

# CURRENT SPORTING DOINGS

## Hockey and Its Widespread Popularity--An Irish Game--Automobiling Affairs--W. K. Vanderbilt Jr.--Barney Oldfield's Prediction

Hockey players are in clover these days. The great sport is now at its height, and indoor and outdoor games are being played with unrestrained enthusiasm.

Hockey teams have been organized in most every city in the United States. Contests are played on rivers and lakes and in inclosed rinks. Pittsburg and New York may well be said to be the centers of indoor hockey in the east. The outdoor branch of the sport rules favorite in the western and middle western states.

Hockey was brought into this country from Canada, where its popularity is of immense proportions. It was exported from England to Canada, and England, in turn, received it from Ireland.

In the accompanying illustration is shown a familiar hockey scene. The photo from which the cut was made was snapped during the "face-off." The puck is being put into play, and the centers of either team face each other, hit the ice three times with their sticks and strike simultaneously at the puck. Whichever hits quicker and

est locomotive!  
"I would take nine chances in ten of losing my life to strike that mark, for with a thirty second mile my name would go around the world and my future would be made. Yes, it is going to be thirty seconds, and that is what we are striking at."

"The sensation of such a mile I can hardly tell you. I go a mile in forty-three now. I have traveled faster here, but you would not believe me if I told you, and I have no sensation other than that of ordinary riding. I suppose that the sensation would come to me with a mile down to thirty, and I hope to get that sensation before I die."

"Of course, I may die in making it, but I don't believe that on the Ormond-Daytona course I should be at all nervous going out after that mile. What is the use? You can die but once, and if it comes that way--why, it is all right."

It has been decided to hold the Gordon Bennett cup race earlier than first arranged. The race will be run on June 17 instead of in July, as at first



THE FACE-OFF IN A HOCKEY MATCH.

harder after the referee gives the word to begin of course gains the advantage.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is now the acknowledged leader of American automobilists. His record breaking runs at Ormond Beach, Fla., started the entire motor world. In covering a mile in thirty-nine seconds he achieved what many experts had up to that time declared impossible. Now, however, they are hedging. Barney Oldfield of Detroit, for instance, says the limit to speed is the thirty second mark. He, too, may have made an inadequate estimate.

"The mile will be made in thirty seconds within two years," says Oldfield. "I do not believe that the thirty second mark will be struck within a year; still it may be reached. I will predict that within a year it will go under thirty-five. In fact, I am after that record."

"Of course others may reach it, for there are a lot in the field now--men of means and nerve, who have the time and inclination to buy fast cars and drive them."

"I want to have a car built for my use with which to make the try. The



WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT, JR., IN RACING TRIM.

car as it is built today will not do that. The racing car for a thirty second mile must be built low. It must all be figured out by scientists carefully and planned in every way for this particular sort of straightaway work. The right car will not be useful for anything but just straightaway work.

"It must be built for the least wind resistance--low and scoop shaped, so the driver is inside the car and out of the wind himself."

"It may readily be seen then that the building of a car to go under thirty-five will not be such hard work as might be supposed. But for every second under thirty-five there will have to be very marked improvement and scientific changes."

"Of course when motors travel thirty seconds to the mile, or a matter of 176 feet to the second, there will be danger. I have predicted a death or two at such speed, and they will come, but that will stop none of us from trying. We think of the good things awaiting the man who goes the mile in half a minute, or at a speed equal to the fast-

planned, the change being made because of the fact that the kaiser will be able to attend the race in June. The start will be made at Kastell Saalburg, and the route leads from there through Wehrheim, Usingen, Gravenweibach, Weillburg, Altendorf, Neckholzhause, Obertiefenbach, Limburg, Kerberg, Neuhof, Idstein, Esch, Glashutten, Königstein, Oberursel, Oberstetten and Dornholzkauzen. The route is 137.6 kilometers long.

The racing committee of the A. C. A. has accepted for the preliminary trials the entries of Alden Sampson, second, of Pittsfield, Mass.; L. H. Kittredge of Cleveland, O., and Peter Cooper Hewitt of Trenton, N. J. The German Automobile club has been cabled, making entry of three cars for the Gordon Bennett race. The preliminary trials and inspection of cars will be made at least six weeks prior to the date of the race.

### COMING ATHLETIC STARS.

#### Interscholastic Winners Are Now on College Teams--Yale's "Flinds."

Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell and other college teams will be benefited during the coming season by interscholastic cracks. Yale has secured the cream of the talent. Mike Murphy is not a bit backward in saying that Yale ought to be on top in athletics next spring.

One of the strongest additions to Murphy's combination is L. T. Sheffield, the New York interscholastic wonder. He attained high honors last spring, first by winning five firsts and one second in the dual games between Berkeley (New York) and Cutler (New York) schools, a total of twenty-eight points, and then winding up his performances by winning five championships in one afternoon at the spring meet of the Interscholastic association.

In this meet he secured twenty-five points. Besides being a pole vaulter, broad and high jumper of no mean ability, Sheffield is a sprinter. At the interscholastic championships he covered the distance in the 100 yard sprint in ten and two-fifths seconds and made a most remarkable record for a school-boy by winning the 220 yard run in twenty-two and two-fifths seconds.

