DICKEY THE LEADING SHOT

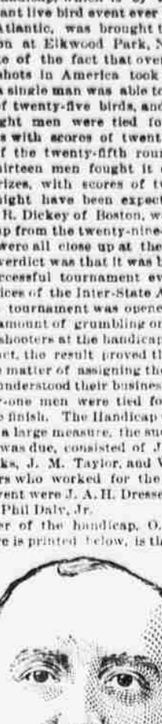
THE BOSTON MAN WINS THE GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP.

Out of 104 Shooters Not One Makes a Clean Score—Eight Tie for First Place with Scores of Twenty-four—Thirteen Men Fight it Out for the Other Six Prizes.

The fourth annual tournament of the Grand American Handicap, which is by all odds the most important live bird event ever held on this side of the Atlantic, was brought to a successful conclusion at Elkwood Park, N. J., yesterday. In spite of the fact that over 104 of the best pigeon shots in America took part in the contest not a single man was able to kill his entire string of twenty-five birds, and the result was that eight men were tied for the first eight moneys with scores of twenty-four each at the end of the twenty-fifth round, while no less than thirteen men fought it out for the other six prizes, with scores of twenty-three each. As might have been expected, a rank outsider, O. R. Dickey of Boston, won the handicap and cup from the twenty-nine-yard mark. The others were all close up at the finish, and the general verdict was that it was by long odds the most successful tournament ever held under the auspices of the Inter-State Association.

Before the tournament was opened there was an unusual amount of grumbling on the part of some of the shooters at the handicapping. As a matter of fact, the result proved that the men who had the matter of assigning the handicaps thoroughly understood their business, as no less than twenty-one men were tied for the prize money at the finish. The Handicap Committee, to whom, in a large measure, the success of the tournament was due, consisted of Jacob Pentz, Edward Banks, J. M. Taylor, and W. K. Park. Among others who worked for the best interests of the event were J. A. H. Dressel, Elmer E. Shaner, and Phil Daly, Jr.

The winner of the handicap, O. R. Dickey, whose picture is printed below, is the manager



O. R. DICKEY.

of the Boston Shooting Association, whose grounds are at Wellington, Mass. He is a noted target shot, and while he has done a little live bird work he has had little experience with pigeons before the present tournament. All of which, according to a target advocate, goes to show that a man who can break clay pigeons has little trouble in killing live birds when he has the opportunity, while men who confine themselves exclusively to pigeon shooting seldom make good target shots.

The winning of the handicap this year did not mean as much as it ought to, from the simple fact that shooters have an unpleasant way of agreeing to divide the prize money when they are tied, instead of shooting out or running off the event, as would be done in almost any other branch of sport. Yesterday, for instance, when it was found that O. R. Dickey, Sim Glover, G. W. Conlston, Rollo Heikes, F. W. Cooper, E. F. Thomas, George Cubberly, and C. Von Lengerke were tied for first place, they promptly agreed to split up the first eight prizes into eight equal parts, which gave to each shooter $244.70, while the other thirteen men divided the other six prizes between them before the shoot-off. According to the conditions governing the tournament, they were compelled to shoot off for the first eight places, and, as far as possible, to prevent any shooter from dropping out the Association furnished the birds free.

The shooters, however, outside of wishing the honor of winning the handicap and the Daly cup, did not care a rap whether they were placed first or eighth at the finish, so long as they got their share of the money. If the money had been divided according to the programme, the winner would have received $300, the second man $300, and the third man $200.

On the shoot off Dickey won first place and the Daly cup, the others being placed as follows: Second, Sim Glover of Rochester, 30 yards; third, George W. Coulston of Brooklyn, 28 yards; fourth, Rollo O. Heikes of Dayton, O., 30 yards; fifth, F. W. Cooper of Mahony City, Pa., 28 yards; sixth, E. F. Thomas of Denver, 28 yards; seventh, George W. Cubberly of Yardville, N. J., 28 yards; eighth, Carl Von Lengerke of Jersey City, 28 yards; ninth, T. F. Eley of Dorrancetown, 28 yards; tenth, B. Le Roy of Camuelo, 29 yards; eleventh, J. G. Messner, Pittsburgh, 29 yards; twelfth, Neaf Apgar, New York, 30 yards; thirteenth, James Hood, Brooklyn, 28 yard; fourteenth, F. Gilbert, Spirit Lake, Ia., 31 yards.

