ST. SIMON LEADS ALL ENGLISH SIRES.

Review of Racing Season Shows Large Percentage of Galopin Blood in Winning Horses.

LADAS ALSO SUCCESSFUL.

The Earl of Rosebery's Old Derby Winner Has Made His Mark in the Stud—Florizel II at the Top.

American turfmen will read with great interest the appended tabulated statement showing the leading twelve stallions on the English turf in 1901. The great preponderance of the Galopin blood will be especially noted.

The statement includes all races on the English turf, from March 25 to the end of the season at Manchester. Irish and French meetings are not included, and only flat races are dealt with. In the event of a dead heat not being run off each horse is credited with half the amount of the stakes, and in the appended list of the first dozen stallions of the year an asterisk is employed to denote such an occurrence, while the figures in the first column indicate the number of races which have been won by the horses against whose names they appear.

Since St. Simon's first appearance as a sire his career has been one unbroken success. Between 1889 and the present time his winnings have never been below five figures, and the grand total for the thirteen years amounts to no less than £446,121 15s, made up as follows: 1889, £24,286; 1890, £32,799; 1891, £25,490; 1892, £56,139; 1893, £36,219; 1894, £42,092; 1895, £30,469; 1896, £59,740; 1897, £22,541; 1898, £15,210; 1899, £17,505; 1900, £54,460, and 1901, £28,671 15s. From these figures it will be seen that his record year was 1896, when St. Frusquin and Persimmon carried off all the honors for him, while in 1892 La Fleche assisted materially, and last year Diamond Jubilee was mainly responsible for his grand total.

For six successive years prior to 1897 he headed the list of sires, but in that year he Pride of Welback had to give way to Kendal, and in the following season he fell to sixth position to Galopin. The season of 1900 saw him third to Orme, and then, as already stated, he once more assumed the leading place, which he continues to hold. Not only does St. Simon stand first in the list, but he has also the distinction of having two of his progeny in the select half dozen who this year can claim over £10,000, viz: Florizel II and St. Frusquin. St. Simon's winnings are split up between seventeen horses, who have secured thirty-three races, chief among the winners being William the Third, whose five victories included the Eclipse Stakes and the Hunt Park Lennox Stakes, and Pietermaritzburg, who secured the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket.

Ladas a Good Second.

To Ladas, who stands second in the list, is credited the largest individual winner, Spoom Lad contributing £18,127 toward a total of £27,281, his wins including the Prince of Wales Stakes at Newmarket, the Eclipse Stakes and the Kempton Park Stakes. Lavengro has also proved very useful to the son of Hampton and Illuminate, four wins, averaging over £1,000 each, standing to his credit.

At the beginning of the season Florizel II did so well that for a time he was at the head of affairs, this being mainly due to the victory of Volodyovski in the Derby. In the season wore on, however, he fell back somewhat, and now has to be content with being a good third with £23,982, contributed by nine horses, who between them carried off twenty-four races, half a dozen of them reaching well into four figures.

Fourth position is occupied by Gallinule, to whom Game Chick (with six wins), Bella Donna and Mount Prospect have proved most useful, and enabled the son of Isonomy and Moorhen to exceed his previous best of 1898 (£15,960) by £1,756. There is another big gap between the last mentioned and St. Frusquin, who is fifth in the list with eighteen wins, amounting to £11,362, chief honors falling to Lovelite, who won the Prince of Wales Stakes at Goodwood, and the Goodwood Cup winner, Fortunatus.

Ayrshire has returned to something like his position of 1897 and 1898, he being the only other sire who has five figures to his name. No fewer than eighteen of his progeny have been first past the judges, the wins averaging two apiece and amounting to £10,465.

Although he has only three winners, Galopin, thanks to Merry Gal and Aida (the winner of the One Thousand Guineas Stakes), has £8,755 to his name, Donovan, with twenty wins, mostly of small caliber, running him very close with £8,130.

Carbine wound up the season by carrying off the Manchester November Handicap through Carabine, and thereby has a big lift into ninth place, with £100 less than Donovan. Royal Hampton, Matchmaker and Queen's Birthday are next in order of merit, all exceeding £7,000, the last mentioned having to depend largely on Santol for his total.

