



THE FIELD OF SPORT.

DUCKS WERE FROZEN IN

How a Prominent Sportsman Got a Bag of Mallards.

First-Class Shooting Is Now to Be Had on the Marshes.

A "Varmint" Hunt by Members of the Petaluma Sportsman's Club.

"Why, this is exactly the kind of weather I fancy for duck shooting," remarked Otto Feudner, the little champion pigeon stopper, the other day while conversing with the veteran snipe shooter, Dave Thomp, on field sports in general.

"I met a few of my friends yesterday who were contemplating a great day's duck shooting on Saturday and Sunday," continued Feudner, "but, don't you know, one of them said that he should certainly postpone the trip if the cold snap continued.

"Now what do you think of a sportsman who is afraid of meeting a blast from the north and incidentally having to remove an icicle or two from his nose between shots?"

Yes, the weather has been exceedingly raw for the past few weeks, but then a true sportsman will not object to shedding a few tears in the field if there is anything like real good shooting to be had.

The marshes are now literally covered with ducks of every kind, and morning and evening shooting should be first class until there is a change in the weather, which is near at hand.

A member of the Black Jack Shooting Club returned from Antioch a few days ago with fifty-nine ducks, which included Black Jack, canvasback and Gadwall. Yesterday six members left for Sherman Island and doubtless they will return with a wagonload of fine birds.

Harry Hosmer and Al Cumming report having had good shooting on the ponds near Byron recently. Hosmer is unkind enough to let the cat out of the bag, or, in other words, he credits Cumming with having killed birds in what he considers to be an unsportsmanlike way.

This is how Harry tells the story on his friend whom he has dubbed the "Cock of the Swamps": "Al stole a tame mallard duck somewhere in the night before our shoot and he anchored the 'green head' in a pond over which

pond. He had killed stone dead fifteen mallards and there were ten big 'green heads' flopping away unable to rise.

"The ducks were attracted during the night by the call of the tame bird, which Al had confiscated and the ice stole over their red flippers while the duck conference was on, leaving them prisoners of war, so to speak.

"Cumming contends that he shot the birds on the wing and so he did. It cannot be said that they were on the ground when killed."

Members of the Petaluma Sportsman's Club are determined to rid the country of birds and animals that are valueless to sportsmen and incidentally of no use to sportsmen's wives. The following letter will explain how the "Knights of the Trigger" intend to accomplish the trick:

PETALUMA, Cal., Dec. 21, 1897. The long planned for "varmint hunt" of the Petaluma Sportsman's Club took place last Sunday, seventeen of the members being in the field, the two competing teams captained respectively by E. B. Drees and R. S. Brown. The latter team had but seven men to Drees' ten, and in the process of "evening up" Brown's team was credited with 10,518, and Drees' with 543 points.

Sunday evening from all directions came the weary sportsmen, and on the floor of their headquarters, Steiger's store, was heaped a quantity of birds of prey, useless, unpalatable animals and all that could be classed under the head of "varminis" with a great scarcity of edible wild fowl. Bears and panthers and such, for which the highest number of points were given, were conspicuous by their absence. The credits ranged from 1000 for large game to 1 point for chipmunks.

The first prize was won by Al Fisher, he having gained the greatest number of points—287. George Ortman followed with 271 points, taking second prize. T. J. Studdert took the third prize with 203 points. Joe Steiger merited fourth prize, scoring 174 points. R. S. Brown, with 174 points took the fifth and last prize.

The promised supper to be given by the defeated team will take place shortly after the new year, and Brown's team will be the guests of Drees'. Those who took part in the shooting were: R. S. Brown, C. F. Northrup, Fred West, Frank Zartman, Ben Phillips, J. T. Studdert, Ed Savanagh, Frazer, Collins, Smith, E. E. Drees, J. Steiger, George Griess, George Ortman, Louis Steitz and W. J. Palmer.

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JACK DALY AND EVERHARDT.

The Daly and Everhardt fight will be held at New Orleans on the evening of the 28th inst., and as there is some interest taken in the match by the sporting fraternity of this city, Daly's record will interest those who wager on prize-fights. Here it is:

Defeated Owen Harney in New Orleans, 9 rounds; Billy Young, at Washington, 5 rounds; Al O'Brien, same place, 6 rounds; Frank Bollen, Wilmington, 6 rounds; Joe Flynn, same place, 3 rounds; Billy Dacey, same place, 1 round; Chris Johnson, Baltimore, 5 rounds; Abe Ulman, a heavy-weight, same place, six rounds; Mike Leonard, same place, 2 rounds; Stanton Abbott, same place, 5 rounds; Joe Barnett, at Washington, 9 rounds; Howard Wilson, same place, 14 rounds; Billy Dooley, same place, 10 rounds; "Bull" McCarthy, at Philadelphia, 6 rounds; Tom Moriarty, at New York, 8 rounds; Jim Franey, at Wilmington, 9 rounds; Frank Wong, same place, 10 rounds; Tom McCune, at Philadelphia, 6 rounds; Martin Judge, same place, 4 rounds; Jack Bennett, same place, 4 rounds; Billy Vernon, at New York, 6 rounds; Isidore Straus, at Philadelphia, 6 rounds each; Jimmy McHale, who put plaster of paris in his glove when he fought Andy Bowen here in the early '90's, at Philadelphia,

MONEY FOR FLEET HOUNDS

A Classic Coursing Stake To-Morrow at Ingleside.

