THE FIELD OF SPORT.

The California Kennel Club's May Bench Show.

Getting Ready for the Opening Day of the Fishing Season—Coursing, Rifle-Shooting and Athletics.

The California Kennel Club has done much toward introducing on this coast various breeds of highly bred dogs. The members are now working hard to have a successful bench show in May.

The lovers of bicycling are in high feather over the proposed races which will take place in the near future.

The anglers are up to their eyes in business, getting ready for the trout-fishing season.

Coursing men look forward to some great racing at Madera on Tuesday.

The oarsmen are showing small signs of life, but something is needed to make the sport popular.

Rifle-shooters are practicing for the big shooting festival which will be held at the new Schuetzen Park.

THE WHEELMEN.

The California Division, L. A. W., Annual Meeting.

The California Division, L. A. W., held its annual meeting on the 15 h of this month at Odd Fellows' Hall. There were present about 75 members and 200 proxies. The principal business transacted was the election of a city in which to hold the annual gathering and meet of the division. Chief Consul A. H. Wright presided. The only cities that made a bid for the meet were Sacramento and Alameda. After a rather warm discussion of about an hour the question was brought to a vote, Sacramento winning by 179 to 53. The management of the meet will be similar to that which proved so successful at Stockton last year. The Bay City Wheelmen and Capital City Wheelmen will assume all responsibility of the meet and carry on all arrangements, and will shoulder all losses or take any gains which may result from the meeting. The question of the annual league century run was referred to the touring board. The subject of better roads was discussed in full, and, on motion of Thomas R. Knox, Chief Consul A. H. Wright was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to draft an act in regard to repairing and improving the country roads to be presented to the next Legislature.

The Garden City Cyclers of San Jose are having quite a boom just at present. Last night they gave a housewarming party. Among the invited guests were members from all the local clubs. The club has just moved into new rooms in a building recently built, and which they have had furnished in a very complete manner. The entertainment consisted of a well-arranged programme, followed by a banquet and smoker. To-day the club, under the command of Captain Ravelin, will escort the visiting wheelmen to Haywards, where there will be a gathering of the local wheel clubs.

The San Francisco Bicycle Club has incorporated for the purpose of maintaining a clubhouse and to promote the interests of cycling, and to further the social relations of the members. The directors are: Len O. Owens, John C. Spencer, Thomas S. Cobden, Henry C. Massie, William I. Pixley, Eugene Unger, Jack Edwards, George F. Day, H. S. Field, H. J. Foley and Thomas R. Knox. The club has recently moved into new quarters on Golden Gate avenue, and will shortly hold an open house for its friends.

Several of the clubs throughout the State will follow the example of the Bay City Wheelmen and issue handbooks of their clubs.

The Oak Leaf Wheelmen were well represented at the division meeting by their president, E. A. Eckstrom, and Charles F. Hutchinson.

The Alameda Bicycle and Athletic Club, although they were unsuccessful in securing the league meet, expect to start work on their new track shortly. The club is thinking of running an opposition meet to the league one at Sacramento on the 4th of July. Think again, boys; take your defeat like men, and hope for better luck next time.

Two of the State championships allotted for this year have been assigned to the Bay City Wheelmen to be contested at the opening of their new grounds in this city on May 21. They are the one-mile safety and three-mile ordinary.

Charles H. Bliss and W. H. Toepke, B. C. W., made the trip to Concord via Walnut Creek, returning by way of San Ramon and Haywards, last Sunday. R. J. Elliott and John F. Brown Jr. rode to Redwood City on the same day.

W. D. Thompson and George H. Andrews made a trip around the bay.

Last Sunday the "Tourists" of the Pacific Road Club, viz.: H. L. Custer, J. C. Luby and Captain J. F. Hancock, rode to the Summit house on the Bolinas Ridge, from Sausalito via Fairfax, returning by way of Ross Valley, reaching Sausalito at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

ANGLING.

Preparing for the First of April—Arrival of the Trout Spawn.

The patient anglers will have only a few weeks more of waiting when they can lawfully cast their lines for the gamy denizens of the mountain streams.

The season for trout-fishing will open on April 1, and according to the present outlook those who are expert with the rod will not be very badly fooled on that day, that is provided they are forearmed with information which will lead them to fishing-waters that are always good in the early months of the season.

Ramon E. Wilson of the Fish Commission states that there are not any members of the Country Club connected with the syndicate which has been recently formed, and which, it is said, has leased the fishing rights of that part of Paper-mill Creek owned by the Taylor Brothers.

John Butler, John Lemmar and Henry Peckham, members of the Roe and Shrimp Fishing Club, had a fair day's angling on Salmon Creek last week. Butler "nailed" two salmon, which gave him a lively battle before he succeeded in giving them the knockout blow with his little "goff."

Shovel Creek Hatchery is to be repaired and filled up to hatch and accommodate between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 trout spawn during the spring.

