O'BRIEN AND BURNS

Fighters to Meet at Los Angeles for $30,000 Purse.

BOUT TO TAKE PLACE IN MAY

Twenty-five Rounds Agreed Upon as the Limit, and Winner Will Carry Away 60 Per Cent of the Purse. Burns Starts East to Join Theatrical Company—Forfeits Posted.

New York, Dec. 23.—After waiting in vain for a larger offer from the Rhyolite Athletic Club, of Nevada, Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns have signed articles for a twent-five-round fight to be decided at the Pacific Athletic Club, of Los Angeles, some time between May 7 and 14, for a purse of $30,000. The pugilists reached an agreement Saturday night, each man posting a forfeit of $2,500 to appear at Los Angeles on March 18 and begin training.

Either Jim Jeffries or George Siler will be the referee, and in case neither can be induced to accept, some other competent boxing judge will be mutually agreed upon.

The $30,000 purse will be cut up on the basis of 60 per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. The contest will be governed by straight Queensberry rules, all other points at issue to be decided by the manager of the club. The men will be permitted to wear fingerless kid gloves and soft bandages on their hands prior to drawing on the four-ounce mitts. O'Brien has received permission to box any one he may select before March 10, and intimates that he may accept a challenge from Gunner Moir, the English heavy-weight. As soon as the articles had been signed Burns started East, to go on a theatrical tour.

Avoid a Finish Fight.

In making this match, Burns and O'Brien have avoided taking part in a fight to a finish in the State of Nevada, which would have definitely settled the question of supremacy. Jeffries, it will be recalled, declared their recent limited round battle at Los Angeles a draw, which has caused a great deal of discussion ever since.

This match, incidentally, means that Jeffries will not have a chance to return to the ring for nearly a year, if then. The boilermaker has declared that he would fight the winner of the Burns-O'Brien affair for a purse of $50,000, but, as all sporting men know, an offer of this kind for such an uninteresting, one-sided contest would hardly be made by responsible promoters. So Jeffries will have to wait until some young giant looms up, equipped with both skill and prestige.

RACING CARD FOR TO-DAY.

New Orleans.

FIRST RACE—Four and one-half furlongs.

Duchess of Montebello	98	Kaiserhoff	103
Gargantus	110	Spider Web	102
Windfall	105	Kankakee	104
Zamiiss	98	Apprice	108
Coltess	110	Toy Boy	98
Jack Hardy	103	Mallac	103
Earl of Leicester	103	Joe Davis	101
Bellmence	98		

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs.

Tyrolian	107	Incantation	107
Dapple Gold	107	Gentian	106
Woodclaim	107	Palloday	103
Gravilla	106	Frontenac	110
Silver Skin	107	Calabash	106
Ill Dottore	110	Babe B.	105
Sidney F.	103	Old Hal	107
Merrick	103		

THIRD RACE—One mile and seventy yards.

Jacono	86	Knight of Ivanhoe	88
Allowmaise	85	Beau Brummel	85
Charlatan	104	Joe Lesser	104
Royal Breeze	86	Ternus	107
Missouri Lad	101	St. Valentine	110
Debar	104	Onriso	110

FOURTH RACE—Six and one-half furlongs.

John Kauffman	87	Rebo	104
Belle Strome	102	Columbia Girl	91
Pompadour	79	Glamor	98
Hannibal Bey	106	Toboggan	111
Dargin	103	De Oro	95
Sir Toddington	95	Monet	111

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Narelle	113	Lucy Marie	106
Sally Preston	110	Baneful	109
Druien	112	Belle Scott	109
Glendover	109	Hyperbole	108
Anna Roskin	104	Spion	104
Belle Strome	104	Paragon	112
Judge Burroughs	112	Nedra	109
Blackburn	109	Frank Flesher	109

SIXTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; selling.

Lena J.	91	Lampadrome	108
Bitter Brown	102	Florizel	110
Mahogany	102	Henry Watterson	113
King Ellsworth	103	Gladiator	115
Sanction	106	Old Stone	120
Marvin Neal	107	Lucky Charm	111

Ascot Park.

FIRST RACE—Handicap steeplechase; short course.

