



"The foreman lay a canny stane, Atween the bog and the... The fibers strive a shot to gain, Or gar the guards to flee, It's 'What d'ye say to that my man?'"

With the arrival of the first cold blast the canny Scot hears the "scrunch" of the boot heel grinding into the crisp dry snow and his fingers itch for the "stone" and the broom. He can hear the "soop 'er up!" and if you meet him then he is willing to tell you of the curling days that used to be in St. Paul.

True, St. Paul still has its cracks in the curling line and this winter will find Bob Dunbar, Lem Defel, Frank McCarthy and others whipping rinks into form for the bonspiel, but St. Paul is not in the curling world today as it was back ten years ago when the city received the curlers from other parts of the country who came to attend the international curling bonspiel.

The curling game is traced back to almost every European country where civilization has entered. It drifted about from clime to clime until at last it found a home in Scotland and is recognized as the Scotchman's game.

Mention of the sport in some form or other is found far back, but in 1838 the game is officially recognized and though minor changes have been made in the rules from time to time, the

game today is practically the game of 1838.

First Regular Games. In that year was organized the Grand Caledonian club, of Scotland. Regular games were played and the curlers worked to win the prizes that had to be captured for several years before they became the property of any one club.

In 1843 her majesty helped the game along by ordering the word "royal" to precede the name of the club. Since that time a number of the members of the royal family have served as president of the organization.

In the other countries the game has had its ups and downs. It was introduced into Ireland by Scottish adventurers, but had practically disappeared when the Belfast club was organized in 1839.

In Canada curling is one of the favorite winter sports. There are now nineteen clubs in Quebec province alone. In 1874 the game had made such progress that Ontario province organized a separate club.

In the United States curling is traced back to 1867, and since that time the Americans have organized a national club, with headquarters in New York. The latest figures show 40 clubs and 800 players in the United States.

To the onlooker the game appears a tiresome, foolish shoving of heavy stones from one end of a sheet of ice to the other. The following by James Mitchell, expert, changes this opinion: "It will thus be seen that the rink game is in the hands of a skip or director, with the player, who is the worthy is, that he should have a thorough knowledge of the game. He must be a man of humor, delighting in jokes and jollities. With a couple of sour skips at the end of the rink

all the life goes out of the game. A skip should be of imperturbable temper, never put out when a mishap occurs, never blaming anybody, never angry at his men, never blaming anybody but himself, the hour of defeat unarmouring, and in the hour of triumph generous. He must be just, honest, wise, cool, prudent, watchful, brave, courageous and blameless as a bishop. By the tee, watching and directing, he should stand. He should know what each of his team has to perform, as each has his place to fill. It is for against four battling rinks the tee seeing who first will take it, and who last will hold it. The first player, with a pair of heavy stones, must draw up toward the coveted spot. The second must protect the lead if the enemy has not dislodged him. The third, most likely, has an angular wick or cannon shot to play.

The next important feature of the sport is the position. In rule 1, distinct instruction is given as to the place of the crampit on which the player is to take his footing. He must sit the tee, i. e. he must so place himself that his eyes travel along the central line toward the father tee, while his right foot rests in the back or on the heel of the crampit. No matter what kind of a shot he may be asked to play, even though the point aimed at may be several feet to the right or to the left of the distant tee, the crampit or heel is immovable, and no advantage must be taken by changing to a place from which the shot could be more easily taken. A player need never trouble himself about the awkwardness of his position, for he knows he has command of his stone, and can always do the needful when his skip gives the word of command.