A prominent official of the Spring Valley Water Company states that the probabilities are that the Crystal Spring Lake will be opened to anglers this year.

The Eastern brook trout which are being hatched at Bear Valley are doing splendidly. There are about 40,000 eggs in the troughs, and these were obtained from Marietta Lake, Nev. A large consignment of salmon spawn from Maine is expected this week.

The rapidity with which anadromous trout grow under certain conditions is shown by the fact, reported by the Belfast (Me.) Journal, that one year ago last September F. H. Francis placed two of those fishes, eight inches in length, in his aquarium, and now they are sixteen inches in length.

William Stanton and Phil Gallwey, two juvenile disciples of Walton, are making great preparations for the opening of the trout season.

They were detected a few evenings ago angling with a straw to which was attached a few feet of black thread and a small pinhook for a handsome school of gold fish, which was recently presented to Dr. Stanton.

The latter missed several of his "little beauties" recently, and accused his favorite feline of the theft. The poor cat was doomed to death, and his execution would have taken place yesterday had it not been for the timely capture of the real culprits in the act of poaching for "preserved" fishes.

Although fifty large fish were seen lodged at the bottom of a deep pool at a place called "The White House," near Point Reyes, last Sunday, none of the expert anglers could, with the most fascinating lines, entice one of them to acknowledge the presence of the tempting morsels. Robert Hewson lost one fish that, it was thought, weighed fifteen pounds.

AT THE BUTTS.

Rifle Contests To-Day—Charles McAfee's Great Score at Marysville.

The Turners' Shooting Club will hold their annual spring shooting festival at Schuetzen Park to-day. The club will distribute over $200 in money prizes among the competing marksmen.

The California Club will have a bullseye shoot a Schuetzen Park to-day.

Company F of the First Infantry Regiment will have its medal contest at Shell Mound to-day.

The Grutli and Eintracht clubs will shoot for best centers at Schuetzen Park to-day.

The First Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., will parade at Shell Mound to-day and compete for the Tobin trophy. Each company will enter twenty men, and if the day should be a pleasant one some good scores will be the result.

The cadets of the California Schuetzen Club will have a combination medal and bullseye shoot at Schuetzen Park to-day.

The recent great score, credited to Charles McAfee of Company C, stationed at Marysville, has created somewhat of a sensation among our military marksmen. According to reports, Private McAfee made thirty-nine bull'seyes in forty shots, and closed his score with a 4, thus making 199 points out of a possible 200. This is undoubtedly the highest score on record with a Springfield rifle under military regulations. If Mr. McAfee's luck stays with him he will do well to enter the series of championship contests taking place at Shell Mound Park. The next contest will take place the last Sunday in May, and he will meet many enthusiastic marksmen, who have not such brilliant scores to their credit, who will be eager to enter into a match with the man who made the champion record. Company C of Marysville thinks of challenging any ten men in the State to a military match. It is hoped they will do so, and wake up a little interest among our guardsmen, who are allowing rifle matters to flag a little. It will not be necessary for Company C to be so sweeping in its challenge, as there are at least three companies stationed in this city who will meet them at the butts. Companies C and G of the First Regiment and Company B of the Third Regiment will furnish ten men to compete in a friendly match with their comrades of Marysville. Here is a chance for the "country boys" to make themselves famous.

ATHLETIC.

New Rules Passed by the Amateur Athletic Union.

One of the most important meetings held by the Amateur Athletic Union took place at New York on the 9th inst.

After considerable discussion it was decided to abolish the present rules of the union governing fencing and substitute those of the Amateur Fencers' League of America. The following amendments to the athletic and general rules were passed:

To insert the rules for pole-vaulting in the athletic rules of the Amateur Union after the words "except one prong" at the end of a paragraph reading as follows:

No competitor shall, during his vault, raise the hand which was uppermost when he left the ground to a higher point on the pole, nor shall he raise the hand which was undermost when he left the ground to any point on the pole above the other hand.

To drop from the gymnastic rules of the Amateur Athletic Union the section "Head rope-climbing" and substitute therefor the following:

1. The rope, measured from floor to a tambourine or bell fastened above, shall be as nearly 25 feet as the height of the hall will allow.

2. The start shall be by pistol-shot, and the time taken when the contestant strikes the bell or tambourine.

3. Each contestant shall sit on the floor, with legs extended in front, and shall not touch the floor with any part of his person after the pistol-shot.

4. Each contestant will be allowed three trials.

To expunge the whole of rule 11 of the general rules of the Amateur Athletic Union, and to substitute therefor the following, viz: Rule 9, definition of a novice—The sports over which the Amateur Athletic Union claims jurisdiction shall be divided in the following classes: (1) baseball, (2) billiards, (3) bowling, (4) boxing, (5) fencing, (6) football, (7) gymnastics, (8) hurdle-racing, (9) jumping, (10) lawn-tennis, (11) pole-vaulting, (12) putting the shot, (13) quoits, (14) racquets, (15) rowing, (16) running, (17) sculling, (18) skating, (19) swimming, (20) throwing hammer and 56-pound weight, (21) tug-of-war, (22) walking, (23) wrestling. An athlete should be held to be a novice in each of the twenty-three classes until he shall have won a prize in a competition open to the members of two or more clubs. The winning of such a prize shall prevent his future competition as a novice in that class, although his entry may have been made before he lost his standing as a novice.

