

THE JOURNAL'S SPECIAL SUNDAY STORIES FOR AMATEUR SPORTSMEN.

LACROSSE AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

Experts Write of a Game Distinctly American, Which Has Lacked American Support During Recent Seasons Through Lack of Full Appreciation.

It is most gratifying to a lover of lacrosse to see the hold that the game now has as a purely amateur sport, both with those who witness games and those who play them. For years the teams of the athletic clubs were partly composed of men more or less professional, which fact was due to intense rivalry, but for the first time almost in the history of lacrosse in the United States all the teams now playing are strictly amateur. The good effect of this is apparent, for the game has steadily grown in popularity, and from the indications so far this season it bids fair in time to eclipse some of the other sports. It is a fascinating game to a player, and a man playing rarely gives up the sport under ten years or so. There are men to-day in the Crescent Athletic Club who might well be called veterans, but who play as well as ever they did, and who have no idea of retiring. For my own part, the longer I play the more keen is my interest in the game, and the health and pleasure which is a natural result of playing more than repays for the work of training.



Our prospects this year of winning the championship are very bright. We have so far gone through the season without losing a game, having defeated the strongest team by a good margin. In nearly all our games the experience of old hands has more than counterbalanced the speed an activity of our opponents, and there is no reason why we will not be able to carry the Crescent colors to victory through the entire season. LIONEL MOSES.

Lacrosse was first brought to Harvard in the seventies. Like lacrosse everywhere else, it has had its ups and downs in Cambridge. In the eighties the game had reached a high standard in point of play, if not of popularity. It was in the hands of persevering men, and the Harvard Lacrosse team held the intercollegiate championship for some years, notably in 1884, 1885, and 1886. After 1886 the sport began to fall off for many reasons, chief of which was cramped grounds and lack of financial support. The nineties came in and Harvard was not represented on the lacrosse field. In the Fall of 1894, Mr. J. A. Leighton entered the graduate department of the university. Mr. Leighton is a Canadian, and therefore a strong supporter of lacrosse. Against strong opposition all that Fall and the following Winter daily practice was kept up by some eight or ten green men, coached and taught by a few men who knew the game more or less. Mr. Leighton worked hard and in the Spring of 1895 put a team on the field which never failed to score. Their total record of seven games was 17 goals to their opponents' 22, a remarkable record for a first year team.



The Toronto Lacrosse Club has presented a trophy to the American lacrosse clubs, and if the sport can be kept in persevering years, it will not be long before it will earn the recognition it deserves. Sincerely yours, FRANK OUTERBRIDGE, Manager Harvard Lacrosse Association.

There is a history of the game of lacrosse in the United States to be written, it would be but a chronicle of its vicissitudes. Its existence has indeed been a precarious one, and the fact that to-day we find it enjoying the popularity to which it is so eminently entitled, speaks wonders for the persistency of its small band of enthusiasts and devotees.

Lacrosse to-day is on a firmer basis in this country than ever before in the history of the game. This is attributable primarily to the fact that it has recently been regularly favored and recognized in our leading colleges. Where it has been only experienced in past years, we now find it a fixture in such colleges as Harvard, Princeton, Lehigh, Johns Hopkins, Cornell and Stevens. To-day probably no game ever played enjoys the clean, strictly amateur standing of lacrosse. One of the severest setbacks the game has ever received was the black eye of professionalism, caused by the importation of players from Canada. JOHN P. CURRY.

The lacrosse team of Cornell is to meet the Harvard team in Boston on May 23, and will return home via New York, playing the Crescents at Bay Ridge, May 25. Whiting, the inside home of the Crescents, is one of the cleverest attack hands in the country. Leighton, to whom great credit is due for the efforts he has made in behalf of lacrosse at Harvard, is the mainstay of their attack, and is playing a strong game. Willitt is putting up a star game at point for Stevens, with Buckley at cover running a close second. McDonald, of Lehigh University, is one of the best centre fielders now playing lacrosse. His passing is very accurate, and his coolness and good head work have stood Lehigh in good stead in many a close game.

