SPORTING TALK OF INTEREST

JAMES R. KEENE HAS SECOND CALL ON MILLER'S SERVICES.

Turfmen Commend the Attitude of Dr. Slicer—Tony Faust a Coming Three-Year-Old—Brighton Cup Entries—The Failure of Lavigne to Regain Laurels.

Walter Miller, the champion jockey, will be kept busy in the East this year riding the horses of the rich Newcastle Stable and James R. Keene. Several days ago Mr. Keene had a talk with Andrew Miller, the Jockey Club steward, who has first call on the jockey's services, with the result that terms were agreed upon by which little Miller will be under second call to the powerful Keene stable. That is to say, he will ride exclusively for Mr. Keene whenever the Newcastle Stable does not require his services. Jockey Miller with these two contracts to rely upon will draw down nearly $25,000 in retaining fees alone, it is said. As he will be in general demand when his regular employers do not need him it is estimated that he will earn more than $40,000 on the Jockey Club tracks, with $10,000 more picked up in California this year.

The Newcastle Stable, trained by Thomas Welsh, who is Jockey Miller's manager in the East, will have a formidable string, including many high class two-year-olds, while Mr. Keene will be represented by what looks to be the most powerful stable that has carried his colors in a number of years. In addition to a promising lot of three-year-olds Mr. Keene believes that his crop of two-year-olds will prove better than ever before. In fact James Rowe, the trainer of the Keene stable, predicted some time ago that the two-year-olds would come very near carrying off the bulk of the rich plums. Jockey Miller therefore will have plenty of work with high class horses, incidentally affording the racing public many excellent chances to profit by speculation.

Many turfmen are commending the attitude of the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Slicer toward the anti-racetrack betting bills introduced at Albany. They say that Dr. Slicer has made a new and important point in setting forth the fact that should the bills be passed by the Legislature the Jockey Club, composed of reputable citizens, who have made the sport honest, would relinquish control of the tracks, which would pass into the hands of gamblers, who would run them solely for the purpose of providing data for the poolrooms. Turfmen say that the Jockey Club's control of racing in this State has insured a square deal for the public and that the public, even with the Jockey Club's tracks closed, would go on patronizing poolrooms which would do business on races run in other States. They also say that Dr. Slicer, having weighed up the situation carefully, realizes that the Jockey Club has done its best to stamp out the poolroom evil by shutting off, as far as possible, the information to be obtained at the local tracks.

"As the public is determined to play the races anyway," said a well posted man yesterday, "it should be readily seen that by keeping the tracks open and by conducting an even more vigorous crusade this year against the poolrooms, the Jockey Club is really benefiting the community at large. If you close the tracks or drive the Jockey Club into retirement there will be double the number of poolrooms which will be able to swindle the public by means of crooked races to which they are parties. Honest racing in New York State has made the sport immensely popular. It is a tremendous industry, in which millions of dollars are invested and which provides a means of livelihood for thousands. Nobody is compelled to visit the racetracks, so that it seems rather unfair to deprive the general public of a healthful outdoor amusement which is much less harmful than its enemies are trying to make out.

The Jockey Club will stand on its record. Not a dollar will be spent in fighting adverse legislation, for the reason that the owners of the tracks do not believe in such a policy. Dr. Slicer has ample proof to show that the men who govern the turf in this State are honorable in their dealings with him and are also on the level with the public. Racetracks in other States are generally controlled by the gambling element, but in the East this element is ruled with a rod of iron and is kept well under control by men who believe that honesty in the racing of thoroughbreds is the best policy."

Barney Schreiber believes that in Tony Faust, a colt by Sain—St. Rose, he has one of the star three-year-olds of the coming campaign. The colt is a popular idol in California, where he proved a sensation last season, and has gradually developed into a superb young racehorse. S. C. Hildreth recently purchased a half interest in Tony Faust, who will be shipped from Oaklawn to Memphis in a few weeks, preparatory to the Eastern campaign. The colt has been named for the Brooklyn, Suburban, Brighton, Commonwealth, Advance, Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay and Long Island handicaps, together with other stakes of less importance.

The $10,000 Brighton Cup, two miles and a quarter, has attracted a greater number of entries than ever before, which is taken to mean that horsemen intend to pay more attention to long distance events in future. These are the entries: Blandy, Okenite, Flip Flap, Dishabille, Ethon, Ocean Spray, Accountant, Oiseau, Agile, W. H. Carey, Conville, Kentucky Beau, Kercheval, Prince Hampton, Standover, Bright Boy, Montgomery, Woodsman, Holdfast, Botanist, Tony Faust, Tangle, Salvidere, Senator Clay, Peter Pan, Ballot, Gretna Green, Philander, Tourenne, Monkey Puzzle, The Picket, Sir Huon, Arcite, Beauclere, The Quail, Faust, Prince of Coins, Cottontown, Frank Gill, Dan Buhre, Oxford, Howard Shean, J. C. Core, Running Water, Sarecinesca, Water Pearl, Jack Atkins, Far West, Penarris, Inferno, Holscher, Pretty Michel, Whimsical, Pete Dailey, Borghesi, Dr. Gardner, Go Between, Wexford, Good Luck, Bob Tyler, Marster, Electioneer Fine Cloth, Sir William Johnson, J. F. Donahue, Burgomaster, Artful, Perverse, Tanya, Ironsides, Gallavant and Flis.

