

COMED CHAT ABOUT BALL

"Ham" Iberg Emulates the Rolling Stone in His Restlessness.

"Youngus" Johnson Gets His Price From Rochester and Goes East.

Bad Unpinning at Santa Cruz Causes the Boys to Use Language More Forceful Than Elegant.

By Joe Corbett.

The first game under the new league will be played at Central Park Sunday.

It is about time "Ham" Iberg signed with some club. His mysterious maneuvering from one club to another has caused no little amount of speculation as to his final fate.

Manager Coffroth, in company with Bushnell, the "photographic wonder" is scouring the country in the vicinity of Greenbrae, in the hope of securing a few "knights of the ball field."

"Bushnell's ark," which plays tag with the merry little wavelets in that neighborhood, contains many hidden treasures, as well as "secrets," and it is hoped that "Fairnest James" uncovers a good pitcher.

"Youngus" Johnson is the recipient of a telegram from the Rochester club, advising him to come East immediately.

"Youngus" says that Rochester has at last come around to his figure, and while he hates to leave dear old Frisco, still business is business, therefore, must go.

His departure will be a serious loss to the San Francisco club, with whom he had contracted to play while in California.

Our "favorite" Hughes dropped a game to the Brooklyn Wednesday, but he cannot be expected to win every game. The Brooklyn, at times, are a hard crowd to beat.

They may go along in a "don't care sort of a way" for a week, then wake up and bat any pitcher. Then again pitchers, especially youngsters, have off days and are easy for any team.

No doubt after pitching that great game against Boston, the reaction which undoubtedly accounts for Wednesday's defeat. It is to be hoped Manager Hanlon does not work this young man too often at the start, as the weather back there at present is not quite warm enough for pitchers.

McJames and Hughes have done nearly all the box work so far, and it is about time Hanlon gave some of those other "stars" an opportunity to earn their salaries.

Harvey, the crack pitcher of the Gilt Edges, has received an offer from the Pittsburg club of the National League. He intends to remain in California this year, however, yet is thinking very seriously of joining fast company next season, and will no doubt uphold the glorious reputation attained by former native sons in the East.

Charley Sweeney, whose record as a strike-out pitcher is yet to be equalled, says his arm is gradually "rounding out," and that he will be able to use it to good advantage before long.

