CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CONTROLS THE ST. LOUIS BASEBALL FRANCHISE.

Whoever Buys the Club at Auction Must be Acceptable to the Magnates—Al Johnson's Experience Recalled—Corbett Passes McVey Without Speaking to Him.

The fact that the case of the St. Louis Baseball Club will come up in court on Jan. 5, when the receiver's sale may be ordered, is interesting not only the National League magnates, but the baseball cranks of that city. At the trial Muckenfuss, as receiver, will likely apply for the right to sell the club outright to the highest bidder, while Von der Ahe will probably do his best to tangle things up so that he may make a further battle for what was once a valuable plant. Those who have studied the situation with care believe that if the club is put up at auction there will not be a great stampede among bidders to get in their work, for the reason that there may be a hitch over the franchise, or rather the right to represent St. Louis in the National League. Information has been received that the League, as a body, will have considerable to say about the ultimate owner of the franchise, especially if the club should be bought in by a syndicate of poolroom men who are said to be after it, or by any other persons objectionable to the League. In short, those who intend buying the club at auction must first be sure that the League will accept them as legitimate members. On this point the whole situation in St. Louis hinges. Edward Becker, who is one of Von der Ahe's creditors, has been mentioned as a possible purchaser. He consulted with several baseball men recently and was told that even if he did secure the club he would not be sure of the franchise. With this in view, it is believed that Becker will not make any rash moves until he knows where he stands. At present the St. Louis Club is practically worthless, in that the players under reserve are inferior, and there is no prospect of being better than a tail-ender next season in case the twelve-club league continues. This argument has been used to show that whoever purchases the club, and it will take $50,000 to cover mortgages alone, will have to spend at least $20,000 to make the team a winner. Experts say that the St. Louis public will not patronize anything else and that unless radical changes are made in that city baseball will die.

There have been other such cases as St. Louis before in baseball where franchises were involved. In 1891 Albert L. Johnson and others bought the Cincinnati National League Club from Aaron Stern, with the idea that the franchise went with it. Johnson paid $30,000 for the club and players. The League not only refused to give him a franchise, but also handed one to John T. Brush, who immediately put the present Cincinnati Club in shape. Johnson was beaten in the courts and dropped the whole amount. Ever since then he has kept studiously out of baseball. When he read of the muddle in St. Louis the other day he was quoted as saying that the man who bought that club at the receiver's sale should first find out in black and white whether he could get the franchise. A strong club in St. Louis, according to the wise men, boom the game, and the magnates, therefore, want to see such a thing come to pass. As a prominent authority on League matters said the other day:

"The League has so far recognized Muckenfuss as the legal representative of the St. Louis Club. That means that even should Von der Ahe and his friends, or any other St. Louis combine, succeed in buying the club at the receiver's sale, the League would undoubtedly withhold the franchise. In other words, the League has come to the conclusion that baseball in St. Louis must boom and that a winner there is necessary."

The Brooklyn Club has two deals on for players in spite of the impending consolidation with the Baltimore Club. The Boston Club, through Manager Selee, has shown an interest in young Crisham, the catcher who was "farmed" to Providence last season. Ebbets and Abell, however, say they cannot let his promising younger go. Another club is hot after Jones, the right fielder, but the Brooklyn people will not listen to such a proposition. In the event of a combination of Brooklyn and Baltimore players, several outside deals will be made. The Brooklyn Club might make some sort of a deal with the New York Club for "Kid" Gleason, who is still regarded as valuable by good judges. As in all proposed baseball deals, terms are made with difficulty because one club wants everything for nothing. That's why so few deals go through.

Tom O'Rourke has been trying for some weeks to make a match for big Bob Armstrong, the colored heavyweight, but nobody seems anxious to tackle him. Not long ago Peter Maher said something about wanting to meet Armstrong, but when Washington Irving Bishop saw Tom O'Rourke he was Irishman backed out. Since Armstrong came near whipping Jim Jeffries last summer in a six-round bout at the Lenox A. C., he has steadily improved. He is boxing hard bouts with Sharkey every day and the sailor says he can hit like a mule. Just the same, Sharkey put Armstrong to sleep twice last week, only in fun, too. The big colored fellow would be a first-class substitute for Choynski against Ruhlin on next Tuesday night, but it is understood that Ruhlin has drawn the color line.

