AGAINST OUR AMATEURS.

SECRETARY HERBERT OF THE ENGLISH A. A. A. MAKES CHARGES.

He Says They Live by Their Athletic Prowess—Reform Must Precede Any Further International Games—Training and Travelling Methods Criticised—A Fling at the New York Athletic Club and the A. A. U.—The English Critic Gets Mixed on Several Points.

The American amateur athlete of the present day is so accustomed to have harsh things said and written about him that he has grown callous to ordinary criticism. However, the latest contribution on the subject is not so likely to pass unnoticed, as it emanates from Charles Herbert, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of England. The writer, who is also a member of the London A. C., accompanied that club's team to this country last fall and spent several weeks here during the most active part of the athletic season. He listened attentively to current club gossip, asked pointed questions regarding various athletic matters, and sailed for home apparently quite satisfied that he had thoroughly mastered the situation.

He took even more time than Lord Dunraven to digest and arrange the jumble of facts and fancies with which he was surcharged, and the result is an extraordinary paper contributed to the *Polytechnic Harriers' Club Gazette* and reprinted in the *Spirit of the Times* of yesterday's date. There are admittedly a good many home truths in the article which will doubtless be regarded as news by English readers, but wherever facts are adhered to nothing is advanced which is not already well known to those impeached by Secretary Herbert. Those most concerned here seem tolerably satisfied with the existing state of affairs, and for that reason the L. A. C. critic may have served a good purpose by showing the necessity of some reform before the matter develops into another international scandal.

After pointing out as a curious fact that no one has yet attempted to explain what is meant by an amateur in America, and admitting that the term needs a good deal of explanation, he apparently feels equal to the task, and goes on to say:

"If the recent visit of the London Athletic Club to the States was not exactly satisfactory to our English pride and reputation, the expedition has produced one good result, inasmuch as all our representatives who took part in the international contest at Manhattan Field on that fatal Sept. 21 are now fully aware of the system which holds good in America for the training and preparation of amateur runners, and will thus know perfectly well in future what we have to do to meet the Yankees on equal terms should any similar contest or return match be arranged."

He admits the different conditions rendered necessary by the vastness of America as compared with the little island he hails from, and then outlines his first charge as follows:

"The big clubs, colleges, and others, therefore, not only pay the travelling and hotel bills of their representatives all over the States and Canada, but also institute free training tables and living accommodation for their best men, who are practically kept in board and lodging by their club committees from May until September; at least that is the practice of the New York Athletic Club, the most powerful and most wealthy of all the American clubs.

"I do not mean to say that these men are paid salaries by their clubs. Indeed, these so-called amateurs do not appear to have any actual money pass from the clubs to their pockets, but when on tour to some distant part of the continent travelling expenses are allowed the competitors, certainly in excess of their actual bona fide needs. This is the American system, and certainly to our English ideas and under our amateur laws these American athletes are not amateurs."

Training tables are admittedly sanctioned for limited numbers of men and periods of time each year by the big colleges, but certainly at Harvard, and probably at the other colleges, the chosen men at the special table are required to pay the same board rates as their fellow students. As regards the big outside clubs, the governing body adopted the following resolution two months ago:

That it is the sense of the Board of the A. A. U. that training tables should be abolished, and also the payment of exorbitant training and travelling expenses, and it is also the sense of the Board that an athlete who has no visible means of support is not an amateur, and that the Chair appoint a committee of three to formulate such amendment as will cover the foregoing cases.

Mr. Herbert quotes this resolution and anticipates good results if it is enforced, but he seems to think all depends on the attitude of the New York A. C., and that little genuine reform can be expected from that source.

In discussing Mr. Herbert's statement as to the profits indirectly gleaned by American amateurs from excess in travelling and training expenses, W. B. Curtis, who was President of the A. A. U. while the Englishmen were here, says:

"Mr. Herbert makes a serious mistake, and does great injustice to American amateur athletes when he says: 'When on a tour to some distant part of the Continent, exorbitant travelling expenses are allowed the competitors, certainly in excess of their actual bona fide needs.' This statement is wholly and unjustifiably false. Mr. Herbert would not stoop to the intentional publication of an untruth, and it is to be regretted that his article should include a statement which has no foundation in fact, and must have been furnished to him by some ignorant or mischievous person. The rule and practice of the New York Athletic Club is as follows: Whenever one or more athletes are sent to games outside of New York city, the trainer, the physical director, the Captain, Lieutenant, or some other officer of the club, accompanies the party, carries the purse, pays all the bills, expending as little as possible, and on his return submits his accounts and vouchers to the club's auditors. Neither when travelling, when training at Travers Island, nor at any other time, or under any circumstances whatever, does any athlete of the New York Athletic Club have a chance to finger a dollar of the club's funds, or to divert any club money to his own use. His travelling and training expenses are paid by the club, but he has no opportunity to touch any of the money.