The Crescent attack, consisting of Roberts, Kellogg, Curry and Whiting, played a remarkably brilliant game against Lehigh, the strong play of Curry being especially noteworthy. The splendid team work of the Crescents will be an important factor in the present series of championship games, and the Johns Hopkins team might take a few lessons from them, the playing of the latter team being particularly weak in that respect. A funny incident to every one but Bartles was the play of "Demon" Smith in the Lehigh-Crescent game at Bay Ridge. The handsome football player instructed to keep after Bartles, used the same tactics that have made him the sobriquet of "The Demon" on the gridiron. Bartles, who is a slight build, would be looking for the ball, when the 180-lb body of "The Demon" would come in with the force of a catapult, kick the ball to the referee, but it would go, and Bartles says that in the game with the Crescents he will assume some other position.

Lionel Moses, of the Crescents, while a very brilliant player, will occasionally go into a trance on the field, and "Sven" Garvin, to whom has been delegated the task of calling back the handsome Lionel from dreamland, reports a slight improvement in the condition of his subject. Bartles, Baldwin and Mariman, the attack of Lehigh, and Scott, Brockner, Captain Jennings and Welchert, the Stevens attack, are another story, and

one of the most interesting struggles in amateur baseball is the race for first place honors in the Long Island Interscholastic League. The Polytechnic, St. Paul, Brooklyn High and the Hamilton Schools are the chief contenders in the race and their games are exciting unusual interest even in Brooklyn. The St. Paul and Brooklyn High Schools are having a pretty fight for the trophy, and it is hard to predict which team will be in the lead at the finish. In the game with the Polytechnic, at Eastern Park on Wednesday, the High School boys put up a remarkably brilliant game for boys of their ages. Many of the infield plays would have made League fielders green with envy could they have witnessed them, while the batting was sharp and timely. The hit and run system was practised by the High School team with well executed, and in four attempts at this style of play they were successful in scoring runs. It was really a pleasure to watch these youngsters play, and when they face the St. Pauls, who are considered the best school team in Brooklyn, a contest rare and exciting should be witnessed. The Polytechnics have a very fair team. They are very much at home

THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF TENNIS.

Hobart Discusses American and English Players and Their Styles and Varying Standards of Excellence.

The question "How far is the English game in advance of ours?" is often asked, but seldom answered by those well posted with any degree of assurance. The general impression in both countries seems to be that we are somewhat outclassed, but the basis for comparison is so unreliable that further evidence must be taken before a comprehensive decision can be reached. Meers was the first English player of note to visit this country, and his defeat by Campbell, who was subsequently beaten by Shaw, who in turn was defeated by Slocum, certainly did not tend to advance English prestige. Since that time fate has seemed to deny the American game a fair opportunity to show itself in its true colors. Campbell, who, as American champion, played through an early season in England, returning in time to defend his title at Newport, did not do himself any manner of justice there. He has the reputation of never playing his game until late in the year, was in no kind of condition, and his game was not adapted to the conditions which prevailed there. His showing was not calculated to create an exalted impression of our prowess, as he failed to defeat one first-class English player.

Goodbody's visit, and his success in winning our All Comers tournament, tended to foster a false impression. He had the year before been ranked in a class which comprised the seventh to the twelfth best players in England, and the natural inference to Englishmen was that almost any one could hold his own with American players. Goodbody, however, stated to several of us that he had never been in such good form on the other side, and that, in his judgment, his game in America would have entitled him to as high as fourth place in England. In a little speech he made at a dinner at the Casino he said that his countrymen had very much underestimated our skill, and he was going back to tell them that we play just as good tennis here as they do there.

The international matches at West Newton last Spring were not for the most part by any means one-sided, and a very little would have changed victory into defeat for Mahoney in all his matches with our men. Pin showed undeniable superiority, but he had shown almost equal superiority at home. If the meeting had been held later in the season, and I am convinced that we should have done better. The Irish season begins much earlier than ours, and the visitors had been allowed more time to get into form. Their style of play seemed to adapt itself rapidly to the earth court, while Larned and Hovey, particularly the former, are never at home on dirt. It is not my purpose to attempt to show an equality in the standard of the game in the two countries, but I believe that it is not so far apart as many of the critics would have us believe. We have had the worst of the argument so far, but we are comparatively new at the game, and the future holds out a hope of better things. Larned's visit this Spring may effect a higher valuation of American tennis abroad.