There was a clear sky and very little wind when the shooting was resumed in the Grand American Handicap, and at first the birds were rather slow in rising. Later in the day they improved considerably, as was amply proved by the great number of misses. When time was called shortly after 11 o'clock the unfinished scores in the eleventh and twelfth rounds were shot out.

Paul J. Clark, R. E. Gray, A. S. Hunter, E. W. Price, E. B. Harris, G. A. Mosher, and A. H. Astfalk, all having three misses, were compelled to withdraw at the end of the eleventh round. Among the others who missed in the same round were G. Corning, Jr., R. E. Gray, J. G. Knowlton, A. S. Hunter, E. W. Price, E. C. Buckhardt, Dr. Hudson, E. Morgan, R. Phister, J. S. Dustin, A. Woolruff, and Dr. E. S. Van Zile. Dustin, up to this round, had a clean score.

The twelfth round also proved to be disastrous to a number. H. McPherson, G. Corning, Jr., R. V. Disbrow, S. Cunningham, and R. F. Smith being compelled to withdraw, while the following unfortunates had zeros marked against their scores: F. Lucre, J. A. Flick, S. Cunningham, B. F. Smith, W. H. Lair, H. McPherson, and E. S. Van Zile. The thirteenth round was unlucky to R. Phister, T. W. Latham, J. G. Knowlton, and to Fred Lucre, the Hollywood crack, all of whom had to withdraw, while misses were made by Ed Hill, F. Emond, James Timmons, O. R. Dickey, W. C. Price, and J. F. Pedalford. This was Dickey's first miss, but it was excusable, as he caught a very fast bird.

In the fourteenth round J. A. Flick, the one-armed shooter; M. M. Mahew, and E. C. Buckhardt were added to the list of withdrawals, while misses were also made by E. R. Coe, James Timmons, W. W. Watson, Frank Class, and T. D. Fulford. All of their birds were hard hit, and the majority fell just over the boundary.

In the fifteenth round H. L. Gates, E. Morgan, and H. T. Brown were forced to retire under the rules, while the hopes of a number of ambitious shots were blasted by having misses marked against them, among those being D. A. Upson, M. A. Beers, and A. W. Du Bray.

The sixteenth round saw the retirement of J. Timmons, R. E. Merrill, W. H. Lair, and J. Von Lengerke, while misses were made by Hank C. White, J. S. Dustin, and J. F. Pedalford, which left only forty-four shooters in the Handicap. Of these only five had killed all their birds, while nineteen had missed one bird each. Only one man, M. A. Beers, withdrew in the eleventh round, while misses were made by A. S. White, A. Du Bray, and J. G. Messner, last year's winner, F. W. Cooper and G. Wellington, who up this time had clean scores, also missed. M. F. Lindsley of Cincinnati was forced out in the eighteenth round, while misses were made by Neaf Apgar, G. A. Winn, G. Wellington, and T. W. Morfey, also an ex-winner of the big handicap.

As Morfey made another miss in the nineteenth round he was compelled to withdraw, along with Fred G. Moore, the Larchmont crack, who lost a bird outside. "Old Hoss," A. S. White and R. A. Bartlett made a miss in this round, too. A bird dropping dead outside of bounds in the twentieth round settled W. W. Watson's chances, while misses were made by Aaron Woodruff, H. Beheres, and G. Wellington. This was Heike's first miss. The bird, a low left quarterer, was hard hit and died outside. Heikes was also about the only contestant in the Grand American to use a single barrel repeating shot gun, or what is generally known as a "Pump Gun."

The twenty-first round caused any amount of trouble to a number of the contestants who were hanging on the ragged edge, and the following withdrew: A. W. Du Bray, Hank C. White, Frank Class, who finished third last year; J. S. Dustin, Aaron Woodruff, G. A. Winn, E. D. Fulford, the well known professional, and G. Wellington. Misses were also made by B. W. Clarkge, the Baltimore crack, who, up to this time, had a clean score, Carl Von Lengerke, the only other man with a clean score, also scored a zero through his bird dropping dead outside, which gave to all three, with only one miss against them, a chance again for first money. T. J. Eley scored the only other miss in this round.

