THE DOGS BARK FAREWELL.

CLOSE OF THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BENCH SHOW.

Tulip Ears Adopted as the Standard by the New French Bulldog Club—Women Among the Prize-Winning Owners—An Expert Opinion on Fitzsimmons's Great Dane.

This year's bench show became only a memory last night, and by breakfast time this morning the prize dogs will be journeying by fast express trains to their home kennels. Many will go directly to the St. Louis show, the next point on the bench show circuit. J. G. K. Duer, President of the Westminster Kennel Club, said that the four-day fixture had been the most successful in the twenty-one years' history of the show.

Washington's Birthday started the show off with a boom, but yesterday's attendance was in excess of the holiday crowds. The morning visitors were few in number, children predominating, under convoy of nursemaids. The drill-like march of a class from a female school caused an unusual flutter of interest among the chappies. The nursemaids had a hard task to guard the small boys from harm, but the little girls gave them no cause for worry. Each girl walked along as demurely as they will in the Fifth avenue church parade in later years, but some of the boys were imps of mischief. One little girl was so polite she would not speak of a dog's "pants." She said the overheated dog was "breathing vociferously."

Of course, every small boy of spirit scorned the pet dogs and picked out the gigantic St. Bernards or mastiffs, or the tub-headed bulldogs as the special objects of his attentions. Fortunately, the canine Goliahs have hearts as big as their bodies, and they were cheerful under the caresses and proddings of their young visitors. Grown-up folks who trifle with the dogs are not always treated as cordially, especially when they force their endearments on a sleeping canine or one who makes plain that he is not in the mood for a petting. One man yesterday had his hand lacerated for poking up a sleeping dog with his fingers.

In the afternoon and evening there was a steady ebb and flow of visitors through every aisle—a stream that overflowed in divided tides through the two galleries and was dammed up in a confusing swirl about the ring when the performing dogs were doing their tricks. The society notabilities, kennel club men, and casual callers of course used the Madison avenue entrance, but there was as great a crush about the Fourth avenue door, which is used by the "talent," the trainers, handlers, and most of the owners. Around this door canine wisdom may be picked up in solid chunks.

The noise of the dogs could be overheard before entering the Garden at all. Over in Madison square the echoes sounded faintly beneath the budding trees, and seemed like the baying of a distant pack of hounds in full cry after a fox. An incident of the afternoon was the appearance of a dirty and dissolute street dog in the Madison avenue lobby, who had been attracted by the turmoil of barks, and was rushing, with head up and wagging tail, to pay a visit to the doggy congress. But the wanderer was not allowed to contaminate by his presence the aristocratic gathering. The doorkeepers and the Westminster men at the gate formed themselves into a "bouncing committee" and promptly expelled the tramp canine. It was an object lesson in the unequal distribution of canine wealth.

It was not as strong a chorus, however, as on the first day, for the confinement had made the big dogs lazy, and the small ones were tired out. Only the Irish setters and the collies, in sheer vivacity, took delight in barking on general principles; the others had to be stirred up by some such incident as the leading of a dog past their pens to make a noise. The beagles would sleep as calmly as the prince in the fairy tale in the face of even this aggravation, but their cousins, the dachshunds, made noise enough for the whole family.

The long-bodied dachshunds have the deepest tones of any animal in the canine chorus. Their deep chests give them great lung power, and stone for their short legs. The fox terriers, the quintessence of doggy vitality, were utterly worn out, but game to the last. They gazed about as vigilantly as ever, but were dumb, except when a handler walked one of their breed through the row, when they would put up a hoarse defiance, and pull desperately at their chains.

Herr von Arnstein, the active young German who wrestled with a Great Dane at each performance of the trained dogs, had his work cut out for him to withstand the rushes of the heavy dog. At the climax the stage business requires that the dog must have the honors of the fall, but the Great Dane is such an adept wrestler that it is all the German can do to last out the round until the signal for the end. The only way he may throw the Great Dane is by lifting it clear from the ground, an almost impossible feat on account of the dog's quickness.

"Do you think Bob Fitzsimmons, who is matched with Corbett, will gain strength by wrestling with his Great Dane, Yarum?" THE SUN reporter asked Von Arnstein last night.

"Feel my arms and shoulders," replied the young man. It was in his dressing room and Von Arnstein had stripped off his glazed jersey, showing a superb muscular development. "My entire body is built up as strongly, and it is all due to wrestling daily with the Great Dane. It keeps me in constant training and it should do as much for Fitzsimmons. In Germany we have few pugilists, but wrestlers often train with Great Danes to make them quick in their motions. It is better than dancing about a room to develop the wind. In wrestling the brute and the dogs do not tire as quickly as a man. It is very wise, in my mind, for Fitzsimmons to train with the Great Dane. It proves a long head, and I will bet my month's wages on him."