The skip should receive attention. Hutchinson says that the curling stone should describe the same figure in its upward journey as you hope to make it describe in its downward. The stone descends the center of gravity is

advanced, and the left foot must also be lifted and advanced as a base line to preserve the stability of the body. "This saves one from rushing forward on the ice. The lifting of the left foot gives freedom in swinging the body and arm to the right or left, as the mark to be aimed at may require, for such movement is necessary and does not interfere with the duty of fitting the tee. One of the worst faults in curling is a clumsy, awkward way of sliding the stone. By this the ice alongside the crampit is cracked and broken up and the curler gives much annoyance to the other curlers; besides, he does himself injury. When a stone is quietly and gracefully delivered it is far more effective than a stone played with double energy, the force of which is half spent by the blow it receives as it reaches the ice.

Acme of the Art. "But the most important of all is the 'twist,' or what has been termed the acme of the curling art. This is the acme of the curling art. It is finishing touch to curling proficiency and differentiates the truly scientific player from all his brethren, however keen. By putting twist on a stone it can be made to curl against the bias altogether, while the stone of the straight player is helplessly at its mercy.

For those who want to know more of the game a plain description may prove of interest. In the first place, ice and plenty of it, is needed. Two slides are formed for the game. Each slide is known as a "rink." Each rink is in charge of a skipper. Four men make a rink. Each player uses two circular stones, about nine inches in diameter and four inches thick. The stones should be made of granite, should be well polished on the under side. The top should be fitted with a handle with a horizontal piece of grasp.

broom is a necessary implement. The brooms are commonly known as "besoms." They are used to keep the ice free from snow and other obstructions.

The Making of the Rink. The rink is a track of ice about fifty yards long. The actual length of the rink should be forty-two yards when properly marked out. A line is drawn clear across at each end of the rink. This line is known as the "tee." Within or behind the tee three circles, about two feet apart, are drawn around a central point. The object of the player is to place the stone by sliding it along the ice from the other end of the rink to a point as near the central point as possible, or to dislodge the stone of an opponent.

Across the rink, one-sixth of the length of the rink from the tee, is drawn another line, which is known as the "hog's score." If a player fails to slide his stone past the hog's score, the stone is lost and the stone is pushed out of the way. It fails to count in the "end," which means the delivering of all the stones by the players from one end of the rink to the other.

When the rinks have been selected the skips decide upon the order in which the men are to play. Usually the skip plays last himself, but not necessarily so. Lots are drawn between the two rinks for first shot, and the first man on the side winning the shot throws the first stone and is followed by the first man on the other rink. Alternating this way, the rinks roll through their line-ups.

and, standing behind the tee, he directs his men how to deliver their stones to the best advantage, what turn or twist to give them, and with what force to impel them. The other members of the rink stand on the ice between the tee and the hog line and aid the progress of the slow-going stones when ordered to "soop her up."

"Soop 'Er, Saundy!" To soop her up means a brisk work with the brooms. With the slow-going stones the snow is brushed out of the way. When the throw has been too strong the broom moves dust and snow in its path to retard the speed. On no account must a player touch a stone with his broom while doing this, for then the stone is a dead stone, and is pushed off the rink. The sweepers must keep on their own side of the rink, and no sweeper is allowed to sweep for an opponent's stone until after it has passed the tee line.

The number of ends in a full game is twenty-one, but by mutual agreement this number may be changed. It may also be changed by the rules regulating a bonspiel. Sometimes a time limit is named, with the highest score when time is called winning the match.

St. Paul's great curling year came in 1893, when the grand international bonspiel was held on Raspberry Island. At that time the St. Paul Curling club was more than a name, and though many of the members are still left and still throw the stones, the old "uns" cannot help thinking of what used to be.

REDFERN'S RAPID RISE

CRACK JOCKEY STARTS RIDING AT THE AGE OF 14 YEARS

Is Given a Chance as an Exercise Boy and His Good Judgment on Horses Is Soon Noted—Hired by H. E. Rowell to Accept Mounts at \$50 a Month.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—There is an interesting story in Jockey Redfern's jump from a salary of \$50 a month to a salary of \$29,000 a year. The young boy first intimated that he had a liking to ride the fast thoroughbreds at the age of fourteen years.

