

## COACHING IN FAVOR.

REMARKABLE REVIVAL OF THIS SPIRITED SPORT IS IN PROGRESS.

Country Around New York. Owing to its Good Roads, the Coacher's Paradise - European Coaching Trips Now Possible.

In spite of the threatened extinction of the horse through the introduction of the automobile, the ancient and honorable sport of coaching is holding its own among those who have the time and money to indulge in it. There seems to be something that makes a peculiar appeal to the human heart in the spectacle of a great, finely decorated coach drawn by a number of spirited, swift horses and driven by a man who knows the delicate art of handling the reins. Very frequently, too, of recent years "society" women have shown that underneath the fair tanned skin of their hands and wrists lay muscles possessing sufficient power to hold the ribbons over the backs of four or even more powerful steeds. Besides affording joy to the spectators, the exhilaration of one's first ride on top of a swiftly moving coach is an experience never to be forgotten. No; coaching is not "going out," and it probably never will as long as men and women continue to love the horse and the ride over good roads on top of a coach.

Of course coaching can be indulged in only where there are good roads, and therefore those interested in it are to be found among the most ardent supporters of the good roads movement. The paradise of coachers in America is New York. Stretching to the north and northeast of the eastern metropolis are a number of splendid hard macadam highways that are especially suited to coaching. Up into Westchester county to the pretty towns along the Hudson is a favorite route. All along the eastern bank of the river, amid beautiful scenery, are located the summer homes of many millionaires, while country clubs abound. Another well liked coaching trip is along the roads leading beside Long Island sound to Larchmont, Pelham, New Rochelle, etc. Coaching in other sections of the country than that around New York, owing possibly to the reprehensible condition of many of our highways, has not made much headway. When the roads receive their much needed improvement, undoubtedly society in other cities will follow the lead of New York.

A favorite little trip of New York's coaching parties these days is that to



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the Morris park race course, which is situated in the upper part of the city. On race days the inclosure for carriages and coaches presents a pretty scene, the brilliant toilets of the ladies leading to its color and animation. Coaching parties to the race track and elsewhere have been more popular this season than for some time.

That not alone "society," but the general public as well, is interested in coaching was shown at the recent parade of the Coaching club of New York. Seven handsome four-in-hands drawn by magnificent horses were in line, and they passed through a solid mass of admiring people as they were driven through Central park. This was the first coaching parade for five years and was led by Colonel William Jay, the president of the Coaching club. After the procession Colonel Jay said that it was as successful a parade in point of enthusiasm as the club had ever held.

To meet the demand for a resting place for New York's coaching parties Colonel John Jacob Astor is about to erect a beautiful inn at the junction of Pelham parkway and Williamsbridge road, a few miles out of the crowded part of the city. The new structure, which is to cost \$200,000, will be a beautiful building, supplied with the latest improvements.

Not satisfied with coaching in America, enthusiastic followers of the sport are now arranging coaching trips on the other side of the Atlantic. The organization of an international coaching

company has recently made it possible for an American going to Europe to order six months in advance the coach in which he wishes to travel between any two points in his journey. It is indeed possible now to arrange an entire trip by coach and to follow it out with absolute certainty. The ultimate end of the new enterprise is the establishment of a series of coaches to carry American tourists from one end of Europe to the other. Preparation of all the details of the trip may be made in advance, even to the ordering of luncheon to be ready on a certain day six months ahead.

### The True Poker Flat.

In 1852 Poker Flat produced \$700,000 in gold bullion in a single month and celebrated the event with a triple hanging. Then came the public spasm of virtue which caused the John Cak-hursts and the "outcasts of Poker Flat" to depart from thence and die of cold and starvation on the snow bound road to Sandy Bar. There are no "Cak-hursts" nor "Uncle Billys" in Poker Flat today, and when the stranger makes the slow descent and suddenly by a sharp turn in the trail comes upon the famous camp he finds in that huddle of cabins little to remind him of the Poker Flat of 1852.

The famous slope presents almost a picture of utter ruin. There are but eight persons living in the old town, while a hundred dead ones sleep in the cemetery. Some of the graves are marked with wooden headboards, some with stakes, but many have nothing above them. Nearly all of them were laid to rest without religious rites save a Bible reading by old Charlie Pond, who, though a professional gambler, was selected for the religious office owing to his excellent voice and oratorical ability.

In 1853 and 1854 there were 2,000 souls in Poker Flat and 15 stores, 5 hotels, 3 dance halls and 7 gambling houses. There is but one man left today of that original company. He is an old and grizzled veteran, who delights to tell how in 1856 a circus came to town and sold 1,500 tickets of admission at \$20 each.—W. M. Clemens in Bookman.

