ST. PAUL OR ST. LOUIS

SAID THAT MANAGER COMISKEY IS WAVERING IN HIS AFFECTIONS.

VON DER AHE MAY SIGN HIM

TO RESTORE THE MOUND CITY GANG TO A BASIS OF PROSPERITY.

GRAND RAPIDS THE EIGHTH.

Antisdel Claims the Western League Committee Has Promised Him the Franchise.

Manager Comiskey, of the St. Paul base ball club, spent his Christmas with his wife and nieces as guests of his father, ex-Ald. John Comiskey, in Chicago. Gossip says that there is a chance that the Saintly City manager will go down to St. Louis before his return, with a view to coquetting with Von der Ahe in connection with the management of the Mound City team.

It is generally understood that the Teuton, as manager, has not made any money in recent years, and it is also whispered that he looks favorably on the four-time pennant winner and would re-engage him if they could get together on terms.

Comiskey has been interviewed by a Chicago paper relative to the alleged possibility of his buying Von der Ahe out. He says:

"I would willingly be a bidder for that plum were it not for the fact that it would take a small fortune to get it. I know that Von der Ahe offered to sell for $100,00 and no less. He was offered at one time $50,000 by a Cincinnati man, but declined it, because he said it was then worth $75,000. It has become more valuable since then, because the game is on a better footing. No, I do not think Von der Ahe will be lost to the game for some time to come. St. Louis is a great base ball town, and 'Chris' ' franchise is worth nearly as much as the price he sets on it."

Meantime, A. E. Antisdel, of Grand Rapids, announces in a special telegram to a Chicago paper that the Western league committee accepted his proposition if he will carry out the promises he made them. He says:

I told Ban Johnson and the rest of them I was backed by a stock company of reputable business men here, who will guarantee support for the team. We are going to put as good a nine in the circuit as can be got together. Moreover, we are going to give bonds that we will stick. Among our plans is one which I think is brand new. We intend to dispose of 500 season books to the games at a reasonable cost. These will be transferable, and will certainly meet with a ready sale. The disposal of these will insure financial success.

The stock company is to be called the Grand Rapids Base Ball association, and is to be incorporated with a paid-up capital of $10,000. Among the leaders in the enterprise are A. May, H. W. Beecher, B. J. Reynolds, C. J. Reed, C. E. Heath and myself. We are now looking for grounds. We have no players yet, but we have the money to buy them, and we will have the best in the market too.

The Chicago Chronicle says that President Ban Johnson admits that the location of the eighth club is practically determined upon.

Al Spalding, who reached Chicago Saturday, on his return, sizes up the Anson situation thus succinctly:

Neither President Hart nor I have any idea what Anson will do after his contract expires Jan. 30.

We have not approached Anson at all in the matter, nor has he approached us.

President Hart and I have positively reached no decision in the matter whatever.

We will have no conference and will decide nothing till after Jan. 1.

My trip to Europe with Capt. Anson had not a bit of bearing on the base ball question.

I deny that I am backing a scheme to induce Anson to go to St. Louis.

Anson, so far as I know, has made no attempts to go to St. Louis or anywhere else.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Anson and myself are on the best of terms. We have had no disagreement of any kind, for there has been absolutely no occasion for one.

HIT BY THE DRAFT.

How the Western League Stands at the Year's Close.

Now that the onslaughts of the National league draft have ceased Western league managers are beginning to concern themselves as to the shape their teams will take in 1898. There is likely to be considerable change in the make-up. The clubs of high rank have been stripped of their stand-bys and the inferior clubs are glad to dispense with a discredited lot, says the Chicago Record.

Indianapolis and St. Paul naturally suffered most severely from the draft, just as Minneapolis did last year. Indianapolis has lost Stewart, Gray and McCarthy to Pittsburg; Goar, McFarland and Catcher Wood to Cincinnati. About the only attempt so far made to compensate for the loss of these pennant-winners has been the securing of Bob Allen as manager, which certainly involves his playing an infield position on the team. Indianapolis is doubtless counting considerably on pulling back some of its drafted men as soon as a little early season experimenting has been done in the big league.

Comiskey's St. Paul team has lost by sale McBride to Cincinnati, Isbel to Chicago and George to St. Louis—all crack men. Pitcher Phyle has been drafted by Philadelphia. Besides these losses from the 1897 aggregation Comiskey has also failed to hold Scott and Slagel, whom he secured from the embarrassed Grand Rapids team. Scott has been subjected to draft by Pittsburg and Kansas City's prior claim to Slagel has been allowed. Besides his Grand Rapids purchase, which also included Griffith and Twineham, the St. Paul manager has done little so far to strengthen his weakened team.