Cazador	153	Dr. Logan	145
Decimo	145	May S.	125
William Parrish	140	Lady Chiswell	128
Potrero Chico	139	Indian II	128

SECOND RACE—Purse; two-year-olds; five and one-half furlongs.

Nappa	110	Dominus Arvi	105
Treasure Seeker	110	Josie S.	102
Round Dance	110	Early Flower	102
Elancer	107	Dunce	107
Phil Igo	105	Irish Mail	97

THIRD RACE—Purse; one and one-eighth miles.

Reservation	105	Van Hope	98
Uncle Henry	107	Ding Dong II	97
Bill Curtis	108	Baron Esher	95
Cotillion	105	McGrathiana Prince	93
Gentle Harry	102	Needful	93
Freesias	98	Luckett	85

FOURTH RACE—Purse; one mile.

J. F. Donohue	103	Niblick	92
Cigar Lighter	104	John Lyle	99
Sly Ben	105	Colonel Bronston	98

FIFTH RACE—Purse; maiden two-year-olds; Futurity course.

J. R. Laughrey	110	No Bid	107
Otto Price	107	Lady Kitty	107
Virginian Lorrain	107	E. B. H.	102
Arragon	105	Cadet	102
Stedger	105	Gold Ledge	102
St. Albans	107	Tags	102
Royal Ascot	107		

SIXTH RACE—Purse; one mile.

Gilpin	108	George F. Milner	105
Sheriff Bell	108	Line of Life	105
Meringo	105	Black Gem	102
Prince Ching	105	King of the Mist	102

Oakland.

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs; purse.

Acdenes	109	Nancy W.	110
Nopsey	110	Rose Cherry	110
Lady Laughter	110	Sea Pearl	110
Jezebel	110	Calla	110
Bona	110	Furze	110
Pescadera	110		

SECOND RACE—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile; selling.

Nabonassar	112	Varro	109
Bearskin	109	Prince Nap	105
Chamblis	109	Jake Moose	105
Gil Blas	109	Leila Hill	104

THIRD RACE—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile.

Invader	109	Captain Burnett	105
Clandestine	109	Alma Boy	105
Frolic	108	Elle	104
Rotron	105	Monaco Maid	104

FOURTH RACE—One mile; selling.

Jackfull	109	Anril	104
Prestige	107	W. R. Gates	104
Baker	107	Andrew Mack	102
King Cole	107	San Remo	102

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs; purse.

Wool Sandals	108	Blagg	105
Fair Pagot	108	Burning Bush	100
Clamor	108	Convent Bell	100
Sainrida	106	Miss Turtle	100
Grace G.	100		

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs; purse.

Judge	112	Boloman	105
Cloud Light	109	Nector	105
Shady Lad	109	Woolma	88
Rightful	105		

Jockey Miller's Real Name.

It is now said that Jockey Miller's real name is William Goldstein, and that not many years ago he was a Park Row newsboy. He is spending the evenings at Oakland in disporting himself in a roller skating rink, and is wearing a $1,000 solitaire diamond ring. Some turfmen insist that the midget's head has become greatly swollen, but this is not a serious fault, if he continues to ride with the phenomenal skill he has shown in the past.

CARD AT NEW ORLEANS.

Glamor Figures Strong in the Gentily Stakes.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—The feature of the card for New Orleans to-morrow is the Gentily Stakes, at six and one-half furlongs, with Glamor, Sir Toddington, Monet, Rebo, and Belle Strome probably the best. In the first race for maiden two-year-olds, at four and one-half furlongs, Garguanta, Windfall, Kaiserhoff, and Kankakee have chances.

In the second race, at six furlongs, Merrick, Incantation, Gentian, and Gravilla may run well.

In the third race, at one mile and seventy yards, St. Valentine, Jacono, Allowmaise, and Royal Breeze look formidable.

In the fifth race, at six furlongs, Spion, Belle Strome, Sally Preston, Blackburn, and Hyperbole look the best.

In the last race, at one and one-sixteenth miles, Marvin Neal, Lampadrome, Lucky Charm, and Old Stone may be factors.

NO RACING IN KANSAS CITY.

Supreme Court Denies Rehearing of the Oldham Case.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Although the Supreme Court at Jefferson City yesterday overruled the motion of Attorney General Hadley for a rehearing of the old race track case, racing will not be resumed in Kansas City.

