

## Outing for April.

### NOTABLE PERFORMANCES AND RECORDS.

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**D**URING the winter months many indoor athletic meetings are held in Boston and adjacent cities, and the balls selected for these sports usually allow a straightaway course only forty yards in length. This fact has led to many 40-yard races—novice, handicap, and special—as many as seventy or eighty men being a common number of starters, thus making necessary a great number of heats. The men run on a smooth board floor, and wear short, blunt spikes.

Since 1892 the forty yards, from pistol start, has been run in 4 3-5s. by E. B. Bloss, F. H. Bigelow, H. C. Kennington, B. J. Wefers, L. W. Redpath, F. Scheuber, and A. F. Duffey. The last-named, formerly of Worcester High School and now of Georgetown University, won the national 100-yard championship last fall, beating, among others, B. J. Wefers and A. C. Kraenzlein. He has covered forty yards in 4 3-5s. six times, the latest being Feb. 3, 1900, and three of the six were made on the same evening, Feb. 18, 1899. He is a lad not yet of age, short and strong, resembling Westing, Ford, and Wilmer more than other of his predecessors as sprinting champion.

Amateur swimming has been unusually active this season owing to the inclusion of aquatic sports in the programmes of the Boston and New York Sportsmen's Shows, beginning February 22d, in Boston, the latter still in progress as this page goes to press.

The hero of the Boston meeting was Mr. E. C. Schaefer, an undergraduate student of the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the New York Athletic Club.

When he began competitive swimming, two years ago, he was a slim lad of eighteen years, 5ft. 6in. in height, weighing about 110lbs., and noticeably small and weak below the waist. Intelligent training has done much for him, and now, at twenty years, he has gained half an inch in height, weighs 135lbs., and has filled out finely.

He is probably the fastest amateur ever known in America, and not only wins championship after championship, but wins them so easily that as yet his measure has hardly been taken. He is not at his best below 75 yards, but from 100 yards to a quarter of a mile has no peer in America.

During the second week of the Sportsmen's Show at Boston he won six national championships—at 60 yards, 80 yards, 100 yards, 120 yards, 160 yards, and 200 yards—scoring

one championship each night for the whole week.

His time for 60 yards with two turns was 37s., just equaling the American record, made four days before, in the same pool, by S. P. Avery, of the Boston Athletic Association.

At 80 yards, with three turns, he won in 51 4-5s., which now becomes the fastest American record, supplanting 1m. 3s. by C. H. Thorne, at Chicago, Ill., March 14, 1896.

His time for 100 yards, with four turns, was 1 m. 6 2-5s., just 2-5s. slower than the American record, by H. A. Weidemann, at San Francisco, Cal., July 6, 1898.

Next he won the 120 yards, with five turns, in 1m. 23s., and the 100 yards, with seven turns, in 2m. 3 3-5s., both of which are now the best American records, by default, no previous good performances at these distances having been noted.

His long sequence of victories was rounded up by the 200 yards, with nine turns, in 2m. 30 2-5s., which is now the fastest American record, supplanting 2m. 38 3-5s. by H. H. Reeder, Jr., in Madison Square Garden, New York City, March 15, 1899.

Although so many of Mr. Schaefer's performances are the best on record in America, they have all been beaten in England and Australasia, whose amateur swimmers seem to be in front of us at all distances.

The most meritorious achievements of the winter season have been on ice.

The following are the important decisions of the mid-season:

- Curling, February 27, at Hoboken, N.J.—"The Dewar Cup," by the Manhattans, of New York, D. G. Morrison, skip, defeating Thistles, of New York, R. Lander, skip, by 16 points to 15.
- Racquets.—March 7, at the Montreal Racquet Court, the Canadian Championship won by Eustace H. Miles over F. F. Rollins, champion '99. Scores: 15-3, 15-2, 15-6.
- Lawn Tennis (indoor) Championship of America, at the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York, February 24 and March 3.—Singles, John A. Allen beat Calhoun Cragin, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
- Doubles, J. Parmly Paret and Calhoun Cragin beat Harold H. Hackett and John A. Allen, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5, 10-8.
- Ice Yachting, February 6-7, on Lake Pepin.—The North west Pennant won by *Sleipner*.
- February 19-21, at Kingston, Ontario.—The Walker International Cup (12 miles in three rounds) won by *Snow Cloud* in 29 minutes.
- Ice Hockey, March 6th.—Intercollegiate Association Championship won by Yale over Columbia, 6-4.
- Harvard is not a member of this association, but Yale beat Harvard in February, 6-5.
- Ice Pacing, Feb. 3, at Como Park, Minneapolis, Minn.—Queen Lil paced a half mile in a race, in 1m 3 1/2, the fastest half on snow or ice so far recorded this year.
- Figure Skating Championship of America.—St. Nicholas rink, New York, March 15, won by Arthur G. Keane, N. Y. A. C. Totals: Keane, 108; Duffy, 86; Lowenherz, 64.