

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

FIRST MOVES IN FENCING

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES TOO OFTEN SLIGHTED.

Professor J. Leslabay Outlines the Preliminary Movements as Taught by the Joinville-LePont French Military School of Fencing—The French and Italian Methods Differ Slightly.

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The Guard is the best position indicated by experience to be ready for either the attack or defense.

Position of Attention. The position of attention is the following: The feet at right angles with each other, the head erect, the right arm and foil extending downwards, the left hand hanging down naturally.

Taking the Guard from Attention. First—Place the arm and foil, the hand opposite the eye, the thumb over.

Second—Drop the arm and foil, the point four inches from the floor.

Third—Bring the arm horizontally to the body, turning the right hand, nails beneath, at the same time bring the left hand against the right.

Fourth—Bring up the foil, bending your arms, and passing it close to the body, over your head, the arms extended.

Fifth—Place the left arm behind your head in a curved position, at the same time drop the right hand in front of your right shoulder.

Sixth—Bend the legs, paring the knees, without moving the feet.

Seventh—Place the weight of the body on your left leg, advance the right foot a short distance; the right heel exactly on the same line as the left.

The following movements are drawn from the guard position:

The Advance. Bring the right foot to the front without disturbing either the body or the foil, and follow with the left foot at the original distance.

Bring back the left foot without disturbing either body or foil, and follow with the right foot at the same distance. The advance and retreat should be done quickly but without jumping.

The Calls. Beat twice the foil lightly with the right foot without altering the poise of the body.

Extension of the Arm (Right). Extend the arm without jerks, without moving either the shoulder or the body, at the same time turn the hand, placing the nails lightly over the point of the foil a little lower than the hand.

To return "in guard" bend the forearm without jerks. The fencer should always (when his arm is extended) be able to see over his own wrist.

The Lunge. The lunge should be vigorously done, as it is the movement which brings the thrust home.

The Retreat. To go back in "guard," bend quickly the left leg, bend the right arm, and throw the body back in the "guard" position, with the right foot in front.

The Recover to the Front. This exercise is the one which

MONARCHS MAY LOSE CROWNS

RECORDS OF LOU DILLON AND DAN PATCH QUESTIONED.

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At the concluding session of the board of review of the National Trotters' association, recently, the board took the following action in regard to the wind-shield records:

The National Trotting association reserves the question as to the proper classification of time performances made under unusual conditions over such courses and such men as Paul Parke and Kayser have fallen off.

The meaning of this resolution is that some new kind of classification will be arranged.

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PARIS IS ELECTRIFIED American Has New and Startling Way of Looping-the-Loop.

J. H. Barber, an American cyclist and loop-the-loop specialist, has brought out a new variation of the trick in Paris which Frenchmen have viewed with breathless interest and excitement.

Barber rides on a wheel the inside of a loop from the top of the circumference of which a gap six yards wide has been cut.

Apparently the cyclist in his whirlwind riding of the inside circle flies across this gap, defying the laws of nature.

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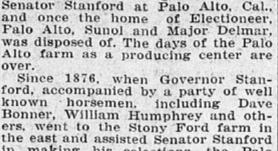
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where he is to start a stock farm at Chesterton, Cambridge.

"I have already purchased 300 acres there," said Mr. Duryea, "and will ship Peter and twelve mares which I own across the ocean."

The mares are choice bred ones, all of whom have records of 2:08 or better.

The establishment in England of a trotting stock farm will be the first ever made by any American in that country.

Many horses have been purchased and sent abroad to be sold or used as roadsters, but never before have trotters been exported by an American for the purpose of breeding.

It is the intention of the master of Patchen Wilkes' farm to breed, raise and develop the produce of the stallion and matrons which he is

what variation of the old loop-the-loop trick he defines nature he has not yet divulged.

He appears to ride thru the air over the gap, and that has been enough to thrill the show-goers of Paris.

AMES CLAIMS THE TITLE "CYCLONES" THINK THEY HAVE MADE BETTER RECORD THAN THE IOWA STATE ELEVEN.

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 12.—Ames Cyclones, since the decisive defeat of Drake here Thanksgiving Day, claim the championship in Iowa football for the year 1902.

The claim is based on the following comparative scores of teams with which both Ames and Iowa have played the present season:

Ames 9, Minnesota 16.

Iowa 0, Minnesota 15.

Ames 42, Grinnell 6.

Iowa 17, Grinnell 0.

Ames 11, Simpson 2.

Iowa 32, Simpson 2.

Ames 43, Cornell 0.

Iowa 6, Cornell 0.

Ames 9, Drake 9.

Iowa 22, Drake 6.

Total scores for Ames against opponents 112.

Total for Iowa against opponents, 77.

Opponents' score against Ames 53.

Opponents' score against Iowa 83.

Ames challenged Iowa repeatedly for games this season, but Iowa has always found some excuse to refuse.

Today a game was arranged, but Iowa refused to play, Ames because of this refusal and the better showing in the comparative scores with teams which both schools have played, claims the championship.

The Ames squad was coached this season by Dr. Rime, formerly of Harvard. He will return next year and will have all his old men except three.

The Main Traveled Line to Sioux City and Omaha is the North-Western Line (Omaha road). Five trains a day with connections in Union Pacific union depot at Omaha for Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Salt Lake City and all points in Oregon and California. Thru tourist cars for California Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday every week. Get tickets and information at 600 Nicollet av., Minneapolis, Minn.

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