THE FIELD OF SPORT

UNCLE HENRY GIVES WAY TO THE LOBSTERS

Santa Cruz Breaks Into First Place.

DONLIN'S MASTERLY WORK

CRAWLS OUT OF SEVERAL EXCEEDINGLY SMALL HOLES.

Local Sluggers Made to Paw the Air When Hits Would Have Evened the Score or Won the Game.

The Santa Cruz aggregation of baseball talent invaded this municipality yesterday and crowded the local representatives out of first position in the league race by a combination of timely swats and battery errors on the part of Fireman Fitz and his first assistant, Swindells. It was not an interesting game, for both teams played overcautiously, making it drag with the exception of two or three patches where baseball of the sensational order was put up.

Both teams had in their star twirlers and as in the game at Santa Cruz Fitz suffered by comparison. He was inclined to go up in the air at critical stages, and some of his passes proved costly. He was touched up for ten hits, with a total of fourteen bases, which proves that Hank Harris does not control the only bunch of sluggers in the league.

Donlin was particularly effective in a close pinch, as shown by the fact that twice the locals had the bases full, but were unable to score, and at another time—in the fourth inning—the first four men up reached first on three singles and a base on balls, yet only one tally was recorded. That is baseball. In the second inning Donlin retired the side on strikes with the bases full and not a run was scored.

Krug's work yesterday demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that his rightful position is in the outfield. He covers no ground to speak of at short and his bungles invariably occur at the most inopportune periods.

Santa Cruz had a new man, Drennan, in right field. He formerly played with Seattle and has a good record.

The star play of the day was made by Riley in the second inning when he ran up against the fence back of third base and pulled down a high foul from Donlin's bat. Santa Cruz cut out three double plays, all of which were pretty and with Clark participating in them all. The score follows:

SAN FRANCISCO.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Pyne, c. f.	5	1	2	1	2	1	0
Krug, s. s.	5	0	1	0	1	2	1
Riley, 3 b.	5	0	2	0	2	2	0
Sullivan, 1 b.	5	0	0	0	9	1	0
Hilderbrandt, r. f.	3	1	1	1	3	0	0
Muller, l. f.	4	1	1	1	1	0	0
O'Neil, 2 b.	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Swindells, c.	4	0	1	0	3	3	0
Fitzpatrick, p.	2	0	0	0	2	2	0
Totals	34	4	9	4	24	13	2

SANTA CRUZ.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Williams, 2 b.	5	1	2	1	2	5	0
Donlin, p.	5	0	1	0	0	3	0
Devereaux, 3 b.	3	1	0	0	0	2	1
Pace, c.	4	2	2	1	6	5	1
Clark, 1 b.	3	1	1	0	12	0	0
Strelb, l. f.	4	1	3	1	1	0	0
Kleiber, s. s.	4	0	0	0	4	2	0
Burge, r. f.	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Drennan, c. f.	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	7	10	4	*26	17	4

*Riley out for interfering with thrown ball.

RUNS BY INNINGS.

San Francisco	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0—4
Base hits	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	2	0	0—9
Santa Cruz	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	*—10
Base hits	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	*	—10

SUMMARY.

Runs responsible for—Fitzpatrick, 3; Donlin, 1. Two-base hits—Donlin, Williams, Pace, Clark. Sacrifice hit—Krug. First base on errors—San Francisco, 3; Santa Cruz, 2. First base on called balls—San Francisco, 7; Santa Cruz, 5. Left on bases—San Francisco, 8; Santa Cruz, 7. Struck out—By Fitzpatrick, 2; by Donlin, 7. Hit by pitcher—Muller. Double plays—Clark unassisted; Williams to Kleiber to Clark; Donlin to Pace to Clark. Passed ball—Swindells. Wild pitch—Donlin. Umpire—Cahill. Official scorer—Stapleton.

San Jose Defeats Oakland.

