KENNEL.

DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.

An Explanation in Order—Some "Down East" Incidents and Notes—Noteworthy Dogs—A Letter From Mr. Cugle and a Reply.

Mr. Hermann Schellhass, whose position in the kennel world seems difficult to determine, unless it is that of private secretary to the acting secretary of the A. K. C., was interviewed by an *Evening World* (N. Y.) reporter a week or so since and he unburdened himself of a good many very peculiar statements, particularly with reference to myself. I know very well the character of this young man, and some time since I said I must bring him to task. Perhaps I had better do so now. This is the kind of a man Schellhass is: On the day following the closing of the entries for the Waverly show I received notice to enter my collie sweepstakes dogs at Waverly. I wrote at once to Mr. Schellhass, the show secretary, asking him for blanks and the last date for accepting entries. The reply was that entries had closed as advertised. That was all right and suited me exactly, for I did not want to show at Waverly. At the A. K. C. meeting held during the show I asked Mr. Schellhass particularly as to the entries of dogs made at Waverly for the sweepstakes, and he positively assured me that they had all been received in time and that not a single late entry had been accepted.

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This made things look a little bad for the Collie Club, or some one connected with it, so I wrote to Mr. McEwen, of Byron, Ont., and asked him how he got notice in time to make his entries. His reply was as follows:

"My notice was written in your town of Philadelphia on Sept. 5, and it would be probably three days after that I would receive it, and immediately my entry was sent to the secretary and accepted. What object could the secretary have in refusing entries which might have been at his office two days before mine? There is, to me, something wrong. Can you explain it?"

Of course I explained it by saying it depends very much on who the applicant is with some people, and Secretary No. LIII. thought he was doing something wonderfully clever in refusing the entries he did, whereas, to tell the truth, he fell right into a trap I made for him. It is now worth while to get an explanation from Schellhass.

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The rumpus in the A. K. C. has prevented my giving some notes of interest I picked up during my recent trip "down East." At Lee, Mass., there was a little show given in connection with the poultry society's exhibition. Unfortunately, an epidemic of scarlet fever made the people afraid to congregate anywhere, and the gate suffered in consequence. Mr. I. K. Felch was judge, and his collie awards were awaited with no little curiosity, for he is the out-and-out champion of the black and tans. However, he had to place Clipper (sable) and Raspberry Girl (sable) first in the dog and bitch classes. That was all right enough, but he did have a chance to let a black and tan win in the puppy class over a sable, but missed it. The sable was not so good in head, and both were even up in other respects. They were by Glenlivat, and were wonderfully developed for six-months puppies.

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At Boston I took the opportunity of visiting Mr. E. H. Moore's well filled kennel. There I saw the finest mastiff I think I have ever seen in my life. That was Minting. He has improved all over since last spring, and there is not a dog living to-day that can touch him, nor has there ever been one to beat him that I have seen. It was, indeed, a lucky purchase when Mr. Moore got this dog a year ago. Ilford Caution was looking very well and certainly shows better running loose than in the show ring. There are also some new faces at Melrose that will be heard from in the open mastiff classes this spring. Among the St. Bernards there was nothing I liked better than a young dog puppy which I trust Mr. Moore will not run any risk with by exhibiting it before it is a good deal older. A litter of puppies by Minting contained some good ones, particularly a bitch which took my fancy very much. In this litter was a Crown Prince marked puppy.

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That puppy reminds me that I heard of the death of Mr. Amidon's wonderful dog, which I wrote about two years ago. The cause was believed to be something of a cancerous nature. To the obituary list of this breed must also be added Hero II., Lorna Doone, whose symptoms indicated poisoning, and Dolly Varden, from intestinal troubles.

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Another trip I made from Boston was to Lancaster to see Mr. Thayer and the Chequasset Kennels. It was a very cold day and my companion was not sufficiently clad to face the chill breeze with impunity, so we missed Mr. Thayer's, much to my regret, as I was very anxious to see the new kennels at Hillside. The fair proprietress of the Chequasset Kennels gave us a very pleasant welcome and showed us some promising young stock—a good headed dog by the deceased Hermit and another tall, well-marked fellow that will, I think, mature into something good. I consider him the best dog of his age, bred in the United States, that I have seen. Mont Rosa was the name given him before his namesake across the water was heard of. A well-marked brindle smooth-coated bitch was also something to make a note of.