Jim Corbett walked down Broadway on the west side of the street yesterday afternoon, and just as he crossed Thirty-first street he saw his former second and trainer, Con McVey, walking up on the east side of the thoroughfare. Corbett probably remembered how McVey jumped into the ring at the Lenox A. C. not long ago, for he gave one quick look across the street and hurried on. McVey did not see the ex-champion, apparently, for he strolled along just as unconcernedly as usual, whistling a popular tune. Whether Corbett and McVey have spoken since the fiasco nobody seems to know. They refuse to discuss each other when questioned.

It is said that the resignation of Yale from the Intercollegiate A. A. has been forwarded to the President with the request that it be acted upon when the Association meets in February. So far as Harvard is concerned, it is reported that the Crimson's resignation was sent in some time ago. As THE SUN has predicted, Yale and Harvard will form a dual athletic league, to begin operations next season. Athletic men in authority at both universities have practically admitted the truth of this statement.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Bookmakers working in their shirtsleeves were one of the features at the racetrack here to-day. The word "winter" meeting seemed a bit out of place. The balmy weather brought out a large crowd and the fifteen penciliers had their hands full. Old Egbert's legs kept steady to-day, and, taking command at the first quarter in the mile and a sixteenth, the third race, galloped his field to death and won in a romp. Queen of Song and Sister Fox, belonging to Frank Reagan, looked it up in the second race for a half mile, when Sister Fox fell back and beaten. In the fourth race, after Water Crest had shot his bolt, Apple Jack, the favorite, went to the front and won by two lengths. Hampden, the favorite, had a rocky passage in the last race and was beaten a nose on the post by Maggie S. Summaries:

First Race—Six and a half furlongs—Dave S., 107 (O'Connor), 3 to 1, won; Elkin, 95 (Southard), second; Belle of Memphis, 102 (Lines), third. Time, 1:22.

Second Race—Seven furlongs—Queen of Song, 103 (James), 18 to 10, won; Our Nellie, 98 (Lines), second; Sister Fox, 103 (O'Connor), third. Time, 1:30.

Third Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth—Eclat, 96 (Traxler), 11 to 5, won; Tragedy, 97 (Frost), second; Bona Dea, 82 (O'Connor), third. Time, 1:49¾.

Fourth Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth—Apple Jack, 90 (O'Connor), 12 to 5, won; Marks, 98 (Frost), second; Pinkney Potter, 105 (Combs), third. Time, 1:49.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile—Maggie, 104 (Combs), 7 to 10, won; Hampden, 98 (O'Connor), second; Lady Disdain, 95 (Dupee), third. Time, 1:42¾.

New England Trotting Horse Breeders' Programme for 1899.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the New England Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, held to-day, $34,000 was voted for purses in the early closing races of the association next season. The purses are divided as follows:

Blue Hill Stakes, 2:30 class, trotting, $5,000, an increase of $2,000; the Massachusetts Stake, 2:14 class, trotting, $10,000; 2:10 class, trotting, $8,000; 2:26 class, pacing, $3,000; 2:14 class, pacing, $3,000; the Reponset Stake, 2:10 class, pacing, $5,000; the Futurity, three-year-olds, $10,000.

The entries will close on March 10. The directors elected John E. Thayer President of the association and J. Malcolm Forbes Vice-President.

S. S. Toman Secretary of the New Trotting Track.

Ex-Corporation Counsel W. H. Clark has appointed S. S. Toman Secretary of the new trotting track which he is building on Central avenue between Yonkers and Mount Vernon. Toman hails from Independence, Ia. He formerly edited the *American Trotter*, and for five years past has filled a similar position with the *Trotter and Pacer* in this city. Offices for the new track will soon be opened in the neighborhood of Madison Square.

GOLF.

W. H. Coles and Miss Agnes Davis Win the Mixed Foursomes at Lakewood.

Sunny weather did much to improve the condition of the links at the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club yesterday, when the semi-final and final rounds at mixed foursomes for the cup presented by Mrs. George J. Gould and the Consolation Cup put up by Arthur B. Claflin were the features. There was only a hint of frost in the air, just enough to stimulate the players to do their best, so that the golfing was of a generally higher quality than in the cold wave on Wednesday. The fine showing made by C. Tiffany Richardson and Mrs. A. B. Claflin on the first day had made their friends hopeful that the first cup would fall to their lot, but these anticipations were blasted in the semi-finals, when, after a most spirited contest, they lost to W. H. Coles of the Nassau Country Club and Miss Agnes Davis of the Golf Club of Lakewood by 3 up and 1 to play. At the turn they had been 5 up. Their cards were:

Coles and Miss Davis	5	5	5	5	6	4	6	8	6—50
Richardson and Mrs. Claflin	6	6	6	5	5	5	7	8	7—55
Coles and Miss Davis	6	6	4	6	5	6	6	*	—45—95
Richardson and Mrs. Claflin	5	5	5	6	4	4	6	8	*—45—100

* Bye not played.

