RESUME OF SPORTS

NOTES FROM THE GRIDIRON

First Season Tests of Several Teams This Afternoon.

Army and Y. M. C. A., Berkeley and Reliance, Stanford Freshmen and Belmont.

Comments on Varsity Material and Candidates for the Various Elevens.

The first regular match game of the season will be played at the Presidio Athletic Grounds this afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. The contestants will be the well-known Y. M. C. A. team, that holds the lightweight championship of the coast, and a recently organized army team, made up of the most part of enlisted men stationed at the Presidio.

Stickney, the old Harvard player, who coached and played on the old Olympic team last season, is now coaching the Mulnomah Club team, which hopes to get a match here with one or both of the varsities during the season.

No hard work has yet been given to the players at Berkeley. The first regular line-up took place on Thursday afternoon. The following men made up the varsity team: Center, Greisberg; guards, McDermott and Ludlow; tackles, Barnes and Dickson; ends, Wolff and Premo: quarter, Haskell; halfbacks, Spence and Newhall; fullback, Hall.

As yet, the University of California has no kicker who can fill Ransome's place.

Hall's catching and running are as good as ever, and much is expected of him with practice.

McDermott at guard is doing good work, and many believe that he will make the team.

There are candidates galore for tackle.

Wolff and Premo are the varsity ends at present. Collier is also showing up well as end, and has been captaining the second eleven.

Another Santa Clara College football player has appeared on the Berkeley field. Jim Bride, who played end and fullback on the Santa Clara eleven, was out for practice for the first time last Thursday. He is a freshman in the medical college, and will be eligible to play on the U. C. freshman team.

Coach Nott has been assisted during the week by a number of old university players. Loren Hunt '93 has been coaching the tackles, Archie Pierce '92 the center and guards, Reno Hutchinson '97 the ends and Eddie Sherman '97 the backs.

The Berkeley freshmen have been practicing together for the last few days under the direction of Roy McCabe who has been chosen captain. Among the most promising candidates for positions on the freshman eleven are Sheehy, McCabe, Premo, Kerns, Guilberson, Pringle, Smith, Morgan, Shaw, Koster, Kinley, Hornlein, Fowler and Clark.

The varsity team will line up for its first game to-day at 3 P. M. Three practice halves will be played with Reliance on the Berkeley campus. The players on the university eleven will be constantly shifted and a large number of candidates given a chance to try at the various positions.

At Stanford the varsity and the college team lined up for the first time Tuesday with a great crowd of yelling enthusiasts on the new bleachers to give the opening send-off.

Suits have been issued to fifty-three candidates for the varsity and freshman teams. Enough men for four elevens now daily appear on the field.

Nat Carle, varsity right guard, is showing up in excellent form this season. His work is sharp and aggressive and he is as fast and sure as any of the men in getting down the field under punts, and Carle weighs a little over 225 pounds.

It is possible that big Burnett, instead of training for the center position vacated by "Heff" Williams, may be used to better effect at tackle, exchanging places with one of the large candidates for the position.

Jack Rice weighs fully twenty-five pounds more now than when he went into the Thanksgiving day game.

Ed James and Jerry Rusk are making a strong fight for tackle. James is a heavy, active man, who had a good deal of experience last year. Rusk was a tackle on the freshman team that defeated the Berkeley men last year.

McFadden '00, comparatively little known as a player, has suddenly made quite a name for himself as an end rush.

"Billy" McIntosh, one of Stanford's hardest, most faithful, but, unfortunately, lightest football players, is very ill in Palo Alto.

Stanford's freshman eleven will have their first tryout this afternoon in a game on the campus with the Belmont School team. Among the new college players are many "crackerjacks" for backs, but the line material appears light and it is less experienced. To-day's game will demonstrate what the class of 1901 may do for football at Palo Alto.

Phil Wilson of Los Angeles, temporary captain, is perhaps as promising a freshman back as has matriculated at Stanford for some years. He has had considerable experience on the Los Angeles Athletic Club team. He understands the use of the "straight arm" and is a good dodger. He will play fullback to-day.

Phil Wadsworth, the well-known captain of last year's Belmont team, will play halfback. Grit and speed mark his playing. He was, by a brilliant run, directly responsible for the only defeat that the Stanford freshmen team of last year received.

