# KENNEL.

## DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.

**The Facts in the Alleged Camden "Horror"—The Poll on Rule 2—The Calamity at Columbus—Valuable Dogs Burned to Death.**

The blood-curdling mastiff story which created such a fuss and sensation last Monday morning was a glaring tribute to the versatility and imagination of the reporters of Camden, N. J. There is no necessity for me, I suppose, to inform my readers that there is but the merest substratum of truth in the "vicious attack of two mastiffs on a child, a lady and a gentleman."

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Relieved of all the surroundings with which the space reporters embellished the story the facts are that about eight years ago Mr. Dudley had an accident in his kennels and was burdened with a mongrel lot of puppies out of one of his best mastiff bitches. A few were kept on her to draw her milk, and when time came for their destruction Mr. French begged for two of them and he got them. They were the special charges of Mrs. French and had been since their arrival at their home. On the day in question a little girl had been playing with the dogs all the morning and again after Sunday School was romping with them, when in their rough play she was knocked down. She was alarmed and cried out, whereupon Mrs. French ran into the garden and ordered the dogs to their kennels. She was picking the child up when Mr. French rushed out of the house. It is said that he kicked one of the dogs, supposing they had been doing some injury to his wife or the child. The dogs took no notice of him until he put his hands on Mrs. French, when one, if not both, at once sprang at him. One took him by the arm and the other, jumping at his face, chipped a piece off his nose. One of the dogs again sprang at Mr. French, but Mrs. French pushed her arm down its open mouth, and grasping him by the collar with the other hand, marched him to his kennel.

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The man who knows anything about dogs well knows that if Mr. French had not appeared on the scene there would have been no trouble at all, for the dogs did no harm at all until they supposed that he was laying violent hands upon the one person above all others they had been accustomed to obey, respect and protect. True Mrs. French was injured by one of the dogs, catching her at the back of the head, but by that time we may imagine things were pretty much mixed up, and it was in all probability an accidental bite.

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From the first story of the trouble it was supposed that one, if not all three, of the persons would die, but two days later the only apparent injury was to Mr. French's nose, and then the story, having answered the purpose of the writers and added to their weekly salary, was allowed to drop.

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HOW THE POLL STANDS.

*For Rule No. 2.*

New York, Philadelphia.

*Against the New Rule.*

Augusta, Boston,
Utica, New Haven,
Hornellsville.

*Will Not Hold Shows.*

Providence, Milwaukee,
New Jersey, St. Paul,
Hartford, Mastiff Club,
Pittsburg, Cleveland,
Detroit.

*Not Heard From.*

San Francisco.

The position of the Fox Terrier Club is undefinable and each party claims it as being on its side.

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The great cry of the rule 2 supporters is "let the majority govern." Well, then let them govern.

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Mr. J. A. Nickerson and Dr. Cugle now come to the front in *Forest and Stream* with a call for a breeders' club. I need hardly tell my readers that a club of individuals, personally interested, has always been my notion of a governing body. Acting on behalf of a few breeders, I endeavored to start such a club a few years ago, but, by the trickery of a nest of New Yorkers and the lack of interest among those who were most nearly concerned, the idea failed. The time seems ripe now, however, for such a movement, but with all due respect to the many who are urging my going in for such a club I must respectfully withdraw from the floor. A seat in the gallery will suit me better just now.

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Not that I am not interested, for I am interested in everything that takes place in the kennel world, but my presence may do harm. There are men still impressed with the idea that everything that is done in opposition to their views is the work of "Porcupine." Men of otherwise common sense have accused me of being the instigator of the breakaway of the New England and New Haven clubs. I have got, in some quarters, the reputation of being an underhanded schemer and manipulator. Men who know me know otherwise, but there are many who do not, and they might hold aloof from any such scheme as Mr. Nickerson and Dr. Cryer propose if it was supposed I was connected with it. I therefore desire to say that I am not a party to it at all; and persons with a "good mind to join" can send their names along without any fear of my dreadful contaminating influence being at the bottom of it all.

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"What fools these mortals be" applies with striking force to dog men, and the few loud-mouthed but weak-kneed supporters of the A. K. C. muddles fancy they see a "Porcupine" in every shadow in their path.

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The Columbus fire is a dampener on Philadelphia fanciers, and it was lucky there were not more of us among the losers. Frank Dole was to send his bull terrier Maggie May, but owing to a misunderstanding missed Lewis, who was to take her along with the other dogs. To those who have not read the story of the fire I can only give what appeared in a special to the Philadelphia *Press*. It is not necessary to repeat the names of the dogs, as the best ones appear in the prize list printed elsewhere. That, however, does not include all classes, and among the dead dogs were the St. Bernard Sir Charles, the Bedlington Rocks owned by W. W. Silvey, and a pug from Philadelphia. The report of the fire is as follows, which occurred on Thursday morning;

