BANDLE BLUNDERED.

Partial Umpiring Had Something to Do With St. Paul's Defeat.

The Saintly City Error Column Tells the Rest of the Sad Story.

An Exciting Eleven-Inning Contest at Kansas City---Americans Win.

The Chicago Westerns Taken Into Camp---General Sporting News.

Special to the Globe.

OMAHA, Neb. April 14.—Shafer's bad errors were the chief cause of the defeat of the St. Paul team to-day. In the first inning he made three errors, resulting in three scores for the Omahas. In the ninth he missed an easy ball to second, and the home team made another. The playing of the rest of the visiting nine was only fair. The battery work of Sowders and Earle, however, was excellent. Earle scored a home run in the first inning and in the fifth made a three-bagger. He also did good work behind the bat and has eight put-outs to his credit. The visitors seemed to have no trouble with Burdick's delivery, and hit him six times with a total of fourteen bases, and but for some good fielding the game would have proved a Waterloo for the Omahas. Indeed, had it not been for very questionable decisions by Bandle, who acted as umpire, it is highly probable that the visitors would have been declared winners. In the ninth inning, with two men on bases, O'Connell made a long drive to Corbett, who caught the ball and threw it to first, who threw it to second, making a triple play. The umpire, however, declared the man safe on first, at which the St. Paul men declined to play further until a compromise was effected, the umpire deciding that two of the men were out, and allowing Sowders to score, thus giving Omaha the game. The fielding of the home team was excellent, and the effective work of Burns and Annis saved the day. In the eighth inning, Cooney, Omaha's catcher, broke the second finger of his left hand, and his place was supplied by Wilson. The day was all that could have been desired, and the attendance was about 2,000. The only double plays made were by the St. Paul nine, Shafer partially redeeming his record in the eighth inning. While Cooney was on second base Burdick batted Shafer a hot liner, which he held and reached second in time to put Cooney out. Following is the score:

OMAHA.	A B	R	1B	SB	P O	A	E
Burns, lf.....	5	1	1	1	3	0	1
Sowders, rf...	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
Annis, cf.....	5	2	1	2	2	0	0
O'Connell, 1b.	5	0	0	0	13	0	1
Miller, ss.....	5	0	2	0	1	5	1
Shannon, 2b..	4	1	1	5	0	0	0
Doran, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	2	3	1
Cooney, c.....	4	0	1	3	6	1	0
Wilson, c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burdick, p....	4	0	0	0	0	5	1
Total.....	39	6	7	12	27	14	5

ST. PAUL.	AB	R	1B	SB	PO	A	E
Murphy, cf....	5	0	0	0	3	0	1
Shafer, 2b.....	4	1	0	1	4	1	4
Earle, c.....	5	1	2	0	8	3	1
Reilly, 3b.....	3	1	0	1	1	1	1
Veach, lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrissy, 1b..	4	0	1	0	8	1	4
Corbett, rf.....	4	1	0	1	1	1	0
Pickett, ss. ...	4	1	3	0	1	1	1
Sowders, p....	4	0	0	0	1	2	2
Totals...	37	5	6	3	27	10	14

Omaha.....3 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1—6
St. Paul. .....1 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 0—5

Runs earned, Omaha 1, St. Paul 3; bases on balls, Omaha 2, St. Paul 2; struck out, by Sowders 9, by Burdick 1; double plays, Pickett, Morrissy and Earle; Shafer unassisted, Corbett and Shafer; passed balls, Earle 2; wild pitches, Burdick 1; time of game, two hours and thirty minutes; umpire, Bandle.

SPALDING'S PETS.

