GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

PROSPERITY OF THE RACING SEASON JUST CLOSED.

All the Tracks Fared Well and the Attendance Best Records—Saratoga's Rich Stakes Attract a Big Entry List—New Rumor Anent McCarren Track.

The wind-up of the meeting at Bennings on Saturday marked the end of the most successful turf season on record in the East. Every racing association under the jurisdiction of the Jockey Club enjoyed phenomenal success. The amount of money paid out by them in stakes and purses was greater than ever before, while the attendance figures eclipsed all previous marks. From the opening of the Aqueduct track last April right up to the last day of the season the attendance was a record-breaker. Although no official figures are available, it is estimated that the daily average paid attendance, exclusive of Saturdays and holidays, at all tracks in the Metropolitan district was about 6,000, while the Saturday and holiday average reached 20,000. The largest crowd of the season gathered on Futurity Day at Sheepshead Bay, when more than 40,000 persons paid admission, while probably 5,000 more got in on passes and complimentary badges. There were tremendous crowds, too, on Brooklyn and Suburban Days, but they did not equal the Futurity crowd in size by a long way.

Although it never can expect to draw the crowds that patronize the Metropolitan tracks, the Saratoga Racing Association, with William C. Whitney at the helm, has already opened the books and also closed the entries for some of the richest stakes that have ever been run on the American turf. These events have not only filled well, but they have also shown that the breeding industry has developed gradually into a wonderful business, in which not only millionaires, but persons of ordinary means are deeply interested. For the $15,000 Spinaway Stakes for two-year-old fillies the principal nominators are August Belmont, whose list includes youngsters sired by Henry of Navarre and Hastings; J. N. Camden, Jr., O. H. Chenault, Mrs. Thomas J. Carson, who bred Eugenia Burch; J. B. Haggin, with a lengthy list sired by the great Salvator, Bathampton, Juvenal, Order, Ben Holladay and Rafaelo; James R. Keene, with the get of Kingston, Ben Brush and St. Simon; John E. Madden, with a lot by Plaudit, Hamburg, Sandringham, Himyar, Meddler and Hastings; S. Sanford & Sons, depending upon their stallion Clifford once more; Milton Young, with as many nominations as anybody, the leading sires being Mirthful, Pirate of Penzance, The Friar, St. Florian and Lamplighter; and last but not least W. C. Whitney, with twenty-four nominators by Hamburg, Meddler, Lissak, Sandringham and Plaudit, the dams being Yorkville Belle, Rupetta, Martha H., Poetess, Admiration, Nannie Hinsyar, Vespets, Mary Lee, Florine, Mountain Gage, Tirela, Faithful, Handspun, Tara Blackburn, Dermotica, Xela, Elusive, Souffle, Peg Wiffington, La Syphide, Nihil, Clementina, Urania and Daisy I.

For the Great Republic of $50,000, one mile and a quarter, to be run in 1905, the entry list just closed shows a remarkable array of owners and nominators.

With even greater liberality have the breeders sent in their nominations for the $40,000 Hopeful Stakes, for two-year-olds, to be run in 1905. The largest nominators for this event are August Belmont, S. S. Brown, J. N. Camden, Jr., Mrs. T. J. Carson, David Gideon, H. P. Headley, J. B. Haggin, F. R. Hitchcock, James R. Keene, John E. Madden, H. T. Oxnard, E. F. Clay, S. Sanford & Sons, W. C. Whitney and Milton Young. Mr. Whitney has seventy-five nominations and Mr. Young has 151, leading the list.

Entries for the National Stallion Stakes, to be run in 1904, probably at Belmont Park, will close a week from to-morrow. The stallion entries already received include such famous sires as Hastings, Henry of Navarre, Ben Strome, Sir Dixon, Handspring, Atheling, His Highness, Golden Garter, Goldfinch, Star Ruby, Waterboss, St. Gatien, Bathampton, Ben Holladay, Juvenal, Salvator, Organist, Kingston, Ben Brush, St. Leonards, Himyar, Massetto, Sandringham, Plaudit, Mirthful, Sir Walter, Knight of the Thistle, Kahtaka, Hamburg, Meddler, Lissak and Albert. Entries for the Seventh Matron Stakes, to be run in the fall of 1905, at Belmont Park, also close one week from to-morrow.