Kid Lavigne, the former lightweight champion, after an absence of nearly five years from the ring, reappeared Saturday night at Philadelphia in a six round bout with Young Erne. Lavigne had trained for nearly three months, but in spite of fair physical condition he was slow and lacked the old aggressiveness. Young Erne put it all over him and in the last round Lavigne was on the verge of being knocked out. He was hanging on the ropes in a helpless condition when the referee came to the rescue. The result of the mill has simply additional proof that a pugilist cannot dally with John Barleycorn for half a dozen years and then expect to regain all of the old speed and stamina at the age of 37. A Detroit doctor who undertook to fit Lavigne for this unfortunate encounter will probably be convinced that high living and success in pugilism do not mix well. In his day Lavigne was a wonderful pugilist. He possessed rugged health, tremendous strength, much science and remarkable gameness when under fire. But prosperity proved his worst enemy.

Those who will manage the benefit for Terry McGovern's family which will be held in the Madison Square Garden next Wednesday night announce that among the boxers who have volunteered their services are Joe Walcott, Honey Mellody, Sandy Ferguson, Jack (Twin) Sullivan, George Dixon, Joe Jeanette, Joe Grim, Harry Lewis, Tommy O'Toole, Peter Maher, Jim Callahan, Unk Russell, Young Erne, Spike Robson and others. These wrestlers will also indulge in bouts: George Bothner, Frank Gotch, Ernest Roeber, John Plening, Leo Pardello and Tom Jenkins. A number of acrobats and vaudeville performers will also appear, while other sporting celebrities will probably be introduced.

Darkey Haley, the English featherweight who made a fine impression at Philadelphia the other night, says that Gunner Moir, the English heavyweight who is ready to fight Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in London for a $5,000 purse, is a counterfeit champion. Haley says he possesses no cleverness to speak of, is flatfooted and fights wholly on the defensive, his only good quality being a wallop that may do harm if it lands. In other words Moir is another one of those soft marks so acceptable to O'Brien.

PENNSYLVANIA'S CRICKET TOUR.

Plans for First International Games Between College Elevens.

In addition to sending a crack team to England to compete in the Olympic games that are to be held in London in the summer of 1908 the University of Pennsylvania has decided to invade England this summer and will send a team of cricketers to play a series of games with the great public schools and colleges there. Plans have been formulated and Provost Harrison has already had acceptances from Rugby, Harrow, Clifton, Cheltenham, Marlborough, Shrewsbury, Charterhouse, Repton, Haileybury and Bootham, while it is hoped to add to this list Eton, Winchester and the university teams of Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh, the last institution being the progenitor of the Unitversity of Pennsylvania.

The arrangement of the schedule is in the hands of C.W. Allcock, secretary of the Surrey Cricket Club, who has usually made the arrangements for a visiting American team. The eleven will leave here about June 12 and play the first game on June 24, continuingwith three games a week until nearly the end of August.

The project of sending the team abroad is considered rather a large undertaking. Pennsylvania has a very good team compared with other colleges in this country, but whether it will prove sufficiently strong to cope successfully with the great schools of England, where the game is so firmly established, remains to be seen.

There is excellent material to choose from in selecting an eleven that will doubtless prove to be of good all around strength. Lothrop Lee has been chosen to head the team, the first to go from the University of Pennsylvania and which will play the first international intercollegiate cricket between undergraduates of American and English universities, if the schedule ultimately includes games with Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh, as appears likely. He will have with him last year's captain, F. Wharton Baker, and most of the players who contributed to such a successful season last summer.

Walter F. Keenan, Jr., is one of the coming men in American cricket and much will be expected of him abroad. Harold H. Morris has represented his university and also Philadelphia in many international matches and his experience will count for a good deal. Wayne S. Evans made a reputation in the United States versus Canada games, which will probably be greatly enhanced on the other side of the ocean. C. Mervin Graham and Donald Graham should prove to be well worth their selection. The other candidates for positions are Ruckland Lee, Arthur N. Goodfellow, Norman S. Hales, Benson Mann, Jr., and Joseph M. Shoemaker.