An evenly contested game made the issue very close to the end between the remaining pair in the semi-finals, F. J. J. Des Raismes and Miss Anna E. Ferris and Francis A. Walthew and Mrs. F. M. Freeman. At no time was there more than two holes difference between them. After being all even at the fifteenth hole, the former pair won by 2 up and 1 to play. The cards:

Des Raismes and Miss A. E. Ferris	5	5	6	7	5	8	7	5	—53
Walthew and Mrs. Freeman	6	6	5	5	7	5	7	8	7—56
Des Raismes and Miss Ferris	6	6	5	5	6	5	5	6	5—49—102
Walthew and Mrs. Freeman	6	4	8	7	5	5	7	7	5—49—105

In the final round, played in the afternoon, Coles and Miss Davis were in winning form from the start, and they were 5 up at the turn, Des Raismes and Miss Ferris quite failing to keep up to the game they had shown in the morning. Coles and Miss Davis won by 7 up and 6 to play. The former received the Mrs. Gould cup and Miss Davis a handsome pair of solid silver candlesticks from the same donor. Their cards were:

Coles and Miss Davis	6	4	4	5	5	4	5	9	5—47
Des Raismes and Miss A. E. Ferris	5	6	5	7	6	6	6	7	6—54
Coles and Miss Davis	5	5	5	*	*	*	*	*	*—15—62
Des Raismes and Miss Ferris	8	6	5	*	*	*	*	*	*—19—73

*Byes not played.

For the Mrs. Gould Cup the pairs had met on even terms, but odds were a factor in the Consolation Cup matches. In the semi-finals, Roy E. Des Raismes, a boy of 13, with Miss Emlee, receiving odds of 2, beat A. J. McClure and Miss Roberts, by 9 up and 8 to play. The winners were beaten in the finals, however, by H. L. Schwartz and Miss Downs, who drew a bye in the semi-finals. They won by 4 up and 2 to play. The cards:

Schwartz and Miss Downs	8	6	5	4	6	4	5	7	5—50
Des Raismes and Miss Embree	7	5	4	8	5	5	5	7	6—50
Schwartz and Miss Downs	7	5	4	6	8	3	8	*	*—46—96
Des Raismes and Miss Embree	8	6	6	7	7	5	10	*	*—49—99

* Byes not played.

Each winner received a silver cup. Twenty pairs have entered in the handicap mixed foursome for to-day.

Contrary to expectations, there will be a contest at the Westchester Golf Club on next Monday, this decision having been made yesterday by G. F. Tiffany and W. C. Cammann of the Greens Committee. The prizes will be the cups presented for Thanksgiving Day and postponed from that date on account of snow. The morning round will be a medal play handicap against bogie, the first and second sixteens to qualify for the cups at match play in the afternoon. Two other events announced for Monday are "pick-up" team matches at the new Laurence Beach links and at Dyker Meadow.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

A. G. Spalding Says the L. A. W. Should Keep Control Over Racing.

A reporter of THE SUN called upon A. G. Spalding at his office yesterday to obtain his views upon the L. A. W. giving up its control of racing. He said that he had not given as much thought to the subject as he would like to before expressing an opinion, but from his experience in the past and for the best interest of the sport itself he felt convinced that the L. A. W. should continue its control over racing, both amateur and professional. He further said:

"During my connection with our racing team in the past I have not always agreed with the manner in which the L. A. W. has handled some things pertaining to the sport, especially the professional end of it, and I know it has been criticised more or less on account of its arbitrary methods. On the other hand, in order to control a sport with so many conflicting elements, especially the professional, it is absolutely necessary, in order to retain a firm grip upon the racing interest, that the parent organization which stands sponsor for it should be arbitrary and firm.

"The L. A. W. is the natural body to control racing, and in fact it is the only national body organized to-day that is competent to handle it. While in the past it may have made some mistakes in meting out proper punishment, yet I am satisfied that the majority of people in this country who take an interest in cycle racing believe in the honesty of purpose that prompts the action of the officials of the L. A. W., and without such confidence of the public no sport, especially professional, can be successfully carried on very long. I think it might be possible to organize an association for the exclusive control of professional cycle racing, but to be successful it must be national in character and controlled by representative men in the leading cities in the country. Not only would it require representative men in whom the public has confidence, but it would also, probably, take considerable capital to properly carry it on. Until such a representative association is organized, I am strongly of the opinion that the L. A. W. is much better equipped to handle the racing of this country, both amateur and professional than any other organization.