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At Dr. Walton's I saw the lately imported Scotch Bonivard, and he is very like his typical daddy, but orange instead of brindled. Dr. Walton showed me some of the English fish dog biscuits and he says they are giving great satisfaction as a change of diet. They look very nice and the manufacturers have quite overcome the fishy perfume which I remember was raised as an objection by some of the English papers when they were first brought out.

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The following letter will be of interest to my readers:

Dear Sir:—If you are going to treat me in "a gentlemanly manner" be kind enough to stick to facts and not "fake" statements. You tell a *deliberate falsehood* when you say "I know Mr. Cugle was inspired to offer the resolution, which was perfectly new to him until the special meeting of the A. K. C. had adjourned." You *know* nothing of the kind, for the new rule orginated with me last June, when I received the English Kennel Club's premium list. I can take all the "curse" attached to Rule 2, but if you intend, as you say, to treat me "in a gentlemanly manner," be kind enough to do so, in the full sense and not say so in one breath and deliberately make a false statement in the next. I do not expect you to publish this, as you only giving *your side* in THE SPORTING LIFE, but write it so that *you* at least may know that if you call that treating me "in a gentlemanly manner" I differ with you (sic), and trust, that in future, you will give truths and not "fake" up statements to suit the occasion. CHAS. D. CUGLE.

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It is evident Mr. Cugle was out of temper when he wrote the above, otherwise he would have taken the preliminary step of asking me for my authority for such a statement. It is further evident that he is not conversant with the principle governing in THE SPORTING LIFE office, which is to give all parties a fair hearing if they desire to set forth their views. I write my side, but no one can expect me to do the double duty of bolstering up a position I firmly believe to be radically wrong. If Mr. Cugle supposes the idea originated with him last June, I must undeceive him, for he has no patent on the idea which was a part of the scheme attached to the starting of the "bonanza." Better counsel prevailed then than at the late meeting, and it was dropped only to be renewed by the stud book committee's report. If Mr. Cugle had been carrying this idea *in utero* since last June, six months having only intervened before its birth, it is no wonder that the callow infant is having such a struggle for life. Mr. Winslow, who assisted at the confinement, did so purely as a matter of charity, and at the consultation of physicians which ensued, gave voice to the sentiment that it had no chance to live, and was such a deformity that it should be made away with.

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Why did not Mr. Cugle confide in his friends of the Hartford Club and tell them of his interesting condition. If he had done so I firmly believe that some of his brother members would have seen the advisability of Mr. Cugle's remaining at home. Or why did not the pangs of labor evince themselves an hour or so before when the rule was up for discussion and amendments before the full meeting of the A. K. C.

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The rule is dead. Even the president of the A. K. C. says that its life depends upon the support given at the New York and Philadelphia shows.

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Among other men who have rushed into the breach is J. D. S. (short for J. D. Shotwell). It is within the memory of man that J. D. S. acted as attorney for the Glenlivat protesters, heard the only defence that was made before the New Jersey Club's committee, viz., the endorsement made on the entry blank; again heard it when appeal was taken to the local delegate, and argued its importance for a quarter of an hour with the delegate who "unhesitatingly overruled the protest." *After* the protesters were knocked out by a unanimous vote of the A. K. C. delegates, J. D. S. said to me:—"Oh, if we had only known that the entry blank had been endorsed we would not have made the protest." The "official" is welcome to the support of such endorsers. Mr. Wade can take care of himself against the slings of J. D. S.

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Editor Dawson, after trying to stand on two sides of the fence at one time, has flopped down on the wrong side—or at least it looks like it.

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Mr. A. A. Francis, who is to judge setters and pointers at Utica, has been a breeder for forty years. I met him at Toronto in 1880. Mr. Francis has bred such dogs as Boxer's Dime, Flame, Van Berwyn, Smith's Belle, Mydora, Ella May, Prince Hardy, Lone Star.

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Mr. Jas. Mortimer's clerks have evidently not been advised that the address of the leading sporting and kennel paper is P. O. box 948, Philadelphia; or are they acting under orders in the mailing of premium lists? PORCUPINE.

Kennel Notes.

The Utica show judges will be Messrs. James Watson, of THE SPORTING LIFE, and A. A. Francis, of Rochester.

The death is announced of Pembroke, the noted setter dog of the Lake Shore Kennel.

Entries for the Columbus dog show closed Jan. 2. The show will be superintended by Geo. H. Hall, of the Miami Kennels.

There will be a regular meeting of the Eastern Field Trials Club on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8:15 P. M., at the St. James Hotel, New York City.