They Succeed in Taking a Game From the Maroons.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, April 14.—The Chicago league nine used up eleven balls and an hour and forty-five minutes this afternoon in beating the Chicago Western association team to the tune of 11 to 3. Three thousand five hundred people watched the start of the game, but a raw east wind drove three-quarters of them from the ground before the close. The game started briskly by Sam Morton's hired men making two runs, one of them a beautiful home run by Moriarty. The first two innings they played like veterans, whitewashing Spalding's pets in one, two, three order. The Whites then took rather kindly to Nicholson's pitching, and he was touched up in a lively way, which kept the Maroons hunting leather all over the grounds. Some excellent fielding was done, especially by Long, who did magnificent work at short. The Maroons put up a good game considering the chilly weather, but were clearly overmatched by the Whites. McCauley is an excellent catcher, and will stand high in the fielding average. Schoeneck is the star of the team. He weighs 245 pounds, is as good a first baseman as there is in the country, and at the bat looks and stands like a prize bullock at a fat stock show. Following is the score:

WHITES.	A B	R	1B	S B	P O	A	E
Ryan, cf.....	5	3	1	3	0	0	0
Sullivan, lf...	5	2	3	0	0	0	0
Pettit, rf.....	5	3	2	2	1	0	1
Anson, 1b	5	1	3	0	18	0	1
Pfeffer, 2b....	5	0	0	0	4	2	0
Williamson, ss	4	1	1	1	0	3	3
Burns, 3b.....	4	0	2	0	0	2	1
Baldwin, p....	2	1	1	0	0	12	0
Flint, c.....	4	0	0	0	4	5	1
Totals... ...	39	11	13	6	27	24	7

MAROONS.	A.B	R.	B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Crogan, cf....	4	0	0	0	2	0	1
Lange, 3b....	4	0	0	0	3	3	0
Moriarity, rf..	4	2	2	0	1	0	1
Lang, ss.....	4	1	0	1	0	11	1
McCauly, c....	4	0	1	0	2	1	2
Hengle, 2b....	4	0	1	0	1	2	1
Schoeneck, 1b	4	0	1	0	14	2	0
Rooks, lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicholson, p..	3	0	0	0	1	6	2
Totals.....	35	3	5	1	24	25	8

Maroons.....2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—3
Whites..... 0 0 3 1 2 0 1 0 4—11

Earned runs, Whites 2, Maroons 2; home runs, Moriarty, Sullivan, Anson; two-base hits, McCauley, Schoeneck, Pettit; double plays, Williamson, Pfeffer and Anson, Lang and Schoeneck, Lang, Schoeneck and Lang; base on balls, off Nicholson 1; hit by pitcher, Nicholson 2; struck out, by Baldwin 11, Nicholson 2; wild pitches, Baldwin 3, Nicholson 2; passed balls, McCauley 1; time, 1:45; umpire, Steve Hagan.

A CLOSE GAME.

In Eleven Innings the Americans Beat the Westerns by One Score.

Special to the Globe.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 14.—The second game of the series for the local championship between the American and Western association teams occurred to-day. While it was an exciting one, it reflected no credit on either club. The American team made fifteen errors and its opponent eighteen. Very little heavy batting was done, the Western club making but three singles, while the American pounded out seven singles, a double and triple, Davis and McTamany leading. About 3,000 people witnessed the contest, and the eleven innings it took to play the game were fraught with interest. Score:

American.....0 1 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 1—6
Western .....3 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—5

Earned runs, American 2; two-base hits, Hankinson; three-base hits, Davis; double plays and triple, Davis, Barkle and Philips, Ardner and Cartwright, Johnson, Ardner and Cartwright; struck out, by Toole, 4, by McCarty 2; bases on balls, American 5; Western 7; wild pitches, Toole 1; passed balls, Daniels 3, Wills 1; hit by pitcher, by Toole 2; time, 1:10; umpire, McQuaid.

AT WHEELING.

Special to the Globe.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 14.—At the game here to-day Faatz was arrested on the grounds for using abusive language to the umpire on account of a decision in the last inning, for which he deposited $15 to cover a fine in the police court Monday. Score:

Wheeling.....0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 1—4
Cleveland .....1 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—5

Hits, Wheeling 5, Cleveland 9; errors, Wheeling 1, Cleveland 6; batteries, Flannigan and York; Oberlander and Zimmer; umpire Sheppard.

AT NEW YORK.

