GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

IMPROVED WEATHER ROUSES TRAINERS AT THE LOCAL TRACKS.

Alterations at Brighton Beach Oblige Horses Stabled There to Do Their Work Elsewhere—Lorillard's Diakka Among the Second Choices for To-Morrow's Lincoln Handicap.

Trainers at the local tracks were in a happier frame of mind yesterday. The clerk of the weather, after treating them so shabbily during the week, assumed a more pacific attitude, and the result was a marked improvement in the character of the work accomplished. At Morris Park, where it has been impossible to indulge in anything but shed work until late in the afternoon, it was found practicable to send the strings along at a more seasonable hour. Jimmy McLaughlin, who is at the track every morning about 9, had the horses under his charge out about that hour. Hi Daddy and Premier got strong sweating gallops and plenty of walking exercise, with a view to meeting their Washington obligations. The rest of the string had half-mile and five-furlong gallops at three-quarters speed. J. J. McCafferty's lot of two-year-olds, who are as lusty and firm as rocks, cantered and then went half a mile at a good healthy pace. J. W. Rogers is doing nothing in the shape of sharp work with his lot. Clifford, after his winter's recess at Middletown, N. J., looks as big as a house. In speaking of him the astute trainer said:

"It's a mistake to say that Clifford broke down, for he never did. I purposely let up on him, because I felt if I didn't another race would settle him. Of course, trouble with the suspensory ligaments is a ticklish thing, and I am none too confident about getting him cherry ripe. He will have every chance, however, and if he should prove unable to stand the strain, it will not be because he has been hurried in his work."

The apple of Rogers's eye as far as the two-year-olds are concerned is a filly from his old favorite, Senorita, by Troubadour. She has followed her dam in general characteristics. "If she can only get over the ground half as well as her mother," said Rogers, "she won't disgrace her parentage."

At Gravesend, W. C. Daly, as usual, was the busiest. Volley and Arabian, his two representatives for the Washington Handicap, got strong sweating gallops, and very soon the pair will be travelling along at something like racing clip. Handspring, in Frank McCabe's care, was "in physic" the early part of the week. He will be sent along now with a view to meeting his engagement in the Metropolitan Handicap. "At least," said McCabe, "that is what I expect to hear from Mr. Dwyer, as the colt comes to hand early, and I don't think the preparation for that race would injure his chances for the Brooklyn, which is the race, above all, that we want to win."

M. F. Dwyer, who has returned from the West, was at the track, and was delighted with the way in which his string has wintered. Ben Eder, who is the most forward, will probably be the trump card for the earlier battles. Lady May, who is with William McGuigan's horses at Little Neck, is being specially prepared there for the big handicap at Memphis, in which his most dangerous opponent seems to be Souffle.

At Sheepshead Bay Peep o' Day continues to hold the hearts of the trainers quartered there. He is undergoing a nice steady preparation which speaks volumes for the ability of his trainer. William Hayward's horses are having some good strong work popped into them, and the speedy Nana II., of whom Hayward expects great things, yesterday had a useful gallop and a long spell of walking exercise.

The trainers at Brighton Beach were compelled to take their strings to Gravesend or Sheepshead owing to the alterations being made at the track by the sea. Most important of the improvements to be made at this course is a six-furlong track with one turn. To accomplish this a chute is being built at the eastern end of the inclosure. Another chute is being built for the seven-furlong races, while the track itself is being widened at a number of points and considerable alterations are being made at the turns for home. The saddling paddock is to be a brand new affair, and when completed, Superintendent Clare says, it will be the most up-to-date of any in the country. Billy Lakeland, who has had Winged Foot since the sale of W. H. Cafferty's horses in the fall, has his animals with the usual Lakeland polish on them. As yet he has not asked last year's crack two-year-old filly any serious questions, but has contented himself with giving her nice, steady gallops and a lot of walking exercise. The popular owner-trainer, never over sanguine about any of his horses, admits that he will be disappointed if the filly does not more than hold her own with the cracks of her year.

Fred Taral is due to report to Matt Byrnes this week. The latter has his string at Cape Charles, and will not come North until Morris Park opens. Taral says he is in great shape, as he has been doing plenty of work in the saddle for the past month. Griffin, who, according to reports, pulls the scales at 125 pounds, is expected to arrive from California in a few days. As yet he has not signed with any stable.

The Sunkey Club, after consulting with the racing associations under its banner, has decided not to dispute the five per cent. tax on all purses and stakes levied by the State Comptroller. This means a considerable increase to the fund which is given to the various fair associations.