The following is a mild specimen, extracted from my scrap-book, of the way the Chicago newspapers reported the doubles championship tournament, held in Chicago during the World's Fair: "Necessarily the audience represented all the elements to which the gentleman's game belongs. And, like all crowds, even they shouted, as does the populace, 'The King is Dead! Long Live the King!' As a matter of fact, every one seemed to be with Campbell and Huntington at first. Young ladies, who in a drawing room would stigmatize as vulgar anything but a well-modulated intonation, positively yelled with excitement as those who played to foster a false impression. And, or fierce rally of the contestants. And, from yelling for Campbell and Huntington all through the game, when at last Hobart and Hovey went through them like a caddy in a barrel of soft soap, all these young ladies, with one accord, whooped it up for the winners. 'Francis Wilson was again on hand, trying to get new pointers. He soon gave it up, as the pace set by the players would make it cost him too much for grease paint. 'Little nut-brown Hovey, everybody takes his hat off to you! 'Young Mr. Hobart, the Midway is yours! Expressions like 'Chace looked like a little brownie afflicted with the cholera morbus,' and 'Clark was all right in his way, but the way had been eating green apples,' were scattered through the accounts. Jokes on this order came at intervals: 'The game was set for 2:30, but the crowd was set for more than an hour before the players appeared.' I am bound to say, however, that for what I have seen of them, the Chicago papers have toned down their tennis reports since that time.

The members of the Flushing Boat Club have been a little backward this Spring about taking to the water, but they figured that there was no necessity of taking chances of pneumonia training for a regatta that will not take place till the middle of July. They had no desire to send any of their men to the Decoration Day regattas of the Harlem River Association or the Passaic River Amateur Rowing Association, so they concluded to take their time, and wait until the weather was more settled. The club will therefore make this their opening day, although they did hold the formal opening of their boathouse at Point Ruth, at 8:30 last night, with a "stag racket," when they had music, singing and refreshments. The club is a strong supporter of the Long Island Rowing Association, and will have a junior single, a junior double and a junior four-oared shell crew in their regatta July 18, and possibly a couple of gig crews if the members show sufficient development.

The annual prepared by Secretary Fred R. Fortmeyer, of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, is the most complete issue of its kind that has ever been published, and is almost invaluable to the oarsmen throughout the country. It contains the minutes of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the association, including the report of the Executive Committee for the year ending January 31, 1896. A list of associate clubs and a club directory, and a complete list of the National Regatta winners from the time the association was organized up to the present date. It is more than likely that Robert Pelton, of the Seawanhaka Boat Club, will make his appearance in some one of the regattas this season, as he has been putting in his evenings of late in the hardest kind of training. Pelton is a senior sculler who has won many valuable prizes in years past, but retired from active rowing several years ago. There is a strong suspicion among the Harlem River oarsmen that ex-Captain William F. Cody, of the Nonpareil Rowing Club, is looking for fresh laurels. Among the features of the fair at the Wyanoke boathouse was a voting contest for the most popular captain or ex-captain along the river, and Captain Cody received the largest number of votes and a handsome gold medal. The Captain has been rowing a very great deal of late with a first-class partner, and while he claims to be only rowing for needed exercise, the general belief is that he has his eye on the light-weight double event of the Harlem regatta. There is scarcely a club along the Harlem River that has not taken in a number of new members this year, and there should be some good developments in the Junior line before the close of the season. Indeed, the Harlem begins to look again as it did two decades ago, when young and new blood was apparent in each of the houses that formed Old Settlers' row on the south bank. The lack of inducements for juniors at many of the regattas in recent years is responsible for the retrogression noticed within the past few years. With the changes that club elections have brought about and the activity of the present executives, together with the recognition of the minor class that has

