CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP.

WILL THE AMERICAN LEAGUE COME TO THIS CITY?

McGraw Says Baltimores Will Not Be Transferred—Johnson Talks of a Ten-Club Circuit—The Fitzsimmons-Jeffries Bout—American Jockeys Sail.

The report from Chicago that the Baltimore American League team would be transferred to this city to play on Manhattan Field caused much comment among baseball enthusiasts yesterday. When Freedman, who holds a lease of Manhattan Field, was asked about the story, he said that he refused to deny or affirm it, thereby creating the impression that there was some mystery attached to it. But from the remarks of John J. McGraw, manager of the Baltimores, somebody has been enjoying a quiet smoke out in the Windy City. In response to a question over the long-distance 'phone McGraw said that there was absolutely no truth in the story, that if he consented to the transfer of the Baltimore team away from that city, he and his partner, Robinson, might just as well close up their big sporting resort, which has turned out to be a mint, and that public sentiment there would be so strong against them that they would be forced to move away from Oriole-ville forever. John J. Mahon, a leading Baltimore politician, has just been elected President of the Baltimore club. Mahon is the father-in-law of Joe Kelley of the Brooklyns and Kelley is a member of the Board of Directors. Mahon has secured a big block of stock in the club in order to keep Kelley in Baltimore, and Joe will play with McGraw in that city this season. The Manhattan Field end of the Chicago yarn is absurd inasmuch as it is possible for 10,000 people to see the games on the Field free of charge by standing on the viaduct and Deadhead Hill. Freedman admitted at the recent League meeting that it would cost at least $10,000 to put the stands on the field in proper shape to be occupied by spectators.

If President Ban Johnson is in any deal by which the American League is to get into this city through the medium of Freedman, it will be a surprise to A. G. Spalding, who says that Johnson is loyal to him and will not consider the trust combine at all. If Freedman and Brush are flirting with the American League and hope to be successful in forcing New York and Cincinnati into that circuit, it is natural to wonder what will become of Soden of Boston and Robison of St. Louis, who would necessarily be left with National League franchises. It is more probable that the Chicago story has been circulated with the idea of frightening some of the more timid members of the Spalding combination. Dreyfuss of Pittsburg says that the Freedman faction has already tried to win over Ebbets of Brooklyn by offering him the Presidency of the National League.

President Johnson says his circuit may be increased to ten clubs. This is the first admission calculated to throw light on the Spalding reorganization scheme. Johnson says that it may be necessary to put a ninth club into New York, in addition to taking in Pittsburg and Cincinnati in the West. Before he gets through Johnson may say that there will be a twelve-club circuit, such as THE SUN has already outlined. That there are various wires working overtime around both big circuits there is little doubt. Johnson's movements are being narrowly watched. He has been in league with Spalding, but Freedman and Brush have been working with him for the last two weeks. Spalding sends word from California that he is satisfied with the situation and that he will not come East for some time yet. John I. Rogers of Philadelphia is out with a statement that he has filed a demurrer in the Spalding injunction suit relative to the serving of the Brooklyn club with papers supposed to reach the cases of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and that until this demurrer is argued there is no chance to go ahead with the original case bearing upon the legality of Spalding's election. Altogether, the tangle becomes more complicated each day.

Local sporting men who saw the Gans-McFadden bout in Philadelphia on Monday night say that Gans had the better of it as far as science went, but that McFadden was strong and his blocking was a marvelous exhibition. "Gans is better now," said a well-known sport yesterday, "than ever before. He is in superb shape and is fast. It is doubtful if there is a cleverer lightweight in the ring today. His showing against McFadden was sufficient proof that had Erne faced him a week ago Gans would have put it all over the champion and might have knocked him out. McFadden knows how to block, but he is too careful and too slow. That he can punch hard nobody denies, but he is inclined to reserve his strength. Six rounds between Gans and McFadden can never be expected to definitely decide the question of supremacy, for they are both strong and can go a long distance without tiring. In their present form they appear to outclass Erne, who seems to have gone back."

Fitzsimmons says that he will do a great deal of training for his match with Jeffries down at Bath Beach. He believes in salt air and also seclusion. Along the roads around Fort Hamilton and the boulevard from Coney Island to Prospect Park the Cornishman expects to do a great deal of running and walking. Fitz intends to build up rather than to train down for Jeffries. He has told several intimate friends that he is anxious to get into the ring with the Champion weighing about 175 pounds. He knows that Jim will not get below 220, and that it will not pay to allow the big fellow to have too much of an advantage in the weights.