"While to some it may seem incongruous for an amateur organization like the L. A. W. to take under its direction and fostering care professional racing, yet in order to keep this sport clear from corruption and misdirection, and as the tendency of all sport where great skill is required is toward professionalism, I think it would be a mistake for the L. A. W. to drop the racing interests, and a mistake for the racing men to give up its control of professional, or amateur racing."

The Century Road Club of America has accepted the record of A. S. Taylor, who on Sept. 17 rode from New York to Albany in fifteen hours ten minutes. The demand of Edwin Oplyke for a quintuple century record has also been investigated and passed. This is the first record for five centuries allowed by the Century Road Club. Opdyke rode 500 miles in sixty hours on July 2, 3 and 4, 1897. A "meritorious ride" medal has been awarded to E. J. Porter, who paced Mr. and Mrs. Darwin J. McIlrath, the globe girdlers, from New York to Chicago. The following membership committee has been appointed by the club: Newton G. Crawford, Kentucky; George L. McCarthy, New York, and R. E. O'Connor, Chicago.

NOTES.

It is reported that Charles S. Mears of Cleveland aspires to be Chairman of the National Racing Board, and will be supported by the Western wheelmen for the office.

The Nameless Wheelmen of Brooklyn have elected George Taylor, William Arthur and Edward McMahon delegates to the Associated Cycling Clubs of Long Island.

Chairman Mott has appointed John Barnett of this city official referee and representative for the National Racing Board of this State.

The Beach Cycling Club is a new organization formed in Bath Beach. The officers are: President, Harry Carroll; Vice President, Miss Josie Small; Secretary, Clifton Edwards; Treasurer, Miss Ida Vance; Captain, James Small; Lieutenant, Miss Eva La Borde; Color Bearer, John Holstein.

The one-hour amateur competition record of 27¾ miles, made on Nov. 8 by Charles Earl of Brooklyn, has been accepted by the L. A. W. Racing Board.

The Massachusetts division of the L. A. W. has elected thirty-one delegates to the National Assembly meeting. The division voted that the delegates shall defray their own expenses.

Whist.

At the Whist Club of New York on Wednesday night the top score was made by Andrew Gilhooly and Cito Hatch, with 5⅓ plus and 3 kills. Baker and Cole also had 3 kills and were only three-quarters of a trick behind. Sheldon and Henry were third. This leaves the standing of the leaders to date, with only three more rounds of the fourteen to play, as follows: Elwell, 41 tricks, 14 kills; Gilhooly, 23 tricks, 20 kills; Henriques, 20 tricks, 17 kills; Browning, 16 tricks, 21 kills. The Ferris brothers still lead for kills, having 23 each. Elwell and Henriques are tied for times plus, the former never having made a minus score this season.

At the Women's Whist Club in Brooklyn on Wednesday Mrs. Hannum and Miss Cunningham made the top score, 11 plus. E and W. Three pairs tied for high score N and S. They were Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Harmon, and Mrs. Johnson and Miss Campbell. All got 7 plus.

CURLING.

The South of Scotland Defeats the North for the Dalrymple Medal.

Speed and fancy skating was for once a mere side issue at Van Cortlandt Park yesterday afternoon, the absorbing feature of the day being the grand old Scotch game of curling. The special event was the historic annual competition for the Dalrymple medal between expert representatives of the North and South of Scotland. This competition was instituted as far back as 1871, when the Southerners won. They clung to the medal and honors tenaciously up to 1877, when the North men scored a victory. The South cut in again next time, but the North came back with three straight. The Lowlanders scored in 1884 and 1885, but the medal went to the North in 1886. Two wins by the South were followed by three successive northern victories. South again cut in for one year, but North captured the trophy in 1896 and held it until the present contest, last year's fixture being cancelled by thaw.

The competition yesterday was the twenty-second in the series, and victory rested with the South men. They won by a score of 87 to 54, this being their thirteenth triumph up to date. The match was conducted under the auspices of the Grand National Curling Club of America, and it created widespread interest among Scottish-Americans. The day was fine, and the ice admitted of the laying out of five rinks. The fifth, by the way, was rather too close to the path of the pleasure skaters, who were on the ice in swarms, and the players were occasionally handicapped by accidental interference.