SAN JOSE, May 27.—San Jose played under the new management to-day and walloped the Oaklands to the tune of 3 to 2. Fast and lively ball was played throughout, the fine fielding of the local team being the prime feature. If Oakland had put in a little judicious stick work the score might have been tied. The only three-base hit was made by Kent. The score:

SAN JOSE.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
McGucken, c. f.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leake, s. s.	3	1	0	1	1	4	1
Kelly, r. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson, 2b.	3	1	0	0	1	3	1
Dalrymple, l. f.	3	1	2	1	0	0	0
Hanlon, 1b.	3	0	1	0	15	1	0
O'Dea, 3b.	4	0	0	0	3	3	0
Borchers, p.	4	0	0	0	1	2	0
Kent, c.	4	0	2	0	6	5	0
Totals	33	3	6	2	27	18	2

OAKLAND.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Donovan, c. f.	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
Schmeer, s. s.	3	1	1	2	4	1	0
Lange, 3b.	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
Hammond, c.	4	0	1	0	4	1	0
Peeples, 2b.	4	0	1	0	4	1	2
Johnston, 1b.	4	0	1	0	7	0	0
Dunleavy, l. f.	4	1	1	0	4	1	0
Hardie, r. f.	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Russell, p.	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	32	2	9	2	*26	8	2

*Kelly out for interfering with ball.

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS.

San Jose	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—3
Base hits	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1—6
Oakland	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2
Base hits	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0—9

SUMMARY.

Runs responsible for—Borchers 2, Russell 3. Three-base hit—Kent. Two-base hits—Lange, Hardie, Hanlon. Struck out—By Borchers 7. Base on called balls—Russell 5. Sacrifice hits—Borchers, McGucken. Hit by pitched ball—Leake, Kelly, Anderson, Schmeer. Left on bases—San Jose 7, Oakland 7. Time of game—2 hours. Umpire—Rube Levy. Scorer—W. Weber.

Watsonville Defeats Sacramento.

WATSONVILLE, May 27.—Farmer Struve's band of Sugar Beets defeated the Sacramento Statesmen here to-day by a score of 5 to 1. In the first inning Watsonville connected often with Noisy Harvey's delivery and hammered out three runs, aided by Big Selna's three-bagger. The Statesmen scored the only run in the sixth as a result of errors. Both pitchers did splendid work, particularly Kid Whelan, who held his opponents down to three hits. The same nines play here to-morrow with "Nit" Harper and "Demon" Doyle on the delivery end. Score:

WATSONVILLE.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Brockhoff, 3 b.	4	1	1	0	1	1	0
McCarty, ss	3	0	0	0	1	3	1
Courtney, c. f.	4	1	2	1	2	0	0
Selna, 1 b.	4	1	1	0	9	0	0
Plake, 2 b.	4	0	1	0	5	1	0
Morrow, c	3	1	0	0	4	1	0
Hayes, l. f.	4	0	0	0	5	1	0
Rice, r. f.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Whelan, p	4	0	0	0	0	5	2
Totals	34	5	6	1	27	12	3

SACRAMENTO.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Dennie, r. f.	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
Harvey, p	4	0	2	0	1	5	0
Doyle, 1 b.	4	0	1	0	19	0	2
Eagan, ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Stanley, c	4	0	0	0	5	3	0
Stultz, 2 b.	4	0	1	0	1	5	1
McLaughlin, 3 b.	4	1	0	0	0	3	0
Shannahan, l. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheehan, c. f.	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	1	5	0	27	19	6

RUNS BY INNINGS.

Watsonville	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—5
Base hits	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	—6
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—1
Base hits	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	—5

SUMMARY.

Runs responsible for—Harvey 1. Sacrifice hit—McCarthy. Three-base hit—Selna. Two-base hit—Sheehan. Bases on balls—Watsonville 1, Sacramento 1. Struck out—By Harvey 6, by Whelan 4. Left on bases—Watsonville 4, Sacramento 6. Wild pitch—Harvey. Time of game—1:23. Umpire—O'Connell. Scorer—T. A. Peckham.

Two Games To-Day.