J. R. & F. P. Keene's noted five-year-old horse, Disguise II., who won the Jockey Club Stakes, worth $50,000, in England during the season of 1900 will be retired to the stud at the close of the coming English racing season. Major F. A. Daingerfield, manager of the Keenes' Castleton stud at Lexington, Ky., recently received word that Disguise II. would be sent to Castleton to join the famous Commando as representative of the Domino line of blood. The Keenes have entered Disguise II. in all the more important handicaps this spring, where he will meet the best horses owned by W. C. Whitney and King Edward VII. His principal engagements are the Lincolnshire Handicap, Kempton Park Queen's Prize, the City and Suburban at Epsom and the Chester Cup.

While Alan-a-Dale, the crack Western colt, will be prepared for the American Derby, T. C. McDowell says that not one of his other horses or those of W. K. Vanderbilt will be raced at Chicago. After the Louisville meeting, McDowell will ship East. Because of the fact that he had mapped out his campaign prior to the announcement of the Latonia Stakes, McDowell made no entries for the meeting at that track. He says that he will train all of the Vanderbilt string this year.

The annual exodus of American jockeys began yesterday when the Kaiser Wilhelm sailed away with six riders, Milton Henry, Patsy Freeman, Burt Knapp, Archie McIntyre, Charley Van Dusen and Jimmy Michael, the cyclist, who has decided to take up the saddle and whip again. Henry will ride in France this year and says that Michael, who has an engagement in that country, is bound to make a success. Henry is under contract to Baron Rothschild. He rode in England for James R. Keene and piloted Cap and Bells to victory in the famous Oaks. Freeman, Knapp and McIntyre will ride as "free lances" in France. Van Dusen will ride the horses of an Austrian nobleman, trained by Jim Dyer. Danny Maher, who has been engaged to ride for William Cooper and R. Marsh, the trainer for King Edward VII., will sail for England on the St. Paul to-day. Maher has been taking excellent care of himself this winter and says that he will report for duty ready for an active campaign.

Tom Couhig Stops Curley Supples.

BUFFALO, Feb. 18.—Tom Couhig, the Dunkirk welterweight, stopped Curley Supples of Buffalo in the seventeenth round of their scheduled 20-round contest before the International Athletic Club of Fort Erie last night. Supples was staggering about the ring in a helpless condition and practically knocked out when the referee stepped between the boxers and Couhig received the decision. Supples outboxed and beat Couhig to a standstill during the first six rounds. He closed Couhig's right eye and put him through the ropes just before the close of the fourth round. Supples had all the better of the next four rounds. In the twelfth and thirteenth rounds Couhig literally beat Supples to a standstill.

The principals in the preliminary bout were Warren Sutrick of Buffalo and George Salce. Frank Erne's sparring partner. In the seventh round Referee McBride stopped the bout to save Salce from further punishment and Sutrick received the decision.

Squash.

The first round in the handicap squash tournament at the Knickerbocker A. C. was begun yesterday afternoon with the following results:

Douglass Campbell, 2, beat Robert Barry, 6, 15—7, 15—6.

J. R. Whitney, Jr., 7, defeated H. H. Curtis, extra hand, by default.

H. A. Inman, 3, defeated A. E. Rendle, 7, by default.

KERNOCHAN DOGS BARRED.

Westminster Club as a Precautionary Measure Refuses Entries.

Not one of the Irish terriers or whippets entered by the Meadows Kennels in the Westminster Kennel Club Show will be benched. There were nine Irish terriers in the lot, including the winners Inverness Shamrock, Red Gem, Lorton Belle and Lady Hermit, all famous dogs in the breed. This is because the Westminster Kennel Club has requested the withdrawal of the entries, as a precautionary measure, in view of various reports made by veterinarians, and the fees, which, owing to duplicate entries, amount to over $100, will be refunded to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kernochan. The trouble is due to an occurrence at Hempstead, noted in THE SUN of Feb. 6 in a news despatch. A fox terrier presented to the Rev. Charles Melville Kerr of Hempstead by Mrs. Kernochan became sick and bit German Hopkins, one of August Belmont's kennel men, who had been called in to see what ailed it. Later the veterinarians, Drs. Sherwood and Shepard, were called in. They said the dog had rabies and destroyed it. Hopkins, at the request of the Kernochans, went at once to the Pasteur Institute for treatment and the dogs of the kennel were put in Dr. Sherwood's care. Not one of them had ever shown any symptoms of rabies, but as the fox terrier had been with them the step was taken to be on the safe side.