The racing season in England opens to-day at Lincoln and the first big handicap of the campaign is down for decision to-morrow. Since betting opened on the event Pierre Lorillard's Diakka has headed the list in the quotations, and at one time 8 to 1 was eagerly snapped up about his chances. During the last week, however, Winkfield's Pride, last year's Cambridgeshire winner, has been backed to win thousands, and the latest quotations show that 11 to 2 is being freely taken. Diakka, Bridegroom, Yorker, and The Tup are all on the 10 to 1 mark, with prices varying from 15 to 1 to 50 to 1 against the others. In the list of probable starters prepared by the *Sporting Life* no less than twenty-three animals appear. Heading the list is Victor Wild, 135 pounds, J. Watts up, with Clorane, 134 pounds, and Winkfield's Pride, 121 pounds, M. Cannon up, the two next from a weight point of view, while Diakka, who has 105 pounds to carry, will be ridden by F. Tunnicliffe. The two light weights are Green Lawn, 91 pounds, K. Cannon up, and Bird of Flight, 89 pounds, N. Robinson up. In speaking of Diakka and other candidates the *Sporting Life* says:

On the race side both Diakka and Victor Wild each had a capital gallop of a mile; indeed, the first named was stripped and again put under the clothes the Americans term it. This is the first time I had seen him stripped since last year, and the only impression possible to form was that he was very big, indeed, so far as his middle piece is concerned. We know that last year he always carried a rather big barrel, and the Americans declare he races best when above himself, but in my idea he is too big as he is, and were it not for the knowledge that he is free from fat, and has done a lot of work, I would not believe it possible that he could be got thoroughly fit. Victor Wild looked extremely well, and moved with all his old freedom and elasticity, but I am afraid of the weight should the going prove at all holding.

Montauk, whom Richard Croker sold in England to W. Sibary, has recently figured prominently in the hurdle race here. With 164 pounds up—a crusher for a four-year-old—he finished second, after a race with the winner, in the great International Hurdle Race at Gatwick. There were no less than twenty-three starters—a record for a hurdle race, according to the *Field*.

A Large Entry List for the Kentucky Futurity.

LEXINGTON, March 21.—Six hundred and fifty entries to the Kentucky Futurity, which closed last Tuesday, have been received. California and the extreme Eastern States are to be heard from. The large entry of mares is very encouraging to the officers of the association. This is the largest stake for trotters in the world.

Joe Rea of Danville, who has engaged to break young trotters for Marcus Daly of Bitter Root Farm, Anaconda, Mont., left here to-night with twenty-three head for the Daly farm. Most of the horses are three-year-old fillies, to be bred to Patronage. Baronade, by Baron Wilkes, dam by Kentucky Prince, and Etta Baron, by Baron Wilkes—Nannie Etticoat, belonging to Ed A. Tipton, are among the lot. Eonino, 2:14¼, was also in the bunch, and will be raced in the circuit this fall.

Peter Duryea has bred Scourine to Onward. The mare was purchased at the Bowerman sale for $4,000, and is now able, it is claimed, to go a mile in 2:13.

Whist.

ALBANY, March 21.—The match between the Albany Club, holders, and the Hamilton Club of West Philadelphia, challengers, for the American Whist League trophy was played here yesterday and resulted in a victory for Hamilton by the score of thirty-five tricks to seventeen.

The match was particularly interesting to whist players for several reasons. In the first place, Albany and Hamilton have never before met in a contest for the challenge trophy, although both clubs are far in advance of all others in the race, Hamilton having fourteen wins to its credit and Albany seven; twenty gives possession. No other club has more than five wins, and most of them have only two. Hamilton holds the championship for teams of four, which it won at the last congress. The teams yesterday were:

Albany—E. L. Smith, C. F. Snow, D. Muhlfelder, and B. Lodge, Jr.

Hamilton—G. Remas, M. C. Work, E. A. Ballard, and F. P. Mogridge.

Next Saturday the Baltimore Whist Club will play the Hamiltons at Philadelphia.

FIVE SHOWS AT 'FRISCO.

He Believes Maher Is the Greatest Aspirant for Championship Honors.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Champion Robert Fitzsimmons arrived here last evening from Reno. Stenzler and Hickey came on a morning train. This afternoon the champion appeared at the chutes in a sparring exhibition. It is likely he will remain in this city for several days and then go to New York. Julian arrived to-day.

"Of all the prize fighters who are aspirants for championship honors," said Bob Fitzsimmons to-day, "I believe Peter Maher is the greatest. I believe he can whip Corbett, Choynski, Goddard, Sharkey, and all the rest. While Choynski is the most vicious puncher of them all, he does not possess the ring generalship of Maher. Such men as Sullivan have absolutely no show of victory in modern pugilism. They cannot endure nor can they escape the onslaught of a modern pugilist. It is my opinion that even a second-rate fighter can put them out. I have met most of these men and I have studied their methods. Nobody, for example, believes that I had a right to aspire for the heavyweight championship, but I did and I proved my aspiration as justified by victory. It may be that Maher is not the best man. I would like to see them all fight for it.