In the twenty-second round Dr. Hudson was forced into retirement by an easy bird, while the same fate befell E. B. Coe, whose bird died outside. Among the others who missed were H. W. Clarkge, B. Le Roy, and F. W. Cooper, whose birds were lost outside. No one missed in the twenty-third round except D. A. Upson, who was compelled to withdraw. The twenty-fourth round, however, saw the retirement of L. T. Davenport, the crack Glen Cove amateur; F. Emond, and Dr. E. S. Van Zile, while no misses were recorded in the final or twenty-fifth round. This left eight men tied for the first place with scores of twenty-four, and thirteen tied for the other six moneys with scores of twenty-three each.

On the shoot-off Von Lengerke and Cubberly both lost their first birds, fast left quarterers, the latter's dropping on the outside. Thomas, the picturesque looking Denver expert, then missed a left quarterer, while all the others killed until the fourth round. F. W. Cooper's bird, a lightning dark left-quartering driver, died outside. Heikes lost a driver in the fifth round, and the contest narrowed down to Glover, Coulston and Dickey. In the next and what proved to be the last round both Glover and Coulston missed fast drivers, and Dickey won the event by despatching a low grounder. The winner was quickly surrounded and carried off on the shoulders of his friends. Summary:

Grand American Handicap—Twenty-five live birds, handicap ranging from 25 to 34 yards, 50 yards boundary, with a dead line at the 33 yard mark, $1,000 divided 50, 30, and 20 per cent. to the three highest guns. All money in the purse in excess of $1,000 will be divided among high guns other than the three first. The number of parts into which the surplus money will be divided will be determined by the number of entries received. All money in the purse in excess of the $1,000 will be divided 12, 12, 12, 10, 10, 10, 8, 8, 8, 5, and 5 per cent. to the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth highest guns.

1—O. R. Dickey, Boston, 29 yards.....
2 2 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 24

2—Sim Glover, Rochester, 30 yards—
2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 24

3—George W. Coulston, New York, 28 yards—
2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 24

4—Rollo O. Heikes, Dayton, 30 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 24

5—F. W. Cooper, Mahanoy City, 28 yards—
2 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 1 2 0 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 24

6—E. F. Thomas, Denver, 28 yards—
2 2 2 1 2 2 2 * 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 1 1 2 2 24

7—George Cubberly, Yardville, N. J., 28 yards—
1 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 * 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 24

8—Carl Von Lengerke, Jersey City, 28 yards—
2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 24

Edward Hill, Yardville, 30 yards—
2 1 0 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 23

11—J. G. Messner, Pittsburgh, 29 yards—
0 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 1 2 1 1 2 2 2 23

R. W. Clarkge, Baltimore, 29 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 23

14—Fred Gilbert, Spirit Lake, 31 yards—
* 2 2 1 2 2 1 * 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 23

15—James Hood, Brooklyn, 28 yards—
0 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 1 23

16—Neaf Apgar, New York, 30 yards—
2 2 1 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 9 23

Charles Zwierlin, Yardville, 28 yards—
2 2 2 2 * 1 0 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 23

J. F. Padelford, Sherburn, 27 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 0 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 1 2 23

16—B. Le Roy, Campello, 28 yards—
2 * 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 23

E. M. Cooper, Red Bank, 28 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 23

B. A. Bartlett, Buffalo, 28 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 23

Dr. E. S. Van Zwile, Brooklyn, 28 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 * 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew..21

L. T. Davenport, Glen Cove, 30 yards—
2 2 * 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 W.....21

F. Emond, Buffalo, 30 yards—
0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 W.....21

D. A. Upson, Cleveland, 29 yards—
2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 W.....21

Dr. G. V. Hudson, New York, 27 yards—
2 2 2 0 2 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 0 withdrew..19

E. R. Coe, Baltimore, 28 yards—
2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 * 2 2 2 2 2 2 * withdrew.....19

A. W. Du Bray, Dayton, 28 yards—
1 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 0 2 0 2 2 2 1 * withdrew.....18

Hank C. White, Little Silver, N. J., 28 yards—
1 2 2 0 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 0 1 2 1 2 0 withdrew.....18

Frank Class, Morristown, 32 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....18

J. S. Dustin, Newark, 27 yards—
2 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 0 2 2 2 1 0 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....18

Aaron Woodruff, Elizabeth, 29 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 * 0 withdrew.....18

G. A. Winn, Arlington, 27 yards—
0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 * 2 2 0 withdrew.....18

E. D. Fulford, Utica, 31 yards—
2 2 1 2 1 * 2 2 2 2 2 * 1 2 2 2 1 0 withdrew.....18

G. Wellington, Harrisburg, 29 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 0 0 0 withdrew.....18

W. W. Watson, Louisville, 28 yards—
1 1 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 1 1 * withdrew.....17

T. W. Morfey, Paterson, 30 yards—
2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 * 0 0 withdrew.....16

A. S. White, Syracuse, 26 yards—
2 2 0 2 1 2 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 2 0 1 0 withdrew.....16