Only on Saturday Dr. Sherwood, who had from the first thrown a veil of secrecy over his proceedings, told Mr. Mortimer, superintendent of the show, that all the dogs had been inoculated for rabies and that it would be two weeks more before he could be positive as to their state of health. The news was told to the Dog Show Committee of the Westminster Kennel Club, of which William Rauch is chairman. The notice to withdraw the entries followed. The committee felt it should give the same protection to the public that the Kernochans had thought advisable for themselves. The notice was very short, but both Mr. and Mrs. Kernochan understand that this was not the fault of the Westminster Club. Neither German Hopkins nor any of the parties concerned think that any of the dogs have ever had rabies.

As though in fear of being snowbound the dogs entered in the show began to arrive ahead of time yesterday. The first arrival, indeed, came in on Monday by express from Chicago. It was the rough-coated collie, Ravenswood Cronie, owned by Dr. James Nevin Hyde. The show will open at Madison Square Garden at 9 o'clock this morning, to close on Saturday night.

Canada sent its quota of dogs to the Garden very early and all through the afternoon there was a rush of arrivals from kennels far and near. Barring the city entries, which are never sent to the show until the morning of opening day, the show might have been opened at 6 o'clock last night. Each dog had to be passed by Dr. H. Clay Glover, the show's veterinarian, before it could be benched in its appointed place.

FEW SLEIGHS OUT.

Speedway Neglected, but Going in Central Park Appreciated by Drivers.

There were few road drivers out yesterday, as the high wind rendered sleighing far from pleasurable. The Speedway is as yet unbroken, save a pathway on the easterly side to the Dyckman street end. On Smith avenue a cutter runs fairly well, but clouds of powdered snow flew across the road from the west at all cross walks.

In Central Park the footing is at its best, and those who drove kept to the West Drive all the afternoon. A. B. Gwathmey and his wife were out behind Salient, by Wickliffe; W. J. Andrews was seen with E. H. Harriman's fast roan mare Helen Grace, 2:11¾; James P. Robertson drove his pair of bays, while his nephew used the veteran Flash, 2:21¼; Arthur Lape speeded James Shevlin, 2:13½, where favorable, but did not tarry long; A. L. Kerker drove Prestini, 2:18¾, a crack snow mare; Frederick Dietz and wife had Bright Hopes, 2:30, and Rowena Chimes behind the pole. Sergt. J. W. Smith had Maggie Nelson, 2:26¾, and Ogden Smith, his black pacers, as a team.

Should the snow but last we may have a sleighing carnival at the Speedway Saturday and Sunday. The road was too soft to hold the snow nicely, and it is at present too mealy to tread well. Old-timers, as they toasted their shins at the rendezvous about town fell to talking of our old snow kings. It seems generally agreed that Dan Mace, behind A. M. Hitchcock's great trotter Hopeful, 2:12¾, was the central figure in the kaleidoscopic scene. The little gray was a smooth-going horse, needing few boots, and liked the snow.

Frank Work's elegant Dick Swiveller, 2:18, and Edward, 2:19, were famous sleigh horses. Before their day Robert Bonner's little Ethan Allen mare Young Pocohontas, 2:26¾, fairly could fly to a cutter, and was the people's favorite in Harlem lane days. Old Edward was doubtless reminded of old road glories as the music of the bells reached him in his retirement up at Mr. Work's palatial Fifty-sixth street stable. He is now 30 and quite rugged in his old age.

Owners should have at hand a supply of gutta percha, which if a trifle heated will readily mould beneath the hoof, the shoe holding it in place. As it comes in contact with the snow it chills and hardens, remaining till dug out at the stable. The snow cannot "ball up" where it is used, and horses are saved the slipping consequent to an open shoeing.

Just who is the king or queen of the metropolitan snow path may be decided ere the present fall disappears. Pacers must wait till the footing is like ice to show their highest form, as the loose snow anchors them.

Billiards.

The game to decide the amateur championship will be played in the Knickerbocker A. C. to-night. The players will be Charles S. Norris, who has just won the A. A. U. tournament, and Wilson P. Foss, present holder of the championship emblem.

The tournament in Paris in which the four Frenchmen, Vignaux, Cure, Fournil and Gibelin took part, resulted in a tie among the first three named. Each won two games and lost one. Gibelin lost all three of his games. The style of game was about the same as 18-inch balk line—45 centimetres by French measurement.

Reports from Paris credit Vignaux with the slashing average of 50 in his game against Fournil. Frank Ives in this city in March, 1896, averaged 50.10 in an 18-inch, two shots in, contest, five shots being allowed in anchor. Fournil made averages in the Paris tourney of 31.25, 27.55 and 25. Cure's best average was 25.15 and Gibelin's best was 19.

Wombell and Isaacs were the winners yesterday in the handicap pool tournament at Slosson's room. The allotment of each is 90. Fairfield, 85, made 68 balls against Wombell and White, 85, pocketed 62 against Isaacs.

