

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

No answers by mail. Write your questions clearly, concisely, and write only on one side of the paper, else no attention will be paid to your communication.

Who has the largest grounds in the International Association? Which has the largest population, New York State or the whole of Canada—Alto, Rochester, New York.

Answer—(1) Toronto. (2) The population of New York when the last census was taken in 1880 was 5,082,871 and of Canada in 1881, 4,324,810.

How many days does it take a U. S. mail steamer to travel from San Francisco to Australia—U. S. Army, Springfield, Mass.

Answer—Twenty-seven days.

Where did Tebeau play before going to Chicago—J. McK. Lowell, Mass.

Answer—He played with the Denver Western League club.

If a man at bat has three balls can he turn around and bat left-handed if he does not interfere with the catcher or pitcher and no man on bases—V. W. E. Clifton, Cal.

Answer—Yes.

To settle a wager, which city covers the most ground, Philadelphia or Chicago?

Answer—Philadelphia covers more ground than any city in the country.

Please let me know where I can get a cabinet photo of the New York League Club—A. Reader, Cleveland, O.

Answer—See advertisement of F. A. Smith in this issue.

Has the Athletic Club signed pitcher Seward, Yockey, King, Weyhing, Smith, Mattimore, Getzler, Baker, Kilroy, Prosser and McCarthy, who refuses to sign with Kansas City, catcher Robinson, Cross, Brennan, Wells and Hoffer, infielders Andrews, Bener, Lyons, Fennelly and Gleason and outfielders Stovey, Welch and O'Neill? Has Whitcomb been reinstated? Should outfielders wear gloves and where can I obtain a pair? Has pitcher Hudson signed with Philadelphia's new team? Have Spalding's or Reich's guides been published—J. H. O. Fort Washington, Pa.

Answer—(1) The Athletics have signed Smith, Cross, Brennan, Gunning, Fennelly, Stovey, Purcell, Welch and Bierbauer, and reserved Seward, Weyhing, Mattimore, Larkin, Gleason and Lyons, who will all be signed soon. They are after Getzler and Wells, but will hardly get them. The Athletics are not yet Victory (who has signed with Toronto), Baker, Kilroy, Prosser, McCarthy, Hoffer, Andrews or O'Neill. Whitcomb has not yet been reinstated, but will probably be if he makes an apology to the Athletic management and asks for reinstatement. (2) They should not wear gloves, but nearly all of them do. You can get them from any sporting goods dealer. See advertisements in THE SPORTING LIFE. (3) We understand Hudson will play with Mason's team next season. (4) Yes, last spring. They will be issued for next season some time in March.

When did you commence publishing out of correspondence and players in THE SPORTING LIFE? Have you them in stock, and what would they cost me up to October 10? What has become of Edgar Smith, of the old Providence nine? W. I. C. Providence, R. I.

Answer—(1) On August 1. (2) Yes. Eleven papers; fifty-five cents. (3) He has retired.

I A. bets that a certain precinct will go Democratic and B. bets it will not, and the vote is a tie, who wins?—C. E. F. Louisville, Ky.

Answer—The bet is a draw.

Who got to first base on balls offest in the National League this year?—W. L. S. Fultonham, O.

Answer—We cannot tell, as no record has been kept of bases on balls since they no longer count as base hits.

In case Brodie should repeat his jump from the Pittsburgh bridge for a wager of \$1,000 with the British officials and should be killed in the attempt, would he win the bet?—C. C. Geneva, N. Y.

Answer—No; he would lose it.

Did Frank I. Grayne shoot Annie Vonbeken in "Mario" or "Si Slocum"—Bodego, Reading, Pa.

Answer—In "Si Slocum," if we remember rightly.

Please tell me the largest number of games played by a club and a single player in the National League.

Answer—(1) The largest number of games played by a club in any one season is 188 by the Detroit Club from March 11 to Oct. 26, inclusive, 1887. (2) The largest number of games ever credited to a player in any one season was 184, by Sam Thompson, of the Detroit Club, in 1887.

How long did Boston hold the lead in the first sixty days of the season of 1887?—Sunday? How long did the Chicago hold the lead in the same length of time?—A. Reader, Lockport, N. Y.

Answer—Boston held the lead the first sixteen days; then for the next four they were tied with Chicago; after that Chicago had the lead up to July 24. In other words, in the first sixty days Boston led for sixteen, Chicago for forty, and for four days these two clubs were tied.