To use Great Danes as trick dogs is a novelty, and such acts as rope walking are unique features in their performance. Poodles are the customary cards. The Great Dane, in a novel way, does not seem to have any chance in this country, where there are no boars to hunt, except as a watchdog. One gun club man suggests that if broken to the sport they should make good coon dogs. One snap of their sharp teeth would be sure death to the sly shiftiest coon even hit from a tree by moonlight.

Women have made a record at this show, for their entries have won nearly a third of the prizes. This state of affairs is an old story in the pet and toy dog classes, but the prominence in the large dog classes is a new development. They have evidently a stronger personal feeling in their exhibits than the men, who, unless they are anxious to make sales, only make occasional calls on their dogs to see that the handlers are not neglectful. But many of the women call hourly on their dogs, and take as tender farewells after each call as though parting forever from an old love.

The women fanciers on toy dog row do not leave their exhibits for an instant; but zeal to sell is the incentive that keeps them on guard. The sex is as uncertain in its canine likes and dislikes as in choosing new bonnets. No mere male may solve from a woman's looks what sort of dog she likes best. The tall and athletic girls are as apt to coddle the spaniels or toy terriers as to grow endearing over the St. Bernards or pointers, and the dainty, petite women, who seem best fitted to coaxing a little fluffy dog, will only grow enthusiastic over the mastiffs or massive bulldogs.

During the week Mrs. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger and Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley were regular callers on the black-and-tans, and Mrs. James A. Burden, Jr., and Mrs. J. L. Kernochan were as devoted to the Chow-Chows as they were last year to the French bulldogs. Miss Anna Morgan took a great interest in her father's fine collies, and Miss Anabel Green was as faithful to her field spaniels at the show as she was to golf last summer. The bull terriers received visits each day from Miss May Bird, Mrs. C. Albert Stevens, Mrs. Perry Tiffany, and Mrs. Frank F. Dole, who won more prize than any woman having entries on the benches. Mrs. George J. Gould paid more than one visit to her husband's pointers, and Mrs. Henry G. Trevor was equally interested in the Meadowmere Kennel's poodles, her husband's particular canine fad. These black poodles and their brown and white rivals are trim specimens of artificial clipping. The London fashion of clipping the coat to form monograms or crests has not extended as yet to American poodles.

Raper, the English judge, says that his only deep cause of satisfaction is that he had not been called on to award a prize to the best dog owned by the most beautiful woman exhibitor. In this contingency he said he would have fled for home on the mid-week steamer. Both Raper and Astley unite in the opinion that the show is up to the standard of any London exhibition, and in the size and beauty of the building and throng of well-dressed visitors it leads all the shows of the world.

There were no new developments in the Molton Banner protesting case, but in a backhanded way the judgment in the French bulldog class was severely criticised. The pen holding Regent Street Swell and Mirza, the pair that won all the prizes for George Work, was decked out with smilax and orange blossoms, and festooned with the yellow and black pennant that has flittered from the topmast of his yacht, the Katrina, in many a Larchmont regatta. Possession is more than the proverbial nine points in canine law, and as Work had the awards sale his joy was not marred by the action of the new specialty club.

The new French Bull Dog Club was organized in the afternoon by H. C. Riggs, G. N. Phelps, J. L. Kernochan, J. R. Bachan, Walter Warren, F. G. Davis and G. L. Rogton. A committee was appointed, formed of Kernochan, Bachan and Phelps, to draw up a standard of points for the breed. In the matter of ears the committee was instructed to rule that the "bat" or tulip formation must be the distinctive feature. This decision stamps Regent Street Swell and Mirza, who have rare ears, as of a wrong type. The new club will probably ask the American Kennel Club to rule that two classes will be opened at bench shows, for French bulldogs and for miniature or toy bulldogs, the latter class for the type owned by George Work, which reproduce the ears and points of the regular bulldog.

Raper, who judged the French bulls, maintains that on general excellence the winning pair were fully entitled to their prizes. Astley says the plan to have two classes is a wise one. The French have no regular standard; in England they are known as the "toy bulldog." Raper's comment was: "In the bulldog standard of fifty or sixty years ago it was stated that the ears might be either the rose or tulip type, but the modern standard requires the rose ear. My idea is that the small bulldog should conform to the big type. The jaw and muzzle are the most important points, after the legs and body. Regent Street Swell and Mirza have the true bulldog head and points, and are utterly lacking in the long terrier under jaw possessed by the dogs they defeated. They should be under twenty pounds in weight, too."