A year passed by with Arthur galloping the fast runners around the course. In his exercising of the horses it was seen that the boy seemed to be a good judge of pace, and winter before last "Doc" E. E. Rowell, well known to St. Louis turfites, who was racing a string of horses at the coast at that time, secured the services of Redfern to accept mounts at \$50 a month.

Redfern rode horses for Rowell in many races, but little was thought of the rider at that time. Rowell, in addition to having the services of Redfern, had another boy, "nider contract, and to the latter the set mounts were given.

During Redfern's riding on the coast

JENKINS HAD TO QUIT

WRESTLER TELLS HIS BOUT WITH DAN McLEOD

Defeated Man's Leg Is in Bad Shape, and He Expects to Undergo an Operation—Regrets the Ending and Would Like to Have Another Chance With Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The defeat of Tom Jenkins by Dan McLeod, wrestler on Christmas day, and the former's subsequent loss of the American catch-as-catch-can championship, was the subject of a conference with the managers of the wrestling game today.

Those who saw the struggle are inclined to believe that McLeod was lucky, but that he is now one of the best jockeys on the turf.

Redfern is but seventeen years old and can tip the scales at ninety pounds. The English jockey, "Teddy" Martin, is the only other rider to earn a princely sum at such an early age.

COCKING MAIN AT DETROIT.

Game Birds From All Parts of the Country Headed for Michigan Town.

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 27.—Dudley H. Pierce, a breeder of game cocks, leaves here Saturday evening with twenty-five birds for Detroit, where Monday night his birds will be pitted against birds from Buffalo in one of the biggest cocking main of recent years. John Mackin, of Chicago, whose birds have several times been beaten by those of Pierce, will also be interested in the main as a backer of Western birds against those from Buffalo.

BALTIMORE TO HAVE EASTERN LEAGUE TEAM

Hanson Also Working to Push the Town Into the National League.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 27.—Ned Hanson is working out a scheme to have a national league team in Baltimore next season. He has been in Baltimore, but refused to divulge his plans, which are of course, contingent upon the league conference between the major leagues to be held next month.

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"While I do not care to belittle McLeod's showing, in justice to myself and friends I wish to make a statement. I was in no condition to go on with McLeod. I am a wrestler, and never as yet disappointed an audience. My forfeit was up, and rather than stand about the scales, I consented to go on. In my bout with Jim Parr, the English champion, at Buffalo, last week, I received an ugly blow on the side of my head, which bruise resulted, and the color from the trunks which I wore ran into my blood and I was threatened with blood poisoning.

"Although I suffered intense pain, I met Bothner for a full hour. During that affair the bruise grew worse, and, despite the warnings of my physician, I agreed to take McLeod on. In my contest with McLeod the twisting, turning and rubbing against the bruise aggravated matters to such an extent that I thought my leg would come off from sheer pain. After twenty minutes' work in the third falling gave up, not because I was not game, but because I didn't care to jeopardize my life. I have beaten McLeod on several occasions and do not care who we contend as having a streak of yellow in me. It was an unfortunate ending to what looked like a sure victory for me. McLeod will need me again. I will agree to make a match for the best part of \$5,000 a side as soon as my wound heals."

YALE MAY PLAY A GAME IN THE WEST

Football Officials May Arrange for Contest With Western Team in 1903.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—Yale football officials are discussing a game with a Western college for next season. Many favor a contest, but the wisecracks shake their heads. Yale's championship games arranged with Harvard and Princeton, and fears the strain of another hard game will prove too much.

Three years ago Yale tried to meet the University of Michigan in the middle of the season, presenting an eleven made up from the scrubs, as is usual in the practice contests, and so nothing came of any complicated formations. Yale was barely able to win, 8 to 0. Yale has fought shy of Western games since then.