Game called at the end of the fifth inning on account of rain. Score:

O'Rourke's team.....0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Ewing's team.....0 0 0 0 0 1—1

Hits, O'Rourke 4, Ewing 3; errors, O'Rourke 4, Ewing 1; pitchers, Crane and George; umpire, Pearce.

AT PITTSBURG.

Allegheny.....2 0 1 0 4 3 0 0 1—11
Toronto.....0 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0—4

Hits, Allegheny 11, Toronto 8; errors, Allegheny 9, Toronto 5; batteries, Fields and Henderson, Thayer and Sheppard; umpire, Valentine.

AT WASHINGTON.

Washington .....4 3 1 0 2 4 4—18
Princeton.....3 0 0 1 2 1 0— 7

Hits, Washington 11, Princeton 9; errors, Washington 2, Princeton 24; batteries, O'Day and Deasley, King and Young; umpire, Schoch. Called on account of darkness.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia...0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1
Athletics.....0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0—3

Hits, Philadelphia 8, Athletics 4; errors, Philadelphia 5; batteries, Gleason and Schriver, Seward and Robinson; umpires, Doescher and Daniels.

AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati.....0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0—3
Buffalo.....0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

Hits, Cincinnati 11, Buffalo 8; errors, Cincinnati 5, Buffalo 7; batteries, Ward and O'Connor, Walsh and Williams; umpire, Keenan.

AT BALTIMORE.

Boston.....4 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—6
Baltimore.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1

Hits, Boston 7, Baltimore 4; errors, Boston 2, Baltimore 4; batteries, Clarkson and Kelly, Kilroy and Trott; umpire, Blogg.

AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis..2 1 0 6 4 3 2 0 1—19
Toledo..... ...1 0 1 1 1 2 0 3—10

Hits, Indianapolis 23, Toledo 14; errors, Indianapolis 12, Toledo 8; batteries, Shreve and Buckley, Barney and Brown; umpire, Brennan.

AT ST. LOUIS.

Detroit.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—2
St. Louis.....0 2 0 1 0 2 0 5 0—10

Hits, Detroit 7, St. Louis 13; errors, Detroit 6, St. Louis 7; batteries, Baldwin and Sutcliffe, Devlin and Milligan; umpire, McCaffrey.

AT LOUISVILLE.

Louisville 8, Milwaukee 5. Pitchers, Ramsey and Shenkle.

OPENING THE SEASON.

The National and American Teams to Start Out This Week.

The base ball season will open in earnest this week, the first games of the American association being scheduled for Wednesday, and the first of the National league on Friday. Until two weeks ago there was a pretty general feeling that Detroit would take the National pennant, but the preliminary work of the team has been quite disappointing. The Michigan nine has lost games right and left from New Orleans to St. Louis, having yesterday lost the fifth consecutive game to the American champions. Detroit's work is, to say the least, in marked contrast to that of last year, when it played a long list of games before the regular opening day at Indianapolis, never once losing. Putting the preliminary work of the team for the two seasons together, base ball cranks are inclined to doubt the ability of the Wolverines to keep the flag. However, lovers of the national game may rest assured that the aggregation from the straits will make a hard fight and will not be very far from the top of the heap at the season's close. It is understood that all the teams, except Washington and Indianapolis, expect to land the pennant. The loudest talk, as usual, is heard in New York and Boston.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

In the American association any one of six clubs has a pretty good chance for the trophy. Of course Kansas City is out of the race from the start, and Cleveland is just about good for seventh place. The other six, however, cannot at this moment be judged with any accuracy. Probably Cincinnati is looked on as a winner by more people than any other, and Brooklyn stands next in public favor, but the champion Browns do not seem to have suffered very severely by the loss of Foutz, Caruthers, Bushong, Welch and Gleason. Tip O'Neil, Comiskey, Latham, King, Robinson and Hudson are still with St. Louis, and it is no sure thing that the pennant will not stay there. Then there is another great trio to take into consideration. The great hitters from Kentucky, the superb fielders from Baltimore, and the great all-around Athletics are in the race, and the contest promises something much better than the walk-aways of the past three seasons.

