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‘BOB,” SHARKEY’S PET.

Sharkey’s Dog, “Bob.”

Is Just a Dog, but Can Fight and Train as Well as His Master.

Pugilists, as well as actresses and society folks, have their mascots and favorites, which they admire and care for. One of the many and probably the most valuable mascot now in the possession of any of the boxers is a bull terrier called Bob Fitzsimmon and the property of Thomas Sharkey.

Bob was presented to the sailor by an enthusiastic admirer two years ago and ever since he has been a favorite with the pugilist. While training for his recent fight with Jeffries, Sharkey’s constant road companion was Bob, and the dog was known pretty well all over the island as the sailor’s mascot. Sharkey is a pretty fast runner, and if it were not for his faithful canine he would be obliged to do his long jaunts over the road alone, as there is no one willing to cover the distance at the pace Sharkey travels.

Bob is quite a fighter himself and has a record almost equal to that of his master. He comes from good fighting stock and is ready at any time to tackle anything that will challenge him, no matter what size he may be.

Although many of the boxers have dogs as their training companions, others fancy lions, horses and goats. Fitzsimmons, when preparing for his battle at Carson, had a baby lion and later secured a pony and then a mastiff. Fitzsimmons did not use his pets for pleasure alone, but made valuable use of them in his training, wrestling and playing with them to break the monotony of training life.

Terry McGovern generally makes it interesting for a few goats in the neighborhood wherever his training camp is pitched.

FOX HUNTING ON LONG ISLAND.

More Like an Impromptu Steeplechase Than Anything Else.

By Mr. Chat.

We have lots of good and healthy sport, but I do not believe that the hunting of New York’s fashionable set, especially as ...ned on Long Island, can be reckoned ...h. To make the best of this so- ...fox hunting—which at the best is ...ting of a “bagged ‘un”—it is an ...ain steeplechase, in which the ...are the “better men.” If only from ...son that they do not gaze so much ...the nether end of a tumbler. ...complaint has been heard that the ...set do not take kindly to this ...land hunting. I think that it is ...to the credit of this same younger ...they do not. I do not wonder that ...Keene, August Belmont and many ...have given this alleged sport the ...

...in Pennsylvania, in the Radnor ...ker counties; in the Genesee Val- ...d in some other sections, what is ...sport with hounds is seen. But ...ay take it for granted that when all ...ly to see hounds work is lost, and ...hunting becomes merely a case of ...man “riding jealous” against another ...e is nothing genuine in the game. It ...matter of pink coats, leathers, top ...s, silk hats and the like, with a ...ous “hunt breakfast” thrown in to ...ake good weight.

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Lakeland’s Suspension.

Only those particularly interested in racing are likely to recall the fact that “Billy” Lakeland was ever suspended during the Fall of this year in connection with the running of Maximo Gomez. Lakeland is the kind of man who needs no explanation, but, if needs had been, he was fully and completely exonerated by the stewards of the Jockey Club, in spite of the presumed unwillingness to go back of the report of the stewards of the Morris Park meeting.

The exact why and wherefore of Lakeland finding trouble would, however, make interesting telling. Not that I know it. I wish I did, and if I did I would tell it; but at that I believe that I can guess it.

One of the stewards at Morris Park last fall was a mere puppet. That, also, is why he is a steward of the Jockey Club. He is useful, highly malleable, in fact, and you can always count on his vote going the right way.

Another of the stewards at the said meeting had an old-standing grudge against Lakeland. I am not saying when, why or anything else about it—but just a plain, ordinary but long-cherished grudge, not unconnected with the special preparation of a famous horse for a very rich event. That’s all. You can put nineteen and nineteen together, if you wish, but that’s the end of my chatter.

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Baseball Gossip.

One of the most loyal of local baseball “rooters,” one who has clung to the Giants through all the discouraging and disappointing circumstances of the last three years, said to me yesterday: “The management of the New York Club has apparently come to its senses at last. The engagement of Buck Ewing as manager is the first step in a plan which is bound to place the game on its feet once more.

“Mr. Freedman must go much ...if he desires to give the cranks the ...ce they had before he bought out ...b. Ewing must be manager in ...ng the name implies. It will not ...Freedman to put in his oar at any ...xt season, whether the Giants are ...or losing.

“...man must confine himself to the ...end of the game entirely and ...Ewing, who is a practical baseball ...to take sole and entire charge of the ...ng end. Then, and not until then, will ...old-time crowds attend the Polo ...nds. * * *

“...e club has gone from bad to worse ...because the team has been manned by incapable men most of the time. ...hen a real manager did take charge ...s handicapped by Freedman’s interference.