Ned Manley, who is to be Wadsworth's side partner, was the star halfback of last year's San Mateo team, weighs 165 pounds and is stockily built. His home is in Tacoma, Wash.

Weatherwax, Conger and Voss are the candidates for quarter-back. Weatherwax comes from Aberdeen, Wash., and besides being a football player is a versatile track athlete. Conger is from Pasadena. Voss was captain and quarter-back of the Throop College team.

Not so much is known of the linemen. It is the old story of a lot of good backs with few forwards. Emerson, who is to play right tackle, was captain last year of the Centerville team, that surprised the Reliance men by defeating them.

Burmeister, the other tackle, comes from Prescott, Ariz. He is a player of experience.

Bradley, the center, comes from San Bernardino. He looks too light and small for the position.

Beckley and Plested are the ends. Beckley was end on the undefeated Belmont team. He comes from Honolulu. Not much is known of Plested, except that he has had experience as a player in Colorado.

Phil and Ed Gilman are the two guards. They played last year in the Manzanita Hall team.

As to varsity prospects and Stanford's lot of veterans it may be appropriate to say that veteran teams have not always been the victors. California's veterans went down before Stanford's inexperienced first team. Princeton's new team of last season defeated the other big Eastern universities. Cornell's great crew, that took first rank among American colleges this summer, was not a veteran organization. When Stanford was confident of the field day last April her team was defeated.

Brooke's punting far surpasses anything of the kind previously seen on the coast and differs fundamentally from the very successful style of ex-Captain Ransome, the great U. C. fullback.

Brooke has several interesting records of his kicking. The longest drop kick made by him was forty-five yards; place kick, forty yards; punt, seventy-two yards. All these kicks were measured, and there was no wind in any case. During his last two years as fullback on the University of Pennsylvania team he kicked thirteen field goals in regular games. What that means may be inferred when it is stated that but one field goal has been kicked in a game on this coast during the past six years. It was by "Joe" Tobin for the Olympic team several years ago.

HANDBALL IN THE COURTS.

Handball games which will be played to-morrow at Phil Ryan's court are:

G. Hutchinson and P. Kelly vs. W. Kelly and A. Penneyer.

J. Lawless and J. Slattery vs. D. Connelly and J. Harlow.

J. Collins and R. Murphy vs. E. Toy and J. White.

L. Waterman and J. R. Bockman vs. J. Murrane and N. Berger.

P. Herrin and M. Fogarty vs. P. Foley and M. J. Stokes.

D. Regan and M. Basch vs. J. Hogan and M. Joyce.

P. Donnelly and J. C. Nealon vs. T. F. Bonnet and R. Linehar.

SMALL BOATS IN A RACE.

The Pacific Yacht Club will hold its half-rater race a week from to-morrow over the same course the last half-rater race was sailed. The boats will start promptly at 2 P. M., and the victorious boat will be awarded a beautiful silk flag, presented by Commodore H. E. Law. The boats will be sailed by L'Hommedieu, Greenebaum, Dr. Hill, Sutherland, Morell and Connolly.

CYCLING AT THE CAPITAL

Crack Racers Will Compete at Sacramento To-Morrow.

The Olympic Wheelmen's Coming Meet Will Be a Big Attraction.

Encinal Cyclers' Road Race—Reliance Club Run—Some Phenomenal Records.

The Capital City Wheelmen of Sacramento will hold a meet on their famous three-lap board track to-morrow afternoon, which promises to eclipse all others they have held in the way of races and racers, and judging from the patronage former meets have received there will be the usual immense attendance.

The Sacramento club has been fortunate in getting two plums which the California Associated Cycling Clubs had to dispose of to some meet promoter, the one-mile Pacific Coast championship, for amateurs and professionals by special dispensation, and the big professional handicap, for which a purse of $240 has been hung up. These and other events have attracted a large field of entries, as given in THE CALL Thursday.

A great many wheelmen from this city will attend the meet, Captain Hadenfeldt of the Olympics having made up one party of twenty-five. These, with the officials and the racing men, will leave on the 8 A. M. boat and train to-morrow, arriving on the return at 8:45 P. M. The round-trip fare is $3 35, a special excursion rate for those who wish to attend this meet.