Isinglass Takes a Tumble.

Isinglass experiences a big fall, and from second place last year has to be content with being one of the ten whose progeny has secured between £6,000 and £7,000, the same remark applying to Melton, while Common and Orme also appear well down in the list.

It is interesting to point out that the aggregate winnings of the twelve leading sires amount to £166,568 15s, as against £171,226 10s last year and £173,597 15s in 1899. There is little else calling for special comment here, and the appended figures may be left to speak for themselves.

St. Simon, by Galopin—St. Angla, by King Tom:

Horse.	Age.	R.	£	s.
Primac.	4	1	90	0
Nimcy.	5	2	225	0
Pietermaritzburg	3	6	8,853	0
La Force.	3	1	450	0
Lemonade Hour.	4	1	185	0
Lassen.	3	1	2,499	0
Holy Morgan	2	1	1,612	0
Ladas.	3	5	303	0
Total wins, 23; value, £28,671 15s.				

Ladas, by Hampton—Illuminate, by Rosicrucian:

Horse.	Age.	R.	£	s.
Alemona.	3	1	1,200	0
Spoom Lad.	4	1	126	0
Interim Lad.	4	1	105	0
Ladas.	3	1	100	0
Sunny Hart.	2	1	100	0
Fakirhymell.	3	3	17,127	0
Bellita.	3	1	1,007	0
Lass o'Glory.	2	2	276	0
Lady Min.	4	3	323	0
Lavengro.	3	4	4,022	0
Menander.	3	1	347	0
Valiant.	2	3	604	0
Total wins, 21; value, £27,281.				

Florizel II, by St. Simon—Perdita II, by Hampton:

Horse.	Age.	R.	£	s.
Dante Sol.	3	1	1,052	0
Florizel II.	5	1	100	0
Blackthorn.	3	4	2,105	0
Sunny Hart.	2	1	100	0
Fakirhymell.	3	3	7,204	0
Champagne.	3	4	2,401	0
Dorlcies.	3	2	6,955	0
Pavilion.	3	2	201	0
Floriform.	3	3	2,054	0
Total wins, 24; value, £23,982.				

Gallinule, by Isonomy—Moorhen, by Hermit:

Horse.	Age.	R.	£	s.
St. Frusquin.	5	1	500	0
Ayrshire.	3	1	105	0
Galopin (dead).	3	1	105	0
Merry Gal.	4	5	4,221	0
Donovan.	3	1	105	0
Carbine.	5	1	100	0
Royal Hampton.	3	1	100	0
Matchmaker.	3	1	100	0
Queen's Birthday.	3	1	100	0
Santol.	4	3	6,390	0
Total wins, 4; value, £7,307.				

Turf Notes.

Information from California is to the effect that Colonel W. F. Applegate and Secretary Price have had trouble, which has resulted in the latter's taking down his stable after losing $25,000. It is said that Bookmaker Frank Bain has also had trouble with Secretary Price, and that he and Colonel Applegate will leave the coast at once for New Orleans.

The report sent out from San Francisco recently that Henry Spencer, the jockey, was suffering with tuberculosis in consumption is incorrect. Spencer refused to accept any mounts during the wet spell, which probably gave rise to the report of his illness.

At New Orleans Jockey Nutt was suspended indefinitely because of an unsatisfactory ride on Frank Ireland, and Gormley was fined $25 for hooking Procurator over the head in the second race.

Henry Hermann recently worked a mile at Louisville, Ky., in 1:38. Captain S. S. Brown of Pittsburg, his owner, thinks he will run back to his 2-year-old form next year.

Prince Blazes appears to be nowhere near his best form. When fit he would have little trouble beating horses like Joe Doughty, especially through soft going.

Trainer Butch Fisher has left the employ of L. V. Bell. He has been succeeded by Tommy McGee, who was formerly with Corrigan.

JERRY HICKEY,
Captain of the St. Louis University Eleven.

EDGAR McLEAN,
Last Season's Captain of the University Team.