Incapable Managers.

“...n B. Day, who managed the Giants ...opening of last season, did not know ...e thing about the scientific points of ...me, was too easy and was thrown ...by the players, although they will ...the insinuation with such protestations ...would draw tears from the home ...but they did throw him down never-...

“...l Hoey, who replaced Mr. Day as ...r, was of no more use than a foul ...ai didn’t know a base hit from an ...He knew less of ball playing when ...through, but more of the ways of ...ional players. Mr. Hoey has no ...inspirations to shine as a ‘barber ...aseball manager.’ He will confine ...in future to knocking down ‘live ...’ with a double-barrelled shotgun and ...more capable baseball men to win ...ship pennants.”

...ning, the loyal rooter said: “Andy ...n will be forgotten and his past ...ut of baseball affairs also when ...can show themselves a one, two, ...an, and Ewing can bring one out ...free and untrammelled authority.” ...any other local cranks think like-

843 ENTRIES FOR THIS FUTURITY.

Big Kentucky Trotting Event Draws a Tremendous Entry List.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 24.—Secretary Horace Wilson, of the Kentucky Breeders’ Association, announces that second payments in the $20,000 Kentucky Futurity for foals of 1899 have been made on 843 colts and fillies out of a possible 1,083, which is the largest number since 1893. This is the tenth Futurity, and it has become the leading colt trotting stake of the world.

The entries come from twenty-eight States and Canada, and represent the cream of the American breeding farms.

Kentucky names 344; New York, 101; Massachusetts, 40; Illinois, 44; Pennsylvania, 38; Ohio, 35; California, 30; Montana, 27; Wisconsin, 21; Michigan, 17; Iowa, 14; Tennessee, 13; Texas, 13; New Jersey, Kansas and Georgia, 10 each; Missouri, 9; Canada, 9; West Virginia, 8; Nebraska, 8; Alabama, 5; New Hampshire, 5; Delaware, 3; Rhode Island, 3; Maine, 2; Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia and Utah, 1 each.

The largest nominators are Brook Curry, of Kentucky, 43; Patchen Wilkes Farm, 31; Walnut Hall Farm, 27; Bitter Root Farm, 26; Allen Farm, 20; Palo Alto, 20; H. L. Asbeer, 18; Elmhurst Farm, 17; Suburban Farm, 15; Empire City Stud, 14; J. W. Bailey, James Buller, Cochran Brothers, Malvern Farm, 12 each; J. L. Drulen, J. H. Warren, 11 each; Bowerman Brothers, J. F. Callaway, W. W. Evans, W. R. Janvier and Lookout Farm, 10 each. The remaining 500 were nominated in lots of one to nine each.

226 Stallions Represented.

There are 226 different stallions represented, twenty-three of which have records of 2:10 or better; forty-nine others of 2:15 or better, and fifty-four others of 2:30 or better, making 66 per cent of the stallions that are developed sires.

Of the mares, 143 have records from 2:09¾ to 2:30, and 174 others are the dams of from one to six winners. Nearly 40 per cent of the dams are thus possessors or producers of standard speed.

The nominated colts include brothers and sisters to Joe Patchen, 2:01¼; Directum, 2:05¼; Planet, 2:04¼; Jupo, 2:07¼; Cald, 2:07¼; Nico, 2:08; John Nolan, 2:08; Brattan Boy, 2:08; Directum Kelly, 2:08¼; Sunol, 2:08¼; Charlie Herr, 2:10; Serpol, 2:10; Extasy, 2:10¼; Idolita, 2:12; Boralma, 2:13, etc.

New Orleans Entries.

First Race—Selling; one mile and twenty yards.

School Girl	100	Pinar del Rio	95
Otto H	100	Cavallo	95
Lord Neville	98	Crystalline	95
Elidad	98	Chantilly	95
Good Order	98	Nannie Davis	95
David	95	Rushfields	95
Bell Ward	99	Fewness	95
Ruskin	95		

Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs.

Inlook	113	Lovable	105
Prince of Veronica	113	De Fannie	100
Red Cross II	113	Clara M	100
Lomond	113	Commander Miller	100
Sam Fullen	113	Sadie Burnham	100
Turney	110	Pedantic	100
Avator	108	The Milliner	100
Dissolute	108		

Third Race—Selling; two miles.