It must be understood however that only those who make a prior arrangement with Captain Hadenfeldt can take advantage of this special rate by the 8 o'clock train, and tickets must be secured from him to-day. The excursion that the railroad company is promoting leaves by the 7 o'clock train, which, however, only arrives in Sacramento about fifteen minutes earlier than the 8.

It would seem that Boyden, Davis, Metcalf, Byrne and other professional cracks had overlooked a good thing in the $240 handicap at Sacramento, which they have not entered. W. B. Vaughn and E. M. Palmer of Southern California have been added to the entries already published.

The meet of the Olympic Club Wheelmen at the Velodrome a week from to-morrow will be one of the best ever held here. Not only will there be an immense entry list from all the crack riders of the State, but the attendance of the various clubs en masse will tend to enliven the grand stands perceptibly. The advance sale of seats has been very gratifying to the managers. Entries close Monday. After this meet the track will be taken up and the grounds turned into a baseball park.

E. J. Bangs, Henry C. Johnson, George Bill, Harry Walz, H. T. Henning, W. J. Stange, Harry Fowler and Robert C. Lennie have recently been elected members of the Bay City Wheelmen. The club has started on its fourteenth year in a prosperous condition, and many innovations and entertainments in the way of club runs and indoor amusements are promised for the members.

There will be a supplemental old men's run of the Reliance Club Wheelmen to-morrow to Haywards. The party will start from the Reliance clubhouse, Oakland, at 10 A. M. sharp. President Jerome has issued a large number of invitations, and a large gathering is expected.

The most phenomenal performance of the year thus far is the ride of J. W. Stocks of England, who on September 15 at the Crystal Palace, London, paced by a motor-car, lowered the mile world's record to 1:35 2-5, a trifle better than the fastest time ever made by a running horse. This mile record was held at 1:39 2-5 by W. W. Hamilton of Denver for eighteen months, he having made it on the mile horse track at Coronado, Cal. A month or so ago McDuffie of Boston lowered it a second, then Platt-Betts of England brought it down another second, and it is now believed that it will stay where Stocks has placed it for some time to come. Stocks are up across the water.

The Terrills are keeping their winning gait in France, judging by the latest advices. Bearings' correspondent says:

Morin won the scratch event, but it was no easy matter for him, and his partisans must have felt very uneasy when Harry Terrill challenged him a few feet from the tape and came near licking him. Nossam must be out of all form, for he was badly beaten in his heat by Bourrillon and Bob Terrill. Bob and Harry Terrill's good showing was one of the features of the race. The two Yankees have been up to the present very unfortunate in their French campaign and the rounds of applause which greeted their really good performance must have sounded very sweet to them.

The Terrill brothers have issued a challenge to race Morin either separately or in a three-cornered match, by points or any distance the French crack likes to name. Morin has agreed to race Harry Terrill for "love," but he will only consent to ride against his brother Bob for a stake of at least 500 francs.

H. G. Gardiner of Philadelphia recently surprised the cycling world by breaking the amateur mile record more than three seconds. The mark has stood for some time at 1:46 3-5, and on September 11 Gardiner, paced by two triplet teams, brought it down to 1:43 2-5. He made the half in :50 1-5.

The Encinal Cyclers of Alameda will hold a five-mile handicap over the San Leandro-Haywards course to-morrow.

Western Sports advocates the removal of A. W. Wehe from the road racing committee of the association, a move in which I heartily concur. Since his appointment nine months ago Wehe has never yet met with his fellow-committeemen.

Next Tuesday evening, September 28, the Imperial Cycling Club will banquet at a downtown rotisserie the men who volunteered as pacemakers at Bozio's recent record trial.

The San Francisco Road Club will enter Frost, Robinson, Goodwin, Thiel, Francis and Quimby in the ten-mile association race on October 10.

The new cycle club at San Jose, as told of exclusively in THE CALL a month ago, is rapidly growing. It will be known as the Garden City Wheelmen, and most of the members belonged to the old Garden City Cyclers.

J. S. Conwell, president of the Cycle Board of Trade, is to leave this city and locate in Indianapolis. The last meeting of the board before his departure will be next Wednesday night, and the following night he will be tendered a banquet. R. C. Lennie has the latter affair in charge.