Several changes are in sight in the ranks of Minneapolis, one season a pennant-winner and the next a second-rater. Catcher Boyle, disposed of to Pittsburg, has been the only man sold outright, but Eustace and Roat were traded during the recent league meeting for Campau of Grand Rapids. Schmelz, the old Washingtonian, who has taken hold of the team, is hustling after new players and has already secured several, mostly from the East, among his hopefuls being Hanna, a promising man for second base; Rice for shortstop, Yale for first base, and a youngster named Walsh. Reilly will probably be secured from Washington to cover third base, and there is a likelihood that Perry Werden will be obtained from Louisville, since First Baseman Cary has been bought by the Colonels from the Atlantic league.

Milwaukee's outfit has suffered few changes. Stafford and Lewee have been drafted by Louisville, but it is probable that they will not be required. Schoch, the old utility man, who has lately been bundled from Brooklyn to St. Louis, has been passed on to the Brewers, and will be a source of considerable strength.

Kansas City will present a reconstructed team, and needs to in order to figure prominently in the chase for pennant honors. Manning will have on first base Rothfuss, who startled the Pittsburg cranks for a time last season. Merritt, also best known as a Pittsburger, is among his catchers. Egan, another from the same National League club, is slated for second base. For pitchers Manning will depend mainly on his old staff, and Connaughton will be a hold-over at short. Viox, who played last season at St. Joe in the Western association, has been picked for third. McVicker and Slagel are sure for the outfield and Perry is a new find for a substitute infielder.

Detroit was not badly dealt with by the drafters, although Steinfeldt and Hahn were taken by Cincinnati. Vanderbeck is now looking about for young players.

The chief losses Columbus has suffered are in Crooks, who goes to St. Louis, and Fisher, who is to play in Philadelphia. Mertes, too, may be wanted in Philadelphia, which has a string on him. There have been no other deals made by Loftus, although the transfer of Buckley and Butler for Beard and Trost, of Detroit, was reported at the late league meeting.

The eighth club, wherever it may be located, will be practically destitute of first-class players, as far as dependence is placed on what is left of the old Grand Rapids band. Comiskey took four of the best, although he has succeeded in holding only two, and Ganzel, the rising young first baseman, was drafted by Pittsburg. Lately Campau has been traded off for Eustace and Roat.

WESTON'S IDEAS NOVEL.

Faults He Finds With the Recent Six-Day Race.

Edward Payson Weston, the veteran long distance walker, writes to the New York Herald:

The exhibition of the bicycle during the last week was entirely artificial.

It was on an artificial track, especially prepared to make great speed and the consequent destruction of the competitors' brains, for they were forced to go one way—to the left always—thus using but one side of their bodies, and virtually carrying the other side, which, in due time, became a useless burden. Then, again, the atmosphere was abominable, for they were forced to ride through clouds of smoke, and not one breath of pure and invigorating air was allowed to reach them.

The bare fact of being forced to ride always to the left is the greatest cruelty; if any one doubts it let him walk thirty or fifty consecutive times around the table in an ordinary drawing room, and he will then see the effect upon his brain, and also may experience a singular feeling in his stomach. To an ordinary man, this bicycle track, said to be "nine laps to the mile," would shrink to the size of a drawing room table by the time he had whirled himself around it two hundred miles, at the rate of twenty miles an hour.

The position the bicyclers maintain during such contests congests the stomach and is ruinous to the digestive organs. They seemingly were governed by no system whatever, but were directed by their so-called trainers, who, instead of laying out a schedule or time table, when they should rest and how long, they each in turn tried to get the lead, and were driven beyond their natural strength by trainers who dosed them with alcoholic stimulants.

I realize the fact that no one is capable of arguing the condition of any man during a six days' test of physical endurance, except one who has himself engaged in such contests; and therefore I unhesitatingly say that had these competitors essayed their task in the open air on a mile track, and been allowed to change their course (going to the right), say once in five miles, and avoided the use of stimulants, they would not have been such hideous looking wrecks as they are now.

The moment a competitor engaged in any contest of physical endurance resorts to the use of alcoholic stimulants he ceases to be natural, and they act upon him the same as a spur acts upon a horse, and force him to go beyond his strength.

WRESTLER QUINN'S RECORD.

He Has Met a Number More or Less Celebrated.

J. C. Quinn, who recently signed articles for a wrestling match with M. J. Dwyer, the athletic instructor, was born at Fall River, Mass., Dec. 10, 1869, of Irish parentage. He began athletic training young and soon became a well known all-around athlete in his own locality, winning several tourneys at outdoor athletics. Later, he took up wrestling, especially in the catch-as-catch-can, Cornish and collar-and-elbow styles. He participated in a number of Cornish tourneys in which sixty-four men weighed in, coming out first and second. These were mostly in the mining districts of the West. His first match of note was with Greek George at Baltimore, in September, '89, a three hours' draw at Graeco Roman style. A month later he defeated the Greek in two straight falls at mixed styles. He stayed fifteen minutes with Muldoon at Graeco-Roman, and then at Hamilton defeated Dan Gibson. He met Charles Richards at Elmira, N. Y., and after seventy-six minutes of hard work, Richards quit. Quinn beat Jack Comstock at Rochester two falls in three, catch-as-catch-can. He was forced to forfeit a match to Charles Withmer, on account of a dislocated shoulder, after wrestling an hour and forty-five minutes. Charles Moth failed to throw Quinn twice in an hour, as he attempted and Quinn then beat Bert Walker at Wheeling in two straight falls, Sammy Taylor at Barnesborough, John Brennan, at Altoona, Bert Schiller at Philadelphia, (this match lasting nearly three hours), Dave Lloyd, at Beaver Falls, and Charles Prinske, at Washington, Pa. He stayed twenty minutes with Dan McLeod, but was defeated by McLeod two weeks later. Quinn won a number of matches from local wrestlers in Wisconsin, perhaps the best being that with Al Zimmerman, of Waukesha. His last match was with Joe Kasseda, a Bohemian, at Cleveland, O., which Quinn won in two straight falls.