By winning yesterday's game the Santa Cruz team took the lead by a narrow margin and will have to capture one of the contests to-day to make their position secure even for a week. Two games will be played, the one in the morning at Golden Gate, the afternoon event to take place at Recreation Park. There will be a large contingent from Santa Cruz and this city who will make the trip across the bay, as the game promises to be intensely interesting. Old reliable Iberg will do the pitching for the locals, while Daubenbis will go in the box for the visitors. In other respects the teams will line up as in the afternoon game, when they will be placed as follows:

San Francisco.	Positions.	Santa Cruz.
Swindells	Catcher	Pace
Fitzpatrick	Pitcher	Balsz
Sullivan	First base	Clark
O'Neil	Second base	Williams
Riley	Third base	Devereaux
Krug	Shortstop	Kleiber
Muller	Left field	Strelb
Pyne	Center field	Donlin
Hilderbrandt	Right field	Burge

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GOOD FLY FISHING IS NOW IN ORDER

Large Catches of Trout Have Been Made Near Point Reyes—Reports from the Rivers.

According to latest reports from the mountains the McCloud River is getting into splendid condition for fly fishing. Colonel Kelleher has been enjoying good sport for some weeks past and the local anglers who whipped the stream recently returned with nice catches of fish. The Truckee River is also looking well, but it is a little too early yet for fly fishing on this popular stream. The reports that fish were being killed indiscriminately by poachers on the Truckee does not apply to that part of the river between Boca and Truckee. The reports state that the damage was done below Verdi and that owing to the obstructions which still remain in the river—that is, on the Nevada side—the fish cannot ascend the stream, but congregate in large numbers under the dams, where the Indians can capture them easily.

The Fish Commissioners of this State have done all within their power to have the obstructions in the Truckee removed, but it seems that the authorities of Nevada State have not extended to the gentlemen who are working in the interest of a good cause any assistance.

Fish Commissioner Vogelsang has tried every means to remedy the existing evil, so to speak, but he finds that without some assistance from the other side of the line his efforts will prove unavailing.

The near-by streams are panning out well. Anglers who fished the Paper Mill and Lagunitas creeks last Sunday enjoyed first-class sport. Frank Marcus landed a 1½-pound trout and had quite a nice mess of several small-sized trout besides. Louis Rondeau, W. Cooney and Ed Williams creeled a respectable number of trout between Tocaloma and the Nicasio Creek, where it empties into the Paper Mill. Charley Cate, Otto Braunsdorff and Bert Spring enjoyed the best sport of the year fly casting in the deep pools near Point Reyes. The trout caught were of good size. Two small striped bass were also caught by an angler who whipped flies on the White House pool. The trout are now taking a fly which is an imitation of a mosquito. Some anglers who fished Lagunitas Lake last Thursday returned with full baskets.

Two striped bass were caught in the Oakland estuary last Sunday. Local anglers have not as yet prospected for large bass in the vicinity of Point Richmond, but it goes without saying that the fishes are there and can be caught by those who will go prepared for their capture.

Two Deputy Fish Commissioners have been taking small black bass from the shallow pools of Russian River and placing them in deep water. It is said that there are thousands of bass fry landlocked in water which will dry quickly in warm weather and to save the little fellows the deputies are now engaged in the good work of bass fry protection.

Large striped bass are also said to be enjoying quiet repose in the deep pools at the mouth of the Russian River. Some of the expert anglers should give them a trial.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS KICK AT A DECISION

Basket-Ball Game Ends in a Storm.

Nine High School girls, filled with an overflowing wrath, are now nursing an indignation of spirit which knows no bounds. Collectively they are known as the Girls High School basket ball team, and as such they have a grievance which is spending itself in subdued excoriations against the lady players of the Young Men's Christian Association.

An athletic combat, a trinity of referees and an error in the keeping of time are the counts in the complaint which the High School players have filed against the Christian athletes. There was a game between these two teams yesterday, and th Y. M. C. A. won out by a score of 7 to 5. This is the second defeat

The Recalcitrant Basket - Ball Players.

which the High School nine has suffered at the hands of the Christians, and it rankles deep in the maiden hearts of the students. While the High School young ladies acknowledge defeat according to the reading of the score, they claim that it was not such de facto. With a unanimous voice they raise their wailing complaints to the skies above and invoke justice to punish the referees who cut short the second half of the game by five minutes, thereby destroying their chancs for winning the game.