"Old Hoss," Pittsburgh, 27 yards—
2 0 * 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....16

F. G. Moore, Larchmont, 28 yards—
2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 withdrew..16

M. F. Lindsley, Cincinnati, 27 yards—
2 2 * 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....15

M. A. Beers, Bridgeport, 27 yards—
0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 0 2 0 withdrew.....14

J. Timmons, Morristown, 28 yards—
2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 * 2 0 withdrew.....13

R. R. Merrill, Milwaukee, 29 yards—
1 2 2 0 2 1 2 1 * 1 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....13

W. H. Lair, Brooklyn, 28 yards—
1 2 2 0 1 2 2 2 2 0 2 1 2 0 withdrew.....13

J. Von Lengerke, Jersey City, 29 yards—
0 2 1 2 1 1 1 2 0 1 1 2 2 1 0 withdrew.....13

H. L. Gates, Utica, 28 yards—
* 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....12

E. Morgan, Paterson, 27 yards—
2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....12

H. T. Brown, Pittsburgh, 26 yards—
2 2 0 0 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....12

J. A. Flick, Havanna, 26 yards—
2 1 1 1 1 2 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 withdrew.....11

M. M. Mathew, Utica, 26 yards—
2 2 1 2 2 2 0 2 1 2 2 0 2 1 2 0 withdrew.....11

E. C. Burkhardt, Buffalo, 27 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 * 2 1 0 Withdrew.....11

R. Phister, Brooklyn, 28 yards—
1 1 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 * withdrew.....10

F. Lucre, Hollywood, 31 yards—
0 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....10

T. W. Latham, Cleveland, 28 yards—
2 2 2 * 2 1 1 2 * 1 1 0 withdrew.....10

J. G. Knowlton, New York, 28 yards—
2 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 0 2 0 with drew.....10

H. McPherson, Pittsburgh, 27 yards—
1 2 0 2 * 2 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....9

G. Corning, Jr., Auburn, 27 yards—
2 0 2 0 2 2 1 2 0 1 withdrew.....9

R. V. Disbrow, Manasquan, 25 yards—
0 2 2 2 2 1 * 2 2 2 withdrew.....9

S. Cunningham, Washington, 27 yards—
2 2 2 2 * 2 1 2 2 0 withdrew.....9

R. F. Smith, Buffalo, 27 yards—
2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 9

Paul J. Clark, New York, 27 yards—
2 0 2 0 2 1 2 2 2 withdrew.....8

R. E. Gray, New York, 26 yards—
2 2 1 2 0 2 1 1 1 0 withdrew.....8

A. S. Hunter, Utica, 27 yards—
2 2 1 2 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 0 withdrew.....8

E. W. Price, Pleasure Bay, 28 yards—
2 1 2 2 1 0 1 2 2 0 withdrew.....8

E. B. Harris, Macon, 26 yards—
0 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 withdrew.....8

G. A. Mosher, Syracuse, 26 yards—
2 2 * 2 * 2 2 2 2 2 withdrew.....8

N. E. Astfalk, Elizabeth, 27 yards—
2 2 2 2 0 * 2 2 2 1 0 withdrew.....8

Paul L. Clark, New York, 27 yards—
2 0 2 0 2 2 1 2 2 * withdrew.....7

U. M. C. Thomas, Bridgeport, 26 yards—
1 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 0 withdrew.....7

J. A. R. Elliott, Kansas City, 32 yards—
2 2 2 2 0 2 2 0 2 * withdrew.....7

E. B. Harris, Macon, 26 yards—
0 * 2 0 2 2 2 2 0 withdrew.....7

Charles Fulton, Pittsburgh, 27 yards—
2 2 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 * withdrew.....7