Quinn is five feet eight and one-half inches in height, and weighs on the mat, 165 pounds.

BROOMS KEPT BUSY

ST. PAUL CURLERS ARE PUTTING IN LONG HOURS THESE DAYS.

PREPARING FOR THE 'SPIEL.

SIXTY RINKS, IT IS EXPECTED, WILL BE ON HAND JAN. 17.

PRESIDENTS VS. VICE PRESIDENTS.

In the Annual Game the Rinks Skipped by the Former Win Easily.

The season of snow and ice is on in deadly earnest, and the patrons of "the roarin' game" are vieing with the thermometer for points in their efforts to establish a record. "In turn!" "Out turn!" "Soop 'er up!" are the hollow oracular cries emanating from the long building on the island below the Wabasha street bridge from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 11 at night. The St. Paul Curling club has put on its paint and plumes and there will be "a hot time in the old town" when the gladiators of the frozen arena meet upon the fateful field on the 17th of next month.

That is the day set for the commencement of the annual bonspiel of the Northwest Curling association, which is to be held this year under the auspices of the St. Paul Curling club. At least sixty rinks will attend, about one-half of them from Canada. One of the chief events of the 'speil will be the contest for the International trophy, presented by Hiram Walker & Sons, of Walkerville, Ont., which will be played for by an equal number of Canadian and United States rinks, the winning side to play down for the possession of the trophy for the year. Among other important matches will be the veterans' (for players over fifty years of age), and those for the St. Paul Jobbers' union and Duluth Jobbers' union trophies.

L. C. Hoffman is having a special medal made for presentation to the club, besides four individual medals, one for each member of the winning rink. He will probably send a full rink from his establishment to compete for these trophies.

A match of considerable interest will be that between the crack rinks of the Twin Cities.

The St. Paul Curling club has been enlarged by about twenty-five or thirty new members this season, mostly from the White Bear Yacht club and the St. Paul Rowing club. There is every encouragement, in the value and number of the prizes to be played for at the bonspiel, for the new members to get down to hard practice and try to divide the honors with the old timers. The Saintly City champions have earned the credit of getting their share of the good things going in the past, and there is enough Scotch about them to make it certain they will not surrender their reputation this year.

President D. C. Murray, of the club, has been slightly under the weather, but he is getting on his armor and will, no doubt, be well over the "hog" line when the bonspiel opens on the 17th.

The club held a general meeting Thursday night to arrange about the reception to the visiting rinks and other details.

THE PRESIDENTS WON.

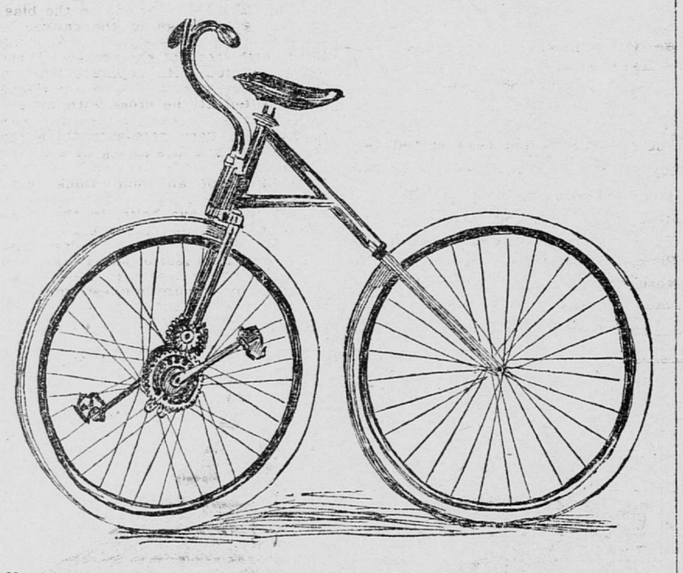
Some time tomorrow Vice President C. H. Taylor will have the pleasure of purchasing and presenting to the King's Daughters a half barrel of the best flour he can find in St. Paul, to be distributed among the worthy poor as far as it will go. This pleasure, or penalty, is the result of his having allowed President D. C. Murray and his loyal host of curlers to defeat him and his following in the annual contest between the two officers of the club yesterday on Raspberry island. Four rinks played on each side, and all the president's rinks beat their opponents save "Mil" Griggs' rink, which put it all over the president's rink, skipped by Judge Cory, by scoring 14 to 7. The president and vice president both skipped quartettes against each other, President Murray winning, 14 to 10. The detailed score showing the result as 49 to 39 in favor of the president is appended:

President—	Vice President—
D. Scott.	A. McCullock.
Stevenson.	M. A. Beckman.
Tom Scott.	John Reihldaffer.
H. W. Cory, skip—7.	C. M. Griggs, skip—14.
Geo. Langford.	E. D. Belden.
T. W. Griggs.	J. B. Emerson.
Tom Cameron.	Dr. S. O. Arnold.
J. P. Adamson, skip—17.	Dan McMillan, skip—9.
Dan Nichols.	M. Goodbody.
J. T. O'Leary.	N. P. Langford Jr.
A. B. Van Bergen.	J. Macnamara.
D. C. Murray, skip—14.	C. H. Taylor, skip—10.
William Rees.	W. P. Griswold.
J. W. Greene.	M. S. McIntyre.
H. S. Mason.	E. E. Derrick.
Sam Fullerton, skip—11.	P. H. Mead, skip—6.
Total, 49.	Total, 39.

During the day rinks skipped by Lambert Defiel and Dr. S. O. Arnold played for the Hinkel Medal No. 2. the latter winning by a score of 13 to 5. The rinks were:

Jack Macnamara.	B. Schramm.
C. A. Van Slyke.	C. H. Taylor.
Geo. Cunningham.	A. B. Van Bergen.
Lambert Defiel, skip—5.	Dr. S. O. Arnold, skip—13.

THE LATEST CHAINLESS BICYCLE.



Novelties in chainless bicycles are not as plentiful as they were some time ago, but the accompanying cut shows a new idea altogether, in that the pedals and gear are in direct connection with the front wheel. It has been but recently patented. and was constructed by a resident of Bayonne, N. J.

The crank axle is surrounded by a double set of ball races, one for the ball cups of the hub, the cones of which form on the exterior part the cups for axle cones. Connected with one crank axle is a spur gear wheel, which engages a smaller gear wheel, placed on the outside of the fork. This again is connected by a short stem or shaft to a gear wheel on the inside of the fork, which in turn meshes with a gear fastened to the hub.

By the revolving of the cranks the revolutions of the hub, consequently the driving wheel, are multiplied in proportion to the number of teeth of the outside gear wheels, which would be, in a 70 gear, for instance, two times and a half.

In this mechanism the change of gear can readily be effected by simply replacing the outside gear wheels by others in relatively different proportions.

The advantages of this wheel are light weight, without impairing strength, on account of little material required; shortest possible wheel base (29 inch); facility of transportation (can be packed in space 29 by 36 inches); ready change of gear; a more practical way of applying gear case to exclude dust; avoidance of lost motion, and, therefore, no loss of power; easier running and hill climbing, and inexpensive cost of manufacture.

ON THE ENGLISH TURF.

How the American Runners Fared in Britain.

American horses won more money on the English turf last year than at any previous period of their transatlantic excursions. The following tables were compiled by an American sportsman who has followed the English racing season from start to finish, from the opening of the flat racing at Lincoln to the close at Shrewsbury:

American Stallions Whose Get Won Races in England, Season 1897—

Name.	Starters	No. Races	First	Second	Third	Won
Sailor Prince	6	48	16	6	8	£8,745
Sensation	17	84	11	10	11	4,080
Hanover	4	22	6	3	4	1,277
Emperor	2	15	5	1	1	987
Tenny	1	7	2	1	0	740
Strathmore	5	17	3	3	0	692
Emperor of Norfolk	1	13	2	5	1	555
Lisbon	4	9	1	3	0	552
Candlemas	1	6	1	1	1	465
Himyar	1	7	3	1	0	429
Longtaw	1	10	4	0	2	400
Badge	1	8	0	1	2	310
Iroquois	3	17	2	2	1	257
St. Blaise	2	8	2	0	0	200
Rayon d'Or	6	17	1	1	3	200
Bersan	1	6	1	1	2	190
Islington	3	9	1	0	1	100
Magnetizer	1	6	0	1	0	40

AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

Horses bred in the United States that have started in England from March 27, 1897, to Nov. 27, the end of flat racing season:

Name and Pedigree.	Starts	First	Second	Third	Won
Albany, by Hanover—Burletta	7	1	0	0	£100
Americus, by Emperor of Norfolk—Clara D.	16	2	5	1	555
Armitage, by Surinam—Paloma	5	0	0	0	....
Astolpho, by Sensation—Alcina	6	0	2	1	100
Atossal, by Sensation—Austriana	2	1	0	0	185
Actinism, by Rayon d'Or—Arnica	1	0	0	0	....
Banquet II., by Rayon d'Or—Ella T.	2	0	0	0	....
Bellsama, by Sensation—Blush	4	2	1	0	306
Beryl, by Sensation—Belphoebe	10	1	0	2	144
Berzak, by Sensation—Belphoebe	2	0	1	0	350
Bowers, by Great Tom—Moselle	1	0	0	0	....
Brave Himyar, by Himyar—Bravoura	7	3	1	0	429
Bridegroom II., by Rayon d'Or—St. Bridget	4	0	1	2	100
Bloozen, by Sensation—Blush	9	0	4	2	10
Blowdin II., by The Bard—Equipoise	2	0	0	0	....
Chinook, by Sensation—Breeze	1	0	1	0	....
Capitola, by Islington—Louise	4	0	0	0	....
*Damsel II., by Kinglike—Stonecrop	4	0	2	0	....
David II., by Tenny—Quesal	7	2	1	0	740
Day Star, by Sensation—Dolinka	1	0	0	0	....
Diakka, by Sailor Prince—Rizpah	10	4	1	1	4,025
Dolabra, by Emperor—Dolinka	12	5	1	1	987
Don Alonzo, by Long Taw—Round Dance	10	4	0	2	400
Draco, by Sailor Prince—Darya	15	3	2	2	544
Dorado, by Sailor Prince—Dolinka	4	1	1	1	141
Elfin, by Sensation—Equality	9	1	1	1	1,251
Eau Gallie, by Iroquois—Duchess	12	2	2	1	257
Fairview, by Cheviot—Period	1	0	0	1	....
Gallatin, by St. Blaise—Emma	3	2	0	0	200
Glaring, by Sailor Prince—Flash	6	2	0	1	479
Invergold, by Rayon d'Or—Invermary	5	0	0	1	....
Iviza, by Islington—Ezza	3	0	0	1	....
Joffy II., by Sailor Prince—Joy	4	1	0	1	230
Keenan, by Lisbon—Patrimony	9	1	3	0	552
Kidnapper II., by Magnetizer Lady Kidbrooke	6	0	1	0	....
King of Bohemia II., by Emperor—Austriana	3	0	0	0	....
Lafayette, by Strathmore—Ocean Wave	1	0	0	0	....
Lamerock, by Sensation—Lizzie Cox	1	0	0	0	....
Lapwing II., by Sensation—Lizzie Cox	11	1	0	2	100
Little Silver, by Knight of Ellerslie—Coruna	6	0	0	1	....
Loris, by Muscovy—Fedora	1	0	0	0	....
Libra, by Sensation—Lima	4	0	0	2	....
Mack Briggs, by Strathmore—Ortawin	5	0	0	0	....
Magdaline, by Strathmore—Ortawin	1	0	0	0	....
Magica, by Sensation—Witch	1	0	0	0	....
Meta II., by Sensation—Magnetic	9	4	1	1	1,534
Montauk, by Strathmore—Spinaway	7	3	2	0	502
Moss Rose, by Salvator—Dedotte	4	0	0	0	....
New Jersey, by Tristan—Silver Blue	1	0	0	0	....
Nashville, by Iroquois—Boulotte	2	0	0	0	....
Pigeon Wing, by Sensation—All Hands Around	5	0	0	0	....
Prince George II., by Sensation—Louisette	3	0	0	0	....
Pleasure Bay, by Tristan—Almy	1	0	0	0	....
Quibble II., by Sensation—Quandary	6	1	0	0	100
Rhoda B, by Hanover—Margerine	5	1	2	0	693
Ramapo, by Pontiac—Annie F.	1	0	0	0	....
Roman Chief, by Hanover—Golden Reel	5	2	1	1	284
Rousse, by Islington—Rosa G	2	1	0	0	100
Sandia, by Sailor Prince—Saluda	9	5	2	2	3,323
St. Cloud II., by Candlemas—Belle of Maywood	6	1	1	1	465
Santa Anita, by Cheviot—Aloha	1	0	0	0	....
Sir Excess, by Sir Modred—Dixianne	5	0	1	0	....
Somatose, by Bersan—Flora	6	1	0	1	190
Semida, by Badge—Semiramis	8	0	1	2	310
Souveraine, by Rayon d'Or—Sultana	2	1	0	0	100
Tagus, by Rayon d'Or—Queen T.	3	0	0	0	....
Terpsichore II., by St. Blaise—Reel Dance	5	0	0	0	....
Tennessee, by Iroquois—Tullahoma	3	0	0	0	....
Tuxedo, by Pontiac—Annie F.	1	0	0	0	....
Westchester, by Hanover—Cyrilla	5	2	0	3	200
Wishard, by Bob Miles—Orange Blossom	1	0	0	0	....
Yale, by Strathmore—Bonnie Dea	3	0	1	0	190
Totals	350	61	44	39	£20,219

Seventy-two starters, starting in 350 races, of which they won 61, were second in 44 and third in 39, earning £20,219 (about $100,000). They ran unplaced 206 times.