"Undoubtedly the French bulldog is the favorite of the ultra-fashionable people just now," said a well-known English authority. "This class was one of the most distinguished at the show this year, and so it was at the Boston show, which opened on the second of this month. Last year thirteen French toys were entered, and all were nominated by well-known society women. Mrs. Neilson, Freddie Gebhard's sister, won the blue ribbon with Bellechose, and from that day the French bulldog has borne fashion's stamp of approval in this country. Mrs. James L. Kernochan, Mrs. Adolph Landenberg, and Mrs. Burke Roche also have fine specimens of this breed."

As the name implies, the French toy bulldog is a miniature type, one might say a bantam, of the English species with the exception of the character of the ear. This member is carried erect and wide open and they set wide apart on the head. The skull is massive and the face very short with a well-developed stop. When the face is wedge shaped it is a sure sign that there is a strain of bad blood somewhere. The body is compact, heavy, thick-set, and low swung, and is covered with a short, straight, flat, and glossy coat. The cheeks are well rounded and protrude sideways, and the eyes are low down in the skull, and so far apart that they give the animal a wonderfully honest expression. A large, broad, black nose, short, strong, and well-arched neck, broad and full chest, and round feet, inclined to smallness, are some other noticeable characteristics.

Two fashionable women were examining the French toys at the show yesterday.

"Of course you have one," said the elder to her companion, a dashing-looking girl.

"No, not yet," was the reply, "but I'm looking around for one now. One might just as well be out of the world as out of the fashion, even when it comes to dogs. Do you know I felt so out of date when I walked out with my pug Flossie that I sent her to our country place. I'm not going to have her in town any more. But I shall enjoy being with her in the summer, I can tell you."

"You were quite right to get rid of your pug," responded the matron. "Soon nobody that is anybody will coddle a pug. Those who can't afford French bulldogs will get bull terriers. They are quite fashionable, too, you know. But, my dear, there was never such a satisfactory dog as the French. They have the charming vivacity of the French women and are, like them, tenacious and affectionate in disposition. They are just the reverse of the terrier, and are never snappish and snarlish and quarrelsome. Indeed, they are just like some men; it takes a deal to put them out, but heaven help you when you do."

"Another thing that I like about them is that they are so expensive," put in the younger. "You know they are bound to be exclusive so long as one can't buy a decent one for less than $500. Why, I have a friend who owns one that he has refused to sell for $2,000. Pugs did get very common, didn't they? But there are lots of other toy dogs that will always be in style, I think."

"I'll tell you something that strikes me as very strange," broke in the matron, "and that is that Russian wolfhounds have never become the fashion in this country. They surely will some day. Probably they will succeed the French bulldog. Who knows? Now the Russian is the rage in England. It is the king of dogs with fashionable Englishwomen. The best kennel is owned by the Duchess of Newcastle, and she took the first and second prizes at the great English show lately, while the Princess of Wales's favorite wolfhound had to be content with third. For my part, however, I never expect to give up my Frenchman. No matter what else may breed comes in style, I'm going to be true to him."

"And you just advised me to discard my dear pug," answered the girl with a smiling pout.

When asked what dog she considered the most in vogue, Mrs. Ferd Sefn, who exhibited twenty-two toy dogs and carried off twenty-one prizes, said:

"The French bull dog, but there are other toy dogs that will always hold their own in the hearts of fashionable women, and others who can afford them. I find it impossible to fill my orders for Japanese spaniels, and they command bigger prices than any other of the miniature dogs. The Jap is the smartest and the cleanest of them all. They don't stand much rough usage, and demands to be treated like a spoiled child. The prices vary from $150 to $700. Many prominent actresses own Japanese spaniels, and I don't believe that the French bull dogs oust them.

"Next in popularity comes the King Charles spaniels. My Romeo is the shortest-faced specimen living, and I've repeatedly refused $1,000 for him. No money could buy Romeo from me. That's all there is about that. I'd feel like it was sacrilege to sell him. Fine King Charles pups are obtainable at $50 each.

"Yorkshire terriers are always in fashion and always will be. They are jolly and hearty, and children love them dearly. The smaller they are the more valuable they are considered. It is considerable trouble to keep their hair in first-class condition, but one is repaid for doing so.

"One of the rarest toy dogs is the miniature pug. I have two that it has taken me over twenty-five years to get. They weigh three pounds each, and I wouldn't part with them for a cent less than $150 each. Large pugs are not so much in demand as they were by half, but the miniature pugs hold their own. It can't be denied, however, that the French bulldog now leads fashion's procession."