The following amendment to the boxing and wrestling rules was passed:

Any athlete who weighs in and then fails to compete, without an excuse satisfactory to the games committee, shall be suspended for six months.

On report of the record committee, the following performances were allowed: E. B. Bloss, 20 yards, 2:35 sec.; J. P. Lee, 220 yards, hurdle race, 24:4 5 sec.

The following additions to the general rules were passed: "No association of the A. A. U. will be allowed to register clubs or schedule games, tournament or exhibition, given by clubs not eligible to membership in the A. A. U."

The dues of the Olympic Club may be increased to $5 per month, and the initiation fee to $100 when the new building is completed.

The Alpine Club is virtually a defunct organization, as nearly all of its best men have resigned.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15, 1892.

Sporting Editor Call—DEAR SIR: A few words in reference to an article in your column of last Sunday as regards the apathy of the officers of the Olympic Club toward outdoor sports.

The directors are trustees for the club, and as such are responsible for the proper expenditure of the funds of the organization, and feeling this responsibility they naturally are conservative and endeavor to incur no indebtedness not warranted by the results.

The athletes themselves are to blame.

A few years ago a wild howl was raised that indoor athletics were the salient features of the club; that any fieldman had no recognition whatsoever, and that no facilities were provided for outdoor exercise.

The club has always endeavored to foster all true amateur sports and always will.

It exists solely from this idea, and, as a consequence, when this question was mooted the present handsome grounds were constructed with all possible requisites, in fact all athletic visitors are astonished at the perfect arrangements prevailing.

Then it was anticipated that the boys for whose benefit the large sum necessary was spent (to say nothing of the attendant work and worry of the club officers) would appreciate the efforts made for their pleasure and comfort, but as yet they seemingly have not done so.

Valuable medals are given for every field day, and, if the directors erred at all last season, it was in giving too many entertainments of this character.

"What are the medals going to cost?" "What handicap am I going to get?" "I've got to go to the matinee?"

"I've got to take my best girl to the games, so I wont compete."

"The handicapper wont give more than ten yards in a hundred over Smith," etc.

These are the kind of answers received when the athlete is asked if he is going to.

Again, when the club gives a "ladies' day," when no admission is charged, the grounds are filled to overflowing, yet when a small fee is demanded, ladies free, the patronage of field athletics are conspicuous by their absence.

"Comparisons are odious," or else I would quote the names of a small body of consistent athletes, who can always be relied upon to compete from pure love of amateur sports.

These do not care for any emoluments; a tin trophy would suit them as well as a diamond medal, but unfortunately they are a small minority.

Our present captain and handicapper, Mr. Elliott, is thoroughly versed as to the abilities of all the coast athletes and he gives them marks accordingly, and his integrity cannot be questioned.

What better work can one ask for, when, as it frequently happened during last season, the first, second and third man would run almost abreast at the finish and the winner was in doubt until the last foot of ground was covered?

If we are to make field sports popular here we athletes ourselves must put our own shoulders to the wheel, and not call on Hercules in the shape of the club.

Trusting this will put some more "ginger" into the lazy boys, and apologizing for the length of this epistle, I am yours truly,

AN OUTDOOR ATHLETE.

COURSING.

The Madera Coursing Club's First Meeting—Notes.

The drawing for the initial coursing meeting, which will be held under the auspices of the Madera Coursing and Athletic Club on the 22d inst., took place on Friday evening and was published in yesterday's CALL. Many of the best running dogs in the State are entered for the contests, which will certainly be well worth seeing, as elaborate preparations have been made by the Madera people for their first endeavor to make popular the grand old sport of coursing in that part of the country. The recent rain will materially assist to improve the running sward, which is said to be very springy and perfectly adapted for dog-racing. It is superfluous to say anything concerning the running powers of the hares of Fresno County, as their equals cannot be found in the world.

It is quite probable that the next interstate meeting will be held at Madera.

Colonel North presided at the smoking concert of the National Sporting Club of London recently, at which Fullerton, the hero of the Waterloo cup, was exhibited. The gallant colonel has now landed the first of his great treble-event wager of £30,000 to £300.

There seems to be some confusion as to the winner of the Waterloo cup, some people supposing that it was Colonel North's Young Fullerton, brother to Fullerton, and not the older dog Fullerton that won the cup.

ROWING.

Contests Which Will Take Place at North Beach.

