CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

BRUSH FACTION KEEPS THE LEAGUE MEETING AWAY FROM HERE.

By a Large Majority the Magnates Agree to Confer at St. Louis—Sunset's Declaration That McGuire is the Heavyweight Champion Does Not Meet with Approval.

President N. E. Young has made the official announcement that the coming spring meeting of the National League will be held at St. Louis. The result of the mail vote on this question has not been made known, but it is said on pretty fair authority that it stood 9 to 3 in favor of the Western city. There was a time when it appeared as though there might be a deadlock, but when John T. Brush began to work the wires it was all over but the shouting, so to speak. Brush's power in the League, by the way, appears to be more absolute than ever before. When C. H. Byrne was alive, he and Brush were joint leaders, and every bit of politics that occurred in the annual conventions could be traced to them. Two years ago they first showed their hands by splitting up the clubs in the circuit on a 7 to 5 basis. Then they won over the Chicago Club, and the latest reports are to the effect that Brush has got the Pittsburg Club's support. Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, the best paying cities in the League, voted, it is thought, to bring the meeting to this city. They were opposed by nine clubs, it is reported, including Brooklyn, and the result is taken to mean that on all questions to be raised by the League in the future, Brush will be able to control a three-fourths vote. Whoever is elected to the National Board in the place of C. H. Byrne will be the choice of Brush.

The deal between the Cincinnati and Louisville clubs, whereby the former surrendered Hoy, Ritchey, and Ehret for left-handed Pitcher Bill Hill, is creating no end of talk in League circles. On the surface it looks very much as if President Pulliam of the Louisville Club had gotten far and away the better of the exchange. Hill is a pitcher who has never startled the baseball public to any great extent, and was suspended by Pulliam last season for insubordination. He is a six-footer, and Buck Ewing believes that he is a comer, especially in point of speed and curves. On the other hand, Hoy is one of the best fielders in the country and has always been a clever run getter. Ritchey is a youngster who by his beautiful fielding at shortstop last year helped Cincinnati wonderfully in the absence of Corcoran, and also covered second base acceptably while McPhee was on the hospital list. Ehret, while undoubtedly a veteran, is a pretty clever pitcher against certain teams and can be used with good results. Baseball experts, therefore, believe that Cincinnati took more chances than Louisville in the exchange.

Word comes from Buffalo that Tim Hurst, the plucky League umpire, has accepted terms to manage the St. Louis League team this year. If this is true Tim Lengus will lose one of the best umpires on the staff. The St. Louis Club, however, may be benefited, for just such a character as Hurst is needed to keep Von der Ahe in line so that he will not interfere with the players. Some time ago Hurst was asked what policy he would pursue, providing he got the St. Louis job.

"Every time Von der Ahe tried to get near the playing bench," replied Hurst, "I'd tell him to go back. Then if he didn't mind me, I'd carry him away bodily."

Hurst has always had a faculty for handling refractory ball players. That has made him popular with them. His common sense and iron nerve should help him to govern Chris's men with some degree of success, providing he is not interfered with.

Dan Stuart has been quoted as saying that in view of the fact that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will not fight, McCoy is entitled to the championship by default. This reported declaration of Stuart's must be taken with a grain of salt. Maher was willing to accept the recent alleged challenge of McCoy, and Peter's backers are here, asking with whom they should post their forfeits. But friends of McCoy, including his ever-devoted manager and press agent, wired back that it would be useless to demand a match with the "Kid" for the Irishman, so the matter was dropped. Maher, providing Corbett and Fitz really wish to quit the ring, is a thousand times more entitled to the championship than McCoy, for he is willing to fight at all times and has beaten more genuine heavyweights than anybody else. The fact that McCoy has never fought a heavyweight of note in his life, and has always been classed with middleweights, makes it imperative for him to fight at least Maher before he can legitimately lay claim to heavyweight honors.

In spite of various and unauthorized statements about boxing-club licenses, the applicants for privileges who have filed their claims with the Police Board realize that THE SUN has correctly outlined the situation from the very outset. Those who have been instrumental in having the law passed, and who have shown competency in running glove contests to the entire satisfaction of the public will be the first to be considered favorably when the board takes up the matter for discussion. Meanwhile the best known promoters are about to make a march on the private. They have formulated plans which, if they carry, will be the means of at least satisfying the public demand for boxing. Certain moves were made yesterday, which THE SUN cannot publish just now, which are expected to bring about a revival of glove contests here between the leading pugilists of the profession, the events to be held in one of the largest clubhouses on Manhattan Island.

SKATING.

