

Up-To-The-Minute Sporting News.

Ed. Geers and the Harness Horses --- Football, Pugilism and Other Sports

By TOMMY CLARK.
THE great Ed Geers, the grand old man of the grand circuit, has settled at Memphis, Tenn., for the winter and will occupy the same quarters that he has used during the off season for several years. Geers will winter the majority of the horses with which he won on the grand circuit, and already several stakes prospects have been shipped to him for preparation and "sampling."

During the last season Geers ranked third among the money winners, taking \$85,145 of the big ring purses and stakes. He is topped only by Murphy, with \$11,845, and Cox, with \$6,873. It was thought that at the opening last July at North Randall Geers was certain to give the man to finish first a hard run, but within a short time not a few of his stables were ready for the hospital and did not recover until the end of the season. Despite this handicap, which came in the form of catarrhal fever, Geers not only finished well up, but in every respect upheld the record that has characterized his performance on the big wheel for the past score of years.

Of his times out the veteran failed to get a place in the money in only thirty-five races. He drove a winner eighteen times, finished second on ten occasions, third twelve and received his entrance money for a fourth position seven times, having held the reins in all on eighty-three occasions. This, of course, does not include the times that Geers drove outside of the circuit, as during September he took Etawah, the great three-year-old, outside and captured several events.

Blind Trotter's New Record.
 Geers was at the head of the list in returning the year's largest individual money winner. While not being the largest of the grand circuit, Etawah goes into winter quarters the winner of \$24,563. The little blind trotter establishes a new world record for a three-year-old by this amount taken, topping the record of \$22,500, made by Benetta in 1894. He was campaigned by Geers in six races and took four of them handily. The little bay was out of the money only once, that in the Western Horseman stake at Indianapolis, where he showed such a lack of form that he was drawn. Horse fanciers will remember his purchase at Cleveland at the opening of the season. Geers' most prominent performance of the year was his capturing of the Merchants and Manufacturers \$10,000 stake at the Blue Ribbon meeting in Detroit, Mich., when he, after losing two heats to Andrews behind Tenara, came back with Reusens, the Kentucky gelding, and placed his sixth victory of this event to his credit.

Reusens ranks second in the Geers string with money winnings, taking \$12,998 and placing the veteran driver in an exclusive class, he being the only driver to put two horses above the \$10,000 mark.

Tennis Experts Matched.
 E. F. Parker of Australia will known English lawn tennis expert, may take part in the Philippine carnival to take place in Manila in January. William Johnston and Ellis Cottrell of San Francisco will participate in both the single and double matches. They will leave

San Francisco Nov. 22 and return about March 1, 1914.
 McLoughlin, the United States champion, will not play much until early next summer. John Strachan, another Pacific coast expert, will go to New York, where his family have taken residence. Clarence Griffin, too, will reside on the Atlantic slope next year.

Christiansen Skipper For New Cup Defender.

Captain Chris Christiansen of New York will be the skipper of the new America's cup defender to be built for the Vanderbilt syndicate at the Harborside yards at Bristol, R. I. This announcement was made by Robert W. Emmons, Jr., of Boston, manager of the syndicate.

Captain Christiansen served as mate on the cup defender Columbia and Reliance under the captaincy of the late Charley Barr. Recently he has been

sailing master of the sixty-foot steop Aurora, owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Coaches Versus Players.
 The fact that Harvard in the east and Chicago in the west hold undisputed claims to the championship in their respective sections, although coached in entirely different ways, has led to much speculation as to just what coaching tactics produced winners.

Haughton of Harvard drove his men to victory; Stagg of Chicago led his charges to the crest of western football. Haughton, of a stern, forbidding type when handling a team, drives his men at top speed every moment they are in the field and inspires something like fear in his men. Stagg, with a gentle, kindly temperament, makes his men love him and fight for him because they love the English table will be 6 by 12 feet inside the rails and have six pockets.

attitude is that of a big brother, one who suggests more than orders what his men should do.

With all due respect for the marvelous coaching skill of Haughton and Stagg as well as Fost of Michigan, Warner of Carlisle and the legion of others, it seems that the success of a football team does not depend so largely on the caliber of the coach as is generally believed.