Charles Steffens, of the Jeannette Gun Club, of this city, which is composed of a number of race track magpies and owners of horse-flesh, has accepted a challenge at live birds from Charles Woolmington, president of the Union Hill Gun Club, and Decoration Day has been selected as the time and Guttenberg Race Track as the place of contest. The conditions named are fifty live birds each, twenty-eight yards rise, American Association rules to govern, for \$250 a side, the loser to pay all expenses. Chris M. Meyer, the crack Brooklyn shot, whom a three months' illness has kept confined to his home, tried his hand again at the traps at Dexter Park, L. I., with a friend a few days ago. The result proved that his long illness had not dimmed his eye, for he paired his quickness, for although the birds were a picked lot, he killed 63 out of 77. Dr. Reginald H. Sayre has been awarded the handsome silver trophy offered by the Manhattan Revolver Club for excellence in revolver shooting on the club's galleries. Some of his best scores were exhibited among the collection of 2,000 targets of English and American cracks, which were placed on exhibition at the New Manhattan Athletic Club by Captain James S. Conlin, the club's shooting instructor. The matter of better ventilation has been taken up by the management of the ranges of the Gotham Revolver Club, and while the alterations are being made there will be some out-door shooting indulged in by the members. They have adopted a new twenty-yard target, based upon the .44-calibre, but the bull's-eye of which measures 2 1/2 inches, including the eight, nine and ten rings. The ten-ring measures two diameters of the .44-calibre bullet, and the eight and nine rings one diameter respectively. They are printed on cards 10x12 inches in size and are the result of the collaboration of Messrs. Maynard and McPherson. Shooting Master Petty has requested shooting scores of six strings of five shots each on the new targets, to form a basis for handicapping for the three new classes into which the members will be divided. "Little Sure Shot" Annie Oakley, the champion of women sharpshooters, who is again travelling with Buffalo Bill, and again suffering from a broken collar bone, the result of a bad tumble from her wheel, has continued to give two exhibitions of shooting each day. The little woman recently took part in the Cobweb Gun Club shoot and the Grand American Handicap, but was outclassed by the male cracks and the swirling towerers, drivers and twisters, to which she was unused, glass balls being her favorite target. Fred Gilbert, the "phantom" of Spirit Lake, who last Fall won the Dupont trophy at the Baltimore tournament, and who was last week crowned "champion" in the United States, a title which he won from the picked shooters of the country at Guttenberg race track, has been challenged for the "E. C." cup by George L. Dieter, of Milwaukee. The match will be also for \$100 a side and will be contested at Watson's Park, Burnside, Ill., on June 1.

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Yachting. The yachting season in this country, which opened in Eastern waters with the Spring regatta of the Huguenot Yacht Club, bids fair to be the most successful, from the point of view of an amateur sailor, than any in years gone by. Yachtsmen along the Sound have done a great deal to bring about this state of affairs through the organization of the Long Island Sound Yacht-Racing Union, of which the Seawanhaka Corinthian Club, under whose auspices the international contests for half-raters were held, is a prominent factor. Along the shores of the Sound may be seen hundreds of graceful yachts whose symmetrical lines have been evolved from the brains of naval architects (professional and amateur) galore, and even the schoolboys are figuring out problems in mathematics where square root of sail area and load water line are prominent. This will be essentially a year for small yachts, although in the cruises of the larger clubs there have been previous made for the larger craft in the squadron runs. The largest of the popular special classes will be the thirty-foot, restricted class, which was the result of the many larger and more expensive yachts that practically made it impossible for any but millionaires to be owners of up-to-date yachts. The principle adopted in establishing this class has been to encourage a great number of yachtsmen to build a really fast and useful type of boat, which, after her racing was over, would still be a safe cruiser and could be constructed for a price within the reach of all. The restrictions were adopted for the reason that the length, when limited to thirty feet, was considered to combine the maximum of speed with the minimum of trouble and expense, while the sail area is small enough to make the vessels practically safe at all times. The twenty-one-footers, the next largest of the special classes, proved to be useful as well as fast boats last year, and with several new ones added this season there is small doubt that they will attract considerable attention. Fifteen-footers, or, as they are popularly known, half-raters, and were practically a new thing last season, have become the fad of the year, and hundreds of these little fellows will be seen during the Summer under all sorts of conditions. Yachtsmen on the shores of Jamaica Bay and its vicinity, which include the Canarsie, Jamaica Bay and Pleasant Point Yacht clubs, are making extensive preparations for the season, nearly every yacht in the bay has been overhauled, and the jolly Corinthians will celebrate Decoration Day as never before. The Canarsie Club will, as usual, have their opening cruise, and the tiny craft at Old Mill will contest in a race that will assuredly be won by the smallest of mariners. Along the Bay Ridge and Gravesend shore, as well as among the clubs in Jersey and on Staten Island, hulls have been scraped and painted, while rigging has been made taut and new sails bent. Along the shores of the Hudson the sound of the hammer is still heard, and work is being pushed rapidly forward on the few boats that still remain on shore. The Columbia Y. C. went into full commission yesterday at a p. m. without formality, excepting that the yacht at anchor of the station reported that it was ready to go.