Twenty-Five Dollars a Drink.

Special to the Globe.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The directors of the Washington Base Ball club issued a set of rules to-day for the guidance of players while at home and abroad. The rules are very stringent in regard to the use of intoxicants, imposing a fine of $25 for the first drink, $50 for the second, $100 for the third, and a blacklist for habitual drinking.

TWO $10,000 CHECKS.

Soden's Souvenirs of the Kelly and Clarkson Purchases.

There seems to be a feeling stowed away in the hearts of many patrons of the game in this and other cities, that Boston did not pay $10,000 for the release of John Clarkson, says the Boston Globe. Several Western exchanges declare that it was a "bluff," and that the Chicago and Boston managements made the play simply to boom the game. A. H. Soden, the president of the board of directors, was spoken to yesterday in regard to the affair. Mr. Soden said: "As a matter of fact it doesn't matter whether the release of Clarkson cost $10,000 or 10 cents. We have got him, and that is all we care about for the present. Of course there are a great many people who cannot realize that such a large amount of money was paid before the services of one man could be had. There are a good many people who do not believe that $10,000 was paid for the release of Mike Kelly. But that little framed check up there will prove the truth of this. The sum of $10,000 was paid for Kelly; the same amount of money went to Chicago for Clarkson."

"Do you believe, Mr. Soden, that any one player is worth $10,000 to a club."

"It depends altogether on who the player is. Mike Kelly was worth that amount of money to us, and I feel pretty confident that Clarkson will be also. One takes long chances in paying so much money for a single player. Now, for instance, say Clarkson got injured, or his arm gave out, the $10,000 would be a dead loss. We would rather spend $10,000 more this season than have anything happen to the great pitcher. We need him to assist the nine in winning the championship. However, you can say about the transaction that by this time I suppose the check has been banked by Mr. Spalding. When it comes back perhaps we will have it photographed to convince the unbelievers that it was a thoroughly honest transaction. The Clarkson and the Kelly checks in a small frame will make very interesting souvenirs."

SICK AT CHICAGO.

Veteran Sports Say the League Pennant Will Go Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Little confidence is expressed here as to the ability of the Chicago club to make more than a respectable showing this season. The playing of the team has been anxiously watched, but the comments have not been entirely favorable to the "Colts." That the Chicagos might win the pennant has never entered the head of any one.

"New York, Boston, Detroit or Philadelphia will get the pennant this season," said a veteran to-night. "The day of the Chicago club is over. It is run too much as a money-making machine, and the people of the city take no pride in it any more. Nearly all of the favorites have gone, and the reason that any of them remain is that Spalding hasn't got his price for them. Perhaps Spalding wouldn't sell Anson, for he is the mainstay of the team, but should he resign or die, the Chicago club would be nowhere.

"Colts are all right enough in their way, but when they face league pitchers and are put against league veterans they can't show to advantage. Anson says he will astonish the public with his colts, but that is all guff. New men who have never played together can't win anything, no matter how good their individual records may be. Clarkson now being gone, the main reliance of the Chicago club will be on Mark Baldwin, who is not reliable because he is too wild. Then the club needs more than one good backstop, and that it hasn't got.

"I look for New York to win the pennant if the club is rightly managed. Boston will crowd her close, though, while Detroit will either be first or fourth. Philadelphia hasn't the staying qualities. The 'Ponies' may set the pace, but they can't keep it up. Pittsburg ought to beat Chicago out, and probably will. If Anson gets anything during the season it will be by kicking, and not because of the ball his club will play."

THE PITCHERS.

List of the Puzzlers in the League and Association.

The pitcher's position is considered the most important in the field, and below is given the strength of the League and American association in this particular, which shows what material the managers of the clubs have been provided with to battle for the glory of their respective organizations:

Boston—Clarkson, Sowders, Madden and Radbourne.

Chicago—Brynan, Krock, Clarke, Sprague, Baldwin and Van Haltren.

Detroit—Baldwin, Getzein, Gruber and Beatin.

Indianapolis—Healey, Boyle, Moffett and Shreve.