McCulloch Wins the Ten-Mile Championship at Spring Lake.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 5.—Several thousand lovers of amateur sport shivered in a rainstorm this afternoon to see Champion J. K. McCulloch win a final race in the national speed-skating championships of America for 1898 on the Spring Lake track. He did the trick handily and left the rank to fight out a pretty contest for the minor places. Timothy Donoghue of Newburg, brother to Joe Donoghue, was at the lake to see the Canadian's performance. Tim had a long talk with McCulloch, whom he had not seen since his brother Joe defeated him three years ago. He wants Joe to meet Neilson at Spring Lake. If McCulloch would enter the professional lists he would find Joe Donoghue and Neilson ready to meet him. Tim Donoghue also made a proposition to have Joe go two miles at Spring Lake to beat the track record of 6 minutes 20 1-5 seconds.

In the race for the ten-mile championship of America the starters were: J. K. McCulloch, Winnipeg; B. Bellefeuille, Rat Portage; Charles McClave, New York A. C.; Fred. D. Gibbs, Newburg, and Thomas Cooney, Cornwall Skating Club. The pace from the start was quite fast, and when it lagged McCulloch would hit it up a little to keep himself warm. This method he followed from the beginning, dropping back from first place after a lap or two to give Gibbs, McClave, or Bellefeuille a chance to take the pace. Cooney was not a dangerous candidate, and when he squared off for last year's second mile he killed himself, and, after holding a hopeless position in the rear for another mile, he dropped out. Gibbs, the Newburg wireworker, showed good headwork, but had a tendency to shorten his stride, which fault he corrected when coached by Tim Donoghue.

McCulloch, as the laps piled up, looked fresher. The waiting tactics of his opponents just suited him. The four skaters kept in a bunch, moving at a steady clip until the third lap of the ninth mile, when McCulloch spurted out like a rocket, and on the upper turn opened daylight between himself and Bellefeuille, who was in second place. He kept up the gait through the fourth and fifth laps until he had gained a lead of fifty or sixty yards. Bellefeuille made a fight for second place, but was closely pressed by Gibbs and McClave. Going down the back stretch on the sixth lap, Gibbs and McClave both forced a trifle ahead of the Canadian, and on the lower turn McClave, who was on the outside, cut in on Gibbs. When the two swung into the homestretch Gibbs and McClave came together. Gibbs careened over against a post and went down in a heap, and McClave pitched over him. Bellefeuille swung clear of the mixup and finished second. McClave was the only set on his feet and got third place. Champion McCulloch said after the race that a man who cut in took his chances. This was his sole comment on the collision. McCulloch beat Bellefeuille about 40 yards. McClave and Gibbs were a here yard apart at the tape. The time was 36 minutes 43 3-5 seconds. The one-mile novice race was won easily by E. A. Kent of Cornwall. He was protested.

Golf.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 5.—The finals of the mixed handicap foursome were played to-day. Mrs. Chatfield Taylor, the woman champion of the Onwentsia Golf Club of Chicago, and W. Fairbanks of the old St. Andrew's Club of Scotland, handicap 2, won from Miss Bowers and P. Grant, handicap 6, by 2 up and 1 to play. In the preliminary round, Dr. and Mrs. Mott, handicap 12, defeated Miss Moss and J. B. Taylor, handicap 6, 1 up. Mrs. Chatfield Taylor and Fairbanks defeated Mrs. Kemp and F. G. Beach, handicap 8, 4 up. Mrs. Royal Phelps Carroll and Col. Jay, handicap 10, in the bye, defeated Dr. and Mrs. Mott 2 up. Mrs. Chatfield Taylor and Fairbanks defeated Mr. and Mrs. Foxhall Keene, handicap 6, 2 up. Miss Todd and H. C. Lords, handicap 2, defeated Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fish, scratch, 1 up. Miss Bowers and Grant defeated Mr. and Mrs. Whitnack, handicap 13, 2 up and 2 to play. In the semi-finals Miss Bowers and Grant defeated Miss Todd and Lords, 3 up and 2 to play. This afternoon a contest was close and exciting and called out the largest number of spectators of the season. The weather was cool and favorable.

COLUMBIA'S SQUADS WORK HARD.

The Crew Candidates Practice Time, Sprint and a New System of Sliding.

Among the candidates training for the Columbia crew rapid improvement has been shown during the past week. Coach Webb is paying particular attention to time and has already worked wonders. Coach Cowles attended the practice twice last week. At present he is merely directing, leaving the everyday routine work to Webb. So far his chief aim has been to develop a good body swing and arm movement. On Wednesday, however, Cowles explained the new movement in the use of the slides to the first varsity. The men were tried individually and collectively in the new movement for about twenty minutes. The result was encouraging. The only change in the varsity squad is that Caxton Brown has been substituted in the second varsity for H. C. Waterman, '98 S. The freshman eights are steadily improving, and there is every probability that Columbia will be represented by a better freshman crew than for several years past.