Athletics. The first annual meet of the newly organized National Interscholastic Athletic Association is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, at either Eastern Park or Berkeley Oval. Hippie, of the Barnard School, will be a hard man to beat in the half mile, Bedford will carry the school colors in the mile, and Washburn and Moore will represent the school in the sprints. In the bicycle race Ridenbeck will look after the school's interests. Cutter School will have Lydard in the half-mile run, D. Harris in the sprints, and Draper in the 440 yards. In the mile run Turner will be a dangerous man and should make all the boys hustle. Harbeck is said to have a cinch on the mile bicycle race. The Pratt boys, of Brooklyn, have a crack-a-jack in G. C. Milne, one of the best hammer throwers among the school boys. He is also doing good work over the steaks. In the Columbia Grammar School lads are putting in good work on the grounds of the Y. M. C. A., in Mott Haven, and are expected to give a good account of themselves in the games to be held June 20. De La Salle Institute will be represented in the games by Beers, Tifford and O'Shea, all good boys in their respective classes. Captain W. P. McCord, of the Dwight School, will not enter in any of the games this year, but will send a strong team to represent the school. McDevitt, of the Wilson & Kellogg's School, is considered one of the best sprinters in the Interscholastic League, and it looks as though he could "nail" the 50-yard dash in the coming games. King, of the Princeton track team, by breaking the home record in the mile run last Saturday, will be specially prepared for the mile race in the intercollegiate meet. It was at first thought that Wefers had broken the world's record for the 220-yard dash at the games of the Georgetown and Columbia University last Saturday, but upon re-measuring the distance the officials found that the course was ten feet short of 220 yards. W. W. Forney, of the Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, is one of the best pole vaulters in the "prep" schools. M. Bracker, '98, of the College of the City of New York, will be a hard man to beat from now on. The way he won the mile run last season was a pretty good indication of his power as a runner.

Golf. The handsomest and one of the most costly golf trophies is the perpetual cup, emblematic of the Women's Amateur Golf Championship, which is on exhibition in the window of George W. Schickler & Co., in Broadway. The donor is Robert J. Cox, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who suggested the idea last Summer when he visited the Links of the Morris County Golf Club. The cup was designed by John M. Chapman, of Morristown, and it was accepted by the United States Golf Association as the standard trophy of the women's amateur golf championship. The officers of the Seabright Golf Club, who all have villas in the neighborhood, are as follows: Edward D. Adams, president; W. F. Harvemer, vice-president; Francis E. Ward, secretary; General Louis Fitzgerald, treasurer; William E. Strong, J. C. Hoagland, M. G. D. Borden, A. G. Spalding, William A. Street, Malcolm Graham, Dr. W. Gill Wylie, George Victor and J. F. Kernochan, trustees; A. N. Handleston, Dr. W. G. Wylie, F. A. Potts, Dr. Paul Kimball, W. H. Goodby and W. E. Strong, house committee; Mrs. E. F. Adams, Mrs. Rena Kimball, Mrs. J. F. Kernochan, Mrs. H. L. Roosevelt, Mrs. Raymond Hoagland, Mrs. John G. Niles and Mrs. W. E. Strong, ladies committee. The club has 104 acres of land, which it purchased last Fall for \$67,000. It was formerly a part of the Navarro property. The club has had a very pretty nine-hole course laid out this Spring and a clubhouse erected, and anticipates having a house-warming about June 1. So many people are taking advantage of the public links at Van Cortlandt that it is rather difficult to play a match there without considerable interference. Golf is rapidly becoming a popular pastime in this country, and the great beauty of it is that there is nothing violent about the exercise, and almost anybody can learn to play the game. It has been adopted by the very best class of people in the land, and fortunes are almost lavished on some of the leading courses.