If the weather is right for rowing to-day there will be a few good races in the vicinity of the North Beach boating houses. The Pioneer Club boys are seriously contemplating going into training for a regatta which, it is said, will be held on July 4.

Dan Leahy has no idea of meeting any of the professional scullers who are looking for a race. Dan says that he takes much pleasure in an occasional practice spin with the local scullers, but as far as training for a match with any body is concerned he considers that years ago he was old enough to retire.

Hanlan and O'Connor signed articles for a double-scull race which is to take place May 30, and not June 16 as previously announced, at Point of Pines, Chelsea, Mass., between them and John Teemer and George Hosmer for the championship of America and $1000 a side.

The Alameda Argus must have boating matters down to a very fine figure. It recently said: The Encinal Boat Club of Oakland has increased its membership-roll from ninety to 100 members and the initiation fee is fixed at $35. The financial report shows that the club has expended $6000 on its new clubhouse.

Wallace Ross, the professional oarsman, is said to be a great swordsman. This is what the Chicago Herald has to say of the Scottish sculler: Wallace Ross, the oarsman, and a portion of his fine collection of swords and sabers arrived in the city yesterday. Ross and Hanlan are about the only oarsmen who began professional rowing fifteen or sixteen years ago now in the ring. Ross attributes his condition to the practice of his own peculiar ideas on training and to his not using alcoholic beverages. He expects to hear favorably from East of England, whom he challenged to row a match race some days ago. Stevenson, the Australian oarsman, now in San Francisco, he said, would be accommodated at any time and place. Ross said: "The big fellow has such admiration for Corbett, the Chicago oarsman, that he would enjoy a meeting with him in the early spring."

The following speaks for itself:

Editor Call—DEAR SIR: In last Monday's issue of THE CALL under the head of "With the Boat Clubs" an item appeared stating that the Alameda Boat Club has formally withdrawn from the Pacific Rowing Association. It is said the club is about dead and will not last much longer." As president of this club I take exception to this last remark, which has been written by some one who is actuated by a spiteful desire to do the club harm. Our reason for resigning from the association was simply that we are at such a distance from the other association clubs that we received no benefits whatever as members. As to the club being dead, a visit to our clubhouse any Sunday will prove the falseness of that assertion.

We flatter ourselves we have one of the richest clubs on the coast. We have a wharf four hundred feet long, a fine two-story boathouse unsurpassed by any on the bay; six boats, including a four-oared shell and a four-oared barge, with a new four-oared barge being built; we have 125 members, with but ten who are not in good standing. The club is entirely out of debt, and, moreover, has considerable money in its treasury, so that any one who has sufficient curiosity to inquire into our standing, both socially and financially, will find us a pretty lively dead club. Yours very truly, G. E. GOGGIN,

President Alameda Boat Club.

THE KENNEL.

Polishing Up the Dogs for the Exhibition in May.

The bench show of the California Kennel Club, which will be held in this city, from present indications will be a great success, even surpassing that of last year.

All thoroughbred-dog owners realize that James Mortimer, the judge selected, stands exceedingly high in the estimation of the kennel clubs throughout the East and West, and his long connection with the Westminster Kennel Club as superintendent is certainly a high mark of recommendation.

The executive committee consists of E. P. Schell, Dr. James Stanton, J. W. Orndorff, Robert Liddle, Thomas Higgs, A. B. Truman, Joseph King, Rhody Ringrose, J. B. Lewis, E. T. Harvey, John de Vaull, J. J. Jamieson, Henry Huber, Dr. John Gallwey, W. C. Peters; F. J. Silvey, secretary; W. G. Cue, corresponding secretary.

John Bergez will exhibit his noted setters and pointers.

P. D. Linville will exhibit his trio of celebrated English setters, Fiorine, Doc Gladstone and Flack Gladstone, the field-trial winner.

Thomas Higgs has been selected to act as superintendent of the show.

P. F. Canavan of Ocean View will show some thoroughbred greyhounds.

A large number of orders for special prizes for favorite breeds of dogs are daily being received at the bench-show office.

Among those who have contributed special prizes to be awarded their favorite breed of dog this week are: Samuel H. Nicholson, John Bergez, George Buzzini, H. Schultz, Rathjen Bros., H. Blanken, Dr. W. J. Bryan and Dr. John Gallwey.

Dr. W. F. Egan will be the veterinary surgeon of the coming bench show.

The bench-show officers of the Southern California Kennel Club have added a new feature, which will attract old maids to their show on April 20. They will have a space devoted to the exhibition of cats.

Captain George L. Rowland of Center street, Oakland, will show his setter.

Prices for borzois are still on the rise. The Duchess of Newcastle has paid $1000 for a dog from the imperial Russian kennels called Oudar.

Among the strange dogs exhibited at the recent London dog show were wirehaired old English terriers, black and tan in color, and wirehaired German pointers. There was also a Thibet sheepdog, 36 inches in height at the shoulder.

HANDBALL.

A Challenge From Condon to Lawless.