The Colorado Performers Again Competing for the Coin.

There Will Be No Coursing at the Ingleside Park To-Day.

The stake arranged for to-morrow has in it more than the usual elements of interest. It is an open event, limited merely to the number of candidates possible to be run in one day, and the entry embraces some red letter performers. Among the most notable is Rusty Gold, brought out from Colorado by Simmons & Donohue for the Merced stake and left by them in charge of D. J. Healey. Rusty Gold was runner up

between the business men of San Francisco and the Incognitos of Oakland at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium of this city.

The game was hotly contested, and both teams put up some very strong plays. The Incognitos could not line up all their regular men, although their substitutes were by no means poor players. The business men won the game by a final score of 29 to 10 points in their favor. Their team was composed of the following players: F. M. Goodrich, Louis Titus, W. Wilson, C. J. Auger and C. Bernhard. On the Oakland side played these men: H. Lausten, E. C. Brown, C. Lackie, Charles Dunsuir and G. La Rue.

Two practice games were also played between the Unions of San Francisco and the Spartans of Oakland, the latter easily winning this game by a score of 8 to 2. The other game was played between the business men and the lawyers, both of this city, and was won by the former, the final score being 21 to 6 in their favor.

COLD WEATHER FOR ANGLING.

Notwithstanding that the weather has been bitterly cold in and about Duncans Mills and Point Reyes during the past week, anglers have been enjoying good fishing in Russian River.

Several large steelheads have been shipped recently from Duncans Mills by Deputy Fish Commissioners to friends in this city, and according to a letter that was received yesterday from one of the officers who is detailed

QUIET WEEK IN CYCLING

Lack of Racing Tends to Dull Interest in the Sport.

The Baseball League Has Renewed Enthusiasm Among the Clubs.

New Association Committee Appointments Meet With Universal Approval.

Things are as usual very quiet in cycling affairs at this season of the year. Last year we had the Velodrome race meets to keep the interest awake, but there is nothing of that kind now. There was some talk of a meet on New Year's day at San Jose with a hard race at ten miles paced between Harry Downing of San Jose and W. E. Becker of Minneapolis, but that has

except by royal permissive warrant; in Austria they are prohibited from riding hands off; in France they have to have their husband's written consent to join a touring club, and in Germany they have to undergo an examination for proficiency and carry their certificates constantly. In America—well, they do about as they please.

In a letter to the writer E. C. Bald, the American champion of 1897, says that he will likely come to California about the first of February to spend a couple of months. Fred J. Loughhead, the Canadian champion, will accompany him. Their trip will be principally for pleasure, though they may do a little preparatory work for the next season's racing.

Chairman Welch of the track-racing committee of the C. A. C. C. has announced that he will reappoint Robert A. Smyth as official handicapper for the association. This action will meet with universal approval, as Mr. Smyth has the confidence of the riders, years of experience at the work and no club affiliations that might render him open to a charge of impartiality.

The next meeting of the association at Alameda on Saturday evening, January 8, promises to be exciting. A determined effort is going to be made by some of the delegates to have the action of the board at the last meeting regarding Charles Kraft reconsidered, and to declare him a professional. This will, of course, be opposed by those in favor of Kraft's reinstatement and others who want to see Birdsall, Theisen and Mott reinstated.

HANDBALL IN THE COURTS.

Colonel Phil Ryan of the San Francisco handball court has promised his patrons a fund of pleasure to-morrow. He has scheduled a series of games, the contestants being the leading players of the State. The programme is as follows:

J. Harlow and J. McEvelly vs. W. Kelly and D. Connelly.

L. Waterman and E. McDonough vs. J. R. Boekman and D. J. Sheehan.

D. Rodgers and P. Ryan vs. M. McNealon and T. Bonnet.

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

J. Dowling and R. Housman vs. E. Curley and M. Maguire.

J. Riordan and R. Linehan vs. J. C. Nealon and T. Bonnet.

At the Occidental court the games that will be played to-day are as follows:

W. Collins and N. Hassell vs. A. Collins and J. McCarthy.

E. Clements and J. O'Brien vs. T. Lydon and A. McInerney.

G. Ebner and G. Cunningham vs. A. McVicker and J. Shaw.

J. O'Connell and T. Nagle vs. P. Kennedy and O. Anderson.

J. O'Leary and Professor Barrett vs. M. Mullaney and "Cyclone" Hayden.

P. Kelly and T. Cashin vs. J. Pendergast and P. Hutchinson.

M. Dillon and J. Slattry vs. J. Condon and J. O'Donnell.

W. Kelly and A. Pennoyer vs. G. Hutchinson and M. J. Kilgallon.

The Outcome of a Feud.