The effect of the court's decision is to discharge Charles Oldham, who was held in $500 in the Criminal Court here for registering a bet on a race at the Elm Ridge track last May. The bet was telephoned across the line into Kansas. J. H. Harkless, attorney for the Kansas City Jockey Club, which controls the Elm Ridge track, said this morning that while the club did not regard race meetings with betting as illegal, it was not contemplating further meetings. Arrangements have already been made, he said, to use the track and grounds for other purposes.

BURGOMASTER AND ARTFUL

Whitney Horses Will Be Entered in Big Stake Events.

Both Went Wrong Last Spring, But They Are Rounding Into Shape Again.

New York, Dec. 23.—Next week entries will close for the Brooklyn and Suburban Handicap and a few weeks later Handicapper Vosburgh will make known the weights. If H. P. Whitney enters Artful and Burgomaster, which now seems probable, they will probably receive the top imposts. Burgomaster is more likely to race than Artful. The Hamburg colt, who looked like the champion three-year-old of the season, when he went wrong last spring, has been coming around nicely since he was fired and blistered. A slightly bowed tendon threw him out of training, but John W. Rogers, at the time, did not relinquish all hope of getting Burgomaster back to the races.

The Hamburg colt, a magnificent race horse in all that the word implies, is wintering well and has apparently recovered from his disability to such an extent that Mr. Whitney and his trainer believe that he will go to the post early next year.

Artful, who went wrong several days before the Brooklyn Handicap was run last spring, has not improved so rapidly as Burgomaster, but there is still a chance that she may be able to face the starter again. Accountant, who carried off nearly all the three-year-old stakes in the East, will surely be named for the handicap, together with the crack three-year-old mare Whimsical, Flip Flap, Tangle, and Running Water, the three-year-old Ormondale, and others of the same age.

Of the older division, Go-Between, winner of this year's Suburban, and Tokalon, victorious in the Brooklyn, will also be found among the big handicap entries. It is an accepted prophecy that the Hitchcock jr.'s Salvidere, the champion two-year-old of 1906, will receive the post of honor among the coming three-year-olds in the weight assignments for the Suburban, Brooklyn, Brighton, and other big events for which he will probably be named. Nealon, now owned by Boots Durnell, will also be named for nearly all the distance events to be run in 1907.

GANNON TO RIDE ABROAD.

Jockey Engaged by Prince Leberiskey, Nephew of Czar of Russia.

New York, Dec. 23.—Jockey William Gannon, who formerly rode for L. V. Bell and J. H. McCormick, until he took on so much weight that he decided to become a trainer, will ride in Russia next season. Gannon, who is at New Orleans, has made arrangements to ride for Prince Leberiskey, a nephew of the Czar, who is a friend of Reginald Vanderbilt, and is in this city just at present. The prince has charge of the imperial stables at St. Petersburg and Moscow, and will have 110 horses in training. Gannon, who can easily make the weights on the other side, will be the head rider among a dozen jockeys. He will receive a salary of $5,000 for the season, with $3,000 extra added for expenses. He will sail for Europe in about ten days.

BOXING NOTES.

Honey Mellody, of Charlestown, and Terry Martin, of Philadelphia, have been matched for a meeting in Maine early in January.

Amby McGarry and his old-time rival, Unk Russell, have been matched for a six-round meeting in Philadelphia, to take place New Year's eve.

Darkey Haley, of England, who arrived in New York a few days ago, has been matched to fight Tommy O'Toole in Philadelphia January 12.

Frank Mantell, of Pawtucket, one of the coming light-weights of New England, has been matched with Tom Sayers, of Maine, and will fight in Augusta.

The followers of boxing, or at least some of them, are figuring it out that Kid Herman will have just about the same chance against Joe Gans that Tommy Burns had against Jack O'Brien.

If Dave Deshler whips Charlie Neary when they meet in Milwaukee on New Year's Day he will be given a chance with Jimmy Britt in Los Angeles some time during the latter part of January.

Harry Lewis is in Denver training for his fight with Jimmy Gardner January 3, and with Dick Hylands two weeks later, and his friends are banking on him to win both matches, though Lewis is up against the hardest proposition he ever tackled since he started in the fighting game.