The Fourteenth Regiment Armory, in which the annual show of the Ohio Poultry, Pigeon, Kennel and Pet Stock Association was being held, was burned this morning. The force of men about the armory endeavored to get valuables and live stock out, but were unable to do anything of consequence. There were 1,000 rounds of ammunition in the building. The cartridges exploded, the bullets flying in all directions, making it dangerous for men to work. Three hundred stands of rifles and uniforms of all the men of the regiment are destroyed, as well as equipment and paraphernalia, except tents. The officers lose their goods. The State's loss is estimated at $15,000. B. F. Lewis, who was in charge of the dogs from Philadelphia, left for his home to-night, with Royal Duke and a piece of a collar picked up in the ruins, to show for his dogs and premiums won amounting to $300. He lost everything he had, except what he had on his back. Lewis says the watchman was to blame, for he did not wake up until his clothes were burned at his side. Several meetings were held to investigate the responsibility of the fire. The management is blamed for not furnishing good watchmen.

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It certainly looks as if the charge against the watchman was true, for if he had been attending to his business, an alarm could have been given and much of the live stock saved. Of course, there is no redress, and owners must shoulder their losses with as good a grace as they can.

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I am in receipt of a circular from the Hornellsville Farmers' Club asking whether exhibitors desire a spring as well as fall show. That is not of so much interest to me as this P. S.

"Immediately after our last exposition we decided not to send out our old medals, but have new ones made. The work was progressing well until all designs were recently destroyed by fire, which will delay their distribution until February."

I supposed the medals were presented a long time ago or we would have heard something about it, particularly as I represent the Hornellsville Kennel Club at the A. K. C. meetings. What a chance for the fellows always on the lookout for "motes" has been missed.

I am not going to apologize for the Hornellsville Kennel Club, but I would just like to ask how that club can give Farmers' Club medals unless they get them to give. If the Kennel Club had offered bronze medals instead of saying that they were to be the Farmers' Club medals, the case would be different. Anyway before anything can be done the medals will be forwarded to their respective owners. There is an *ex post facto* law calling upon Secretary Vredenburgh to banish from the sacred precincts of A. K. C. shows all whose names appear as officers on the premium list of a club show. All right; let him banish those named on the Hornellsville premium list. It so happens there are no names on it.

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J. D. S. wants to know what exhibitors will patronize outside shows when their wins do not count at A. K. C. shows. I must leave the exhibitors themselves to answer that. Meanwhile let me ask J. D. S. a plain sum in figures. He will see above the list of shows that will be held under A. K. C. rules a whole solid phalanx of two shows. How long will it take a dog to win a championship under present conditions with a clear run in his favor? Also, providing that rule 2 is the death of one of these clubs as far as shows are concerned how long will it then take a dog to win a championship?

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Utica's dog show premium list is out, and it is a very good one, indeed. The classes are numerous and the prizes up to the average of good shows. Entries close on Feb. 4, and those who have not already received a premium list should should write for one to the secretary of the Fort Schuyler Kennel Club, Utica, N. Y.

PORCUPINE.

### Columbus Dog Show.

The second annual exhibition of the Columbus, O., Poultry, Pigeon, Kennel and Pet Stock Association was held at Columbus on Jan. 10 and following days. The dog department was well patronized and attracted the most attention. The awards were as follows:

MASTIFFS.—1st, A. S. Pitt's Winning Card; 2d, George A. Peters' Leford Hugo. *Puppies*: 1st, C. E. Prior's Nero.

GREAT DANES.—1st, C. Cruse's Lady Marie; 2d, Associated Fanciers' Lady Bismarck.

ST. BERNARDS.—1st, Alta Kennels' Montrose; 2d, Associated Fanciers' Nora. *Puppies*: 1st, Alta Kennels' Newton.

NEWFOUNDLANDS.—1st, withheld; 2d, T. M. Carney's Jumbo.

GREYHOUNDS.—1st, J. F. Simon's Melton; 2d, Mrs. N. O. Stevens' Huntress.

ENGLISH SETTERS.—CHAMPION—Mt. Washington Kennels' Paul Gladstone. OPEN CLASSES—*Dogs*: 1st, Mt. Washington Kennels' Keystone; 2d, Dr. Hartman's Sam Roy's Boy. *Bitches*: 1st, Mt. Washington Kennels' Lady Rock; 2d, Associated Fanciers' Pansy; very high com., G. V. Neal's Bosco. PUPPIES—*Dogs*: 1st, Miami Kennels' Westfield Noble. *Bitches*: 1st, Associated Fanciers' American Phantom.

GORDON SETTERS.—CHAMPION—W. L. Hammett's Royal Duke. OPEN CLASS—1st, E. A. Clabitz's Dashing Count; 2d, O. McArdle's Rhoda. *Puppies*: 1st, E. Mercer's Count Glen.

IRISH SETTERS.—CHAMPION—1st, H. I. Roberts' Bruce; 2d, D. L. Carmichael's Mac. OPEN CLASS—*Dogs*: 1st, H. E. Chubb's Glenduff; 2d, H. I. Roberts' Begorra; very high com., S. S. Siebert's entry. *Bitches*: 1st, W. W. Kendall's Lorna Doone; 2d, C. Velton's Gypsy O'Moore.