The team, as a whole, is not without experience in first class cricket against foreign teams, no less than seven of last year's eleven having had the honor of playing against the visiting English teams for the Philadelphia Colts. In addition, a tour of Canada was undertaken last summer which proved to be a big success, the best players of the Dominion being met during the trip. The splendid innings of 125 not out, scored by Lothrop Lee against Rosedale, was the feature of the tour, while the bowling feats of A. N. Goodfellow, who was uniformly successful with the ball, proved a factor in determining many a game.

Against players such as they are likely to meet in England the task the University of Pennsylvania has taken in hand would appear a hopeless one. But the Philadelphia collegians are undaunted and they mean to make the games the battles of their lives. Come what may, the tour of the collegians will be watched with considerable interest here.

The projected tour of the United States and Canada by the Kent amateur eleven, under the leadership of J. R. Mason, has been abandoned, word having been received by Secretary F. F. Kelly of the Metropolitan District Cricket League, of Mr. Mason's inability to accept the invitation tendered to him by the Associated Cricket Clubs of Philadelphia. It is quite possible, however, that a visit from the South Africans on the conclusion of their English tour will be arranged.

A letter has been received from G. Allsop, manager of the South Africans, suggesting that his team should visit the United States in the fall and negotiations will be immediately opened with this end in view. In the event of the powerful and popular South African eleven visiting this country the Metropolitan League of New York, which has been considerably strengthened lately, would undoubtedly arrange for a match in this vicinity.

The Manhattan Cricket Club held its fifty-seventh annual dinner last night at the Assembly, Pierrepont street, Brooklyn. A large number of the members and their friends attended, which included many prominent Brooklyn residents.

BERMUDA RACE CONDITIONS.

Yachts Up to Ninety Feet Length Can Compete for the Maier Cup.

The race to Bermuda this year for sail craft, for which Rear Commodore Frank Maier has offered a $1,000 cup, will be a much more interesting event than last year's. The conditions this year allow boats of any rig up to 90 feet in length to start, and already two schooners have been entered. The committee in charge of this race, Dr. J. E. DeMund of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, Dudley C. Tyng of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and Thomas Fleming Day of the New Rochelle Yacht Club have framed the conditions to govern the race. These are as follows:

The race is open to cruising sail craft not measuring more than 90 feet* extreme length, any rig, belonging to any organized yacht club in the world.

Boats to start must be bona-fide cruising craft, having full decks, water-tight cockpit and of substantial construction and rig. Yachts having fins or bulb keels or balanced rudders are barred.

Measurement—The measurement for computing allowance is the length of the boat over all. The length on deck from the foreside of the stem to the after side of the sternboard or transom. Fiddleheads and ornamental pieces or boards attached to the stem are not to be included in this measurement. Boats will rate for allowance from the closest full foot.

Crew—There will be no restrictions as to the number or character of the crew.

Sails—Lower sails to be those usually carried by the yacht when cruising. No restriction on light sails.

Boats—Yachts must carry such small boats or tenders as they carry when cruising.

Stores and Water—Stores and water sufficient for 30 days must be on board. Water to be in fixed tanks or breakers.

Equipment—Anchors, chain or hawsers, side lights, two compasses, sextant, chronometer, and life belts or jackets for each member of the crew.

Ballast—Weight may be shifted fore and aft for the purpose of trimming, but no weight either in the form of ballast or stores must be jettisoned except as a measure of safety.

Allowance—The time allowance will be forty-five (45) minutes to the foot for the full course, a distance of 660 nautical miles.

Time of Start—Start will be made at 10 A. M., Wednesday, June 5.

Entries—Entries must be received by the committee not later than noon of May 5. Such entries must be accompanied with a full description of the yacht.

Class A—50 to 90 feet.

Class B—50 feet and under.

Protest—Concerning non-eligibility of a yacht must be in writing and be made not less than twenty-four hours before the time fixed for starting.

The committee reserve the right to reject any entry, if in their judgment the boat is unseaworthy or not suitable for long distance racing, or is inefficient in rig, power, stores or crew. All entries accepted subject to final inspection previous to the start. The committee will be glad to inspect and pass upon the plans of boats building or intending to be built for the race.

All communications to be addressed to the committee at 9 Murray street, New York.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Selling; five and a half furlongs:

Dry Dollar	109	Agra	105
Blackburn	109	Nedra	105
Paragon	108	Duchess of Montebelo	104
Imperminence	108	Bosserian	101
Sam Rice	107	No Quarter	97
Sir Vagrant	107	Odd Trick	95
Mimic's Daughter	105		

Second Race—For maiden two-year-olds; three furlongs:

Shirley Rossmore	112	Winola	110
Balolec	112	Lady De Oro	110
Bitterly	112	Convenient	110
Anna Irish	112	Dew of Dawn	110
Hazel Mc	112	Queen Melba	108
Ruby Wick	112	Princess Sue	108
Ada O. Walker	110		

Third Race—Six furlongs:

Grenade	120	Morales	98
Pasadena	118	Western	98
Kohinoor	115	Fantastic	98
Dargin	115	Mortiboy	98
Talbert	115	Golden Wave	93
Palloday	115	Benevolo	93

Fourth Race—One mile and seventy yards:

Glorifier	111	Schoolmate	104
Missouri Lad	109	Beau Brummel	94
Besterling	108		

Fifth Race—One mile and twenty yards:

McIlvain	115	Flaviguy	105
The Englishman	115	Rickey	101
Dr. Spruill	115	Elfall	94
Canyon	112	Bonart	92
Katie Powers	110	Tom Dolan	92
Kittie Platt	110		

Sixth Race—One mile and twenty yards:

Sponge Cake	112	Nutwood	107
Mereos	110	Pride of Woodstock	107
Ancestor	110	Campaigner	92
Hyacinth	110	Glad Pirate	92
Goldbearer	107	Zick Abrams	89
Oberon	107	Marietta Bush	87

Seventh Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth:

Old Stone	116	Huntington	108
Bulwark	114	Brookston	107
Bullrich	113	Omar Khayyam	103
Foreigner	113	Lena J	100
Lady Ellison	112	Lady Charade	100
Louise McFarlan	111	Kemp Ridgeley	100
R. F. Williams	109	Refined	90
Horseradish	109		

ECHOES OF TWO GOLF MEETINGS

BOSTON DECLARES FOR FOURSOMES IN INTERCITY MATCHES.

Four Ball Pairs in the Afternoon Pronounced Too Slow—Brisk Demand for Amateur at Chicago—Only Apamamis and Philadelphia Bid for the Open.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Golf Association last Wednesday there was a formal declaration for foursomes as a substitute for the four ball matches as the afternoon card in the intercity matches for the Lesley cup. The Bostonians are to be commended for their good sense, for the four ball match is an anomaly as a team test, and, when time presses as in the short October days, utterly useless as an afternoon form of competition when twenty players must engage, each off his own bat.

Although often termed here a Scotch foursome, the four ball match is practically an American invention. It originated in the early days, when our players were too zealous to swing the clubs to pass a single shot in the round. It has been perpetuated partly because it has crowded out all knowledge of the better sort of foursome and partly from the selfishness of players who do not wish to share with a partner any of the glory of a victory, for they keep their individual cards to prove that to them fell the burden of the fray.

On the other hand, the two ball foursome is based on team work. Unselfishness is the keynote and hence it is the most sociable form of the game. After the strain of the morning singles in the tricity matches an afternoon of foursomes will be a relaxation. Moreover, they are full of action and may be finished quickly. Should the suggested change be adopted by the Philadelphia and Metropolitan associations the last pairs will not finish after dark, as they did in the four ball matches at Merion.

Robert W. Lesley, donor of the cup and president of the Philadelphia association; G. Herbert Windeler, president of the Massachusetts organization, and W. Fellowes Morgan, president of the Metropolitan Golf Association, have each a personal as well as official interest in the future of the intercity matches. Should they find a support for the Boston suggestion among their committeemen and players they have the power to change the deed of gift to permit the playing of foursomes. The foursome, while regarded as unfashionable at many clubs, has had steadfast supporters among M. G. A. clubs. Since its inception the Dyker Meadow Golf Club, of which Daniel Chauncey, the new U. S. G. A. leader, is president, has never failed to include a foursome in the season's fixtures. It is the one club that has not lapsed in respect to the true foursome. St. Andrews, Apawamis, Baltusrol and Shinnecock Hills are among other firm friends of the foursome. The great professional foursomes during the last two seasons in Great Britain have aroused the interest of the rank and file, and for the coming season a foursome contest may be expected to figure on every club schedule.

Secretary Morgan's report at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association Friday night in Chicago showed, including the elections of the afternoon, totals of forty-three associate and 237 allied clubs, a total of 280 members. Thirteen clubs resigned during 1906, mostly due, according to the report, to their leases expiring and the property being subdivided for building purposes. Treasurer Heebner reported a cash balance of $10,596. The reduction of the associate dues to $50 and of the allied dues to $10 made a net loss in income of $1,220. This was somewhat offset by $1,000 being awarded to the Englewood Golf Club for holding the amateur championship, against $1,500 as usual. There was no falling off in entry fees. The expenses of the association for the year were $6,546. Twenty-five associate clubs were represented at the meeting by delegates and nine by proxies. David R. Forgan of the Onwentsia Club moved the vote of thanks to the retiring president, Ransom H. Thomas of the Morris County Golf Club.