Jimmy Briggs, of Chelsea, and Young Corbett are to be matched for a meeting in Providence at the Standard Athletic Club, after the latter's bout with Tommy Murphy. This is, of course, provided that Young Corbett makes a good showing against Murphy. In case he should fail to do so, Unk Russell, of Philadelphia, will be put on instead.

Bat Nelson says that when he goes to his old home in Copenhagen, Denmark, people will think Jim Jeffries retired because he was afraid to meet him. Bat and Manager Nolan have tried to get away with even bigger bluffs than that.

MAN AT THE BARRIER

Mars Cassidy Tells of the Art of Starting Horses.

THE TASK A MOST TRYING ONE

Adoption of the "Gate" Has Been a Great Help in Getting Fields Away in Alignment—Little Jockeys a Bother to the Starter, but He is Lenient with Them—Bad at Post.

Although still at times open to criticism, it must, I think, be admitted that very considerable improvement has been made within the last few years in starting horses for a race, says Mars Cassidy, the noted starter. The general betterment of conditions in other details of horse racing has unquestionably been extended to the very important one of sending off large fields of horses on equal terms with the least possible delay at the post. For the improvement generally which has taken place in the conduct of racing, the public is greatly indebted to the efforts of the Jockey Club, and during my experience as official starter I can willingly testify to the strong support which I have at all times been accorded by the stewards in my efforts to maintain the necessary discipline among the jockeys under my control. Unless backed up by the hearty co-operation of these gentlemen, it is hardly necessary to say that the position of a starter would not be a very enviable one.

When one recalls the tedious, tiresome delays at the post, which were the rule, rather than the exception, before the introduction of the starting gate, one realizes how much the racing world is indebted to the inventive genius of the Australian, Alexander Gray, for the mechanical release which has superseded all over the world the old-time style of starting horses by lowering a flag or beating a drum. It was in 1888, so I am informed, that the barrier was first used by Gray at a suburban race course near the city of Melbourne, in Australia, but it was not until eight years after, in the spring of 1896, that it was used in this country. It was introduced to California by R. E. de B. Lopez, owner of the well-known little brown horse, Articulate, when that sterling piece of horseflesh was raced by "Bob" Smith. Lopez had been a racing man in Australia, and had secured the American rights for the invention.

Lopez's Starting Gate.

It was at the Ingleside track, San Francisco, that Lopez made his first start with the gate in a hurdle race. My friends, Judges Joe Murphy and Capt. Rees, were in the stewards' stand on that occasion, and they were both filled with apprehension when they saw Lopez, with his inseparable big pipe in mouth, line the horses up in front of the machine. To their relief, the start was a perfect one, and the applause of the crowd had not died away when the horses had returned to scale. The barrier came into immediate use, as Ed Corrigan took it a month or so afterward to the Memphis spring meeting, from whence it worked its way to the East.

For some time after its introduction the starting gate was accompanied by the use of the recall flag. This meant that if the starter was not satisfied with the alignment of the horses when the barrier was sprung he failed to drop a flag which he held, and called out, "Come back." The fact that it was no start was signaled to the jockeys by a flagman, who held an advance flag some seventy-five yards in front of the starting post, and who, when he perceived that the starter failed to lower his flag, did likewise.

The recall was first introduced as a safeguard in case the starting gate failed, as occasionally it did, to work properly. The system, however, was a radically bad one, and open to many objections, in spite of which fact it was only after considerable persuasion that the authorities were induced to abolish it. One of the worst features of the recall system was the opportunity it offered to jockeys to "point" by declining to accept what would have been an equal motion when the gate was sprung. The numerous false starts made wore horses out at the post, the delays frequently occasioned were an insufferable nuisance, and it caused a feeling of great relief when it was dropped into the limbo of things forgotten.

Starter's Work Difficult.

Although very great improvement has been made in the starting of horses, brought about in great measure by the fact that more attention is paid to the schooling of horses, and that rigid discipline is exacted from the jockeys, it frequently is made the subject of considerable criticism. Too much, I sometimes think, is expected from the starter. He is to be at his best all the time, and no excuses are accepted. Frequently after a start in which every horse has been in perfect line, a jam occurs; two or three horses are knocked back, but from the stand, it appears as though those horses were left and the "dopesters" immediately make their note. "Poor start." This sort of thing the starter must expect. It is all in the day's work.