"The practice to which Mr. Herbert objects, although unknown in America, is quite common in England, and it does not seem possible that a man of his experience, intelligence, and official position can be ignorant of things which happen every day and all around him. A large percentage of those English athletes whose ability makes their participation desirable, habitually receive from the sports committees sums of money, under the title of 'expenses,' which are far in excess of the most liberal actual or possible travelling expense, the overplus being an indirect payment to the athlete for his athletic performances. He spends a half or a quarter, and sometimes only an eighth or a tenth, of the coin handed to him, and pockets the remainder. If it should ever become necessary to reprove American athletes for the receipt of cash under the fraudulent guise of 'expenses,' the judgment should be pronounced, not by England, but by some country which can come into court with clean hands."

The preceding paragraph was shown to two well-known English authorities who have won championships on both sides of the water and been in touch with athletics in each country for years. They not only vouched for its accuracy in every detail, but quoted several other startling incidents which have taken place on the other side, sometimes almost under the nose of the A. A. A. Secretary. It appears it is the yearly custom for a London contingent, including members of Mr. Herbert's club, to journey to the Huddersfield games, where they live at the George Hotel from Friday to Sunday night at the expense of the local club. Some of England's most prominent champions travel all over the kingdom, from one set of games to another, without any visible means of existence save surplus expenses, cash prizes, and other forbidden considerations, such as gambling on the results.

Then, passing over the periodical trips to France and other parts of Europe of teams in charge of Mr. Herbert and coming down to the international affair, none of the party hesitated to accept first-class expenses from the New York A. C. for travelling, hotel, and training expenses, from the time they left England until they returned. As a climax it may be mentioned that the withdrawal of one of the English champions from the team has been openly attributed by the refusal of his demand for a $50 bonus. This case has never been investigated by the English authorities, and the athlete in question continues in good standing while Mr. Herbert invites inquiry into individual cases here not nearly so flagrant.

Mr. Herbert next takes a fling at the New York A. C. as follows: "That this Yankee system is not a good one is amply proved by its results, which have been to narrow down sport, in the New York district at any rate, to one club, the New York A. C., that powerful and money-possessing body gradually absorbing the good men of the other poorer athletic organizations, until the latter ceased to exist altogether, or simply dragged on with one members meeting a year, and again insignificant membership of a few second or third-rate athletes, not good enough to be introduced to the athletes' paradise of the N. Y. A. C., the splendid Travers Island establishment, where nowadays all American cracks are housed, fed, and entertained for the summer months."

These facts have been frequently raked up before, and there are many precedents for the Englishman's statement, although he sacrifices strict accuracy to exaggeration when he passes over the New Jersey A. C., which holds more games annually than any club in the district and succeeds admirably without any of the accessories mentioned. Again, all American cracks are not allied with the N. Y. A. C., and there are many who never saw Travers Island. Certainly, a few of the best from outside clubs were borrowed for the special occasion which brought Mr. Herbert over last year, but this action was justified by the conditions of the match, the Englishmen on their side reserving the privilege of bringing the athletic cream of the kingdom. That they did not succeed as well as their rivals furnishes little excuse for grumbling at this stage.

Mr. Herbert then dips into ancient history in which he gets sadly tangled up. He says:

"The harm done to athletics both in America and even in this country by that rotten organization, the Manhattan Athletic Club, will take a very long time to eradicate. The New York A. C. have never been able to return to their originally pure amateurism after the Manhattan war, and the M. A. C. never came to this country with a team for our championships, or to run gate money shows in connection with some of our clubs, without injuring some of our amateur reputation and buying up of some our young and inexperienced athlete who were unable to withstand the bribes of the tempter, and the promises of lucrative posts and appointments, that were never fulfilled. How ever the Manhattans were allowed to perambulate England, with their hireling athletes posing as amateurs, will always remain a mystery to our then leading amateurs. As a result of the Manhattan's visit Conneff, J. S. Mitchell, A. B. George, and many other good men were taken across the Atlantic, and the two first named gave three wins to the enemy when the L. A. C. were defeated in September last."

If the M. A. C. infringed English athletic law in the fashion pointed out, it is a singular thing that no action was ever taken to discipline the English clubs which stood in with them. The imported athletes referred to are altogether guiltless of the charge. Conneff's fare was advanced by a personal friend, to whom he subsequently refunded the money. Mitchell came to this country with the Gaelic team. A. B. George, in company with his clubmate, W. T. Young, came over independently and represented their home club, the Spartan Harriers, for several months. In the colors of that club Young won the ten-mile N. A. A. A. championship and broke the American hour record. George, in the same colors, won the two-mile A. A. U. indoor championship. Both athletes bided their time and did not decide for months as to which of the big clubs they would join. They finally threw in their allegiance with the cherry diamond.