There was an active interest in the disposal of the amateur championship. Allan L. Reid, president of the Chicago Golf Club, withdrew its application, in favor of the Euclid Country Club of Cleveland, which finally gained the tournament after a ballot. G. Herbert Windeler said that the Country Club, Brookline, would accept the event should the delegates so decide and incidentally stated that every course in New England was at their disposal. Other applicants were the Apawamis Club of Rye, Brae Burn of Boston, Columbia of Washington, Fox Hills of Staten Island, Glenview, Midlothian and Onwentsia of Chicago, Omaha, Neb., Golf and Country Club, and the Deal, N. J., Golf and Country Club. The Chevy Chase Club of Washington was the only rival to Midlothian for the women's championship, the Chicago course being selected by 30 votes to 3. Only Apawamis and the Philadelphia Cricket Club bid for the open championship, the latter winning by the more votes.

Although only elected an associate member in the afternoon the Deal Golf and Country Club did not let the grass grow under its feet by neglecting to ask for a championship. As the East had the amateur and the women's last year and the West the open championship, the outcome is regarded by the M. G. A. players as an equitable one, viewed from the national point of view. The location of the women's had really been settled in advance by the declarations for Midlothian at the last women's championship. The Philadelphia Cricket Club made a strong plea for the open last year and would have won out had not the tournament been due to the West. The open will come to the East yearly, the amateur will be due in the East, and the Country Club of Brookline, Brae Burn, Fox Hills, Apawamis and Deal put themselves on record at Chicago as being applicants for it. In the same way the Chevy Chase club is on record for the women's championship of 1908. Chevy Chase lost the tournament in 1904 to the Merion Cricket Club and now has a double claim to consideration next year.

The annual meeting of the Dyker Meadow Golf Club will be held at the Hamilton Club, Brooklyn, on Saturday, February 2. The nominating committee, Wyckoff Vanderhoff, John Lee and Arthur P. Clapp, have selected the following for governors of the club for the year: Daniel Chauncey, J. E. Way, H. C. Du Val, W. H. Thurston, H. T. Walden, H. F. Whitney, J. Hamilton Taylor, Clark Burnham, F. J. Phillips, S. K. Probasco, W. B. Rhett, F. B. Fiske, John Lee, Thomas Hovenden and J. B. Holland.

YALE'S BASKETBALL JAUNT.

Collegians Did Well in Trip Over 3,500 Miles of Country.

The Yale basketball team returned recently from a Christmas trip, so called, that covered the respectable distance of 3,500 miles of country, losing two in fourteen games. The combinations that trimmed the Blue were the Kansas City A. C. and the Buchtel College of Akron, O. Against the athletic club men, the collegians say, they were fairly outplayed the first game. They won the second, the next day. The *Yale Alumni Weekly* says of the other defeat: "At Akron the Yale men report hostile officials which made it impossible to win."

The team showed considerable ability, according to report, and Western graduates of Yale were impressed with its chances for the intercollegiate championship or at least a place close to the top. Gilmore Kinney, captain of the baseball team, and by no means an inferior basketball player, had the best record on the trip, making 152 points. Clifford, with 113, was second and Noyes, the captain, had 69 points, which put him third. Yale scored 448 points, while 267 were made against the Blue.

The complete scores of the trip were:

December 19, at Newark, Del., Yale, 27; Delaware College, 11; 26, at Baltimore, Yale, 50; Baltimore Y. M. C. A., 4; 24, at Birmingham, Ala., Yale, 48; Birmingham A. C., 5; 25, at Nashville, Yale, 21; Nashville A. C., 17; 26, at Louisville, Yale, 32; Louisville Y. M. C. A., 19; 27, at St. Louis, Yale, 22; Missouri A. C., 19; 28, at Kansas City, Kansas City A. C., 44; Yale, 16; 29, at Kansas City, Yale, 32; Kansas City A. C., 23; 31, at Cincinnati, Yale, 59; Cincinnati Y. M. C. A., 20.

January 1, at Akron, Ohio, Buchtel College, 36; Yale, 20; 2, at Oberlin, Yale, 34; Oberlin 27; 3, at Cleveland, Yale, 32; Cleveland, 20; 5, at Rochester, Yale, 25; University of Rochester, 12; 7, at Syracuse, Yale, 20; Syracuse, 9.

Bonhag May Join Columbia Track Team.

The Columbia track team is likely to receive a valuable addition next year in George Bonhag, who is expecting to enter the university if he can get the courses that he needs. His decision depends on the action of the faculty regarding the new night school which is under consideration. Night courses in engineering were first offered this year, with the intention if they proved popular of so extending them as to make it possible to complete the work required for a degree at night. This is what Bonhag desires to do. The few courses offered have attracted such a large number of students that their extension next year is probable. Bonhag is taking work at the university this year which, while not sufficient to make him eligible to run, is expected to count as a one year residence so that he will be eligible next year.

ENGLISH SPRING HANDICAPS.

High Class Racers Entered for Big Events of the Early Season.