"As for myself, I have fought my last battle. My wife has received a promise from me that I will never enter the ring again and I will keep my word. If Corbett challenges me, as I understand that he will, to another fight, I will not accept the challenge. I have nothing to gain in glory by whipping Corbett again, and I cannot see why he should wish to venture another battle. Defeated champions have not always been unpopular, as the case of John L. Sullivan illustrates. Corbett, I understand, is a good actor. He can still make money. It seems to me he should know by this time that it is not necessary to go into the prize ring to make it."

Fitzsimmons has at present no definite idea of his future movements. These will be determined by his manager and brother-in-law, Martin Julian. The champion spent last night in writing letters and answering telegrams. He had received dozens of congratulatory messages from all parts of the country, and he lost no time in answering them. Well wishers had beautified his apartments with flowers.

OMAHA, March 21.—William Muldoon, the noted wrestler and trainer of pugilists; Jockey Flynn, and other prominent sporting men were in this city yesterday en route East from Carson.

"It is difficult to say whether Fitzsimmons and Corbett will ever meet again," said Muldoon, "but I doubt it. I think Fitzsimmons will now retire with a well-earned championship. It would be dangerous, too, for him to train for another fight, and if he had anything to say about it I would not permit it, because his health would be undermined. It was certainly a great contest and one that the witnesses will never forget."

CARSON, March 21.—Carson has resumed the even tenor of its way. "Mysterious" Billy Smith yesterday was ordered to leave town by the authorities.

The remains of William Bradford, who was shot on the day of the big fight by William Smith, have been shipped to Missouri for interment. Smith's preliminary examination will be held to-morrow.

Walsh Knocks Out Wallace with Small Gloves.

The finish fight with small gloves between Paddy Walsh of Stamford and Lew Wallace of Jersey City, which was a week ago interrupted in the seventh round by a false report that the police were approaching the battle ground, was pulled off late Saturday night in the presence of several hundred sports in a resort just over the city line of Brooklyn. Both men tipped the scales at 150 pounds. It was an even contest for the first half dozen rounds, each man doing electric work in the line of hard fighting. The Jersey lad was freely bleeding from the nose and also from a cut on the left cheek, while his opponent showed plainly the heavy punishment he was receiving. In the eighth round Wallace landed a volley of terrific smashes on the Stamford boy's face and body that could be heard all over the hall, and just as the round ended hit Walsh on the jaw and sent him to the floor.

When they responded to the call of time in the ninth round Walsh was groggy, and staggered around the ring. In the tenth round neither man did any scoring. Wallace seemed to be hitting fast while Walsh was slowly recovering from the previous round. In the fourteenth round both lads got at it again and smashed right and left. In the mixup Walsh landed three or four good swings on his opponent's neck, followed it up with a straight left on the point of the jaw that sent the Jersey lad sprawling on the floor. As soon as he regained his feet he placed a second blow in the same place, knocking him out and receiving the referee's decision. Both lads were frightfully cut up.

Before the star event there was a ten-round "go" between Dave Rittenhouse and Larry Lynch, the former of New York and the latter of Greenpoint. They fought at 135 pounds. The result was a draw.

Gossip of the Ring.

K. G. T., Newark.—Fitzsimmons.

S. C. B., New York.—John L. Sullivan never was champion of the world.

S. J. C., Brooklyn.—He was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 29, 1870.

The Arena A. C. has offered a purse of $4,000 for a "go" between Kid Lavigne and Eddie Connolly.

Eddie Sweeney and Jack Williams have been matched to fight ten rounds at 130 pounds on next Saturday night at Brooklyn.

It is said that Dolly Lyons has been matched to box Joe Bernstein a limited number of rounds in this city on next Saturday night.

Johnny Lavack of Cleveland is considerably out up over his defeat by Dolly Lyons. Lavack would like to fight Lyons again on the same conditions as their last match.

Joe Choynski is anxious to arrange another fight with Tom Sharkey. Joe thinks he will be able to whip Sharkey before the limit is reached. He is prepared to take the ex-sailor on for twenty rounds before one of the clubs in this city.

Dave Sullivan's next opponent will in all probability be Jack Madden of Brooklyn. After Sullivan's victory over Haxey Haugh, Madden's backer had a talk with Jack Smith, Sullivan's manager, and a bout was practically arranged.

The regularly announced boxing bouts of the Clarendon A. C. at the Maspeth race track, which were slated for decision on last Saturday night, were postponed until April 6, owing to the fact that two of the principals in the special bouts did not appear.

The men behind Billy Plimmer are evidently much dissatisfied over the result of the Englishman's defeat at the hands of Sammy Kelly, and, according to the London *Sporting Life*, Plimmer wants to fight Kelly ten rounds for £200 a side. In addition Plimmer is willing to fight the ex-lightweight champion of England, Jem Carney, at catchweights for any amount up to £500 a side.