No game with a Western team can be arranged by Yale for at least a month, as no captain or manager has been elected for next season. The election of a captain has been deferred until after the question of Edgar Class' eligibility is settled. Until a captain and manager for next season are picked nothing definite of next season's policy can be crystallized from the unofficial undergraduate sentiment, which now favors a game with the Western team.

Yale feels especially pleasant towards Wisconsin because that university has crossed half the continent to meet Yale crews at football games. Yale feels that a pleasant game with the University of Michigan might be arranged, because Ickes Fitzmaurice, the old Yale trainer, is in charge of that team. Stagg, the University of Chicago coach, will have much weight in influencing Yale to arrange a game with that team because of

FIGHTERS MUST BE REAL CAREFUL

Gardner-Carter Fight Will Be Stopped If Men Secome Brutal.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 27.—Acting Governor Northcott communicated with Sheriff Barrett, of Cook county, today regarding the fight between Gardner and Carter, which is to be held on Monday night at the Lyceum Athletic club in Chicago between Gardner and Carter. Sheriff Barrett asserted that he would see the law was not violated.

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Sheriff Will Be There.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Do not stop the Lyceum Athletic club's contests unless they become brutal, said Sheriff Barrett today. He said that the men who are billed to take part in the bouts are, in my opinion, well trained and in perfect health, and such being the case, they ought to go through a bout limited to six rounds without sustaining any serious injury.

"I called up the club's officials today and told them that I would be there and note carefully everything that transpired and would stop any contest which I thought would be a waste of time."

"The Lyceum club is a chartered organization and has a permit to hold boxing contests, and so no notification is an error. I do not believe it was the intention single out one club for restriction. I receive orders to close down boxing altogether, I shall be compelled to do so, of course."

Long Shot Wins at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—The sport at Ingleside today was marked by the victory of Aunt Polly, a 100 to 1 shot, in the first race. She was one of a field of eleven and was not thought to have a chance. The weather was fine, but the track was in a muddy condition. Sylvia Palmer, who is always a favorite, was the only favorite to win.

In the mile and sixteenth handicap the favorite, Lord, but Lord Badger won at odds of 8 to 1.

Bill Wilson Is Busy.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 27.—Manager Wilson of the Peoria club, announced that he has released Bill, Croft and Maloney. He also announced that he has secured an agreement which he predicts will make the leaders of last season look sick. He also announced that he has secured an agreement with Magnate Van Brunt, whom he expects to help the Peoria club with a few choice players.

CANTILLON SIGNS ANOTHER.

Brewer Manager Adde Ed Gnadinger to His Playing List.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—Ed Gnadinger, Southern league outfielder, has been signed by Manager Cantillon of the Peoria club. Gnadinger was with the Brewers last year. Gnadinger played on the Seaside team in the Southern league, and his batting average was .332, and in the outfield his percentage was .88. This year he was with the Boston Rouge club of the Cotton States league, but his batting and fielding are not available as they have not been compiled by the secretary of the organization.

War May Not End.

The beautiful vision of peace sighted by the sporting writers when the Nations and American leagues agreed to meet and talk over the existing conditions has been dimmed during the past week and now the fanatics are not so surprised if the vision is blotted out.

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Rink No. 1—Judge H. W. Cory, J. G. Hinkel, Alex McCulloch, William Rodger, skip.

Rink No. 2—J. J. Ahern, C. C. H. Smith, W. A. Cameron, A. P. Cameron, skip.

Rink No. 3—Allan Brown, W. F. Myron, James Myron, W. W. Lorimer, skip.

Rink No. 4—A. D. Palmer, Duncan Connell, D. C. Murray, J. McCulloch, skip.

Rink No. 5—J. C. Wall, W. H. Lightner, L. P. Ordway, G. O. Nettleton, skip.

Rink No. 6—George Hall, T. C. Hand, W. McKenzie, B. McMillan, skip.

Rink No. 7—B. Finlayson, Dr. Quinn, J. P. Elmers, Hugh Campbell, skip.