The list of judges at the Westminster Kennel Club show is:—For mastiffs, Mr. James Taunton, England; fox and all terriers, L. P. C. Astley, England; spaniels, Mr. J. C. Wilmerdiug, New York; pointers and setters, Mr. John Davidson, and St. Bernards, Miss Anna Whitney, of Lancaster, Mass.

The Chestnut Hill Kennels, of this city, offer a cash prize of fifty dollars to the breeder of the best collie dog and bitch puppies (one or more of each sex and from two or more dams) sired by their stud dogs and whelped in 1888. The prize is to be awarded at a show held under the auspices of the American Kennel Club in 1889, Philadelphia or New York preferred. Due notice of the time and place will be given, and the donors will not compete.

Mr. F. H. F. Mercer, of Ottawa, Can., offers a silver goblet, suitably engraved, value $25, for the best Clumber spaniel stud dog, with two of his get, at the Westminster Kennel Club show at New York and the New England Kennel Club show at Boston this spring. The cup must be won by the same dog at both shows, but not necessarily with the same offspring. Should different dogs win it at both of the above-mentioned shows, it will be offered under the same conditions at these shows in the spring of 1889.

THE WHEEL.

At the meeting of the Calumet Cycling Club, of Brooklyn, Jan. 4, the championship medals for the past year were presented to the following members:—The long-distance medal to Mr. Walter Bonner, for having made 6,374 miles on the wheel during the past season, while Captain Jones, as a good second, only made 6,118 miles. The second medal was given to Mr. Arthur L. Ward for having the fastest mile during the year; a handsome diamond studded league badge was presented to Bugler William F. Murphy for having brought into the club the largest number of new members.

The Long Island Wheelmen have chosen the following officers for 1888:—President, Joseph D. Huggins; vice president and chairman of executive committee, F. J. Warburton; trustees, W. W. Sheare, the retiring president, and W. H. Hoole; recording secretary, C. C. Alden; corresponding secretary, E. A. Coner; treasurer, Michael Furst; captain, C. H. Luscomb; surgeon, F. P. Hudnut, M. D. E. A. Bradford, the retiring vice president, reported a financial surplus for 1887, a larger one in prospect for 1888, a surplus of assets of nearly $3,000, and a net gain in membership of over 40.

The Kings County Wheelmen will give a grand opening at their new club house on Bedford avenue, near Fulton street, on February 1. The club house, when completed, will be the largest one in the United States. It will contain a large storeroom for the wheels of its members, a reading room, billiard room and bowling alley. The upper floor is to be fixed up as bachelor apartments for those members who are desirous of making their homes in the club house.

Loafing tactics, which were so popular with many of our fast men last season, undoubtedly helped to kill path racing. The "time limit" and "lap race" innovations failed to mend matters. The improvement must lie with the racing men themselves. Should they persist in riding slow, tortuous races, they will find their occupation gone. A remedy might be found by substituting quarter, half and mile handicaps for the list of events usually given.

Secretary-Treasurer Carpenter has, by order of Chief Consul Jessup, forwarded a check for $25 to Mr. Elwell, to be used in defraying the court costs of the past and future prosecution of Carnell, the Philadelphia road hog. The secretary-treasurer also states that the work on the Pennsylvania Road Book is at a stand-still, owing to the failure of Secretary-Editor Bassett to forward the money due Pennsylvania division.

There is a movement on foot to consolidate the Calumet Cycling Club with the Kings County Wheelmen, both of Brooklyn. A proposition to that effect has been made by the latter organization and the matter was considered at Wednesday night's meeting of the Calumets. A committee was appointed by the Kings County Wheelmen, in reference to the consolidation of the two clubs.

The past year was singularly and pleasantly free from fatal accidents. The rights of wheelmen have been placed on a firm basis, and prominent among the steps taken to establish these rights was the passage of the celebrated "Liberty Bill" in New York State, which secured to wheelmen equal rights with other vehicles to the use of all park driveways.

At the semi-annual meeting, on the 5th, of the Ramblers' Bicycle Club, of Hyde Park, Mass., the following officers were elected:—President, J. E. Walter; secretary and treasurer, J. P. Boyden; captain, F. G. Hall; first lieutenant, A. H. Morse; second lieutenant, Robert E. Grant; color bearer, E. E. Galloupe.

