

crossed. The course of twenty miles was sailed by *Comet* in 34m. 30s. *Gracie* finished 1m. and 20s. later; *Irene*, third, 30s. behind the Lake City yacht.

The third and last race was called for on Tuesday, December 26th, at one o'clock in the

afternoon. The *Comet* made the course in 38m. 28s. Near the finish line *Irene's* peak halyard parted, but, notwithstanding, she came in second, only 12 seconds behind the *Comet*. The *Alaska*, a Lake City craft, came in third, being a minute behind the *Irene*.

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CURLING.

THE twenty-third annual contest for the Gordon medal was played on the rink at Hoboken, N. J., on Jan. 29th and 30th. Ten rinks participated. A great deal of interest was centred on the Van Cortlandt team, last year's winners of the Mitchell medal, who were expected to make a good showing, but they were put out in the second round. The closest match of the series was between Yonkers and Ivanhoe rinks, the former winning by only one point, after an exciting and high-scoring game.

The following are the scores by rinks:

FIRST ROUND.

Van Cortlandt..... 23	St. Andrew's..... 19
Jersey City..... 20	Caledonian, N. Y..... 12
Yonkers..... 25	Ivanhoe, N. J..... 24
Thistle, N. Y..... 19	Manhattan..... 11
Empire City..... 20	New Jersey B. and C. C. 9

SECOND ROUND.

Yonkers..... 18	Van Cortlandt..... 11
Jersey City..... 13	Empire City..... 19
N. Y. Thistles drew a bye.	

THIRD ROUND.

Thistles..... 20	Yonkers..... 11
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FINAL ROUND.

<i>Thistle.</i>	<i>Empire City.</i>
A. McKay,	George Manwell,
R. Loudon,	D. Robertson,
R. Lauder,	J. F. Conley,
Thomas Watt, skip..... 24	Adam Manwell, skip... 7

The ice was in perfect condition on both days, and was so fast that the veterans were obliged to use the dull bed of the stanes to enable them to get good shots. Thomas Watt, the "skip" of the winning team, is a veteran curler and has twice played on the winning team for this event.

The eighteenth annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling Association finished at Milwaukee on February 5th.

Rinks from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, Baraboo, Waupaca, Cambria and Portage were represented, as well as several from the home city.

The principal events of the bonspiel were the International and St. Paul Curling Club trophies. The latter is confined to American rinks only.

The championship medal which is awarded to the skip of the rink which has done the best playing during the bonspiel, went to J. E. Jones, of Portage.

The rinks left in the final round of the International and St. Paul trophies were as follows:

INTERNATIONAL.

<i>Arlington.</i>	<i>Milwaukee.</i>
Gabe Dunlop, Jr.,	E. Elmore,
G. McMillan,	A. D. McDougall,
Thomas Mair,	E. J. Roberts,
R. Robertson, skip—15.	O. W. Robertson, skip—9.

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<i>Minneapolis.</i>	<i>Arlington.</i>
J. McLeod,	Gabe Dunlop, Jr.,
D. Colquhoun,	Thomas Mair,
Thomas Hastings,	G. McMillan,
S. Hastings, skip—15.	R. Robertson, skip—11.

In the other events the results were as follows:

Phister trophy, Milwaukee, skip J. C. Wall, won from Minneapolis, skip Sam Hastings, by 12 to 9.

St. Paul Jobbers' trophy, won by St. Paul, skip S. F. Fullerton, from Chicago, skip W. Kibbe, by 16 to 13.

Duluth Jobbers' trophy won by, Portage, J. E. Jones skip, from Waupaca, J. L. Sturtevant skip, by a score of 13 to 12.

Consolation prize, won by Baraboo, M. H. Mould skip, from Waupaca, J. L. Sturtevant skip, scores 10 to 9.

It is probable that next year's bonspiel will be held at Minneapolis.

ICE HOCKEY.

THE steady growth of interest in ice hockey among the schoolboys of this country is one of the surest signs of the game's future progress. Hockey is comparatively new on this side of the border, and like many other forms of sports, proficiency is very hard to gain in a few seasons' play; in fact, in Canada, the home of the game, it is usually conceded that it takes three or four seasons good play to produce a man of first-rank quality. Thus it has always been difficult for our colleges to place good teams on the ice, as the usual college course and the few weeks that the game is played, have hardly been enough in which to develop good players. This obstacle will soon be readily overcome, for within the next two or three seasons, there will be boys graduating from the larger schools who will be full-fledged players, ready to start at once on their respective college teams, for the American boy is by

no means slow to pick up the fine points of any game he follows.

All forms of sports and athletics are more readily learned by the boy at school than by the young man at college. At the English universities one would stand but a poor chance of excelling in any form of sport had he to learn his game after he entered either Oxford or Cambridge. Like his classics or mathematics, all his preliminary knowledge in pastimes must be gained at school; he will rarely learn any of them at college, and even if he does, will stand a far rarer chance of distinguishing himself at them.

The universities are the place at which a man puts on his finishing touches in sport as well as mental study; and the time is surely coming when the great centers of higher education will no longer have to take the raw material in sport and mold it into form, but will