New York—Welch, Keefe, Weidman, Crane and George.

Philadelphia—Ferguson, Casey, Buffinton, Gleason, Tyng and Saunders.

Pittsburg—Morris, McCormick, Galvin and Henderson.

Washington—O'Day, Whitney, Gilmore and Dailey.

Brooklyn—Foutz, Caruthers, Terry, Hughes, Mays, Toole and Harkins.

Athletic—King, Gamble, Blair, A. Weyhing, Seward Mattimore, J. Weyhing and Matthews.

Baltimore—J. Smith, Kilroy and Shaw.

Cincinnati—E. Smith, Viau, Hart, Serad and Mullane.

Louisville — Ramsey, Chamberlain, Smith, Hecker and Daniels.

St. Louis—King, Hudson, Knouff and Devlin.

Kansas City—Fagan and Porter.

Cleveland—Crowell, Gilks, Oberlander, Stemmeyer and Bakely.

The following are the left-handers: Madden, of Boston; Sprague and Van Haltren, of Chicago; Baldwin, of Detroit; George, of New York; Casey, of Philadelphia; Morris, of Pittsburg; Blair and J. Weyhing, of the Athletics; Toole, of Brooklyn; J. Smith and Kilroy, of Baltimore; E. Smith, of Cincinnati; Oberlander, of Cleveland; Ramsey, of Louisville; Devlin, of St. Louis; Fagan, of Kansas City.

PITCHING FEATURES.

Remarkable Performances by Twirlers in 1887.

The remarkable feat of retiring an opposite team without a solitary safe hit being made in nine innings, was accomplished once each in 1887 by John J. Smith, Incell, Borchers, Murphy, Bohn, Handiboe, Stapleton, Dennis Fitzgerald and Farrell, the three first named doing it in championship games of the California league, says the New York Clipper. Charles Bohn, of the Mansfield, O., club on Aug. 23 pitched out in succession twenty-seven of the Canton team without their making a safe hit or even reaching first base. Two days previously Handiboe, of the Columbus club, had pitched out the Akrons without a hit. Murphy, of the Oshkosh club, retired the Duluth team without one batting safely in nine innings. Buffinton, of the Philadelphia club, performed the remarkable feat of holding down the Indianapolis and Chicago teams, on their own grounds, Aug. 6 and 9, to one safe hit each, both hits, moreover, being palpable scratches. The Chicagos were twice more retired for only one hit to a game, Radbourn doing it July 19 in Boston, and Boyle being credited with a similar feat Oct. 4 in Indianapolis. Baldwin, of the Chicagos, shut out the Pittsburgs with but one safe hit Sept 29. Mullane and Elmer Smith, of the Cincinnatis, were hit safely only once each by the Louisvilles April 27, and the Brooklyns June 9. King kept the Mets from scoring more than one safe hit Aug. 27 in St. Louis. The Lincoln team made only two hits in two successive games last September, against Conway and Sullivan, of the Topeka club. Voss, of Denver, Handiboe, of Columbus, Kimber, of Wheeling, Lovett, of Oshkosh, Hilsey, of Shamokin, Gamble, of Hazelton, and Stagg, of the Yale College team, were among the numerous pitchers who retired an opposing club in nine innings for only one safe hit.

Triple Plays.

Fourteen triple plays were accomplished last season, only one of which was started by a fly being purposely muffed when men were on the bases, that trick being played by Pfeffer, of the Chicagos, against the Philadelphias Aug. 4. In the Athletic-Baltimore game May 7, Larkin made a wonderful running catch at left field, and the ball being quickly fielded to second base and to home, three men were out. On the preceding day Burns, the left fielder of the New Haven club, had started a similar feat by the capture of a low liner. A jumping catch by Greenwood, of the Baltimores, when three men were on the bases, led to a triple play May 21. The capture of hot liners by O'Connell, of the Oshkosh team, May 10; Rowe, of the Detroits, July 5; Radford, of the Metropolitans, July 7, and Gleason, of the St. Louis Browns, Oct. 21, also started brilliant triple plays.