That the hard work of the dog novices is recruited from men of all pursuits was made plain by noting the personalities in the day and evening crowd. Medical men were on hand in force, and the profession seems to have an especial fondness for fine blooded dogs. Some who have the right to prefix "Dr." to their names were Rush S. Huidekoper, F. A. Stahl, S. Dickson Barr, H. T. Foote, and, of course, Dr. Lyon. Colonel T. A. Havemeyer was an afternoon visitor, and so was William C. Whitney. Will Faversham, who is not exhibiting bull terriers this year, made his first call, and J. Pierpont Morgan paid his regular visit. In the evening throng were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, John R. Townsend, Joseph E. Larocque, Jr., W. W. Watrous, George de Forest Grant, J. L. Kernochan, Lewis M. Rutherfurd, James R. Blossom, W. W. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Morton W. Smith, Robert C. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. K. Duer, H. K. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tiffany, W. K. Vingut, Jenkins Van Schaick, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Carnochan, Mr. and Mrs. T. Suffern Tailer, E. C. La Montagne, E. Willard Roby, Miss Josephine Bulkley, Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford Buchan, James T. Hyde, Col. Jac. Rappert, Jr., A. N. Beadleston, F. G. de Lima, R. Dudley Winthrop, Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg, R. B. Kittridge, and Mrs. Burke Roche.

The Bull Terrier Club of America was organized in the afternoon. T. S. Bellin, H. Fred Church, F. F. Dole, Dr. R. S. Huidekoper, C. Albert Stevens, Perry Tiffany, and Arthur Thompson were appointed as a committee of organization and to arrange a standard to govern all future entries in bull-terrier classes, to report after the close of the western circuit of bench shows. This organization is the successor of the old Bull Terrier Club started in Pittsburgh two years ago, but which was short-lived through some misunderstanding with the American Kennel Club.

Bench show exhibitors are inveterate bargain makers, and any number of sales and trades of dogs were made during the closing hours. T. S. Bellin sold to J. Lorillard Ardon for $500 the bull terrier Tommy Tickler, winner of the special for the best of the breed from Tranlaur and Cardui Gras. The Hudson Kennels sold the Great Danes Hamilton II. and Blanche for $180, for shipment to San Domingo. An important sale of setters and Skye terriers was the purchase of the Woodbury Kennel, including the winners Lady Rockwood, Gordon, Princess Maud, and Endeline Maggie, by James Maxwell Bullock of Philadelphia. The price was not stated. Nearly all the exhibits by the dealers on toy dog row were sold, one of the Japanese spaniels bringing $500. But the names of the buyers were close secrets. It is against the tenets of the trade to give away the identity of a good cash buyer.

Two red foxes, brought all the way from Maine, were caged next to the American fox hounds, and caused the dogs much perturbation of mind. The hounds, instead of doing proper duty, as was their wont, had troubled dreams, for whenever the scent floated past their nostrils each dog would jump on its feet and seem as startled as the victim of a nightmare.

There were some empty pens on the last day, for the puppies were mostly taken to their kennels on Wednesday night. At about 9 o'clock last night the regular homeward procession of the canine stars began, and early this morning the vast Garden will be ready for the next attraction. The prize money was paid out to the winning owners early in the afternoon.

An auction sale of fox terriers, setters, collies, and bull terriers was held at the American House stable, Madison avenue, yesterday afternoon. There no prize winners in the lot and the dogs sold cheaply.

TUB IS A FAMOUS DOG.

He May Lack in Pedigree, but He Pulls a Big Stroke with Politicians.

Probably the best-known dog at the Westminster Kennel Club's show, which closed last night, was Tub, owned by Garrett J. Benson, Sergeant-at-Arms of the State Senate. Tub is not, perhaps, well known to dog fanciers, but that is their loss. Tub's acquaintances are among statesmen and politicians, and there is not one of these of any prominence, from Staten Island to Plattsburg, who is not included among his friends.

Tub hasn't got a family tree, which, probably, accounts for the fact that he didn't win a prize at the show. The failure to win a prize did not disturb his serenity in the least. He recognized, probably, that individual merit doesn't count for so much at the dog show as ancestry. The fact is that it was not on account of his lineage, but in spite of it, that he became famous. It was only after a joint resolution had been introduced and passed in the Senate and Assembly requesting that Tub be entered in the dog show that he came to New York at this time.

Tub has something of the appearance of the Boston terrier. He is, however, much taller and heavier. In color he is a yellow brown, with a white stripe on his breast. His tail is not worth a telling, it's so short. His neck, shoulders, and forelegs are almost as massive as those of a bulldog. His bench at the show was on the north side of the first balcony, and no dog in the show, not even the Great Dane, Major McKinley, attracted anything like the attention that Tub attracted.

In Albany, where Tub is on his native heath, he lives at "The Tub," the home of most of the newspaper correspondents during the sessions of the Legislature. It is seldom, however, that he takes more than one meal a day at "The Tub." After his breakfast, which he usually takes late, he goes out for a stroll and happens into Keeler's restaurant for luncheon. If he happens to feel in the mood he will drop around to the Executive Mansion about dinner time and dine with the Governor. Wherever he goes he is always treated with distinguished consideration, and, in the way of edibles, he always gets the best.