The Columbia Club, of North Attleboro, Mass., has elected new officers as follows:—President, O. W. Clifford; vice president, W. E. Luce; secretary, Thomas E. Bell; treasurer, C. F. Kurtz; captain, F. C. Groton; first lieutenant, W. F. Swift; second lieutenant, E. A. Whitney; bugler, C. C. Whitmarsh.

A thorough canvass of the members of the Maryland Division has been made and although there are some few who are not in favor of having the approaching meet in Baltimore, the great majority want it badly and a number of them are enthusiastic about the matter.

Chief Consul Jessup will forward the petition from Pennsylvania wheelmen asking for Mr. John A. Wells' reinstatement to the League board of officers, and will ask the members to reconsider their late refusal to endorse him.

W. D. Banker, of Pittsburg, says that he will capture the greater portion of the Pennsylvania State championships in 1888, as he has "no one but Schwartz to beat," and he intimates that he can do Schwartz easy.

Cyclists in and around Birmingham, England, have formed a Midland Racing Cyclists' Association. This is the first organized protest against the ring-governed, wire-pulling N. C. U. executive.

Chief Consul Clarke, of Nebrska, reports:—"T. H. Hollack, is appointed representative for Nebraska. H. C. Miller is appointed local consul for South Omaha."

Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., has a new wheel club. The officers are:—President, A. M. Roy; secretary, Jas. Hunter; treasurer, Frank Warhurst; captain, H. H. Brown.

Chief Consul Mealey, of Maryland L. A. W. Division, has appointed as local consul of Baltimore (Eastern) Mr. Chas. L. Mitchell, corner Gay and Lombard streets.

J. Fred Midgely, of Worcester, has bought out a livery stable, and announces that he will not go on the cycle racing track next season.

Chief Consul Jessup has reappointed John A. Wells a representative of the Pennsylvania division of the League of American Wheelmen.

Jules Dubois broke down at Newcastle, and Manager Morgan paid his expenses back to Franco, where he ought to take a good rest.

The English War Office has appointed G. Lacy Hillier and R. E. Phillipps as a committee of inquiry into volunteer military cycling.

The Montclair, N. J., Wheelmen have disbanded. An effort will be made to organize another club early in the spring.

The Philadelphia Club was supposed to contain 125 active members, but it sent only 78 renewals to the League.

The house warming of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Club will probably be held on Washington's Birthday.

The Dorchester, Mass., Wheel Club, on Wednesday, voted to withdraw from the L. A. W. in a body.

The Brooklyn Camera Club has been evolved from the ranks of the Ilderan Bicycle Club.

ATHLETIC.

THE NEW ATHLETIC UNION.

The Proposed Constitution—Definition of an Amateur—Recognized Sports, Etc.

The constitution of the new American Athletic Union of the United States has been published. This would indicate that the negotiations for an amalgamation with the National Amateur Athletic Association have fallen through. If so, it is to be regretted. The new association is broader in its scope than the old, and includes almost all classes of outdoor sports. The definition of an amateur, as adopted in its constitution, is as follows:

An amateur is one who has not entered in an open competition, or for either a stake, public or admission money, or entrance fee, or under a fictitious name; or has not competed with or against a professional for any prize, or where admission is charged; or who has not instructed, pursued or assisted in the pursuit of athletic exercises as a means of livelihood, or for gain or any emolument; or whose membership of any athletic club of any kind was not brought about or does not continue because of any mutual understanding, express or implied, whereby his becoming or continuing a member of such club would be of any pecuniary benefit to him whatever, direct or indirect, and who shall in other and all respects conform to the rules and regulations of this organization.

The organization declares its jurisdiction over the following exercises:—Walking, running, jumping, pole vaulting, swimming, cross country running, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, throwing weights, tugs of war, boating, boxing, bicycling, bowling, foot ball, lawn tennis, racquets, skating, fencing, wrestling, gymnastics, quoits and lacrosse—twenty-three exercises in all. It will be noticed that it wisely leaves base ball alone. Base ball is a business legitimately conducted, and must so be regarded. The Athletic Association, which attempts to declare a jurisdiction over base ball, will overstep itself and sow the seed of its final disruption. The clause in the by-laws which meets with the most favor is that in regard to the championship meetings, it providing that the meeting be held in different cities, and that it be held in the same city not oftener than once in three years. Accompanying the constitution and by-laws is a call for a meeting to be held in New York, Jan. 21.

Pointers.

The Pastime Athletic Club has matched Thomas Avery Collett to run Emil Paul ten miles in the first part of March for a handsome medal.