Arthur Townsend again outplayed Frank Ives last night in the 500-point 14-inch balk-line match at the Knickerbocker Academy, Brooklyn, and won the contest by a score of 500 to 333. Last night's score:

Rice—2, 29, 0, 4, 5, 15, 2, 1, 2, 1, 37, 2, 10, 6, 0, 12, 0, 0, 6, 2, 15. Total, 142. Average, 6 10-22.

Townsend—1, 5, 4, 5, 13, 24, 28, 1, 1, 9, 13, 27, 4, 0, 7, 22, 10, 0, 18, 15, 7, 0, 17, 8. Total, 250. Average, 10 20-23.

Basketball.

The Grace A. C. team would like to hear from a first-class team for the afternoon of Washington's Birthday. Address J. W. Stumpf, 415 East Thirteenth street.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 18.—The basketball team of the Fifteenth Separate Company defeated the Bristol team of the National League to-night by the score of 47 to 29.

The Columbia freshman basketball team was defeated on Monday by the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute team by a score of 32 to 18.

The Mercury A. C., averaging 105 pounds, has Washington's Birthday afternoon and evening open and would like to hear from a strong team of the same weight having its own court. Address I. Denby, 94 Greene street.

Columbia's basketball players returned last night from their up-State trip in a crippled condition. Tyler has sprained his ankle so badly that he cannot play against Yale on Friday; Von Sholly has a bruised foot; Marston is in bed with a bad ankle, and Capt. Allen is still suffering from his previous injury. F. V. Goodman of the baseball team, who resigned the basketball captaincy last week, will be impressed into service against Yale.

The Monte Carlo Chess Tourney.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 18.—The tenth round of the International masters' chess tournament resulted as follows: Teichmann beat Marco, Mortimer beat Eisenberg, Marshall beat Mason, Gunsberg beat Scheve, Napier beat Reggio, Popiel beat Albin, Pilsbury beat Janowski, Tarrasch beat Schlechter. Adjourned, Tschigorin vs. Maroczy. Byes, Mieses and Wolf.

The record up to date:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Albin	3½	4½	Napier	4½	5½
Eisenberg	2	6	Pilsbury	7	1½
Gunsberg	5½	4½	Popiel	4½	5½
Janowski	6½	2½	Reggio	1½	7½
Marco	3½	5½	Scheve	2½	6½
Maroczy	7	1	Schlechter	4	4
Marshall	6	3	Tarrasch	5	5½
Mason	3½	5	Teichmann	5½	3½
Mieses	4½	3	Tschigorin	4	4
Mortimer	1	8	Wolf	4½	2½

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GOLF.

Important Investments by the Players at Englewood.

At the annual meeting of the Englewood Golf Club yesterday, held in this city, it was decided to carry out an extensive scheme of improvements and to begin work at once. The links is to be extended on land acquired to the south of the present course, a number of new holes being opened up and a corresponding number of the old holes being abandoned, so that the new links will have a length of 6,200 yards. To meet the demands of the large membership, the clubhouse, which occupies a beautiful knoll and overlooks the entire course, is to be rebuilt and greatly enlarged, fifteen sleeping rooms being put in and additions made to the dining and lounging rooms and the kitchens. Squash courts will be built and lawns prepared for tennis and bowls near the clubhouse. The idea is to enlarge the scope to a complete country club, but the golf interests will dominate, and a long and varied schedule is to be arranged.

It was voted to raise by subscription a cup to be a memorial of Dr. John A. Wells, one of the organizers of the club and one of the most active members, who died suddenly last year from pneumonia contracted while endeavoring to succor the victims of the Englewood trolley car accident. It is proposed to hold the cup as a perpetual trophy, the winner each year to have his name engraved on it. The election resulted as follows:

President, Thomas Thacher; Vice-President, A. T. Enos; Secretary, H. Weatherby; Treasurer, E. D. Ryder; Captain, Francis M. Wilson.

Green Committee—William W. Green, B. F. Reinmund, D. H. Leary, the President and Captain.

House Committee—G. C. Austin, G. Lyelecker, E. D. Ryder.