M'DANIELS' LONG JUMP.

The Local Skater Clears a Distance of 21 Feet 7 Inches.

Frank McDaniels, the local skater, broke the world's record for a long jump on skates at the opening of the South Side Skating park, Minneapolis, yesterday afternoon, clearing twenty-one feet seven inches. Two years ago at the national skating meet, in St. Paul, McDaniels made a record of eighteen feet seven and three-fourths inches, which stood until yesterday.

There was a large crowd present at the opening of the rink, and some excellent exhibitions of skating were witnessed. Oluf Rudd appeared, and went a short distance, the distance and time not noted, but which showed that the staying and sprinting abilities have improved. Frank McDaniels went a quarter of a mile in forty seconds; Torvald Thompson, a mile in three minutes, five seconds, and Joe Kvittum, a half mile in 1.36½.

Horseshoe-Nail Rings.

And now the girls are wearing finger rings made of horseshoe nails. They aren't pretty, but, as they are believed to bring luck to the wearer under certain conditions, the fad will surely spread. To be a genuine charm the ring must be made from a nail taken from a horseshoe found by the owner herself. The jeweler and a diseased mind do the rest.—New York Letter.

A SPILL HIS FINISH

CHASE UNABLE TO RIDE OUT HIS RACE WITH JIMMY MICHAEL.

TWO MILES TO THE BAD.

IN ANY EVENT, THE ENGLISHMAN COULD NOT HAVE THE CONTEST.

MADISON SQUARE WAS THRONGED.

"Little Wonder" Early Took the Lead and Cut Out a Heart-Breaking Pace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Jimmy Michael, of Wales, the recognized middle distance bicycle champion of this country, met Arthur A. Chase, the middle distance champion of England tonight at Madison Square garden in a thirty-mile race over a ten-lap broad track and won so easily, despite a bad spill, that the bicycle experts are guessing just how good the little "Rare Bit" is. Pluck, endurance, stamina and every other quality that goes to establish the profession of grit seem to be embodied in every inch of the Welshman. Nothing seems to tire him.

The building was thronged to its utmost capacity when Michael, the midget, and Chase, the Levithian, jumped on their respective wheels for a few preliminary spins around the track, which measured one foot over the necessary distance to make it ten laps to the mile. At the turns the board track was "banked" as high as ten feet from the level of the boarded floor of the garden.

It was announced that the winner would get 25 per cent of the gross receipts, and the loser's end would be 15 per cent. The managers of the show guaranteed that the winner would get $1,500 and the loser $1,000, but, judging from the crowded condition of the house, the amount of money which the "cracks" got was far in excess of the guarantee.

Both got on their marks at 10:15, and, before they mounted their respective wheels, they shook hands. It was announced that, in case either man fell during the first four laps, the riders would be called and this precaution took effect in the first lap. Chase got tangled up with his leaders, after the race was started at 10:16 o'clock, and at the end of the lap the men were ordered back to the scratch mark.

Chase won the toss and took the pole. He started out at a rapid gait, but the little Welshman soon overtook him and at the end of the second mile was over a lap ahead. Michael gained another lap in the fourth mile and the spectators cheered the "little wonder" vociferously. Michael was simply invincible and at the finish of the fifth mile he gained another lap on his countryman. Both men picked up their tandems very cleverly. Michael kept up a heart-breaking pace and at the finish of the seventh mile was five laps to the good. At the finish of the eleventh mile Michael spurted and gained another lap, which put him six laps ahead.

In the fourteenth mile two of Michael's pacers went over the bank, but were not seriously injured. In the next mile on the fourth lap, Michael ran high upon the Madison avenue turn and both men fell in a heap, their pacers also taking a "cropper." Michael remounted his wheel and got another lap to the good before Chase recovered himself. At the end of the sixteenth mile Michael was thirteen laps ahead.

In the twenty-sixth mile Chase fell heavily at the Fourth avenue turn and was unable to go on with the race. He ran into two tandem teams and was badly cut up. In the smash-up Chase's bicycle was broken. He borrowed Taylore's wheel, but had to leave the track. Had Chase been able to continue, however, he probably would have been beaten by about two miles, as Michael was almost that distance ahead of him when the accident occurred and was rapidly gaining.

One mile, professional, invitation, trial heats—First heat won by Jean Gougoltz, France; Oscar Hedstrom, Brooklyn, second. Time, 2:13 1-5. Second heat—Won by R. A. Miller, New York; Jay Eaton, Elizabeth, second. Time, 2:37 4-5. Third heat—Won by Nat Butler, Boston; C. S. Hanshaw, Brooklyn, second. Time, 2:33 1-5. Fourth heat—Won by Charles Hedfield, Newark; F. C. Hoyt, Springfield, Mass., second. Time, 2:22. Fifth heat—Won by J. A. Newhouse, Buffalo; F. H. Goodman, New York, second. Time, 2:29.