The game was played in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association building. The referees selected were F. R. Shaw, J. A. Heuer and Dr. H. L. Dietz, all good members of the association and keen judges of basket ball technique. With tears glistening in her eyes one High School player said that this was the first ill omen of a most unfortunate day. "How could we win with all three against us" she said. "'Twould be impossible." Dr. Dietz explains it differently. His version is that the visiting team had the right to nominate two of the officials, which they failed to do, and in order to play the game he was forced to find the two who judged the contest.

The first half was smooth sailing, with hardly a ripple of contention against the decisions of the officials. Not so at the end of the second half. Then the merry war of nine singing muses on one side and three bad men on the other began a short-lived career. The chief referee blew his whistle for the end of the game. The score was 7 to 5, with the Y. M. C. A. on the long end.

An explosion then occurred which shook the rafters out of joint. The nine High School athletes surrounded the three officials and midst shrieks and shouts declared they had been euchred out of five minutes of play. Whirlwinds of feminine passion floated through the gymnasium and the three officials capitulated. They allowed an extra five minutes of play, at the end of which the score stood the same. The additional time did not satisfy the High School athletes, however, and they are still bristling with what they term a righteous indignation and a just wrath. It will be some days before the emotional storm subsides.

The personnel of the battling teams was:

Girls' High School.	Positions.	Y. M. C. A.
Miss Driscoll	Forward	Miss Parker
Miss Talcott	Forward	Mrs. Dietz
Miss Hahn	Forward	Miss Roberts
Miss Johnson	Center	Miss Scoville
Miss White	Center	Miss Roberts
Miss O'Keefe	Center	Miss Berghauser
Miss Kennan	Back	Miss Parks
Miss Tessmer	Back	Miss Goodman
Miss Smith	Back	Miss Baer

BENEDICT CRICKETERS VERSUS BACHELORS

To-day the first married vs. single match will be played on the Webster street grounds at Alameda. The married team, which has been made up by George Hellmann and C. Simmonds, will consist of the following: George Theobald, E. G. Sloman, C. Simmonds, G. Hellmann, F. Sewell, J. J. Theobald, J. H. Harbour, G. J. Baugh, H. P. G. Gordon, J. M. Gunn and Henry Ward. The single men's eleven, which has been gathered together by J. J. R. Peel and C. P. Coles, is made up as follows: J. H. Saunders, F. Croll, J. J. Moriarty, B. Bird, F. C. Driffield, J. Myers, A. Dickenson, A. W. Wilding, W. S. Sandilands, C. P. Coles and J. J. R. Peel. It is decidedly strong in batting, and by no means weak in bowling. The captains of the teams will be chosen on the grounds.

No match is set down on the schedule for Decoration day. In previous seasons a city team has usually visited Placer County at this time, but the citrus colony has been so much thinned out that cricket in that region is practically dead.

At the last meeting of the California Cricket Association the rule previously adopted by the association for calculating the percentages of the clubs in matches for the Brown pennant for 1899 was annulled and the following rule adopted: Count one point for each victory, half a point for each drawn game, and divide the total number of points by the number of games played.

The first cricket match of the season in Lake County was played at Burns Valley between the Lakeport and Burns Valley clubs. The latter team consisted of T. W. Beakbane, W. T. Bayton, E. E. Gray, H. P. H. Haggitt, W. H. Turner, G. R. Webber, W. Spaulding, J. Palmer, J. Purves, J. Davis and C. Noel. In their first innings they scored 35 runs. For Lakeport Captain H. V. Keeling played a fine innings, scoring 72 runs before he was caught by Beakbane off Gray. The innings closed for 133.

In their second innings Burns Valley put together only 28 runs. Lakeport accordingly won by an innings and 70 runs.

SHOOTERS WILL MEET AT ANTIOCH TO-DAY

The Union Gun Club will hold its regular club shoot at the Lincoln Gun Club grounds, Alameda Point, to-day, Sunday. A large gathering of sportsmen and their friends are expected to be present.