Pan Charm	105	Sunburst	100
Monk Wayman	105	Shinfane	90
Joe Shelby	100	Bright Night	90

Fourth Race—Christmas Handicap; one mile.

Imp. Mint Sauce	112	Eva Rice	105
*Duke of Middleburg	111	Alpen	101
*Moroni	104	Water Crest	96
Laureate	110	Florizar	90

*Coupled.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile and twenty yards.

Albert Yale	109	Tillie W	103
Dr. Walmsley	109	Tom Kingsley	103
Walkenshaw	107	Dozie	100
Forbush	106	Donna Rita	100
Refugee	104	Astor	98
Agitator	104	Judge Quigley	98
Trebor	103	Samivel	95

To-day’s Probable Winners.

FIRST RACE—DAVID, PINAR DEL RIO.
SECOND RACE—PRINCE OF VERONA, RED CROSS II.
THIRD RACE—MONK WAYMAN, JOE SHELBY.
FOURTH RACE—ALPENA, MINT SAUCE.
FIFTH RACE—FORBUSH, DR. WALMSLEY.

WESTMINSTER’S DEATH A BIG LOSS TO THE BRITISH TURF.

Some Famous Horses Owned by the Dead Duke.

Won No Less Than Four English Derbys.

BY FRANCIS TREVELYAN.

Very possibly England has had more openhearted sportsmen than the last Duke of Westminster, but never one that reflected greater credit on the turf. In him was found a standing example of the fact that a man can be thoroughly moral and religious and an associate of the brightest intellects of his day and yet be enamored of the great sport that so many faddists and would-be reformers have undertaken to decry.

With his gigantic wealth—which, by the way, was no fleeting Wall Street dream, but the solid fruition of rich acres—he could aspire to the highest in the racing line. And if ever a man did, he did.

Duke of Westminster.

Even in this utilitarian age there is many a man who would go content to his grave if he could win an English Derby. The Duke of Westminster won four of them in less than a score of years. He began in 1880, when Fred Archer won on Bend Or from Robert the Devil, that good, but unlucky, horse. Next came that w... mare Shotover, who, after carrying off the Two Thousand Guineas, won the Derby of 1882, with Tom Cannon in the saddle, defeating Quicklime and Sachem.

Ormonde’s Victories.

In 1886 the Duke for the first time gained that acme of an English turfman’s ambition, the “triple event,” and he gained it with the “horse of the century,” Ormonde, the greater son of the great horse that won the Duke’s first Derby. The triple event, of course, means the winning of the three great three-year-old events, the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and St. Leger. Fred Archer again had the honor of donning the Duke’s famous “yellow and black.” In the Derby Ormonde met for the first time the late Robert Peck’s gallant little horse, Bard who had come out of his two-year-old career with a record of thirteen straight victories.

It was the most notable case in turf history where “a good big ‘un beat a good little ‘un.” Bard was game, as any one who saw that famous race can testify, but the giant stride and terrific galloping powers of Ormonde were too much for him despite his courage.

Orme’s Strange Story.

Ormonde’s greatest son, Orme, did not win the Derby. In fact he did not start for it, and thereby hangs one of the strangest turf stories of the century, and certainly the strangest episode in the Duke’s career.

Orme was a hot favorite for the great race, when suddenly a mysterious story was whispered from ear to ear: “The Derby favorite has been nobbled, poisoned!” The assassination of the Premier were scarcely a bigger sensation in horse loving England. The towns and then the country rang with it, and the climax was reached when the Duke came out with a flat-footed statement that he believed in the poisoning theory.

Teeth, Not Poison, Caused Trouble.

But while the noble owner of the great colt had of course a perfect right to his own opinion, there were comparatively few who believed that he was not mistaken. The greatest authority in the world on equine dentistry announced it as his positive conviction that the colt had been made sick as a result of his teeth having been neglected. This had caused a laceration of the tongue and mucous membrane of the mouth, which might readily have simulated the symptoms of regular poisoning.

Doubtless the Duke died firm in his belief that Orme was poisoned. Subsequently the horse was the cause of another strange sensation that agitated England, when, in the Spring of 1897, he was declared to have become hopelessly mad. Presumably there was a great deal of truth in this, but anyhow Orme recovered his sanity, and this year leaped to the top of the winning stallions of England, leading his next opponent, the now defunct American sire Sensation, by a long margin. This was principally due to a representative of the next generation of the wonderful family on which the Duke’s success principally hinged, Flying Fox, son of Orme.

Flying Fox’s Career.