The following are the entries and handicaps for the five-mile race of the Encinal Cyclers of Alameda, which will be held over the San Leandro-Haywards course at 2 P. M. to-morrow:

M. G. Curtis, scratch; A. E. Cumbers, :15; W. Thompson, :15; M. E. Gaines, :30; J. A. Carpenter, :30; F. Jurgewitz, :45; R. A. Mesrole, :45; E. M. Whalley, :45; E. A. Tyroll, 1:00; W. M. Ramsey, 1:00; J. A. Moller, 1:15; George Morss, 1:30; Fax Hervey, 1:45; J. P. Thorn, 2:00; C. T. Fortner, 2:00.

SPALDING.

H. G. GARDINER, Holder of the Amateur Mile Record of 1:43 2-5.

THE HIGH SCHOOL FIELD DAY.

The Lowell High School will hold its semi-annual interclass field day at the Olympic Club grounds at 2 P. M. to-day.

Among the entries for the events some very promising runners and athletes are to be found who will no doubt make the contests of a high class, while the rivalry between the classes of '98, '99 and '00 will keep the enthusiasm at a high point. In addition to the regular events there has been added the discus-throw and a 220-yard dash for eighth and ninth grades, grammar-school pupils.

The Pentathlon contest for 1897 is to be held in Oakland on October 23. This is the annual State all-around contest, and comprises the following events: 100-yard dash, twelve-pound hammer-throw without a turn, high jump, pole vault and one-mile run.

The associations most likely to send teams to compete in these games will probably be the Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, Santa Cruz and the Mission and Main Association of this city. Already the men are rounding into form and hope to give a good account of themselves. San Francisco wants to win back laurels lost last fall, and Oakland is striving to retain the prestige gained. The Mission team—composed of Shaw, Smith, Lamont, Heuer and Taylor—feel confident of taking first honors. The outlook is a very favorable one, and no doubt this year's Pentathlon will surpass any yet held.

Freight on Horses.

The carrying of horses from this city to Los Angeles for the coming races will be done by Wells, Fargo & Co., instead of the Southern Pacific Company, as heretofore, but the rate will remain the same, $100 per carload, eight horses to the car.

SMALL GAME WILL SUFFER

The Season for Quail and Duck Shooting Near at Hand.

Farmers Will Not Permit Hunting During the Dry Weather.

Olympic Gun Club Will Celebrate To-Morrow on the Sonoma Preserve.

The season when it shall be lawful to shoot and have in possession quail and wild duck is near at hand, and, of course, that means very extensive preparation among the lovers of the chase for a hot time on the old grounds, October 1.

Sportsmen were in hopes that the recent change in the weather would result in a damper for the country at large, but old Jupiter Pluvius cannot always be relied upon, and once again he fooled the people, especially those who expected to have the pleasure of seeing their dogs ranging beautifully on the inaugural day of the season over sprinkled hillsides.

But while there is life there is hope, and who can say with any degree of certainty that the gentleman in charge of the big flood gate on high may not alter his mind and give us a wet when least expected?

It is hoped by all true lovers of quail shooting that the parched lands over which quail hunters will tramp in quest of the fast-flying game that is indigenous of the soil will receive a washing by October 1, as under the present conditions very little good work can be expected from either pointer or setter.

This has been a remarkably good breeding season, and from all accounts birds are plentiful in many parts of the country where local sportsmen visit during the game shooting season. In case the wet weather holds off for any length of time, sportsmen should not forget that a cigarette or a cigar which is cast away carelessly while it is in an inflammatory state may cause serious damage to farmers' interests. It is the dread of conflagration that has caused many well-meaning ranchers to put up notices warning hunters from their lands, and they cannot be blamed for keeping a close eye upon sportsmen in general.

Of course, those who mean well must suffer from the wrong-doings of others. Generally speaking, a farmer will not refuse any man permission to shoot over his property if he (the farmer) is politely asked the privilege. But, generally speaking, the riffraff of the hunters walk right into the rancher's demesne and shoot away regardless of what damage they may do.

The Olympic Gun Club will entertain its members and friends to-morrow at its preserve in the Sonoma marsh. A splendid time is promised all who will attend. Live birds will be on hand for those who may fancy a little trap shooting during the afternoon.

A special boat will leave this city to-morrow morning for the accommodation of the sportsmen.