Governors—The officers and H. Barber, S. Phelps, H. Coppell, H. W. Banks, W. M. Kidder, G. C. Austin, B. F. Reinmund, E. H. Jewett and D. M. Marvin.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 18.—To-day there was a handicap tournament, thirty-six holes, medal play, for two handsome cups presented by C. F. Bingham of Cleveland, Ohio. C. B. Cory won the lowest gross score prize and H. P. Dixon the net score prize. The scores:

H. P. Dixon, 153, 16—137; D. B. Martin, 161, 20—141; C. B. Cory, 148, 0—148; Paul Waterman, 154, 8—146; C. V. Barton, 164, 16—148; John Mott, 169, 20—149; F. L. Brown, 167, 16—149; C. F. Travell, 158, 8—150; E. Cluett, 171, 20—151; B. F. Schurmler, 152, 0—152; G. E. Barnard, 158, 6—152; J. Moorehead, Jr., 162, 8—154; T. M. McKee, 178, 24—154; F. W. Sanger, 171, 16—155; J. Jefferson, Jr., 179, 24—155; E. Lee Jones, 171, 16—155; A. L. Norris, 168, 12—156; Gordon Brown, 184, 28—156; John Birkholz, 176, 20—156; F. H. Stoltze, 181, 24—157; A. F. Huston, 186, 28—158; F. M. Freeman, 167, 8—159; R. H. McElwee, 160, 0—160; H. M. Stevenson, 184, 24—160; C. G. Powers, 181, 12—169; N. M. Harris, 198, 20—178.

Aleck Smith, the Nassau Country Club professional, continues to do well on the California circuit. In a recent match at the Coronado links he made the new record of 71 strokes, doing a 74 in the afternoon and winning with 145, a record for the thirty-six holes. His brother, Wil Smith of Chicago, was second with 148 and David Bell, also of Chicago, third with 163. Will Anderson, Pittsfield Country Club, the open champion, although on his own California course, made a poor showing, finishing in next to the last of eight starters with 171.

HOCKEY.

Hockey Club of New York Team Defeats the St. Nicholas Club Team Easily.

Having defeated the New York A. C. the St. Nicholas Skating Club hockey team expected to be able to make a good showing against the Hockey Club of New York last night at the St. Nicholas rink, but was beaten easily the Hockey Club scoring 6 goals while St. Nicholas failed to make a point. The game was a rough one. Callender was bumped into the side of the rink and it took a few minutes for him to come to his senses again. Phillips tried the same game and ran into the side of the rink and he was knocked out temporarily. Early in the game Russell fell and Callender who was close behind him struck Russell's foot with his skate and fell too. Callender's skate cut through the leather of the shoe and made a deep wound in the foot and Russell had to be carried off the ice and the wound dressed before he could go home. It is very doubtful if he will be able to play again this season. Huntington took his place. For the winners De Casanova, Phillips and Ducette made many brilliant attacks and Elliott who kept goal was in fine form and stopped several hard shots made by Belden and Callender.

The first goal was scored by Ducette three minutes after the game began and three minutes later he scored again on a pass by Phillips. Shortly afterwards accident happened and Huntington went into the game. He scored at once on a long pass by Phillips. In the second half Huntington made the first goal on a pass by De Casanova. De Casanova made the next goal, rushing the puck into the cage and knocking the goal tender over and Ducette scored the last goal on a pass by De Casanova. Summary:

St. Nicholas.	*Positions.*	*Hockey Club.*
Hayward	Goal	Ellison
Ayres	Point	Cunningham
Campbell	Cover Point	Newbury
Belden	Forward	Ducette
Gordon	Forward	Russell
Stoddard	Forward	D. Casanova
Callender	Forward	Phillips

Score—Hockey Club, 6; St. Nicholas, 0. Goals by Ducette, 3; Huntington, 2; De Casanova, 1. Substitutes—Huntington for Russell. Referee—H. S. McKenzie, Crescent A. C. Goal Umpires—Schwartz and Duffy. Time of halves—Twenty minutes each.

At the Clermont avenue rink, Brooklyn, last night, the hockey team of the Flushing High School and the seven of the Newtown A. C. made their first appearance on the ice this season. The Flushing boys won by a score of 1 to 0.

Local Swimmers Suspended.

A big batch of swimmers were suspended yesterday by the Atlantic Association of the A. A. U. and among the lot were L. de B. Handley and Leo B. Goodwin of the Knickerbocker A. C. and Don Reeder of New York city. It appears that on Feb. 6 the Homestead Library and Athletic Club of Homestead, Pa., held an unsanctioned aquatic carnival with games of water polo as the chief features. Representatives of three clubs participated, and they were the Homestead L. I. and A. C., the Knickerbocker A. C. and such old offenders against amateur laws as the Duquesne County and Athletic Club of Pittsburg, Pa. The players of the Homestead Club are Dailey, Baaler and Geis, the Duquesne outlaws are John and James Taylor, Stein, Schrincker, Coffee and Fitzsimmons, the K. A. C. players mentioned. It was stated yesterday at the A. A. U. headquarters that the action of the Atlantic Association would be sustained by the Registration Committee, and that the swimmers all would be in future debarred from amateur contests.