Entries for the big spring handicaps in England were published in the sporting papers which arrived yesterday, and while not as numerous in some events as formerly, on the whole the classes were of the highest order. The Kempton Park Jubilee, instituted in 1887 and always noted for its excellent fields, attracted about the same number as last year, and class is again well represented. There is the Russian Derby winner, Hammurabi, to begin with. Lord Derby has nominated the Oaks heroine, Keystone II., and Col. Hall Walker will be represented by the unbeaten Polar Star and Black Arrow. The Duke of Devonshire has entered two in Fugleman and a colt by Marco out of Lady Villikins. The colors of Mr. Buchanan will be carried by the Australian Derby winner, Noctuiform. Polymelus, last year's Cambridgeshire victor, has been entered by Sol. Joel. There will be some smart three-year-olds in Sagamore, Orwell, Oro, Printorian and Meadow Rye. Lord Rosebery relies upon Ramrod, whose trainer, Sam Darling, has nominated Fruitful. Dean Swift and Prince William will do duty for J. B. Joel.

For the Lincolnshire Handicap there is a list of forty-five. M. Ephrussi, the French owner, has subscribed for Of, last year's winner, and also for the equally well known Champ d'Or, and the only other foreign entry is Camisard, owned by M. M. Caillault. So Polymelus will probably be allotted the top weight, while the speedy Velocity should be second in the weights. Four aged horses there are in Calty Craig, Dumbarton Castle, Japan and Monkshead, and Fra Diavolo and Saxham are the only three year-olds.

The list for the City and Suburban numbers 43, is the poorest for a number of years, and he class, is also lacking. Polymelus and Velocity can renew their Cambridgshire antagonism and the former will undoubtedly have the post of honor in the weights. Among the six-year-olds are several useful animals, of whom Roseate Dawn, Eria Mor and Dean Swift are the best. R. J. Farquharson, the Ceylon sportsman, has four nominations, the most likely being Scarpia and Dalkeith. Besides Noctuiform, James Buchanan has Golden Measure and Washington Singer enters Kuroki and Marathon. Other owners represented are George Walmsey, with the chaser Wild Aster and Longcroft; Abe Bailey has Linkman and American Lad, Sir Edgar Vincent has Ulalume and Cyanean, and W. Bass has Gold Reach and Stick Up.

Last year's entry of thirty-four for Great Metropolitan has this time been exceeded by seven, but it is remarkable that not a single three-year-old has been nominated for what has always been the prettiest race of the English season. There is Whinbloom, last year's winner, and the six-year-old division will be also represented by Mintagon, Nightfall and St. Anselm. Lord Sefton and L. Brassey are the only two owners doubly represented, the first named with Gamaliel II. and James, while the latter is responsible for Florette and a filly by Cyllene, out of Jeff II. Lord Rosebery has Ramrod. Most of the entries are four-year-olds, no less than twenty-three of this age having been subscribed for.

The Chester Cup, which has nearly always commanded big fields, has not drawn the support this year that it deserves. Major Loder has named his grand mare Hammerkop, and other aged candidates on the list are Great Scot, Torpoint and Kroonstad. Lord Rosebery patronizes the race with Donna Caterina.

Prophet III., the chaser owned by Foxhall Keene, is now in the hands of J. Cannon at Newmarket. The horse has not yet sported silk on the other side, nor will he until Cannon is satisfied that he is in proper condition.

LEXINGTON TURF NOTES.

Eastern Shipment of Keene's Two-Year-Olds Delayed by Bad Weather.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 20.—An Eastern shipment of thoroughbreds has been held up here for nearly a week owing to the continued wet weather. In the shipment are several two-year-olds owned by J. R. Keene which Trainer James Rowe has called East from Castleton Farm. They are youngsters left in Kentucky to more fully develop as yearlings when the other colts and fillies of that age were sent on to Rowe last season.

One Kentucky breeder has lost his entire crop of prospective foals this season by the slipping epidemic raging in some sections of the blue grass region and another breeder has had as many as fifteen mares to slip. Some of the veterinarians now say the malady is a disease and no care or attention to mares in many cases can prevent it.

W. J. Young has a Kentucky Derby candidate in his stable in the three-year-old chestnut gelding Fleming, by Rensselaer, and he purposes to essay to fit the gelding for his engagements in that classic event. Fleming is a maiden, but showed stake class in his work before going wrong as a two-year-old in training at the Kentucky Association track last spring.

Millstream Stud's latest addition in the way of a stud matron is the noted race mare Disadvantage, which Miller, Bishop and Painter recently purchased of C. F. Hill for $5,000. Disadvantage is a full sister of Irene Lindsay and as a two-year-old in 1901 won the Zephyr and Sinkler and White Plains Handicap. Her first foal, a brown filly by Previous, is now a two-year-old in Julius Bauer's stable and is highly thought of by that trainer.