POINTERS.—CHAMPION—1st and 2d, C. M. Munball's Patti M. and Bow Faust. OPEN CLASS—OVER 55LBS.—*Dogs*: 1st, Dayton Kennels' Pat Smizer; 2d, Dr. Holston's Business. UNDER 55LBS.—1st, Dayton Kennels' Rumpty; 2d, C. L. Dick's Hamlet Sleaford. *Bitches*: 1st, Idstone Kennels' Lily Bona; 2d, Dolly Holston's Dolly Frusten.

IRISH WATER SPANIELS.—1st, J. Cummings' entry; 2d, B. F. Lewis' Colleen O'Donoghue.

COCKER SPANIELS.—1st, Cannonsburg Kennels' Keno; 2d, O. A. Merriman's Sport.

FOXHOUNDS.—1st and 2d, Doherty & Wagner's Trump and Bell.

FOX TERRIERS.—1st, E. Lever's Little Swell; 2d, T. Leonard's Charley.

BULL TERRIERS.—1st, W. W. Silvey's Nellie; 2d, World Kennels' Young Royal Princess.

### Kennel Notes.

The judges for the Pacific Coast Field Trials Club's trials are Messrs. R. T. Vandevort, Franklin Satterthwaite and Fred A. Taft.

It is proposed to organize a kennel club in Macon, Ga., in conjunction with the Macon Gun Club. The project is being energetically pushed.

The collie dog Strephon has been bought by the Chestnut Hill Kennels from Mr. C. T. Thompson, and will be in the stud with their other dogs.

The bench show, held in conjunction with the poultry show of the West Virginia Poultry Association, during the first week in January, had but few entries, the local dog owners giving very little support. Mr. Joseph Lewis, of Canonsburg, Pa., judged all the classes.

The executive committee of the Eastern Field Trials Club met at the St. James Hotel, Jan. 10 for the transaction of business. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and passed, the following dates for running the forthcoming field trials at High Point were decided upon, viz.: Monday, Nov. 19, with the Derby, to be followed by Pointer and Setter Stakes, and the Champion Stakes, in the order named. The Members' Stakes to be run Thursday, Nov. 15. It was decided that no further shooting be allowed upon the ground this season. It was then proposed that an official report of the trials shall be made; that each judge shall take his own notes, and at the end of each day's work consult together and furnish such report to the papers. This was left over for further consideration. It was also deemed unnecessary to employ game-keepers on the ground. The same stakes on the same terms and conditions were opened, except where there were two equal third prizes, these will be made third and fourth prizes of the same value.

# CRICKET.

## CRICKET IN ENGLAND.

**Fixtures Arranged for the Visiting Australians Next Summer.**

The following cricket news from the last London *Sportsman* will no doubt be of interest to American cricketers:—"Since the meeting of county secretaries at Lord's on the 6th inst., several additions have been made to the list of engagements arranged for our Colonial visitors next season, and the card may now be practically considered complete, with the exception of three vacant dates. Their first appearance will be against Surry, at the Oval, on May 14, and by the end of the first week in September over thirty contests will have to be decided. Exclusive of the match at Scarborough, which in 1886 proved fully entitled to rank as representative, the big fixtures will be eight in number, viz:—Three vs. England, one vs. Gentlemen, two vs. Players, one vs. North, and one vs. South. The following is a revised list:

AUSTRALIANS.

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| *May.* | |
| 14—Oval vs. Surry. | 24—Manchester vs. Lancashire. |
| 17—Oxford vs. Oxford University. | 28—Lords vs. Gentlemen of England. |
| 21—Sheffield vs. Yorkshire. | 31—Oval vs. Play's of Eng. |
| *June.* | |
| 4—Nottingham vs. Notts. | 21—Lords vs. M. C. C. and Ground. |
| 7—Cambridge vs. Cambridge University. | 25—Bradford vs. Yorkshire. |
| 14—Lord's vs. Middlesex. | 28—Manchester vs. North of England. |
| 18—Birmingham vs. An England Eleven. | |
| *July.* | |
| 2—Liverpool vs. Liverpool and District. | 19—Brighton vs. Sussex. |
| 5—Leicester vs. Leicestershire. | 23—Leyton vs. Past and Present of Cambridge University. |
| 9—Derby vs. Derbyshire. | 26—Portsmouth vs. Past and Present of Oxford and Cambridge. |
| 12—Huddersfield vs. Players of England. | |
| 16—Lords vs. England. | 30—Oval vs. Surry. |
| *August.* | |
| 2—Hastings vs. South of England. | 16—Nottingham vs. Notts. |
| 6—Canterbury vs. Kent. | 20—Cheltenham vs. Gloucestershire. |
| 9—Clifton vs. Gloucestershire. | 30—Manchester vs. England. |
| 13—Oval vs. England. | |
| *September.* | |
| 3—Harrogate vs. An England Eleven. | 6—Scarborough, vs. Lord Londesboro's Eleven. |

### Byes.

A project is on foot to present Arthur Shrewsbury with a handsome testimonial on his return from the Antipodes.