The principal event in gun club affairs is the annual Inanimate Target Association meeting, which will be held at Antioch on Monday and Tuesday. Clubs representing different counties of the State will be present to engage in the game, and there is no doubt that rivalry will result among the team shooters. Four years ago a few enthusiastic sportsmen in different parts of the State, writes Secretary Gunzendorfer, met and organized the California Inanimate Target Association. Under its auspices six successful shoots have been held at San Francisco, Stockton, Alameda, San Jose and Monterey and the seventh will be held at Antioch on May 29 and 30. The management guarantees competent judges and referees and all scoring will be done before the eyes of the shooters. Under the new system prizes will be ready for payment to winners immediately after each event. Special rates will be given on all railroad and steamship lines, and adequate accommodations at Antioch will be provided at reasonable rates. Boats will leave this city for Antioch this evening.

Curlew are still plentiful on the Alameda and Mount Eden marshes and some good bags were made recently by local hunters.

The State live bird shoot will be held on June 2, 3 and 4, at the Olympic Club trap shooting grounds near Ingleside.

Crittenden Robinson, the great live bird trap shooter, has forwarded from Monte Carlo to E. T. Allen the last "blue rock" shot by the winner of the last tournament.

BASKET AND INDOOR BASEBALL SCHEDULES

Relay racing and indoor baseball are the two sports which are taking up the time and attention of the Young Men's Christian Association, both on this side of the bay and at Oakland. The intermediates of the San Francisco department and the Oakland Association have arranged a schedule of dates for relay and basket ball games.

On Wednesday afternoon the intermediates of the San Francisco association visited their Oakland rivals and met them on floor and track. In the basket ball game Oakland won out, but the relay race, ten men each, on the Oakland outdoor track, went to the San Franciscans. The following schedule has been arranged for the rest of the season: Monday, May 29, in Oakland, relay and indoor baseball. Tuesday, June 6, in San Francisco, relay and indoor baseball. Friday, June 9, in Oakland, basket ball. The odd game of basket and base ball dates will be settled later.

Every Tuesday evening during the month of June indoor baseball games will be played in the gymnasium. The schedule of the three teams is as follows:

May 30, Jumpers vs. Bumpers; June 6, Bumpers vs. Rompers; June 13, Rompers vs. Jumpers; June 20, Jumpers vs. Bumpers; June 27, Bumpers vs. Rompers.

The following are the members of the three teams respectively: Rompers—Goodrich, Foran, Scott, Tooby, Patch, Impey, Stoutenberg, Dietz, Armstronx, Trobeck. Jumpers—Dorian, Crawford, Gayness, Irving, Veaco, Dashwood, Lyton, Jacobs, Mitchell. Bumpers—Morton, Bishop, Shaw, Bernhard, N. Hanrahan, Kilim, Gibson, Spacher, Barbour. The game scheduled for Decoration day will probably be played on another date.

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POOLROOMS AT SAUSALITO ARE FINALLY RAIDED

Sheriff Taylor Takes a Hand.

The expected raid on the Sausalito poolrooms was reserved for Brooklyn handicap day. The big turf event in the East attracted an unusually large number of players to the hillside town over the bay yesterday, and both the rooms of Humphrey & Co. and Harvey & Co. were thronged with people. Three or four of the races at Brooklyn track had been decided, with the usual telegraphic description given by the caller at Harvey & Co.'s room in the Buffalo Exchange, when Sheriff Taylor of Marin County, and a force of deputies, headed by Amos Lunt, appeared on the scene. Four players, giving their names as T. Brun, E. Follansbee, John Daniels and E. A. Clark, were placed under arrest, together with the entire "crew" of Harvey & Co. The names furnished of the employes were: Morris Rosendorn, Max Cohn, J. K. Willis, W. Martin, Harry Hart, B. T. Reilly, H. Gorman, John H. Knill, James Smith, L. A. Meyers, E. Bert, J. Connolly and R. Curt. Joe Harvey, one of the proprietors of the place, was also arrested.

Very little excitement was caused by the raid, the players apparently being not in the least disconcerted, proceeding to speculate on the different runs as if nothing had occurred. The Brooklyn, St. Louis and Lakeside tracks were listed, and though the Sheriff and his men put in their appearance at 1 o'clock wagers were accepted and winning tickets cashed until shortly after 3:30 o'clock, when the guardians of the law, acting under instructions from Prosecuting Attorney McIsaac, ordered the room closed. Three races were still to be decided at St. Louis and two at Lakeside track. The closing was abrupt, and notice was given that "all bets stood." The Sheriff then gathered up evidence in the way of sheets, tickets, etc., and the men under arrest were escorted to the depot by the deputies in time to catch the 4 o'clock train for San Rafael.