The success of the baseball team now seems assured. The union has sanctioned the formation of a team, a cage has been fitted up, a practice field provided, and a large number of candidates have come out. The cage has been arranged in the big factory at the corner of 125th street and Amsterdam avenue. Here all the winter practice will be done. It will be the policy to encourage class teams as feeders to future varsity teams. Several freshmen have signified their intention of trying for the class team. Manager Britton has sent challenges to Yale, Princeton, New York University, Andover, and several preparatory schools.

The candidates for the track team are working regularly in the temporary gymnasium and running about a mile or so slowly in the open air. The men trying for the field events are now doing their work in the morning.

The examinations the track men will be divided into squads. It is expected that the candidates will then number 175, an unprecedented total at the university. The most proficient among the lacrosse candidates were selected for the first squad. A regular meeting of the Columbia University Union was held last Wednesday evening in Havemeyer Hall. Representatives were present from the Alumni Association and the various athletic teams. The Lacrosse Association was formally admitted into the union, but its petition to join the Metropolitan Lacrosse League was refused.

Capt. Baird of Princeton Forced to Drop Football and His Studies.

PRINCETON, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the Princeton University football men held to-day John Baird, who was recently elected captain, resigned, and Addison W. Kelly of New York was elected to fill the position. Kelly's election was ratified to-night by the Graduate Advisory Committee. Since the Yale game Baird has been unwell, and on the advice of his physician has decided to give up his studies at Princeton for this year and take a much needed rest.

Kelly prepared for college at the Barnard preparatory school, where he played football on his school team. For the last three years he has played right half back on the Princeton varsity eleven. He is a member of the senior class, and will graduate in June, but will return to Princeton next year to take a post-graduate course. He is 22 years old, 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighs 168 pounds.

Manager Harrison Hall has given out his report for last season. It shows a balance of $1,500 to the credit of the association. The total receipts were $16,500. The receipts from the Yale game as New Haven were $11,500. Princeton's representation at the meeting to be held Feb. 19 to discuss eligibility rules will be Prof. H. B. Fine, W. H. Andrus, '97, and Manager D. S. Cook, '98.

Anson Refuses a Testimonial.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Ex-Capt. Adrian C. Anson announced this evening that he would not accept the proposed testimonial, by which his old friend and business associate, Albert G. Spalding, had hoped to raise $50,000 or more, that he might retire and live in comfort the rest of his days.

"I don't know that I shall retire from baseball," said Anson, speaking of the matter. "I may bind agents and, besides, I do not need to ask charity of my friends."

It is well known that Anson is worth at least $150,000, and it is said that the proposed benefit is to be abandoned, because of a fear that it would prove a fizzle that for any other reason, as the public would not take kindly to the idea that the "old man really needs a benefit.

Yale's Baseball Candidates Report.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 5.—Forty-eight candidates for positions on the Yale freshman nine reported to-night and received instructions to begin work next Monday. Capt. Gilbert Greenway and Manager Frank Simmons met the men and explained that hard work is expected. The freshman candidates will begin training next Tuesday. Capt. Greenway said to-night careful attention was to be given to the pitching department in the preliminary training, as Yale needs two strong twirlers. He said that he had not thrown a ball since last spring, but was saying his arm, hoping that by the time the season opens it will again be strong.

Georgetown University's Baseball Fixtures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The schedule of games to be played by the Georgetown University baseball team, as arranged by Manager Morris W. Head, has been approved by the faculty and athletic committee. It is as follows:

March 26, Johns Hopkins, 30; Gallaudet; April 1, Lafayette; 6, Washington League; 6, Lehigh; 7, Yale; 9, Princeton; 12, Princeton; 18, Dartmouth; 19, University of Pennsylvania; 26, Richmond; 30, Lehigh; 31, Maryland; 27, Washington and Lee, all at Georgetown; 30, Virginia, at Charlottesville; May 4, Villanova, at Georgetown; 7, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; 8, Virginia; 16, Virginia, at Washington; 21, Amherst, at Georgetown; 14, Mount St. Mary's, at Emmitsburg, Md.; 18, Pennsylvania State, at Georgetown; 21, All Scholastics of Philadelphia, at Georgetown; 24, Wesleyan, at Middletown; 28, Yale, at New Haven; 30, Dartmouth, at Hanover; 27, Boston College, at Boston; 28, Holy Cross, at Worcester; 30, Orange A. C., at Orange (2 games); 31, Princeton, at Princeton.

Georgetown will have an unusually strong team, as all except two of last year's strong nine have passed examination. The old nine are: Mahoney, catcher; Burk, M. Walsh, and Tracy, pitchers; Dawson, first base; Fleming, second base, and McCarthy, Kelly and Lamb, fielders. The new men who will likely make the team are: Carey, who played first base and in the field for Brown University last year, Hafford, third base, and Moran, short stop.

