



WITH this number, OUTING ends another six months of its existence. Volume X. is now complete and by the time this meets the eyes of our readers, will be well on towards being issued from the hands of our binders. In its neat dress of rich, brown cloth and gilt stamp, OUTING ranks second to none of the periodical literature of this country, and secures for itself an honored place on the table of library and club room.

SPEAKING dispassionately and with the cold, unmoved dignity that surrounds the chair of the unbiased literary critic, we think that both our generous patrons and subscribers, as well as our editorial staff, have much to congratulate ourselves upon, in the steady progress OUTING has made among all true lovers of all that is manly and wholesome and invigorating in the field of legitimate sports and pastimes.

OUR field of operation is indeed a large one, covering, as it does, upwards of twenty different pursuits, all enthusiastically followed up by their votaries, and it is only natural that each should feel aggrieved just a trifle if his pet darling sport is not given the place of honor in each number of OUTING. Well, that is how it comes about that we are always receiving communications from Mr. Lawn Tennis, or Mr. Baseball, or Mr. Trigger Trap, or Mr. Fishing Rod, or Mr. Rowing Man, or Mr. Collegiate Athlete, that his particular exercise, sport, or recreation is utterly overlooked in the pages of OUTING. Now what we say unto one we say even unto all—have patience, dear brothers; just have a little patience,—and if anything really good, bright, new, and worth printing, about your favorite recreation is submitted to us, you may rest assured that OUTING will give it to you; but it cannot afford space to stale, old commonplaces and platitudes, even though they may be well told.

AND now let us turn pleasant anticipation to find what will be the treasures OUTING has in store for, its readers during the cold, dark days of approaching winter, and, after perusal, we think you will say that the

prospects are as cheering to the sportsman confined, by dire necessity, to the mute companionship of his dog, his gun, or his rod, within the four walls of his dear, old den, as the blazing logs of a roaring camp-fire and the signs of a well-stocked larder are to the famished gaze of a cold and hungry hunter.

FIRST and foremost then, that prince of great Nimrods, Brigadier-General Randolph B. Marcy, United States Army, who, for the past forty years of an eventful life, has never missed a year among the big game of the Wild West; and who knows more of woodcraft and of the habits of trappers, Indians, and the denizens of the pathless forests, than any other living American, will contribute eight articles on "Big Game Shooting in the Wild West." His papers will embrace the hunting of Bear, Wapiti, or American Elk, Moose and Cariboo, Wild Mountain Goat and Sheep, Buffalo, and the smaller variety of prairie game. He also will treat fully of the equipments and cost necessary in undertaking such expeditions as he describes, and gives most valuable information as to the names of the best guides for the purpose and the finest localities for getting the game.

TO MEET the growing taste for cricket, which in the last year or so has asserted such a claim to the serious attention of all our colleges and large schools in the east, OUTING has made arrangements with Mr. W. G. Grace, the greatest all-round cricketer the world has ever seen, for a series of articles on the correct way to learn to play cricket, valuable hints to beginners, and proficient in batting, fielding and bowling; and also, his personal experiences when he was out here playing against us a few years ago.

FOOTBALL will be treated by the father of the American game. The evolution of the college tactics at the present day will be traced from the old Rugby game, and the different styles of play will be discussed by Walter C. Camp, who is universally admitted

to be the best authority on the game. The last rules of the Intercollegiate Football Association are given in full, and, as usual, *OUTING* will be the first magazine to give them publicity.

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THIS will be followed by another highly interesting article (illustrated) by one of Princeton's finest present players, and we feel sure will be thoroughly appreciated by football men, no matter to what college they may belong.

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IN OUR next number we will have a highly interesting article on "Fencing with the Foil;" this will be followed by others on the broadsword, the bayonet and the single-sticks. These articles will comprise not only a dissertation on fencing as an art, but also a technical description of fencing as a science—their purpose being to instruct those who know nothing about fencing, and to enable such as have a ready some knowledge of this noble exercise to gain considerably more.

We will be glad to hear from the secretaries of fencing clubs about the doings of their fellow-members, collectively or severally; we will cheerfully record all interesting *assaults* or bouts.

We are also prepared to answer all requests for information on fencing and fencing matters generally.

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IN the range of modern travel and personal adventure few have done, single-handed, such good work as *OUTING's* pioneer cheap traveler, Mr. James Ricalton. This indefatigable pedestrian has been sent by us into Algiers, to find his way by camel, foot or horseback, through Oran, Tripoli, Tunis, and other interesting States, and to reach, if possible, the famous town of Timbuctoo. His narrative will be one of the most attractive features of the coming volume.

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OUTING has also much novel material about the development of the bicycle, both in this country and England, for the purposes of war.

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WE are also in hopes of putting early before our readers a complete "History of the League of American Wheelmen," from the pen of the highest legal authority in its ranks, and we can safely promise that it will become the standard text-book and traveling bible of the wheelman, and will outlive the popularity of Thomas Stevens and outdo the persevering Karl Kron.

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ENGLISH sports and English games will also And due space in the coming months of *OUTING*. Darbyshire, the 'Varsity oarsman

will treat of Rowing at Oxford and Cambridge. 'Varsity life will be pleasantly told and well illustrated. Fox Hunting, Steeple-chasing, Shooting in the Highlands of Scotland, Deer Stalking and the Fishing of Scotland and Ireland, will all get their turn.

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THE leading sporting magazine of America, *OUTING*, will, with the October number, become also the leading sporting magazine of England. It will be international in character, will lead a dual life, reaping the richest harvest from the literary and artistic talent of both countries, and giving to its readers on both sides of the water the best it can gather in—but we are encroaching on the privileges of our Publishers' Basket, to which we refer you for further information.

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THIS has been a remarkable season for all water sports. The coming international race for the America Cup developed a new boat in England, *Thistle*, faster than anything before built there; and the enthusiastic Colonel Paine, whose name is identified with *Puritan* and *Mayflower*, the successful defenders of the cup in 1885 and 1886, not to be outdone, has scored one point more with *Volunteer*, a yacht that easily out-sailed all her American rivals even before her canvas was stretched and her rig and trim thoroughly tested and adjusted.

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THE Atlantic and New York Yacht Club cruises have been more successful this year than ever before, the latter feet especially, under command of Commodore Gerry, outnumbered any cruising fleet of former years. More races were sailed during the cruise, and the popular interest in the events have surpassed anything known heretofore—and yet the great events are yet to come.

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THE canoeists are not behind the yachtsmen in new boats, rigs, and interest in the sport. The A. C. A. Eastern Division has had two meets on the Connecticut, May 30th and July 4th, and some remarkable sailing was done. The W. C. A. held a meet in the latter part of July for two weeks, on Lake Erie, and produced a crack sailor not before known, in a boat of his own make. Cook will rank high even among the crack canoe sailors of the country. The Northern (Canadian) Division held its meet on Stony Lake. in Canada, the first two weeks of August, the returns from which have not arrived at this writing. Then, lastly comes the great A. C. A. meet on Lake Champlain the last two weeks in August, the results of which will appear in October *OUTING*. New clubs have been formed everywhere, and the canoe builders have not been able to keep up with the demand for boats. It is safe to say that at least a thousand new recruits have come into the ranks since January.