The room conducted by John Humphrey and Henry Schwartz was unmolested for the time being, Joe Harvey having undoubtedly agreed to make a test case of it. In the complaint Harvey is charged with willfully and unlawfully opening, carrying on and conducting a banking game, played for money, with a device commonly known as bookmaking. The rooms at Sausalito are operating under a license granted by the Town Trustees. The proprietors of the rooms deny the accusation that they are conducting a banking game, and contend that if they are convicted, bookmaking within the confines of any track in California is illegal, and they will protest against it.

When the men arrived at San Rafael they were taken at once before Justice of the Peace George Rodden. The names of the men had in the meantime been inserted in the John Doe warrants. Court was held in a public hall, the Justice's office being too small to accommodate the throng. A. Sylva appeared on behalf of the men. All admitted the act charged against them, but denied that it was an offense under the law.

District Attorney Hugh McIsaac of Marin County appeared as prosecutor and was assisted by Attorney Daniel Ryan of this city. Argument on the demurrers entered in behalf of the men will be heard in San Rafael next Saturday. The accused were all released on $100. This was furnished by Mr. Harvey, who sat at the table with Justice Rodden and saw the latter's pile of gold increase gradually, until all had been provided for.

Trustee Sylva said that if the Trustees of Sausalito were granting licenses contrary to law they were liable to arrest. He stated it as his intention to have himself arrested and charged with felony. He would then sue out a writ of habeas corpus and take the matter direct to the Supreme Court. This would determine the status of the case against the bookmakers at once.

"Jim" Neal gave the name of James Smith. Attorney Ryan, knowing his identity, said, "You don't look like a Smith." Neal stuck to the name tenaciously.

The bookmakers returned to the city on the 8 o'clock boat.

THE BIG PUGILISTS AND THEIR CHANCES

Knowing Ones Contend That Fitzsimmons Is Still Dangerous for Six Rounds.

It is said that interest in the coming big fight in New York between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons is becoming very keen in the East and that the Californian is gaining admirers daily.

It matters not who the pugilists are, whenever a fight is announced there will be found admirers of both men, even though one of the sloggers may be so far superior as a boxer to his prospective opponent that comparison would seem ridiculous. Now, then, all persons who have seen Fitzsimmons' and Jeffries' performances must admit that Fitzsimmons is Jeffries' master in all particulars that pertain to boxing. Fitz is a better general, is swifter on his feet, can use both hands to good advantage and can certainly deliver the hardest blow, because of the fact that he has thoroughly mastered the game and knows when to hit and how to do it.

Jeffries in his fight with Sharkey, which was the only contest from which a good line can be taken of his ability as a pugilist, satisfied his most ardent admirers that he had much to learn of the art of self-defense. The right he used only on a few occasions and the blow was telegraphed so plainly that the sailor was away from danger when the shot was fired.

Jeffries' left hand swings, or crooks, as they are termed by the followers of the ring, carried danger with them each time that Sharkey's head got within firing distance, and although they came tolerably swift at times Sharkey generally avoided the full force of the blow by ducking under the glove or side-steppng his opponent. The fact of the matter was that the sailor kept a close watch on Jeffries' movements, and the big fellow when settling himself for a lead or a swing exposed what was coming by falling into an awkward position, thus giving Sharkey a chance to get away from trouble.

Time and again Jeffries forced his opponent into some corner of the ring and acted like a big amateur who did not know what to do when an opportunity had offered to administer solid punishment to his adversary at close range. Possibly Jeffries has changed his style of fighting completely since then, but the fact remains nevertheless that his left swings were not only awkwardly delivered, but the manner in which he held his hand (sidewise) when about to lead was sufficient to satisfy experts of the game that it would be only a question of time when the member must fall by his side helpless. Subsequently, when he fought Parson Davies' nigger in New York, he maimed the left hand by striking his opponent a swinging blow on the head. Of course, there is always room for improvement, and it is to be presumed that Jeffries is a far better man to-day scientifically than he was on the night he fought the sailor in Mechanics' Pavilion.