Mr. Herbert says the N. Y. A. C. has to find the money for the A. A. U. championships, as the governing body is practically bankrupt. Here again he is wide of the mark. The championship meeting of 1894 was held under the N. Y. A. C. auspices, but last year's meeting was brought off on independent lines. Having fallen into the triple error of saying Sweeney is a member of the New York A. C., that Wefers has been disqualified, and that little appears to be known about Burke, Mr. Herbert sums up as follows:

"However, it is to be hoped the visit of the L. A. C. to America has done some good, as our most recent exchanges from America show that the A. A. U., evidently urged on by the exposure of the American amateur system in the English press, has at last, on Nov. 18, commenced to do its duty as an amateur body. On that day the A. A. U. held a meeting and it was found that the New York A. C. on a side question had withdrawn from the Amateur Athletic Union, the officials at once got to work and proved that they were perfectly aware of the rotten state of amateur athletics in America, and that everything I have stated was perfectly true.

"If only all these reforms are carried out in international matches with England are likely to be pleasant reunions in the future. All depends upon what attitude the New York Athletic Club will take up when the abuses are seriously put a stop to by the legislation of the A. A. U. The whole system of Travers Island will have to be altered, and the N. Y. A. C. are powerful and rich enough to prevent their own arrangements being too much interfered with.

"Evidently, at last the American amateur is about to be altered from the hybrid creature of the past to a genuine individual, who, in addition to his ordinary business or avocation, indulges in athletics as a pastime and a pleasure, and not as the one sole and serious duty of his life. If this will really be the result of the English defeat, that defeat will not have been suffered in vain, and out of the evil to us will come a great good to America."

A DOG STOPS CONTRITION.

Jockey Hewett Thrown and Injur d About the Face and Shoulders.

HEMPSTEAD, Jan. 11.—Two close and exciting races between the crack running horses of this vicinity took place to-day on the public highway, the start being at the country seat of James L. Kernochan, a member of the Meadowbrook Hunt Club, while the finish was at the country seat of Charles R. Carroll, also a member of the club. The road was covered with snow, ice, and mud, and was in a slippery and dangerous condition.

In the first race only two horses were entered. Near the finish of the second heat a dog ran out from the roadside in front of Contrition, with Harry Hewett up. The dog jumped between the front feet of the horse, causing the latter to slip and come suddenly to a stop. Hewett was thrown heavily to the ground, striking on his shoulders. In the act of jumping over the prostrate form of his rider one of the horse's hoofs struck Hewett in the face, cutting it badly, as well as injuring the nose. His shoulders and back were also contused. Contrition ran a short distance after his accident and finished first.

In the first heat of the second race Quinine won by a nose from Gift, with Tommy a neck behind. Summary:

Sweepstakes of $5 each, with $25 added, $10 to second horse; three furlongs, best two in three heats; Kearny Handicap course.

Harry Hewett's ch. g. Contrition	1	1
J. Hogan's ch. g. Faulking	2	2

Time—0:55, 0:55¾.

Sweepstakes of $5 each, with $10 added; quarter-mile heats, best two in three.

George Gardener's ch. g. Quinine	1	1
John Doty's b. f. Gift	2	3
E. J. Hogan's blk. h. Tommy	3	2

Time—0:29, 0:28¾.

News of the Trotters.

Peter C. Kellogg & Co. will sell the trotting gelding David B., 2:09¾, at their February sale in Madison Square Garden. He is a chestnut gelding, foaled in 1884, got by Young Jim, the son of George Wilkes, out of Rosa Clay, by American Clay. He has been campaigned for four years past by Richard Curtis, who drove him to his record at Louisville last September.

"Knapsack" McCarthy will train next season the noted stallion Dan Cupid, 2:09¼, and other trotters belonging to William Kelly of the New York Driving Club. He will probably have, also, Thomas Smith's Jane, 2:13¾; United States Bond, 2:19¾, and others from New York, giving him, with Hubinger Bros.'s great pacer Frank Agan, 2:05¾, a strong stable for the campaign of 1896.

Frederick Bowne has decided to train a public stable again next season at Fleetwood Park. Bowne, like his cousin, E. R. Bowne, was formerly a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He was known as an expert reinsman long before he entered the ranks as a professional, having driven some hard-fought races on Long Island tracks. Among the trotters he will have this year is Rensselaer Weston's racy mare, the Black Cat, a green one of promise, by Bayonne Prince.