To-Day's New Orleans Entries.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Entries for to-morrow:

First race, six and one-half furlongs:

Pirate's Queen	99	Weidman	107
Tour	104	Little Jack Horner	107
Fannie Maud	104	Alpaca	107
Warren Point	107	Flop	107
Reducer	107	Hop Scotch	112
Old Fox	107	Teucer	115

Second race, six furlongs, selling:

The Widow	91	Missile	99
Laurie	96	Man	100
Emma A. M.	96	Linko	102
Ben Hullum	96	Leenja	105
Colonel Stone	96	Castiron	106
Busty C.	96	Hija	97
Meme Wastell	98		

Third race, nine furlongs:

Zack Phelps	92	Major Mansir	102
Dalkeith	94	Tyrshena	105
Robert Bonner	100	Pay the Fiddler	108

Fourth race, seven furlongs, all ages, handicap:

Balm of Gilead	90	Semicolon	103
Andes	98	Schnell Laufer	107
Frank Kenny	98	B. G. Fox	108
Fleuron	100	Tom Collins	110
Senator Beveridge	100	Malay	110

Fifth race, nine furlongs:

Bean	86	Trebor	102
Pierdeich	91	Woodtrice	103
Free Pass	95	Swordsman	103
Irving Mayor	95	Ben Chance	107

Sixth race, mile and seventy yards:

John Bull	95	Uterp	99
Mr. Feurroy	98	Jackanapes	99
Albert Lea	99	W. B. Gates	99
Dismator	99	Pallma Paxton	107
Waterhouse	99	Strangest	107
Banish			

Crescent City Selections.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Selections:

First Race—Reducer, Little Jack Horner, Old Fox.

Second Race—Leenja, Missile, Laurie.

Third Race—Dalkeith, Major Mansir, Zack Phelps.

Fourth Race—Malay, Schnell Laufer, B. G. Fox.

Fifth Race—Swordsman, Bean, Ben Chance.

Sixth Race—W. B. Gates, Banish, Uterp.

To-Day's Oakland Entries.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—Entries for Monday at Oakland:

First race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile:

Runance	112	Edgardo	107
Frank Bell	112	Rey del San Juan	107
Constellator	112	Jack Chafe	102
Crinkle	107	Captivate	102
The Miller	107	Lucia	102
Pompino	107		

Second race, mile and a sixteenth, selling:

Mrs. Brunnell	96	Canejo	105
Talma	105	A. M. Rothschild	101
Monteagle	105	El Mido	107
Ulm	105	Free Lance	110
Whaleback	105	Fondo	109

Third race, Futurity course:

Royal Rogue	115	Flo Culver	110
Botany	115	Rubus	115
Glendenning	115	Discovery	108
Josie G.	115	Ramses	113

Fourth race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile:

Water Cure	105	Vesuvian	105
The Pride	105		

Fifth race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling:

Dr. Bernays	112	Plohn	113
Marion Lynch	112	Mithridates	110
Coming Event	112	Oscar Tolle	112
Nattie	112	Belario	107
Duckoy	112	Redwald	113
Ravino	112		

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling:

Morinel	114	Darlene	96
El Orriente	104	San Venado	108
Cromwell	110	Lodestar	100
Meropa	107	Rushfields	100
Artilla	107	Wyoming	111
Essence	107		

Oakland Selections.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—Oakland selections:

First Race—Frank Bell, Constellator, Pompino.

Second Race—Free Lance, Elmido, Whaleback.

Third Race—Botany, Glendenning, Josie G.

Fourth Race—Vesuvian, The Pride, Watercure.

Fifth Race—Native, Oscar Tolle, Duckoy.

Sixth Race—Wyoming, Lodestar, Rushfields.

ST. LOUIS GUN CLUB.

Biweekly Shoot of Organization Held Yesterday.

Zero weather and the open season on quail kept down the attendance at the grounds of the St. Louis Gun Club yesterday, but a few of the regulars were on hand and some good scores were made. Conrades carried off the target trophy, while Hardesty and Dick tied on straight scores in the main event at pigeons. Several sweeps were indulged in and the added-bird system of handicapping seemed to meet with general favor, especially with the new shooters.

A feature of the afternoon was a three-cornered race at doubles between Fred Judell, C. C. Crossman and Doctor J. W. Smith, the doctor shooting from the thirty-two-yard mark. This handicap proved too strong for him, as he lost by two birds, one falling just out of bounds.