Irby Bennett, Memphis, 29 yards—
1 2 2 2 1 2 0 2 0 2 0 withdrew.....6

G. L. Nichols, New York, 28 yards—
2 2 0 2 * 2 1 0 withdrew.....6

W. S. King, Pittsburgh, 28 yards—
2 9 * 2 2 0 2 2 withdrew.....6

W. J. Simpson, New York, 29 yards—
2 0 0 2 2 2 2 0 0 withdrew.....6

J. H. Shaffer, Pittsburgh, 27 yards—
2 2 0 2 1 0 2 2 0 withdrew.....6

John R. Blamey, Holyoke, 27 yards—
0 2 2 2 1 2 0 0 withdrew.....5

S. Singleton, Williamsport, 28 yards—
2 0 2 2 2 0 * 2 withdrew.....5

E. A. Geoffroy, Newark, 29 yards—
2 2 0 0 2 2 2 * withdrew.....5

W. T. Vincent, Jacksonville, 27 yards—
2 2 0 2 2 2 0 0 withdrew.....5

Capt. A. W. Money, Oakland, 29 yards—
0 0 2 2 2 * 2 withdrew.....5

Allen Willey, New York, 30 yards—
2 2 1 2 2 2 0 2 0 withdrew.....5

Phil Daly, Jr., Long Branch, 28 yards—
2 2 0 2 * 2 * withdrew.....4

D. M. Porterfield, Chattanooga, 29 yards—
0 2 1 0 2 1 0 withdrew.....4

W. S. Foley, New York, 28 yards—
2 0 2 0 2 0 2 withdrew.....4

Smith Hill, Paterson, 28 yards—
0 0 1 2 2 1 0 withdrew.....4

G. S. McAlpin, New York, 30 yards—
2 2 * 2 0 withdrew.....3

W. H. Green, Hoboken, 28 yards—
2 * 2 2 * 0 withdrew.....3

James Looney, New York, 27 yards—
0 2 1 2 0 0 withdrew.....3

William Wagner, Washington, 28 yards—
2 * 1 0 2 0 withdrew.....3

S. D. Burke, Northumberland, 27 yards—
* 2 1 0 2 0 withdrew.....3

"Wanda" (Mrs. Lindsley), Cincinnati, 25 yards—
2 2 * 2 0 withdrew.....3

G. M. Haight, Red Bank, 27 yards—
1 1 2 * 0 0 withdrew.....3

F. P. McKeon, New York, 27 yards—
0 2 2 * 2 0 withdrew.....3

G. E. Grieff, Rutherford, 29 yards—
1 0 0 2 0 0 withdrew.....2

S. J. Reid, New York, 29 yards—
0 * 1 2 0 withdrew.....2

Dr. Willer, Rochester, 27 yards—
0 0 2 0 2 withdrew.....2

N. E. Money, Oakdale, 28 yards—
0 2 0 2 withdrew.....2

Frank Hyde, Ridgewood, 28 yards—
0 2 0 0 0 withdrew.....2

W. H. Clark, Hoboken, 30 yards—
0 0 1 0 withdrew.....1

Lloyd Taylor, New York, 26 yards—
2 0 0 0 withdrew.....1

C. B. Lewis, Philadelphia, 27 yards—
0 0 2 * withdrew.....1

August Schultz, New York, 30 yards—
0 0 0 withdrew.....0

Shoot-off for cup, and first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth moneys. Miss and out.

1—O. R. Dickey, 29 yards.....2 2 2 2 2 2—6
2—Sim Glover, 30 yards.....2 2 2 2 2 2—6
3—G. W. Coulston, 28 yards.....2 2 2 2 2 0—5
4—R. O. Heikes, 30 yards.....2 2 2 2 0—4
5—F. W. Cooper, 28 yards.....2 2 2 * —3
6—E. F. Thomas, 28 yards.....2 0 —1
7—L. W. Cubberly, 28 yards.....* —0
8—Carl Von Lengerke, 28 yards.....0 —0

On the shoot off for second place, Glover killed 9 birds and Coulston 8. On the shoot off for seventh place, Cubberly won.

The thirteen men who were tied at 23 birds each for ninth and fourteenth places, then shot off, and finished as follows:

Ninth, F. T. Eley, 28 yards; tenth, B. Le Roy, 28 yards; eleventh, J. G. Messner, 29 yards; twelfth, Neaf Apgar, 30 yards. Thirteenth, James Hood, 28 yards. Fourteenth, Fred Gilbert, 31 yards.

Referees—Jacob Pentz and Harold Wallach. Scorer—Edward Banks.

*Dead out of bounds.
w Withdrew.

In addition to the big handicap, the Long Branch Sweepstakes, forty-one entries, class shooting, seven birds, at thirty yards, was also decided. The following tied for first place: R. Phister, S. J. Held, E. D. Fulford, Paul J. Clark, Phil Daly, Jr., W. G. Clark, J. H. Dustin, R. E. Gray, R. Merrill, and C. Zwerlein.