International Chess.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—It was announced to-night that the four American college teams that will enter the International Cable Chess match against Oxford and Cambridge in April will play from the Boston A. A. Clubhouse. The Boston A. A. will pay the required share of the expense of the cable despatches and of the teams, and will manage the match on this side of the water.

Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia will furnish the players for the American teams, making the selection by agreement. The new chess room of the Boston A. A. will be used, and from there the moves will be cabled direct to the headquarters of the English teams. No definite date has been selected for the match, but it is expected to take place about the middle of April during the spring recess of the four American universities. At a meeting of the Governing Board of the Boston A. A. to-day, the plans were informally talked over and the money necessary to pay the expenses of the match was appropriated.

Orange A. C. and Roseville F. C. Basketball Players Suspended.

The basketball championship of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. has been scheduled for the latter part of April.

The Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. yesterday announced the suspension of the Orange A. C. players, A. Underhill, Whitney, Pritchard, Smith, Schreiner and White. Their offence against amateur laws was a match with the Roseville Field Club. The Roseville team was also suspended and was composed of Mayhew, Waring, Milford, Briggs, Keeller, Vreeland, Grant, Courtier, Bennett and Mullen.

Baseball Notes.

The New York Club has signed Pitcher Dufee of Portland, Me.

It was rumored at Columbia University yesterday that advances had been made by the baseball authorities to "Tat" Murphy to assume the position as baseball coach for 1902.

SIR FLORIAN DEFEATS DEATH.

STIRRING FINISH BETWEEN THE PAIR AT NEW ORLEANS.

Protest Against the Winner Not Sustained—Grantor Wins the One-Mile Handicap From a Good Field—Trebor, a Prohibitive Favorite, Ridden Out to Win.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—The most interesting race on the card this afternoon was a mile handicap for which an evenly matched field of five horses went to the post. Annoy was made a strong favorite, closing at 7 to 5. She finished third, Grantor raced the bunch into submission early in the contest, winning off by himself. There was a battle royal between Johnny McCarthy, Annoy and Reseda for the place and the trio finished heads apart. Death was beaten by Sir Florian in the fifth race. It was a stirring finish, Sir Florian, who led all the way, just lasting long enough to win. Sir Florian cut across the track at the start and threw Ben Hullum up against Death. A protest of foul was made, but not allowed.

Sim W., backed from 8 to 5 down to 6 to 5, made his field look cheap in the third event. Odom rode a perfect race on the horse, taking him to the front at the start and keeping him there to the end. Trebor closed a prohibitive favorite in the second race, but had to be ridden out to beat Tros a head. Belle of Elgin had to be much the best to win the first race. She was off badly, but ran around her field and won going away by two lengths from Bertha Nell. In the closing event Orla led all the way and won all out from Lady Kent. The favorite, Boomerack, had no speed and finished last. John Call to-day purchased the three-year-old filly Blue Ridge from Mahone & McKorkell for $500. Summaries:

First Race—Six furlongs—Belle of Elgin, 102 (T. Dean), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, won; Bertha Nell, 105 (Boyd), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Lady Contrary, 110 (Lyne), third. Time, 1:14¾. Judge Magee, A. L. Mimms, Olekma, Flying Eagle, L. Pilot, Jr., Beauty Book, Kiss Quick, Junaetta and Bobs also ran.

Second Race—One mile—Trebor, 111 (Otis), 2 to 5 and 1 to 6, won; Tros, 102 (Gormley), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Poyntz, 107 (Hayden) third. Time, 1:41¼. Icon, Eight Bells, Helen Paxton and Rondelle also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Sim W., 112 (Odom), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, won; Weldeman, 112 (Brennan), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Miss Conrad, 110 (Lyne), third. Time, 1:14¾. Rival Dare, Lauretes, Hillardist, Masterful, Lofter, Iola, Aaron and Aberdale also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile—Grantor, 97 (T. Dean), 9 to 2 and 7 to 5, won; Johnnie McCarthy, 95 (J. Waldo), 5 to 1 and 3 to 2, second; Annoy, 92 (T. Walsh), third. Time, 1:41. Lady Alberta and Reseda also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Sir Florian, 96 (Meade), 16 to 5 and 4 to 5, won; Death, 109 (Odom), 3 to 5 and out, second; Ben Hullum, 83 (W. Waldo), third. Time, 1:08¾. Divonne, Choice and Monometallist also ran.

Sixth Race—Six and a half furlongs—Orla, 88 (Helgeson), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Lady Kent, 103 (T. Dean), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; John Grigsby, 113 (Odom), third. Time, 1:20. Boomerack, Nyx and Free Coinage also ran.