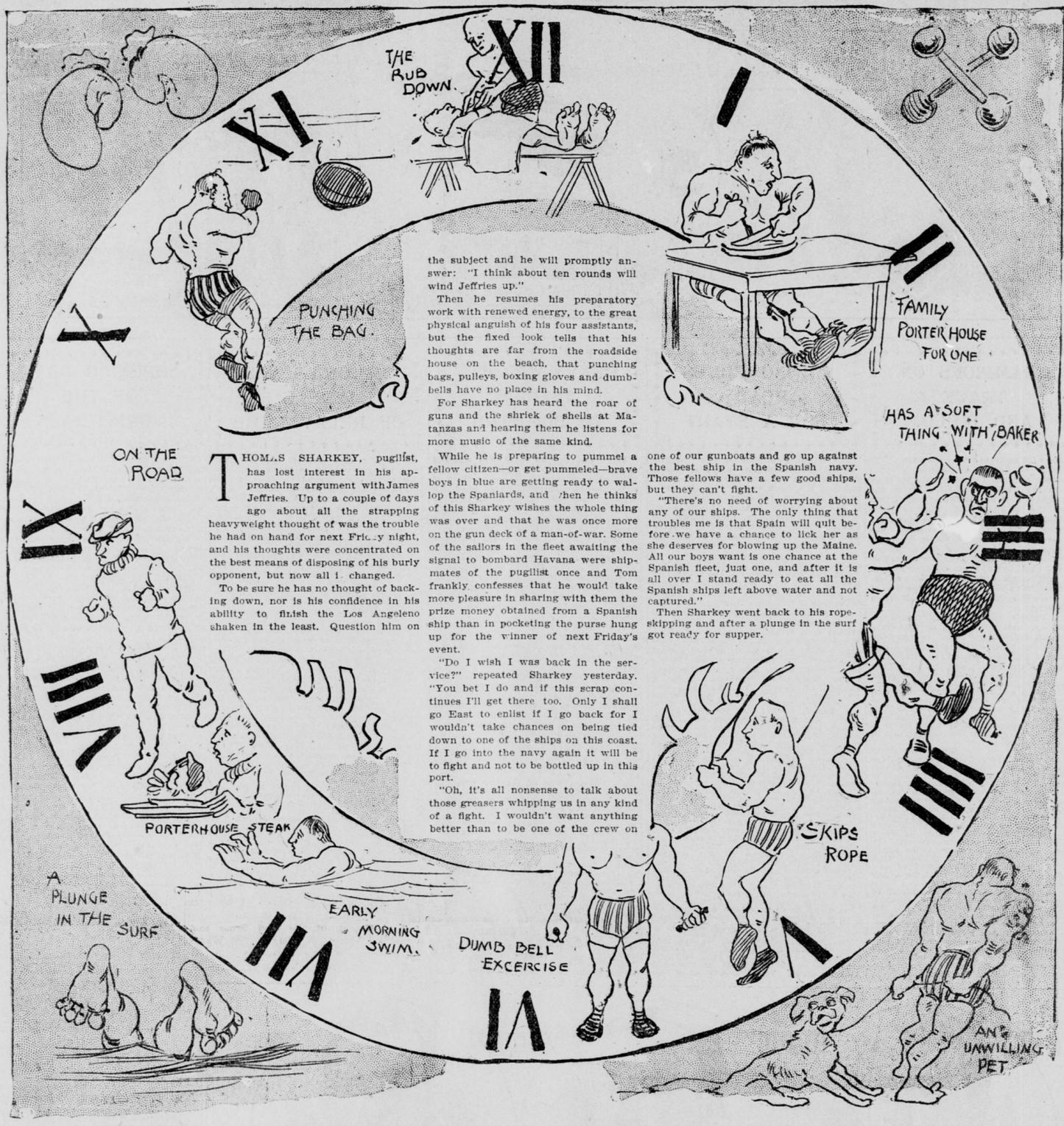
Fitzpatrick, he who monopolizes the coach line every time the athletes cross bats at Central Park, should apply for a patent on that voice. Any player who should dare make a misplay when this gentleman is doing his act should be suspended for life.

Every team that goes to Santa Cruz seems to entertain the same grievance—"poor umpiring." There are some very naughty things said about the gentleman who handles the indicator in that town, and quite a number of players state that it is almost impossible to win a game in which he officiates.

Such a state of affairs should not be tolerated, and the league should furnish good umpires, proficient enough in the game to give a correct decision at least once in a while. Have good umpiring, and save trouble, dissatisfaction and a possible "riot."

One thing is certain, the teams now composing the new league will have to practice if they expect to play good ball. No player, no matter how good he might be, can give a good account of himself (unless through sheer luck) unless he devotes some of his leisure time to practice. In the major league players must practice every day, barring Sunday, from one to two hours, and very often with this amount of practice put up an inferior article of ball. Therefore the managers of the various teams should insist upon their men practicing, for if they do not, poor baseball will be the inevitable finish.

HE LONGS TO PACE A GUN-DECK ONCE MORE. Bombardment of Matanzas Fires Sharkey With a Desire to Rejoin His Former Mates.



THE CALL'S RACING CHART.

PACIFIC COAST JOCKEY CLUB—Ingleside Track—154th day of the Winter Meeting, Friday, April 29, 1898. Weather fine. Track fast.

981. FIRST RACE—Five furlongs; selling; four-year-olds and upward; purse, \$500.

Table with columns: Index, Horses, Weight, St., 1/4m, 1/2m, 3/4m, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Op. Cl.

Time, 1:02. Winner, H. C. Ahlers' br. h. by Imp. Inverness-imp. La Trappe. Good start. Exact 1/10th. Won first three driving.

982. SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs; selling; maidens three years old and upward; purse, \$500.

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Time, 1:08. Winner, Captain Bros' b. g. by Captain Al-Lady Intruder. Good start. Won easily. Second and third driving.