Philadelphia's Baseball Men Will Practice at Cape May.

CAPE MAY, Feb. 5.—President Rogers and Manager Stallings of the Philadelphia baseball team were in this city to-day, and made arrangements to bring thirty players here for spring practice on March 12. The grounds of the Cape May team will be used.

Basketball.

The team of Company B, Seventy-first Regiment, tackled the experts of the Twenty-third street branch of the Y. M. C. A. in the latter's gymnasium last night. In the first half the home team scored 19 points to 5 for Company B. This was increased to 46 points in the second half, while the visitors raised their total to 11 points. The line up:

Twenty-third street.	Positions.	Company B.
Ettinger	Right forward	Kavanaugh
Shields	Left forward	Van Siclenand
Wendkens	Centre	Dysart
Dorlon	Right guard	Shea
Mueller	Left guard	Cameron

The second team also won an easy victory by beating the Bedford branch by 21 to 6.

A Game of Basketball Between Girls Results in a Row.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 5.—Basketball teams of girls from the two high schools of this city, Hillhouse and Boardman, played a game to-day, and the Hillhouse won by 1 goal to 0. The friends of the victors tried to capture the Boardman banner as soon as they reached the street. Messrs. Lehr, Mather, Brooks, and Ferris, Boardman supporters, were thrown into snowdrifts and badly bruised. A couple of plate glass windows in stores where the scuffling took place were smashed. The banner was torn in two, both parties retaining part of it. Principal Sudduth of the Hillhouse School will forbid future games between the girl teams. In the melee to-day the girls' team of Boardman helped the boys who were assaulted to defend the school banner.

Harlem Rowing Club Has Elected James Pilkington President.

The Harlem Rowing Club held its annual election of officers on Friday night at the club's winter quarters, 122 East 125th street. The successful ticket was: President, James Pilkington; Vice-President, George A. Barker; Treasurer, John E. Nagle; Secretary, George W. Thompson, Jr.; Captain, John A. Herath; Lieutenants, Joseph W. Maher and William W. Aman; Board of Directors, P. E. Nagle, I. W. Reddington, Dan J. Kane, M. J. Byck, M. A. Beauville, Robert Kanter, Fred A. Shaefer, and Michael Graham.

International Chess.

The committee of the Vienna chess tournament has decided to open the event on May 31. The first round will be played on June 1. German exchanges state that M. Hymenfeld, A. Lewin, P. Saburow, I. Sybin and M. Tschigorin for the St. Petersburg Club, and H. Fahrdrich, E. Eisenberg, L. Kaufmann, G. Marco and C. Schlechter for the Vienna Chess Club are conducting the two games being played by telegraph.

Shooting at the Seventh's Ranges.

The Halifax and Gazette trophy matches were the attraction at the Seventh Regiment rifle ranges last night. In the former Company I made the top score, 784. Company B was second with 765. The last match for the Gazette trophy was won by Company B by one point over Company K. In qualifying for expert Corporal Crall of Company G made the highest score of the year, 69 out of a possible 70.

RACING.

The Old Campaigner, Hugh Penny, Claimed After Losing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—J. J. McCafferty, who disposed of Requital several days ago, lost the next best horse in his stable to-day. He entered Hugh Penny at $200 in the first race on the programme. McCafferty expected to win with him, and not only bet himself, but advised all his friends to get down on the aged son of Luke Blackburn—Maud Ward. The race was won by the 12 to 1 shot, Cherry Bounce II., in a gallop. Hugh Penny was big fat. He captured second money from Van Brunt. After the race P. W. Doss, the owner of Van Brunt who was entered for $700, claimed Hugh Penny, the horse costing him just $4000, $200 of which was the amount of the purse. McCafferty took the situation as coolly as possible, but it is said that he feels very sore about losing Hugh Penny. The only other horse he has here is Mount Washington, a three-year-old, who has not shown much speed. Summaries:

First Race—Six and a half furlongs.—Cherry Bounce II., 108 (Caywood), 12 to 1, won; Hugh Penny, 118 (McCafferty), 5 to 2, second; Van Brunt, 118 (Bass), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:20.

Second Race—Four furlongs.—Bessie Taylor, 105 (Barrett), 3 to 1, won; Monnebeff, 105 (Aker), 9 to 1, second; Katherine D., 105 (Dupee), 8 to 1, third. Time, 0:52¾.

Third Race—Six furlongs.—Ella, 104 (Combs), 6 to 1, won; Managua, 104 (Turner), 3 to 2, second; Wells Street, 108 (Peterman), 99 to 1, third. Time, 1:16¾.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs.—Sligo, 113 (Burns), 8 to 5, won; Troupial, 113 (Shoemaker), 7 to 2, second; Wigwam, 101 (Barrett), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:17.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs.—Bob White, 101 (Woodmore), 13 to 1, won; Dr. Work, 104 (Turner), 3 to 2, second; Jim Hogg, 106 (Aker), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:16.