Good Words for Wilmot.

Washington can boast of having four exceedingly clever outfielders in Wilmot, Shock, Daily and Hoy. Wilmot is perhaps the jewel of the quartet, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Sun. As Nick Young remarked, after witnessing Monday's and Tuesday's games, "Washingtons made no mistakes when they signed Wilmot and Hoy." Wilmot's every action is that of a ball player, and he will unquestionably hold up his end in any association, league or otherwise.

Stealing Home from Third.

The difficult feat of stealing home from third was performed last season by Robinson, of the St. Louis Browns, April 12; Reeder, of the Nashville club, April 28; Sunday, of Chicago, June 28; Powell, of New Orleans, Sept. 1, and Grant, of Buffalo, Sept. 6. Robinson made the winning run for St. Louis against Brooklyn July 24 at Ridgewood, by cutting across the diamond without touching third base, which he failed to come within fifteen feet of. In a base-running contest Oct. 13, in Philadelphia, Ferguson, of the Philadelphia club, won with a record said to be 14¾ seconds, McGarr, of the Athletics, and Audrews, of the Philadelphias, each making the circuit of the bases in the alleged time of fifteen seconds.

Von der Ahe's Gall.

ST. LOUIS, April 14.—Von der Ahe says he will fly the world's championship flag, but Watkins, of the Detroits, claims the games were not for the championship of the world.

BASE BALL BRIEFS.

Notes Gathered Here and There About Prominent Players.

An abscess has formed on Comiskey's cheek.

Radbourn is boiling out at Hot Springs.

Chicago will not give Goldsmith another trial.

Des Moines still expects to secure Hutchinson.

Ten of the Milwaukee team are total abstainers.

Jimmy Brouthers, Dan's brother, has been signed by Toledo.

The New York club claims that its salary list amounts to $60,000.

Manager Mutrie thinks Crane the speediest pitcher in the league.

Chicago has no catcher that can hold Krock's terrific straight delivery.

Shindle, of Baltimore, did not make an error in the Philadelphia series.

Every National league team has now been defeated in exhibition games.

Sylvester, of last season's Milwaukee's, has signed with the Lincoln, Neb., club.

Brooklyn has a trio of the tallest and thinnest pitchers in the country, Foutz, Caruthers and Terry.

Crothers and Cross, of last year's Eau Claire team, are the latest additions to the Dallas, Tex., nine.

A base ball opera, with the umpire as the villain and the pitcher as the hero, will shortly be produced.

Roseman is practicing pitching. The "Chief" pitched for the old Atlantics, of Brooklyn, thirteen years ago.

Campana, Omaha's third baseman, has been released to Manchester for $200 and Doran re-engaged to play third.

The St. Louis Republican refers to the Detroits as the Squealers from Squealville, on the Canadian border.

The Philadelphia club and Fogarty have settled their differences, and Fogarty is on his way East to join the club.

Hoover, the Chicago catcher, is the first unfortunate. He had a thumb broken by a pitched ball the other day.

Cleveland is placing $5,000 worth of season tickets. That will insure an attendance of 200 spectators at each game.

President Nimick, of the Pittsburg club, denies the rumor that a trade of McCormick for Radbourn is contemplated.

The members of the Junior Base Ball team are called to be at their grounds on University avenue at 2 o'clock sharp to-day.

Brown, the New York catcher, is still in California. He is holding out for $2,500, and will not come East unless he gets it.

It is generally understood that Weidman is to pitch for New York this season, but his contract has not yet been reported.

It has been suggested that McGeachy would be a good man for St. Paul to secure. Indianapolis seems to have no use for him.

Sutcliffe is improving in his throwing to bases, and in Tuesday's Detroit-Cincinnati, caught Nichol, McPhee, Tebeau and Carpenter at second.

Harry Mitchell, who played in the Chicago Reserves in 1884, was the biggest man that ever played ball. He was six feet seven inches.

Denny has been fined $100 and suspended by Manager Spence for drunkenness. He has been drinking heavily ever since arriving from California.

