

HARVARD UNIVERSITY—HEMENWAY GYMNASIUM,  
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Dear Sirs—I have read Mr. Price Collier's article, "Sport's Place in the Nation's Well-being," in the July number of the OUTING, and highly commend it to all persons interested in this great subject. Sport certainly has its place in the life of every nation, but facilities for practicing sports will always be wanting to

the great majority of our people. For this reason the better regulated and more systematized forms of gymnastic exercises and gymnastic games will have to be relied upon to give the masses the physical training which they need. The kind of professionals that are *not* objectionable, but on the other hand highly desirable at the present time, are well-educated professional instructors in physical training for our youth of both sexes.

Very truly yours, D. A. SARGENT.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. T. B., Broadway, New York.—In all, or nearly all, regattas there is a class for catboats. Probably your best plan will be to have a copy of the Handbook of the Y. R. A. of Long Island, of which Charles P. Tower, of New Rochelle, New York, is the secretary.

E. H., Salt Lake City—There are no lawn tennis clubs in Salt Lake City in the U. S. A. National L. T. A., but it may be, if there be any there, they belong to the Western Association. Write to the Secretary, Western L. T. A., Chicago.

J. B., Albany.—The bulldog is an apt illustration of the truth of the saying, "Give a dog a bad name," etc. To those who do not know the dog as he really is, he appears to be an evil-looking, savage brute, with a villainous expression and a constant desire to fly at and mangle man and beast. Anything further from the true character of a well-bred bulldog could hardly be conceived, for this dog, as we see him to-day, is, in spite of his ominous aspect, an easy-going, affectionate fellow, ever loyal to his friends, and, unless unduly provoked, as gentle as a pet lamb.

The antiquity of this breed is unquestionable, and it is a native of the British islands, the Spanish variety having been originally procured from Britain.

"Quiz."—The historic schooner-yacht *America* is owned by Mr. Butler Ames, recently elected a member of the New York Yacht Club. She will be seen in the cruises and races of the New York and Eastern yacht clubs this season.

The Kingston Club's rule for classification is that yachts shall be divided by sail area in to three classes, as follows: First class, measuring 400 square feet of sail area and over; second class, measuring 250 and under 400 square feet; third class, measuring less than 250. For Hudson River and Orange Lake rule see Outing, January, 1898, page 499. There is yachting on Lake Pepin (Wis.), as the season is longer there than in the East and Canada.

J. J.—(1) The Armstrong Good Roads bill, providing for the construction of new highway and for the improvement of the old ones, under the supervision and partly at, the expense of the State, has become a law in the State of New York. By this measure it is enacted that upon the petition of the owners of a majority of lineal feet fronting on any highway outside of the limits of cities and incorporated villages, the Board of Supervisors shall pass a resolution to the effect that local and public interests demand the improvement of that highway, and that, within ten days after the passage of such

a resolution, a certified copy of the same shall be transmitted to the State Engineering Department.

(2) Ordinances designed to compel cyclists to dismount and walk across certain streets are being considered in several American cities. Without doubt, however, such ordinances, if enacted, would soon become inoperative on account of the difficulties sure to attend the attempt to enforce them. Bicycles have been declared vehicles by the highest courts of many States, as well as by the Supreme Court of the United States, and it is thought that no law can compel the occupant of a regular road vehicle to cross a street on foot.

"Sec."—The case you refer to originated in Otsego County, and was an action by Ruzilla Fuller, a wheelwoman, against Thomas Redding, a trustee of Otsego village, to recover damages for false imprisonment, resulting from an arrest made on the sidewalk of the main street of the village, the defense being that she had taken the sidewalk to avoid teams.

The village ordinance, under which the arrest was made, reads as follows: "All persons are forbidden, under penalty of one dollar for every offense, from riding bicycles on the sidewalks, within the limits of the village of Otsego."

The local court held that a civil action was the only proper manner for the village to recover the amount of the fine, as the offense charged was not a misdemeanor, and a verdict for the plaintiff of \$600 and costs was rendered. The case came up on appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Justice Parker presiding, and Justices Landon, Herrick, Putnam and Merwin sitting. The opinion in the case was written by Justice Putnam, and is, in part, as follows:

"The village ordinance did not prevent her going on the sidewalk with her bicycle, but merely prohibited her riding on the sidewalk. If the street was obstructed, by teams or otherwise, she had a right to alight and walk on the sidewalk with her bicycle. Had the violation of the village ordinance in question been a misdemeanor, the fact that she rode on the sidewalk in consequence of meeting teams would not have excused her. The obstruction in the street did not justify her willful violation of the village ordinance. It was within her power to have alighted, and walked past the obstruction in the street. The act of the accused in riding on the sidewalk seems to have been an unnecessary, willful and wrongful violation of the village ordinance, though not a misdemeanor.

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