C. W. Williams, manager of the trotting track at Galesburg, Ill., has just announced a stake programme for his meeting of Aug. 24-29, 1896, which is something of a novelty in its way. The feature is a system of graduated entrance fees in most of the fourteen stake races, so arranged that a man who thinks well enough of his horse to enter him in a faster class than he may be entitled to enter should pay the start may enter at a reduced fee. The plan is best explained by illustration. In the 2:20 class, for example, the entrance fee is five per cent. of the purse for horses not eligible to a slower class than 2:20; four per cent. for those eligible to the 2:22 class; three per cent. for 2:24 horses; two per cent. for 2:26 trotters, and only one per cent. for horses that have never beaten 2:28. Thus the owner who is willing to start his horse in a class eight seconds faster than his record can get a race in a $1,000 stake for an entrance fee of only $20, the ordinary fee for a $400 purse. The Galesburg conditions provide, however, that all horses must be entered in the slowest class to which they are eligible, after which they may be entered in any of the faster classes upon payment of one per cent. additional. All the events will be at a mile and repeat, the same as in 1895.

Football.

A game of association football was played yesterday afternoon between the Caledonians and Kearny Rangers at Cosmopolitan Park, Kearny, N. J., for the benefit of the widow and children of the late famous half back, Millie, who played with the Kearny Rangers, and was supposed to have no peer at his favorite position. The game, which resulted in a victory for the Caledonians by a score of 7 to 1 goals, was witnessed by a large number of interested spectators.

In the first half goals were scored for the winning side by Singleton, Burns, and Hood, that of the latter being sent through the uprights accidentally, as he was one of the opposing players.

Four more goals were added to the credit of the Caledonians in the second half, the first and third being kicked by Burns, and the second and fourth by Connolly and Brown respectively. McGee scored the only goal for the Rangers in this half. The teams follow:

Kearny Rangers.	*Positions.*	*Caledonians.*
Hood	Goal	Wilkie
Hockey	Full backs	Mortimer
R. Samson		Stewart
Slack	Half backs	McCourts
Allen		Singleton
H. Samson		McDonald
McGee	Forwards	Shaw
Douglas		Richmond
McCollough		Brown
Douglas		Burns
Durkin		Connolly

Referee—James Lennox. Linesmen—Harry Nolder for the Kearny Rangers, and Robert McDonald for the Caledonians. Goals kicked—Burns, 3; Brown, 2; Singleton, 1; Hood, 1; Rose, 1.

THE NIAGARA'S CUPS.

TROPHIES WON LAST SUMMER IN ENGLISH WATERS.

Eleven Handsome Pieces of Silver, Forming a Part of the Thirty-nine Prizes Won by Howard Gould's Crack 20-rater.

The silver trophies won by Howard Gould's twenty-rater Niagara in her races in English waters last season are now on exhibition at Tiffany & Co.'s, where they fill an entire window. The trophies shown, eleven in number, form an extraordinary collection for one yacht to capture in a single season, yet they do not by any means represent the Niagara's entire winnings abroad, but only those in which the prize was a cup or other article of silver.

Altogether the Niagara participated in fifty races in English waters last season, winning twenty-nine first prizes, nine second, and one third prize, a total of thirty-nine prizes. Many of the winnings were in the form of money prizes. Those in silverware are all in the group now on exhibition. It is interesting to note that among them are two prizes from the Castle Yacht Cup, one a challenge cup presented by the Earl of Dunraven in 1893, and won by his own yacht, the Deirdré in 1893, and the other a special prize offered by his clubmate and American representative, H. Maitland Kersey.

The most conspicuous and perhaps the most valuable prize is the collection is a very handsome tea and water set, bearing the following inscription:

Presented by Robert Cross, Esq., Royal Western Yacht Club. Won by Niagara, cutter, 20 tons. Weymss Bay, July 13, 1895.

The tray is oblong and measures twenty-two inches. There is a railing of open work around it, and the handles at the end are inlaid with ivory. There are four pieces in the tea set, and each is appropriately engraved and chased.

Another very handsome and valuable prize is that of the Royal Southern Yacht Club of Southampton. It consists of a silver tête-à-tête set, including a coffee pot, hot milk pitcher, and sugar bowl with tongs. The set is quite plain, but it stands upon a handsome oval tray sixteen inches in length, which is handsomely ornamented. A border representing entwined ropes contains Mr. Gould's private signal and the burgee of the yacht club, and encloses the following inscription:

Royal Southern Yacht Club. Race for 20-raters. 18 June, 1895.

The times at the finish follow, the other boats being the Inyoni, Audrey, Stephanie, and Luna.

The Royal Clyde Yacht Club prize is a handsome silver loving cup with a cover. Upon one side of the cup is a yacht under full sail, depicted in repoussé work, and upon the other is the inscription:

Royal Clyde Yacht Club. Race for 20-raters. 8 July, 1895.

The names and times of the other competing yachts are also inscribed, from which it appears that the Niagara defeated Eucharis by 5 minutes, Zinita by 12 minutes, and Dakotah by 21 minutes.

Upon the cover of the cup are two upright enamelled silver flags showing the colors of the Niagara and of the Royal Clyde Yacht Club.

