening that he would protest against awarding Wednesday night's game to Kirby on account of the score not being kept correctly. Just why he did not protest at the time is not made clear.

The second game on Wednesday night between Roberts and Harrison was not finished until long after midnight. Roberts won, after an uninteresting struggle, by 100 to 79. The winner's average a frame was 8 5-13, and the loser's 6 10-13.

BYRNE IS AFTER ROBISON.

He Comments on the Cleveland President's Baseball Prediction.

When President Robison of the Cleveland Club made his prediction on the coming League race, as published in yesterday's SUN, he was told that by putting the Brooklyns in eighth place he would undoubtedly hear from President C. H. Byrne. Accordingly the baseball men who gathered at the New York Club's office yesterday were offering liberal odds that Mr. Byrne would put in an appearance before closing time. At precisely 4 o'clock Brooklyn's baseball leader opened the door carefully and, thrusting in his head, asked:

"Is my friend Robison here?"

"No," answered Treasurer Talcott, "he telephoned me this noon that he could not come down town."

"I should say not," rejoined Byrne, sarcastically, as he walked in, "he's probably resting up in his grandstand seat yesterday."

"Would you like to make a prediction, Mr. Byrne?" a SUN reporter asked.

"Not on your life, Mr. Abell and myself never make such things. The Brooklyns will do the best they can, and will land where they deserve, and I can say this for them, however, Mr. Robison is a beautiful jollier. When he comes to New York he tells Ed. Talcott that New York will win the pennant; when he visits Brooklyn he informs me that Brooklyn is away up; when he goes to Boston he tells Soden the Boston clubs look like the best bet, and to his friend John T. Brush he convinces him that Cincinnati has a cinch. But when he arrives in Cleveland, his own city, he tells the public that Cleveland is the only club in it. It's good policy to make friends everywhere, you know.

"Pennants are won in March. Neither are games won in hotel corridors, elevated trains, or Wall street offices. The League season is a long one, and has many ups and downs."

"I'll bet $500 to $350 that New York beats Brooklyn out this year!" exclaimed Mr. Talcott. Brooklyn's President, however, paid no attention to the offer, and continued:

"Brooklyn was the means of New York obtaining a strong team. It was just before the metropolitan series last fall that I, for one, heard it stated that the New Yorks would not be strengthened, as they were formidable enough to begin this season without making changes. Then I believe the despised Brooklyns popped to earth with them in that final series, and the New York officials immediately began talking of strengthening. You see the result. Van Haltren, Farrell, Meakin, Clark, and the other new men have all been secured because the Brooklyns gave Capt. Ward's men such a lovely shoving up. I think New York has a fair team, and I hope Brooklyn will not be beaten too badly."

The Brooklyn Club signed Third Baseman Shindle yesterday and released Pitcher Tom Lovett. Corcoran, Kennedy, and Griffin are yet unsigned.

Baseball Notes.

John T. Brush of the Cincinnati Club is still in town.

Jack Startley will umpire the coming exhibition games at the Polo grounds.

PROVIDENCE, March 8.—Bob Pettit has signed a contract to play with the Providence Club. He will probably be put in the outfield.

President Van Cott of the New York Club says that Gov. Flower has promised to attend the opening League championship game at the Polo grounds.

The "fungo" hitting match between John Ward and Edgar Murphy has not been declared off. Ward says it will be decided as soon as the field dries up.

Little Murphy, in a letter to the New York Club officials says: "Though I am not a giant in stature I am in spirit, and will do my level best to please you all."

The Murray Hills will open the season with the Brooklyn Club on Saturday, March 31, and Ajax, Clifford, and Lamplighter each at 10 to 1. The book is full on Leonawell.

Tommy Dorman has received word from President Young that he will not be reappointed to League umpire. Joe Wants to play ball again in the Eastern League.

New HAVEN, March 8.—James Donnelly, H. J. Gruber, and Thomas Calloway of this city have signed to play with the Troy Club of the Eastern League. Carroll will captain the team.