The opening of the new Arena A. C. at Broadway and Forty-second street, which takes place to-night, will be signalized by a twenty round bout between Dan Creedon of Australia and Charley Strong, the clever colored heavyweight of Newark. There will be two preliminary bouts of ten rounds, one between Jack Hannigan of Pittsburgh and Joe Murphy of Providence, and the other between Charley Parker of Newark and Tom Carter of California.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Company H of the Twenty-second Leads for the Moore Trophy.

The shooting for the Moore trophy was continued on the Twenty-second Regiment rifle ranges on Saturday night, it being the second relay's turn. The conditions are: Open to teams of eighteen from the different companies, seven shots standing and seven prone, to be shot in relays of six on three consecutive Saturday nights, the trophy to be awarded to the company making the highest aggregate score, and to become the property of the one winning it three times, not necessarily consecutive. Company H is still in the lead, their score of 716 being thirteen points ahead of Company C. Summary follows:

COMPANY H.

	Standing.	Prone.	Total.	Previous Score.	Aggregate.
Corp. H. H. Cypher	28	53	81	....	....
Serg. J. Christianson	26	52	53	....	....
Private F. D. Wendel	32	25	57	....	....
Private C. H. Weeks	27	29	56	....	....
Private E. T. Hanlon	24	32	56	....	....
Private W. T. Cook	27	27	54	....	....
Total	164	178	342	374	716
Company C	164	177	341	362	703
Company G	156	165	321	337	658
Company I	149	171	320	333	653
Company E	140	174	314	328	642

SHARPSHOOTERS' MATCH.

	Standing.	Prone.	Total.
Lieut. H. G. Romaine	32	35	67
Private C. L. Levien	32	33	65
Lieut. S. M. Phillips	31	34	65

Second Brigade's Contest.

The rifle teams of the Fourteenth and Forty-seventh regiments engaged in the regularly scheduled contest for the Second Brigade championship tournament at the former's armory, Brooklyn, on Saturday night. The boys from Williamsburgh won by nine points after a splendid match. The contest between the Twenty-third and the Thirteenth regiments, which was to have taken place at the Twenty-third's armory, was postponed, owing to the review and medal presentations. Summary follows:

FORTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Total.
Private G. W. Lent, Co. D	30	31	61
Sergeant S. G. Layman, Co. A	25	33	58
Serst.-Maj. F. H. Hobby, N.C.S.	27	31	58
Sergeant S. W. Clemett, Co. K	29	31	60
Private C. A. Baldwin, Co. H	27	30	57
2d Serst. J. B. Christoffel, Jr., Company D	28	31	59
Team totals	196	187	353

FOURTEENTH REGIMENT.

Capt. J. J. Dixon, staff	29	31	60
Ord. Serst. P. J. Farrell, Co. B	27	32	59
Capt. J. C. Macumber, staff	30	30	60
Private W. J. Allen, Co. C	27	30	57
Private W. B. Shedd, Co. B	31	29	60
Lieut. G. R. Jennings, staff	27	31	58
Team totals	192	182	344

WITH TROTTER AND PACER.

PARTIAL LIST OF ENTRIES FOR FLEETWOOD'S STAKES.

Nearly Four Hundred Horses Nominated in the Ten Events—John P. Gibbs Stricken with Paralysis on the Track at Fleetwood Park—Joe Patchen and Driver May Part.

Although entries closed a week ago for the stake races to be trotted at the New York Grand Circuit meeting next September, horsemen have not yet been able to obtain a list of the nominations. THE SUN has heretofore printed each year a complete list of the Grand Circuit stake entries, but they could not be obtained this season. Secretary Luke Burke yesterday gave out the names of the horses entered in three of the stake events without descriptions or owners' names. The total number of entries received this year for the ten stakes is 393. This is more than 100 below the total of 1896. The 3:00 class for trotters has 42 entries; the 2:30 class, 43; the 2:24 class, 43; the three-year-old class, 50, and the two-year-old class, 35. In the 3:00 class for pacers there are 42 entries and in the 2:20 class there are 46. All of the faster classes filled well. Following are the horses entered in three of the events:

2:19 Class, Trotting; Stake $3,000—Rifle, 2:11¾; B. L. C., 2:14¾; Maple Valley, 2:12; Judge Austin, 2:12¼; Sally Simmons, 2:13½; Emma Offutt, 2:11¾; Island Girl, 2:12¼; Larabie, 2:12¾; Grace Hastings, 2:12; Chance, 2:12¼; J. M. D., 2:13½; Van Zandt, 2:12; Fred Kohl, 2:12¼; Alcidalia, 2:11¼; Baron Dillon, 2:12; George G., 2:12¼; Jimmy Hague, 2:13¾; Derby Princess, 2:11¾; Piletta, 2:11¾; Athanio, 2:11¾; Rex Americus, 2:11¾; Walter S., 2:12¼; Newburger, 2:15½; Straight Line, 2:15½; Miss Gatewood, 2:19¼; Fred B., 2:11¼; Cut Glass, 2:12½; Dink Hubbard, 2:12¼; Stars R., 2:11¼; Baron Crisp, 2:12½; Pastoral, 2:30; Cephas, 2:11¼.