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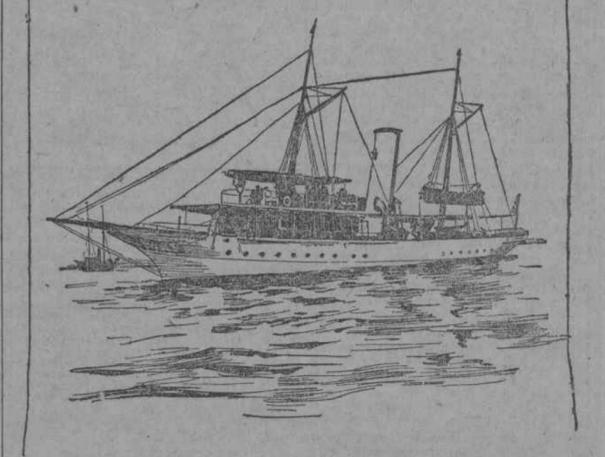
WOMEN WHO OWN STEAM YACHTS.

Three Pioneers in Yachting Whose Flags Are Enrolled on the List of the New York Yacht Club, and Are Seen During the Summer.

Yachting is a "fierce go" this season among women of independent fortune, and the woman of lesser fortune who cannot command and sail a yacht, discuss the merits of centreboard and keel, and make the nice distinction between a jib-boom and bowsprit, will find herself put on the shelf to keep company with the woman who does not ride a wheel. The New York Yacht Club roster proudly boasts four feminine names enrolled as flag members, and many are soon to follow the pace set for them by their more venturesome sisters. Mrs. Lucy C. Carnegie, of Pittsburgh, was the first to enroll as a member on May 17, 1894, and her palatial yacht, the Dungeness, is well known by all who are posted on things "yachtical." The next ladies admitted were Mrs. George Lewis and Mrs. Sarah Drexel Fell, and on March 26 of this year the New York Yacht Club acquired their youngest member, in the person of Miss Eloise L. Breece, who owns the steam yacht Elsa.

While the New York Yacht Club have gallantly admitted women as auxiliary members, the admission does not entitle them to the full rights and membership of the club, and the permit has a string to it in the shape of the following proviso: "Such membership shall continue only which does not jeopardize, in warm weather at least, a woman's appearance. Contrast, for one moment, the picture of a girl in appropriate costume on a hot day in August playing golf, riding a wheel or on horseback, and the same girl on deck of a well-appointed yacht, cool, comfortable and quiet, as the trim little craft skims over the Summer sea—there is a delicate far niente suggestiveness that makes a pretty woman irresistible and gives an ugly one an opportunity for the display of silken hostility, dainty footwear and a well-turned ankle, which she is seldom at a loss to utilize. For, while woman may not comprehend all the ramifications of the Monroe doctrine, she possesses a quick sort of intuitive grasp of the large and all-important question of accessories to her natural allurements, and yachting holds such infinite possibilities!

Yachting has another special advantage which recommends it to the fair sex, for the reason that while it may be a fad, it can never become vulgar, don't you know, for it requires an income approaching the four figures and a title of \$10,000 or so a year over and above milliner and modiste bills to maintain one of these floating palaces. The women's yachts registered at the club are Mrs. Carnegie's Dungeness, which was designed by George B. Malory and built by the Maryland Steel Company, of Baltimore, in 1894. She is 121 feet long over all, 101 ft 4 in on the water line, 20 feet beam, with depth of hold of 9 feet 8 inches and draught of 6 feet 8 inches. Mrs. George Lewis's steam yacht, Stranger, was built by the Cramps in 1880 for George A. Osgood, who sold it to Edward S. Drayton, and it was successively owned by George S. Scott and Joseph C. Hoagland, from whom Mrs. Lewis purchased it. The Stranger is 135 feet long over all, 170 feet on the water line, but beam 23 feet 8 inches, depth of hold 14 feet and draught 10 feet 5 inches. The steam yacht Baracouta is the property of Mrs. Sarah Drexel Fell. The Baracouta was first called the Fauvette, and was built in Havre, France, by Normand, in 1892, for E. Forzani, and was owned successively by Willoughby Weston and John R. Fell, of Philadelphia. Her dimensions are 124 feet long over all, 114 on water line, 20 feet 1 inch beam and 11 feet 9 inches depth. Miss Eloise L. Breece's steam yacht Elsa was built for James Renwick, who designed her and named her Jean at Bay Ridge in 1888. Her length over all is 109 feet, length on water line 90 feet, beam 17 feet, depth 11 feet and draught 7 feet. COURTENAY VAUGHAN.



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