Several interesting games of handball were played at the Union ball court on Thursday last, some of which not having been finished will be continued this afternoon.

John Condon has issued a challenge to play Joseph Lawless for from $50 to $100 a side the last three, twenty-one ace games out of five, at the Union court, and if the terms are not agreeable to Lawless he (Condon) will play according to any fair terms proposed by Lawless.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Brief News Notes From Church, Chapel and Synagogue.

A new Universalist church was dedicated at Santa Paula last Sunday. The church is valued at $17,000. Before the dedicatory services $2000 was raised to defray building expenses of the edifice, which is now nearly paid for.

The name of Dr. Alfred Kummer, now located at Portland, Oregon, is frequently mentioned of late in connection with the pastorate of the First M. E. Church of Oakland, and it is probable that Dr. Kummer will be the successor of Dr. Dille, whose term expires this fall.

The Catholics of Stockton are moving to establish a home in that city for aged people and a hospital, to be opened to Protestants as well as Catholics. This home will be located on a tract of twelve acres adjoining the city and owned by the church. Subscriptions to the amount of $20,000 have been promised.

The question of establishing a church near the South San Francisco line in San Mateo County is under consideration by the Pacific Presbyterian Union.

The new German Catholic Church (St. Mary's), corner of Third and Reed streets, will be dedicated at San Jose this morning by Archbishop Riordan. After the Archbishop's address a sermon in German will be delivered by Father Paulinus, Superintendent of the Franciscan Order of San Francisco.

The Bishop of Wyoming has appointed a building committee for the proposed new cathedral at Laramie. The committee will proceed at once to make a thorough canvass in the East and at home for funds to carry on the work.

The people of Redlands have accepted a proposition to sell the present Y. M. C. A. building at that point and raise a subscription of $12,000 to erect a new building, the upper portion to be used by the Y. M. C. A. and the lower part to be fitted up as a public library.

Through the untiring efforts of Rev. W. F. Wenk and his people a new Methodist Episcopal church has been completed at Estrella, Santa Clara County, and the building will be dedicated on Sunday, March 27.

The growth of Vancouver is strikingly evidenced by the large number of church societies that have been forming there recently and their prosperity, which enables them to erect church edifices.

The Third-street M. E. Church of Santa Rosa has just succeeded in paying off the last dime of the indebtedness that has hampered the congregation for the past six years and proposes soon to hold an appropriate jubilee meeting to celebrate the event.

The First Methodist Church of Los Angeles raised last Sunday $1000 for the College of Liberal Arts.

The Congregational Church at Lorin was reopened last Sunday, after having undergone extensive repairs, all paid for.

The Presbyterians of Los Gatos have extended a call to the Rev. Frank Brush, of Las Vegas, N. Mex. Mr. Brush has accepted and will enter upon his new charge early in April.

Rev. Father O'Neill, who has been for some time the assistant of Rev. Father Lagan at San Rafael, has been appointed pastor of the newly formed parish comprising the towns of Olema, Novato and Bolinas. His residence will be at Novato.

The Baptist church at Pomona is being remodeled, and will soon be transformed into a very beautiful structure.

She Popped the Question.

Chicago Tribune.

"If you want me for your wife, Albert, and are afraid to say so," softly whispered the blushing girl, "there is no other way than for me to take the matter in my own hands, as I have a right to do this year. If you will promise to be mine, Albert, I will be a good wife. I will cherish you, care for you tenderly, bear my share of the burdens that may fall upon us and do all that a faithful, loving wife can do to make smooth the pathway of our married life."

"Noble, generous, beautiful girl!" exclaimed the young man rapturously. "You have anticipated the proposal my cowardly lips dared not utter! There is only one other thing I can ask you to promise," he added, with trembling eagerness, "but upon that one thing hinges all our happiness."

"What is it, Albert?"

"Will you pay the gas bills?"

In the early days of smoking rich people smoked silver pipes.

DOGGED BY SHADOWS.

An Unpleasant Reflection for Some High Rollers.

Between Thirty and Forty Private Detectives Daily Watching Suspected Confidential Employes.

Written for THE MORNING CALL.

At the corner of the premises occupied by the Safe Deposit Bank, and at one or two other points along the line of Montgomery street, from Bush to Merchant, there may be seen at almost any hour of the day a number of men apparently without any visible means of subsistence, yet fairly well dressed in a plain suit of brown or dark gray. They are obviously not corner-loafers. There is an aspect of unostentatious, silent vigilance about them. Without doubt the mere casual glance which one of them has just bestowed on a passing specimen of gilded youth had some object in it, for, after a signal to some unseen person at an upper window, the man in brown steals away on the young man's track.

The explanation is that, for good and sufficient reasons, the young man's employers have ordered him to be shadowed. From the moment the shadow is put on that youth will not be lost sight of for a moment, not even when he is in bed. Without knowing it, without dreaming that in the most secluded orgies there is a spicter at the feast, hundreds of "high rollers" and sports carry on high jinks heedless of the shadow—the quiet man in brown—whom they will never know, not even when they suddenly find San Quentin staring them in the face.