It is the theory that the best coach in the world cannot produce a winner unless he has the material and that the most mediocre coach having great natural players under him will head a champion team.

The Pugilistic World.
 Many an imposing program has been knocked galley west by circumstances over which nobody in particular had control, but if Promoter Coffroth's luck holds good he will place before his pa-

trons this winter in San Francisco a feast of fistie tilts such as has never been equaled, let alone excelled.

Just fancy! Four world's championships. If you disbelieve it cast your eye over the schedule:
 Jimmy Clabby and Frank Logan, middleweights.
 Willie Ritchie and Tommy Murphy, lightweights.
 Arthur Pelkey and "Gunboat" Smith, heavyweights.
 Johnny Kilbane and Abe Attell, featherweights.

Of the first of these affairs—the Clabby-Logan bout—there doubtless will be a question as to whether the men are properly qualified to box for the 168 pound title. No matter what arguments may be advanced, however, it will be difficult to show that any other pair of middleweights have a better right.

Eddie McGoorty claimed the championship, and Clabby gained a decision

over McGoorty. Frank Klaus claimed it, and Klaus was knocked out by George Chip. On these showings the issue lies between Clabby and Chip.

The middleweight championship has been all heads and points anyway since Ketchel held it. Most of the boys have evinced a fondness for the short bout circuit and have shown little desire to bring the question of class superiority to a head.

Clabby probably has done more twenty round boxing than all the others put together and for this reason, if for no other, is looked upon as a worthy aspirant for the honors. In addition, Jimmy has struck a winning gait, and if he defeats stout hearted Logan signally the writer is inclined to think that the public will be quite ready to respect Jimmy's championship claims.

Ritchie Really Champion.
 As to what will hinge upon the Ritch-

ie-Murphy match there is no chance of argument. Ritchie is the title holder by virtue of his victory over Ad Wolgast, and while he had the somewhat unique distinction of gaining championship through a blow that landed on his opponent's groin, on the other fellow he has every right to sign himself champion and assume a champion's prerogatives.

In business matters Ritchie can be depended upon to protect his own interests. In his match making he has been accused of playing a safe game, and while it is true that he has quarreled with a number of sportsmen, the three men on Ritchie's list are Joe Rivers, Freddie Welsh and Leach Cross. He will give no one a match until he gets through with them.

The Cross and Rivers affairs took in accordance with Nolan's forecast, and the Welsh bout flaxied out at Vancouver. Had blood been engendered, and it is doubtful if it will be, the marksmen will ever sit down to talk business again.

Ritchie promised months ago that he would box Tommy Murphy in San Francisco this winter, and at this writing it looks as though he is going to keep his word. If he reneges he will earn bad opinions himself, and he stands none too well with the followers of pugilism right now. If he gives Murphy the chance that it is generally admitted is coming to Tommy he will add a great deal of adverse criticism that has been directed at him for quite awhile.

The Best in the Market.
 A Ritchie-Murphy match will create as much furor in San Francisco as any of the important bouts that preceded it. It is recognized, of course, that we have no performers of the Joe Gans stamp nowadays, but the public is satisfied as long as it gets the best in the market. Murphy and Ritchie are about the best the lightweight class boasts at present, and for this reason interest in their meeting will be as keen as though they were on par with crackcrackles of other years.

It is highly probable that Ritchie will be the favorite when betting begins, although this is not thoroughly certain. Both boys are at their best over a distance, and there is nothing to choose between them on the score of pluck or staying power.

If one were to be guided by Ad Wolgast's comparison of Ritchie and Murphy he would be inclined to favor Murphy in the December bout. Ad had two fights with each of these lads and moved heaven and earth in his attempts to secure a third trial with Ritchie. Even now Wolgast would jump at a chance to box the Best Practitioner.

With Murphy it is a horse of another color so far as Wolgast is concerned. Not so long ago when Ad was pestering Coffroth to get Ritchie for him Coffroth remarked: "And if I can't box another whiff with Tommy Murphy suit you?"