It is now said that the Metropolitan Jockey Club, controlling the so-called Sullivan-McCarren track building near Jamaica, may not receive a license from the State Racing Commission for the reason that it has made no arrangements to hold stake events, calculated to further the breeding interests and for that matter has not even made an application for dates. According to the way the Metropolitan Jockey Club people are conducting their affairs, things seem to be at a standstill, although it can be said that the promoters of the project fully expect to receive recognition from the racing authorities. The Building of Belmont Park will not interfere with the dates of the other racing associations, for the reason that the new track will undoubtedly receive the allotment of dates which the Westchester Association has had all along at Morris Park. Engineer Charles F. Leavitt, Jr., who has undertaken to build Belmont Park says that he expects to let the various contracts out before the end of the present year and that ground probably will be broken the middle of January or the first of February. The work of building the tracks and the chute will be begun first, the construction of the huge grand stand and other pavilions to follow. By the first of November, Mr. Leavitt says the work will have progressed so far that there will be only a few finishing touches to be applied before the opening of the track in May, 1904. Patrons of the turf were astounded when they learned that Belmont Park in area will be three times as large as Morris Park and that there will be seating accommodations for nearly 20,000 persons, which a racecourse, before the plans had been actually drawn, was always regarded as a dream, but it remained for the members of the Westchester Association to convince the public that the days of dreams have passed.

Johnny Reiff rode the largest number of winning mounts on the French tracks this year. He had 116 victories, Millon Henry being second with 94. Unless there is some conclusive evidence of foul against these boys, these records ought to carry considerable weight with the French turf authorities when they come to reconsider the expulsion of Reiff and Henry from the turf.

The money distributed by the Washington Jockey Club for its three weeks' meeting at the Bennings track, was well distributed. August Belmont headed the list with $6,990, most of this money being won by Lord of the Vale, when the Grafted Stakes, the Grand Consolation Race, Red Damsel, Gloriosa and Toscan won all the money for the Columbia Stable, which was second with $2,360, while Benckart was the principal breadwinner for the Wolf crowd, who took third place with $2,080. Among the winners were:

August Belmont, $6,990; Columbia Stable, $2,360; G. W. Cook, $2,080; W. L. Powers, $1,905; J. G. Follansbee, $1,870; J. G. Lang, $1,810; Liger & Brown, $1,700; D. Hall, Jr., $1,635; A. C. McCafferty, $1,550; W. C. Daly, $1,490; G. F. Joanson, $1,460; A. I. Aste, $1,440; J. W. Colt, $1,435; R. T. Wilson, Jr., $1,380; J. Lane, $1,225; H. T. Griffin, $1,210; C. R. Ellison, $1,125; Alex Shields, $1,050; Gouhanere Stable, $1,080; T. P. Phelan, $1,030; O. L. Richards, $990; L. W. Bell, $990; M. S. Sickles, $980; W. M. Barrick, $980; H. P. Headley, $960; Locust Stable, $940; W. D. Babcock, $850; A. Featherstone, $840; James Rowe, $840; George Forbes, $800; W. C. Whitney, $800; Schaefer & Meyer, $870; W. Burker, $850; C. Mack, $820; Mrs. M. Cone, $785; Andrew Miller, $670; Buckley & Bailey, $630; Thomas Crooks, $600; R. E. Bridgette, $600; J. E. Seagram, $500; G. Schwartz, $545; T. Shields, $540; J. A. Caesar, $535; John Carlson, $530; J. J. Mackessey, $520; J. Doherty, $520; C. Oxx, $520; J. Robertson & Co., $500; A. L. Hamilton, $500.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—For two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs:

Tanered	115	Agnes Mack	104
Shoo Fly	112	Hide and Seek	104
Sidney Sabath	107	Hindi	104
War Cry	107	Magbonl	104
Computation	107	Soothsayer	104
W. Overton	107	Our Bessie	104

Second Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth:

Henry of Franstar F.	107	John Potter	105
Annie Lauretta	107	Maple	105
Chorus Boy	106	Nettie Regent	102
Vesuvia	105	Prince Blazes	100
Flop	105	Sir Johnson	100
Free Pass	105	Miss Zara	100

Third Race—One mile:

The Lady	109	Honolulu	100
Federal	106	The Widow	95
Smile	100		

Fourth Race—Handicap for all ages; six furlongs:

St. Cuthbert	115	Jack DeMund	105
Death	115	Hobart	100
Ordnung	113	Dr. Scharff	94
Clorita	110	Moor	94
Wakis	108	Lord Melbourne	90
W. J. Deboe	107	My Surprise	90

Fifth Race—Selling; six and a half furlongs:

If You Dare	107	Azua	103
Andes	107	Oiardia	103
Carl Kahler	109	Provost	103
Sarner	106	Della Ostrand	103
Bumper	105	Boundless	103
The Bronze Demon	105	Little Jack Horner	98

Sixth Race—Selling; one mile:

Morandu	107	Optimo	98
Scotch Plaid	104	Commissioner Foster	96
Capt. Foraker	104	Judge Magee	96
Joe Lesser	101	Chickadee	93
Frank M.	99	Huzzah	90
Inspector Shea	98		

THREE FAST TROTTERS MEET.