In your last issue you stated that John Tener never played professionally before joining Chicago. In 1884 he played twenty-eight games with Haverhill, making a batting average of .348 and pitcher of .361 and a batting average of .200.—T. Sterner, Boston, Mass.

Answer—We meant to say that he had never played in the League before, that Chicago did not get him from a minor League and that he really made his reputation playing with amateur clubs in Pittsburgh. Yes, Tener and Robinson were one of Haverhill's batteries in 1884.

D. bets M. that John L. Sullivan will hold the original championship belt of the world won from Paddy Ryan. Did Sullivan ever hold the belt that Kilian now holds as champion? Didn't Sullivan at one time forfeit the championship? If after a certain length of time does he lose any one's private property?—M. D. C. Washington, D. C.

Answer—(1) The fight between Sullivan and Ryan was for \$5,000 and the championship of the world. (2) No, the diamond belt was first offered in 1886, by Mr. Fox, and Sullivan never contested for it. (3) A champion is supposed to forfeit his title if he refuses to accept a challenge. Sullivan has repeatedly declined to accept challenges for various reasons, but never because he was afraid to meet the challenger. A good many would-be fighters challenged Sullivan and were willing to stand a good whipping just to gain notoriety, and, of course, he paid no attention to such challenges. (4) Yes, as soon as any man wins it three times or holds it against all comers for three successive years, it becomes his private property.

Please let me know what clubs will be in the Central League next season and who the men are at the head of them.—C. A. Boston, Mass.

Answer—Allentown, Elmira, Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Newark, Jersey City and Easton. Just address your letters to the president of the club in either city and they will receive them.

Please inform me where I can get group pictures of the New York and St. Louis clubs.—F. E. Mc, Memphis, Tenn.

Answer—See advertisement of F. A. Smith in this issue.

Please give me the difference in base lengths, etc., in feet between Teemer and O'Connor.—S. Q., Johnston, Pa.

Answer—O'Connor rowed in a Ruddick shell, 31 feet long, 11 inches in beam and 28 pounds in weight. Teemer rowed in a Ruddick shell, 31 feet long, 11 1/2 inches beam and 27 pounds in weight.

Who clubs did Ryan, Williamson, Burns and Flint play with just before being Chicago—Sport, Chicago.

Answer—Ryan, Bridgeport, Conn.; Williamson and Flint, Indianapolis, and Burns, Albany, N. Y.

Will you please answer in the columns of your paper the following question: A. bets that he (B.) has more money in his pocket than he (A.) has. Is this a legitimate bet? If so, who wins? This matter was referred to me, and I decided that it was not, for of course A. had no money in B's pocket, and, under the circumstances, B. had no chance to win, and, as I understand sporting law, a man cannot lose when he has no chance to win.—Fred J. Carroll, Lake Benton, Minn.

Answer—You decided properly. In betting law a man must have a chance to win or it is not a bet.

To decide a lot please state in what year Louisa Mousque, the \$10,000 beauty, first traveled with Forepaugh's circus.—J. E. O., Denver, Col.

Answer—In 1881.

Which is the last place that Brothers stood in batting in recent years? Who is the best pitcher, Lovett or Hittington? Who is the best pitcher, Baldwin, or Hittington? How many feet was Crane's recent "touch pass"? How many feet was Crane's recent

throw? Who led the League in two and three base hits last season?—A. H. Buffalo, N. Y.

Answer—(1) Fifth in 1887. (2) That is a matter of opinion. (3) Baldwin, of Detroit, retired last season with a lame arm. The Chicago twirler of that name is a first-class pitcher. (4) Left-handed. (5) Crane has not made a long throw recently. In 1884, at Cincinnati, he threw 135 yards and 1 foot. (6) We do not know, as Mr. Young's averages do not give extra hits.

What is mange in horses?—J. S., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Answer—The horse is affected with four kinds of mange—(1) Dermatodectic (Psoroptes longicarpus). (2) Symplicite (Chorioptes spathiferus). (3) Sarcopites scabies. (4) Sarcopites mutans. (1) Dermatodectic, the most common form, affects the crest of the neck, the withers and tail, and is worse in stallions, becomes worse if the animal becomes thin, and is apparently often cured when the animal is fat only to break out anew when run down again. Parasites are carried to other horses in manure, blankets, brushes, etc. (2) Symplicite attacks the legs below the knee or hock, irritates roots of hair over canons, if found most frequently in long-haired lymphatic draft horses and is rare in well-bred horses, and always worse in debilitated animals than in those in good condition. (3) Sarcopites mange is found in irregular spots all over the surface of the body, shoulders, side of neck, face and rarely if ever on the backs, loins or croup. (4) Sarcopites mutans, a rare form on horses, comes from other animals and lasts but a short time.