Following are the scores in the regular trophy shoots:

Club handicap at targets, thirty singles and ten pairs:

Dick—
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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—41

Conrades—
0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—42

Crossman—
1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—42

Doctor Smith—
1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0—35

Judell—
1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1
1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1—37

Hadley—
1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0—33

Barker—
1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1
1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0—34

Davis—
1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1
0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0—30

Hardesty—
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0
1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0—43

Club handicap at live birds, ten pigeons:

Doctor Smith	2112111011—9
Judell	1121110200—7
Crossman	2220112112—9
Dick	1112121111—10
Conrades	*1222222222—9
Hadley	0102202012—5
Arnold	1212021210—6
Sommers	1111110112—9
Hardesty	2221221221—10

*Dead out of bounds.

BLOCK DEFEATED BULGER.

Won in Fifth Round of St. Louis Rowing Club Bout—Patara Won.

George Block of this city defeated Jack Bulger, formerly of New York, in the fifth round of what was to have been a six round bout at the St. Louis Rowing Club yesterday afternoon, after being nearly put out himself in the second round by a right swing on the jaw. Although the bout was the feature of the afternoon, far and away the best contest was that between Tony Patara and Adam Kohl, which resulted in a victory for Patara.

The men fought at 122 pounds in this last contest and went six fast rounds in good style. The fight was the second in which Patara had engaged within fifteen hours, as late Saturday evening he fought a draw with the Illinois Kid before the Pastime Athletic Club of East St. Louis. He met a sturdy opponent in Kohl and the sparring was rapid from start to finish.

Both men were aggressive throughout the fight, but Patara had probably a shade the best of it in his leads, landing some straight lefts to Kohl's face which closed the latter's left eye and drew blood from his mouth and nose. In the third round the men fought hard with both hands, landing alternate right and left swings rapidly on each other's faces, punishment received by Kohl being the most apparent.

Kohl kept digging his right and left into Patara's stomach as the latter stepped in and until the closing round the fight seemed absolutely even. At this stage Kohl's eye was altogether closed, and he showed the punishment he had been receiving in his swollen mouth and nose. Both men had friends in the spectators, who called for a decision for their favorites, but Referee Zachritz awarded the bout to Patara.

The opening number on the afternoon's programme was a six round go between Jack Cento and Kid Thompson, which resulted in favor of Cento. The men went six rounds at 115 pounds and fought and wrestled alternately, giving Referee Zachritz considerable work in separating them. Cento put up a good fight and was awarded the decision. In the course of the bout both men fell while clinching and wrestling.

The main bout was a disappointment, as a spectacular event, although the result was popular with the majority of those present, many of whom had placed bets on Block, giving 5 to 4 to Bulger's supporters. Bulger, presumably, was not in good trim, as after having the fight apparently won in the second round he went all to pices from no apparent cause in the next two rounds and fell repeatedly from taps which seemed too light to cause him any injury.

Block had a decided advantage in height and reach and kept jabbing his opponent in the face with a lengthy left for the first round. In the second, Bulger got in a crack on Block's jaw which sent the lanky fighter sprawling to the floor and which seemed to put him nearly out. He fell several times in the remainder of the round, staggering whenever Bulger hit him and falling from the latter's punches.

Bulger did not push his advantage, however, and apparently became weak in the next round. He fell at least a dozen times in the next two rounds from light blows, administered by Block and in the fifth round slipped to the floor and remained down. Cotton Dieters was introduced in the course of the afternoon as Block's opponent for the next club stag.

Considerable feeling was caused by the Block-Bulger fight, Bulger claiming that Block was down for twelve seconds in the second round, while both men claim that the rounds were shortened on two occasions. This last was probably a precaution on the part of the club management to prevent accident, as in both rounds referred to one man seemed in a bad way. As the stoppage helped Block in one case and Bulger in another, the affair was even.

Block admits that he was all out in the second round, but his party deny that he was down for twelve seconds. Referee Zachritz counted aloud, but his words could not be heard in the hubbub. Both men were dissatisfied at the close of the bout, an argument over the pecuniary end of the affair being the cause of the trouble.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL GAMES.