Harvard does not lack heavyweights. When Henshaw faces the pitcher he brings his bat around with 213 pounds of vigor, Willard 200 and Quackenboss 190.

Umpire Gaffney has been presented with the gold medal which came with the Dauvray cup, which was won by the Detroits as an emblem of the world's championship.

Don't get fooled on the story about the St. Louis Browns being weak. They will be somewhere in the vicinity of the top-notchers when the season closes.—Louisville Post.

It is asserted that Radbourn's last letter to the Boston club says: "When you make good what you took out of my salary last year I will come on and negotiate with you."

Sam Thompson played every game last season and feels quite worried to think he missed the first one this year through an unfortunate detention by railroad washouts.

Stratton, Louisville's promising pitcher, is the youngest base ball player under contract in the American association. He was but eighteen years of age a few months ago.

Budge has knocked out another excellent catcher. Washington has released Gilligan, at one time a most desirable backstop. Whisky will win where foul tips fail.—Detroit Free Press.

Garfield is playing in Toledo, Cleveland with New York, Grant with Buffalo, Hayes with Rochester, Johnson with Boston. There is also a player named Lincoln.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

The Yale freshmen have challenged Harvard to a two-mile race and eight-oared race, to take place in New London within a week of the Harvard-Yale 'Versity race. The graduate advisory committee on rowing will probably not allow the race to be rowed at all.

Booze and the International league umpires will have to be strangers this season. Any umpire in the employ of this organization who is caught drinking malt or spirituous liquors will be summarily discharged. The International association has no use for barrel-house clowns.

The Des Moines team this year will not be a team of "giants" in a literal sense. Alvord is the only large man in it outside of the batteries. The men are, however, all of trim and supple build and will present a lively appearance on the field.—Des Moines Register.

Nashville turfmen are "in a state of mind" over the numerous fine two-year-olds in training there. Kee-vie-na, by Enquirer; Fairy, by Aristides; Gypsy, by Great Tom; Brontes, by Brigadier, and Marchburn, by Luke Blackburn, are each claimants to be world-beaters.

The championship season will open a week from next Saturday by a game between the Omahas and Minneapolis nine. The latter team is spoken of very highly by the Minneapolis papers, and they are coming here with the intention of winning two out of the series of three games. They will if they are in luck.—Omaha Herald.

Ed. Williamson, according to his contract with the Chicago team, will receive $800 extra if he leaves "Old John Barleycorn" entirely alone during the championship season, and another $200 if his weight is kept below 190 pounds. If Southern rumors are true he will come very near losing the $800.

What's the matter with the Southern league teams? New Orleans has the scalps of Chicago, New York, Washington and Cincinnati nailed up to dry. Memphis wiped the ground with Von der Ahe's would-be world's champions, and even Birmingham trounced the Cincinnatis. Looks like they can play ball a little bit down that way.—New York World.

Eight of the Chicago Maroons, Dunn, Hengle, Schoeneck, Long, Lange, Rooks, Nicholson and Moriarty, have been doing steady work in a Chicago gymnasium, and are in good trim now. As now constituted the team stands: Dugdale and McCauley, catchers; Dunn, Clarkson and Nicholson, pitchers; Schoeneck, first base; Hengle, second base; Lange, third base; Crogan, Long, Rooks and Moriarty, fielders.

BIG BILLARDS.

How Yank Adams Won a Stake in Distinguished Company.

Yank Adams, editor and proprietor of the Chicago Sporting Journal, arrived in St. Paul yesterday, and will spend the next two or three weeks in the

Twin Cities. Adams is one of the best-informed sporting men in the country and one of the best story tellers this side of the briny. Speaking of his experience as a billiardist back in the seventies, Yank said:

In '77 I left Cincinnati en route to New England, but found I would have to make a stop at Washington, as at that point I could land with a $3 capital. I took a coach on my arrival for the Tremont house, which left cash on hand $2. After registering my name—calling for parlors, first flight front—I invited the clerk to smile, which nipped from me a half. My trunk was a professional one and half full of lithographs, which required two parties to handle it. That and my personal appearance, which was rather Chesterfieldian, I have always thought, stopped the clerk from asking any hard-answering questions. My object was to see H. H. Starkweather, the congressman from my district in Connecticut. Consequently, after tea I went to the Willard hotel, where I found Mr. Starkweather, who was delighted to see me, and during our conversation inquired if I still manipulated the ivories. "Better than ever," I said. He asked if I would favor his brother congressmen with an exhibition of finger billiards in the billiard room about 9 o'clock. "Certainly," I said. At the hour appointed some twenty-five statesmen were present, including Ben Butler. After the introduction I sprung my little two-year-old speech on them regarding the origin of billiards. It always seemed to me that I played my best that evening. The exhibition lasted something like an hour, and I had just concluded my final shot, that of defying the laws of motion, or forcing the hand-ball in three opposite directions, when the applause that followed brought in, as it were, two new stars, or, in other words, at this moment two elegantly dressed gentlemen came into the room in a condition that bespoke a close communion with a couple of quarts of Pom. See. They were two of the principal government clerks in Washington and had just returned from the races of which they were $4,000 ahead on the day. They were recognized by all. The one most talkative was a billiard player far above the average, and always made a specialty of doing strangers, especially when he had a good audience. Walking up to the table where I was standing, he said:

"Play billiards?"

"Occasionally," said I. "I'll play you for wet goods for the party," said he.

My capital of $1.50 looked to me that moment as big as a circus tent. I thought if he bet the drinks he would go still more if he won, so I accepted the wager, telling him I would have to make each shot by spinning the ball between my forefinger and thumb, as I could not play with a cue. He said he did not care whether I used my fingers or toes, which put a good laugh on me as I thought, but afterwards proved the laugh on him, the audience thinking how badly I would beat my opponent. The game commenced; I made misses, slips and scratches, but was finally beaten by twelve points out of fifty. I was knocked clean out when he ordered the waiter to bring in enough wine for the party, which was three bottles at $5 a bottle, and I still had my $1.50. After the wine had been stowed away I commented on the game, and said that had the game been 100 points instead of fifty I would have wagered anything I would have won. This just hit the right spot, and he instantly replied:

"I'll make it 100 points for $100."

"In a second my heart did a flip-flap; I thought a moment, pulled out a cigar, then turning to my friend, Congressman Starkweather, asked him aloud for a match. As he was handing it to me, I asked him in an undertone, give me all the money you have."

He replied in a whisper:

"Gentlemen never put up—their words go."

I wanted to bet a million dollars there and then, but concluded to go slow and commenced by stammering, and tried to back out, but he jacketed me into betting, as he said I had offered to if it was a hundred points. After consulting his friend the latter said:

"That's my bet, too."

Laughingly I replied, "All right. I see I am in for it, and may just as well lose $200 as $100."

The game opened, and I was only 7 when he was 29. He wanted to bet another $100, when I told him I could not stand it.

"Make it $50," said he.

"No; but I'll bet $40 to $50."

It was taken, and his friend said, "That's my bet, too."

I accepted both. Ten minutes from the last bet the game stood 62 to 36 in his favor, when he had the betting fever again, and offered $100 to $50. I reluctantly accepted, his partner giving me the same odds. My friend, Starkweather, kept account of the wagers by their wish, and in footing it up, I was betting $380 against their $500. As the game was half over I concluded to take no chances, so I made a draw shot from spot to spot—got them on the long rail, and ran my sixty odd remaining points in as many seconds. At its finish I turned to look at my opponent, who was leaning on his cue perfectly dumfounded. The roar that followed awoke him from his reverie. He walked to where I was and took me by the hand and said, "Your name, please." I handed him my card, which read:

"Yank Adams, champion finger billiardist of the world. Residence immaterial.

He meditated a moment and asked me how long I was going to stay in the city.

"That depends," I replied.

"Don't leave until I have seen you; but first of all let us settle accounts," and each handed me $250.

I then ran 1,000 points at the rate of 50 a minute amid great app lause.

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$30—A GENT'S