President Byrne does not believe the report that Mike Griffin intends to retire from baseball. He says the football centre fielder would have notified the club of the fact before this.

Messrs. Byrne and Talcott had a long secret confab in the latter's private office yesterday. Byrne admitted that they were discussing a certain baseball matter, but refused to say just what it was.

Ward, Wilson, Burke, and Tiernan practised batting and fielding for two hours yesterday morning at the Polo grounds. The boys are in good shape, which is surprisingly dry, and seemed to be in prime condition.

Ward received a letter from Director W. H. Wheeler, who is at Lakewood, asking him to bring the New Yorks down to Lakewood for a week's stay at the well-known winter resort. Mr. Wheeler says he has an "unknown," who is six feet tall, as quick as a cat, a terrific batter, and can play any position. In case he does not fill the bill he can carry the club.

According to Robison of Cleveland the new foul bunt rule will benefit Boston, New York, and Cleveland, and handicap the other teams. He says clever bunters like Ward and Van Haltren of New York, Burkett and Childs of Cleveland, and McCarthy and Duffy of Boston will easily drop the ball safely in three trials, while the less expert bunters like Johnson who never could bunt skillfully will not try it at all.

MIDDLETOWN, March 8.—The Wesleyan baseball men took their first outdoor practice this afternoon. The play consisted of base sliding and work by the outfielders. The following eight men have been tentatively decided upon as members of the team, and have been measured for varsity suits: Capt. Tirrell, First, and Gordon, 2d, Lawrence, 3d, E. D. Searles and G. L. Tirrell, 'oo, Yale and Norton, 'oo.

The Oritani field club of Hackensack has organized its ball team with much of last year's excellent material, the list as announced by Manager A. M. Davis being Fuchs, pitcher; Harmon Smith, catcher; A. H. Banta, first base; Dawson, second base; Fred Van Zant (formerly of the Staten Island Athletic), third base; Tommy Murray, short stop; Nick Bayler and Atwood, right field and centre field, left field to fill. Games are scheduled with the Englewood Field Club, May 30; Nine, July 4; Aug. 4, Sept. 3, Sills Cuban Giants, July 21, Aug. 11.

Kid Lavigne Is Quite a Fighter.

SAGINAW, March 8.—Solly Smith and Kid Lavigne fought eight rounds at Arbeiter Hall last night. There was no knock-out, but Lavigne had decidedly the better of the contest. Five-ounce gloves were used. Smith weighed 123 pounds and Lavigne 127 pounds.

Honors were easy in the first and second rounds. In the third round, however, Lavigne landed a hot one on Smith's chin, which nearly lifted him off his feet. Smith had the better of the fighting in the fourth round. Just before time was called in the fifth round Lavigne landed a heavy one below Solly's right ear which made him stagger. The sixth round was Lavigne's. In the next round Smith used his left with great effect, but Lavigne came at him again, knocked him over against the ropes and followed it up with several wicked blows. In the eighth round Smith kept out of Lavigne's reach. Referee Grummond of Saginaw decided the contest a draw. The gate receipts were $2,000.

RIVERTON WINS THE MATCH.

THE JERSEY CLUB'S EXPERTS DEFEAT THE NEW UTRECHT MEN AGAIN.

Fourteen Men a Side Shoot at Fifteen Pigeons Each at Woodlawn—J. H. Davis of the Rivertons Makes the Only Clean Score of the Day—Close Shooting Throughout.

The second pigeon shooting match of a series for a $150 cup between the Riverton Gun Club of Riverton, N. J., and the New Utrecht Gun Club of Long Island, was decided yesterday at Woodlawn Park, L. I., before a large and enthusiastic gathering of club men. The first match took place at Riverton on Feb. 8, when seventeen men a side shot at fifteen birds each. The Rivertons won by 207 to 199. Yesterday the home team were the favorites, as they were shooting on their own grounds, and were represented by an exceptionally strong team, including Capt. Money, L. F. Davenport, and a number of other well-known experts. Riverton, however, brought on a strong aggregation, including such cracks as D. S. Thomas, J. H. Davis, Charles Rainhard, and E. H. Godschalk. The contest was one of the closest on record, in view of the fact that twenty-eight men took part, and to the surprise of the New Utrecht crowd the home team were beaten by three birds.