Allee Barnes, Sally Simpson and Swift Competitors on the Speedway.

Many owners of high-class Speedway horses prefer to meet a competitor by appointment to guard against unpleasant incidents known to every patron of the Speedway. There are owners who make a practice of turning at the upper end and jogging along leisurely until the sound of rapid hoof beats tells a brush is on between some top-notchers. Then the slowly moving horse is sent at speed with the advantage of from one to as many lengths as the conscience of the owner will stand and sails down through the crowd below looking like a winner from an even start. Owners who like to race as sportsmen are much annoyed by such practices.

E. E. Smathers, with the bay mare Alice Barnes, 2:10¾, David Lamar, behind Sally Simpson, 2:11¼, and John F. Cockerill, driving Swift, 2:15¼, met yesterday morning to settle the question as to which drove the fastest trotter. When the three owners parted the question was still as open as before. Swift was quite outclassed in the first heat, but Sally Simpson and Alice Barnes had a rasping finish, with the two horses so nearly aligned when they passed the post that those in a direct line declared no eye could separate them. Alice Barnes captured the next heat in commanding fashion, with Swift second and Sally Simpson beaten off. Then Swift came to the front and with both horses strung out to the last link he beat Alice Barnes, with Sally Simpson again in third place.

C. K. G. Billings had several of the stars of his stable on the drive, but he took part in only two brushes. He sat behind his favorite pacer, Hontas Crooke, 2:07, in the first and the handsome little fellow fairly skimmed over the ground. In one brush with his stable mate, Dr. Monical, 2:09¾, driven by Charles Tannerl, and the black pacer Amokin, 2:11¾, with George Spear up, Hontas Crooke won by two lengths. Then Mr. Billings took the reins behind the bay mare Mazette, 2:04¾, and again defeated Dr. Monical.

Another prearranged brush was between E. E. Smathers's little trotter Queen Wilkes, the former queen of the Speedway, and A. Perrott's black trotter Equity, 2:12¼. The spectators saw only one real finish between the two horses and in that one Queen Wilkes won. The owners said later that three starts had been made. In the first Queen Wilkes made a break and was taken in hand, leaving Equity to win in a walkover. In the second heat Equity made a break and Queen Wilkes finished alone.

A. Meyer, behind the by trotter Rockdale Boy, won many good brushes in high-class company. Rockdale Boy won from the trotter Charley Stiles, 2:15¼, driven by Jeremiah Murphy, and later beat the fast pacer Miss Betta Wilkes, driven by Mr. Crossman. In his third brush Rockdale Boy beat Thomas Lynch's bay trotter Crystal Gem.

Charles C. Lloyd, behind the trotter Allabrieve, 2:18¾, and W. J. Clark, with Iderim, 2:23¾, had their weekly renewal of hostilities and this time Iderim came out with flying colors. Allabrieve won the first heat, but Iderim came back first enough to win the second. John W. Cornish sent David B., 2:09¼, to join in the third and he finished in front of both. As between the original contestants Iderim was in front.

The little windwind trotter Van Zandt, 2:12, was a little overmatched and did not get one winning credit. She was sent one heat against James A. Murphy's pacer Bertha J., 2:12¾, and was beaten, as might have been expected. In the next brush she was sent to tackle A. B. Gwathmey's crack trotter Tiverton, 2:12¾, and again she had to accept second place.

John Hannon and his pacing mare Alletta 2:15¼, figured prominently. In the first start Alletta struck a snag in the pacer Helen H., and Lawyer Luce drove the little mare with so much persistency that Alletta had to take second place. That was the only brush Mr. Hannon and his standard bearer lost. The best race Alletta won was when she finished in front of the pacer Peter H., 2:26¼, driven by A. R. Meyer, with Rattler, 2:17¼, in third place.

Charles Reilly and his handsome trotter Mahlon, 2:13¾, were in the thick of the fray. Mahlon beat the brown trotter Brightlight, 2:19¼, driven by Elmer Stevens. The Brightlight won from the black trotter David B., 2:09¼, and later had an even break with Marion Wilkes, 2:14¼, driven by Lydell Witbehead. Brightlight won the first heat and Marion Wilkes the second.

Alexander Frankenstein won a number of brushes with his chestnut pacer Fred W., 2:08¾. He won from George Huber's Virgis Belle, with George A., 2:22¾, in third place and later beat Helen H. The three trotters Boy Bess, 2:10¼, driven by Mr. Frankenheimer; Nighthawk, 2:23¾, with L. W. Boynton up, and Nelly Wilkes, handled by Philip Heipenhausen, had a pretty brush, finishing in the order named.