2:17 Class, Trotting; Stake $3,000—Winnie Barlon, 2:19½; Minnie P., 2:19¼; Lady Tennyson, 2:17½; Dudley Cicott, 2:18¼; Myrtle Boy, 2:21½; Thelma, 2:20¼; King Chimes, 2:18¼; Eager, 2:16¼; Dixenette, 2:17¼; Peter, 2:17¾; Wanda, 2:21¼; Mark Twain, 2:17¾; Stanton W., 2:17¼; Memorial, 2:20¾; Hazel Dell, 2:16¼; Miss Carroll, 2:22¾; Jefferson Wilkes, 2:16¼; Lucy Carr, 2:19¾; Bellton, 2:17½; Palmleaf, 2:22½; Sable Great, General, 2:16½; Jube, 2:18; Barnitz, 2:30¼; Prime, 2:17½; Ella Calhoun, 2:16½; Valence, 2:16¼; The Monk, Miss Dainty, 2:20; Comanche, 2:19¾; Miss Gatewood, 2:19½; Directum Kelly, 2:28¾; Alcaro Savonne.

2:09 Class, Pacing; Stake $2,000—Red Silk, 2:10; Mignon, 2:10¼; Lantana, 2:09¾; Sphinxette, 2:08¼; Pearl Onward, 2:10¾; Henry F., 2:09¾; Bumps, 2:08¾; Bert Oliver, 2:08¾; Winfield, 2:14½; Hail Cloud, 2:08½; Nelly Bruce, 2:10½; Bright Light, 2:08¼; Dan A., 2:10¾; Mocking Boy, 2:08½; Mandolin, 2:15¾; Merry Chimes, 2:08½; Planet, 2:09½; Calypso, 2:10½; Berkshire Courier, 2:10; Thomas Edison, 2:08¾; Royal Victor, 2:08¾; Valleau, 2:12; Brennan, 2:12¼.

John P. Gibbs, the well-known New York trainer who drove Cephas to his record of 2:11¾, is suffering from paralysis. A few days ago while jogging one of his trotters on the Fleetwood track, he suddenly lost control of the hand with which he held the reins, and the two-year-old filly that he was driving wheeled twice around on the track, starting to run away just as Jerome Whelpley and Alex Hutchinson reached her head. They carried Gibbs to his home outside the gates, where he now lies in a critical condition. The Fleetwood trainer met with a severe injury last summer in a collision on the track at Boston, and he had not fully recovered from the mishap.

While there is little probability of a race between John R. Gentry, 2:00¾, and Star Pointer, 2:02½, until late in the season, if at all this year, the rivalry between the two great pacing stallions for record honors bids fair to be exceedingly spirited from the commencement of the campaign. James A. Murphy, the new owner of Star Pointer, believes that his horse is capable of reaching the two-minute mark, and he wants to get there before Gentry does the trick. Dave McClear will accordingly ship the big horse from Boston to Baltimore next week and fit him for fast work on the Pimlico course.

McCleary will also take with him the Canadian mare Nelly Bruce, 2:10¾, by Hambleton, and the Kentucky stallion Guinette, 2:08, both owned by Smith & Dale, the owners of Star Pointer. Nelly Bruce won fifteen races last year and was not once defeated. Murphy went out to Somerville last week to take a look at Gentry in winter quarters. The Chicago turfman pleased Trainer Bowne by saying that he never saw a horse in finer condition at this time of the year. Bowne expects to remove the Tewksbury champion and his stable mate, Robert J., to Fleetwood Park next week.

Rumor has it that Jack Curry and Joe Patchen will part company, and that John Splan, of Rarus fame, will pilot the big black pacer through the campaign of 1897. With Joe Patchen in the hands of a reliable driver Splan should be regarded as a formidable factor in any race, and as a possible champion in the race for record honors. Curry, his old trainer, has gone to Red Oak, Ia., where he is to try his hand behind the trotting queen Alix, 2:03¾. It will be remembered that Curry drove the mare to a record of 2:07¾ in 1893, before she passed into the hands of Monroe Salisbury.

Summaries of about 6,000 harness races are printed in *Wallace's Year-Book* for records of 1896, the total showing only a slight falling off in the volume of sport as compared with the statistics of 1895. As no account is taken of races in which the time was slower than 2:30 for trotters and 2:25 for pacers, these figures do not represent correctly the actual amount of racing for the year. More than one-fourth of all harness contests are won in slower than standard time, and then again a large number of minor meetings are never reported to the central offices of the Trotting Association of America and the National Trotting Association, so that something like 9,000 harness races really took place in the United States and Canada last year.