Jefferson Club Defeated Y. M. I. Team by Score of 4 to 2 Yesterday.

In zero weather and with the ground scarcely more than a sheet of ice, the Jefferson Club association football eleven defeated the Y. M. I. team at Athletic Park yesterday afternoon before a rather slim crowd of enthusiasts by the score of 4 to 2. So slippery was the field that falls were constant throughout the game, while a crowd of small boys amused themselves by skating on a corner of the field. A feature of the game was a goal kicked by Ammans from full back position, the shot being fully forty yards. Backof, Ammans and Reid made the remaining goals for their team, showing up to considerable advantage in spite of the icy ground. Heckwolf and Byrne made the goals for the Y. M. I. team. Artie Lewis refereed. The line-up of the teams follows:

Jeff. Club.	Position.	Y. M. I.
Tully	Goal	McCormack
Lynch	Full back	Betts
McDonough	Full back	McManus
Shea	Half back	Burke
Finnigan	Half back	Leydon
Matthews	Half back	Finnigan
Backof	Forward	Heckwolf
Daly	Forward	Byrne
Reed	Forward	Dalton
Ammans	Forward	Fitzgerald
Comerford	Forward	Wilcox

In the C. B. C.-Tally-Ho game at the Christian Brothers' campus, the college team won by a score of 6 to 0.

AMERICAN POLO PLAYERS ABROAD.

All Clubs in the United States Have Been Invited to Play in England.

American polo players have been invited to compete in a series of international games in England next summer on the occasion of the inauguration of King Edward VII. The invitation has been extended to all the polo clubs in this country, through the Polo Association, and already the question has been raised as to how the selection of a team to represent America shall be made.

The proposition to hold a tournament to determine the team does not seem practicable for several reasons, the principal one of which is that there is not sufficient time. Such a tournament could not be held until next spring, and this would encroach too closely upon the date set for the English games.

The logical representatives of the United States appear to be the Lakewood team that won the championship at Brookline last September. Foxhall P. Keene, one of the members of that team, has played polo in England before, and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions and rules governing the game there. Another strong reason for the immediate selection of the American team is the importance of having the ponies sent abroad this fall, so that they may become acclimated.

As much depends on the ponies, it will hardly do to wait until next spring to send them over, or to rely on procuring mounts on the other side. While the contest in question is largely one of skill and riding ability on the part of the gentlemen playing, the ponies themselves are an important factor.

CLAYTON LEADS CLASS B.

Wins Both His Games in First Week of Play in Grand Tourney.

The class B three-cushion billiard tournament will enter on its second week to-night with a game between Gus Wheeler and George Schaefer. No odds are given on either, and Schaefer will not allow himself to fall down on any easy shots, which was the mistake that lost for him in his game with Doctor Thomas.

Arthur Clayton temporarily leads the contestants, having won his games played with Wheeler and Schaefer. George Hevner, Clarence Hutchings and Thomas are running together, each having won a single game. Schaefer and Wheeler lost twice without winning, though in Wheeler's case the loss of one game cannot be rightly charged to him, since he took Frank Hutchinson's place in the tourney and assumed the one loss that Hutchinson had sustained. Tom Wright has not yet made his initial appearance. The standing:

Players.	Won.	Lost.	Ave.	High Single Runs
Clayton	2	0	.28	3
Hevner	1	0	.51	3
Hutchins	1	0	.37	5
Thomas	1	0	.34	3
Brock	0	1	.39	3
Schaefer	0	2	.34	4
Wheeler	0	2	.28	4
Wright	0	0	...	0

FINAL GAME TO-NIGHT.

Three-Cushion Tourney Ends With Game Between Campbell and Staley.

The amateur three-cushion billiard tournament which has been in progress at the Royal for several weeks will come to a close to-night, barring tie games which will have to be played off. Doctor W. O. Campbell is the winner of the tournament, but there is a hot fight on for second place. Campbell will play Bob Staley to-night. In case he loses, his position will remain unchanged, but Staley will then be tied with John Daumer, George Watts, Chris Spreckles and Tom Wright for the place. A warm game is expected to-night, as Staley has been among the leaders all the way through, and was for a time tied with Doctor Campbell.