SIR TATTON SYKES HERE.

English Sporting Baronet Seeks to Benefit His Health in Mexico.

Sir Tatton Sykes, the Yorkshire sporting baronet, reached here yesterday on the Campania and is on his way to Mexico, where he intends to sojourn for a while for his health. His visits to this country have been frequent for the last twenty years, the last one being in January, 1899. He was born in 1826 and has been a lifelong horseman, though at no time an enthusiastic patron of racing. He has occupied his time largely in visiting various sales in search of promising yearlings, which he has purchased with view of developing them for the Doncaster and other meetings. He owns 34,000 acres of land, on which he himself bred some of the best blooded stock.

Sir Tatton married a sister of the Rt. Hon. Cavendish Bentinck. She, too, has a fondness for horseflesh.

In 1896 Lady Sykes commissioned Marcus Beresford to purchase the famous mare Le Fleche at the Baron Alfred de Rothschild sale for $30,000. The mare was finally knocked down to Beresford for $69,455. Sir Tatton balked at the stupendous figure and flatly refused the purchase. Beresford promptly brought suit and then compromised on a reduced amount. In the latter part of 1898 there was trouble between Sir Tatton and Lady Sykes over a $50,000 loan to his Ladyship by Daniel Jay, a moneylender. The pair separated early in 1899 on account of the affair. The late Christopher Sykes, a brother of the baronet, was for years an inseparable companion of King Edward when the latter was Prince of Wales.

Seventh Regiment Team Wins Again at Sea Girt.

The long-range marksmen of the Seventh and Seventy-first Regiment Rifle clubs and of the New Jersey State Rifle Association met at Sea Girt last Saturday for the third and last competition of the series. The conditions were seven men on a team, seven shots at each range—800, 900, and 1000 yards—all contestants shooting with the United States Army magazine rifle, .30-calibre. The New Jersey team was handicapped by the absence of two of its best shots. The weather conditions were very trying. The scores:

SEVENTH REGIMENT RIFLE CLUB.

	800 Yds.	900 Yds.	1,000 Yds.	Total.
Private D. C. Meyer	27	34	32	93
Sergt. D. X. Connor	21	33	28	82
Sergt. A. E. Wells	29	26	32	87
Lieut. J. E. Duvall	27	28	29	84
Private Alex Stevens	32	26	26	84
Private F. A. Wessell	19	32	26	77
Corporal W. B. Short	26	23	24	73
Grand total				589

SEVENTY-FIRST REGIMENT RIFLE CLUB.

Corporal K. K. V. Casey	30	29	32	91
Sergt. George H. Doyle	28	32	29	89
Sergt. A. S. Corbett	25	32	25	82
Lieut. Col. J. H. Wells	26	26	28	80
Lieut. T. F. Jenkins	25	27	26	79
Private E. H. Powell	26	25	26	77
Capt. E. B. Bruen	25	19	23	67
Grand total				559

NEW JERSEY STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Private Howard Gensch	28	32	28	88
Major Henry Lohman	30	26	29	85
Sergt. Frank Phillips	28	24	27	79
Col. Leslie C. Bruce	34	22	30	76
Capt. Robert Tuttle	27	12	26	65
Lieut. A. S. Jones	18	16	28	62
Capt. Wm. P. Martin	23	19	20	62
Grand total				517

Baseball Player Loses Four Teeth in Indoor Game.

The Twenty-second Regiment team and the all collegiate team lined up against each other last Saturday night in the former's armory Sixty-eighth street and Broadway, and the soldiers won by a score of 10 to 2. Coffey, a player on the regimental team, while hustling to first base ran into another player with such force that Coffey lost four teeth.

Shooting for the Barker Cup.

FREEPORT, L. I., Nov. 30.—The Barker cup was won yesterday at the invitation trap-shooting tournament of the Freeport Gun Club by Frederick E. Gildersleeve of the Hempstead Gun Club. With a handicap of two breaks, he tallied 23 kills out of 25. Dr. Thomas S. Carman of Freeport was second, with 22, including his handicap of two misses as kills.

GOLF.

Records Show That Travis Leads for the Third Year.

The open tournaments in the M. G. A. territory wound up on Saturday at the golf clubof Lakewood. The record is better than in two years and shows there is no diminution in the interest in golf. There were sixteen events open to M. G. A. amateurs, four more than last year. The amateur championship, which had been held since 1895 by an M. G. A. player, passed to the West. An exceptional distinction for the M. G. A., however, was scored in the open championship, played in October at Garden City, when its champion, W. J. Travis, tied for second place with Stewart Gardner, at 113, six strokes from the winner. It was the first time that an amateur had ever gained a place in the event in this country.