The Sportsman's Handicap, seven birds, resulted in the following men dividing the money: W. S. King, 28 yards; Capt. Money, 29 yards; P. I. Clark, 27 yards; J. S. Dustin, 27 yards; George Crenting, 27 yards; A. P. Pope, 27 yards; J. L. Cavanaugh, 27 yards; D. A. Upson, 29 yards; D. M. Porterfield, 29 yards; T. W. Morfey, 29 yards.

There will be a number of sweepstake events decided to-day.

Trap Shooting Elsewhere.

The monthly shooting tournament of the Germania Rod and Gun Club of this city was held at New Dorp Grove yesterday. In the club competition for the possession of the gold championship badge, to be held until the next shoot of the organization, William J. Glander, the present holder of the trophy, captured the prize with the fine score of 20 straight, 14 in the regular and 6 in the shoot-off.

Four sweepstakes at $1 a corner, birds extra, followed. In these Glander, Becker, Knoebel, Brohan, Schmitt, Wagner, and Schneider got the money. Summary on the club shoot:

Fifteen Clay Targets Each, Handicap Uses—William H. Glander, 18 yards, 14; George H. Becker, 16 yards, 13; Henry J. Knoebel, 18 yards, 14; Carl L. Meyers, 16 yards, 13; Charles A. Gruiech, 16 yards, 14; August O. Schmitt, 18 yards, 11; Henry J. Woelfkin, 18 yards, 12; Richard V. Wagner, 16 yards, 11; William H. Schneider, 18 yards, 13; Jacob O. Brohan, 16 yards, 9; John H. Dreuss, 16 yards, 7.

The Phoenix Gun Club held its regular live bird shoot at Dexter Park yesterday afternoon. Capt. J. Smith carried off the honors of the day with 13 killed out of 15, while J. Chasmer was second with 12. Team sweepstakes at ten clay targets with four men on a side followed the club shoot. A match at ten targets each, between A. Botty and W. Hughes on one side, and P. Gardner and D. Freleigh on the other, resulted in a victory for the former. The scores:

First Event—Regular monthly club shoot at 15 live birds, 27 yards rise: D. Freleigh, 10; P. Gardner, 7; J. Akhurst, 8; A. Botty, 11; J. Chasmer, 12; A. Smith, 13; W. Hughes, 10.

Second Event—Team sweepstakes, at ten targets each: A. Botty, 6; W. Hughes, 5; J. Smith, 6; F. Botty, 2; total, 19. P. Gardner, 8; D. Freleigh, 2; total, 10.

Third Event—Team match, at ten targets each: A. Botty, 9; W. Hughes, 8; total, 17. P. Gardner, 8; D. Freleigh, 1; total, 9.

Fourth Event—Team match, at five targets each: A. Botty, 4; W. Hughes, 5; total, 9. P. Gardner, 3; D. Freleigh, 1; total, 4.

S. C. Edwards and Peter Garms, Jr., were the two high guns in the monthly trap shooting contest of the Wallabout Gun Club which was decided at Wallace's Ridge shoot Park yesterday. The scores:

First Event—Club shoot at eight live birds. P. Garms, Jr., 7; S. C. Edwards, 7; Michael Bendon, 6; John Fischer, 6; A. Gilbert, 5; W. E. Schlivern, 5; H. W. Dreyer, 5; J. C. Betz, 4; Fred Flachmann, 4; Charles Meyer, 3; John Rempel, 2; V. E. Dale, 2.

Second Event—Shoot off, miss and out. S. C. Edwards, 23 yards, 3; Peter Garms, Jr., 30 yards, 2.

The monthly trap shooting tournament of the Bushwick Rod and Gun Club of Brooklyn attracted a very large crowd of the club members and their guests to the organization's grounds, near Flushing, L. I., yesterday. The scores:

First Event—Club shoot at seven live birds. Dr. John K. H. Behrens, 25 yards, 6; George H. Masson, 28 yards, 6; Thomas E. Richards, 28 yards, 6; Edward C. Boddey, 26 yards, 5; August W. Urlich, 28 yards, 4; Nicholas H. Schneider, 25 yards, 4; Thomas W. Hadgen, 26 yards, 4; Henry J. Giesler, 28 yards, 3; Thomas W. Murphy, 26 yards, 3; John G. Paulsen, 26 yards, 3; James H. Schaeffer, 28 yards, 2; Richard V. Koehler, 26 yards, 1.

