

VERNAL SPORTING BREEZES

Disquisitions on the Various Phases of the Base Ball Situation.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE MITTEN

The Byker's Budget—Crows and Coons—Sayers' One-Defeat—The Crows' Horse, Dog and Gun—And General Epitome of Local Sports.

In the history of the national game there has never been an organization which started out with such a car load of reforms as the new organization proposes to launch upon the world, and the most of them, too, seem born of the soundest wisdom. In the first place this association has never been burdened with a surplus of the article that is supposed to accelerate the velocity of the female equine, and the signing of plays with its advance money and other expenses, was always a thorough and judicious affair.

ness in his sporting public, he was not to be had and retired, but four years afterwards he quarreled with his wife's uncle, Big Ben (Cant), and they met on the banks of the Missouri, and fought a six day lasting fight of four and a half and ended in a draw.

When Sayers defeated the Tipton Slasher some months previously, Tom was immediately challenged by the gigantic ex-champion Cant and Tom Padocro. Cant stated in his challenge that "as an Englishman, I will not fight you unless you are as good as Ben Cant, he could not endure the idea of a man of Sayers' weight being champion of England."

The Place to Hunt Coons. GLENWOOD, Ia., Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Of all seasons of the year the winter season is perhaps the best time to relate stories of sport and adventure. During the long winter evenings one can draw their feet up to the fenders, unfold the paper before a bright light, and in a warm, cozy room follow the sportsman to the lakes and rivers on a fowling expedition, or follow him with his pack, on a log-weary chase, over mountain, hill and valley, noting the yelping of the curs, the tooting of the horns, the voice of the hunters as the excitement of the chase increases, and the echoes of dog and master follow each other in quick succession along the banks and across the valleys.

There is probably no city in the United States where the common wild crow (Corvus Americanus) makes himself so much at home as in Omaha. Here they are as common almost as English sparrows or tame pigeons, and evidence about as little fear of man.

smith pitted against some good man, and as there are several of this sort entered, some of the contests can be expected. Entries will be made at the Chicago Athletic Club, 407-408 South Tenth street.

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Count on Norfolk. NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 24.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: If a meeting is called for the formation of a state league Norfolk will be a member, and will do its best as a sure member.

Chin Music by the Crank. The old malady of swollen-heads has been effectually eradicated from the base ball realm.

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young Dutton at South Omaha last winter, where he had a fight in Sioux City Tuesday night.

There are numerous challenges recently issued by Omaha, but the match several of them, weight, it is strange that Danny Daly has been overlooked. He enjoys the glory of the longest feather-weight fight on record, and has a record of 12 years ago. It lasted six hours and forty minutes, and then ended in a draw.

Oliver Perry Board would also like to play in Omaha next season, in fact the old naval hero would mind playing most anywhere, just so he could play.

Nebraska will be represented at the annual league meeting for the first time this year. Chief Consul Porriro will be there with a party of his friends.

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James A. Hart, president of the Chicago ball club, Frank de Haas, Robinson, president of the Cleveland club, and John T. Brush, president of the Cincinnati club, have sat down hard on Colonel Rogers and his harlequinade, the so-called new national agreement, and have united their voices in a protest against it.

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How Nat Langham Whipped Sayers. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—To the Sporting Editor of THE SUNDAY BEE: Tom Sayers' contest with Poulton took place at Appleford, about seventy miles from London, and not at Nottingham, as was erroneously stated in last week's Bee.

Colonel Rogers, president of the committee appointed by the league to formulate a new national agreement for the protection of the minor leagues, has drafted this document. This new law, the result of much care and study and a week's hard labor in the reduction to writing, is based upon the old agreement, but is materially changed in many important particulars.

Clarence G. Baldwin—"the Kid"—is at Spokane Falls and he has written a letter to Chris Von der Ahe in which he pictures his interesting story as an actor. He says: "I would like to play in St. Louis, as I was always anxious to play in St. Louis, and I am sure you will be glad to have me."

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