Charlie Rowell, under the wing of Bill Corney, sailed for America Jan. 5. George Cartwright, who now holds the title of champion of England, is also of the party.

A six-days' seventy-two-hour professional walking match closed at Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 31, with the following scores:—Noremac, 374 miles; Williams, 367; Tom Cox, 353; Adams, 341; Sweater, 255.

The Woodstock, Can., Amateur Athletic Association has elected these officers:—President, Malcolm Douglas; vice president, A. S. Patterson; treasurer, E. W. Nesbitt; secretary, S. Woodroffe, assistant secretary, W. F. Wilson.

Dennis A. Driscoll, the well-known short distance walker, of Lynn, Mass., has arranged a ten-mile square heel-and-toe match with John Meagher, of Lawrence, Mass., for a stake of $200. The race will take place at the Manchester, N. H., rink, Jan. 21.

W. J. M. Barry, the champion hammer thrower of the New York Athletic Club, is taking boxing lessons, and many persons regard him as the coming heavyweight amateur champion. He stands six feet three, weighs 240 pounds stripped, and is as quick as a flash.

The six days' square heel and toe walking match at Kansas City closed Jan. 1. Twelve men appeared on the opening night, but only six remained at the close. The score was:—Hoagland, 439 miles; Hart, 429; Messier, 426; Oddy, 410; Townsend, 406; Hoffman, 400.

A meeting of the National Amateur Athletic Association will be called by the president, Walton Storm, next week. Mr. Storm said that the committee which had charge of the championship games last September has as yet made no report of receipts and disbursements, and that the question will come before the next meeting.

The tenth run for the Schwalbach medal by the Prospect Harriers took place Dec. 31. The course was through Prospect Park, Flatbush and Coney Island road, returning through the park, about five miles. E. L. Crabb, Harry Growtage, H. C. Doremus, E. W. Freeth and J. Painter got home in the order named. Time, 27m.

The twelfth paper chase of the Fleetwood Harriers through Prospect Park was well attended on Dec. 31. Messrs. Perry and Asche, the hares, ran a course of seven miles with a start of seven minutes, and finished in advance of the hounds by two minutes. Johnson was the first hound in, with Burrill a good second. Time, 53m.

The Clinton Harriers' paper chase from the club house, on Prospect Park plaza, Brooklyn, took place Jan. 2. T. Simpson and W. Schwatka were the hares, and they ran a course of about six miles towards Flatlands and return to the club house. Simpson again showed himself as a speedy man, finishing first, five minutes ahead of the first hound.

The Fleetfoot Harriers held their twelfth paper chase of the season Jan. 2, from the club house, on Ninth avenue, Brooklyn. A course of about six and a half miles was run to Fort Hamilton by Perry and Ashe, the hares, and the former finished first in 64 minutes, two minutes in advance of Ashe, and six minutes ahead of Dickson, the first hound.

The preparations for the winter athletic games of the University of Pennsylvania, to be held at the Academy of Music, Jan. 23, are being energetically pushed by the committee having the matter in charge. The sale of seats began at the University on Wednesday. About January 12, the sale will be open to the public at No. 1221 Chestnut street.

The Lewis and Connors wrestling match is still open. Lewis is still sick and unable to determine when he will be able to wrestle; at least that is what he tells "Parson" Davies, his manager. It is more than probable that if Lewis is unable to give some definite answer shortly, a match may be made between Connors and Carkeek, to take place in either New York or Chicago.

The Yale winter games will be held March 2 and 3 in the Union Armory at New Haven, under the joint auspices of the Yale Athletic Association and the Second Regiment, C. N. G. The events on the 3d—50yds. dash, 440yds. run, mile run, mile walk, 220yds. hurdle race, etc.—will be open to all amateurs. The full programme will be issued by Secretary Horace F. Walker in a few days.

G. Bliss and T. Atkins wrestled a collar-and-elbow match for $300 at Brooklyn Dec. 31. Atkins won the first bout in three minutes with a neat cross-buttock. The next two bouts were finely contested. After eighteen minutes' play Bliss got a grapevine lock on his opponent and downed him. This seemed to be his favorite hold, as he did the same thing again after eleven minutes' quick work with a similar hold. This gave him the match and stakes.

The Pacific coast athletic clubs are to send a team of four or six men to New York City next September to compete with college and Eastern club athletes for honors in the way of amateur athletic championships. California's team will include some, and possibly all, of these men:—Scott, Coffin, Scheifferstein, Lean, Eagan and Gafney. The New York and Manhattan athletic clubs will both give them receptions, and will also give them some hard work to do to capture prizes.