Second Event—Shoot off of the ties, miss and out. Behrens, 4; Masson, 3; Richards, 2.

Third Event—A handicap sweepstakes at three live pigeons. Masson, 3; Behrens, 2; Richards, 1; Boddey, 1; Urlich, 0; Schneider, 2; Hadgen, 1; Giesler, 2; Murphy, 1; Paulsen, 2; Schaeffer, 2; Koehler, 1; Murphy, 0; Paulsen, 2; Schaeffer, 1; Wagner, 1.

Company B Wins the "Abel Trophy."

For the first time in almost twenty years the team from Company D, Seventh Regiment, last night succeeded in winning a shooting match. The occasion was the finish of the "Abel trophy" competition, and although several teams made very fine scores, and came within a few points, none were quite good enough to beat the 643 of Company D. Sergeant O. M. Bender, Company B, made the highest individual score of the match, 69 out of a possible 70. Last night's scores:

	200 Yards.	500 Yards.	Total.
Company G	309	331	640
Company E	306	333	639
Company I	305	333	638
Company K	304	334	638
Company H	304	332	636
Company B, Jr.	283	325	610
Company D, Jr.	289	293	582
Company F, Jr.	278	305	583
Company E, Jr.	250	246	496

Rifle Shooting on the Forty-seventh's Ranges.

In the senior and junior rifle competitions at the armory of the Forty-seventh Regiment, Brooklyn, last night, Company D defeated Company B by 375 to 311 in the senior event, and Company D also made the finest score of 330 for the second trophy in the junior match. Sergeant Major Charles E. Brightoffel, Jr., and Private G. W. Lent, both of Company D, tied for the gold collar decoration, each scoring 48 out of a possible 50 points.

AMATEUR FENCERS COMPETE.

Results of the Preliminary Bouts for the National Championships.

Owing to the stormy weather and the counter attraction of a concert at the Fencers' Club, the preliminary bouts with foils and swords for the championship of the Amateur Fencers' League of America, which were held last night in the fencing room of the New York Athletic Club, were witnessed by a very small, though enthusiastic, crowd of spectators.

The number of contestants was not as large as last year, there being but five with foils and four with duelling swords. The bouts, however, were well contested, and very interesting.

Dr. Graeme M. Hammond of the New York A. C. was the referee, and the judges were Dr. James T. Kemp of the New York A. C. and Lawrence Myers of the Fencers' Club.

The contestants with the foils were George Kavanagh, Samuel T. Shaw, and Wm. T. Heintz of the New York A. C., Charles Tatham of the Fencers' Club, and Dr. C. T. Adams of the New Manhattan A. C.; with duelling swords, Wm. T. Heintz, George Kavanagh, and Samuel T. Shaw of the New York A. C., and A. V. Z. Post of the Fencers' Club. Of the former all but Dr. Adams were successful, while of the latter only Post and Heintz made the requisite score.

At the Fencers' Club a musical entertainment was given by Miss Nita Carrite, Miss Lucille Saunders, Mr. George Moore, Mr. Perry Averill, and Mr. Frank Travers Town-end. The committee in charge was composed of Newbold Morris, A. V. Z. Post, Truman Hemlinway, Charles De Kay, J. Murray Mitchell, W. Scott O'Connor, Schuyler Schieffelin, S. Montgomery Roosevelt, Fitzhugh Townsend, and Charles Tatham. Others present were Perry Belmont, William Whitlock, C. C. Nadal, and Lieut. Bettini.

The preliminary contests with sabres will be held at the New York A. C. to-night, and the finals will all be held at the Fencers' Club on April 25. In addition to the men who qualified last night the following, who qualified last year, are also eligible to enter the finals: Foils—A. V. Z. Post and Fitzhugh Townsend of the Fencers' Club and C. G. Bothner of the New York A. C. Duelling swords—Charles Tatham of the Fencers' Club and C. G. Bothner of the New York A. C.

Last night's summaries follow:

Samuel T. Shaw, touches 3, position 1.80, total 4.83, defeated George Kavanagh, touches 2, position 1.41, total 3.41.

Charles Tatham, touches 5, position 1.66, total 4.66, defeated Samuel T. Shaw, touches 2, position 1.33, total 3.33.