There was never a dog in Albany whose fondness for a scrap was greater than Tub's. He will fight anything in the shape of a dog, and he is not particular how big that dog is. He would as soon fight a mastiff as a black-and-tan. He showed his bellicose disposition yesterday afternoon when, slipping his collar, he wandered down the balcony. Passing the bench of Jupiter, a big shepherd dog, Tub stopped for a moment. Jupiter began barking at him furiously. Tub took this as an insult, and, with one bound, he was on Jupiter's bench, with his teeth fastened in the shepherd dog's right ear. Every time Jupiter made a pass at him Tub would get his body out of the way, still holding on to the ear. It was finally necessary, in order to get the two dogs apart, to choke Tub until his tongue hung out of his mouth.

A little more than a year ago Tub was in the Senate chamber. He saw his master, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorting the Governor's private secretary up the aisle to the Lieutenant-Governor's desk with a message for the Senate. Tub watched the performance, noted the dignity in the carriage of both his master and Col. Cole. A few days later Col. Cole entered the Senate chamber on a similar errand and was escorted up the aisle as he had been before. This time, however, there was an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for Tub marched directly behind the private secretary clear up to the bar of the Senate. The Senate was in an uproar when the Senators saw Tub. He took it all as a matter of course, however, waited until the message had been delivered, and then went back as he had come, no one ever thinking of putting him out.

Golf at Lakewood.

LAKEWOOD, Feb. 25.—From the result of the members' weekly handicap tournament to-day for the silver loving cup given by James Converse to the player winning it the most number of times between Dec. 15 and March 15, there seems no doubt of its becoming the absolute property of Arthur R. Claflin, who added to his previous three victories by winning the trophy again this morning. The first round he completed in forty-five, adding one stroke more to that total on the last nine holes. He had a handicap of three strokes, so that his net score was 38. F. A. Walthew was reduced to an allowance of two strokes through his victory last week, which he looked like repeating at the end of his first round. Although he slipped in driving for the fifth hole and landed his ball a few feet away from the tee behind a tree, taking nine to hole out, and made connections with the hole on at the first green, he pulled out in forty-four, which included six four-stroke holes. He had a succession of bad lies and misfortunes on his second round, after running even with his score on the first circuit till the close of the fifth hole, and ended in fifty, leaving him ninety-two net. The results are appended:

Names.	Gross.	Handicap.	Net.
A. R. Claflin	91	3	88
F. A. Walthew	94	2	92
James Converse	106	5	101
E. Robbins Walker	110	10	100
F. S. Pearsall	116	10	106
E. H. Ellis	141	40	101
Chauncey F. Keep	118	7	106
Frank Morgan Freeman	114	12	102

On the Oakland Golf Links.

BAYSIDE, Feb. 25.—The members of the Oakland Golf Club took advantage of the good weather to-day, and many of the members enjoyed the sport by playing on the links. Although in the early part of the day there were many golfers present, only one important game was played, a contest between Walter J. Travis, the champion of the club, who established a new record for the grounds on Monday, and Frank De Ramisee. The men played in good form. Long straight drives and short crooked puts were the order of the day.

In the first round Travis equalled his record of 39 strokes made on Washington's Birthday. In the second half he did not keep up to his usual standard, but managed to complete the nine holes in 43 strokes. De Ramisee made some good drives, but met with hard luck in several stone walls. The individual scores were:

Walter J. Travis—										
Out	5	3	4	5	4	6	5	3	4	—39
In	6	2	6	5	7	8	4	4	—43	— 82
Frank De Ramisee—										
Out	6	7	8	8	7	7	8	4	5	—60
In	4	5	6	6	5	4	7	9	6	—52—112

Skating Race Ends in a Wrangle.

STAMFORD, Feb. 25.—During the national skating tournament in this city last month a match was made between Joe Donoghue of Newburgh and Horace Moshier of Storm King, for quarter-mile heats, best two in three, for $100 a side, and it was started on Cove Pond, this city, to-day. The first heat was won by Moshier, but Donoghue protested that the track was short, and a remeasurement showed that he was right. The heat was skated over and was won by Moshier by about six inches in 39 2-10 seconds.

In the second heat Moshier collided with Donoghue and claimed the heat on a foul, alleging that the Newburgher was on the wrong side of the track. The judges wrangled over the matter for more than an hour. Before a decision had been reached the contestants had agreed to call this match off and to make a new agreement. The new match will probably be skated within two weeks on the upper Hudson. The ice here, while fair to-day, was not fast, and the chances are that it would not be in condition, after time had been given, for the new race.