The women's championship was won for the second time by Miss Genevieve Hecker. In the woman's tri-city team match the New Yorkteam was beaten by Boston and beat Philadelphia. The second half of the men's annual home and home match with the Golf League of Philadelphia also was played at Baltusrol, the M. G. A. team winning there and in the spring at Huntingdon Valley. Two other important tournaments of the season, but not in the summary, although M. G. A. players were prominent in each, were the intercollegiate championships.

The M. G. A. championship was won by W. J. Travis and the women's M. G. A. championship went to Mrs. E. A. Manice. The new tournaments were at Garden City, Deal Beach and the Brooklawn links at Bridgeport, each to be held annually hereafter. W. J. Travis heads the list of winners at M. G. A. tournaments, as he has for the last three seasons, with six score medals and seven first trophies at match play. The two tournaments in which he was beaten at match play were at Morris County, when Reinhart put him out, and at Lakewood last week, when Macdonald beat him after twenty holes. The M. G. A. tournament record follows:

	Score Medal.	Winner.	Runner Up.
Lakewood	Travis, 158.	Travis.	Douglas.
Garden City	Travis, 80.	Travis.	Moller, jr.
Travis M.G.A.	Travis, 76.	Travis.	Marcellus.
Ess'x Co. W. M. G. A.	Miss Goffe, 86.	Mrs. Manice.	Miss Hernandez.
Montclair, N.J.A.	Kennaday, 79	Kenday	Michaels.
Morris Co. G.	Gardner, 81.	Conklin.	Brainard.
Hartford, Ct., G. A.	Alsop, 79.	Seeley.	Moore.
Shinnecock	Travis, 82.	Travis.	Murdock.
Deal	Travis, 85.	Travis.	Brown.
Westbrook	Reinhart, 159	Reinhart	Moody.
Nassau	Cory, 80.	Travis.	Cory.
Pow'n, H. R. G. A.	Tiffany, 82.	Myers.	Tiffany.
Brooklawn	Wheeler, 84	Taylor.	W. Sugeler
W'ster County	Bowley, 80.	Travis.	Tiffany.
Es'x Co. E. N. J. G. A.	Sanford, 82.	Brad'w.	Sanford.
Lakewood	Travis, 77.	Doug'ls.	Macd'ald.

The final in the club championship, at thirty-six holes, of the Yountakah Country Club, was played yesterday and won by Adrian H. Larkin, from G. B. Martin, by 2 up. The winner, who at last has forsaken the solid ball, scored from the tee, while Martin was decidedly strong on the short game. Larkin made his rounds in 90, 86—176.

A four-ball match was played yesterday at the Roseville Golf Club between T. C. Hoffman (amateur) and J. Mackie against H. Hunter (amateur) and J. Dolly, the latter pair representing Forest Hill. It ended all square after a spirited contest.

The amateur championship of Great Britain will be held at Muirfield, May 19 to 22. It usually has been held the first week in May, the change being made because in the north of England daylight is a limited quantity in March and nearly as short in April, and those who intend to play will have more opportunities of practicing than if the championship dates had been selected. When last played at Muirfield in 1897 the late Dr. A. J. T. Allan was the unexpected winner.

There was a mixed foursome handicap last Saturday at the new Canal-Brook Country Club, Summit, for prizes presented by Mrs. William J. Curtis.

Miss Barstow and Dr. H. Hamil, 130, 20—110; Miss Mary Wagner and Walter Wagner, 130, 20—110; Mrs. Chamberlin and C. F. Finney, 125, 12—113; Mrs. Page and Adolphe de Bary, 120, 15—114; Miss Lena Curtis and F. A. Wright, 128, 14—114; Miss de Bary and C. T. Bassford, 115—117; Miss Wright and P. Bendell, 134, 16—118; Miss H. Curtis and W. A. Harvey, 129, 9—120; Miss D. Young and W. Sanderson, 153, 21—132.

In the Hickory handicap last Saturday at the links of the Marine and Field Club, for the cup offered by W. C. Biddle, the winning score was to be the nearest to a total returned by Biddle and John Shippen, the club's professional, after making a round, adding their two scores together and dividing the aggregate by two. Neither was in good vein and the concealed total returned under these conditions was 101, the nearest to which was returned by R. S. Morrison and that won the cup.

At the same time there was an eighteen-hole handicap on the Eastern Parkway Golf Club, the newest of the Brooklyn links.