The following amusing article appeared recently in an Eastern exchange relative to decoy cows for goose-shooting. It says:

Years ago the first man—as we have been informed by an old resident of St. Louis—to use an imitation of a cow as a movable blind was said to have operated his scheme in the fields and lowlands on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River, where geese and brant were prone to rest and feed invariably in the open, far from fence, bush or other cover. Now, however, it is expected a decoy cow will be placed on the market, at least one has been devised by a Western man, who wants a patent for it. The imitation cow is described as being made of flexible material, with collapsible frame work that it may be folded into a small space when transported. When two men are in position within the device and it is desired to fire at game the man who occupies the forward legs folds the head down by releasing a spring, while the rear man must shoot from beneath curtains or flaps. No doubt directions for entering and getting out of the finished decoy will be furnished with it if it is ever sold; or it may be necessary to display warning signals or placards when the occupants' safety may be endangered. In this regard it is easy to imagine the anger of some farmer on seeing a strange cow feeding in his wheat field. As a matter of course his first impulse would be to drive it away and the methods he would probably follow to accomplish this end are painful to contemplate, to say nothing of enduring them. Suppose he would set his dogs on the strange animal, or pursue it with a heavy whip, or even the old-fashioned cruel but effective charge of salt. We fancy the patent-applied-for decoy's movements would resemble not the graceful stride of the bovine, but rather that of two men in a painful situation and great haste.

To-morrow the Reliance Gun Club will hold its final bluerock shoot at the Webster-street grounds, and the Empire at Alameda Point.

GOOD VOLLEY-BALL GAMES.

Two very lively games of volley-ball were played last Tuesday evening at the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. One game was between the Mission team and the Midgets, the former defeating the latter by a score of 44 to 39 points. The second game was between the Peerless and the German teams. The German team won by a score of 58 to 35.

It was a fine exhibition of this new game and was witnessed by a most enthusiastic audience. The good plays were warmly applauded.

J. C. Hennings acted as umpire during both games. The scorers were E. Ziska for the first game and S. McDougall for the second.

The teams were composed of the following players:

Mission team—W. Lamont, captain, scoring 11 points; G. T. Shaw Jr., 12 points; W. Smith, 10 points; D. J. Grant, 11 points; total, 44 points.

Midgets—S. Hoffman, captain, scoring 6 points; H. Gray, 12 points; A. Gray, 12 points; Frank Kelly, 9 points; total, 39 points.

Peerless—Ed Ziska, captain, scoring 11 points; H. S. Morton, 2 points; S. Hoffman, 7 points; L. C. Chaponot, 15 points; total, 35 points.

German team—Henry Toujes, captain, scoring 12 points; J. F. Novitzky, 9 points; J. Tuojes, 23 points; R. Horter, 14 points; total, 58 points.

TO-MORROW'S COURSING.

To-morrow's coursing brings about an incoming of the new and an outgoing of many of the old. Two events will be run off, a stake for puppies and a sapling sprint for a bank roll. Among the puppies there are many "new ones"; also, there are many who will make their last run as puppies.

Santa Clara County is bidding for the stake to-morrow with four performers. Port Costa brings down two and Sacramento one.

From Merced comes word that Klondike, a flyer owned by Glas & Merino, proprietors of the Merced Mercury, is dead. Had the poor hound only been named "Tales of Klondike" he might have lived forever.

"Senator" Crane, accompanied by several members of his company, took in the coursing last week. The dogs are finding much favor of late with the theatrical profession.

Of the fourteen saplings running to-morrow no less than ten are making their first public sprint. The betting will be of the sensational order.

The following is the result of the draw: J. Byrne's Nelly B vs. G. Whitney's Zoe; M. Tiernan's Duke of Argyle vs. J. Byrne's Oriental; F. Brown's Alma vs. Curtis & Son's Rosette; C. J. Desimone's Seven Spot vs. Curtis & Son's Maud S; F. M. Stillwell's Little Del vs. M. Michalik's Tarara; M. C. Delano's Echo vs. J. Warren's Sweet Lips; D. L. Desimone's Buck Wa vs. G. Whitney's Theron; J. Byrne's Occidental vs. P. O'Shea's Native Daughter; D. Flynn's Tom Belle vs. J. Warren's Benicia Boy; Pashaka kennel's Douglas, bye.