John Clay, who first rode and then trained with success many noted horses will once more race a string of horses this year, and he has already rented a training stable at the Kentucky Association track. He has a very promising colt now, a two-year-old by imp. Goldcrest, dam Tenchetah, by Tenny, which he has named Marcus Aurelius. Clay is the wealthiest of all colored jockeys or trainers.

Mike Mullen, the Cincinnati turfman who gave J. A. Madden $1,500 for the two-year-old chestnut colt by Pentecost, dam Batyah, by Falsetto, has bought of Madden at the same figure the black gelding by imp. Pontiac, dam Alexina, by Duke of Magenta. It is said these youngsters will be trained this season in the stable of J. J. Marklein & Co.

The three-year-old Faust, by imp. Mirthful, dam Imp, and the first foal dropped by that wonderful race mare, will perform as a gelding this year, having recently been added to that list by his owner, J. E. Madden. Faust is in all the big Kentucky handicaps, as well as the most important three-year-old classics of 1907 in that section and he has Western engagements also, having been nominated for the Kentucky Derby. Madden won that event with Plaudit in 1898.

Pope Joan, who ran second to Electioneer in the last Futurity in the colors of J. R. Keene, has gone to the stud at Castleton Farm and will be mated shortly to Delhi. Pope Joan has a muscular lameness which prevents her from being trained as a three-year-old this season.

A WISE SUGGESTION.

The "Field" on Universal Code of Rules for Popular Sports.

Englishmen are of the opinion that there should be a universal code of rules governing certain sports, especially those which Americans and Englishmen follow. Lacrosse is mentioned as one. It is suggested that the hockey rules should be the same. English rules governing Rugby football are the same in France, Germany and Austria, and were in America originally until distorted by change after change. Speaking of international contests, the *Field*, in an editorial, says:

"International athletic competitions are nowadays becoming so much a matter of course as to make it highly desirable that an understanding should be come to as to the rules and modes of play. England need not arrogate to herself that which is not hers if she regards herself as the fountain head of most of the outdoor games and exercises in which the youth of the world now indulges, for even in the case of such natural exercises as running and leaping the English were the first among modern nations to bring them under rule and regulation and popularize them as standard competitions.

"Our American cousins were quick to follow the attractive lead, but were soon out of leading strings. What they have done with what began as Rugby football the world knows; it has long been unlike any other known game. In athletics they have made important alterations; the hockey players of Holland seem likely to give our own many tough contests in the future, therefore it is all the more necessary that the Dutch and the English rules should be made to agree. The Dutch rules follow the freedom in the use of the stick on both sides that is associated with bandy, or ice hockey, in both countries, and at the game on the ice the Dutch are great adepts, as Haarlem taught the Fen men some years ago. Even at home we are not agreed as to the bandy rules, the Fen game, thanks possibly to the greater space available, being one with goals 300 yards apart, which makes it a more individual game than that played elsewhere.

"Now that a lacrosse team from Ottawa is promised we hear of 'English' rules being adopted. Hitherto we knew of but one set of rules for lacrosse. However, it seems that in Canada the width of the goal has been reduced from 8 feet to 5 feet. In recent years the rate of scoring at lacrosse has been very high, so the promised Canadian visit will afford an excellent opportunity for considering the goal question. So far the French, Germans and Austrians have been satisfied to keep football as we gave it them."

AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS.

NEW YORK MOTOR CLUB WIDENING ITS SCOPE.

Directors May Be Increased From Nine to Fifteen—A. G. Batchelder Elected Vice-President—Mr. and Mrs. Glidden Home After Disastrous Mexican Tour.

At their regular meeting last week the board of directors of the New York Motor Club unanimously elected A. G. Batchelder first vice-president of the organization. Mr. Batchelder is editor of the *Automobile* and was secretary of the American Automobile Association in 1905. The board named the president of the club, S. B. Stevens, as its representative on the directorate of the American Automobile Association and appointed the new first vice-president to represent the organization on the board of directors of the New York State Automobile Association. A committee was appointed to make changes in the by-laws of the club so as to simplify the executive work of the organization and at the same time widen its power for activity in many lines, such as legislation, good roads, contests, tours, &c. It is probable that the number of directors will be increased from nine to fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Glidden of Boston, the globe girdling motorists, have arrived in Boston after their disastrous experience in Mexico, when their automobile was wrecked while travelling on a railroad. Speaking of the wrecking of his car, Mr. Glidden says that nobody was to blame. "We were running twenty-eight miles an hour," he says, "on a straight track when a rock wedged in between the main track and a gard rail was struck by the flanges of the left wheels, and we jumped the rails and ran about ninety feet. The forward wheels collapsed and we were all spilled out, but no one was injured. Had not the wheels collapsed the car would have run up on a bank, overturned and undoubtedly buried us all underneath, with serious results. I tapped the telegraph wire, put on a set of instruments that I was carrying and immediately opened up communication with the train despatcher at Mexico city, securing assistance in a short time in the shape of a special train. We arrived in the City of Mexico on the time planned before leaving Boston, December 31."