The Hyde Park Cricket Club, of Boston, has chosen new officers as follows:—President, J. White; captain, T. Buchan; secretary-treasurer, D. J. Carter; executive committee, T. Buchan, R. Martin, P. Scott and W. Henderson.

The Halifax cup has been contended for by Philadelphia cricketers since 1880, in which time Young America shows up the best in total runs, having made in round numbers about 9,000, and about 1,000 more than their opponents have made against them.

During the past season Pittsburg undoubtedly proved itself the best club in the United States, outside of Philadelphia. It played ten matches, winning eight, and made an average of 12.68 runs per wicket to its opponents' 8.47. H. Penn leads the batting with an average of 34.1 and W. Reid the bowling with 5.25.

The tour of the West Indian gentlemen in England, next summer, originated by the Georgetown C. C., has had to be abandoned, as the promoters of the scheme could not get the guarantee of any contingents from the other colonies in time to arrange suitable fixtures. The scheme may, however, be resuscitated in time for a visit to England in the season of 1889.

# HOMING.

DEVOTED TO PIGEON FLYING NEWS AND RECORDS.

## FEDERATION MATTERS.

**Recent Changes in Rules Discussed—The Increase in Dues Objectionable—The New Seamless Record Bands—Some Record Matters—The Last Journey of the Year—New Organizations—News Notes.**

To prevent surreptitious actions, the by-laws provide that changes in the by-laws and race rules, and additions thereto, can only be made at the annual meeting, Feb. 22; that such changes and additions must have been prepared at the meeting held in Philadelphia the previous autumn and must have been brought to the notice of all accepted members at least thirty days previous to the holding of the annual.

The only change suggested at the last Philadelphia meeting was to raise the dues. This has been discussed in all circles since, and with general disapproval. Not because of an unwillingness to pay more if it is needed, but because there is no need. And to set out flesh pots is to attract the "Hungry Joes." The Federation has for its sole object the protection of the record, and, as the surest way of keeping it to that object, its expenses were designedly made merely nominal, in its laborers being paid in glory, and in their fees for the work done in connection with it. The objection upon moral grounds to a "surplus in the treasury" is very decided. The instruction to delegates, as far as reported to me, is "against change, and if funds are needed let an assessment be ordered."

The additions to the by-laws and race rules are, in prescribed forms, for naming delegates to the Congress, for the call of special meetings, and to ensure against fraud, omission or error in reporting by certified telegram; and, "any one known to detain a bird bearing identifying marks without sending notice to the owner or to the race secretary shall be ineligible to membership, or, if a member, shall be expelled."

Last year the seamless bands were ready for use Jan. 7, and when too late to recall them the question was raised if such early issue was permissible; if they should not be delayed until the 23d, when, according to the action of the executive committee in 1886, upon Mr. Hasson's motion, they would be for birds from eggs laid within the year. But the record, as the race rules stand, is for birds hatched in 1888, and therefore if the 23d is the beginning the birds hatched since New Year's should, in being eligible, have some distinguishing mark. This I met by providing an intermediate issue for 1888 birds hatched from 1887 eggs, making in it such a break from previous numbering as to distinguish the between-times birds, although using the 1887 band material.

The metal band will be discarded with the intermediates. We all thought we had in the seamless metal band a proof of the bird's identity. It could be slipped over the five-days' old peeper's foot, but not when older, and, individualized by its lettering, the bird wearing it could be sworn to. We all thought this, but only to have it proven to us that the band could be cut, and with the protection of fire proof paper, could be put upon the adult bird and joined beyond detection except by an expert. Thus the flyer could sell his seamless banded record bird and keep it, too. The material for the 1888 regular is proof against this.

In most lofts the sexes are separated in the autumn, and the partitions are not removed and the nest boxes replaced until about the 1st of February. This year the beginning is earlier, and the arrangements for the spring work are, in the majority of cases, nearly completed.

The following transfers of breeding stock have been sent to me for recording upon my register since the beginning of the year:

From the loft of W. F. Vernier, Philadelphia, to G. T. Marsh, San Francisco, Cal.:—R. c. c., 1,160, Gen. Sheridan and Hausenne, cross; b. c. h., 1,080, Bolay and Hausenne; b. c. h., 3,160, Frillbreast and Princess; b. c. c., 1,680, Surprise (525-miles record).

From James McGauhey, Philadelphia: 1—To J. H. Wilson, Charleston, S. C., blk. c. h. Mc., 152. 2—To C. M. Magill, Volcano, W. Va., b. c. h. Mc., 175; r. c. c. Mc., 181. 3—To G. Hutt, Philadelphia, b. c. Mc., 195, brother to Lexington. 4—To Alonzo Gordon, Philadelphia, r. c. Mc., 177, brother to Niagara. 5—To J. Beiswanger, Philadelphia, Mc., 109.