The Philadelphians, who arrived here in a special train, were conveyed to Bay Ridge by boat. There another special train awaited them, and a few moments later they were safe at Woodlawn. After a few practice birds time was called, and the match was started at exactly 11 o'clock. Capts. Thomas and W. F. Sykes decided to shoot with fourteen men a side instead of fifteen, as originally intended. The men shot at fifteen birds each, from 28 to 30 yards' rise, according to the skill of the shooter, with the usual 50-yard boundary. They were divided into squads of four and five men each, the first consisting of four men to a side. Each squad shot its full quota of birds before the other squad went in.

Dr. Wynn of the New Utrechts was the first man to face the traps. He killed his first bird, a lively left quarterer, in masterly fashion, while Smith of the Rivertons missed a hard driver. The visitors were three behind at the beginning of the second round, and things looked rosy for the home club, every member of whom had killed his bird. Young Money, however, broke the spell in the fourth round, losing a fast driver after hitting him hard with both barrels. Dr. Wynn was the next to miss. He lost his fifth bird, a fast left quarterer, and also lost his sixth, which dropped dead out of bounds. From here on it was nip and tuck. The score at the end of the fifteenth round was 46 to 45 in favor of the home club. This was not very much of a lead, in view of the fact that each club had ten men to hear from, but the Long Islanders were elated over the advantage.

There were five men a side in the second squad, and a number of wagers were made on the probable result of their work. Meyer of the New Utrechts missed four out of his first five birds, which gave the Rivertons a clear lead, and when the squad wound up their work the score stood 102 to 99 in favor of Riverton.

After lunch the last squads of five men each went in to shoot, and as both sides had reserved a number of their best men, some great work was looked for. The spectators were not disappointed, as each side killed 59 out of a possible 75 birds. The final score stood 161 to 158 in favor of the Rivertons.

Of the Rivertons, J. H. Davis, who shot from the 28-yard mark in the last squad, did by far the best work. He killed fifteen birds straight, and the majority of them with the first barrel at that. Among others who did creditable work for the visitors were E. B. Godschalk and C. Rainhard. For the home club L. F. Davenport, C. Furgueson, Jr., C. E. Morris, and Capt. A. W. Money carried off the honors. The score follows:

RIVERTON GUN CLUB.

D. W. Smith, 28 yards....0020220222220000—7
E. H. Godschalk, 30.....2222221122202221—14
W. H. Sterling, 30.....2222222222222221—14
A. Gillingham, 30.....0212222002222220—11
J. Alberger, 28.....0222220211201222—11
J. B. Ridge, 28.....0221022220220020—9
J. B. Shaver, 28.....2212212021121011—11
C. Rainhard, 28.....1221222202222221—14
L. Finletter, 28.....2221222021002221—12
J. W. Fraimouth, 30.....1112021111111111—14
J. H. Davis, 28.....1121121111121111—16
W. Pack, 30.....2222202222222202—12
H. Jones, 30.....1112212202212222—13
D. S. Thomas, 30.....0022232320202021—11
Total.....161

Birds Killed—With first barrel, 47; second barrel, 114.
Score by squads—First squad, killed 45; second squad, 57; third squad, 59.

NEW UTRECHT GUN CLUB.

Dr. Wynn, 30 yards.....2221001112120000—10
N. S. Money, 28.....2220212002220022—10
C. Furguesen, Jr., 30.....2222222020222222—13
C. E. Morris, 30.....2222220212022222—13
C. M. Meyer, 28.....0002022202222222—10
G. E. Graff, 30.....2212020202022111—11
L. F. Davenport, 28.....2212022001222222—13
A. W. Money, 30.....1222220022222102—12
G. W. Crasser, 28.....0222222102000001—9
L. F. Davenport, 30.....2222222222222222—15
L. Plate, 28.....0011112221212120—12
Chas. Kattenstroth, 28.....1222020002211022—10
D. Deacon, 28.....2220022020202020—10
G. Nostrand, 30.....1120022211112121—12
Total.....158

Birds Killed—With first barrel, 86; second barrel, 72.
Score by squads—First squad, killed, 46; second squad, 53; third squad, 59.
Referee—John S. Hoey.