983. THIRD RACE—Six furlongs; selling; three-year-olds and upward; purse, \$500.

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Time, 1:14. Winner, E. F. Erickson's ch. f. by St. Carlo-Libbertifibet. Good start. Won easily. Second and third driving.

984. FOURTH RACE—One and a sixth mile; handicap; three-year-olds and upward; purse, \$500.

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Time, 1:47. Winner, W. B. Jennings & Co.'s tr. c. by Imp. Sir Modred-Gloriana. Good start. Won first three driving.

985. FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs; two-year-olds; purse, \$400.

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Time, 1:24. Winner, N. S. Hall & Co.'s ch. f. by Imp. Creighton-Neille Bell. Fair start. Won first three driving.

986. SIXTH RACE—One and an eighth mile; selling; four-year-olds and upward; purse, \$500.

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Time, 1:55. Winner, J. Nagie Burke's br. m. by Jphn Happy-Fansy. Good start. Won handily.

GLORIAN WAS OVERLOOKED

Landed Winner of the Handicap by Woods at Odds of 10 to 1.

The speedy Canace Downed Sombre in a Long Hard Drive.

INGLESIDE STAKE TO-DAY.

Five Starters Will Face the Flag in the Four-Mile Event.

Goodrich Takes the Mississippi Handicap at Memphis.

WINNERS AT THE EAST.

TO-DAY'S ENTRIES.

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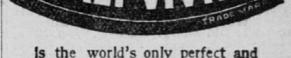
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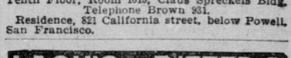
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LASH'S BITTERS BETTER THAN PILLS.

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Another Marriage Annulment Suit. Ida Constantine commenced suit yesterday to secure an annulment of her marriage to George Constantine. She alleges in her complaint that after their marriage on January 14, 1893, she being at that time only twenty years of age, her husband attempted to force her to look for employment in an underground resort. When she refused to accede to his wishes he left her and she has not since seen him. She also asks to be granted permission to resume her maiden name, Ida Archambault.

MANHATTANS ENTERTAIN. Bouts of a whirlwind nature were furnished to about 300 lovers of boxing last evening by the Manhattan Athletic Club in their rooms at 1745 Mission street. One became so torrid that a police sergeant, fearing a repetition of the Griffo-McCarthy battle, ordered a halt in the middle of the fourth round, just when the spectators were warming up to it. After interesting preliminary three-round goes between Fred Schoenfeld and J. Lahey, Wood brothers, Gus Coster and Fred Muller, Joe Sullivan and Oscar Hilton, Yama and McDevitt, Ast and Magee were disposed of, Young Muller, an older brother of the redoubtable Fred, and Jack King, alias Roberts, entertained the spectators with three rounds and a half of arm swinging and ludicrous boxing. The first round was filled in with long distance sparring and grimaces, and the second was a repetition of the first, with the exception of a clean knockdown scored by King. In the third Brother Fred tried to coach Brother Joe by making flippant motions, but it availed him not. Early in the fourth King let out a kick and swinging his right uppercut Muller in the eye, closing it. He then followed him around the ring administering blows which had they landed, would have ended hostilities. It was then that the sergeant interfered and referee Wiggin awarded the decision to King. Phil Green of Oakland (45) and Al Neu (45) were next to contest for supremacy, but after four rounds of vicious fighting the bout was adjudged a draw. Green was over-anxious and missed many heavy swings, while Neu, somewhat cooler, awaited their coming, and would step in close and land. Both men fought evenly and cleanly throughout the four rounds, and their efforts were appreciated by the spectators. It is expected that Matchmaker Muller will arrange a go between Lon Agnew and Neu, to take place some time in May.

Season Tickets to Be Taken Up. As the two rival baseball organizations have combined, the management takes this means of announcing to its friends having season tickets that the same from both the Pacific States and California leagues will be honored at the game at Central Park on Sunday and then taken up. A new ticket will be issued early next week and given instead of the old one to those entitled to the same.

First photographs of the recent eclipse in India taken by members of the Chabot Observatory, in next Sunday's Call.

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