From Wm. Rosenberger, Baltimore, Md.: 1—To J. Treschmann, Baltimore, X [illegible], Snow [illegible], 3d from 382 miles; X 340, Snow Flake, 1st from 38[illegible] miles. 2—To H. A. McCoy, Baltimore, X 363, Little Liberty, 210 miles for first journey. 3—To Frank Goedeke, Baltimore, r. c. c., 120, Blair Athol, record from 710 miles when 10 months old.

From H. A. Lippincott, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1—To M. Schomberger, Philadelphia, L 29, granddaughter of China Bill, Mc. 161, son of Nagara. 2—To John Smith, Philadelphia, L 360, son of Mayflower. 3—To Stogdale Stokes, Philadelphia, K 353, Young Edna, record from 200 miles.

From Henry Wagner, Roslindale, Mass.: 1—To F. H. Platt, New York City, H 479, son of Benny 700 miles; H 468, son of Edwards, 500 miles; H 186, Jim and D. Benson stock, r. c. c. —, imported stock. 2—To Theo. P. Green, Woodbury, N. J., 7,950, sister to Charlotte, 705 miles; 7,951, 7,952 (404, 470) parents of Edwards; 7,953, mother of Little Concord, 525 miles; Roscoe, Jr., 515 and 705 miles in 1886. 3—To Louis A. Shaw, Chestnut Hill, Mass., Benny, 700 miles in 1887; Pegram's sister, Portchester, 525 miles; imported bird, winner of honor prizes abroad, and six pairs 1887 bred birds.

From R. L. Hayes, Philadelphia: 1—To H. A. Lippincott, Philadelphia, H 5, 27, 35, 812. 2—To E. S. Starr, New York, for message service, H 15. 3—To Joseph Rylands, Norristown, Pa., H 18, H 33. 4—To George Abbott, Philadelphia, H 30, 39. 5—To C. A. Smith, Philadelphia, H 29, 814, 815. 6—To C. Cook, Bridesburg, Pa., H 813. 7—To W. T. Hyslop, Norfolk, Va., H 25, and adults 1,360, 1,830, 5,080, 5,390.

From Dr. W. E. Johnson, Keyport, N. J.: To Geo. E. Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y., b. c. c., 9,037, record from 400 miles in 1887.

From George Waitt, Keyport, N. J.: 1—To Carleton W. Nason, Brooklyn, N. Y., two birds from Queen and McGrow (502 miles in 13 hours) and three with records as youngsters from Steubenville, O. (330 miles), as the third journey. 2—To George De Lara, New York, one pair Queen and McGrew stock.

From George S. Fell, Philadelphia: 1—To Messrs. C. and J. Adam, Philadelphia, r. c. h., Gypsy Queen; b. c. c., Torn Eye. 2—To John McFadden, Philadelphia, the breeders Grey Coat and Red Wing.

NAMES CLAIMED.

By E. S. Dorman, Plainfield, N. J.—*Urania* for b. c. c. hatched 1885 from A. P. Baldwin stock. Returned from the S. S. Urania when 300 miles out.

By R. G. Stokes, Brooklyn, N. Y.—*Alphonzo King* for b. c. c. Y 5.

By E. S. Starr, New York.—*Little Hazy* for the message bird H 15.

By John A. Vernier, Jr., Philadelphia.—*Osmonde* for b. c. c. V 56; *Love Gold* for r. c. c. V 76; *Lady Johnson* for b. c. h. V 79; *Whitefriar* for r. c. c. 9,889; *Lady Black* for blk. c. h. V 63.

By G. W. Pangborn, Brooklyn.—*Capt. Haff* for P 86, *Gen. Paine* for P 85. The best for two to Brooklyn from 200 miles in autumn of 1885.

By C. O'Barrett, Dorchester, Mass.—*Akron* for r. c. h. H 219; *Magoffin* for s. c. H 204; *Griggs* for b. c. c. H 225; *Oneida* for b. c. h. 226; *Leslie P.* for b. c. h. H 237; *Volunteer* for b. c. H 215. All with champion records.

VISITING BIRDS.

[Visiting birds should be reported by number on leg-band or on wing feathers, or on both, by postal, addressed Starr, 78 Courtlandt street, New York City.]

A 45 on seamless leg-band. By W. W. Ford, 232 W. Twenty-first street, New York.

[The number must be an error, as this band was used only once and upon a brid which died in the nest.]

J C 2. Seamless band. By John C. Lass, Brooklyn.

[Band registered to Jerry Collins, Jersey street, Staten Island.]

S 403. Seamless band. By John A. Schwartz, 304 Chauncey street, Brooklyn.

[Band registered to John Cadoo, Brooklyn.]

A 904. Seamless band. By H. Albers, 153 Broom street, New York.