VISITS POLICE STATION—Representatives of the St. Louis Provident Association made an inspection of the police stations, Salvation Army barracks and the Union Station last night for the purpose of gathering data for a report to the association of the number of homeless being sheltered at these points and to see that they are properly cared for.

SPALDING ANNOUNCES FREEDMAN'S DISPOSAL

Declares That New York Magnate Will Be Out of National League Before To-Night.

FREEDMAN REFUSES TO REPLY.

Frank De Haas Robison Declines to Discuss Situation—Sensational Developments Expected.

SPALDING'S BULLETIN.

"At half past 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon Andrew Freedman is out and A. G. Spalding wins.

"A. G. SPALDING."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 15.—More history was made in baseball to-day than has been recorded since the memorable days of the Brotherhood fiasco. A. G. Spalding declared positively he had won his fight in the National League. In the corridor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel he said:

"At half past 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon Andrew Freedman is out and A. G. Spalding wins. Telephone it to the Democratic Club. Tell everybody to be here at that time," he continued, turning to his secretary, Horace Bonnell. "That's all, gentlemen. Good night." He then departed to his hotel.

Andrew Freedman was informed of the positive statement that Mr. Spalding had made, and in reply said:

"There is nothing that Mr. Spalding can say any more that is worthy of reply from me. The interests of the stockholders of the New York club will be amply protected."

Later in the evening Frank De Haas Robison, president of the St. Louis club, which has been antagonistic to Mr. Spalding, walked into the Fifth Avenue Hotel and was informed of Mr. Spalding's declaration. He asked a few questions relative to the matter and then announced that he desired to be excused, as he was going to send his card to Messrs. Soden and Conant of Boston, who were in their rooms in the hotel. The result was significant, as J. Walter Spalding, not long after that, came to the Fifth Avenue Hotel to meet them.

The gossips have it that Freedman has been deserted by his former friends and that Spalding has won the greatest battle ever fought in baseball politics. The ground upon which the legality of Mr. Spalding's election is based is that the National League is not an incorporated body, but a voluntary organization. It is an interstate compact bound only by parliamentary law. It is asserted that legal proceedings against it will fail for that reason.

It appears that the movement to place Mr. Spalding at the head of the National League is not one of mushroom growth, but has been contemplated and carefully perfected for some time.

Spalding Denies Freedman's Charges.

In reply to the remarks made by Freedman Saturday night, Spalding said:

"Mr. Freedman, in stating that I precipitated the brotherhood war in 1890, indicates his ignorance of baseball history. If he will look up he will find I had something to do with the conduct of that campaign to its final settlement.

"Mr. Freedman's effort to attach my name to the so-called Freedman-Brush baseball busted trust must fall flat after my announcement to the press as to the efforts I made last summer through Mr. Hart, only for the one special purpose of protecting the interests of Mr. Freedman and his fellow-stockholders of the New York club, and getting his baneful influence out of the National League."

Mr. Spalding said he had not had any correspondence with Ban Johnson, president of the American League. He referred humorously to his statement of his visit to former President Young at the latter's hotel last night, during which visit, with the aid of two friends, he carried off the National League records. Then he concluded:

"As the public must be pretty well surfeited with this controversy between Mr. Freedman and myself, I declare the case closed, and we part here. At 4:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon I will announce to the reporters that hereafter I will treat the controversy as water that has passed the wheel, and will introduce new issues into the baseball campaign looking toward improved conditions in our great national game."

WESTERN CIRCUIT TOO LARGE.

Hickey and Tebeau Say Eight Clubs Are Too Many.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—According to President Hickey of the American Association and Manager Tebeau of the Kansas City club in the same league, there is nothing left for the Western League but a return to the six-club circuit.

"We have them beaten," said Hickey today, "and the only way in which the Western League men can save themselves is to form a six-club league.

"We are too strong in Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul for the Western people to fight us. When the Western League had only six clubs it made money. Then two more were taken in, and it was found that six clubs made money and the others lost. In forming a league, it is no use to try to mix large and small cities when the population of each is below a certain figure. It will not work."

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CIRCUIT.