Most people who have a predilection for fistic sports admit that Fitzsimmons is far superior to Jeffries in many ways; that is, he is a better judge of distance, knows to the second when to strike, how to stop, how to duck and how to draw his opponent to him by fiddling and other ways until he has his quarry within easy hitting distance. In generalship Fitzsimmons has no superior. After summing up all these important facts the only question relative to the coming fight that is open to discussion is in regard to the effect which years have had on the champion. Many contend that he is too old to go a hard pace and that if Jeffries can land one or two good stiff blows in the early part of the game Fitz will witer and go to pieces. Age undoubtedly cuts quite a figure in the fighting game and when it is considered that there is about sixteen years' difference between the men and also a difference of about forty pounds in their weight one would naturally be inclined to wonder what possible chance of success has Fitzsimmons against the strapping and hair-covered lad from Southern California.

But on thought, if the fact that a tap on the jaw point properly put must be considered as meaning defeat to the receiver, which of the two men, allowing for the handicap in size and age, would be most liable to get "the auctioneer?" Doubtless eight out of ten people would say "Jeff" will be first to receive.

Age, then, will not count for much in a short engagement unless a man is so far gone physically that he is unable to hit or guard himself from attack. If Fitzsimmons is anything near as good a man to-day as he was when he met the clever Jim Corbett in Carson City he should certainly defeat Jeffries in five or six rounds or possibly sooner. Allowing that a few years have lessened his vitality it is feasible that he can yet journey through five spirited rounds. All of Fitzsimmons' battles were of short duration excepting those between Maher, Corbett and Dempsey. It can therefore be seen that Jeffries must cut out a warm pace from the start and smother Fitzsimmons quickly if he hopes to win. It is said on good authority that Fitzsimmons is doing remarkable work in his training and if this be a fact the outlook for Jeffries is bad unless the big fellow is a very much improved man.

Late accounts which came over the wire stated that the men had not been training properly. Of course, in the event of a prearranged affair comment would be useless.

WILL SPREAD WHITE WINGS TO THE WIND

Corinthians and Californias Prepare to Hold Annual Class Flag Regattas Over the Usual Courses.

The Corinthians will hold their annual regatta on Tuesday, May 30. The entries in the five classes into which the yachts are divided were given in Friday's Call. Class 1, the 36-footers, and the 30-foot class will sail over the "long course," yachts of the 25-foot class will take the "middle course," and the 20-footers will go over the "short course." The yachts in all classes will be started by the firing of a single gun, and will be timed from the signal, no time being allowed for rossing the line. If no yacht crosses the finishing line within five hours from the time of starting, the race will be sailed again. Yachts will receive time allowances based on their sailing length, and calculated by the tables in the club book of 1897. The prizes will be 1899 flags, one for first and another for second place in each class; but no prize will be awarded unless at least two yachts compete in a class. All yachts must secure numbers before the race. These can be obtained at the clubhouse on or after to-day, and must be returned after the regatta. The crews must be composed of amateurs, and helmsmen must be members of the Corinthian Yacht Club. H. H. Gorter is the measurer, and the members of the regatta committee are T. J. Kavanaugh, Douglas Erskine and P. J. Martenstein.

The sixth annual class-flag regatta of the California Yacht Club will also be held on Decoration day. The course begins at the southerly pierhead of the Narrow-gauge Mole, and is officially reckoned at ten nautical miles. Yachts will be divided into four classes, the first class consisting of yachts of 25 feet sailing length or less; the second of yachts exceeding 25 feet and not exceeding 30 feet; the third of yachts exceeding 30 feet and not exceeding 40 feet; and the fourth comprising all craft having a greater sailing length than 40 feet. Time allowances and measurements will be made according to the rules of the Pacific Interclub Yacht Association, published in 1898. The start will be made at the firing of a single gun for each class, and no allowance will be made for crossing the line. The time within which the course must be completed to entitle a yacht to a prize is four hours. The winning boat in each class will receive a pennant. No professionals may be employed in the crews, and helmsmen must be members of the California Yacht Club. The yachts will carry the racing numbers assigned to them by the Pacific Interclub Yacht Association on the luff of the mainsail, not less than four feet above the boom and on the starboard side. The numbers were given out yesterday at the clubhouse, and must be returned after the race to the committee. As Blossom Rock buoy, the first mark in the course, is also one of the marks of the Corinthian course, California yachts are instructed to yield the right of way to the Corinthian boats, which will have to take in their light sails and gybe round the buoy. Time lost by so doing will be allowed on application to the regatta committee within twenty-four hours after the race. The regatta committee consists of B. W. Robson, George tum Suden and R. R. l'Hommedieu.