"Not at all," frankly blurted the wildcat. "Murphy is too infernally tough." They always said that a fighter's opinion of a fighter wasn't worth the breath it took to place it on record, but coming from Wolgast, who was never given to playing an innocent, such a tribute to Tommy is worth pondering over.

THE MEN WHO WILL DECIDE THE POLICIES OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR 1914



The accompanying photograph was snapped at the recent meeting of the American league baseball chiefs at Chicago. The names of the men are as follows, left to right: Thomas Shibe, C. E. Bruce, Harry Grobinger, W. Harris, E. S. Barnard, C. W. Summers, President Ban Johnson, Charles Comiskey, M. P. Nash, E. S. Minor, N. C. Navin, Frank Farrell, R. L. Hedges and James McLeair.

INMAN AND HOPPE MATCHED FOR A TILT AT BILLIARDS

MELBOURNE INMAN, champion of English billiards, and William F. Hoppe, world's balk line title holder, have signed an agreement to play three matches, each of one week's duration. The games will take place in New York, Chicago and a Canadian city.

The first will be played in New York the latter part of September, 1914; the second about a month later, and the third in January, 1915. Each game will be of 8,000 points, 1,500 at a compro-

mise English style and 1,500 at 18.2 balk line and will be for \$1,000 a side or more. The total number of points will decide the stakes, while gate receipts will be divided 65 per cent to the winner and 35 per cent to the loser. Each afternoon and evening 500 points will be contested.

In each city the first three days of each week will be devoted to play on either an English or American table, as may be agreed upon by the players, and the last three days will be applied to a different style of competition.

His visit was necessarily brief because of an engagement to compete in a handicap tournament of seventeen weeks' duration. The games in that tournament will be 8,000 points. The champion and H. W. Stevenson are "scratch" men. T. Reese receives a start of 750; E. Diggle, 1,250; T. Aiken, champion of Scotland, 1,500; T. Newman, 2,000; J. Harris or A. P. Peal, 4,000. A preliminary contest decided which of the two last named entered.

Hoppe reluctantly agreed to the proposition that the total number of points made in the three matches should decide the stakes and gate receipts. After having assented he said:

"I guess Mr. Inman believes that at the English game he can beat me more than I can beat him at balk line, but I think I can adapt myself to any game if I practice it. I will have pretty nearly a year in which to work at his game and that ought to be enough."

A tournament at 14 inch balk line, one shot in balk, will be announced shortly. It was suggested by Maurice Daly as a compromise between 18.1 and 18.2. He contends that the best players have mastered 18.2 until it has become too easy. On the other hand, many professionals assert that 18.1 is too difficult and slow to be enjoyed by players or spectators.

HERE IS BRICKLEY. GREATEST FOOTBALL STAR OF SEASON



Photograph of Brickley, showing how he executed one of his deadly drop kicks.

The college world must take off its hat to Brickley of Harvard, the phenomenal fullback whose work more than that of any other individual made the Crimson team the champions of the east.

In the Yale-Harvard game the gridiron sharps all know that this sturdy athlete led the way in line bucking and ground gaining and kicked five goals from the field. That was a feat never before occurring in the history of football.

And withal Brickley is a modest, retiring lad of twenty-one years, who carries his honors lightly. Of course he will be on the official All American team.

Brickley says that his success as a kicker is due to years of determined practice. In winter and summer he practices drop kicking and booting from placement when other players are indulging in some different form of sport.

This great player has one more year ahead of him at Harvard. Is Harvard lucky? Ask Harvard.



Brickley making a forward pass.

FOURTEEN FOOTBALL PLAYERS KILLED IN 1913

FOURTEEN players were killed and 175 were injured in football games in the last season.

The football casualty list for 1913 materially exceeds that of 1912 and almost equals that of 1911. In 1912 seven players lost their lives.

Carefully kept statistics show a total of ten fatalities for last year, but three of them were carried over from the previous year, death having ensued after the publication of the 1913 list. These, with the fourteen fatalities in the 1911 list, make a true total of seventeen for that year. The season of 1912 saw twenty-six injured on the gridiron, and in 1911 sixty-seven were hurt.