R. D. Robbins, 106, 23—83; G. Britton, 94, 11—83; G. A. White, 94, 11—83; W. G. Fortune, 102, 19—83; H. F. Whitney, 98, 10—88; H. K. Robbins, 104, 13—91; J. S. de Selding, 115, 25—93; A. S. Sherman, 104, 10—95; W. F. Heard, 125, 30—95; J. L. Roberts, 120, 24—96; H. S. Matthews, 108, 9—99; F. C. Hickox, 117, 19—98; A. E. Blackman, 127, 25—102; H. B. Brumley, 138, 30—108.

TO HELP COLUMBIA ATHLETICS.

Graduates Discuss Methods of Bringing About Less Stringent Rules.

The alumni of Columbia University, including a number of the college faculty, have espoused the cause of the undergraduates in their opposition to the regulations of the Faculty Committee on Athletics and rules formulated by that committee. Thirty graduates held a private meeting at the University Club last week and discussed the situation at length. Among those present were William A. Meikleham, a former rowing coach; J. Ludlow Chrystie of the Alumni Association, Richard Cook, William H. Worry of the football team, Assistant Coach Charles A. Wright, William T. Lawson, J. A. Barnard, Dr. Reginald H. Sayre, W. K. Otis, W. Ogden J. Cushman, Donald Howard Van Antwerp of Columbia College, Louis Simonds, John B. Pine, clerk of the university trustees; John W. Mackay, captain of the 1900 crew, Gustavus I. Kirby, Francis S. Banks, trustee of the university, G. W. Putnam of the '99 football team, R. H. Green, J. T. Conover, Capt. Harold H. Weeks and Manager Clinton G. Abbott of the football team, and Willard J. King.

Speeches were made, the tenor of which was that athletics are now unduly hampered at the university and that reforms should be instituted. The present faculty committee is composed largely of graduates of other colleges and the alumni want a committee of professors who are Columbia graduates or the establishment of an alumni committee to replace the present professors.

Another cause of dissatisfaction is found in the fact that students in several university schools have to attend at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and have no time to engage in athletics. It is proposed to end all collegiate work at 4:30 o'clock, besides giving the students a free hour in the middle of the day which does not now obtain.

PUSHING THE CUP DEFENDER.

Every Department in the Herreshoff Shops Running Full Blast.

BRISTOL, Nov. 30.—At present every department of the Herreshoff shops is running full blast getting out various parts for the new Cup defender, in both wood and metal, on lines that mean the pushing of the construction to the fullest extent, in accordance with the desire of the syndicate of owners and Mr. Iselin, the manager. The molding shop will be a busy department from now on until the sloop is ready to sail on her initial spin. There is already demand for some of the castings, which will be required the coming week. The stem casting is nearly ready for use and so is the collision bulkhead. The auger holes are to be bored this week in the top of the lead keel, and the lag screws to connect the lead keel and the framing of the new craft are being finished up in the machine shops.

Considering the fact that the Cup races are to be sailed in August and the probability of the new boat being selected to defend the Cup, yachting people hereabouts take the view that a space of four months is none too long for the tuning up of a big 90-footer, especially if there are to be new wrinkles in the craft. One thing looked forward to with interest is the advantage derived from trying a new racing craft in the breezes prevalent in the spring months in this section. If the craft is to be launched in April next, it is a foregone conclusion that she will be ready for her first trial under sail early in May.

Colorado Football Players Wear Sheet-iron Armor.

DENVER, Nov. 30.—Football "armor" said to have been used by the University of Colorado team in a game last Thursday was exhibited at the Denver A. C. yesterday. Two shoulder plates, lined with sheet iron, a sheet-iron breastplate, and a hand guard, also lined with sheet-iron, constituted the exhibit. One of the shoulder pieces has the name "Tonkin" carved on it, and it is said was worn by that player in the game. The breastplate is also said to have covered his chest. The iron was riveted back of the leather, between it and the felt lining, and from appearances made a formidable bulwark of offence or defence.

RANKING OF FOOTBALL TEAMS

YALE, PRINCETON, HARVARD, WEST POINT, THE ORDER.

Difficult to Place Other Elevens—Shevlin, Bowditch, Hogan, Kinney, Glass, DeWitt, Holt, Rockwell, Chadwick, Bunker and Graydon Season's Best Team.

The football season being over, it is in order to rank the teams, an unsatisfactory task at the best, owing to the numerous complications that arise due to varying form on the part of the different elevens and inconsistencies in scores. Few persons would rank the first dozen or so of the Eastern teams just alike, but there is one point on which there will be no dissenting voice and that is that Yale ranks first. Yale is the only Eastern team that went through the season without a defeat and her total of points is large, though this in itself is not so significant on account of teams meeting different sets of opponents. The Blue's victories over her two greatest rivals were decisive. Neither of them was able to cross her goal line and no team was able to do that at straight rushing. West Point did it once by blocking a kick on the 5-yard line and Tufts did it once on a quarter-back kick. No stronger team than Capt. Chadwick's ever played football and it is doubtful if any as strong ever played the game.