A story was recently made public to the effect that Mrs. A. G. Hughes of 202A Powell street, while stopping at the lodging-house 202A Powell street, was found consorting with a man named Wynne, and that the two were smoking opium, while the child was stupid from the fumes. A brother of the lady, Mr. Scott of this city, denies the story most emphatically, and has retained a lawyer on the case. The story as told by Mr. Scott is as follows:

"My sister arrived in this city early in December and stopped at the house 202A Powell street, not knowing the character of the place. One afternoon she went out to do some shopping, and left the child in care of another lady stopping in the same house. She was gone longer than she expected, and when she returned she found that her friend had left the child in the care of Wynne, who is an old friend of Mrs. Hughes.

"She at once went to Wynne's room to get the little one, and while there Officer McMurray of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Police Officer Brophy arrived and placed both under arrest. They were taken to the City Prison, and Mrs. Hughes was released on promising to return at once to Santa Barbara, which she did.

"The men in the room, Wynne and a companion, may have been smoking opium, and they may not, my sister does not know positively, but she was not consorting with any fumes of the drug in the room. She and her husband are well-known and highly respected citizens of Santa Barbara, and no one there believes the story."

NEW 70-DAY.

does not think it possible, but medical statistics have proven it positively, it has become a recognized fact that one

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HOW GIRLS PLAY FOOTBALL.

The sporting fraternity of this city will be afforded an opportunity of seeing ladies play football this afternoon at the Velodrome grounds.

The girls have been practicing for several weeks, and it is said that they play a pretty clever game without entering into the heavy-smashing style as adopted by the men when they meet in that part of the game known as bucking the line.

It is not to be expected that the girls will attempt to maim each other in the scrimmage. On the contrary, they will rely on their cleverness to win the game for their respective sides, and, by the way, some of the players are really clever in handling the oval.

When asked if she did not fear severe injury to her neck by a heavy fall one of the players said yesterday that she could stand pain with as much fortitude as any of the college boys.

Why, our hair is just as long, but perhaps not altogether as woolly as an intercollegiate football player, consequently we do not fear much alarm from a heavy fall, provided that we land on the back of our head," remarked one of the healthy-looking misses as she smiled at a companion.

"Yes, we will show the men folks that girls can play football as well as ride a bicycle, ride a horse or play tennis. Football is not such a terrible game when it is played scientifically; there is no necessity for rough work such as is frequently seen when college players meet in a championship contest."

Well, those who fancy football will see how it is played by women to-day and after it is over then it will be time to pass judgment on the game as played by women.

The line-up is as follows: Oakland Browns: Forwards—Belle Eaglin, Annie Rhodes, Jennie Brooks, Lillian Merrill, Lottie Brooks, Clyde Sawyer and Lillian Carr; quarter-back, Lottie Cornell; halfbacks, Mamey Leonard and Daisy Eaglin; fullback, Maud Eaglin; coach, Al Bear; captain, Mamey Leonard.

Frisco Grays: Forwards—Captain Emily Hart, Nora Smith, Adele Broquet, Louise Hart, Viola Williams, Maggie Flemming, Freydis Caswell and Louisa Hart; quarter-back, Dolly Wallace; halfbacks, Louise Mitchell and Minnie Rentrof; fullback, Marion Anthony; coach, R. Nicholson; umpire, Joe Acton; referee, Andrew Walsh; general manager, C. A. Doyle.



HARRY HOSMER and AL CUMMING Returning From the Duck-Shooting Ponds Near Byron.

he intended making a horrible killing in the morning.

"Well, all right. Everything went along smoothly until we were ensconced in our blinds long before smiling Sol put in an appearance on this side the Sierras. Mark you, we were only 200 yards apart and just as soon as there was sufficient light to see a bird at fifteen paces Cumming's gun commenced to talk and for ten minutes it talked incessantly.

"Well, I thought to myself, what in the name of Golcher is that royal Highlander up to.

"Then a thought flashed through my mind that Al had taken an impromptu bath and needed assistance. I repaired instantly to where he was located, and as I drew near I asked, 'What's up, Al? Did you fall in?'

"For heaven's sake drop," he replied. 'Can't you see the pond is literally covered with mallards and not one of them will rise?'

"I dropped. Again Al's gun barked and not a bird moved.