Frequently, however, the starter's work is blamed for the loss of a race, when the result ought to be attributed to other causes. Nowadays, with the aid of the form chart, and the reports of expert clockers, the handicappers figure the results of a race very closely. When from some unforseen fact a bad ride, a slight alteration in the track, some interference which frequently takes place, the result does not come out in accordance with their calculations, they naturally cast about for some excuse. Some one is to blame, for, of course, the figures cannot be wrong, so the poor starter catches it, and in this way often comes in for severe criticism for which the occasion has no warrant. I cannot, of course, speak for the rest of the members of my profession, but for my own part the occasional "kicking" of hard losers does not bother me if my work in general proves satisfactory to my employers and the public.

Troubles with Jockeys.

Naturally a starter occasionally has his troubles with the jockeys. Among the great number of little fellows now riding whose employment is necessitated by the very light weights under which horses race in this country, there are many who lack the experience and strength necessary to control a restive thoroughbred. Indeed, it has often been a wonder to me how well these midget jockeys get on, and that they do so well is proof of the precocity of our American youth, whose ability in the saddle makes them foremost as race riders all the world over. With these youngsters starting out in their profession, anxious naturally to make a name for themselves and get to the front, some trouble is to be expected. To discriminate between stubborn disobedience, and the faults caused by overanxiety to do the best for his mount calls for the exercise of considerable judgment on the part of a starter. I have always endeavored to exercise patience and deal as leniently as possible with riders whose faults mainly arise from overanxiety and inexperience. With the older jockeys, who are better acquainted with what is required of them and whose example is followed by the younger riders, I am inclined to deal more firmly.

Punishing the Riders.

I do not believe much good is achieved by "bulldozing" riders. A little quiet talk to refractory boys, pointing out to them the inevitable result which must follow if they persist in wrongdoing, such as lunging their horses at the barrier, I have found will do more good than storming at them and indiscriminately inflicting fines. As a method of punishment, and especially for repeated misbehavior, I have very little faith in the efficacy of fines. Suspension is the punishment that all jockeys dread, and a week on the ground is more apt to teach a disobedient jockey the necessary lesson than any amount of fines. There is reason in this, for the fines are frequently paid by the owner of the horses, who instructs the jockey to get away well at any hazard, and that he, the owner, will be responsible for anything that happens from a pecuniary point of view. I sometimes think if some punishment could be meted out to owners who issue such instructions to riders it would do a great deal toward lightening the starter's labor. On the whole, the boys now riding are well behaved and obedient. If a starter possesses their respect and confidence he will get on well with them. If they see that he is anxious to give all of them what our worthy President terms "a square deal" they appreciate the fact very quickly and respond to his efforts. To obtain and retain that confidence of the jockeys that is born of the knowledge that they will be fairly and justly treated is for a starter to win more than half the battle.

Bad Actors at Post.

The question is frequently asked, "How is it that we have so many bad actors?" The query has no reference to the number of gentlemen out of a job who may be found along the "Great White Way." In racing parlance, a "bad actor" is a horse which behaves obstinately in a half-crazy manner when lined up at the post for the start of a race. Bad actors in nine cases out of ten are made such by bad jockeys, the remaining exception being some animal which has been imperfectly broken or is cursed by heredity with a very bad temper. Horses soon get to know what is wanted of them at the post, and they cannot understand why they are needlessly twisted and wheeled and rushed toward the barrier, only to be stopped, and the process repeated again and again. Continually "tiptoeing" their mounts in this fashion rouses a horse's temper, and in time many of them become mulish and sour on the game. The object of the rider is to get off well in motion, as a horse, even though he be a couple of lengths behind the rest of the field, will obtain a big advantage and quickly forge to the front if the barrier is released just as he is in the act of swinging. I am a thorough believer in the great advantage to a starter of having competent assistants, who must be experienced horsemen and reliable men. In addition to their duties when horses are at the post, it is part of their business to "school" horses, and in proportion to the care and intelligence exercised by them in this very important detail are successful results obtained by the starter. The use of a whip by assistant starters is objected to by some. It is the abuse of that aid which is objectionable. In the hands of a competent, cool-headed man, a whip is undoubtedly of great assistance in helping to control a big field of horses at the post, and I recommend its use when wisely used.