According to the new record book there are now 12,945 horses having trotting records of 2:30 or better and 4,302 with pacing records of 2:25 or better. But this implies nothing of great many performances which are recognized as records by the two trotting associations, so that here again the published statistics fail short of the actual totals. One thousand and fifty-six trotters, or about one-twelfth of the entire number, reached the 2:30 list in 1896, while 847 pacers, or nearly one-fifth of all included in the 2:25 list, were newcomers last year. Five years ago the trotters outnumbered the pacers about seven to one, only 894 sidewheelers having reached the 2:25 mark up to 1892, while there were then 5,908 trotters in the 2:30 list. The list of champion trotters of various ages shows no change from the compilation of 1895. It is now two years since any trotter lowered a world's record of any importance.

The noted trotting sire Guy Wilkes, 2:15¼, is being treated for dyspepsia. When the horse was sold at auction in Madison Square Garden about a month ago he appeared to be quite feeble, and it was the prevailing belief among experts at the time that the great son of George Wilkes and Lady Bunker had reached the end of his career as a stock horse. Nobody claimed to know what ailed him, although guessers were more numerous than bidders. After he had been struck off to Congressman W. J. White of Ohio for a paltry $5,000 and shipped to the millionaire breeder's farm near Cleveland, a veterinarian diagnosed his trouble as a genuine case of dyspepsia. It was found that his teeth were in poor condition, some of the sharp points having lacerated the old stallion's mouth so that he would not masticate his food. This, of course, caused chronic indigestion, which, it is now believed, accounts for his low vitality and lack of condition at the time he was sold. They are now giving the hot-water treatment to the valuable animal, and putting him through a system of diet which includes steamed oatmeal, green corn raised in White's conservatory, and a lot of other dainties. Now that his teeth have been rasped into shape so that they no longer bother him, he is said to be greatly improved, and it is hoped that the Ohio breeder may yet have the laugh on his friends, who thought he had bought a gold brick when he paid $5,000 for Guy Wilkes.

News from the Horse World.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Secretary Nathanson of the Ideal Park Racing Association announces that the season in this vicinity will open in Indiana, across the State line, on April 15. Applications for stalls are now being received and high class sport is promised.

Chess.

The second round of the team chess match between the Metropolitan and Paterson chess clubs was played at Paterson on Saturday night, when the visitors won seven and a half to Paterson's three and a half games. As the latter won six and a half to two and a half games in the first round, which was played in this city four weeks ago, the match resulted in a tie, each side winning ten games. The summary of Saturday's play follows:

METROPOLITAN C. C. Tables.	Players.	Results.		PATERSON C. C. Players.	Results.
First	Pels	1	vs.	White	0
Second	Nugent	1	vs.	Craig	0
Third	Tannenbaum	0	vs.	Beyer	1
Fourth	Honeing	0	vs.	Jaffe	1
Fifth	Lipshutz	1	vs.	Young	0
Sixth	Leipziger	1	vs.	Hatfield	0
Seventh	Relfel	0	vs.	Vorrath	1
Eighth	Deen	1	vs.	Badenhausen	0
Ninth	Pierzonka	1	vs.	McFadden	0
Tenth	Delmar	1	vs.	Stapfer	0
Eleventh	Rauthscheck	½	vs.	Lipner	½
Total		7½		Total	3½
First round		2½		First round	6½
Grand total		10		Grand total	10

Odds and Ends of Sports.

The St. Albans basketball team would like to arrange games with teams averaging from 128 to 130 pounds; church teams preferred. Address Robert Eckstrom, manager, 74 West 100th street, city.

ROWING.

Harlem Oarsmen Crowd the River and Enjoy a Match Race.

Amateur oarsmen, like the bicyclers, were tempted out in full force yesterday by the sunshine. All except two of the active clubs on the Harlem had out eight-oared shells, and any number of single shells helped to make the river a gay and lively scene. A special incident of the afternoon was the first match race of the season, a spirited contest to settle a wager made during the winter between two pair-oared shell crews from the Harlem Rowing Club.

The race was a quarter of a mile dash, finishing off the Bohemian boathouse. John Nagle was bow and James Pilkington stroke of one crew, and William Aman bow and Joseph Maher stroke of the second shell. They took the water together at the start, but Maher set a stroke of forty-two to the minute and worked his boat into the lead. At an eighth of a mile Pilkington and Nagle drew up level, and for a time the crews spurted side by side. Pilkington and Nagle proved to be the best at this game, and, rowing a forty-three stroke, gained steadily and won by an open length in 1:06, a good performance so early in the season. P. M. Cassidy was timer and Edward Welch referee.