Play began soon after 1 o'clock, with P. F. Gilmartin of the Van Cortlandt Curling Club as umpire. Forty men took part, and the sport was fast and furious from the start. The teams on rink 1 were well matched, and it was only after a sensational contest that the balance turned in favor of North with a score of 13 to 11. The North was again to the front on rink 2, the victorious "Hieland" representatives being the noted Archibald brothers, Robert, William, Henry and Thomas. They beat their opponents more than two to one, the score being 17 to 8. It was hoped that they would be drawn against the other expert combination made up of the Edwards brothers, but the latter were assigned to rink 5, on which they cleverly defeated Bissett's team by a score of 24 to 8. The play on rink 3 resulted in a sweeping win for the Southern team, with James Kellock as skip. D. G. Morrison, who is President of the club, played skip on this rink for the North.

Kellock was one of the most envied contestants on the ice, as his grand work not only secured for his team through, but won for him the Hoogland Flag, a coveted trophy competed for annually in conjunction with the Dalrymple match. It goes to the skip scoring highest over his opponent during the contest. The Kirkpatrick Medal for the second highest majority of shots was continued by W. D. Edwards, a former State Senator of New Jersey, and one of the four brothers already referred to. President Morrison having been on the losing side, the Dalrymple Medal will be placed in the custody of the next highest officer, President John McIaw of Boston. The scores:

RINK 1.

North.		South.	
C. McKenzie.		Dr. A. P. Roth.	
John Watt.		G. P. Morosini, Jr.	
Thomas G. Watt.		R. Ellin.	
James Thaw, skip	13	Robert Kellock, skip	11

RINK 2.

Robert Archibald.		F. Macnee.	
William Archibald.		J. Armstrong.	
Henry Archibald.		J. Weaver.	
T. T. Archibald, skip	17	T. Nicholson, skip	8

RINK 3.

George Cameron.		G. MacKay.	
G. Manwell.		F. Dykes.	
J. F. Conloy.		A. Pratt.	
D. G. Morrison, skip	6	James Kellock, skip	25

RINK 4.

G. Cochrane.		James Johnston.	
W. H. Smith.		W. Mieklejohn.	
A. Gillies.		John Pepper.	
J. Leslie, skip	10	G. Colquhoun, skip	19

RINK 5.

R. W. Paterson.		D. F. Edwards.	
W. Taylor.		M. I. Edwards.	
T. Watson.		J. T. Edwards.	
I. Bassett, skip	8	W. D. Edwards, skip	24
Grand total	54	Grand total	87

ROLLER POLO.

Jersey City Wins an Exciting Game from the New Yorks.

The New York roller polo team was defeated by the Jersey City combination in an exciting game at the Grand Central Palace last night. Jersey City only won out in an extra period by the score of 8 goals to 7. The visitors had the game won in the third period, but lost a point on three fouls. One of Jersey City's goals was scored by a New York player in a peculiar manner. Holdredge drove the ball through Berry's legs into New York's cage, which counted for the visitors.

New York scored the first goal after 4 minutes 30 seconds' play. Tarrant won the rush. An easy chance for goal was missed by O'Hara and then Tarrant got the ball, shoving it along to Purcell, who rushed it down to in front of Jersey City's goal, where in a lively scrimmage it was caged by Schofield. The next rush was won by Houghton, and Schofield was again successful in caging the ball in 3 minutes 5 seconds. The third goal also went to New York, Tarrant scoring in 3 minutes 20 seconds.

Furbush had been making some terrific drives, and most of the players were careful in avoiding them. Schofield, however, was hit by a line drive, which knocked him to the floor and opened a deep gash under his right eye. He had to retire, and Holdredge took his place.

When the game was resumed Hadley scored for Jersey City in two minutes flat, and the score stood 3 goals to 1 in New York's favor at the end of the first period.

The opening rush in the second period went to Tarrant, but it took him over seven minutes to score. Jersey City's game became more and more aggressive, and the local men went all to pieces. Hadley caged the ball in thirty-six seconds. Then Houghton scored twice in rapid succession, and Hadley followed him up with two more goals, which put Jersey City in the lead. Just before the period ended Purcell scored for New York.