[Owned by L. W. Spangehl, Brooklyn. Flown in Bedford Club autumn races. Last start was Chambersburg, Pa., 200 miles, Sept 11.]

S 217. Seamless band. By Paul W. Krouse, 326 New Market street, Philadelphia, Pa.

[Band registered to George W. Snyder, Philadelphia.]

M 22. Seamless band. By O. F. Stackpole, Biddeford, Me.

THE LAST JOURNEY OF THE YEAR.

The closing race for 1887 was from Forest, Ont., to Boston, Mass., 540 miles air line, and to beat the record for distance by a youngster held by Henry Wagner's Wade, from London, Ont., to Boston, 525 miles, the return the second morning after. The entry in the race from Forest was eighteen birds owned by C. O. Barrett, Dorchester, Mass. All were youngsters, certified in wearing the band of the year and verified by the personal examination of the race secretary. The start, delayed for over a week by bad weather, was at 6:34 A. M., Oct. 25. The first return was the b. c. h. H 237, found in the loft the afternoon of the 27th, beating the record for distance if not for time. A second bird, H 259, was reported the morning of the 27th to the race secretary from Spencer, Mass. The employees of a shoe factory saw it picking at the glass of a window and let it in. The lettering on its flight feathers asked them to please give it a little corn and hempseed, water to drink and for a bath and to let it go, and to send word that they had done so to "Starr, 75 Courtlandt street, New York." The little traveller was made comfortable and allowed to resume its journey, but to everyone's surprise it did not show up at Dorchester, only fifty miles away. A few days later it was reported by wire as caught by a Spencer cat. It was sent home by express and died soon after. A third bird H 225, brother of this of Spencer, was found in the home loft the morning of Dec. 20.

This record may still be beaten for distance if not for time. Three Philadelphia birds, McGauhey's Niagara, Lippincott's Jake and Gordon's unnamed were liberated in Seymour, Ind., the morning of Oct. 7. Distance, air line, 565 miles. Returns are not in yet, but are expected.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

The Volunteer Club, Philadelphia, has these officers:—President, James Mulver; secretary, C. A. Smith, Jr.; treasurer, H. Dicer. The journeys for 1888, will be for distance record, and under Federation rules.

The Northern Liberty Club, Philadelphia:—President, John A. Vernier, Jr.; vice president, Gotlieb Hutt; secretary, Frank Well; treasurer, Frank Veltrup. Additional members, Charles Smith, and Charles Doerr. The president writes:—"We have as fine a club as there is in the city, and the best of birds. We will send as long as one remains to any of us, as we are determined to do our best to let people know that we are in existence. I have decided to remain with the old reliable Federation, and I guess the rest will join me."

The Queen City Club, Buffalo, N. Y.:—President, Jonn Behn; secretary, D. F. Wiltc. Additional members, J. C. Scheider, Peter Frank. The limit, seven.

NOTES.

Francis Whitely, Newark, N. J., offers to back his loft against any in America, from two stations, one west, one southwest, not less than 500 miles distant from the home loft. The referee to be any fancier outside of the Confederate ring. At the garden show he offered to fly against all Brooklyn, with old birds, from not less than 500 miles. He could do this, as his lofts contain as many birds as are in all of the Brooklyn lofts combined. Peter Taylor, Jr., president of the Brooklyn Club, may take him up, but he has only his Caledonia, hatched last year and flown only from 150 miles, that is to be classed as an old bird. He did offer to fly one, two or more youngsters with him, from any distance or direction, each to use Federation bands and within the same month. This is going it blind, as a band must be put on a bird before it is a week old. Mr. Taylor breeds for purpose, and has such faith in his theories that he is willing to risk it. Mr. Whitely selects his birds on the floor, and relies mostly on condition, and he has never yet flown birds in the year of their hatch, so it is doubtful if he accepts.

"That Allen bird," owned for a year past by Marton Clark, Paterson, N. J., died last week. If what is told of it is true, it was worth all the regret Mr. Clark expresses at its loss. In 1884 the Newark Club flew its birds from the Southwest for club record, the last journey from Morgantown, N. C., 525 miles. This bird is said to have been found in a Paterson loft at evening of the day of the start, thus having covered the 525 miles and at least ten more. The finder recognized the bird as a prize, and the more so as the name of A. A. Allen on the wing gave the clue to its identity. He not only did not report it, but hid it away so closely that even his nearest friends did not know of it. What annoyed Mr. Allen most when he found out about it two years later was to remember that the finder had visited his loft and by his questioning had established the identity of the bird and had led him into selecting the mate, which he purchased for it. The bird has been Mr. Clark's property for the past year. It is the father of his favorite Trenton.