Next to Yale comes Princeton. Some members of the Yale team say Harvard was stronger than Princeton, but the Tigers made the better showing against Yale. They did not gain as much ground as Harvard, but they scored, their defence was more stubbornly sustained and they kept Yale's total down much lower than did Harvard. Only two touchdowns were made in the entire season against Princeton, while eight were made against Harvard, one each by Bowdoin, Wesleyan, West Point and Dartmouth and four by Yale. So long as the teams did not meet to test their relative strength the results indicate that Princeton's defensive strength more than offset Harvard's offensive superiority. Harvard ranks third and West Point fourth, Harvard having beaten West Point. Had the Army met Princeton there would have been better means of comparing Harvard and Princeton and it is by no means sure that Princeton would have beaten the soldiers. In the Annapolis game the West Point attack was the most consistently strong of any team's except Yale's. Yale's defence was the only one encountered by West Point that prevented sustained gains.

Pennsylvania deserves to be ranked fifth, on account of her stiff game against Harvard and her splendid game which beat Cornell. Pennsylvania, it is true, was beaten by the Indians, as well as by Annapolis and Brown, but the form the Quakers displayed on Thanksgiving Day, their final game, and their ability would have won for them the three games they lost. A team's final form must be considered. If one undertakes to go deeply into scores made throughout the season in find lines that a team's form is perfectly calculable. For instance, Pennsylvania was beaten by Annapolis, who was beaten by Columbia, and Columbia was beaten by Pennsylvania. Also, Lehigh beat Lafayette, who beat Brown, who beat Pennsylvania, who beat Lehigh. Reasoning at length along these lines is impossible, so one can only reckon in a general way, taking into consideration chiefly how the teams have shown to do against another with both at their best.

Cornell and the Indians both met Pennsylvania, the only team which both played, and Cornell lost the Pennsylvania game while the Indians won theirs. Besides, the Indians defeated Cornell, which ranks Carlisle in sixth place, with Cornell seventh. Bucknell was victorious over the Indians and had a strong team, but it is doubtful if Bucknell ranks ahead of the Indians, but Pennsylvania beat Bucknell and the victories of the Indians over Cornell and Pennsylvania entitle them to a higher place than eighth, which is assigned to Bucknell. Following Bucknell come Amherst, Dartmouth, Annapolis, Lafayette, Brown, Syracuse, Columbia and Lehigh in the order named. Syracuse beat Amherst, but owing to injuries did not do herself justice when returned by Amherst.

The selection of the best eleven players from the Eastern colleges is another matter calling forth much difference of opinion. Following are a first and a second team:

First team—Ends, Holt, Yale, and Bowditch, Harvard; ends, Hogan, Yale, and Kinney, Yale; tackles, Glass, Yale, and DeWitt, Princeton; guards, Holt, Yale, centre, Rockwell, Yale; quarter back, Chadwick, Yale; halfbacks, Graydon, West Point, half backs, Graydon, Harvard; full back, Bunker, Yale.

Second Team—Davis, Princeton, and Metzger, Pennsylvania, ends; Graves, West Point, and Sheldon, Yale, tackles; Gross, Yale, and Warner, Cornell, guards; McCabe, Pennsylvania, centre; Daly, West Point, quarterback; Metcalf, Yale, and Weekes, Columbia, half backs; Bennett, Pennsylvania, full back.

The first-named team is the strongest aggregation that could be put together, possessing the most all-around ability. Not a few think Warner of Cornell entitled to a place on the team. As a man in the line he was better than DeWitt, but not enough so to give him the preference when De Witt's wonderful kicking ability is considered. Glass is preeminently the best guard of the year, but anybody who could face him and then go back and punt as well as DeWitt did earns a place on the team. DeWitt attended to the double duties pretty well and, moreover, is such an exceptional drop kicker that he cannot be left off the team. If Warner were put in his place it would be necessary to put Daly at quarter in order to have the benefit of Daly's skill in punting and drop kicking. Daly, however, is not needed with DeWitt on hand. Rockwell, outside of kicking, is fully Daly's equal and in some of the details of the position his superior. He is quite as good a general as Daly, a shade better in defensive playing and drives scrimmage at greater speed than any quarter back of the year.