Probably no person in the community had been longer or more remorselessly shadowed than Sarah Althea Terry. At one time she

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enjoyed the unknown honor of being attended, like Jupiter, by four satellites. She was seldom without one.

"There are about thirty or forty men regularly employed in private detective work in San Francisco to-day," said a member of the fraternity to a CALL reporter. "Conventionally we are known as shadows. The first duty of a shadow is to keep his eyes open and his mouth shut, a much more difficult thing to do than some of our young amateur detectives and transom-workers would care to own. Then the shadow has to be sober, quick, and never thrown off his feet, and especially he must take care not to be caught by the many traps that are sure to be laid for him. He must be a man of good conversational powers on the rare occasions when he is required to talk. Then he must be plausible, a man of the world, with no crotchets or pet theories or fixed ideas, and, above all things, he must have a photographic memory of faces and the power of minute observation without seeming to notice.

"The first thing a shadow does is to get a good description of his man, if circumstances make it impossible to have that man pointed out. You will easily understand how important it is that the shadow should never be seen in company with the individual who puts him on the job. The shadow being once put on the track of the suspected person, it is his business never to let that person out of his sight, and, above all, never to approach or accost him in any way.

"If it is a woman that is to be shadowed, the task of keeping her in sight is easier; but women, like mice, have many enemies, and it is in their very nature to be suspicious and observant. One of the most difficult positions a shadow can be placed in is when he is following a woman on a quiet street, as she is nearly always looking out for just such a thing. So, too, if a shadow is watching a house he must never forget that women have a great habit of watching through the blinds on their own account. You may not see them, but it is ten to one that they see you. They are natural-born detectives and would have the field to themselves but for one thing. They are bound to let people know how smart they are and what they could tell if they liked. They generally tell, particularly if it is a secret about another woman.

"Women would never make good shadows, if only for the reason that they naturally attract the attention of men by reason of their sex. But there is another trouble. Watch a woman walking a street and you will see that every fresh object distracts her attention, just as in conversation she gets tired if the subject isn't changed every few minutes. But the shadow has to keep one object in view and that only. If a murder

The Shadow Timing His Man.

is being committed across the street it is nothing to him. His business is not to lose sight of his man and never to let his man gain sight of him so as to identify him.

"Quite a considerable part of the shadowing in this city is done in connection with divorce proceedings. In cases like this a watch is set on a house to see who goes in and who comes out. Of course, the hotels and restaurants are not forgotten when, as often happens, the parties suspect they are watched at home. I am afraid business would suffer greatly if a shadow kept such a diary as was reputed to be kept by Count Fosco in the novel of 'The Woman in White.' But the real detective has his memory pigeonholed. He does not want to go record into the hands of a blackmailer or a possible opponent. He wants to know everything and tells nothing. You may always reckon on a certain number of tellers in this world. They are naturally leaky and can no more hold a secret than a rubber bag can hold hydrogen gas. For one thing, the supposed possession of a secret makes a man or a woman important for the time being. If they do not sell out, they will leak from mere egotism and vanity. It is just about as easy for the amateur detective to keep an important discovery to himself as it was for Luther and Marshall to contain the secret of the gold at Coloma. Both died poor, you remember. They knew too much. A good shadow does not know anything. That is his specialty.

"A man with his wits about him is a hard person to shadow. If he has the slightest suspicion that he is shadowed he will just walk half a block back, and if the shadow is silly enough to do the same thing why the jig is up, that's all. This is where the science of shadowing comes in. Never to be caught or recognized, that is the idea. The moment your man turns pass right by as if you were not noticing him. If you look at him out of the corner of your eye even the chances are that you will spoil everything.

"Very often you run a risk of losing your man by his getting on a car. An experienced shadow will let his man get on one end while he gets on the other. It is a golden rule never to bring yourself in close contact if it can be avoided. So long as you see the person you are after the farther you are away the better. It is often necessary to find out if the person shadowed has much money about him, and this is not at all an easy job if your party is a sober man and thinks he is watched. If it is a woman you are watching the job is harder still, for a woman rarely shows more than small change. Sometimes a man who thinks he has made a successful haul will get rattled and show his money recklessly. Then the shadow's work is easy.

"Bank clerks, cashiers and persons in positions of confidence are constantly being shadowed without their having the faintest idea of the fact. When a clerk with $20 a week goes to all the club fights, bets on all the events and generally lives the pace, while his employer is sitting in the office of a Sunday, hour after hour, wondering how, with the business he is doing, he is drifting into insolvency, it is not surprising if he should decide to risk $50 in shadowing the suspected man. The trouble generally is that the step is taken too late. The expense of hiring a shadow is $5 to $10 or $12 a day and expenses. Of course the shadows I am speaking of have nothing to do with the regular detective branch of the police force, although they may have formerly been members of it.