### A Day Dream of Tennyson.

In the "Life of Tennyson" occurs the following:

"A kind of waking trance I have frequently had, up from boyhood, when I have been all alone. This has generally come upon me through repeating my own name two or three times to myself silently, till all at once, as it were out of the intensity of the consciousness of individuality; the individuality itself seemed to dissolve and fade away into boundless being, and this not in a confused state, but the clearest of the clearest, the surest of the surest, the weirdest of the weirdest, utterly beyond words, where death was an almost laughable impossibility, the loss of personality (if so it were) seeming no extinction but the only true life. This might be the state which St. Paul describes, 'whether in the body I cannot tell, or whether out of the body I cannot tell.' I am ashamed of my feeble description. Have I not said the state is utterly beyond words? But in a moment when I come back to my normal state of 'sanity' I am ready to fight for mein liebes Ich and hold that it will last for aeons and aeons."

### The New Rabbit.

"Why, where did you come from, Uncle Jasper?" I said to the old dorky who had sent the horse girl in to tell me that he wanted to see me.

"I come f'um Decatur, Miss Alice," he said. "I got to Atlanta 'bout two hours ago, but I didn't 'low you was ready to see nobody."

"Did you come on the train?" I asked.

"No, ma'am; dat I didn't. I come in on de rabbit."

"On what?"

"On de rabbit. You sholy done heerd er de new rabbit dey's got."

"Oh," I said, "you mean the rapid transit?"

"Yessum, de rabbit transhant. Dat's whut I tol' you. She ain't de color er no rabbit"—bursting into a laugh—"but she sho do git ober de groun' lak one."—Leslie's Weekly.

### A Slander.

Greene—They say that Senator Keener is on the make. They even go so far as to say that that new house of his was given him in payment for his vote.

Gray—It puts me all out of temper to hear such slanders! It is as far as possible from the truth! I know all about it. It was this way: Some people who were interested in a certain bill bet him that house that he would vote against the bill, and he didn't and won the house. That was all there was about it. The idea of Keener's being open to bribery!—Boston Transcript.

### Adjourned Unanimously.

Correspondent (approaching Irish sergeant)—I am told, sergeant, that you had a skirmish with the enemy this morning.

Sergeant—We did that, sor.

Correspondent—And did you come off with flying colors?

Sergeant—Floyin colors, is it? Bedad, it wasn't ownly the colors that was floyin, but ivery mother's son of us in the bargain.—Boston Courier.

## Y. M. C. A. JUBILEE.

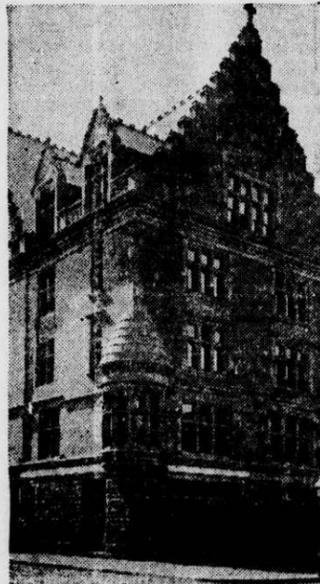
ORGANIZATION TO CELEBRATE THE EVENT IN BOSTON JUNE 11 TO 16.

International Convention Which Marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of an Association Now Worldwide in Extent—Some Notable Visitors.

From June 11 to June 16 Boston will keep open house for the Young Men's Christian association. The year 1901 marks the golden jubilee of the association in North America, and great preparations have been made to celebrate the occasion in a befitting manner at the thirty-fourth annual international convention to be held at Boston. From all parts of the United States and, in fact, from the entire globe, civilized and savage, delegates are to assemble to do honor to the mighty organization that binds them.

Among the foreign countries that will be represented at the convention and jubilee are Great Britain and Ireland, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Russia and most of the other countries of Europe, China, India, Japan, Australia, Brazil and the Argentine Republic. Among the speakers promised are President McKinley, Lord Stratheona, high commissioner for Canada; President Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee institute, President Faunce of Brown university, Bishop Potter of New York, James H. Eckels, former comptroller of the currency; President William Cayen of Knox college, Toronto, and a host of other celebrities. The Young Men's Christian association of Boston and the authorities of the city of Boston are preparing to extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegates.

On the first day of the convention, Tuesday, June 11, the delegates will be called to order in Mechanics' building, Huntington avenue, which has a seating capacity of nearly 20,000. Ample accommodation has been provided for the sessions and exhibits of the convention. At the opening session addresses of welcome will be delivered by leading citizens of the Bay State. On the afternoon of June 11 organization will be effected and a special praise service held in Trinity church.



ENTRANCE TO BOSTON Y. M. C. A.