Another clever athlete for Yale is H. Le C. Roome, a pole vaulter. In many interscholastic games held both in and out of doors his work has been watched with the keenest interest. In competition he has often cleared the bar at ten feet six inches.

#### The Princeton Auto Club.

The Princeton Automobile club has been organized among the undergraduates of Princeton university. Among the students at the college there are six heavy machines, as many light touring cars or runabouts, besides a dozen motor bicycles.

#### International Lacrosse?

The Harvard lacrosse team may go to England next year to meet teams of English universities.

# A SECRET SERVICE GIRL

[Original.]

A few years after the close of the civil war I visited my comrade, Captain Collins. He had been married, while I had remained a bachelor. While waiting for dinner we talked over old times.

"Women are the worst enemies we have to meet in war," I said. "If I were a general, I'd have a corps of women to defeat the schemes of women of the opposite side. Men are no match for them."

"Kinsey," Collins protested, "you were always a woman hater. The stories of how southern women carried information are all rubbish. I never saw nor heard of any of it. I married a southern girl."

"I experienced it," I went on. "It was in the early summer of 1862. I was then a second lieutenant of cavalry and on duty at Pulaski, Tenn., with a picket guard on one of the turnpikes leading northward. We were stationed some five miles out of town on a crest, so that I could look either back to town or up the pike. Of course I had orders to let no one go through except those who had passes. Well, one morning, looking back to Pulaski, I saw a wagon coming loaded with furniture, and when it reached me I noticed that a woman, a very pretty young woman, was driving it. The major was in command of that part of the picket line and happened to be at our post at the time.

"I'm going no'th," said the lady. "I'm tired of this war country. I'm a no'th'n woman anyway, and I'm going to join my friends in Ohio."

"Let me see your pass," said the major.

"Haven't any pass; didn't know I'd have to get one."

"You can't go on without a pass."

"I was standing directly behind the major, and the woman was looking right over him to me. She was little more than a girl, and I sympathized with her. I didn't see any reason why ten miles should be added to the journey of a northern woman trying to get out of the south. I gave her the wink and, suddenly pushing forward, threw my arms around her neck and kissed her, exclaiming:

"Why, Alice, who would ever have thought of meeting you here?"

"She twigged at once and received my caress without making any fuss. Then I turned and introduced my cousin, Alice Warfield. This fixed matters. The major not only passed her through, but gave me permission to accompany her some distance up the pike. I rode by her, she thanking me with the sweetest of words and the most honeyed smiles for saving her the trouble of going back for her pass. I asked her at what point in Ohio her people lived, but she said she'd never been there herself and didn't seem to know much about it. She explained this by saying that she'd lived in the south ever since she was ten years old.

"Well, we were riding through a wood when I heard a clattering of the hoofs of many horses. We became accustomed to noticing small things in war, and I couldn't understand how the coming cavalry--for such it must be--made no din of sabers. Our men always wore sabers, but the southerners didn't. Suddenly I saw between the trees a Confederate flag coming. I was about to turn when the girl in the wagon whipped out a revolver and called on me to throw up my hands. I was too late anyway, for the comers were right on me, so I obeyed her order.

"When the troopers came up, it turned out that General John Morgan, the celebrated Confederate partisan leader, was in command. He took off his hat to the girl in the wagon, with whom he was evidently well acquainted.

"For heaven's sake," he exclaimed, "what are you doing with all that furniture?"

"The girl laughed. 'I tried hard to get a pass to come out to meet you, but the Yanks were too smart for me, so I played the northern woman trying to go home. This gentleman helped me through by owning me for his cousin. But, general, there's a Yankee wagon train at Pulaski, and I've taken all this trouble to come out and tell you. There's a small guard, and you can easily capture the whole kit.'

"General," I said, "take me south, please, somewhere, anywhere, where I'll not see my comrades again. I'd rather go to Libby than meet one of 'em."

"The general laughed, but I was obliged to go with him back to Pulaski. The girl left her household effects in a farmyard on the road and, mounting a

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horse, rode back with us, guying me pleasantly all the way.

"That was the way John Morgan came to know of the wagon train being at Pulaski. He drove off the guard and after helping himself to what supplies he wanted burned the rest."

"By Jove!" exclaimed Collins. "She was a plucky girl, wasn't she?"

"Yes, and there were plenty more of the same sort in the south. I have often wondered if the girl ever married. Her husband might expect to wake up any night with the cold muzzle of a revolver on his temple."

At that moment Mrs. Collins entered, and her husband rose, as I did also, to introduce me. I started, and Mrs. Collins looked at me scrutinizingly. She was the girl who had tricked me.

"Colonel Kinsey, my dear, has been telling me a cock and a bull story about--"

"It's all true," she said. "I was the woman, and I've never forgotten the gentleman's kindness. I never told you the story for fear of incurring your prejudice, but now that it's all out I will admit I have a Confederate medal for the secret service work I did on that occasion." ALFRED TOWNSEND.

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