Half mile handicap, amateur, invitation, trial heats: First heat—Won by W. L. Losee, Brooklyn (40 yards); Joseph Thompson, New York (25 yards), second. Time, 1:05 3-5. Second heat—Won by George Schofield, Richmond Hill, L. I., (25 yards); W. E. Moser, New York (15 yards), second. Time, 1:05 4-5. Third heat—Won by K. L. Kramer, Newark (10 yards); W. J. Durrant, New York (35 yards), second. Time, 1:07 1-5.

Semi-final, one mile, professional: First heat won by Jean Gougoltz, France; C. S. Henshaw, Brooklyn, second; Nat Butler, Boston, third. Time, 2:26 3-5. Second heat—Won by J. A. Newhouse, Buffalo; F. F. Goodman, New York, second; A. E. Weinig, Buffalo, third. Time, 2:11 1-5. (Weinig qualified by virtue of a walkover.

Half mile, amateur handicap: Final heat—Won by Joseph Thompson, New York (25 yards); George Schofield, Richmond Hill (25 yards), second; W. L. Losee, Brooklyn (40 yards), third. Time, 1:04 3-5.

One mile, professional, final heat—Won by J. A. Newhouse, Buffalo; F. F. Goodman, New York, second; A. E. Weinig, Buffalo, third; Jean Gougoltz, France, fourth. Time, 2:20 3-5.

One mile, exhibition, professional—Edouard Taylore, middle distance champion of France, paced by Jean Gougoltz and Lamber Jack, the French tandem champion, and Fulford and Wheelock, the English champions. Time, 1:55 3-5.

"PENSY" STORY DENIED.

No Arrangements Yet Made to Send a Team Abroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 25.—The statement made at Milwaukee by A. C. Kraenzelein, the fast hurdler, that the University of Pennsylvania team would visit England next summer to compete in dual games with Cambridge university is denied by Frank B. Ellis, chairman of the University of Pennsylvania track committee. Mr. Ellis says: "Either Kraenzelein has been misquoted or his imagination has run away with him. There has been absolutely no correspondence between Pennsylvania and Cambridge in the matter."

L. A. W. INVESTIGATION.

Evidence as to the Madison Square Track Taken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The L. A. W. racing board was in session all day in this city, having under consideration the shortness of the track on which the recent big six-day race was held at Madison Square Garden. Those present were Albert Mott, of Baltimore, chairman; A. D. Waite, of Troy, and J. F. Foltz, of Indianapolis. Isaac B. Potter, chief consul of the New York division, and C. W. Sands, chief consul of the Maryland division, were also present.

The managers of the race, P. T. Powers, William Brady and James Kennedy were examined, as were also Charles Ashinger, who constructed the track; officials of the Garden and a number of riders and trainers.

The meeting was held behind closed doors, and at its conclusion Chairman Mott made the following statement: "We cannot make public the testimony until a decision has been rendered. All of the testimony taken today will be mailed to the different members of the racing board. After they have reviewed carefully they will write their decision and punishment merited, if they find that there was anything wrong, and send it to me. When all this has been done I will immediately send out the final verdict."

WISCONSIN VICTORY.

Tonawanda High School Eleven Defeated at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—Madison (Wis.) high school eleven defeated the high school eleven from North Tonawanda, N. Y., this afternoon on the Detroit Athletic club grounds by the score of 14 to 0. Madison's victory was the result of the greater work of the team and the perfection of their team work, most of their fine work being done on tackle and line plays. The game was played almost entirely on line plays, neither side making much use of end plays. The Tonawanda men made a good fight, but could not score against their stronger opponents. At the end of the first half the score was 4 to 0, and this was increased in the second to 14 to 0.

New Indoor Record.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 25.—At the exposition building indoor track today Walter C. Sanger lowered his own world's half-mile unpaced bicycle record of one minute flat, riding the distance in :59 3-5 seconds. On the same track Edward Aldridge, of this city, broke the world's record for twenty-five miles unpaced, his time being 1 hour, 4 minutes and 28 seconds. The previous record for this distance was 1 hour 5 minutes and 30 seconds.

Stopped by Police.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 25.—Johnny Lavack and Eddy Burns met at Al Wood's Champion Athletic club tonight in a fifteen-round contest at 123 pounds. The police stopped the bout during the fourteenth round. The cause of police interference was the bleeding of Lavack, whose wounds, received in the fight with Gardner at Cincinnati, were broken open by "healing" blows struck by Burns. The honors were even.

POISON FOR FIVE.

Four Children and the Mother Dead in Dakota.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 25.—A messenger from a Bohemian settlement, twenty miles west of Park river, Walsh county, reports that the wife and four children of Jacob Payer were found dead, having been poisoned.