Jersey City was one goal to the good when the third period began, and Furbush added another in twelve seconds. Tarrant then scored for New York and Holdredge for Jersey City. Tarrant caged the ball again for New York, and as three fouls were committed by Jersey City the revised score stood 7 all, making the game a tie. The crowd was hoodlum enough to chase the Jersey City players. After three minutes' play Hadley scored for Jersey City. The line-up:

New Yorks.	*Positions.*	*Jersey City.*
Tarrant	First rush	Houghton
Holdredge	Second rush	Hadley
Schofield		
Purcell	Centre	O'Hara
Malone	Half back	Furbush (Capt.)
Berry (Capt.)	Goal	O'Malley

Referee—E. J. Martin. Goals—Hadley, 5; Houghton, 2; Furbush, 1; Tarrant, 4; Schofield, 2; Purcell, 1. Fouls—Hadley, 1; Houghton, 1.

Gossip of the Ring.

Jack Daly wants to meet Joe Gans again.

R. E. P., Southport, Conn.—The wager was a draw.

A match between Homer Selby, Kid McCoy's brother, and Charley Burns of Cincinnati has been arranged.

G. S., New York—They met at the Bohemian A. C., New York, on Oct. 6, 1896. Hawkins received the verdict in fifteen rounds.

Jim Janey has been matched to box Andy Walsh at the Greenwood A. C within three weeks. The affair is limited to twenty rounds.

Tommy Kelly, the "Hoboken Cyclone," who went to 108 pounds a few months ago, has returned. He says he is now ready to box some good man.

Dan Creedon and George Green, known as "Young Corbett," will meet at the National A. C., San Francisco, in a twenty-round bout to-night.

A twenty-round "go" between Walter Burgo and George McFadden has been arranged. It will be decided in Yonkers on next Thursday night.

Tommy White has signed articles to box Jack Dougherty in Cincinnati on Jan. 10. The "go" is for ten rounds, at 134 pounds at the ring side.

Kid Broad of Cleveland has been matched to box Patsy Sweeney in the preliminary bout to the Sullivan-Connolly contest in New Haven next month.

A match between "Mysterious" Billy Smith and Billy Edwards of Australia has been ratified and will be decided at the Lenox A. C. some time next month.

The Hawthorne A. C. of Providence will give a purse of $2,000 for a twenty-round encounter between Gans and Dal Hawkins, to come off some time in February.

Betting upon the fight between McCoy and Sharkey on Jan. 10 has begun in Wall street. There is much McCoy money offered on even terms. One bet of $500 even was made yesterday.

Sam Fitzpatrick is negotiating for a match between "Doc" Payne and George Lawlor, the "Irish Giant," to be decided before the Lenox A. C. as the preliminary bout to the McCoy-Sharkey contest.

Alf Wright, the English 122-pounder who lowered Mike Sears's colors recently, sent word to Dave Holland yesterday that he would like to visit America and meet some of the local cracks at his weight. Holland wrote back for Wright to come here.

SCRANTON, Dec. 29.—Manager Skelly of the American Sporting Club of this city has arranged a twenty-round bout between "Doc" Payne and Tim Hurley, at 130 pounds, to take place on Jan. 16, for a purse. Skelly is trying to arrange a match between "Mysterious" Billy Smith and Jim Judge. Failing in this Judge and Andy Walsh will have a twenty-round bout about Jan. 26.

HARVARD BREAKS THE TIE.

BOTH CRIMSON PLAYERS DOWN COLUMBIA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

Fourth Round of the Intercollegiate Chess Tournament Finished—Serious Mistakes by Cook of Yale and Ely of Princeton—Webb of Yale Scores His First Victory.

The students continued their play in the intercollegiate chess tournament at the Columbia Grammar School yesterday afternoon and evening, and at the end of to-day's play it was found that Harvard had again taken the lead over Columbia. The latter lost both games to the Cambridge men. Princeton is third in the race, with three wins, while Yale has only two victories to her credit. The features of yesterday's play were the blunders committed by Cook of Yale and Ely of Princeton, who both lost queens. This was the first time that such serious errors occurred. The men faced each other as follows:

Southard, Harvard, vs. Falk, Columbia; Arensberg, Harvard, vs. Meyer, Columbia; Weston, Princeton, vs. Cook, Yale; Ely, Princeton, vs. Webb, Yale.

Southard on the first board selected a Ruy Lopez against Falk. The latter, who replied with the Berliner Defence, tried to bring about that particular variation in which queens are exchanged early in the opening and which leads to a position rather favorable to black. The Harvard champion, however, preferred somewhat different tactics. He proceeded with 5. Q—K 2, and on continuing with 8. B—B 4 black could be said to have got on an equal footing with his adversary. White, who had castled on the king's side, began operations on the queen's side of the board in order to prevent his opponent from castling. Shortly afterward he initiated a well-schemed attack, and by a brilliant sacrifice of a knight on his twenty-third move he had practically won the game. Four moves later the Columbia man was beaten.