The Hudson Club, Brooklyn, offered a valuable prize for the best average speed from not less than 250 miles made by a Federation branded bird previous to Nov. 1. The race secretary's report was in favor of C. O. Barrett's Akron and Magoffin for the journey from Akron, N. Y., to Dorchester, Mass., 373 miles in 1,060yds. per minute. The start at 5:54 A. M., Sept. 19; the birds in loft at 4:13½ P. M. The next best was by the birds of L. W. Spangehl, Brooklyn, from Rappahannock, Va. The entry was S 79 and S 74. Both had been flown from the West and were considered by those who believe in one direction as handicapped for the Southwest. But Mr. Spangehl had won the Bowerman badge under the same conditions in 1886 from Rappahannock and would risk it. Only one bird, S 74, returned. The start was at 7:45 A. M., Oct. 23, the return was at 4:06 P. M. Air line distance, about 250 miles. Average speed, 888 yards per minute. The birds of the Paterson, N. J., Club tried for it, but by a mistake missed it. The entry was 25 birds owned by J. J. Byran, Edw. Bolton and Morton Clark. The start was from Culpepper, Va., the morning of Sept. 26. Two birds returned to the Bolton loft together at 2:25 P. M., but one was branded and the other not. In the excitement it was the marks of the unbranded and ineligible that were taken and reported. The club had the speed, but for the wrong bird. The air line distance was about 265 miles; the average speed 1,069 yards per minute. The Hudson Club has not yet made the award, but will do so at the meeting held this week.

James McGauhey's 500-miles bird Cora and two Paterson, N. J., breeders were taken from the cages at the Madison Square Garden show.

The relation which Philadelphia bears to New York as a liberating station is one of the inexplicables of pigeon flying. Hundreds of New York birds have started from Philadelphia, with evidently the best of intentions, as they have gone away at once and in the direction of home, but less than ten have made the journey by wing. The last trial was of fourteen birds owned by the Meserole Club, Brooklyn. The start was at 9 A. M., Oct. 23, with atmospheric conditions entirely favorable. The birds took their course immediately and were seen to cross the river, and were still together when over Jersey. The first to return was found at home the evening of the 24th. Only one [illegible] returned by wing. One returned to Philadelphia, and made the journey to New York in a box. It is equally curious that journeys from Burlington and Bordentown are with almost similar results, while from Doylestown, just north of Philadelphia, and beyond, but in line with Burlington and Bordentown, the losses have been the exception and good time the rule.

E. S. STARR, Race Secretary.

# THE RING.

## THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHTERS.

**Smith and Kilrain Exhibiting—Probable Chance of Meeting Between Smith and Sullivan—The Latter's Movements, Etc.**

Smith and Kilrain are now engaged in boxing exhibitions. They are said to have received $5,000 each for twelve nights' sparring in England, besides a percentage of the receipts, which amounted to nearly $500 per night in the provinces. Each announces his willingness to meet Sullivan, provided the latter defeats Mitchell. But, notwithstanding this talk, it is evident that there is not a remote possibility of the negotiations for a match between John L. Sullivan and Jim Smith, for the championship of the world, resulting favorably. Notwithstanding that, after the contest between Smith and Kilrain, when Sullivan issued his challenge to both of them, Smith declared his willingness to meet him "for any amount," while his backers offered to find $5,000 for him, they have failed to cover the deposit put up with the challenge from the American, which, were business intended, they would not neglect to do. Therefore we cannot do otherwise than set down the declarations alluded to as a bit of bluff. Further proof of the non-desire of the backers of Smith to wager any money on him in a fight with Sullivan is afforded by the fact that they have not paid any attention to the subsequent challenge, directed to the English champion alone, except to propose that the big fellow and Smith give boxing exhibitions in this country together, which, of course, John L. promptly refused to do. Having seen the form displayed by Sullivan on the stage, the men behind Smith have had an opportunity to form a pretty fair idea of the possibilities of his pugilistic powers in a fight under the old rules, and there is no doubt that they will continue to hesitate to put their money on, even after the meeting between Sullivan and Mitchell, should that ever take place. It is believed that Smith is willing to face Sullivan, but his backer, Fleming, is averse to such an arrangement. Sullivan gave an exhibition at Portsmouth, on the 10th, before an immense audience. Sullivan has been doing all in his power to get on a match with Smith, and will put $2,500 on deposit, at the *Sportsman's* office, for two weeks, so that backer Fleming can have no excuse for not coming to time. Sullivan is looking well, and has reduced his weight twenty-four pounds. He will enter into hard training at once. No one can persuade Sullivan that Mitchell will meet him in the ring.

### Shoulder Hits.

Weir and Tom Nuller, of Omaha, are matched to box with small gloves, 20 rounds, at Minneapolis Jan. 23.

At Chicago Jan. 9 Catton and Edwards, local pugilists, fought nine rounds. Edwards was knocked unconscious in the ninth round.

Mike Casey and F. G. Gallipo, both of Cohoes, N. Y., fought at that place Jan. 10 for $25 and the receipts. Casey won in the fourth round on a foul.

A coming fighter is said to be Bill Kincaid, a Michigander, 6 feet 1 inch high, over 200 pounds in weight and as quick on his feet as a lightweight.