Rink No. 8—J. B. West, Charles Fairchild, C. Carmalee, Charles Ferrier, skip.

The programme for the bonspiel included the following: First Event—Champion rink match for Gordon medal, Tuesday, Jan. 27, First tie, 9 a. m.

Second Event—North vs. South of Scotland for Western Dairymple medal. Third Event—St. Paul Jobbers' union trophy, valued at \$500. Presented by the St. Paul Jobbers' union, of St. Paul, Minn.

Open to all rinks affiliating with the Royal Canadian Curling Club, Grand National Curling club, including four gold medals, the members of the winning rink to all clubs affiliated with the club to be played on each rink after each successive draw until finally decided.

Fourth Event—Governor's medal, valued at \$200. Presented by Hon. William R. Merriam, governor of the state of Minnesota. To be played for annually at St. Paul, Minn.

Open to all clubs affiliated with the Royal Canadian Curling Club, Grand National Curling club, two rinks from each club to enter; not less than seventeen ends to all clubs affiliated with the club to be played until finally decided.

The aggregate score of the two rinks to count. The aggregate score of the two rinks to count. The aggregate score of the two rinks to count.

Fifth Event—Grand contest, open to all clubs affiliated with the club to be played on each rink after each successive draw until finally decided.

Prize, gold medal, valued at \$50; second prize, gold medal, valued at \$40; third prize, gold medal, valued at \$30; fourth prize, gold medal, valued at \$20.

to recognize that the newspapers stand ready to help when it is made possible for him to do so. —Billy Mac.

ARE MATCHED AGAIN

Fighters to Meet Before the Olympic Athletic Association of St. Louis.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Martin Duffy was matched yesterday to meet Philadelphia Tommy Ryan before the Olympic Athletic association of St. Louis. Ryan will fight at 140 or catch-weights, but it may be pulled off Jan. 15.

Duffy and Ryan were matched to fight before the Olympic Athletic Association of St. Louis last spring, but the day before the fight Ryan was taken ill and sent to a hospital. This match is the outgrowth of the former one.

TO FIGHT FOR CHARITY.

Forbes and Nell to Battle Before the Key-stone club in 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Details of the Forbes-Nell fight for the heavyweight championship were settled to-night at the Key-stone club, which will pull off the fight Jan. 15, but no war between the fight clubs will be precipitated because of the fact that the Key-stone club's half of the gate receipts is to be donated to the striking team.

Buchanan Rubs It In.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 27.—Buchanan took another fall out of his erstwhile employers, Durnell & Hesse, when he landed the Oxnard mare Wealth a sound in front of Golden Rule in the New Orleans handicap, worth \$1,150 to the winner. Federal was a strong favorite to 8 to 5, while Golden Rule in the New Orleans handicap, worth \$1,150 to the winner. Federal was a strong favorite to 8 to 5, while Golden Rule and Nitrate, were always at 5 to 2.

Bookman had to hustle her along at the end of stand of Golden Rule. The best of the start Federal was never better than third, and but for Van Dusen's jockeyship would have finished outside of the money. Nitrate was out of early and was never prominent. Atholana was the only winning favorite. Playlike was run up to \$1,800 and sold to Ed Trotter. Durnell & Hesse claimed Ed out of the second race for \$1,000 and bought a floor at the track for \$2,200. Weather clear and cold. Sale fast.

Lajoie on the Sick List.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Napoleon Lajoie, the famous baseball player and captain of the Cleveland club, is suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy. He neglected to call a physician when first stricken and as a result his condition became quite serious last night. Today, however, his condition is said to be much improved.

Two New Ones for Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27.—The Cleveland club of the American league made a clean haul in the Pacific Northwest league this week. Manager Armour securing Pitchers Stovall and Hickey, of the Seattle club. The leading pitchers in the Pacific Northwest league last summer, and Stovall was one of the heaviest batsmen in the circuit.

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