CAMP ASKS SOME QUESTIONS.

He Wants Old Yale Football Players to State Some of Their Experiences.

NEW HAVEN, March 8.—In the interest of the revision of the playing rules of football, Walter Camp of Yale has sent the following letter to all old Yale players asking questions concerning their experiences in playing the game:

Enclosed is a brief statement of the work undertaken by an old Oxonian at a time when charges against boating in England were even more serious than those against football now in our country. With the cooperation of those of us who are old players it seems possible at this time to perform a similar work for American college football as did Mr. John Morgan in 1873 for English university rowing.

The captains of our old teams have gladly written quite fully in reply to questions, and if the individual players will on behalf of the game, sacrifice enough time to write something of their experience in answer to the enclosed questions, the results will be well worth laying before the college world. The writer fully appreciates the fact that it is asking much of a man to request him to do this, but relying upon the fact that the old football men have always stood together in defence of the sport, I hope that you will favor us with an answer some time during the coming week or ten days.

The questions to be answered are:

How many years did you play?
What was the most serious injury you received?
Was that injury permanent?
Was it received in a match or in practice?
Had you been properly trained?

The enclosed statement referred to gives the reason of Dr. Morgan's investigations, which arose out of rumors that whole crews were swept off in a few years by their terrible efforts at the oar. Physicians took the side of oarsmen and pronounced themselves strongly against boat racing. Camp is adopting the same methods, and the results, it is thought, will show that football playing is no more harmful to the American collegian than was boat racing to the English student twenty years ago.

Gossip of the Ring.

The proposed bout between George Dixon and Eddie Pierce has been declared off.

Al Allen, the local 100-pounder, says he will fight Jack Levy for a purse and outside wager.

"Young Griffo" left for Chicago yesterday morning. He will at once go into training for his battle with Ike Weir, which takes place in that city on March 17.

Eddie Curry of this city told a SUN reporter yesterday that he would like to fight any 115-pound man in the country for a purse.

Jimmy Dowd, the local light weight, writes to THE SUN that he has opened a school for boxing on Lexington avenue, this city, and has temporarily retired from the ring.

Billy Hill, the "Pickaninny," says he will be disengaged about April, and wants them to take on the best men in the country at 122 pounds. Eddie Lenher of Brooklyn preferred.

There was to have been a special examination of Peter Jackson by the Pelican athletic committee, relating to the fact, however, that Jackson could not reach this city from Washington in time, the examination was deferred until 10 o'clock this morning.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Seeing that Eddie Lober would like to fight some 120-pound man, I will fight him to a finish at 120 pounds before any club offering a suitable purse, weigh in at 3 P. M. ring side.

EDWARD HOWARD.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Seeing a challenge from Jack Moiser of Boston to fight any man at 150 pounds, I wish to be willing to accommodate him at said weight, for a suitable purse offered by any responsible club.

FRANK DONOHUE.

Charley White told a SUN reporter yesterday that there is a possibility of a meeting between Tommy Ryan, the Chicago welter weight, and John Sullivan of the city. White says, on behalf of Sullivan, that he would like to arrange the bout for a limited number of rounds.

John Kelly, Brooklyn—I John L. Sullivan was born of Irish parents at Boston on Oct. 15, 1858. He is 5 feet 10½ inches tall. He began to spar in 1879. J. Charles Mitchell was born at Birmingham, England, on Nov. 24, 1861. His first battle was with Bob Fitzsimmons, at Colby oak, Birmingham, on Jan. 11, 1878. Chelingham was whip