Billy Gabig is matched to fight Billy Hoy, of Albany, N. Y., London prize ring rules, to a finish, with skin gloves, within three weeks, for a $500 purse.

John L. Sullivan tried his hand at pigeon shooting at John Bull's Royal Adelaide Hotel Windsor last Thursday, but failed to bring down a single bird. Nevertheless he was the hero of the occasion.

Harry Hicken, an ex-prize fighter, died in Philadelphia Jan. 5, aged 39 years. Hicken was one of the men who seconded Johnny Clark in the Chambers-Clark fight for the light-weight championship.

Tommy Barnes, of New York, has signed articles to fight Jimmie Flanagan, light weight champion of Florida, for $1,000 and the gate receipts. Barnes is to knock Flanagan out in eight rounds, and the fight is to take place in ten days.

John H. Clark, of Philadelphia, has taken charge of the Cardiff & Donaldson Boxing Academy, at Minneapolis, and he proposes to run it on the same principle that he conducted the Olympic in this city. He will introduce boxing tournaments.

Sam Bittle, of Galt, Ont., the pugilist, who last season pitched for the Des Moines, Iowa, Club, and Reddy Gallagher are matched to fight eight Queensberry rounds with hard gloves at the Cleveland Gymnasium Feb. 7. Bittle is a heavy-weight now, but two years ago whipped Harry Gilmore in 26 rounds at 145lbs.

Jem, better known as "Mickey" Burke, of New York, and White, known as "Swipes, the Newsboy," of Hartford, Conn., fought five rounds with bare knuckles in New York Jan. 10. Burke weighed 122 pounds and was seconded by Jake Grace, and White tipped the beam at 117 and was looked after by Jack Dockerty. Burke quit at the end of the fifth round. He was badly punished, while White had scarcely a scratch on his body.

Articles were signed at Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday night, for a fifteen round fingerless glove fight between Patsy O'Leary and John Stephens, stake $500, and the winner to take seventy per cent. of the gate receipts. The fight is to take place on Jan. 28. At the same time articles were signed between Con Riley and the St. Joe Kid for an eight-round match, Queensberry rules. The fight is to come off at Dayton on Jan. 26. The winner is to take eighty per cent. of the gate money.

A cablegram from London, dated Jan. 7, says:—"A post-mortem examination has been made of the body of Archie McNeill, who went to France to report the Kilrain-Smith prize fight, and who was found dead on the beach at Boulogne. The doctors agree that he met his death by foul play. The examination revealed the fact that death was not the immediate result of the injuries he received, but that he had been thrown into the water while he was yet alive, though in an unconscious condition."

Eugene Hornbecker, of New York, and Billy Clarkson, of Philadelphia, fought to a finish in an up-town club house at New York Jan. 11. The men each weighed 112 pounds. Clarkson was seconded by Jack Kenney and Phil Buckley; Hornbecker by his brother Oscar and Jack Smith, the heavy-weight; John Ryan, the Sixth avenue sport, acted as referee. There were about 75 spectators, a large number of whom were members of the New York Athletic Club. They fought fifteen rounds, Hornbecker winning. The time was 1h. 2m. The fifteen rounds were fiercely fought. Clarkson got sick in the fifteenth round and threw up the sponge. Hornbacker's eyes are closed, his nose is broken, and he lost several teeth. Clarkson is badly cut up about the face.

### Foot Ball Notes.

The Western Pennsylvania Foot Ball Association is to be organized at Braddock, Pa., Jan. 13.

Captain Holden, of the Harvard University foot ball team, who was quite seriously injured in the Harvard-Princeton game last fall, has returned to college.

George D. McIlvaine, a junior in Lafayette College and half-back on last year's foot ball team, Jan. 7, at Easton, Pa., eloped with Miss Sallie Lightcap. The couple went to Phillipsburg and were married without a license.

The fifteenth annual foot ball match between Oxford and Cambridge was played recently at West Cambridge, England. Cambridge won by two goals and a try to Oxford's nothing. Of the matches played Cambridge has won five, Oxford six and four have been drawn.

The Ontario Rugby Foot Ball Union met at Ottawa Jan. 7 and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—First vice president, T. D. B. Evans, Ottawa; second vice president, T. H. Stinson, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, G. C. Biggar, Toronto University. Numerous changes in the regulations concerning the championship matches were made, the most important being that during the coming year competition will be by challenge instead of by ties, as formerly.


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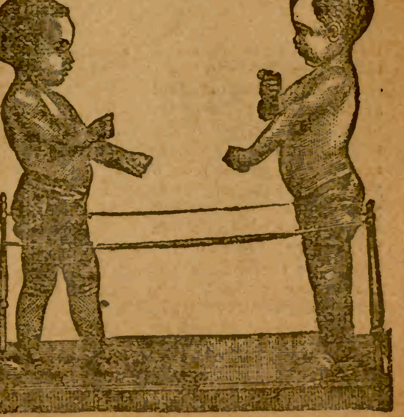

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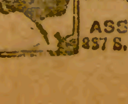

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