Fred Plaisted, coach of the Bohemian Rowing Club, had a junior and a senior eight out. Both are in training for the Decoration Day regatta. The club has a candidate for the junior singles, Will Sedlacek, whom Plaisted considers quite promising. The Bohemians have been rowing on the machines at their hall, but after this week the men will be on the river every evening.

The Nonpareil Club float was crowded with the members, and the men in training practised sprints in good style. A double shell was the first boat out, manned by Henry Clennen and Mike Norton, who are entered for the intermediate doubles. In the afternoon an eight-oared shell left the float. The crew was stroked by E. Niclo. A double gig was out, with G. Snyder and H. Somer, and also a four-oared gig crew, made up of Harry Morris, William Talbot, Henry Talbot, and Jeremiah J. Murphy. A number of singles were also out. All the men afloat from the Nonpareils are candidates for the Decoration Day regatta, and are training hard.

A senior double is ready for active training at the Metropolitan Rowing Club, made up of S. A. Barkentin and W. A. Grant. The men were out yesterday afternoon. The club also was represented on the river by the junior four, C. M. Haines, Joseph Conlon, H. H. Reddy, and J. P. Binzin, Jr., stroke, which was such a close second to the Nautilus crew in the last Labor Day regatta in a field of five. The Metropolitans expect a lively season. At the last monthly meeting seven new members were elected and four more applications were read. This increase is without lowering the initiation fee, a practice followed at some of the clubs. E. T. Clark was one of the Metropolitans out in a single yesterday. He may row in the junior singles on Decoration Day. A bicycle rack has been added to the furnishings of the clubhouse.

There has been some rowing from the Union Boat Club house since February, but yesterday was the real beginning of general river work. A four-oared gig, with a crew made up of Jack Mulcahy, J. Ollman, J. Kavanagh, and Tom Heffern, stroke, and William Wall, coxswain, rowed to Cold Spring Grove for an early dinner. They were met on their return at the shipcanal by an eight-oared barge, manned by S. Bliss, bow; G. Nonbacker, Cal Quimby, C. Henderson, J. Barron, Tom Quinn, John Kent, and A. G. Wolf, stroke, and William Marsh, coxswain, with a load of passengers.

The float is not out as yet at the Dauntless house, but some of the men managed to get afloat after lively acrobatic work, mostly in singles. Among these plucky oarsmen were E. H. Anderson, Augustus Pitou, Jr.; E. Hammerschlag, J. J. Shea, and F. Kafka. The senior eight will start training this week.

The members of the Atalanta junior eight were out in their shell. They were Wallace, Hunt, Stockholm, McKenna, Hoffman, O'Connell, Wishart, and stroke Traska. The men were coached by Villevarde, from a four manned by Reed, Hughes, Starr, and Dempsey. Vought was out in a single, and Cunningham and Leslie in a double shell. "Judge" William Young paddled his tub skiff in the sunshine. Mulhern, Ackerman, Rippe, and Brown were also out in a four-oared shell. All are in training.

Capt. Cassiday put thirteen candidates for the Union senior eight in training on last Monday. The men average 150 pounds. They will have ten to fifteen miles of road work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with machine rowing and handball practice. They were all on the river yesterday, but will only row on Sundays until April, when they will be on the water nightly. If the eight shows up well on Decoration Day the Union Club will send it to the N. A. A. A. regatta at Philadelphia in August.

Both the Nassau and Lone Star eight-oared shells were out yesterday with many minor crews. The Crescent and Wyandotte oarsmen also dotted the river in singles and doubles. The only house closed up was that of the Y. M. C. A., which is opposed to Sunday rowing.

The Passaic River Amateur Rowing Association held its regular monthly meeting on last Friday night at Alberson's, at Newark. A communication was received from the Harlem Association suggesting that the P. R. A. R. A. change the date for holding its regatta from May 31 to Saturday, May 29. It was argued that it would be next to impossible for the Harlem people to hold their regatta on any other day than Monday, May 31. As the P. R. A. R. A. began making arrangements for holding its regatta on the date in question, it was the opinion of the delegates that it would be found practically impossible to make the suggested change. The Philadelphia boat clubs express a desire to have the two big regattas held on separate days.

Baseball.

LAKEWOOD, March 21.—The players of the New York Baseball Club, headed by Capt. Joyce, took advantage of the spring-like weather this morning to take a ten-mile walk on the roads. The boys had the afternoon to themselves. They scattered around the village, either walking or on bicycles, and are getting ready for more active training during the week. Capt. Joyce said to-night that team work on the diamond would be begun either to-morrow or Tuesday, and that he is well satisfied with the progress the team has made during the past week.

Baseball Notes.

The second team of the Emerald Baseball Club would like to hear from the amateur clubs of Brooklyn. Address Theodore Stumpf, care of Mrs. Cederyren, 1114 Third avenue, Brooklyn.