The evening session of Tuesday has been set apart for the reception of distinguished guests and representatives of foreign governments.

The second day of the convention is to be used exclusively for association work. Section conferences relating to the religious, physical, boys' work, etc., will be held. At the association building each morning will be held a prayer meeting under the direction of the Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the eloquent Presbyterian preacher of New York.

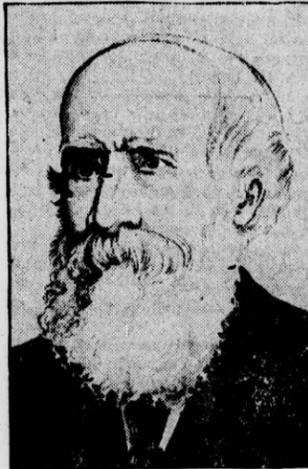
Thursday, June 13, is specially known as jubilee day, and then will be held the exercises that will distinguish the coming convention from the other annual meetings of the international association. On that day a memorial tablet will be unveiled with appropriate exercises at the Old South Meeting House. It was in this historic temple that the first American Y. M. C. A., the Boston association, was organized in 1851. An address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Alexander McKenzie of Cambridge, a charter member of the association. The attendance of other charter members is expected. The regular session of this day will be especially arranged to lay stress upon its commemorative character. A special praise meeting will be held early in the morning at Association hall. Later a reception will be tendered to the delegates and distinguished guests in Faneuil hall, and Governor Crane will receive them at the statehouse.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to association work, for there is much real labor to be accomplished at the convention. Among the topics which are to be discussed are "The Contribution of the Association to the City

Problem," "Association Work in the Army and Navy," "Association Work Among the Railroad Men of North America," "The Holy Spirit and the Study of the Bible" and many others of like character.

A special feature of much interest is the jubilee exhibit of the work done during the past half century by the association. The exhibits will be made by city and town associations and by those representing railroad employees, college students, men of the army and navy and workers in various foreign fields and will be subdivided into various departments, such as historical, religious, educational, physical culture, Bible study, social and woman's auxiliary work. Awards of merit will be given to the best exhibits.

It had been hoped that at the coming convention the Young Men's Christian association would have the pleasure and honor of greeting its venerable founder, Sir George Williams of London. Sir George is, however, 80 years old, and his health has prevented his taking the trip. There is a very general impression that the Young Men's Christian association is of American birth, but this is erroneous. It was founded by Sir George—then plain Mr.



SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS.

[Founder of the Y. M. C. A.]

—Williams in 1844 and was originally an evangelical alliance among the clerks of the house in which he was employed. It is said that when the Young Men's Christian association began young Williams was earning \$750 a year and that he gave \$250 of this sum annually to the association. He has grown prosperous since, but has given away probably a like proportion of his income every year to charity and religion.

From its humble beginnings in a London mercantile house the Y. M. C. A. has grown and spread until now it reaches almost every nook and corner of the inhabited world. There are more than 6,000 separate associations, with a total membership of over 500,000. About 2,000 delegates are expected at the Boston convention. In North America there are, according to the latest annual report, 1,450 associations, with an aggregate membership of 255,472. America has thus about one-quarter of the associations and about one-half the membership.

## BATTLES OF NATURE.

Unceasing Struggles Which End In Survival of Fittest.

We read the tablets of long ago which the geologist has deciphered for us, and we find them an endless story of battles. The successful species which occupy the great geological horizons have come out of great tribulation. The trilobites and stone lilies of the silurian period, the gigantic club moss and fluted sigillarians of the coal age, the enormous ammonites of the jurassic and chalk epochs, the mighty elephants and majestic deer forms of the tertiary era are magnates of the times and masterpieces of the struggle. They have been redeemed at great price, even of a thousand species and tens of thousands of individuals who fell short of the typical fitness and were killed out. These magnates, each in its turn, were pioneers of progress, like the scouts of a great army and were caught in a physiological ambush.

The pedigree of the horse in the most recent past has been made out, traced shall we say, for a hundred thousand years before man came on the scene (for Lord Kelvin asked the geologist to hurry up and not be too lavish with time or we should have said 250,000 years before man). The fleetness, grace and strength of the horse are owing to his ability to walk on one toe, to which have been correlated the wonderful instincts by which he has become the partner of man in his industries and struggles. He has been derived in almost a strict gradation from the two toed, three toed, four toed and five toed ancestors which flourished in the ages which preceded man. Myriads of individuals and all the species and varieties died out to make room for the one toed selection to enable this favorite to occupy the ground unthwarted by crossing or by recurrence to average forms. He was redeemed at a great price and has come through a great tribulation.—Contemporary Review.

The first European book that ever appeared in the Japanese language was a translation from the German of Heine's songs.

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