Ed Case, of Hamilton, the runner, has been notified that the Massachusetts Courts have awarded James Grant his share of the stakes in their three-mile match run last October. After the match was made Grant, finding that Case was in fine shape and running very fast, wanted him to lose it. Case ran the race on its merits, beating Grant easily and making the best record in America. Grant ordered the stakeholder not to pay over the money, $250 a side, and entered suit to recover what he had fairly lost, with the result above stated.

The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association has decided to purchase a new ground for lacrosse and other athletic purposes. The site decided upon, together with improvements contemplated, will cost $150,000. Of this sum $125,000 have already been raised. The property on which the ground is situated is known as the Hallowell Estate. It is a fine, level plot of ground, 653ft. in length, and is 462ft. broad at one place and 555ft. broad at another point. A gentleman has offered two handsome iron gates and pillars for the entrance, valued at $800.

A joint athletic meeting under the auspices of the Spartan Harriers and Company H, Twenty-second Regiment, will be held at the latter's armory in Fourteenth street, near Sixth avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 P. M. The following contests will be open to all amateurs:—50yds. dash, 440yds. run, half-mile run, one mile run and one mile walk, all handicap; also a tug of war, weight limited to 600 pounds, open to all teams representing recognized amateur organizations. Entries will close on Saturday, Feb. 4, with John Hatton, 114 East Ninety-second street, N. Y.

The Pastime Athletic Club has elected the following officers for 1888:—President, James E. Sullivan; vice president, Thomas Avery Collett; treasurer, William H. Robertson; secretary, John P. Boyle; financial secretary, R. Hamilton; assistant secretary, James Moran; captain, P. H. O'Keefe; lieutenant, J. Cashman; games committee, J. J. Walsh (chairman); W. Severance, Archie Brown, H. Denise and A. Steinberg. The club has now over two hundred members, and it is the intention of the membership committee to limit the membership of the club to three hundred men.

Hippodroming in wrestling was exposed in London, on Jan. 3, when it was shown in court through a suit instituted by Samuel Rundle, who sued Alfred Hill, for the recovery of £40, which he had deposited with Hill as stakes for a match with Carkeek. Rundle was induced to make the engagement by being told that Carkeek would allow him to win and that those in the ring would all wager their money on him (Rundle). Pascoe, Carkeek's backer, was in the scheme, but Carkeek refused to join the combination and turned the tables on them all, so Rundle wants his money back.

The Manhattan Athletic Club's team will leave for England June 7. Mr. Sacks will himself sail for Europe in April, the team being taken in charge and brought to England by Mr. George A. Avery. It is expected that the team, in addition to appearing in the English championships, will also run in those of the French, Belgian, Austrian and Irish, as well as in all great athletic meetings in England. The headquarters of the team before the English championship meeting will be Ulverstone, at Mr. Tom Ray's hotel, Mr. Sacks deeming it advisable, from past experience, not to take the boys to London before the English championships are run off.

The new club house of the Boston Athletic Club is not being completed as fast as was expected, owing to the failure of the Western parties to provide the Chicago brick contracted for as rapidly as necessary, and also because of the contractor for iron work being dilatory in delivering the iron girders for that part of the building which is to be used as a tennis court. From present indications, the new building will not be ready for occupancy before July, at which time many members of the club will be away on their summer vacations. Under the circumstances, it is not likely that the formal opening and dedication of the building will take place much before the middle of September.

The Manhattan Athletic Club has succeeded in getting the world's amateur champion distance runner, Mr. E. T. Conneff, of Kildare, Ireland, to join the organization and make the trip across in time to run in the two-mile race in the great indoor athletic meeting of this club in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 28. Conneff is the Irish amateur champion who defeated E. C. Carter, the English and American amateur champion, in the two and four-mile runs at Dublin last summer. He will leave on the Umbria on Jan. 8, and is expected to arrive here on Jan. 15. After the Garden event on the 28th a series of races between Conneff and Carter will probably be gotten up. Conneff was 19 years of age the 21st of December, weighs 130 pounds, and stands 5ft. 5½in. He made his athletic debut in 1885. On the 23d of last July he won the Irish championship over the Ballsbridge course, and in the two miles at the North of England championships on Aug. 1 beat Carter, Mills and Farrell. Conneff's record-breaking four-mile time when he defeated Carter was 19m. 44 2-5s. He was to have sailed for New York yesterday.