Good ends are numerous this season, but the four mentioned in the matter of playing the position as it should be played from first to last bear off the palm. Shevlin was the best end of the year, although a freshman. He is the nearest approach to Hinkey that Yale has had. Not only is he big and strong, but fast and the fiercest tackler of the season. Like Bowditch, he is hard to fool, and handy at breaking up opponents' plays. Davis and Metzger are lighter men, but speedy and sure and hard tacklers. One does not have to look beyond New Haven for the best tackles. Hogan and Kinney were the best offensive tackles of the season and made more ground at carrying the ball than any other two, besides doing good work in the open. There may be tackles who were steadier on the defence than Hogan, but none who combined both offensive and defensive ability to such an extent, barring his side partner, Kinney. Kinney was a stone wall on defence and the best of the tackles at getting through and down the field on kicks.

Graves of West Point was not far behind either of the Yale men. He is an exceedingly busy man in games, gets into all the plays, is a vicious tackler and always following the ball closely, carrying his 200 pounds lightly. Besides, he is no mean kicker. Sheldon of Brown is a six-footer, one of the hardest men on the field to stop when he has the ball, and just as active a player as the other three tackles.

The guards of the season contained a number of high-class men, among those not already mentioned being Holt of Yale and Barnard and A. Marshall of Harvard. Glass was the star, and at making holes for his backs and breaking through and stopping plays by the other side he was the best in the country. His ability is so well known to need much comment and it is sufficient to say that there never was a better guard and only one or two as good. Reference has been made to De Witt and Warner and as between them it may be said that if he were played in De Witt's place the eleven named would not be weakened except in kicking.

Holt, at centre, played the steadiest game of the year, and on the whole his passing was above criticism, particularly in Yale's two big games. No centre he faced was quite his equal. McCabe of Pennsylvania, though lighter than the general run of centres, combined steadiness, activity and aggressiveness and braced up the Pennsylvania line not a little. Colter of Brown and Boyers of West Point were other centres who did first-class work.

Behind the line Chadwick of Yale was the hardest line breaker of the year for his weight. He sticks to his interference beautifully, takes openings with precision, is hard to stop and a fine defensive back. Bunker, who is picked for the other half back, is a heavy, but not beefy man, who hits the line as a battering ram. He is tireless, and like Glass, a player of unremitting vigor. If he is not smashing the line himself, he is helping somebody else along, and though he runs a trifle high and fumbles once in a while, his all around worth is such that no team would be the worse off for having him.

Metcalf and Weekes are fast backs, both good ground gainers. Metcalf, when clear, is probably the fastest back except Weekes. Graydon selected for full back did more damage to the Yale line than any other one man, which is a good reason for selecting him. Weekes played good football this year, even though handicapped by injuries and a weak line. Next to Daly he is the best catcher of punts in the business and when it is the best of the backs in running back punts and running in a broken field. Also he is a first-class defensive back. He did not shine this year, but when himself there is no gainsaying his brilliant prowess, and he would hold up his end on a team of stars. It may be said of Bennett as of Graydon, that had the rest of the team been as good, it would have made a better showing.

BOWLING RECORD AND GAMES.

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Team.	W.	L.	High Gm.	Team.	W.	L.	High Sc.
Spartan	7	1	1003	Belvidere	6	6	940
Fidelia	10	2	1002	Metropolitan	5	5	1000
Montgomery	9	3	1000	Knickerbocker	5	7	1021
Corinthian	9	3	988	Newburg W.	5	5	914
Algonquin	7	8	1020	Keystone	4	8	982
Sylvan	7	3	962	Hyperion	3	7	958
Empire	6	4	1024	Flatbush	3	7	949
Berkeley	6	4	948	7 20 4	3	9	971
Columbia	6	6	1003	Nyack	2	8	943
New Jersey	6	6	957	West. Cyclone	1	11	900
Rosedale	6	6	941				

HARLEM LEAGUE.

Corinthian	7	1	975	Lafayette	5	5	976
Lotus	10	2	943	Century W.	5	5	927
Morris	8	2	974	Belvidere	5	5	905
West. H'g'ts	7	3	948	Phenix	3	8	978
Friendship	7	3	881	Hyperion	3	7	987
Brooklyn	6	4	966	Cyclone	3	7	882
Mohawk	6	4	937	Audubon	2	8	932
Premier	6	4	901	Malaga	2	8	875
Westchest'r W.	6	4	897	Roy. Arc. W.	2	8	854
Central Park	7	5	938	New Rochelle	1	9	903
Colonial	6	6	899				

LIFE INSURANCE LEAGUE.

Prudential 1	8	0	900	Prudential	4	5	902
Prudential 2	5	1	887	Equitable	4	5	871
Metropolitan