In all, fifteen football players have died this year, and three of these succumbed in the Twelve Cities club of Weidman and Paul Rheinfelder, Minneapolis high school players, died from injuries, and Captain Charles Switzer of the Hamline university team died a few days ago, following an attack of meningitis, which may have been caused by an old injury.

Two University Men Killed.
 Only two university players were killed. Vernon Belyea of the Norwich university was thrown heavily in a game with Holy Cross and died three days later. Edward Morrissey, captain of Stambrose university team, suffered a broken leg Sept. 25 and died of blood poison.

The high school players who lost their lives, in addition to the two Minneapolis boys, were John Lewis of Cambridge, O.; Marcus Dunlap of Vermillion, S. D., and William McCartney of Lawrence, Mass.

The Season's Toll.
 The list of dead for the present year follows:
 Belyea, Vernon S., at Worcester, Mass., Sept. 26; left fullback on Norwich university eleven of Northfield, Vt.; spine fractured in game with Holy Cross, Sept. 24; resided at Greenfield, Mass.
 Dunlap, Marcellus, at Vermillion, S. D., Oct. 21; grade school student, injured in a game at recess and died in a short time; jumped into pileup and was buried under a mass of players.
 Gay, George H., at Phoenixville, Pa., Nov. 4; captain of the Union club of Phoenixville; neck broken in a game with the Pottstown eleven; while running with the ball he was tackled from behind and thrown heavily.
 Kramer, Albert, at Morningside, Ill., Oct. 20; playing with the Grant park team against Kankakee Oct. 19, while tackling a Kankakee runner, he collided with another player; his skull was fractured, his neck dislocated and two of his ribs were broken.
 Lewis, John, at Cambridge, O., Nov. 1; high school player; kicked in the head and died following day.
 Luce, Wayne, at Gray, Wash., Oct.

16; Wayne was but thirteen years of age and played on his high school team; during a local game he received a blow on the head and died in a few hours.

McCartney, William, at Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 5; high school student, fifteen years old; was killed in a game on Nov. 1 his skull was fractured in three places.
 Marx, Morty, at Cleveland, O., Nov. 19; plunged head first into a telephone pole sustaining injuries from which he died after five days.

Morrissey, Edward, at Davenport, Ia., Nov. 11; captain of the St. Ambrose college eleven; sustained fatal injuries in the opening game of the season Sept. 27.
 Former St. Paul Bay.
 Rheinfelder, Paul, at Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 21; high school senior, eighteen years old; injured while playing on his class team against the juniors; he was hurt in a scrimmage at the third quarter, but continued playing; at the end of the game he dropped dead.

Riley, William, at Wilmington, Del., Oct. 12; in a game between local teams at Wilmington he was heavily thrown and sustained concussion of the brain; he was eighteen years old.
 Warner, Ed, at Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 26; member of his class team in a game between youngsters he fell on the ball when tackled, and the fall affected his heart.

Weidman, Allen, at Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 1; he was a first year student at the Central high school of Minneapolis; while carrying the ball down the field Sept. 18 he crashed into another player with a broken back he lived nearly two weeks.

Wray, Homer H., at Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 21; student at Gettysburg college; he was hurt in a game with a college reserve team at Carlisle three weeks ago; one of the bones in his chest was fractured; abscesses formed on the lungs and caused death.

Formidable List of Injured.
 The list of the more seriously injured, a most formidable one, includes the following:

Johnson, University of Indiana, broken collar bone; John Breadth, University of Chicago, broken leg; Davis, University of Indiana, wrenched knee; Paul St. John's Military academy, Delaware, Wis., broken leg; Schmidt, St. John's Military academy, broken rib; Grubb, University of Illinois, bruises; Patterson, University of Illinois, bruises; Leon Brigham, Iowa City High school, broken arm; Tolleson, University of Indiana, broken collar bone; Tolleson, University of Minnesota, kicker; Tansberg, University of Wisconsin, kicked in head; Harold Pogue, University of Illinois, shoulder injured; Fournier, University of Minnesota, twisted knee; Kennedy, University of Chicago, bruised; Tierman, University of Chicago, bruised; Parsons, University of Iowa, hip injured; Carberry, University of Iowa, side hurt.