Mr. Payer went to Park River Thursday with a load of wheat. Before leaving home he quarreled with his wife. She wanted him to return the same day, and he refused to do so. The bodies were discovered by Payer's father, who lived on an adjoining farm, and who had been requested to attend to the chores for him while Payer was away. Appearances indicate that Mrs. Payer had administered strychnine in fatal doses to each of their four children, aged seven, five, three and one years, and after their deaths had prepared their bodies for burial, and then, taking a quantity of the same poison, lay down beside her children and died. Strychnine was found in the room. Mrs. Payer had on several previous occasions threatened to take her own and her children's lives. The family are Bohemians and in good circumstances. A coroner's jury was impaneled and an inquest held, returning a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

It Marks the End of the Long Glass Workers' Strike.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 25.—Christmas eve was observed in this city and throughout the gas belt by fires being lighted in almost all of the window glass factories and notices posted instructing the men who have been out since last July to report for duty on the night of the seventh of next month. This ends the longest strike and lockout in the history of the window glass manufacture in this country. Fifteen thousand men will return to work at an advance of from 13 to 17 per cent over the wages of last year. The factories are clear of all old glass, a condition they have not experienced since 1878.

QUADRANGLE CLUB.

Its House, With Valuable Contents, Destroyed by Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—This morning, for the third time, flames destroyed the building of the Quadrangle club of the University of Chicago. There were seven persons in the building at the time and all escaped. Two of these, however, were more or less hurt. The janitor and his wife were asleep on the third floor when the fire broke out, and, without stopping to dress, they made a rope of the bed clothes, as the escape to the stairway was cut off, and lowered themselves safely out of the window. The loss on the bilding will amount to $50,000. The club is composed of professors and post graduate students of the university. The building, it is said, was owned by the university. The club, however, will lose heavily on the furnishings, which included a number of valuable paintings and pieces of sculpture.

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Little book on cause and cure of stomach troubles mailed free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

GEN. BOOTH DISTRESSED.

Much Exercised Over the Illness of His Son's Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A special to the World from London says: Gen. William Booth is profoundly distressed by the news of the grave illness of Mrs. Ballington Booth. The World correspondent journeyed to Barnet, where the general is staying at the house of his son, Bramwell Booth, but the venerable leader of the Salvation Army was unable to see anyone. The special cable dispatch received pointing out that the associates of Mrs. Ballington Booth ascribed her dangerous illness to the harsh treatment she received at the hands of the Salvation Army leader, which broke her spirit and destroyed her health, was shown to the general by Bramwell Booth.

The general replied: "Under these sad circumstances, it is impossible for me to make a controversial statement. I can only express my deep sympathy with my son in his troubles and my hope for Mrs. Booth's speedy recovery."

Gen. Booth declined to say anything further on this subject. He was busily engaged preparing for his departure for the United States, which is set for Jan. 8, when the news of Mrs. Booth's illness reached him. This greatly depressed him and he immediately cabled a message of fatherly sympathy with his son in his trouble.

Commissioner Nicol, the first plenipotentiary, sent to the United States at the time of the succession from the Salvation Army of Mr. and Mrs. Booth, said to the World correspondent at Salvation Army headquarters today: "Gen. Booth is suffering the most intense agony over Mrs. Booth's illness and his only hope now is that he may reach New York in time to see her and his son."

"I presume a reconciliation is the object of his mission to New York?"

"Well, I am not at liberty," replied the commissioner, "to speak on that subject, but the general will explain his object at a great farewell meeting to be held at Albert hall, London, on the 5th of January. It will be one of the biggest and most important assemblages ever arranged by the Salvation Army."

"Is Gen. Booth's recent cablegram of sympathy the first communication made to Ballington Booth by him since the latter's secession from the army?"

"It is, excepting the communications relating to the controversy, all of which have been published."

Although the leaders of the Salvation Army here are too diplomatic to make any direct admission, the correspondent gathered sufficient information to show that they fully expect the dissensions which have existed in the army for the past two years will be healed as a result of Gen. Booth's visit to the United States.

MRS. LUETGERT'S BROTHER.

His Condition and History May Aid the Defense.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The attorneys for Adolph L. Luetgert have received a report from the superintendent of the insane asylum at Pueblo, Col., on the mental condition of Herman Bicknese, the brother of Louise Luetgert, who disappeared twenty years ago and was recently discovered locked up in the Colorado state insane asylum. The defense will endeavor to put this document in evidence, and if the court refuses to admit it the superintendent of the asylum himself will be brought here to testify. According to the superintendent's report the mental aberration of Mrs. Luetgert's brother was brought on by excessive drinking rather than as an inherited trait, although in the opinion of the superintendent a family tendency might have been aided by the liquor.

Bicknese disappeared from Chicago twenty years ago, after his wife had applied for and secured a divorce on account of his bibulous habits. It was because of the latter, it is said, that no effort was made to trace him by the rest of the family. It was known he had gone West, and nothing was heard of him till the defense received word from the Colorado asylum that Bicknese had been there at different times for ten years.