Sixth Race—Seven furlongs.—Full Hand, 101 (Thompson), 9 to 5, won; J. H. B., 104 (Combs), 8 to 1, second; Stockholm, 104 (Aker), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:34.

Talent Astray at Bingerly.

BINGERLY, Feb. 5.—Fortune frowned on the talent here to-day up to the fifth race. In the first race Cheer Up, heavily played at 6 to 5, got home in front, but was disqualified for fouling Leonidas. The Nabob Dr. Meadowks, and New South, all favorites, went down in succession. The results follow:

First Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Leonidas, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, won; Lauretian, 10 to 1 for place, second; Harry Warren third. Time, 1:00½.

Second Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Lucy, 99 to 1 and 4 to 5, won; Pinkerton, Scout, 3 to 1 for place, second; Edith Gray third. Time, 1:00½.

Third Race—Five furlongs.—A. B. Dade, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Beck, Jr., 6 to 5 for place, second; Queen Bertie third. Time, 1:01.

Fourth Race—Six and a half furlongs.—Siva, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; New South, 4 to 5 for place, second; Gov. Griggs third. Time, 1:20.

Fifth Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Fenera, 2 to 1 and 6 to 5, won; Ben Ali, 3 to 2 for place, second; Kissa Lowal third. Time, 1:01.

Sixth Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Gold Dollar, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, won; Chiswick, 2 to 1 for place, second; Phendra third. Time, 1:00½.

Jockey Simms Has Made No Contract to Ride.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 5.—Jockey Willie Simms was here to-day, but just what brings him to the city no one knows but himself, and he refuses to talk. He said that he had not signed with Dwyer for the coming season; in fact, he had not made any contract.

"Will you ride in the West?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, "I will likely be here for the Louisville meeting, but further than that I cannot say."

It is believed that Simms has a deal on with J. E. Madden and that during the coming season he will spent that turfman's colors. Madden was not in the city to-day. It is known that he will not be here and that he goes East. His plans, therefore, fit in with Simms's statement. The latter was at Churchill Downs this morning looking over the horses.

Horseman Dies from the Result of a Kick.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 5.—John Colvin, the veteran horse trainer and turfman, died this afternoon from the effects of a kick. He was in one of the stalls at the Fair grounds a week ago when a young horse kicked him in the abdomen. Colvin was about 70 years old and has been well known among the turfmen for many years. His last horse was the pacing mare Nelly O., 2:13¾, owned by C. H. Oates of this city.

Colvin's brother died suddenly in Omaha, also from the effect of a kick.

News from the Horse World.

WHITE PLAINS, Feb. 5.—Harry T. Dykman showed the local horsemen a clean pair of heels with his trotter Bonnie McGuire in three straight heats on the snow slide afternoon. The notes were laid on Trotting Dan and all the local cracks, jacks were out. Besides Dykman there were in the race William Dyesson, with Frank Medium; Daniel Maloney, with Tom M.; Daniel Archer, with Lightning, and Floyd T. James, with Jay Dee Jr. The snow was in fine condition and the prize was a handsome set of harness offered by Charles Devlin.

Entries for the French Bulldog Show.

John R. Burdan, Secretary of the French Bulldog Club of America, gave out yesterday the entries for the show to be held in the sun parlor of the Waldorf-Astoria next Saturday. The entries far exceed the expectations of the most sanguine supporters of the club. They number fifty in all, and include Margot, the second to Mrs. Frederic Nielson's Bellebonne at the Westminster Kennel Club show of 1896. In addition to the four special prizes hitherto announced, James L. Little has offered a tankard for the best French bulldog, of opposite sex, to the winner of the special prize donated by Mr. Faulkner. Following are the entries:

Shawmut Kennel's Odile, Paulus, Baguette, Ajax, Mona, Marie, Lady Lyndhurst, Bella, and Fidette; J. R. Burdan's Lisette, Bundle and Coquette; William Wakeman's Nickie, Mrs. E. H. Gilling's Nikko, Dandelion, and Diabolo; Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt's Bloodhound; Mrs. Walter Scott's French Terrier, Thomas Bickerdyke's Bouncer and Baby; Alfred N. Beaslee's Le Petit Caporal, Jingo, and Gloucester Marquette; B. H. McCormick's Jean, Tinker Hugo, Prosper, and Uncle; Mrs. Margaret D. Lloyd's Boston Bull, Elbe, Virginia, Lady Lyndhurst, Jr., Phelps's Le Petite, Tu-Tu, Sabot, Le Petite Zizi, Nanette and Sapho; L. Raymond's Marquis and Zalmee; Mrs. Blakely Hall's Bobet and Marjot; Isador Coudert's Dick and Marquis; William Coudert's Alpin; H. Bertram Schmitt's Mrs. Jack, Marquis, and Marquis; Aubrey H. Barber's Coquette; Mrs. K. A. Dowsing's Odette; Mrs. James D. Cox's Camille; Mrs. D. T. Pulsifer's Kimo; W. W. Watson's Gretel; James B. Taylor's Monte and Frederick G. Davis's Mlle. Odette.