An attractive piece in the group is the prize offered by the *Yachtsman* of London. It is an ornamental silver-gilt shell, with a mermaid rising up in the centre holding a banner bearing in richly enameled colors the insignia of the Royal Ulster Y. C. and the private flag of Howard Gould. The shell rests upon a base richly chased in nautical designs introducing tridents, dolphins, &c. Upon a shield is the inscription as follows:

Presented to the Royal Ulster Yacht Club by the proprietor of the *Yachtsman*.

	H.	M.	S.
Niagara (winner)	4	8	10
Eucharis	4	34	25
Dakotah (second prize)	4	29	43

July 19, 1895.

Niagara's defeat of Eucharis by 26 minutes 25 seconds, and of Dakotah by 31 minutes 33 seconds in this race was one of her greatest victories.

The Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club prize is a silver punch bowl of generous proportions. The bowl, which is fluted and richly gilt inside, rests upon an ebony base bearing a silver shield briefly inscribed:

Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club Regatta, July 11, 1895. Won by Niagara.

Another large bowl was offered by the Royal Albert Yacht Club. This prize is a typical piece of English silver repoussé work. The bowl is gilt inside, and has a wire network covering for flowers. On the sides are two lions' heads, holding handles in their mouths. The inscription reads:

THE NIAGARA'S CUPS.

Royal Albert Yacht Club Regatta, at Southsea, Aug. 20, 1895. Order at finish: Niagara, Inyoni, Isolde.

The cup offered by Lord Dunraven is a plain but substantial looking silver loving cup with a cover. It bears the following inscription:

Castle Yacht Club Challenge Cup, presented in 1890 by the Earl of Dunraven, Commodore, for 10 to 20 raters. Won by:

1890	Velzie. T. Clark, Esq.
1891	Stella Capt. Hon. V. Montague.
1892	Dragon E. Hill, Esq.
1893	Deirdre Lord Dunraven.
1894	Luna F. B. Jameson.
1895	Niagara Howard Gould.

At this same regatta H. Maitland Kersey offered a plain silver loving cup of American make for a special prize. It is inscribed:

Castle Yacht Club, cup for 20-raters, presented by H. Maitland Kersey, Esq. Won by Niagara.

A massive three-handled loving cup bears another brief but significant inscription:

Royal Western of England Yacht Club regatta, Sept. 3, 1895, thirty-mile race. Order at finish, Niagara, Isolde, Inyoni.

The race for the Mudhook Yacht Club prize was sailed on the Fourth of July, and was appropriately won by Niagara. It is a silver cup, with ivory walrus tusk handles. The lettering is:

Mudhook Yacht Club. Presented by A. P. Henderson for 20-raters. Won by Niagara, July 4, 1895.

Another drinking cup is mounted on a tripod of oars. The thistles introduced in the decoration bespeak the nationality of the club offering the cup, as definitely indicated in the inscription.

West of Scotland Yacht Club regatta, 1895, 20-raters, won by Niagara.

A picture of the handsome little yacht which has won so many notable victories over craft of international renown is shown with the trophies, and excites quite as much interest and admiration.

PILLSBURY BEATEN BY STEINITZ.

The Veteran Wins a Queen's Gambit Declined—Tschigorin Is Sick.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 11.—Tschigorin was not well to-day and therefore took another day off when called upon to meet Lasker in the final sitting of the fourth round in the international chess tournament. Pillsbury, however, suffered another defeat at the hands of Steinitz, who defended a Queen's Gambit offered by his adversary in grand style. Getting the best of the middle game, he won a fine game after forty-five moves. The record of the tournament is now as follows:

PLAYERS.	Lasker.	Pillsbury.	Steinitz.	Tschigorin.	Won.
Emanuel Lasker		1½	2½	2½	6½
W. S. Pillsbury	2½		1	2	6½
W. Steinitz	1½	3		2	6½
M. Tschigorin	1	1	1		3½
Lost	4½	5½	5½	7½	23

Bergen Gunners Face the Traps.

The members of the Bergen Rod and Gun Club of Brooklyn enjoyed their regular monthly trap shooting tournament at the organization's grounds, Flatlands, L. I., yesterday afternoon. A large number of members faced the traps and made some good scores. Robert L. Valentine captured the club championship for the first shooting competition of the year with a clean score of seven. The summary follows:

First Event—Introductory handicap sweepstakes at three live birds, then miss and out. Dr. John A. Morris, 26 yards, 4; Robert L. Valentine, 28 yards, 3; Thomas R. Murphy, 26 yards, 3; Samuel G. Porter, 29 yards, 3; Andrew R. Fielding, 26 yards, 2; Charles W. Reynolds, 26 yards, 1; Bernard G. Henderson, 26 yards, 2; James W. Reynolds, 26 yards, 1; Louis G. Waterman, 26 yards, 2; John J. O'Brien, 26 yards, 2; Richard D. Golden, 26 yards, 1; William F. Daniells, 26 yards, 1.