"Just one word before I go," said the man of mystery. "This city would be ten thousand times worse in morals than it is if it were not for fear of the shadows," saying which the shadow turned and vanished, like the rainbow fading out of the sky or like one of those inessential forms after which he was named.

LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

Extraordinary Performance of the Weather.

What Society Is Doing—Talks About Bering Sea—Dinners at the White House.

Correspondence of THE MORNING CALL.

Of all the extraordinary performances of the Weather Bureau, last Thursday took the palm, and people are not yet done talking of it. The day began moist and mild—a real spring day for swelling tree buds and cheering crocuses to a fuller unfolding. Toward noon it began to rain, and soon a blinding snowstorm was in progress, the flakes riding before a gale of wind, a regular cyclone's whirl, that howled in the air. By 4 o'clock every tree was loaded with snowflakes and the sun burst forth and dazzled one with the fairyland pictures in every park and the lined avenue. The thermometer had fallen 20 degrees in the first hour of the snow cyclone, but the later hour of sunshine was balmy again, and no one expected the northwest wind to arise in its might, to shriek and swoop down upon the city with the sunset and make an arctic night of it. There were many accidents and much damage resulting from the storm. Many ladies were thrown down by the wind, and Senator Palmer's wife was lifted bodily, carried a distance and thrown against the stone coping of the Capitol terrace. That high terrace, which overlooks the whole city, was most exposed to the long sweep of the wind, and the cyclone's force was strongest there, sweeping men and vehicles to shelter. With this cyclone and blizzard it is hoped that the most disagreeable winter of the decade has ended. Washington has lost all its reputation for possessing a desirable winter climate, and Secretary Rusk has had to endure complaints, upbraiding and chaff until he is nearly ready to hand his erratic and unmanageable charge back to the War Department.

HOW SOCIETY IS OCCUPIED.

What remains of society is immersed in general improvement and development. There are lectures on all sides, at all hours of the day on all kinds of topics, and every drawing-room and lecture hall is crowded. The thirst for knowledge seems unappeasable. Miss Jane Mead Welch is spurring women onto a study of American history, and her lectures on the forming of the constitution and the life of Alexander Hamilton created a considerable discussion among her audience and a wide interest in her work. Then Mrs. Erving Winslow, the first prophetess and disciple of Ibsen, is informing us upon that master and others of the Scandinavian school, and charming esthetic circles with the picture she makes as she sits reading under a shaded lamp in a simple white gown with a bunch of roses pinned near her shoulder. Dr. Lincoln is reading his "Uncut Leaves," which contain unpublished essays, poems and stories from the advance numbers of popular magazines. Meanwhile the Stoddard lectures are running a two weeks' course at a downtown theater and all the town is crowding to hear his tales of travel. There are musicales to right and left as well, symphony concerts, afternoon whist clubs, evening card parties. Even the ladies' club, the Washington Club, is having weekly musicales, and lectures, an embroidery and reading class and its whist tourneys in the card-room are continuous. Miss Anna Dawes, daughter of the Massachusetts Senator, is one of the lecturers before this club, and Mrs. Elgerton has taken part in several of its entertainments. There is a course of Thursday afternoon lectures going on at the Catholic University, which are largely attended from the city, and the Geographic Society has offered some interesting nights.

BERING SEA MATTERS.

Just now, when Bering Sea and Alaskan matters are uppermost, the last two lectures have come very pat. The one on the Alaskan boundary survey by Messrs. Turner and McGrath, preceded by remarks by Dr. Mendenhall, chief of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, drew too large an audience for the Cosmos Club to hold, and more were turned away than could be admitted. After the two young surveyors had told of their summers and winters on the Yukon and Porcupine rivers, some beautiful lantern views were shown, one of them a winter view on the great river, taken by moonlight, with a three hours' exposure of the plate. Dr. Dawson of the Dominion Geological Survey and one of the Canadian Bering Sea Commissioners, who was present, added a short address, and very diplomatically denied that there was any "disputed boundary line." It could not be in dispute, he argued, when it had not been surveyed and no one knew where it was.

On the night of the howling blizzard, when the moonlight and the nipping air were truly Arctic, Mr. J. Stanley-Brown lectured on the seal islands. Mr. Brown went to the islands last summer on a special mission to study seal life and has acted as secretary of the Bering Sea Commission during its recent meeting in the State Department. Such a lecture at the very moment of Lord Salisbury's extraordinary refusal to renew the modus vivendi, and while the arbitration treaty was hanging, brought out a very large company, and nearly a quorum of the Senate was present, besides the whole so-called Alaskan colony in Washington. Mr. Brown's lecture was most interesting, and he had many convincing pictures with which to fully illustrate it and impress the place as clear and distinct upon his hearers as if they had been there.

WHITE HOUSE DINNERS.