The invitations were sent out yesterday, and they are very artistic in design. The dogs are to be judged by the rules of the regular show, and but for the unusually grand surroundings the show will not differ in its appointments from the ordinary bench show. The judging will commence promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be eight regular classes and five special classes. The show has the full indorsement of the American Kennel Club.

Curling.

A large crowd of curlers gathered at Van Cortlandt Lake yesterday afternoon, despite the thaw that had set in early in the day. The great North and South of Scotland match for the Dalrymple medal, postponed from Jan. 6, and one of the most important of the annual medal matches, was announced to be played at 10 o'clock. The ice was not any too good in the morning, when the two rink clubs matched to give battle were the Caledonian and Van Cortlandt Clubs, but it became soft and mushy before the end of the contest, and in the middle of the day it was totally unfit to be played upon. The Grand National, therefore, had to be indefinitely postponed. The match between the Caledonian and Van Cortlandt Clubs was close, the latter winning by two points. It was rather a difficult matter to curl the stones toward the finish, some of the players being unable to get them up. The scores follow:

RINK 1.

Caledonian—Robert Archibald, 1; John McQueen, 2; John Stalker, 3; Daniel W. McKeeman, skip. Total, 6.

Van Cortlandt—John Pepper, 1; John Frazier, 2; Israel Frazier, 3; George Frazier, skip. Total, 14.

RINK 2.

Caledonian—William Archibald, 1; Henry Archibald, 2; Thomas T. Archibald, 3; David Forbis, skip. Total 19.

Van Cortlandt—Thomas Commerford, 1; George Armstrong, 2; F. F. Gilmartin, 3; A. Frost, skip. Total, 8.

Total points—Caledonia, 39; Van Cortlandt, 22.

Cricket.

Local cricketers are preparing for the coming season. A number of annual meetings will be held soon and plans laid out for the season's campaign. The Metropolitan District Cricket League held a meeting last week, and, among other things, considered an application for membership from the Roseville C. C. of Newark. In the absence of reliable information regarding the ground of this club the application was laid over until the annual meeting, which will be held on the first Monday in March.

The Kings County Club of Brooklyn should this year prove a powerful rival of the Manhattan and Brooklyn clubs. A special effort will be made to develop juniors, and Constable youngsters will be invited to become members for a nominal fee. It is quite probable that the Manhattans will select a new board of officers. The many friends of Henry Martin, the President, will use every effort to prevail upon him to remain at the head of affairs for at least another year.

The league will suffer a great loss by the resignation of President David A. Munro, who refuses a renomination. Secretary Fenwick also thinks of taking a rest, but he, too, will be strongly urged to remain in office.

The Staten Island Club this year will be without the services of Stuart Johnston, a professional, who has joined a Klondike expedition.

Lacrosse.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5.—The Montreal Lacrosse Club is beginning itself in the way of matches for the coming season. One or two American clubs are endeavoring to arrange contests with the Montreal Club, and the Toronto University Club wishes to play a match here in the spring, previous to its tour to Boston and New York.

BIRDS GO HOME TO ROOST.

END OF THE POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW AT THE GARDEN.

The Stolen Pigmy Pouter Is Returned by a Small Boy—T. A. Havemeyer, Jr., Pays $100 for a Two-Pound Bantam—A Statement of Profits and Losses—Special Awards.

John Bardsdorff of Washington, D. C., who won all the blue ribbons from the millionaire fanciers in pigmy pouters at the Madison Square show, was in high glee yesterday morning, for his blue ribbon white bird that was stolen on Wednesday had been returned somewhat ruffled in plumage, but otherwise not any worse for its experiences. A small boy brought the pigeon to the Fourth avenue door just about the time the show started and asked for Secretary Crawford.

"I bought this bird for a quarter from a man on the corner Wednesday night," announced the small boy, "and I want the $25 offered for its return."

"You can have the $25 if you will detect the thief," said Crawford. "As it is, we will give $5 to you."

The boy held out for $10, and, as this was not furnished, he left in anger, after threatening to sue the association.