McAlpin Outshoots Dando.

George S. McAlpin of this city and Thomas S. Dando of Philadelphia shot a live bird match yesterday on the river grounds of the Riverton Gun Club. The conditions were two birds to each trap, unknown traps, twenty-five yards rise, fifty yards boundary and single barrels. There was very little wind, and the birds were a good lot. The match was for $500 a side, and McAlpin proved the winner by the following score:

McAlpin—
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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 * 1 1 16
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 17
1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 17
1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 14
Total 80

Dando—
0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 * 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 * 0 14
1 * 1 * 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 16
1 1 * 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 13
1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 13
1 0 1 1 1 * 1 0 * 1 1 1 1 1 * 1 1 1 1 15
Total 73

Thoma Wins at the Traps.

LONG BRANCH, Feb. 25.—Albert Thoma defeated Arthur Sussman in a fifteen-bird match before the Hollywood traps this afternoon. The match was for $50 a side, 30 yards rise, 21 yards boundary. Ten birds were gathered by each marksman in the regular match. In the five-bird shoot off they again tied. Thoma then killed four straight, winning the stake. Sussman paid his second and forfeited his birds. A return shoot will be held.

Whist.

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—The Albany Chess and Whist Club's four, composed of Albert Rathbone, Douglass W. Alcott, Corcilley, and Gillespie, defeated the Hendrik Hudson Whist Club's four of Hudson, N. Y., composed of E. W. Scoville, J. Frank Chace, A. Chace, and Charles Esselstyn, here last night by two tricks.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

The New York Hockey Club's junior team would like play any junior team, but has not already met for the junior championship. Out of the ten games played this season it has not been scored against in a single game.

The hockey match between Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania, which is scheduled for to-morrow at the St. Nicholas Rink, West Sixty-sixth street and Columbus avenue, will be the first intercollegiate game played in this city by American teams.

The Board of Trustees of the New Jersey A. C. held its annual spring meeting at the club house on Tuesday evening to settle on plans for the coming track season. Much was altered in the personnel of the Baseball Committee, and it is the intention of the committee to alternate each Saturday with the cricket department, commencing April 10.

Tom O'Rourke, Sam Austin, and "Brooklyn Jim Ely" Carroll will be the judges of the cake walk at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, March 2. "Parson" Davies, "Scrappy" Bill Joyce, manager of the New York baseball team, and Senator "Dry Dollars" Sullivan will decide the prize for the most original fancy costume in the colored ball tonight that will follow the conclusion of the cake walk.

The annual indoor games of the Polytechnic Institute A. A. will take place to-morrow night. The '97 trophy will be awarded to the class scoring the largest number of points. It is a perpetual challenge cup, to be held by the winners of the interclass games for one year. Last year the cup was won by the class of '97. A game of basketball will also be played between the "Polys" and a team composed of graduates of the Polytechnic. The students have been training hard for both events.

Announcement.

Owing to the delay of contractors in completing the alterations in our two establishments we are compelled to defer our

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NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

New Rules to Govern Riders in Prospect Park and on the Cycle Path.

The Associated Cycling Clubs of New York propose to take an active interest in subjects that will benefit bicycle riders this year. President Simms has appointed the following committees to direct the work of the organization in its different channels:

Streets and Roads—C. W. Nason, M. B. C.; C. L. Harrison, R. W.; C. A. Benedict, M. W.; G. Gilbert, C. C.; W. J. Doty, M. W.

Rights and Legislation—James O'Neill, M. W.; W. A. Sweetzer, C. W.; W. Kelley, W. C. C.; W. H. Klinker, C. W.; F. House, R. W.

Social Intercourse—M. Freedentich, H. W.; A. Stahl, G. W.; E. B. Stockvis, R. A. W.; E. J. Eiter, T. W.; H. Grimm, S. W.

Racing—J. F. Fitch, K. A. C.; M. Gibb, C. W.; M. L. Bridgman, M. B. C.; A. J. Engiert, H. W.

Park Commissioner Dettmer of Brooklyn has established the following rules to govern bicycle riders in the park and on the cycle path this year:

SECTION 1. All vehicles must carry lighted lamps, showing white light ahead, from thirty minutes after sunset until thirty minutes before sunrise.

SEC. 2. Riders, drivers, and cyclists must observe all the rules of the road, keeping to the right of the road at all times, except when overtaking vehicles going in the same direction, when they must pass to the left.

SEC. 3. Riding or driving is prohibited on the paths in Prospect Park. Cyclists wishing to use the park pathways may push their wheels along said path. Only equestrians may use the paths especially set aside for them.