Since the President's return from Virginia beach he has been giving a series of dinners, and feasting his guests on canvas ducks that he shot at Ragged Islands. These game dinners have ranked higher in a way with those invited to them than the state dinners, and canvas-back brought down by the host's own shotgun, and that host the President, quite outrank all other canvas-backs served at any dinners of the winter. In the Lenten weeks, while Congress remains, Presidents can enjoy many small dinner companies, and twenty and thirty constitute a small company around the state table that easily seats forty. President Harrison has already done more entertaining than any of his predecessors, for contrary to the opinion held of him before his election he is of the most sociable and hospitable disposition. It is doubtful if the family have ever sat down to the dinner table alone in the White House. Every day some new comer, some old friend, some celebrity passing through the city, is bidden to lunch or dinner informally, and the President is never without company in his evening cigars. He is especially loyal and dear to his old colleagues of the Senate and his friendships in that body were not confined to party lines, and his mind is broad and liberal enough to be able to dissociate the man from his politics and enjoy the other side and phases of him. The makeup of the large dinner parties show parties evenly balanced, since the blackest Democrat may have as brilliant social qualities as the blackest Republican. Mrs. Russell Harrison was called away from the city this week by the illness of her father at Omaha. Her departure was much regretted, but there is a promise of her return at Easter, when there is to be a very gay spring season, with garden parties and innumerable outdoor entertainments.

THE DOG SHOW.

The dog show was the great event of this week, and all the world went to the riding-school to see the hundreds of yelping and howling aristocrats of their kind. The larger dogs made less noise than the smaller ones, petted house dogs wailing and weeping during all the time they were chained or caged in their strange place. One could hear the wild chorus of barks and howls from afar until the last day, when even the foxhounds were so worn out with it all that they could not stand up and bark any longer. As we go further on in vivisection, dog hygiene, pathology and anatomy it will be found that dogs can suffer from nervous prostration as well as humans, and precious dogs will not be subjected to the nerve strain and excitement of a show. The $4000 St. Bernard, the huge mastiffs and staghounds were duly admired this week, but not coveted to the same extent as the tiny, bright-eyed little spaniels, terriers and skyes, and quite as amazing prices were set upon these little bundles, these mere froway handfuls of dog that would fit in any coat-pocket.

THE RIDING CLUBS.

If the weather relents and the country roads have a chance to drain and dry, the riding clubs will soon be all the talk. So far there have been few chances for fox-hunts and none for anise seed or drag hunts, and the champion riders who have gone forth return so covered with the sacred red soil of Maryland and Virginia that others are willing to wait. There are many driving meets at the riding-school and music rides on the tan bark, but now that crocuses and arbutus are peeping forth, all are anxious to go caracoling on the road.

A Mi-Careme ball is now in view, and this mid-Lent festivity is being arranged by one hundred matrons and maids, who have subscribed for a real leap-year festivity. In other seasons the Mi-Careme balls have been given at private houses, the first at the British Legation while Minister West's daughters made it the gayest center of the smart set. From Miss West's semi-informal dances in masks, with verbal invitations and a company that dispersed by midnight, the Mi-Careme has become a large costume ball with engraved invitations and the same late hours as in the carnival season, and the strictly pious do hold up their hands at such a perversion of its spirit, such a taking of an ell when the church only allows an inch, and many young girls are already down on their knees begging severe and cruel parents to relent and let them go. M.

Washington, March 14.

NEAR AND FAR.

At the Little-End-of-Nowhere lived a single little man;
He had nobody for company but a little black-and-tan:
There was not much to do there, as perhaps you will suppose,
For as he had no neighbors, he had neither friends or foes.

And so he fell to wondering, and wondered night and day;
"I wonder why the people live so very far away!
They must find it inconvenient, I should think—extremely so!
For when they come here they will have so very far to go!"

At last he took a high resolve; he said: "I'll go and see
Why those misguided people live so far away from me!
Perhaps it is their ignorance, and I can set them straight
Before they grow so very old that it will be too late!"

So he walked and walked and walked and walked until he found a city,
And to the people he expressed his wonderment and pity.
He was completely thunderstruck when some one chanced to say,
"'Tis you, my worthy little friend, who lives so far away!"

He went home pondering deeply; he said, "It cannot be!
That person is insane—'tis they that live so far from me!
But I'll be patient with them, and perhaps they'll learn, some day,
That such a distance from my home must needs be far away!"

—Margaret Vandegrift, In March St. Nicholas.

Flaxseed for Cinders in the Eye.

New York Times.

One of the simplest and most effective cures for that often serious affliction to a traveler, a cinder in the eye, is that of a common flaxseed. One or two of these may be placed in the eye without injury. They shortly begin to swell and exude a glutinous substance that covers the ball of the eye, enveloping any foreign substance that may be in it; then seed and irritant may be washed out. Keep a dozen of these seeds in a compartment of your purse and they may prove an invaluable accessory.

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