Eight Cities Will Be Represented—List of Managers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The directors of the Southern League of baseball clubs met here to-day and decided upon the following cities to be represented by teams during the coming season, and the following cities and managers:

Nashville, Newt Fisher; New Orleans, Abner Powell; Atlanta, Ed Pabst; Chattanooga, not selected; Birmingham, Frank Haller; Memphis, Charles Frank; Shreveport, George Reed; Little Rock, Mike Finne.

DUPONT PARK SHOOTS.

Fink Wins Dupont Trophy and Baggerman Won Prize Shoot.

A few enthusiasts turned out at Dupont Park yesterday to participate in the weekly shoots, and in spite of the intense cold some good sport was witnessed. Fred Fink won the Dupont trophy, while the special prize shoot of the day was captured by William Baggerman, who killed seven birds in the shoot-off. Frank Orvis was a close second, with six killed.

Harold Money and Frank Orvis on the one side and Alec Mermod and Frank White on the other, shot two special matches after dark, each team winning a match. In the special prize shoot the scores were as follows:

	Total
O'Trigger	2222210122—8
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Harold Money	2022222222—10
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MEETING OPENS TO-DAY.

More Than Three Hundred Horses Already Stabled at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—The Charleston Racing Association's midwinter meeting at the Exposition, which will continue indefinitely, will begin to-morrow afternoon. More than three hundred horses have arrived here and the stable accomodations will be increased, as many horsemen are preparing to ship their youngsters to Charleston.

Concerning the outlaw question which has agitated horsemen, John Morrow of Nashville, the presiding judge, said to-day that there had been no intimation of interference on the part of any of the turf organizations. The races will be part of the exposition, and as such will not be considered. Judge Morrow thinks, by the Eastern Jockey Club or the American Turf Congress. Charleston is not included in the territory over which the Western Jockey Club has jurisdiction.

There will be five races daily, the purses aggregating $1,000.

WINTER BASEBALL PRACTICE AT M. S. U.

Candidates for Next Season's Team Are at Work in Specially Fitted Up Gymnasium.

NEW COACH NOT SELECTED.

Murphy May Probably Return Next Year—General Sporting Gossip—An Association Football Sodality Forming.

Winter baseball practice is now under way at the Missouri State University and the basement of the academic hall at the college is being fitted up by Doctor Heatherington so that practice in all branches of the sport can be kept up steadily throughout the winter. On account of the large space at the disposal of the candidates, practice in batting, pitching and running can be carried on thoroughly.

The outlook for the sport is brighter than at any previous year, and it is believed that the steady indoor practice will enable the men to come out in the spring in much better shape than they displayed last season. Last year when the first game was played the team had lined up for the first time and its work was conducted under great handicaps. This year the circumstances will be different.

No games have yet been arranged, but it is known that games will be played with Nebraska, Kansas, Ottawa and the Haskell Indians, while Doctor Heatherington is confident that games can also be arranged with Illinois and Iowa.

Next season's coach for the football team is not determined upon, but Fred Murphy may possibly return. The coach expressed his disapproval of the lack of spirit shown at the university in athletics several times early in the year, but toward the end of the season affairs changed so materially that it is thought he would like to return. It was announced last week that in spite of the bad season sustained by the team, more than $800 had been cleared for the athletic association.

The seven-day go-as-you-please race at the Coliseum Christmas week will be a good deal of a novelty for this city, no high-grade match of the sort having been held here in recent years. In the Eastern cities the sport was quite popular this winter, and both at Pittsburg and Philadelphia large crowds turned out to see the pedestrians.

The go-as-you-please style has proved far more popular in the East than straight heel-and-toe walking, the sprints and numerous races between the men furnishing constant variety to the game, which is absent in a straight walking match. On account of the arrangements in the Coliseum and the large size of the track, Manager McCarthy is confident of breaking at least one world's record in the course of the week.

This week will see quite an accession to the number of pedestrians arriving in the city for the contest, several of the men figuring in the Rochester walk, which closed Saturday, having taken tickets for this city. Peter Golden, who won the race, is one of the entries for the Christmas week event and Frank Hart, who finished well up, will also come here, where he is well known.

Fahey, who finished second, is a strong candidate in the local race, and Gus Guerrero has long since sent in his entry. He finished rather badly as regards position in the Rochester race, but is believed to be saving himself for the event here.