HARVARD WANTS COBURN.

Doubtful if Last Year's Baseball Coach Will Take Position Again.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Harvard is looking for a head coach in baseball. Entreaties to several old captains and stars have been of little avail. It is doubtful if Paul Coburn, who had charge of the 'varsity nine last spring, will have time to coach another year. Within a month indoor practice in the cage on Soldiers' Field will begin. The lack of aspirants for coach has begun to look alarming in Crimson athletic circles. Capt. Dexter and Manager Sugden have been busy looking for a leader, but the men most desired appear to have other engagements.

The players on last season's nine all want Coburn back again, but the former pitcher says at present it looks absolutely impossible. During the football season he was waited upon about twice a week by groups of friends, who tried to suggest how he might come back, but they were unable to persuade him. He is a close friend of Dexter, captain this year, who is exerting every effort to secure him.

MIDDIES IN BASKET-BALL.

Sailors Will Play Their First Game Next Saturday.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 23.—Many local lovers of athletics will be given their first opportunity of witnessing the game of basket-ball on Saturday next, when two teams selected from the midshipmen will play an exhibition game. This sport makes its first appearance at the Naval Academy this winter, and Homer Norton, the quarter back of the football team, has succeeded in mustering a big squad of candidates. Practice is held daily. A schedule of games is now being arranged, and, it is stated, a date has practically been closed with Georgetown.

Jack Doyle Now a Manager.

The veteran Jack Doyle, once a favorite New York player at the Polo Grounds, has just signed to manage the Milwaukee American Association team. Doyle has been associated with so many different ball teams during his career that it is a difficult matter to keep track of his movements. Doyle began his professional career with the Canton (Ohio) team in 1889, but he was quickly snapped up by the Clevelands, who turned him over to New York in 1892. He was a catcher then, but John M. Ward made him a first baseman in 1894. Doyle for a time was the manager of the New York team in 1895, after which he was traded to the Baltimores, with whom he remained a couple of seasons.

BOWLING SCHEDULES.

DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.
(Palace Alleys.)
Wednesday—G. P. O. vs. Bureau.
Thursday—Commerce vs. Treasury.
Friday—Post-office vs. Agriculture.

PLATE PRINTERS' LEAGUE.
(Brandt's Alleys.)
Saturday—St. Louis vs. Boston.

BINDERS' LEAGUE.
(Royal Alleys.)
Monday—Cowboys vs. Foundry.
Wednesday—Unions vs. Blanks.
Friday—Stampers vs. Rulers.

RAILWAY LEAGUE.
(On Own Alleys.)
Wednesday—General Office vs. Eastern.
Friday—Lighting Company vs. Columbia.

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CULPEPER DIVIDED

Killing of Bywaters May Open Old Political Fights.

FACTIONS ARE WELL DEFINED

Feuds of Ballot, Fierce in Past, but Nearly Healed, May Be Fanned to Blazing Heat Once More by Act of Strother Boys—Widow to Testify Against Physician in This City.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Culpeper, Va., Dec. 23.—As the result of the visit of Detective Cornwall, of the Washington police force, it is intimated that although there is some division among the members of the family on the subject, Mrs. Viola Bywaters, whose husband, William Bywaters, was shot by his brothers-in-law shortly after he married their sister a week ago Saturday, will go to Washington when the case of Dr. Leon is called for trial. He is the physician who was implicated by her statement to the coroner's jury, and it is understood that pressure may be brought to bear to have Mrs. Bywaters go to Washington to testify against him if he is identified as the physician in the case.

That the shooting of Bywaters will do much to open old political and social breaches in Culpeper and Culpeper County is the belief of many people who have viewed the matter dispassionately, but the principals in the two factions will say little concerning their future attitude.

The friends of Bywaters claim that the shooting was cold-blooded murder, while the followers of the Strother boys insist that they simply invoked the "unwritten law" of Virginia.

The "honor code" of the early days is still greatly respected in the Piedmont section of Virginia. It, too, deals with the "unwritten law," but it says that when the man marries the young woman, the right of vengeance ceases, he having made the amende honorable.

Were Chums as Boys.