Second Event—Club competition at seven live birds for championship gold badge. Robert L. Valentine, 28 yards, 7; Thomas R. Murphy, 26 yards, 6; Dr. John A. Morris, 26 yards, 4; Samuel G. Porter, 26 yards, 3; Andrew R. Fielding, 26 yards, 4; Charles W. Reynolds, 26 yards, 5; Bernard G. Henderson, 26 yards, 2; James W. Reynolds, 26 yards, 2; Louis G. Waterman, 23 yards, 5; John J. O'Brien, 26 yards, 2; Richard D. Golden, 26 yards, 6; William F. Daniells, 26 yards, 4; Thomas T. Gregory, 26 yards, 3; Richard W. Wheatley, 26 yards, 3.

Third Event—A handicap sweepstakes race at five live birds per man. Dr. John A. Morris, 26 yards, 4; Robert L. Valentine, 26 yards, 4; Thomas R. Murphy, 26 yards, 5; Samuel G. Porter, 29 yards, 3; Charles W. Reynolds, 26 yards, 1; Andrew R. Fielding, 26 yards, 3; Bernard G. Henderson, 26 yards, 2; James W. Reynolds, 26 yards, 3; Louis G. Waterman, 23 yards, 1; Thomas T. Gregory, 26 yards, 4; Richard W. Wheatley, 26 yards, 3.

Fourth Event—A miss-and-out handicap. John J. O'Brien, 3; Robert L. Valentine, 28 yards, 2; Thomas R. Murphy, 26 yards, 2; Louis G. Waterman, 26 yards, 3; Andrew R. Fielding, 26 yards, 2; Bernard G. Henderson, 26 yards, 2; Richard D. Golden, 26 yards, 1; William F. Daniells, 26 yards, 0; Richard W. Wheatley, 26 yards, 0.

YACHTING NEWS OF INTEREST.

The annual meeting of the Huguenot Yacht Club of New Rochelle will be held next month. The same officers who served last year have been renominated. The Commodore has appointed Thomas Flemming Day and E. Burton Hart as delegates to the Yacht Racing Union.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir:* Owing to a typewritten error in list sent you containing names of candidates for officers of the Atlantic Yacht Club for 1896, Thomas L. Arnold's name appeared as candidate for measurer, when it should have been Henry J. Gielow.

P. G. SANFORD,
Chairman Nominating Committee.

NEW ROCHELLE, Jan. 11.—The governors of the New Rochelle Yacht Club decided last night to put a ticket in nomination for officers for the ensuing year on Jan. 13. The meeting will be held in the parlors of the Grand Union Hotel, New York city. Five new members were taken in, and it was arranged that the annual dinner should be held at the Arena, New York city, on Jan. 21.

The Williamsburgh Yacht Club is in a flourishing condition. At a recent meeting the following officers were elected: James Schuesle, Vice-Commodore; J. C. Schaefer, Commodore; J. Eseman, Rear Commodore; W. Martin, Secretary; W. Schlicher, Corresponding Secretary; Joe Northrup, Treasurer; W. E. Long, Measurer; H. Anderson, Sergeant-at-Arms; J. Clifford, Steward; W. B. Richards, Joe Lange, A. Ferdinks, N. C. Rockell, J. White, Board of Trustees.

The following nominations have been made by the Atlantic Yacht Club: Commodore, George J. Gould, steamer Atalanta; Vice-Commodore, Frederick F. Adams, schooner Sachem; Rear Commodore, John H. Hanan, steamer Emblà; Secretary, David E. Austen; Treasurer, George H. Church; Measurer, Henry J. Gielow; Trustees, Philip G. Sanford, Thomas L. Arnold, J. Fred Ackerman, J. Rogers Maxwell, Alexander P. Ketchum, Thomas L. Watson; Membership Committee, Louis F. Jackson, H. W. Banks, Jr., Spencer Swaim; Regatta Committee, John L. Bliss, W. L. Gerrish, Henry J. Gielow, David E. Austen, and George W. McNulty.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Jamaica Bay Yacht Club an amendment to the by-laws was made which changes the method of managing the club. Under the new rule all elected officers, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, will form a Board of managers, which will have charge of all the affairs. Another important change was effected. Heretofore the racing rules have called for length over all, added to water-line length, divided by two. Fleet Captain Benjamin F. Daly was instrumental in changing this rule so that in the future all boats entered will be taxed according to water-line length and sail area. Arrangements were made at the meeting for the grand initial town reception, which will be held on the evening of Jan. 27, at Arion Hall. An addition to the fleet next summer will be an eighty-five foot steam yacht, now building by the former Vice-Commodore, Louis Bossert. The boat will be a seventeen-knotter, and be propelled by twin screws. She is being built by Seabury & Co., of Nyack, and will be launched on Decoration Day.