Arensberg, who was pitted against Meyer of Columbia, opened, like his college mate, Southard, also with the Spanish attack. Up to the tenth move of black this game was contested in exactly the same manner as the one on the first table. Two moves later the Columbia expert made a premature attack on the king's side, which was cleverly repelled by white. Eventually Arensberg adopted aggressive tactics, and as he had previously won a pawn he was enabled to force the pace right along. Meyer fought on gamely, but the Harvard man did not give his adversary a single chance. He maintained his finely conceived attack to a point where Meyer had either to be mated in five moves or to put up with the loss of the exchange. The latter resigned after twenty-six moves.

Cook played the Russian defence on the third board against Weston. White answered on his third move with P—Q 3, and thus at once took his opponent into strange lands. However, black found a flaw in this model way of procedure. He soon managed to establish a good attack, won a piece, and with the least care he ought to have won the game easily. Unfortunately, however, he committed a great blunder on his twenty-ninth move by allowing his queen to be taken, and four moves later Weston won.

On the fourth board Ely opened with a Queen's Gambit, which Webb declined in the unusual way—2. P—Q B 3. The men now played with great caution, almost timidly, and the position remained even for a long time. Finally white seemed to get an attack in the centre of the board, but black defended skilfully, and nothing came of it. Shortly before adjournment black had the better position in the centre. White had a majority of pawns on the queen's side, so the players really started on even terms again when play was resumed in the evening. Ely got a chance to win two rooks and a knight for the queen. This correction the Yale man missed. Had he accepted the chance he would, probably, have won the game. However, only four moves later he lost his queen for a rook, and after forty-five moves Webb won his first game in the tournament. The scores follow:

FIRST TABLE—RUY LOPEZ.

SOUTHARD (Harvard). *White.*	FALK (Columbia). *Black.*	SOUTHARD (Harvard). *White.*	FALK (Columbia). *Black.*
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	15 Q—Q 2	B—R 2
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	16 P—R 5	P—Q Kt 3
3 B—Kt 5	Kt—B 3	17 P x P	P x P
4 P—Q 4	Kt x K P	18 Q—B 4	B—Kt
5 Q—K 2	Kt—Q 3	19 P—Q Kt 4	B—R 2
6 B x Kt	Q P x B	20 P x P	P x P
7 P x P	Kt—B 4	21 Q R—Kt	Castles
8 Castles	B—B 4	22 P—K Kt 4	Kt—R 5
9 B—Q	Q—K 2	23 Kt—B 6 ch	K—R
10 Kt—B 3	P—K R 3	24 Kt x Kt	P—Kt 4
11 Kt—K 4	B—Kt 3	25 Q—K 4	Q x Kt
12 P—Q R 4	P—Q R 3	26 P x Q	P x Kt
13 P—Q Kt 3	P—B 4	27 Q—K B 4	Resigns
14 B—R 3	B—K 3	1h. 39m.	1h. 23m.

SECOND TABLE—RUY LOPEZ.

ARENSBERG (Harvard). *White.*	MEYER (Columbia). *Black.*	ARENSBERG (Harvard). *White.*	MEYER (Columbia). *Black.*
P—K 4	P—K 4	15 Kt x B	Q x Kt
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	16 Kt—B 3	K R—Kt
3 B—Kt 5	Kt—K B 3	17 B—Kt 2	R—Kt 3
4 Castles	Kt x P	18 Q R—Q	K—K 2
5 P—Q 4	Kt—Q 3	19 P—B 4	B—R 3
6 B x Kt	Q P x B	20 Q—K 4	Q R—K Kt
7 P x P	Kt—B 4	21 Kt—R 4	R—Kt 4
8 Q—K 2	B—B 4	22 Q—B 4	R—R 4
9 B—Q	Q—K 2	23 Kt x Kt ch	R x Kt
10 Kt—Q B 3	P—K R 3	24 Q—R 4 ch	K—B
11 R—Q 3	B—K 3	25 Q x P ch	K—K 2
12 P—Q Kt 3	P—K Kt 4	26 Q—B 4 ch	Resigns.
13 Kt—K 4	K—B	1h. 51m.	1h. 55m.
14 K Kt x P	B—Q 4		

THIRD TABLE—PETROFF DEFENCE.