Young "Billy" Bywaters and the Strother boys were born and reared in the county—in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Strothers are related to the Bywaters through their mother. The Strother boys, with the exception of "Phil," are older than Bywaters. "Phil" Strother and "Billy" Bywaters chummed together when they were boys, and Bywaters was a frequent visitor at Rotherwood, the Strother home, about four miles out of town. They hunted foxes together, rode races, and indulged in other sports.

Bywaters considered Rotherwood as much his home as any place, and he was always Miss Viola's escort to the social affairs of the community. They rode after the hounds together, and before either was twenty years old Miss Viola Strother was desperately in love with her daredevil cousin, who rode well, owned the best pack of hounds in the county, was handsome, accomplished, well educated, and rather thriftless.

He never appeared able to settle down to making money. He was the idol of his mother, and seemed to devote himself more to her than to any other member of his own family. He was noted in the countryside as the best dancer, and it was nothing for him to ride twenty or twenty-five miles at night to attend a dance. He was not in any sense a "lady's man," yet more than half of the proudest young women of Culpeper and adjoining counties were in love with him.

Strothers Took to Politics.

While young Bywaters was enjoying life, without a care, and devoting himself to his horses and hounds, the Strother boys were forging ahead in politics. Their father, Col. J. R. Strother, a valorous Confederate soldier, had represented the county at the Richmond assembly for years, and they followed in his footsteps in politics. The Strother family had been prominent in the politics of the State for nearly 100 years.

Bywaters, although accepted by the community as the sweetheart of Viola Strother, was affiliated in politics with the patrician faction of the Democratic party, which is represented by the Rixey-Barbour-Grimsley combination. The Rixeys are relatives of Surg. Gen. Rixey, of the United States navy, while the Barbours are the relatives of the former president of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. The Grimsleys are related to the Bywaters, Bywaters' mother having been a Grimsley.

"Billy" Bywaters paid little attention to politics except to follow his own immediate family, and in this way never clashed with his cousins, the Strother boys. The latter have not the social polish of the opposing political faction, but they could get out the vote and were generally successful in electing their men to office.

A few years ago Billy Bywaters was selected by the Rixey-Barbour faction, because of his popularity, to run for the office of county treasurer, then filled by S. R. Smith, an adherent of the Strother faction. He ran against Smith.

Beaten by Close Margin.

The campaign was the most heated known in that section. Everybody wanted to vote for Bywaters, but the Strother faction put on the screws and kept their followers in line. Smith, it is said, was compelled to spend much money to secure his election, and two weeks before it took place wanted to withdraw, believing he was hopelessly beaten. The Strothers would not hear of it.

By an arrangement with some of Bywaters' managers it was decided to close the saloons the day the primaries were held. This was fatal to Bywaters, as the saloonmen and the votes they controlled believed Bywaters was becoming too strait-laced politically, and voted for Smith. Bywaters was beaten by less than 100 votes.

Old Factions Lined Up.

These breaches, of late years so poorly defined as to be almost blotted out, have reopened, and as pretty nearly every one in the county is related to one side or the other, it is probable that people who have been on friendly terms for the past ten or twelve years will again follow opposite courses, and the gulf may continue to widen to proportions far beyond anything seen in the past.

That there was any politics in the killing can be emphatically denied, as the Strothers did only what they believed was right as a matter of justice to their sister and the Strother family, but the old affiliations will crop out in Culpeper County affairs for years to come.

WILL SEE MRS. BYWATERS.

Detective Will Return to Culpeper to Get Widow's Statement.

It has been intimated that Detective Cornwall, whose return from Culpeper resulted in the arrest of Dr. Edward Leon in connection with the Strother-Bywaters case, will probably return to Culpeper this week to get a personal statement from Mrs. Bywaters, widow of the dead man, whom he could not see on his former trip.

The police are confident Mrs. Bywaters will come to Washington to testify when the case against Dr. Leon is called, but will leave no stone unturned to make a case against him.

Dr. Leon refused to see visitors yesterday. He has continually denied his connection with the matter, claiming mistaken identity, and has left his case wholly in the hands of his attorneys.

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M'GUIRE THE VETERAN.

Has Been Twenty-three Years in Baseball Harness.

From the Philadelphia North American.