Sapling stake—Woods Bros.' Wildwood vs. D. Shannon's Soprano; D. Shannon's Sweet Music vs. J. Keenan's Royal Oak; J. H. Perigo's Belle Sueir vs. A. Sanderberg's Bogue; McComb & Bryan's Sir Marmion vs. D. Ford's Bonita; J. Connell's Toy Boy vs. H. Connelly's Pink; P. M. Wyman's Ruse O'Hills vs. Woods Bros.' Lady Wheeler; G. Dougherty's May McKinley vs. J. H. Perigo's Lady Woodford.

WILL PLAY BASEBALL.

The aggregation of ball-tossers from Santa Cruz will have a chance of testing their abilities against "Napoleon" Fagin's California Markets at Central Park to-day. As both teams have been strengthened, the fans should be treated to gilt-edge playing. They will line up as follows:

Cal. Markets.	Positions.	Santa Cruz.
Peters	Catcher	C. Daubenbiss
Iberg	Pitcher	E. Daubenbiss
Murphy	First base	Devereaux
K. Krug	Second base	Arellanes
H. Krug	Third base	Streib
Williams	Shortstop	Williams
Hearty	Left field	Burge
Bodie	Center field	Wilson
Gosinsky	Right field	McGrath

To-morrow the "Beachcombers" will have the Will & Fincks for their opponents. The players will line up as follows:

Will & Fincks.	Position.	Santa Cruz.
Scott	Catcher	C. Daubenbiss
Knell or Fitzpatrick	Pitcher	E. Daubenbiss
Bliss	First base	Devereaux
Johnson	Second base	Arellanes
Tilson	Third base	Streib
Ed Smith	Shortstop	Williams
Muller	Left field	Burge
Hildebrandt	Center field	Wilson
Pyne	Right field	McGrath

At Sixteenth and Folsom streets, at the California League grounds, the following games are scheduled for to-morrow:

8 A. M., Kohlberg, Strauss & Frohmans Jr. vs. Hale Bros. Jr.; 10 A. M., Arnold Bros. vs. Grand Republics. 2:30 P. M., San Francisco Dry Goods Commercial League, Hale Bros. vs. Kohlberg, Strauss & Frohmans. Football practice from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

The Hoitts School nine is scheduled to play the Sacramento High School nine on October 2, the Lick School of this city on October 16 and the Central School of Oakland on October 23.

George Stevenson of 311 Franklin street is anxious to be the guardian of the initial bag for the Alerts.

The Alameda Klondikers claim that they are the champions of that county, and are anxious to add to their laurels by playing the Young Spauldings of this city. The Klondikers are under 13 years of age. Address all challenges to Albert Foster, 1118 Mound street, Alameda.

The Young San Francisco Athletic Club will play any team under 13 years. Address all challenges to John Moor, 246½ Harriet street.

The Florida Stars will play the San Francisco Alerts at the recreation grounds to-morrow. The Stars would like to meet team whose members are under 13. Address all challenges to A. Amiot, 2429 Bryant street.

WILL ROW IN A WEEK.

The coming skiff race between Dr. Cecil Dennis and William McCausland is agitating rowing circles at the present time. McCausland challenged Dennis at the conclusion of last Sunday's race, claiming that as he had already participated in the shell race he was too exhausted to do himself justice in the skiff event. Dennis accepted McCausland's challenge, and both men are keeping up their training with the expectation of meeting a week from next Sunday. The El Campo season closed last Sunday, but the railroad company will take advantage of the big race and run boats on the day of the contest. Messrs. Patch and Pape of the Dolphins are to row on the same day for their club championship and for a diamond medal.

The Pioneers' intermediate crew is also out with a challenge for a return race with the victorious South Ends' intermediate crew.

The Pioneers claim that they lost through having a broken seat, and feel confident they can regain their laurels in a return race. It is likely that a race can be arranged between these crews to take place at the same time.

There will be a meeting of the regatta committee on Monday evening at Rothkopf's office, to complete the arrangements for the above races.

OLD ENGLAND'S NATIONAL GAME.

Another six weeks of cricket is figured on here. Several of the coming fixtures are with country clubs and interest in the Hunter Harrison cup series is extinct. Alameda is the champion of the year.