The annual meeting of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club will be held at the Hotel Brunswick on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The following candidates have been nominated and posted in the club house by the trustees, in pursuance of the by-laws: Trustees, to succeed J. Frederic Tams, W. Emlen Roosevelt, and J. Langdon Ward whose terms of office expire, but who are eligible for reélection, and to fill four original vacancies: J. W. Beekman, Oliver E. Cromwell, L. F. d'Oremieulx, F. De P. Foster, William Foulke, James K. Gracie, G. H. B. Hill, Walther Luttgen, A. P. Lowenstant, Valentine Mott, Herbert L. Satterlee, William Trotter, Gordon Wendell, Theodore C. Zerega; Commodore, Henry C. Rouse; Vice-Commodore, S. V. R. Cruger; Rear Commodore, J. Kennedy Tod; Secretary, Henry W. Hayden; Treasurer, Walter C. Hubbard; Measurer, John Hyslop; Fleet Surgeon, J. West Roosevelt, M. D.; Fleet Chaplain, Rev. George R. Vandewater, D. D.; Race Committee, Oliver E. Cromwell, D. Le Roy Dresser, Walter C. Kerr, Chas. A. Sherman, Charles W. Wetmore; Committee on Lectures and Entertainments, Stanley W. Dexter, Clarence Goadby, Edwin C. Weeks; Committee on Lines and Models, John Hyslop, A. Carey Smith, William P. Stephens; Law Committee, F. Kingsley Curtis, Alfred Ely, Frederic De P. Foster.

No Conflict of Dates Between Western and Southern Turfmen.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.—An agreement has been entered into between the St. Louis Fair Association, Oakley, Latonia, and Louisville Jockey clubs whereby conflict of important stake events will be averted. Negotiations to this end have been pending several days, and a telegram from President La Bold of the Cincinnati Jockey Club to President Maffitt of the St. Louis Association yesterday announced that all parties had agreed to join in the agreement. A meeting will be held by representatives of these tracks to arrange dates for their respective leading stake events.

The only important stake event where a conflict cannot be averted will be those named in honor of and dedicated to Memorial Day and Fourth of July.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

Thomas Judd, Ansonia, Conn.—All the events at the international games were won by members of the New York A. C. team.

MURPHY THE WINNER.

OF THE AMATEUR PIGEON SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP.

He Kills 92 Out of a Possible 100 Birds and Defeats Charles Macalester of Philadelphia by One Bird on the Shoot-off After a Tie—J. K. Palmer, Last Year's Winner, Kills 90, and Finishes Third, While L. T. Davenport Is Fourth—Work, Wright, Dolan, and Wood Unplaced.

After an exciting contest lasting two days, Edgar Gibbs Murphy, the well-known wing shot and man about town, won the title of amateur champion, and incidentally a $250 silver cup, at Larchmont yesterday from fourteen of the best-known pigeon shots in America. Mr. Murphy, who, according to his friends, has been shooting pigeons since Noah was a little boy, killed 92 out of a possible 100 birds, and, after tying with Charles Macalester of Philadelphia for first place, won the shoot-off at 10 birds by killing 10 straight. Macalester, who ranks among the first five wing shots of the world, only killed 9 on the after shoot and won second place, while J. K. Palmer, last year's champion, was third with 90, and L. T. Davenport fourth with a score of 89.

Davenport, H. K. Wright, and George Work were all tied for fourth place, and on the shoot-off the former won by killing ten birds to his opponents' nine. Murphy, who never trains for a contest, is a natural-born wing shot, and while he probably shoots at fewer pigeons than any other man in the country, when it comes down to a pinch he can more than hold his own with any amateur or professional in the world.

Macalester, who really agreed to divide first and second money with Murphy before the shoot-off, is a native of Philadelphia, and a member of the Philadelphia Gun Club. He is a dead-sure shot, and it is seldom he enters a contest that he does not carry off a lion's share of the prize money. J. K. Palmer, who won third place, scored 90 out of a possible 100 birds. He killed 95 in this event last year, when he won the championship, and was a favorite for first honors in the betting this year.

L. T. Davenport, the winner of fourth money on the shoot-off from George Work and H. K. Wright, is a native of Glen Cove, L. I., and probably kills more pigeons in a year than any other man in the country. He started off poorly, but at the end his form told.

When time was called on Friday afternoon at the end of the forty-sixth round, J. K. Palmer was in the lead, Dolan second, and Murphy and Wood were tied for third place, the score standing:

J. K. Palmer, 43; Yale Dolan, 42; Edgar Murphy, 41; F. Wood, 41; Charles Macalester, 40; H. K. Wright, 39; Fred G. Moore, 39; George Work, 39; L. T. Davenport, 39; W. H. Stafford, 37; E. F. Thomas, 35; J. B. Ellison, 34; W. Gould Brokaw, 33; W. S. Edey, 30.