THE TURF.

The Coney Island Jockey Club declared a dividend of 7 per cent. for last year.

The money won on the American turf last season was far in excess of that of any former season.

J. I. Case, owner of Jay Eye See and Phallas, has received an offer from persons at Louisville of $40,000 for Phallas.

C. J. Hamlin has refused an offer of $30,000 for the trotting mare Belle Hamlin, as he is confident she will next summer beat her record of 2:13¾.

Major Hubbard, Commodore Kittson's manager at Erdenheim, is in St. Augustine, Fla. He sent word to a friend that his health was much improved.

Mr. Brook Curry, of Lexington, Ky., has sold to Mr. J. D. Perrin, of Cincinnati, the bay mare Rena C., 5 years old, by Alcyone, dam by Shelby Chief, for $2,000.

Gen. Withers has sold to Mat Hutchinson, of Veedersburg, Ind., the three-year-old bay colt Tecoma, by Alerto, dam Sally Jenkins, by Gen. Knox, for $1,750.

The Buffalo Driving Park is so anxious to secure Secretary Fasig that Cleveland is likely to lose him. And if it does, good-bye to Cleveland's supremacy in trotting affairs.

Distemper has broken out in the stable of J. I. Case, at Racine, Wis., and several of his horses are sick. On December 16th Mr. Case lost a $500 Tyrant colt, and on the 10th he lost a Phallas colt, valued at $1,000.

The weights for the Suburban are due February 1, and turfmen are already speculating on the work of the handicapper. It is generally believed that the top weights will be allotted to Hanover, Exile, Dry Monopole and Linden.

Mr. James Galway, proprietor of the Preakness Stable, has engaged Shauer, the only German lad that has proved his ability to compete with the best American jockeys, to ride, and Feakes to train for him. Shauer engages to ride at 105 pounds.

D. D. Withers had the stallion Tom Ochiltree at his farm near Red Bank one season, and the result is he has eight fine colts and fillies that will be two years old this spring. They are said to show up well, and Mr. Withers has great hopes of them.

It is now intimated that The Bard will appear among Mr. Cassatt's list of entries for the great handicaps sent from Paris. Reports from Chesterbrook announce that the great son of Longfellow has recovered his form, and is in as good trim as he was before his serious sickness at Monmouth Park last summer.

A special from Lexington, Ky., says:—"There is likely to be a match race in the spring between the sensational two-year-olds, Morelaine and Sudie D., the first with a record of 2:31½, the other of 2:35¾. The Bowermann Bros. are confident that Sudie D. can beat Morlaine, for she has shown them a mile which was simply astonishing. In fact, as a record, it would put her in the 2:30 list, yearling as she is."

The Futurity Stakes for 1890 has already 732 entries, and enthusiastic sportsmen say that the entries will probably reach 1,000. J. B. Haggin has entered 72, Milton Young 78, W. L. Scott 60, Daniel Swigert 50, Major Thomas and N. W. Kittson 34 each, August Belmont 28, John S. Clarke 15 and Leonard Jerome, in behalf of A. J. Alexander, 10; Clay & Woodford 33, Belle Meade Stock Farm 27, and Mrs. G. L. Lorillard 6.

There have been at least twenty-five additions to the 2:20 trotting list during the past season, seventeen of which are descendants in the paternal line of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, seven, or 28 per cent. of the whole, being by sons of George Wilkes, three trace to Mambrino Chief, two of which are through Woodford Mambrino, one to Henry Clay, through Sultan, three to pacing ancestors, and the other to Biggart's Rattler.

There are several bidders for the lease of Belmont driving course, among them Jack Phillips, owner of Suffolk course. The action of the city authorities in stopping pool selling has about discouraged Phillips from ever giving another trotting meeting at Suffolk, especially since he has had a good offer for the property from a land company, which proposes cutting it up into building lots. The term of the present lease of Belmont course will expire on April 1.

New Year's Day is the official birthday of every runner in the country. The two-year-olds of last week are now three-year-olds, and the yearlings all became two-year-olds at the hour when the church chimes announced the going out of 1887 and the incoming of 1888. The hardest of all is that of the six-year-olds of last week, who are now dumped into that great class which go down in "Goodwin's Guide" and other turf records as "aged," and are mixed up indiscriminately with horses whose ages run from seven up to the twenties.