Speaking of champions the question of settling champions, either among clubs or individuals, by the average system, has recently been very vigorously attacked. It is contended that a championship is obviously less a question of units and decimals than of merit, and that the status of teams and players should be adjudged solely according to consistent form and skill and not in respect to runs and wickets. Blind mathematics, claim the coming cricketers, should not take precedence of quality of play. As an instance of the stupidity of the present system they point out that Ranjitsinhji is sixth in the list of batting averages this season, though he has played three times as many innings as the leading man. I invite views on the subject. To-morrow's match will be novel and interesting. It is an inter-Pacific one, the sides being Banks and Insurance Men vs. All Comers. The former team are strong in batsmen and the latter have the best bowling talent.

UMPIRE.

NEW TO-DAY.

For one reason the nervous system of women becomes impaired, and on account of what is termed "female complaints," life becomes a burden. Many think that these pains and aches that wear women's life down with nervousness and so rapidly age them must be endured. But this is not true. Headaches, sleeplessness, lack of energy, nervous prostration, despondency, weariness, neuralgia, are all dispelled, and nervous, ailing women are restored to health by

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FEATHER-WEIGHTS ARE TO BATTLE

Smith and Dixon Are Now in Condition for Milling.

A Battle That Promises to Be the Event of the Season.

An Effort Is Being Made to Get Jackson and Corbett in the Ring.

The sports of this city who delight to witness a first-class boxing contest are taking considerable interest in the coming fight between the hard-hitting Solly Smith and the colored lad George Dixon.

It is safe to say that the lovers of the game of hit and miss will not be disappointed in their expectations of witnessing a great mill, as Smith and Dixon are natural born fighters and leaders of the class they represent.

They have signed to fight at 120 pounds and at this weight they expect to enter the ring strong and able to give a first-class account of themselves.

The contest will be held on Monday, October 4, at Woodward's Pavilion, under the auspices of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, of which Zeke Abram is president. Tom O'Rourke, the Napoleon of managers, is looking after the interest of Dixon, and Smith is cared for by his brother. George Green will referee the contest, and there is no doubt that he will give general satisfaction.

Pool-selling on the match will open on Monday, and as the great little fighters have numerous admirers the betting is expected to be heavy.

Owing to the very good battle Smith put up when he cooked Johnny Griffin of Braintree at Woodward's Pavilion it is expected that he will start a favorite in the betting, but be that as it may, Dixon will be backed heavily, as he still retains his old-time cleverness and can easily avoid a rusher. At close range Dixon is a dangerous customer. He has a pet blow—a short right-hand cross—which has brought down many a game fellow, and unless Solly is careful he may run into one of those dreamlanders.

The fight promises to be a hummer, and it is safe to predict that the thousands of people who will witness it will go away thoroughly satisfied that they got a good run for their money.

Peter Jackson is enjoying the sights and receiving a warm welcome from hosts of friends. Peter is not by any means given to braggadocio. His words are: "I have never issued a challenge in my life and I have never flinched from a meeting."

Jackson speaks the truth. He has met the greatest fighters of the day and whipped some great men. He is still open for engagement, and his motto is first come first served. Of course he prefers to meet Corbett to any other man, as the ex-champion is owing him a return match.

But will Corbett consent to a second meeting with the colored gladiator? It is thought that he will not.

Corbett is deeply anxious for another tryout with Fitzsimmons, and if private information can be relied upon the clever James is getting into splendid condition owing to the excellent care he has taken of himself since his defeat in Carson. He has his mind firmly fixed upon another meeting with Fitzsimmons, and unless some extraordinary inducements are offered the Californian will not consent to a meeting with Jackson nor any other heavy-weight while there is a possible chance for another try for the championship.

It was whispered around last evening in sporting quarters that arrangements have been made between Corbett and Jackson for some time, with the object of holding a great 20-round contest in this city when the racing season opens. However, Jackson is not here for his health altogether, and the near future may furnish some valuable news to the sporting fraternity of this city.

Tom Sharkey is looking for scalps, and the sports are just thinking what Tom will say regarding a prospective meeting with Peter the great. Will Tom draw the color line?

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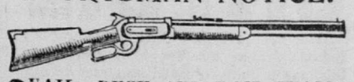

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