To-day is an "open" date on the programmes of the San Francisco, Corinthian and California clubs, owners being busy in putting their yachts into trim for Tuesday's races. The South Bays will cruise to San Francisco to witness the Corinthian regatta.

BIG TOURNAMENT AT THE CALIFORNIA CLUB

Tennis Cracks Training for Class Matches on Decoration Day. Asphalt Court News.

A hot tournament will be the order of events at the California Tennis Club on Decoration day. It will be a singles and from present indications the courts will assume the old-time gala appearance, as all the cracks have entered and large delegations will be present from Oakland and Alameda.

The players will be divided into three classes, the winners of which are to play a round robin for the championship. Prizes will be given not only for the winning of class honors, but also for the championship. Robert N. Whitney and George Whitney, former coast champions, will fight for the first class laurels. Weihe may either play first or second class. Davis, Stauff, Drummond McGavin, Walter McGavin, Code, Grant Smith, Merle Johnson, Fay Beale, Sidney Salisbury, Du Val Moore, C. P. Root, Chet Smith and Horace Mann Jr. have also entered the lists. The playing will begin in the morning in order to reach the finals early in the afternoon.

The matches worthy of notice played during the week are the following: Daily beat James A. Code in easy fashion, 6—0, 6—0, 6—1. Work as the latter would, he could score but one game in three sets. Daily beat Root 6—0, 7—5. Miss Bessie Bowman beat Miss Bernice Drown, 6—4, 6—3. Sidney Salisbury defeated Miss Gertrude Palmer, 6—4, 3—6, 6—4. The heavyweight championship was won by Joe Hooper, who defeated Werner Stauf, 6—3, 6—2, 6—4.

Grant Smith, Harry Cornell and Harry Weihe will go to Stockton next week to meet the tennis experts of that city in an exhibition tournament. William Taylor, former champion of the coast for three consecutive years, has just returned from Honolulu. While in the islands he met the champions and won every match played.

BENEFIT FOR LOUIS GIMM.

Meet to Be Given in Aid of the Six-Day Cycler.

The Olympic and Bay City Wheelmen and other prominent cycling clubs are arranging a benefit meet for Louis Gimm, the six-day rider who was drugged during the race at the Pavilion several months ago. Gimm is just able to be about after a long siege in the hospital, and is sadly in need of funds and friends. The date of the meet has been set at Sunday, June 5, at the Olympic Club's track, and an attractive programme has been arranged, including a match race between "Bunt" Smith and E. F. Russ, best two in three one-mile heats; match race between Arthur Davidson and George P. Fuller, five miles, paced; a two-mile tandem handicap, and a half-mile open.

The Academic League will hold a five-mile race over the San Leandro triangle on Saturday, June 4.

The employes of Neustadter Brothers, who take an interest in cycling, are preparing themselves for another five-mile handicap road race early in June.

E. Ross Lozier, the well known Cleveland manufacturer, is expected on the coast within a fortnight.

The Bay City Wheelmen will hold a run to-morrow to Lake Pilarcitos under Captain A. J. Menne. The run will start in two sections from the clubhouse—the first at 7 a m. for the "has beens" and the second at 9 o'clock for the "scorchers." The commissary department is in the hands of Messrs. Sheldon, Day and Watters, "men who have been eating all their lives, and surely know what is good by this time"—at least so the notice reads.

The Green and Neill Match.

George Green and Al Neill met last evening and selected Walter Watson to referee the 20-round contest which will be held on Wednesday evening. The fighters, according to an agreement signed at the time the match was made, will meet at the ringside at 8 o'clock and weigh in at 154 pounds.

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