SEC. 4. Bicycle boots must not coast in Prospect Park nor upon the bicycle paths and must keep their feet on the pedals and their hands on the handle bars.

SEC. 5. Bicycles and tricycles must be provided with bicycle bells not to exceed 2½ inches in diameter.

SEC. 6. The use of Chinese Japanese or Swiss bells is prohibited in Prospect Park, on the parkways, and on the cycle paths, except for parades, when a special permit must be obtained.

Chief Consul Conway W. Sams of the Maryland division of the L. A. W. has appointed the following committees for the current year:

Rights and Privileges—C. W. Heisler, J. Hemsley Johnson, and O. I. Yellett.

Improvement of Highways—Sherlock Swan, C. J. Taylor, and J. De Puyster.

Transportation—R. W. Applegarth, J. M. Ramming, and J. E. Hackett.

Racing—Albert Mott, Louis Wetherill, and W. W. Carr.

Finance—J. McElroy, Alfred Ely, and A. B. Paul.

Membership—H. P. Gwynn, I. M. Wood, and J. D. Norris.

Legislation—Archibald C. Willison, E. C. Mantz, F. A. White, R. H. McCormick, and F. J. A. Murphy.

Road Book—H. D. Matters, W. C. Watkins, C. B. Balke, R. T. Price, and E. M. Warns.

The Road Committee of the Morris Wheelmen, consisting of John Frick, O. B. Kellar, and J. T. Lair, have mapped out the following programme of road events to be promoted this year:

Official runs will be arranged for holidays and Sundays only, and the rate of speed of participants will be restricted to not exceeding ten miles an hour.

Ladies' runs will be held one evening in each week, and occasionally during the day, throughout the riding season.

Races will be arranged, open to members only, to take place on a private track at East View and coasting and hill-climbing contests will be held during the season, but the value of club prizes shall at no time exceed $5 for the first and $3 for the second. The Varian Medal, for the one-mile club championship, will be competed for during the season. Hare-and-hound contests will also be held.

Members who may be at leisure on week days, half holidays, and during vacations can arrange to have friends accompany them on their rides by filing a written notice with the Road Committee or posting it on the club bulletin, stating the time that they will be at leisure, and the Road Committee will keep a book of reference for that purpose at the club house.

Medals for club runs will be awarded by the club to each member in good standing who is reported by the Road Committee as having participated in three-fourths of the total number of runs during the season or during his membership, provided it be three months or more. Mileage medals or extra bars will be furnished at the end of the year to club members in good standing who have ridden 1,000 miles or over. One or more century runs will be held during the year, open to club members and friends only.

P. M. C.—To ride from Montague street, Brooklyn, to Hempstead, L. I., go direct to Clinton street, and then turn right to Schermerhorn street; turn left to Flatbush avenue; turn right to Sixth avenue; turn right to Lincoln place; turn left to the Prospect Park Plaza; take the Sacket street boulevard to East New York avenue; then ride to Glenmore avenue; then connect with the Rockaway road, and follow to South Jamaica; then ride direct to Hollis and through Queens to Floral Park; continue through to Mineola, and then ride across to Hempstead.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—An unusually good field of competitors was seen in both the professional and amateur contests at the mammoth Mardi Gras meet which opened to-day at Athletic Park. The two professional events on the card were well contested. Six men started from scratch in the two-mile handicap with a field of twenty-four men. Gardiner, Chicago; Eaton, Elizabeth; Monte Scott, Plainfield; Walthour, Nashville; Hufstetter, Florida, and Starbuck, Philadelphia, were scratch men; Weinig, Buffalo, was on the sixty-yard mark, and Steenson, Buffalo, and Jack, Philadelphia, at seventy-five. At the bell the scratch men were bunched. The field after a game struggle, Gardiner was forced back into a pocket, and Eaton worked to the front, winning by less than a length from Walthour, who beat Gardiner by inches. Steenson, an inch back of Gardiner, was fourth. By a clever quarter mile straight sprint Steenson took the mile 2:15 class from Weinig by a scant foot. In the amateur class Peabody of Chicago was the king, taking the half mile, one and was third in the mile paced.

NOTES.

The annual dinner of the Century Wheelmen will be held on Tuesday evening.

The Harlem Wheelmen will hold a club run to City Island on Sunday.

The Glen Cove Wheelmen have elected the following officers: President, J. D. Sayre; Vice-President, George Hoffman; Secretary-Treasurer, R. Frank Bowne; Captain, E. D. Skinner, Jr.; Lieutenant, Eugene Hopkins; Road Committee, D. M. Gay, R. Frank Bowne and C. P. Valentine.

A minstrel show will be given by the Harlem Wheelmen at the Harlem opera house to-morrow night.