In playing a game of billiards there is a certain way in striking the cue ball called English. Will you please tell me where the word English came from or from what it is derived.—J. W. L., Kookus, Ia.

Answer—You will find it in Colander's "Modern Billiards."

Please tell me where the following players fall from—Stover, Dunlap, Gleason, pitcher Gleason, Williamson, pitcher Conway (Detroit), Maul, Daly (Chicago), Boyle (Indianapolis), Stricker, Deasley, Corbhill, Burns (Brooklyn), Bushong, Kilroy, Gantz, Greenway, Milligan, Harry Lyman, "International" Smith, Harry Robinson, Knouff and Larkin.—A. M. S., Burlington, N. J.

Answer—All hail from Philadelphia excepting Larkin, who comes from Reading, Pa.

Please tell me who writes to get pictures of the Toronto, Des Moines, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Omaha and Hamilton teams.—J. F., Waukegan, S. C.

Answer—Write to Mr. McConnell, president Toronto Club; H. S. Osgood, assistant secretary Des Moines Club; Manager Barnes, St. Paul Club; Harry Quinn, secretary Milwaukee Club; Mr. McCormack, president Omaha Club, and Mr. Hobbs, president Hamilton Club.

Could you give me Kelly's position and average as a batter since he has joined the League each succeeding year? Where can I get ball players' pictures?—J. G., Thompsonville, Conn.

Answer—(1) Kelly has been in the League eleven years. We only have the records complete for the past six years. (2) See advertisement of F. A. Smith in this issue.

Will you please give me some information in regard to the Pennsylvania State League? What cities have joined it? Who are the managers of the various clubs? Have any of the players been signed?—A. Constant Reader, Chicago, Ill.

Answer—There is no Pennsylvania League in existence at present. You probably have reference to the Central League, which is made up of clubs from Allentown, Pa., Hazleton, Pa., Scranton, Pa., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Easton, Pa., Elmira, N. Y., Jersey City, N. J., and Newark, N. J. Each club has reserved and signed a number of players, but none of them have yet completed their teams.

I have a Scotch colts which I wish to register, but cannot find the certificate of the dam's registry. She was registered in May or June 1881, at the sire Ayshire Laddie, dam Maide. Can you inform me in what S. B. she was registered.—H. B. P., Baltimore, Md.

Answer—Fannie (A. K. R. 1849), by Imp. Ayshire Laddie (A. K. R. 145), out of Maide, by Tweed II. (A. K. R. 894), out of Downey's Belle.

I wrote you two weeks asking whether one-armed Daily pitched for the Washingtons since they are in the League, you answered no; are you not mistaken?—W. C. D., Washington, D. C.

Answer—We should have answered yes. Daily pitched for the Washingtons in the early part of the season of 1886. The mistake was made in referring to the official averages of 1886, 1887 and 1888, which do not include Daily. President Young did not give Daily's averages because he did not play in enough games.

Where can I get photographs of the New York team?—W. C., Peterboro, N. H.

Answer—See advertisement of F. A. Smith, in this issue.

How old is Mike Tierman? Was Connor the only player who made the longest hit in the game? How many feet long was Brothers' longest hit? Who is the best pitcher, Timcomb or Hutchinsout?—E. B., Buffalo, N. Y.

Answer—(1) He is in his twenty-first year. (2) What game do you refer to? (3) We do not know that any measurement was ever taken of Brothers' "longest hit." (4) That is a matter of opinion.

Have the New England League averages for 1888 been published?—L. P. L., Washington, D. C.

Answer—Yes, in THE SPORTING LIFE on Sept. 26.

What are the weights and names of four or five of the smallest players in the League and Association? Can you give me an idea of the salaries paid by the Texas League club? To what political party do Ward, Galvin, Dunlap, Clarkson, Morrill, Glascock, McCarty, and Brothers belong?—A. Hooser Grant, Indianapolis, Ind.