Charles Tatham, touches 4, position 2.16, total 6.16, defeated William T. Heintz, touches 1, position 1, total 2.

William T. Heintz, touches 5, position 1.91, total 6.91, defeated Dr. C. T. Adams, touches 0, position .10, total .10.

George Kavanagh, touches 5, position 2.00, total 7, defeated Dr. C. T. Adams, touches 0, position .20, total .20.

Charles Tatham, touches 5, position 2.83, total 5.83, defeated George Kavanagh, touches 2, position 1.41, total 3.41.

Wm. T. Heintz, touches 3, position 1.58, total 4.58, defeated Samuel T. Shaw, touches 2, position 1.33, total 3.33.

Charles Tatham, touches 3, position 1.83, total 4.83, defeated Dr. C. T. Adams, touches 2, position .58, total 2.58.

George Kavanagh, touches 3, position 2.25, total 5.25, defeated Wm. T. Heintz, touches 2, position 1.66, total 3.66.

Samuel T. Shaw, touches 5, position 1.41, total 6.83, defeated Dr. C. T. Adams, touches 0, position .33, total .33.

Totals necessary for qualification, 17.00. Qualified—Charles Tatham, 20.83. George Kavanagh, 19.07; Samuel T. Shaw, 18.37; William T. Heintz, 18.15. Disqualified—Dr. C. T. Adams, 2.23.

Duelling swords—A. V. Z. Post defeated William T. Heintz 2 to 1.

William T. Heintz defeated George Kavanagh 2 to 1.

Samuel T. Shaw defeated George Kavanagh 2 to 1.

William T. Heintz defeated Samuel T. Shaw 2 to 1.

A. V. Z. Post defeated George Kavanagh 2 to 1.

A. V. Z. Post defeated Samuel T. Shaw 2 to 1.

Totals.—Necessary to qualify, 5. Qualified—A. V. Z. Post, 6; Wm. T. Heintz, 5. Disqualified—George Kavanagh, 3; Samuel T. Shaw, 4.

News from the Horse World.

A jury in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday gave a verdict of $13,147 to Charles Geller in his suit against Jockey Patrick McDermott over their deal in the racing horse Herat. The plaintiff alleged that McDermott had failed to pay his share in the purchase and care of the horse.

RACING.

Ajax and Speculation Have a Narrow Escape from Serious Injury.

The trainers at the race tracks by the sea displayed unusual activity yesterday morning. Both the Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay tracks were harrowed early, and they were in fair condition for working horses before noon. M. F. Dwyer, who returned from Florida on Wednesday night, was at Gravesend and saw his cracks, Ben Brush and Harry Reed, at work. Mr. Dwyer will ship his horses to Washington about April 10, where Harry Reed, the sister to Ramapo, and Tom Cromwell will race. Probably Ben Brush may have a few six-furlong night stretches to fit him more thoroughly for the struggle that is before him at St. Louis for the valuable prize there. Father Bill Daly promised sensational work to-day with his cracks.

At Sheepshead Bay excellent work was done by Tom Green, Albert Cooper, and J. Kneale. At Brighton Beach the road from the Concourse to the Neck road was thronged with visitors watching Lakeland's handicap quartet do their work. Frank D. Beard and a party of friends were present to see the Erie stable horses negotiate the jumps. Col. Ruppert's Ajax had a narrow escape from serious injury while at work. He cleared every obstacle in masterly fashion, but slipped badly, and just avoided going down on his neck. The same thing happened to George Newton's Speculation. The horse slipped after clearing the jump, throwing his boy over his head. Neither horse nor rider was injured.

The Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 26.—The favorites were not very successful in winning the purses at the Fair Grounds to-day, as only three out of the six got home in front. The handicap, at six furlongs, resulted in a driving finish between Valet, at 10 to 1, and Hi Henry, the favorite, with the former a winner by a small margin. After Feedman won the first race, it was decided to refuse his entry in the future, as his running was too "mechanical." Summary:

First Race—Mile and an eighth; selling. Feedman, 105 (Hart), 15 to 1, won; Iklon, 107 (Bam), 10 to 1, second; Buckmore, 103 (Gatewood), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:55.

Second Race—Six furlongs; selling. Lorania, 102 (Hirsch), even, won; Minerva, 102 (Hart), 13 to 1, second; May Ashley, 102 (Dunn), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:15¾.

Third Race—Seven and a half furlongs; selling. Rapid Transit, 103 (Hart), 6 to 5, won; Sweetheart, 104 (