United States Consul A. H. Michelson reports that the Automobile Club of Turin will inaugurate its fourth annual international automobile exhibition in the newly enlarged Piazzo delle Belle Arti of the Valentino on February 16. The exhibition is under the patronage of the King of Italy and will this year assume proportions not heretofore attained. Turin is the most important automobile centre of Italy and probably of Europe. It contains 21 of the 51 Italian companies engaged in the construction of automobiles, 8 of the 19 Italian automobile body builders and 7 of the 30 Italian makers of automobile accessories; a total of 34 out of the 100 Italian companies that manufacture automobiles and their accessories. In the exhibition of last year there were 102 exhibitors, only two of which showed American cars. Thirty thousand paying visitors saw the exhibition.

It is most important that a good number of American makers be represented in an exhibition held in such a centre of the automobile trade as Turin. While for high powered touring cars American makers will find the competition of European firms exceedingly difficult to meet, this should not prove the case with cars lower in horsepower and price. The exhibiting of lightweight runabouts should prove especially worth while. So far the Italian makers have not signally to realize the possibilities of good cars of this description on the Italian market. It can safely be said that American initiative which places runabouts on the Italian market at a price not over $1,000 will be battended with success. Cars of this description should have a long wheel base and should be fitted not with one but with two or more cylinders.

In his annual report retiring President E. H. Cutler of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers cleared up some of the uncertainty regarding denatured alcohol that had existed in the minds of members of the association. His remarks on the subject were as follows: "During the year 1905 this association gave financial support to a movement then in progress to secure the enactment of legislation designed to secure the removal of the internal revenue tax from alcohol unfit for beverage purposes. This resulted during the last year in the enactment by Congress of a law providing for the use entirely free of domestic alcohol rendered unsuitable for internal use. This law, which went into effect on January 1, with the regulations prescribed under it, is designed to give the greatest possible liberty in the production, sale and use of denatured alcohol and affords an opportunity for general experiment and investigation with alcohol as a motor fuel.

"The new law, we are informed, imposes no restrictions as to the size of distilleries, the matter of distilling alcohol being left as it was under the former internal revenue law, under which any person may become a registered distiller subject only to the regulations intended to prevent the sale of illicitly distilled spirits, and on application to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue can have the alcohol produced by him denatured in a 'denaturing bonded warehouse' to be situated on the distillery premises. The regulations governing the distillation of alcohol are simple and involve little trouble and no expense, as the entire charges for supervision by internal revenue officials are paid by the Government.

"Statements have been published to the effect that this law and the regulations issued under it operate in the interests of large distilleries and prevent the erection of small distilleries by the farmers. We are advised that there is no foundation for these statements; that any farmer who chooses to go to the expense of building and equipping a small distillery with a capacity of only seven or ten gallons per day can have his product denatured under Government supervision, without charge, and can sell his material freely wherever he chooses, and that there are already in existence about 3,000 small registered distilleries which have been devoted to the manufacture of beverage distilled spirits which may now engage in the manufacture of untaxed alcohol for industrial purposes. The following statement was recently issued by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes:

"I am surprised and entirely out of patience with the ignorance I have seen manifested by supposedly intelligent men who are discussing this denatured alcohol business. Members of Congress and the Senate, editors of big newspapers and ordinarily bright and up to date men of all vocations seem absolutely at sea when they get on this subject and relieve themselves of the most outlandish and absurd statements. As a matter of fact, the manufacture of alcohol and its supervision has not been altered one iota by this new law. It merely throws certain safeguards about the business of changing the nature of the product. It makes me sick to hear some Congressmen talk about the ease with which some German farmer can engage in the manufacture of denatured alcohol and the difficulties thrown in the way of our farmers.

"The German can go ahead and make all he wants, they say, and all the Government does is to send around a man a couple of times a week to unlock the lock on the container that holds the product. Now, I'd like to know what difference it makes to the farmer whether the Government inspector come around twice a week or stays on the place all the time. In either case the farmer does not pay the bill. The Government pays the salary of the inspector, and the farmer is not charged a cent. That's what this Government offers to do, and it does not make one bit of difference whether he makes five gallons, five hundred gallons, or five million gallons a day, the Government will pay the cost of inspection, and not a cent will be deducted from the pockets of the distiller for that purpose. There is nothing on earth to prevent any farmer in the country from going into the manufacture of denatured alcohol to-morrow if he wants to, and he can do it on a capital of $400, $4,000 or almost any amount he pleases. It is only a question with him whether it is going to pay him.

"The National Grange, an organization composed of more than 850,000 farmers, at its annual meeting held recently at Denver, adopted a report commending the enactment of this legislation. There has