Answer—(1) The light-weights in the League are Bastian, Gleason, Stricker, Fuller, Donnelly, Seery and Shreve; in the Association Esterday, Nicol, Baldwin, Mack, White and Gus Weyhing. We do not know their weights. (2) There is no Texas League now. Last season they paid from \$75 to \$250 per month. (3) We do not know to what political party they belong.

What clubs were in the Northwestern League in 1884 and how did they stand at the end of the season? What do you mean by the Millennium Plan? When a foul hit is made will the base-runner have to go back, touch and hold his base until the pitcher gets into the box, next season? Is the Easter that plays with New York the same that pitched for St. Paul about four years ago?—J. B. R., Shakopee, Minn.

Answer—(1) The clubs in the Northwestern League in 1884 finished as follows—Grand Rapids, Evansville, Saginaw, Quincy, Milwaukee, Peoria, Minneapolis, Fort Wayne, Muskegon, Stillwater, St. Paul, Terre Haute. (2) Send a two cent stamp for a copy of it and you will see. (3) Yes. (4) Yes.

Where can I obtain a copy of this year's official averages of the Association and League?—W. G. B., San Francisco, Cal.

Answer—The League averages were published in THE SPORTING LIFE in the issue of October 24, and the Association averages in the edition of November 28.

How can I ascertain the value or premium on the American dollar of 1878 with eight feathers in the eagle's tail?—Constant Reader, Brainerd, Minn.

Answer—By writing to Daniel M. Fox, superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

A. bets B. that John L. Sullivan did not sell his fight at Chantilly, France. Please decide.—A. Constant Reader, Augusta, Ga.

Answer—Inasmuch as the fight ended in a draw he could not have sold it. We do not believe Sullivan would, or ever attempted to sell out his friends who backed him in a fight.

Who lends the fishing, catching, pitching and batting in the Association? Who is the champion wrestler of the world? Who is the champion sculler?—C. Q., New Orleans, La.

Answer—(1) The Association averages were printed in THE SPORTING LIFE on Nov. 28. (2) Graco-Roman style, Lewis claims the championship; collar-and-elbow style, McMahon is conceded to be the champion, while both Lewis and Acton claim the championship at catch-as-catch-can style. (3) Searle, of Australia.

Please give me the names of the players who played with the Altoona Unions in '84. A Reader, Altoona, Pa.

Answer—Smith, Moore, Grady, Shaffer, Berry, Dougherty, Brown, Carroll, Koons, Murphy, Nofstker and Leary.

You stated that Mitchell and Cleary only met once, viz. April 9, 1883. This is wrong, as they also met in San Francisco, May 22, 1885.—C. S. R., Philadelphia.

Answer—Our records only show one meeting and Mitchell himself had forgotten about the San Francisco contest. He says the latter was simply a sparring exhibition. However, as you

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bet that they "met" more than once you win, as they faced each other twice.

What is Seery's occupation or trade when not playing ball? Is it true that he is an opera singer?—D. E. L., Jacksonport, Pa.

Answer—Seery is a watchmaker by trade. Emmett is quite a society man, a good piano player and lately he has been entertaining the Hoosiers with vocal music as a member of an amateur opera company, but he is not a professional—a Mario, as it were.

When will the "Zo-Zo" company play in New York, and who are the members of the New York City?—A. Reader, New York City.

Answer—"Zo-Zo" will be in New York at the Grand Opera House on April 23. The company will be in Brooklyn, at Minor's Theatre, on February 25.

Please inform me where I can get a concertina made to order.—W. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Answer—J. W. Pepper, the music dealer and manufacturer of musical instruments at Eighth and Locust streets, Philadelphia, tells us he has all kinds of concertinas in his stock but that none, to the best of his knowledge, are made in this country.

Where can I get photographs of the players of the New York Club?—A. Reader, Cleveland, O.

Answer—See advertisement of F. A. Smith in this issue.

Will you please give me the address of pitcher Chas. Brynau?—H. E., Philadelphia.

Answer—A letter addressed care this office will reach him.

Will you kindly furnish me with the names of some good dramatic papers published in Philadelphia?—R. S., Hornellsville, N. Y.

Answer—The only dramatic paper published in Philadelphia is The Stage. In New York there is the Clipper, Mirror and Dramatic News.

Please tell me the cost of a book on hand ball and the price of the ball itself.—W. F. S., Alameda, Cal.