It is a fact that the tobacco chewing on the road in France is not always "straight," and so plainly has this fact come before the authorities that several suggestions have been made to help in doing away with the towing and other fraudulent dodges of would-be racers to-day. One of these suggestions seems a bit too stupendous to work well in practice. It is that an official be placed at every kilometre mark for checking purposes. On such a route as the Paris-Bordeaux this would mean the provision of 591 officials!—London Sporting Life.

Billy Martin, the American rider, who is at present in Australia, is riding a 105-inch gear in all his track races.

M. A. Holbein, the English long distance rider, is in training, preparatory to attempting to lower the twenty-four-hour road record.

The Brooklyn Bicycle Club has appointed a club house committee, consisting of C. H. Rohmeyer, W. B. Buescher, F. R. Schmidt, E. P. Mapes, and J. T. Sinnott, to look into the question of securing an available site.

The Hudson County Wheelmen contemplate securing a new clubhouse on the Hudson County Boulevard.

The Arcadian Wheelmen of Jersey City have elected the following officers: President, C. D. Cheney; Vice-President, J. L. Brunner; Secretary-Treasurer, L. Hagen; Color Bearer, H. W. Parlin; Road Committee, A. Bremer, S. W. Crawford, and Victor Gussis.

BASEBALL MAGNATES MEET.

No Trouble So Far at the Annual Conference in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—If there is to be knifing and warlike doings at the spring meeting of the National Baseball League, the magnates are past grand masters of the art of dissembling. The atmosphere this morning in and around Rennert's Hotel, where the meeting convened this afternoon, was as gentle as though President Hanlon's prediction of a "perfectly lovely" time was sure to be verified.

Among the deals which are likely to occur besides those mentioned is one between Brush and Von der Ahe, Brush giving Holliday for big Roger Conner. It is not unlikely, either, that New York may make some deal, either the Rusie-Taylor-Clements deal or a deal for a good left fielder. Boston seems out of the deal, as Manager Frank Selee is not at the meet. Chicago may get Billy Nash from Philadelphia.

The meeting is the most interesting and important of the year. There is to be adopted the schedule, changes are to be made in the playing rules, and the National Board will adjust complaints. In view of the many negotiations between some of the magnates during the past two months, it may well be expected that the deals will be sensational.

While the baseball men were non-committal concerning the proposed amendments to the League rules, it seems likely that the bulk of the amendments will be defeated. Brush of Cincinnati, who wields considerable influence, is said to favor coaching. Manager Hanlon of Baltimore will favor it. Byrne of Brooklyn seems to lean that way. The New York officials have also favored aggressive playing, and Soden of Boston said some time ago that he believed coaching added to the interest.

Ex-Manager William McGunnigle will ask redress for what he considers unfair treatment by the Louisville management. McGunnigle claims that he had a verbal contract to manage the Louisvilles for 1897, and that, acting on it, he refused another flattering offer, with the result that, when he was deposed from the management, it was too late to make other arrangements.

Pitcher Frank Foreman is looking for relief from conditions which now seem to make it necessary that he should pitch the coming season for Indianapolis of the Western League. Frank has always pitched in the big League. He believes he is yet capable for big League work, and wants to keep in it.

The National Board of Arbitration, composed of Messrs. Soden, Byrne, Brush, and Young, got together at 11 o'clock to discuss and straighten out difficulties existing between minor league teams and players. After a session of two hours the board adjourned and the meeting of the magnates began. All the teams were represented and President Young was in the chair.

Attorney Elliott of Philadelphia, representing the Wagners, had a hot session with Chris Von der Ahe in relation to the payment of about $2,000 of which it is claimed the Washington magnates owe Von der Ahe as their share of his loss in the lease of Cincinnati ball grounds during the Brotherhood war. Both gentlemen gesticulated wildly, and it was feared by many that they would come to blows, but Elliott left unscathed.

The meeting of the League was almost featureless, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that the magnates remained behind closed doors nearly five hours. Much time was consumed in reading the minutes of the last meeting, which President Young says have never heretofore been asked for. A resolution was then adopted that hereafter the secretary shall send, as soon as possible after every meeting, a copy of the minutes to each club president. This is a new rule.

The principal subject under discussion was the report of the Committee on Telegraphic Matters. Freedman and Robison, who compose this committee, recommended the abrogation of the present contract with the Western Union after the one now in force has expired on Dec. 31, 1897.

At present each club, in consideration of privileges accorded the company, is permitted to use the wires to an amount not exceeding $300 worth of telegraphic matter. Complaint is made that the return is insufficient; besides, the receipts of the clubs are decreased materially by sending scores over the tickers and having them posted in saloons and other places where the club is playing at home. Many persons, it is contended, who would otherwise attend the game, remain away, content to see the scores as they are posted. Every club is instructed to en