Lave Cross, Jake Beckley, Tommy Corcoran, Bill Dahlen, and the rest have to give in to Jim McGuire. He's the boss veteran of the bunch. Before a number of his fellow-members of the New York American League club were born Jim was a star catcher in National League company.

He has been there twenty-three years, spending most of the time in Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington, and New York. We, in this city, remember him as the receiving end of the old Casey and McGuire battery that used to be death to lefthand hitting teams in the middle '80's.

Casey passed into the ranks of the "has-beens" so long ago that the younger fans hardly know his name, but McGuire goes along as though he knew not what the passage of time meant.

And just as good as ever, too. Not in the kindly, apologetic way in which the phrase is sometimes used, but actually, according to the undeniable testimony of the records.

President Johnson's figures, just issued, show that during the season of 1906 McGuire hit for .229, barely missing the .300 class.

They had to be hits, too—good, solid ones—for Jim never was a sprinter, who could beat out bunts, and is still less likely to be so now. Any time he was credited with a hit in the records, it is a certainty it was a good smash that nobody had an opportunity to get.

McGuire has a good chance to break all records for length of service in big-league ranks. An army of fans, the country over, will hope that he may.

BEAUMONT FOR BOSTON.

Pittsburg Fielder Likely to Be Transferred to Tenney's Team.

Boston, Dec. 23.—It looks very much as if Clarence Beaumont, of the Pittsburg club, would be the player who will be turned over to the Boston Nationals. President Dovey isn't hazarding any opinion on the matter, but the indications point very much that way. Another such is Roy Thomas, of the Phillies, who may be cast loose next spring. If waivers were asked on this player, it is very likely that Tenney would make a play for him in a minute. Beaumont is one of the best bunters there is in the country, and if he can regain his old-time speed will be a very valuable man, indeed, for a club.

Boston will not be so bad off in any contingency, as "Cosey" Dolan is a good man to lead off, is a first-class inside player, and has plenty of sand and nerve. Last season Dolan batted for close to .400 in the latter part of the season.

GRIFFITH COMING EAST.

New York Manager Soon to Begin Signing Up His Team.

New York, Dec. 23.—Clark Griffith, manager of the New York Americans, who has been spending several weeks on his Montana ranch, will be in town shortly after New Year's Day, when he will begin to make arrangements for the coming campaign. Griffith is a member of the American League rules committee, and he may have some suggestions to offer to the magnates when they convene in February.

In the meantime it is probable that he will advise Frank Farrell to complete a couple of deals for new pitchers, at the same time sending out a bunch of contracts to the players who will represent this city in the championship race next summer. Griffith intends to take the New York Americans to Atlanta on or about March 1.

Lindsay Demands Release.

Chris Lindsay, the Detroit first baseman who will be succeeded next season by Claud Rossman, has been heard from. Chris is bitter. He says the official averages did not treat him fairly, and, among other remarks, states that he will not go to any other club to which he may be sold. He says he will demand his release. The Detroit owners plan to sell him to either Baltimore or St. Paul.

TALENT FOR LANGUAGE.

Jeremiah Curtin, the Author, Had Acquired Sixty or Seventy.

From the Hartford Times.

Jeremiah Curtin, who died at Bristol, Vt., on Friday, was one of those men who have an extraordinary talent for acquiring languages, of which he was said to know sixty or seventy. He had also the desire, which does not always go with that gift, to travel and study each language in its home. So it came about that soon after his graduation at Harvard, in 1863, he got himself appointed secretary of the United States legation in Russia. Later he was made consul general in Russia, and in these two places he spent half a dozen years or more. Here he laid the foundation for much of his knowledge of the Slavonic languages.

Afterward he was employed by the Smithsonian Institution in the bureau of ethnology. He traveled extensively, especially for the study of folklore. In 1901 he made a journey around the world with special reference to Eastern Asia, and obtained much valuable material among the Buriats, the only tribe of Mongols which retains the famous horse sacrifice and has preserved its early creation myths. The following year Mr. Curtin spent in visits to the Indian tribes of this country.

He was a prolific writer in his specialties and a large translator. To many he is best known as the translator of the novels of Henryk Sienkiewicz. He was born in Milwaukee in 1840. The cause of his death was Bright's disease.

She Protests.

From the Cleveland Leader.

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From Review of Reviews.

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