Following is the programme for to-morrow:

First Race—Selling; one mile:

Springer	110	Tragedy	103
Dramburg	108	Radiant Heat	100
Eugenia S	108	*Crosby	100
El Moran	108	*Afra	98
Romany	107	*Fleetwing	95
The Messenger	105	*Aigle M.	95

Second Race—Selling; three year-olds; one mile and 70 yards:

Dr. Hart	107	Kingford	99
The Way	107	James Fitz	96
Leroyd	107	Silver Chimes	94
King Tatius	104	Kentucky Muddle	94
*Blue Ridge	103	*Meme Wastell	93

Third Race—Steeplechase; handicap; full course:

Bristol	154	Ceylon	127
Falella	154	Mr. Rose	127
King Elkwood	134		

Fourth Race—The New Orleans Railroad Company Stakes for two-year-olds; selling; $1,000 added; four furlongs:

Bill Nixon	107	Royal Deceiver	100
Maverick	107	*Frank Rice	99
Computation	104	Modern	94
†Dark Planet	104		

†Griffin entry.

Fifth Race—Handicap; one mile and an eighth:

Intriguer	127	Star Cotton	94
Mynheer	110	Circus	88
Silver Coin	90		

Sixth Race—Selling; one mile and three-sixteenths:

Beana	106	Reflect	93
Carter Ban	101	*Sir Harry	92
Campus	100	*Pinar del Rio	90
Joe Doughty	100	*Deloraine	85
Little Tommy Tucker	95		

*Five pounds apprentice allowance.

At San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Flags at the Oakland track were at half mast to-day on account of the death of Robert Milroy, who had officiated as Secretary of the old Blood Horse Association and the California Jockey Club for the past twelve years. Milroy fell off a street car two weeks ago and died from the effects of his injuries. The winners were all well backed this afternoon. O'Connor's riding won for the Fretter in the mile and an eighth race. Waterwitch, Autolight and Nonna have been assigned the top weight of 124 pounds for the Palace Hotel Handicap, which is to be run next Saturday. The Bell quartet are weighted as follows: Paul Clifford, 111; Black Dick, 106; Sweet Tooth, 103; and Lady Sterling, 90. Track heavy. Summary:

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—The Weaver, 117 (Bullman), 1 to 2, won; Bassenzo, 114 (T. Dean), 10 to 1, second; Senator Bruce, 117 (Jones), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:13.

Second Race—Seven furlongs—Buck Taylor, 110 (Bullman), 18 to 5, won; El Rey, 104 (Ransch), 5 to 2, second; Alturas, 107 (Troxler), 5 to 3, third. Time, 1:30¾.

Third Race—Five and a half furlongs—Kildoe, 98 (Jackson), 1 to 2, won; El Kam, 110 (Bullman), 5 to 1, second; Courtier, 109 (Troxler), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:14¾.

Fourth Race—Six and a half furlongs—Redwald, 107 (O'Connor), 9 to 5, won; February, 105 (Howson), 20 to 1, second; John Peters, 102 (J. Woods), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:20¾.

Fifth Race—One mile and an eighth—The Fretter, 114 (O'Connor), 2 to 1, won; Wolhurst, 111 (Jackson), 11 to 5, second; Formero, 111 (Woods), 3½ to 1, third. Time, 2:05.

Sixth Race—Seven furlongs—Lodestar, 109 (Birkenruth), 7 to 1, won; Hungarian, 104 (Howson), 6 to 1, second; Quiz, 106 (Jackson), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.

At Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 18.—Lady Hayman and Samivel were the winning favorites at the Exposition track to-day. Summary:

First Race—Four and a half furlongs—Glad Hand, 110 (J. Boland), 2 to 1, won; Fred Graff, 110 (Alarie), 4 to 1, second; Yard Rainey, 106 (Powell), third. Time, 0:59. Prosit, Sylvan Bell, Janie Seay, Satter, Give and Take, Hano and Grace Wilson also ran.

Second Race—Five furlongs—Olon Clay, 106 (W. Woods), 3½ to 1, won; Georgiana, 104 (David), 8 to 5, second; Palma, 104 (Alley), third. Time, 1:07½. Hattie Davis, John W. Daney, Botina and Claris also ran.

Third Race—One mile—Bills, 109 (W. Woods), 4 to 1, won; Salome, 102½ (F. Morris), 4 to 1, second; Kildarlie, 110 (J. Boland), third. Time, 1:49. Pan Charm, Chinooka, Elsie Venner and Fiddler II. also ran.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs—Lady Hayman, 101 (David), 6 to 5, won; Triby Nelson, 106 (Powell), 4 to 1, second; Antagone, 108 (W. Woods), third. Time, 1:21. Ordeal, Poorlands and Johnny Brown also ran.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs—Samivel, 109 (David), 6 to 5, won; Certain, 109 (Patton), 3 to 1, second; Randolph, Jr., 108 (Alarie), third. Time, 1:06. Alzoro, Lake Ponto and Sadie Southwell also ran.

