

SPORTING GOSSIP.

John M. Ward will this winter enter a New York law office.

'Tis said that Comedian Nat Goodwin's faith in Boston's ability to win the championship cost him \$4,000.

It is stated that Tom Loftus' salary with Cincinnati will be \$2,500, which is \$1,000 more than Cleveland paid him.

The one-time left fielder of the Brooklyn's Ed Burch, is at present owner of a ranch in the Indian territory.

It has been cruelly said of Deacon White that he will spend the winter with his granddaughter and her husband.

The Louisville club is said to be after Left Fielder Brodie of the Hamiltons. The Hamilton management want \$1,500 for his release.

Bastian, the old second baseman of the Philadelphia club, and who played for a time this season with the Chicagoans, has been signed by the Baltimoreans.

Corkhill was quite badly injured by that fall during the world's series, and an abscess is forming on his back that threatens to trouble him for some time.

Hon. William Gaston, the counsel for the Boston club, and other noted lawyers have given opinions that the league can hold its players another season.

Next spring the Columbus, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis clubs will contest for the inter-state championship before the opening of the regular season.

The Players' league will have very strict rules against intoxication. The first offense will cost \$50, the second \$100 and the third \$150. For a fourth offense expulsion will follow.

Jack Dempsey has become a resident of Alameda, Cal. It is said, and retires every night at a reasonable hour. His heart is set upon meeting La Blanche again and he is determined to be in the best possible condition if that time ever comes.

The general run of minor league players do not impress the great and only Mike Kelly with any particular degree of confidence. "They come into the national league," said he, recently, "with a batting average of .529 7-10 and a fielding average of .987 3-5. They usually wind up with a batting average of .300 7-10 and a fielding average of .288, straightway Guy time."

Mike loves the triumphs, by whom he says he has been treated royally. He is particularly fond of W. H. Conant. "But," says Mike, "I'll have to leave Pop now with the boys."

Shorty Fuller, of the St. Louis browns, who ranks as one of the greatest shortstops in the world, all but escaped being relegated to the shades of private life. To be released by the tail end team of the league, as Fuller was by the Washingtons, was enough to "queen" him forevermore. It would likely have caused his retirement to a minor league but for Sullivan. He used his persuasive powers on President Chris Von der Ahe. Chris said he had no room for Washington custoffs, but finally took him. He has congratulated himself ever since for so doing.

Had a Chicken's Eye.

"I've got a good story for you," said a well known physician to a San Francisco Examiner man a few days ago, "and it's as true as gospel."

"Some months ago a young friend of mine, a teller in one of the city banks, had the misfortune to ruin the cornea of his eye while out hunting. When I say that this friend was a bank teller, I think I've said enough. Learning that a doctor in Padua, Italy, had made a special study of the eye and claimed to be able to substitute the cornea of a fowl or of an animal, my friend, who was a man of means, journeyed to Italy and the doctor successfully grafted a chicken's cornea in the human eye; the graft united quickly and formed a transparent, shining and convex cornea."

"My friend was quite elated at the success of the operation, claimed that he saw perfectly well, and upon his return resumed his position in the bank. He had only been at his desk three days when a wheat man from Porto Costa came in to draw out some money. He had just been down to the board of trade rooms and carried in his hand a sample of wheat which he had been tasting. When his money was counted out to him he carelessly dropped a few grains of wheat on the counter, when, to his great surprise, my friend, the teller, jumped upon his stool and flapping his arms in true chicken style commenced to peck away at the wheat, which he swallowed with evident satisfaction."

"The depositor, thinking he had a crazy man to deal with, was about to yell for a policeman, when my friend, who by this time had gotten his good eye to bear up on the scene, apologized profusely and smoothed matters over by saying that he was subject to sudden nervous attacks and begged Mr. Teller to overlook his peculiar actions. The depositor with many a curious backward glance drew his money and left."

"My friend asked permission to absent himself for a moment and, being accorded put on his hat and coat and sought the fresh air. Directly in front of the bank stood a poultry wagon with coops well filled with chickens and ducks. Ignoring the ducks, the unfortunate victim of the Padua theory made one bound for the wagon, and getting up on the seat next to the driver he commenced to 'cluck-cluck' in the most approved barnyard style. In two minutes all the fowls in the coops were clucking as though they had laid eggs enough to supply the whole of San Francisco. The driver looked on aghast, and passersby stopped and gazed at the singular scene of a fashionably dressed man in a silk hat who sat on top of a poultry wagon chirping to chickens."

"My friend came to his senses after a while, jumped from the vehicle, and hurried up the street, thinking that his brain was becoming affected he dropped into two or three 'wineries' and drank several stiff brandies and sodas."

"Seven or eight found him at the rooms of the California Athletic club, of which he was a member. He was a little worse for wear by this time and thought something of taking a little snooze in one of the side rooms. No sooner, however, did his chicken eye alight upon the horizontal bars in the gymnasium than he made a dash for one of them, climbed up the side rail, tucked one leg up in the bar and allowing his head to fall upon his breast, quietly went to roost."

"In conclusion I need only add that the victim of the Italian doctor is now under my care and that this story is perfectly true."

An Ungrammatical Prophet.

From Blackwood's Magazine.

A lady told me the other day that on one occasion she had the privilege of an interview with the renowned Brigham Young, and upon being presented to him she said: "I was always very desirous of seeing you, Governor Young, and to make the personal acquaintance of one who has had such extraordinary influence over my own sex." To which the governor shortly replied: "You was, was you?"

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