Answer—Reach and Spalding sell Hoy's book of games, which contains the rules of hand ball, for 50 cents. Their price for hand balls is also 50 cents.

THE RING. This is how the Cleveland Plain Dealer sizes up the fighters of the day.—The eloquence of the fighters has been described in sports in this issue. Not one-half of the challengers deserve notice. Fogarty never won a fight and lives on the doubtful credit of defeat. Kill in a unit game. Cardiff is no better, and these are the only ones worth watching—Heavies, Sullivan, Kilrain, Joe McKeen and Mitchel Jackson. If Sullivan hit his opponent Kilrain or Jackson will be champion. Dempsey is premier middle-weight, but isn't likely to whip Mitchell when they fight. Gallagher is a high-class man, being spotted by fogarty. If Sullivan hit his opponent Fogarty at weight and ought to make a match with him. The pair may be called to California. Reddy has a man looking out for his interest and will shortly get some work. Of the light-weights Jack McManis is a distinct star for the purpose of exhibition. He is a little bit of a fighter, but he is not a fighter. He is a little bit of a fighter, but he is not a fighter. He is a little bit of a fighter, but he is not a fighter.

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The will of Tom King, the pugilist, has just been probated in England. His personal estate is worth over \$200,000. He left his wife for life, the income one-third of his estate, and, subject thereto, to his children, the residue of his property, real and personal, in trust to pay the income therefor for her life to his daughter, Mrs. Standridge, with power of appointment to her in her children.

The annual boxing, wrestling and club swinging competition for the championship of the Eastern States will take place January 23 at the Clermont Ave. Ring, Brooklyn. The Amateur Athletic Union's rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. W. H. Robertson, No. 298 Broadway, N. Y., up to Jan. 16.

Charlie Mitchell has his left hand encased in a glove and is carrying it in a side pocket of his overcoat at present. He is hopeful that the operation performed on his hand by Dr. Docherty will result in a total recovery, but he is not so sure. He has several small bones which he knocked out of place in his battle with Sullivan.

Dominick McCallister and Jack Fogarty have been giving sparring exhibitions in the West since leaving Birmingham in Milwaukee, Wis., during their sojourn at the People's Theatre in that city, on the evening of Dec. 7, a more than usually severe punch from Dom's right bunt injured one of Jack's ribs.

The "Black Pearl," champion colored middle-weight of the Northwest, and Edward M. Hoover, who stood before Jack Dempsey for four rounds over a year ago, fought for a \$200 purse at Minneapolis, Dec. 9. McKeen was knocked out in the eighth round.

The annual boxing tournament of the Scottish-American Athletic Club will be held at Parsonia, Pa., on Monday, the 17th, when the championships of New Jersey and New York at 105, 115, 135 and 165 pounds will be decided.

Jack Wannop and Tim Robinson, of Springfield, fought a ten-round contest at the Webb Inn, four miles north of Dayton, O., December 11. Tim Robinson was declared a draw, although Wannop pounded Robinson severely.

Arthur Chambers has returned to Philadelphia from San Francisco. He is hopeful of getting a license for his "Champion's Best" next June, which he proposes to reopen as soon as the court grants him permission to sell liquor.

Joe Glassey and Charles McGowan fought ten rounds to a draw on Long Island, Dec. 8, for a purse of \$100. It was a savage fight, and both men were terribly lacerated about their faces. McGowan had his jaw broken, and the suit brought by Tom Allen to recover his share of the purse money has been withdrawn.

Bob Tully, the Philadelphia light-weight, knocked out young Robinson in five rounds at Troy, N. Y., Dec. 10. Tully is now matched to fight Jack Allen, of New York, for \$500 a side.

Jim Farrell, of Philadelphia, was knocked out in the ninth round by Whitey Ryan, of Brooklyn, near New York Dec. 13. A purse of \$150 was the stake.

Young Donohue, of Philadelphia, knocked out Jim Scheffel, of Baltimore, in eight rounds, for a purse of \$125, in a barn at New Freedom, Md., Dec. 11.

Billy Madden will train Jack McCallister for his fight with Dr. Docherty on December 11. The fight will be at the People's Theatre in that city, on the evening of Dec. 7, a more than usually severe punch from Dom's right bunt injured one of Jack's ribs.

Pat Shively, on Dec. 12, started for California, where he will spend the winter.

Mike Donovan and Tom Lees are to box at Chicago for points on Dec. 10.

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