When the shooting began yesterday morning, Referee John S. Hoey announced that Ellison, Brokaw, and Edey had withdrawn and that any one missing fifteen birds would be declared out of the race.

Wright, as usual, was the first to shoot, and he grassed, or rather snowed under, a lively left quarterer with a good second.

Palmer, who had the top score at the end of Friday's shooting, was a favorite in the betting, though many wagers were placed on Murphy, Wood, Macalester, and Davenport, the latter unfortunately for his friends, Palmer, who is usually a sure shot, seemed a trifle off at the start, though he killed his first four birds. The score at the end of the fiftieth round stood:

Palmer, 47; Murphy, 45; Wood, 45; Dolan, 44; Macalester, 44; Wright, 43; Moore, 43; Work, 43; Davenport, 42.

Unfortunately for Palmer he missed four birds out of the next nine, scoring zeros in the fifty-second, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, and sixtieth rounds. This, combined with Dolan's poor shooting, gave Murphy the lead, which he held until the sixty-seventh round, when a fast right quarterer got away untouched.

He also missed a fast driver in the seventy-second round, which enabled Macalester, who had been shooting in splendid form, to tie him. Wood, who stood an excellent chance at the end of Friday's shooting, disappointed his friends by having a puzzling driver die outside in the fifty-second round. He also missed his fifty-ninth and seventy-first birds. The misses were excusable, however, as Wood drew a number of twisting drivers and had all the worst of the luck. Work, after killing eighteen straight, missed his sixty-fifth bird, a bad right quarterer, and followed it up by losing his seventy-fourth as well. Macalester, the Philadelphia expert, continued to shoot in good form, and killed twenty-nine straight before his seventy-fifth bird died just over the boundary line.

Young Dolan, who was well backed by a number of Philadelphia club men, caused his backers palpitation of the heart and eventually lost all chances of championship honors by missing his fifty-third, fifty-fourth, and seventy-second birds. Wright, Moore, and Davenport all shot well, and only two misses were scored against them in the third string of twenty-five.

At the end of the seventy-fifth round it was found that Macalester had killed 24 out of his last string of 25, while Murphy, Wright, Moore, Work, and Davenport had each killed 23; Dolan and Wood, 22 each, and Palmer 20. The score at this period stood:

Murphy, 68; Macalester, 68; Palmer, 67; Wood, 67; Dolan, 66; Wright, 66; Moore, 66; Work, 66; Davenport, 65.

Thomas and Stafford, though they had each missed more than fifteen birds, kept in on a private wager until the seventy-second round, when Thomas won his bet by one bird, and then they both retired.

There was little change in the shooters' positions at the ninetieth round, when the score stood:

Murphy, 82; Macalester, 82; Palmer, 81; Moore, 80; Wright, 80; Davenport, 79; Wood, 78; Dolan, 77.

With only ten birds left to shoot, the whole question resolved itself into which would miss first, and not a little betting and excitement was indulged in by the spectators at the finish. In the ninety-third round Work caught a bad right quarterer and missed it through shooting behind it with his second barrel.

Wright, who was shooting in extremely good form up to this time, lost a twisting incomer, while Moore lost all chance of participating in the prize money by missing his ninety-second, ninety-fourth, ninety-fifth, ninety-sixth, and ninety-eighth birds, the first named dying outside.

Murphy made a splendid kill of a fast right quarterer in the ninety-sixth round, while Wood lost a twisting driver in the ninety-fifth round. Work's ninety-sixth bird was an easy right incomer, and no one was more surprised than himself when he missed it with his first barrel. He more than made up for his carelessness when he blew it all to pieces with his second barrel. Palmer then surprised his friends by having a fast left driver die outside. All of the shooters killed their birds in the ninty-seventh round. In the ninty-eighth round Dolan killed a pretty driver, while Murphy filled a low left driver full of lead.

Wright then made a sensational kill of a fast right driver, as did Dolan, while Murphy aroused applause by a fifty-yard kill with his second barrel on a lightning straightaway driver. Work also killed a fast one, as did Macalester and Palmer. The score at the end of the hundredth round was:

Murphy, 92; Macalester, 92; Palmer, 90; Wright, 89; Work, 89; Davenport, 89; Dolan, 87.

Under the rules, Murphy and Macalester were compelled to shoot off for first and second place, as were Wright, Work, and Davenport for fourth prize, while Palmer held undisputed possession of third place.

Murphy on the shoot off at ten birds had an easy incomer for his very first bird. After missing it clean with his first barrel the bird settled down on the ground scarcely twelve feet away. Murphy smiled all over and said, "Ha! ha! you look pretty!" and killed him easily with his second barrel. Macalester caught an easy bird which he killed with his first barrel. Both killed their birds straight until the fifth round, when Macalester lost an easy right quarterer incomer, which left Murphy the winner of the shoot-off championship, as he killed his ten birds straight.

Wright, Work, and Davenport then shot off