"He kept up the racket until there was light enough to see all over the

5 rounds; Mattie Matthews, at Syracuse, 20 rounds; Billy Ernst, at Brooklyn, 19 rounds.

The men most worthy of note in the foregoing are Mattie Matthews, who is rated as a dangerous man; Billy Ernst, who has met the best light weights in the country, and Billy Vernon, who is rated a good man with the gloves.

Daly has fought draws as follows: Jim Franey, 11 rounds; Charlie McKeever, 6 rounds; Jack Everhardt, 6 rounds; Eddie Connelly, 20 rounds; Owen Zeigler, 6 rounds; Horace Leeds, 4 rounds; "Kid" McPartland, 6 rounds; Young Griffo, 6 rounds; Joe Gans, 6 rounds, and Stanton Abbott, 37 rounds. A first-class picture of Daly appeared in the Saturday edition of The Call two weeks ago.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Marcus L. McCord has applied for a divorce from his wife, Anna L. McCord, on the ground of desertion.

Adelle M. Phelps has filed suit for a divorce from Charles A. Phelps. As a cause of action she alleges infidelity.

at Merced.

W. Slink, of greater fame in horse circles than in coursing, will also make his initial shy at the leashmen's game, having in the entry a Canadian youngster of promise. The Santa Clara contingent and divers other outside kennels have in much of their best stock.

A large consignment of strong hares reached the park this week and the sword itself is like velvet. The added money to-morrow is \$150, or the same amount that has usually been added to stakes extending through two days. Commencing next Saturday, too (January 1), all stakes will be materially increased.

By many it is thought that to-morrow's stake looks to be an easy trick for Rusty Gold. Possibly, too, it is, but he will not by any means win it "in a walk." On the plains he is a rattling performer, but his work in the parks and what little of it has been seen—has been excelled by many.

A. C. Bradbury has sold Lady Pembroke to the Montezuma Kennels. Lady Pembroke was lately bred to Serrona of the same string.

Curtis & Sons of Santa Clara had their famous pair, Cavalier and Rosette, at the park last Sunday. Neither seemed much the worse for their recent attack of distemper—seemed, in fact, capable of doing their old-time winning work within a very few weeks.

J. Farley's Snowbird is reported to have been placed in care of the well known trainer "Brindle Pat." Snowbird fit is a better dog than the average. She will be in the stake again next week.

William Halpin, the genial slip steward at Ingleside, is spending the holidays with his brother in San Luis Obispo County. His place is being filled by P. Reilly, superintendent of the park.

In several of the courses last Sunday Mr. Grace gave an exhibition of judging that could hardly be excelled anywhere in the world. His decisions were flawless and rendered with a promptness truly remarkable.

The likeliest performers in to-morrow's run down appear to be Rosette, Mohawk, Blackette, Senorita, Myrtle, Rusty Gold, Benicia Boy, Move On, Granule, Occidental, Lass o' Gowrie, At Last, Systematic, Eclipse, Beau Brummel, Emerald and Swinerton.

BASKET-BALL IS BOOMING.

The most interesting game of basket ball of the week took place on Wednesday evening and was played

to look after the net fishermen on the river, the outlook for a continuance of the good fishing is very flattering.

The bar at the mouth of the river has closed again, and as a consequence the back water has enlarged the pools, thus affording the fishes below an opportunity to cross the shallows and ascend to that point of the river near Austin Creek, where they will remain until the Austin rises.

Last Sunday a small regiment of anglers was at Point Reyes. A few large fish were taken, but the cold snap froze the lines to the loops of the rods, causing the fishermen no end of annoyance.

Net fishermen are seining steelheads at the mouth of the creek and shipping their catches from Marshall Station to this city. It is no wonder that the sport of the angler is below par.

The second anglers' tournament of the National Sportsman's Association will be held in Madison Square Gardens commencing January 13 and ending January 22. Copies of the rules that will govern the contests in fly casting can be had at the sporting goods house of E. T. Allen & Co.

John Gallagher, the champion angler of Oakland, and some of his friends will leave this city for Russian River on Monday.

DETWEILER A DEFENDANT.

Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks Complained Against by Golden Gate Lodge.

By way of diversion Meade D. Detweiler, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, who is at present in this city on an official visit in connection with the lodge of which he is the head, will enjoy a few days in court as the defendant in an action brought against him by Golden Gate Lodge, No. 6, which up to a year or so ago was a branch in good standing of the Order of Elks. At the present time, however, Lodge No. 6 is not recognized by the national organization, and it is stated that the suit which was filed yesterday is largely due to that fact.

Golden Gate Lodge, No. 6, in its pleadings in the action against the grand exalted ruler, charges that he is the creditor of that organization in the sum of about \$1000, which money it alleges he collected and appropriated to his own use. The plaintiff in the action claims that it has applied to the defendant for the return of the money, but as their application was never heeded they bring suit to recover the amount alleged to be due.

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