The American Jockey Club have by formal vote authorized its managers to prepare a programme for the spring meeting which shall include stakes and purses of an average daily value of $6,500, which is a larger amount than has ever before been offered at a race meeting. Messrs. John Hunter, the newly elected president of the club, and Charley Wheatley, who will be the presiding judge, are now at work on the programme, which will be ready for publication in about a week. The entries to the various stakes will probably close Feb. 16.

A. J. Alexander, of the Woodburn Stock Farm, of Kentucky, has secured the services for the coming season of the stallion King Wilkes, 2:22¼, and the sire of Oliver K., 2:36¼. Both trotters and runners are bred at Woodburn. King Alfonso, the sire of Foxhall; Falsetto, the sire of Dew Drop; Lisbon, the sire of Troubadour; Pat Malloy, the sire of Lord Murphy and Favor, are among the running sires. Harold, the sire of Maud S., is there, and so is Lord Russell, her brother; Belmont, the sire of Nutwood, 2:18¾, and Noontide, 2:20¼, will divide honors with King Wilkes.

"The 2:30 list, though cumbersome and growing more so every year, will always be a popular one among the average breeders. A 2:30 trotter is fast enough for an ordinary gentleman's roadster, and is likely to be for years to come. Many prefer faster ones, it is true, but a trotter capable of making a record of 2:30 in a race can generally brush a quarter in 36 seconds or better. The breeder of gentlemen's roadsters is more interested to know what sire gets 2:30 speed with the greatest uniformity than to consult tables which will show what horses produce a limited number of record-breakers or trotters capable of making their mile in 2:20 or 2:25. It will be rather a severe tax on the compilers, but greatly to the interest of average trotting-horse breeders, to have the 2:30 tables continued for a long time yet."—*American Cultivator.*

The arbitrary time fixed to designate a first-class trotter or pacer is a mile in 2:30. In 1870 there were but 151 horses in this country known to be eligible to be classed in the list of those who had trotted or paced in 2:30 or better. The list as compiled to-day will include some 3,000 different horses. Of this number, Col. W. T. Chester, of the *Turf, Field and Farm*, has compiled a list of 335 trotters and 117 pacers who have for the first time made 2:30 or better during 1887. In that long list of trotters is one 2-year-old, Bell Bay, who made a record of 2:26; sixteen 3-year-olds, Sable Wilkes, with 2:18 to his credit, being the best of the colts, and Houri, 2:19¾, the best of the fillies; twenty-five 4-year-olds crept into the list, Alfred S., with 2:22¼, being the best of these, and fifteen 5-year-olds, the best of which was Rosalind Wilkes, with 2:18½ to her credit. Among the pacers Arrow was the best, making his mile in 2:14. There were nine of the so-called "side-wheelers" who made a record better than 2:20.

The St. Louis Jockey Club is much exercised over the clashing of dates with Latonia and Kansas City. It will not give way in the matter, as the dates claimed by it from June 2 to 12 have been the club's dates for many years, and the other clubs should have been governed by that knowledge in making their fixtures. To show how much in earnest the club is, the board of managers has decided to hang up $75,000 in stakes and purses for their spring meeting. This is $30,000 more than they originally designed to offer, but they say Latonia and Kansas City have declared war against St. Louis, and that the battle will be fought out on the money line. All purses will be raised from $400 to $600. On the other hand, the Latonia Jockey Club officers have denied the statement published by the St. Louis Jockey Club to the effect that the latter has given more money than the Latonia for racing purposes, and has made a compilation from the figures of the official *Turf Guide*, which shows that in the past three years—which covers the life of the St. Louis Club—the Latonia Club has given $33,000 more than St. Louis.

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CHESS AND CHECKER NOTES.

The St. Louis Chess Club has new quarters at the southwest corner of Olive and Ninth streets.

The annual meeting and tournament of the Indiana State Chess Association takes place at Indianapolis, Jan. 11.

The New York Chess Club has moved back to their old quarters, No. 49 Bowery, and the proprietors of the Tremont House, Broadway, opposite Bond street, have placed in the restaurant portion a score of chess tables. The rooms will be open to the public at all times.

The British Chess Club have resigned their match with the St. Petersburg Club. The Irregular Opening was already in a hopeless condition at the adjournment, and the Evans Gambit being a drawn position, it was decided not to leave the victors in unnecessary suspense.

After a lengthy contest the first annual handicap tournament of the Atlanta Chess Club has terminated, with Mr. J.