The Harlem A. A. will be under the management of Edward Magner for the fourth successive season. All first class teams wishing dates should address Edward Magner, manager, 1934 Prospect avenue.

The East Orange Field Club is arranging its baseball schedule, and will open the season on May 1 on its new grounds. For games address John Wilson, assistant manager, 110 Main street, East Orange, N. J.

The Marathon Baseball Club, uniformed, will book dates with uniformed clubs of players averaging 18 years; out-of-town clubs offering expenses preferred. Address Robert G. Schaefer, 193 West 103d street.

The Monroe Baseball Club, formerly the Scotts, has Sundays and holidays open. The Monroes are uniformed and average 17 years. Address William Gormley, care of Monroe Pleasure Club, 27 Monroe street.

The Loyola A. A. has several Saturdays and Sundays in May and June open which it would like to fill with out-of-town teams offering a reasonable guarantee. Address R. F. McNamee, manager, 1264 Lexington avenue.

The Brooklyn High School St. Paul School baseball muddle over the location of the annual game has been settled. Managers Hare of St. Paul and Marckwald of Brooklyn High have agreed to play. The match has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, at Garden City.

The East New York Libertys have the following dates open which they would like to fill with any team of 15-year-old players: June 27, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 21, Labor Day (two games), Sept. 11, 18, and 25. Address Charles Stackhouse, 167 Sackman street, Brooklyn.

The Victor, Jr.'s, of Sacred Heart Academy wish to arrange games with teams of players averaging between 15 and 16 years, for Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays in April and May; school teams preferred. Address Louis D. Gregory, Sacred Heart Academy, West Chester, N. Y.

The Brooklyn Field Club would like to hear from professional and strong semi-professional teams for Sunday games on its new grounds, the Maspeth race track. A good guarantee is offered. The Brooklyn F. C. will play Wednesdays, Saturdays, and holidays abroad within 200 miles of this city, and will book games with the same class of teams offering good guarantees. Address F. C. Winnett, manager, 191 Devoe street, Brooklyn.

The Sidney Baseball Club, champions of the Brooklyn Amateur Association, has arranged games with the following well-known clubs: Ridgewood A. C., Woodbridge A. C., Seton Hall College, Williamsburgh A. C., Brooklyn Field Club, and Star A. C. The Sidneys have a few Saturdays and Sundays open for all first-class teams offering a reasonable guarantee. July 4 and Decoration Day are also open. Address Jesse G. Jacobs, 220 East Forty-ninth street, New York city.

The Brooklyn Heights A. A. will open the season with the Jeffersons at Newark on Saturday, April 3. Other games scheduled are Hart A. C., Bayonne Field Club, American A. C., Crescent A. C., and Waverly A. C. The Brooklyn Heights would like to fill dates with first-class out-of-town teams for Saturdays and Sundays, including the Howard A. C., Star A. C., Brooklyn Field Club, Pacific A. C., Rahway A. C., Far Rides A. C., Queens County A. C., Queens F. C., and Hempstead A. C. Address Arthur H. Jaggers, 107 Lee avenue, Brooklyn.

Manager Collins has arranged the following schedule for the Georgetown College nine: March 24, Johns Hopkins 27, Gallaudet College, and April 3, University of Vermont, at home; 5, Washington League Club, on latter's grounds; 8, Athletics of Washington; 10, Lafayette; 14, Lehigh; 15, Yale; 17 and 19, Fordham, and 20, Baltimore League Club, at home; 21, Baltimore League Club, at Baltimore; 24, Johns Hopkins, at Baltimore; May 1, Richmond College; 5, Maryland University; 8, University of Pennsylvania; 12, Catholic University; 15, Virginia University; and 19, Columbian University, at home; 22, Princeton, at Princeton; 25, Washington College, at home; 26, Catholic University, place not decided upon; 29, open; June 2, Columbian University, at home; 5, St. Mt. St. Mary's, at Emmitsburg; 8, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

FIRST GOLF DATES FOR '97.

KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB CLAIMS FOUR DAYS IN MAY.

The Fourth Open Handicap for the Club Cup to Be the Feature—Active Happenings Among the Professionals—Foreign Players Believe That This Country Is a Promising Field.

Active golf from now on will be in order, and, after a month of practice play, the amateurs will meet at Lakewood for the April open tournament. No action has yet been taken in regard to arranging an orderly succession of dates for the different competitions, but it is said that a committee to supervise the matter may be appointed at the impending Executive Committee meeting of the U. S. G. A.

The Knollwood Country Club believes in early action, and at a meeting of the Board of Governors held on last Friday it was decided to hold the spring tournament on May 19, 20, 21, and 22. The programme has not been announced, but it will probably be in accordance with the past tournaments at Knollwood and call for a special match at the mixed play, made popular at the amateur championship, for a cup to be won outright, and on the last day the