Turf Notes.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 18.—Lady Patch, a black two-year-old filly by Dan Patch, 2:04¼, and Oxford Girl, 2:32, owned by Dan Messmer, Jr., of Oxford, is dead of tetanus. She was an image of Joe Patchen, could pace eighths in seventeen seconds and as a yearling was considered to have better prospects than her sire at the same age. Messmer had refused $5,000 for her on several occasions.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Huguenot, who retired from the turf when a three-year-old, after winning the Brooklyn Derby, Withers, Carlton and Sapphire stakes, is to be campaigned this season. Owner James Rowe has ordered the horse shipped from McGrathiana Stud here, to Brookdale, N. J., in order to begin preparations for the season. The Huguenot is a full brother to Henry of Navarre, by Knight of Ellerslie—Miss Rose, by imp. The Illused. A two-year-old sister to the great imp will be shipped at the same time to Trainer Peter Wimmer at Sheepshead Bay. The filly looks very much like the old black mare and great things are expected of her. She belongs to the estate of the late D. R. Harness.

Country Jay Brings Only $2,000 at Auction.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 18.—Country Jay, 2:10½, one of the noted Grand Circuit performers last year, failed to bring a sensational price at to-day's Woodard and Shanklin's sale, being knocked down to S. T. Riley of this city for $2,000. Doubt as to the horse's soundness is thought to have been the cause of spiritless bidding. Ninety-five head of horses passed under the hammer for an average of $197. A three-year-old roan filly, full sister to Country Jay, was sold at private sale by W. L. Spears to J. R. Wooden of Boston for $1,000. Brook Curry's breeding farm was auctioned at the sale for $18,000 to Smith Gentry. Following are the principal sales:

Country Jay, 2:10½, ch. g., 6, by Jay Hawker, Paronella, by Parkville; T. Riley, Lexington, Ky. $2,000

Col. Cleary, 2:24¼, b. g., 7, by Allie Wilkes, dam by Aberdeen; E. F. McDonald, Cuthbert, Ga. 700

Bay filly, 2, by Moke—Maggie Yeager, by Red Wilkes; R. H. Schockney 650

Black Beauty, blk. g., 8, by Dark Night—Maggie Bird, by Eagle Bird; W. J. Young, Gov. Boyd, 2:29¼, b. c., 4, by Ashland Wilkes—Miss Didlake, by Red Wilkes; H. B. Gorman, Bellfont, Pa. 640

Chestnut filly, 3, by Ashland Wilkes—Miss McGregor, by Robert McGregor; M. J. Bray, Evansville, Ind. 780

BOWLING.

Claremont Council team No. 2 sustained a double defeat in the Bronx Royal Arcanum League tournament last night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Claremont Council Team No. 2.—Ludwig, 197; Attwater, 110; Sloane, 138; Gill, 121; Peterson, 107. Total, 673.

Suburban Council Team No. 2.—Hecht, 178; Gerhardt, 124; Seeman, 137; Blanchard, 138; Tarrant 157. Total, 734.

SECOND GAME.

Claremont Council Team No. 2.—Ludwig, 149; Attwater, 138; Sloane, 120; Gill, 127; Peterson, 144. Total, 678.

Morrisania Council—Zorn, 162; Hanlon, 139; Valentine, 156; Chave, 127; Brollka, 137. Total, 721.

THIRD GAME.

Suburban Council Team No. 2.—Hecht, 134; Gerhardt, 161; Gorges, 128; Blanchard, 174; Tarrant, 196. Total, 793.

Morrisania Council—Zorn, 132; Hanlon, 118; Valentine, 169; Chave, 150; Brollka, 127. Total, 696.

Another large crowd witnessed the games in the New York Stock Exchange League tournament last night at the White Elephant alleys. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

H. Content & Co.—W. Content, 120; Terhune, 114; C. Smith, 105; Edmonds, 146; W. Smith, 178. Total, 663.

Clark, Dodge & Co.—Lee, 156; Walker, 114; Hay, 100; Corey, 153; Lynch, 134. Total, 657.

SECOND GAME.

Clark, Dodge & Co.—Lee, 168; Walker, 109; Hay, 126; Corey, 136; Lynch, 125. Total, 663.

Vermilye & Co.—Chauncey, 179; Simons, 199; Bigoney, 151; Gale, 107; Fish, 160. Total, 796.

THIRD GAME.

H. Content & Co.—W. Content, 116; Terhune, 126; C. Smith, 105; Edmonds, 170; W.