Many sales were reported yesterday. One, that is authenticated was the purchase of a two-pound red pile bantam cockerel by T. A. Havemeyer, Jr., for $100. Fifty dollars a pound seems a high quotation for poultry. One of the men in the inner circle made the following statement regarding the financial status of the show:

"We offered $7,000 in prizes, but actually, on account of the donations from specialty clubs, the prizes cost us only $1,000. We paid the Garden $4,000 for the week, and shared all gate receipts over that sum. Advertising cost $2,000, which made our outlay, with incidentals, about $7,500. Our receipts were: From entry fees, $5,000; from the gate, about $2,500, so that, as near as I can figure, we will break even. Last year we lost $300, and in the nine years of the show we made money on only one event. By showing we sell our poultry, however, and, though the actual profits are nothing, the indirect profits are quite large."

T. A. Havemeyer, Jr., President of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Show Association, had this to say:

"In the quality of the exhibits the exhibition was the best ever held in this country, although the Boston show a fortnight ago had more entries. Next year we will do still better. I am glad to see that the show is attracting the notice of the casual pleasure seeker. It seems to have gained a place among the annual attractions of the city. The gate money really represents the outside element, for all within the fancier's cult have free tickets. To have an interest in poultry, I take it, is another indication of the out-door tendencies of Americans, a development only of recent decade."

The Barb and Carriers' Club elected the following officers yesterday: Dr. K. Newell, President; Peacock Pumed, First Vice-President; T. A. Havemeyer, Second Vice-President; James Edmiston, Secretary; Dr. W. W. White, Treasurer. The club has purchased a challenge cup for best pair of carrier or barb bred by a member. It was voted to hold the next annual meeting at the New York show.

The American Black Minorca Club held its fourth annual meeting. There were forty-four members present. Important amendments were made to its by-laws. It was decided to offer special cups and specials at the next New York show. The officers elected were:

President, George H. Northup; Vice-President, Romaine C. Nichols; Secretary-Treasurer, John A. Gamewell, Hackensack, N. J.; Board of Governors, J. H. Santee, G. P. Reynolds, and J. H. Doane.

The American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam Club elected the following officers:

President, Robert D. Winthrop; First Vice-President, H. Harrison; Second Vice-President, C. J. Lane; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles F. Cochran. Executive Committee, F. P. Bagnall, R. C. Thornton, Fremont Chapin, H. O. Havemeyer, Jr., A. F. Pierce, E. K. Fitzhugh, William Barbier, A. A. Parker and Jay Dee Jr.

It was decided to limit club prizes to American bred birds for 1898.

At the meeting of the American Owl Club it was decided to adopt the enamelled leggings band for young birds for 1898, also to allow a plain band to be used with number on for reference. The following specials were offered to be competed for at the next New York Show:

Silver cup for best English owl, cock or hen, bred in 1897; Mr. Bond donated a gold medal for best blue or silver English owl hen bred in 1896; Mr. Kennedy donated a gold medal for best blue or silver English owl cock bred in 1896; Mr. Eckert donated a medal for best Frizzle hen of any other color bred in 1896; the President offers a gold medal for best white Arkansas owl, cock or hen, in the show, bred in 1896.

The following officers were elected:

President, William Bitinger, Philadelphia; Vice-President, L. W. Bond, Newark, N. J.; Secretary-Treasurer, George Feathers, Jersey City; Membership Committee, Dr. Hubert Wellington Kennedy, Charles L. Dean, C. W. Butlles and Dr. H. A. Meyers.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Silver cup, value $100, for the best Brahma cock, cockerel, hen, and pullet, donated by the President—Won by J. W. Shaw.

Silver cup, value $100, for the best Plymouth Rock cock, cockerel, hen, and pullet, donated by the President—Won by Dr. Thompson.

Silver cup, value $100, for the best Cochin cock, cockerel, hen, and pullet, donated by the President—Won by Oakland Farm.

Silver cup, value $100, for the best Wyandotte cock, cockerel, hen, and pullet, donated by the President—Won by John R. Feld.

Silver cup, value $100, for the best Leghorn cock, cockerel, hen, and pullet, donated by the President—Won by Geo. H. Burgess.

Silver cup, value $50, for the best cock, cockerel, hen, and pullet, donated by E. M. and W. Ferguson, Fisher's Island, N. Y.—Won by E. B. Thompson.

Silver cup, value $50, for best Light Brahma, Buff Cochin, Buff Leghorn, and Buff Plymouth Rock, donated by Madison Square Garden Company—Won by J. W. Shaw.

Silver cup, value $50, the Shelton Trophy Cup, for the collection of exhibition games, donated by David A. Shelton, Jr., and H. Wells and William Bloss—Won by A. F. Pierce.

Silver cup, value $25, for the best collection of buff Plymouth rocks, for members of the club only, donated by the American Buff Plymouth Rock Club—Won by J. W. Shaw.

Silver medal for the best display of Carrier Pigeons—Won by Peacock Powell.

Silver medal for the best display of Pouters—Won by J. J. Hallenbach.