WESTON (Princeton). *White.*	COOK (Yale). *Black.*	WESTON (Princeton). *White.*	COOK (Yale). *Black.*
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	18 Kt x B	Q—B 3
2 K Kt—B 3	K Kt—B 3	19 K R—K	R—K 4
3 P—Q 3	P—Q 3	20 Kt x Kt	B x Kt
4 B—R 3	Kt—Q B 3	21 K—R	Q—Kt 4
5 B—K 3	P—Q 4	22 R—K Kt	Q—R 4
6 P x P	Kt x P	23 Q R—Kt	Kt—R 7
7 P—B 3	B—Q 3	24 P—K Kt 3	Kt x R
8 Q Kt—Q 2	P—B 4	25 R x Kt	R—B 3
9 Kt—Kt 3	Castles	26 Q—K 4	Q—B 4
10 B—Q 2	P—K 5	27 Q x B	Q x P ch
11 Castles	P x P	28 K—R	Q—P ch
12 Kt—Kt 5	P—K 6	29 K—Kt	Q—B 8 ch
13 Kt—B 3	P x B ch	30 R x Q	Q R—K B
14 Q Kt x P	Kt—B 5	31 Q x Q B P	R B 3—B 2
15 P—B 4 ch	K—R	32 Q—K Kt	R—K Kt
16 Q—Q 2	Q B—Kt 5	33 R—K 8	Resigns
17 Kt—K Kt 3	B x Kt	1h. 46m.	2 hours.
18 P x B	P—Kt 3		

FOURTH TABLE—QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

ELY (Princeton). *White.*	WEBB (Yale). *Black.*	ELY (Princeton). *White.*	WEBB (Yale). *Black.*
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	24 P x P	P x P
2 P—Q B 4	P—Q B 3	25 Kt—B	Q R—Q
3 Kt—Q B 3	P—K B 4	26 B—B 2	K—B
4 B—B 4	Kt—Q 2	27 B—B 4	R—K 2
5 P—K 3	K Kt—B 3	28 Q—Kt 5	Q—B
6 P—Q 5	P—K 3	29 B—B 2	R—K 3
7 P—B 3	B—K 2	30 P—Q Kt 4	P—K 5
8 K Kt—K 2	Kt—B	31 P x P	Q P x P
9 Castles	Kt—Kt 3	32 Q—B 3	K—Kt 2
10 B—Kt 3	Castles	33 Kt—Kt 3	R—Q 6
11 Q—B 2	P—B 4	34 Q—B 4	Q—Q B
12 Q R—Q	B P x P	35 B—B 4	Kt—K 4
13 Kt x B P	B—B 4	36 B x Kt	R x B
14 Q Kt—Q 2	Q—K	37 P—B 6	B—R
15 B—B 2	P—Q Kt 3	38 B—Kt 5	Kt—Q 4
16 Q—Q 2	Kt—K 2	39 B—Q B	Kt—K 6
17 Kt—K Kt 3	B x Kt	40 B—R 6	Q—B 2
18 P x B	P—Kt 3	41 Q x R	P x Q
19 B—K 3	B—Kt 2	42 B x P	Kt—Kt 5
20 Q R—K	Q—B 2	43 B—K B 3	R—K 3
21 B—R 6	K R—K	44 P—Kt 5	Q x P ch
22 Kt—K 2	Q—B 3	45 K—B	Q—R 8 mate
23 P—B 5	P x P	2h. 58m.	2h. 58m.

The record of the tournament is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
Harvard	6½	1½	Princeton	3	5
Columbia	4½	3½	Yale	2	6

The individual scores are:

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
Southard	4	0	Weston	2	2
Arensberg	2½	1½	Cook	1	3
Falk	2½	1½	Webb	1	3
Meyer	2	2	Ely	1	3

This is the pairing for the fifth round to-day: Webb, Yale, vs. Falk, Columbia; Arensberg, Harvard, vs. Weston, Princeton; Cook, Yale, vs. Meyer, Columbia; Southard, Harvard, vs. Ely, Princeton.

Pillsbury Defeats Judd for the Third Time.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Harry N. Pillsbury began the third game of the series against the local crack, Max Judd, last evening and after thirty-six moves the game was adjourned. It was a Ruy Lopez, opened by Judd, who played the first eight moves as Tarrasch did in the tie match in Vienna against Pillsbury. At the adjournment the champion had one pawn to the good. This afternoon Judd fought on gamely, but his position was already compromised to such an extent as to give Pillsbury an easy victory after fifty-eight moves. The latter thus secured three straight wins. The score:

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JUDD. *White.*	PILLSBURY. *Black.*	JUDD. *White.*	PILLSBURY. *Black.*
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	31 R—B 2	R x R ch
2 K