Association football and water polo hockey teams will meet at the Ice Palace this evening in the first game of the season, John C. Meyers captaining the water polo team and Robert Le Cron leading the association team. On Friday, December 20, the Triple A team will meet the Office Men's Club, while a week from to-night the association team will play the Office Men.

Association football is to receive quite a boom this winter, apparently, the latest step to advance the sport being the formation of a Young Men's Sodality, representing four Catholic parishes, members of which will be encouraged in the practice of the game. John W. Quinn of the local association football league is working on the matter, and is supported by the clergy of St. Leo's, St. Malachy's, St. Teresa's and St. Bridget's parishes.

It is recognized that some healthy sport of the sort will be good for the young men, and the idea is to form a junior league of four teams, a schedule to be made up by which the teams meet in a series of games until one is proved the champion. The team will be strictly amateur, and a trophy will be hung up by the sodality as a prize for the champion team.

Arrangements have been completed for the Southern trip of the Jefferson Club team, which will take place this week, the club traveling to Nashville and there playing an indoor game by electric light. The contest will be something of a novelty for the local team, and Manager Quinn is hopeful that his men will make a good showing at the Rugby game.

Mr. Quinn is perfectly willing to play the Nashville eleven at either Association or Rugby, and is confident of victory at the Association game. In case the game of next Friday is Rugby, he will endeavor to secure a match at Association for a future date.

At a meeting of the St. Louis University football team yesterday evening Jerry Hickey, who has played tackle and guard on the eleven for the last two seasons, was elected captain of the team for the next season, to succeed Captain Edgar McLean. Hickey is regarded as one of the best men in his position on the eleven, and his election was practically conceded before the meeting.

BASEBALL GOSSIP.

No Official Confirmation of Reported Signing of Douglass.

Though it has been a week or more since an unofficial story came to light in Chicago and Milwaukee to the effect that Bill Douglass, erstwhile big mitt artist on the St. Louis team and for the past two seasons catcher on the Philadelphia National League club, had been signed by Jimmy McAleer for the St. Louis Americans, no official confirmation of that report has been received in St. Louis. In Milwaukee the signing of Douglass and Pitcher Frank Donahue is an accepted fact, but in St. Louis there is still much doubt. For some unexplainable reason the American officials when passing through St. Louis have always been stricken dumb, as far as tidings of the new club is concerned. Chicago air seems to act like a tonic on these gentlemen, and from the Windy City come all sorts of tales concerning the prospects for the St. Louis club. George Munson, who is known far and wide in the baseball world, is acting for the League here, but he is in the dark as regards the inside workings of the local organization, which seems to be directed altogether from the office of Ban Johnson in Chicago.

Roger Connor, the veteran first baseman, last year a Connecticut State League magnate, as owner and manager of the Waterbury team, will have the Springfield franchise in the League next year. There is some talk of changing the name of the League.

Roy Evans, the pitcher under reservation by the Providence club, has decided to accept terms offered by New York. Evans jumped the Clamdiggers last season and went to the California State League.

Quinlan, the little fellow who played in the infield for the Montreal club last season, has also been signed by New York, according to a recent statement by Secretary Knowles of the New York club. Quinlan wasn't counted as fast enough for Montreal as a shortstop, but he may make good in New York.

Albert G. Spalding has been connected with baseball as a player, magnate, stockholder, manufacturer of supplies and adviser about thirty-five years. He has a world-wide reputation in the sporting world as a shrewd business man, an organizer and splendid executive. Born in Byron, Ogle County, Ill., in 1850, he was taken to Rockford by his parents when a young boy. While clerking in a Rockford store he took up pitching and became the chief twirler of the famous Forest City Baseball Club of that city. After a lapse of many years Mr. Spalding went to Rockford "Harry Wright day," and donning a Forest City uniform treated the assembled thousands to an exhibition of his old-style underhand twirling. But for the rain that afternoon the veterans who turned out to do honor to the memory of Mr. Wright would have seen Spalding's team pile up about twenty runs to a small number by Pitcher "Cherokee" Fisher's nine of old-timers.

It was in 1867 that "Al" Spalding pitched his Forest City team to success over the National Ball