Silver medal for the best display of Tumblers—Won by T. S. Gaddess.

Silver medal for the best display of Jacobins—Won by A. E. Hoskins.

Silver medal for the best display of Fantails—Won by Mountain Side Loft.

Silver medal for the best display of Owls—Won by George W. Bokert.

Silver medal for the best display of Turbits—Won by W. Harry Orr.

Silver medal for the best display of Magpies—Won by G. W. Squier.

Silver medal for the best display of Oriental Frills—Won by E. A. Wallace.

Silver cup for the best Blue Wing Turbit, cock or hen, bred in 1897—Won by John T. Orr.

Silver cup for the best Black Wing Turbit, cock or hen, bred in 1897—Won by George Maclood.

Silver cup for the best Red Wing Turbit, cock or hen, bred in 1897—Won by George Maclood.

Silver cup for the best Yellow Wing Turbit, cock or hen, bred in 1897—Won by Harry Orr.

Silver cup for the best other color wing Turbit, cock or hen, bred in 1897—Won by George Maclood.

Silver cup for the best Turbit cock, any age, in the show—Won by W. Harry Orr.

Silver cup for the best Turbit hen, any age, in the show—Won by George Maclood.

For Members of the Turbit Club Only; donated by the American Club—Silver cup, value $25, for the best Blue Barred Muffed Tumbler, 1897 breed, for members of the American Tumbler Club only; donated by H. L. Clayton—Won by H. L. Clayton.

Silver cup, value $15, for the best Silver Barred Muffed Tumbler, 1897 breed, for members of the American Tumbler Club only; donated by H. L. Clayton—Won by H. L. Clayton.

American Black Minorca Club silver cup, value $15, for the best cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, and breeding pen; award to be made by points, but pen to count double—Won by Santee & Cunningham.

Second prize cup, value $10, offered by John A. Gamewell, for the most typical shaped black Minorca, male or female, and having the best colored plumage—Won by Santee & Cunningham.

President's cup, value $10, offered by J. H. Santee, for best three black Minorca cockerels and best three black Minorca pullets—Won by Santee & Cunningham.

Silver cup, value $10, offered by M. R. Hauck, for the best black Minorca cockerel—Won by Santee & Cunningham.

Silver cup, value $10, offered by Altamont Farm, Allegheny, Pa., for the best breeding pen of black Minorcas—Won by T. A. Trudeau.

Silver cup, value $10, for the best hen, cock, cockerel, pullet, and exhibition yard of single comb, white leghorns—Won by Whiting Farm.

Silver cup, for the best hen, cock, cockerel, and pullet, single comb, brown leghorns—Won by James Forsyth.

Fifty dollars in gold for the best display of Houdans—Won by James Forsyth.

Silver cup, value $25, to the largest and best exhibit of single comb buff leghorns—Won by E. B. Sheppard.

For the best five females, buff leghorns—Won by E. B. Sheppard.

American Leghorn Club, $10 for largest and best display of single comb brown Leghorns—Won by George H. Burgess.

Twenty dollars for the best exhibition pen of single comb brown Leghorns, donated by Ezra Cornell—Won by James Forsyth.

Five dollars for the best two single comb brown Leghorn cocks—Won by Geo. H. Burgess.

Five dollars for the best two single comb brown Leghorn hens—Won by Geo. H. Burgess.

Five dollars for the best two single comb brown Leghorn cockerels—Won by H. W. Smith.

Five dollars for the best two single comb brown Leghorn pullets—Won by Geo. H. Burgess.

Ten dollars for the largest and best display of brown Leghorns, cock and single comb, donated by James Forsyth—Won by James Forsyth.

Ten dollars for the best five single comb brown Leghorn cockerels, donated by James Forsyth—Won by James Forsyth.

Ten dollars for the largest and best display of single comb white Leghorns—Won by Whiting Farm.

Twenty dollars for the best exhibition pen of single comb white Leghorns, donated by James Forsyth—Won by Whiting Farm.

BOWLING.

How the Clubs Stand in Many Tournaments Throughout.

The following are the records of some of the important tournaments in Greater New York and New Jersey:

UNITED BOWLING CLUBS—SECTION B.

Clubs.	W.	L.	High Score	Clubs.	W.	L.	High Score
Cable	0	0	987	Civil Service	3	3	913
Bleecker	0	1	807	W. Harlem	3	3	904
Cyclone	0	2	871	Amrosia	2	0	743
Empire	0	4	881	Lotus, Brooklyn	0	7	888
Alpine	3	3	870				

SECTION 5.

Spartan	6	2	883	Accident	4	4	790
Premier	6	2	856	Lauderdale	3	5	904
Harmonie	5	2	791	Pioneer	1	6	687
Reform	3	3	877	Hacker	0	6