Not only did Flying Fox emulate his grandsire, Ormonde, in winning the triple event, but won also two of the so-called Ten Thousand Guinea Stakes. The record of his victories includes, besides the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby and St. Leger, the Princess of Wales’s Stakes, worth £7,190; the Eclipse Stakes, at Sandown Park, worth £9,285, and the Jockey Club Stakes, worth £7,190. And, incidentally, the magnificent sum that Flying Fox won in the Eclipse Stakes, the Duke turned over in its entirety to the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

The Duke was anything in appearance but a typical sportsman. His carelessness in dress was carried to an extreme point, an incident that, however improbable it sounds, actually happened.

Arrested the Duke.

There was a period when it was feared that dynamiters might make an attempt on Mr. Gladstone’s life and on Hawarden Castle. One of the police force that was set to guard the place saw a man so shabbily dressed as to arouse his suspicions strolling about the precincts of the castle. He promptly arrested him and scornfully pooh-poohed the stranger’s assertion that he was the Duke of Westminster.

“Come along wi’ me to the station house, Mr. Duke,” was the tenor of his remarks, when luckily the G. O. M. appeared, welcomed the Duke effusively and presently left a very abashed cop gazing after the retreating couple.

Some people always contended that the Duke was no more of a sportsman than he looked, but this was principally founded on the fact that he sold Ormonde for £12,000 to go to South America, whence the horse was brought to this country by W. O’B. Macdonough for the princely sum of $150,000. The Duke’s explanation—and those who knew him best always believed it—was that he sold Ormonde for his country’s good. The horse was affected in his wind, and horses so affected generally transmit their infirmity to their progeny in the humid climate of England. Hence he believed it was best to expatriate Ormonde. Nevertheless, in his first season at the stud, which was made in England, Ormonde sired Orme, Goldfinich (who, like his sire, is now in this country), Llanthony and other good horses.

The Duke’s breeding establishment was at Eaton Hall, in Cheshire. This is one of the most beautiful country seats in all England. The mansion was rebuilt some twenty years ago by the late nobleman, who was noted for his mania for building, at an expense estimated at two millions sterling. The appointments of the stables and stud were in keeping with the rest of the place, and the stud groom, Chapman, is reckoned the cleverest in his line in England.

Did Not Bet at All.

The Duke was never a gambler, and did not bet at all. Still, he put himself on record within the last year or two of his life as regarding betting as no sin so long as a man only bets as he can afford. Though this, of course, is an eminently rational view, it was regarded with general wonder that a man who, despite his prominence in racing, was so set and staid in his views of life, should have cared to commit himself so far on such a subject.

Some Famous Race Horses Owned by the Duke of Westminster.

TOO MUCH RAIN EVEN FOR GAELIC FOOTBALL.

Celtic Park, Long Island City, was better suited for water polo yesterday than Gaelic football, so, after paddling around the field on improvised rafts, the management of the park decided to postpone the game which was to have been played between the Kickhams and Garryowens for the “Dunn trophy” and the Gaelic football championship until next Sunday afternoon.

Several players of both teams showed up and were sorely put out that they were not allowed to swim out the game.

“Bad ‘cess to ‘em, we have played in a foot of snow. What’s the matter with six inches of water and muck?” said Buckley, of the Kickhams. “Those Garryowen fellers are afraid of getting their feet wet, I reckon.”

But the management decided that the importance of the game demanded a better field and the ambitious and amphibious players were obliged to forego the pleasure of plowing the grounds up with the faces of their anti-go-nists and wended their ways disconsolately homewards, vowing to get even next Sunday for the fun they lost yesterday.

A hurling game will be a preliminary feature to next Sunday’s football contest.

Wow; wow; then the hair will fly.

YALE ATHLETES HONORED WITH VARSITY “Y’s.”

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Yale’s award of Varsity “Y’s” for the present year has just been announced. A total of 66 has been awarded against 50 for Harvard.

They are distributed at Yale as follows: Football, 19; baseball, 7; crew, 13; track athletics, 18; bicycle team, 8; gymnastic work, 1.

The following athletes have been awarded a “Y” in more than one branch of athletics: David R. Francis, Jr., track athletics and football; Charley Dudley, football and track athletics; F. Gordon Brown, football and rowing.

The golf, basket ball and hockey players are trying to secure recognition by the athletic authorities, and it is probable that they will be allowed to wear the trophy if they win the inter-collegiate championship in their line of sport.

Madden Confident of Ruhlin.

“Billy” Madden, manager of Gus Ruhlin, says that his protege is the future heavyweight champion, and will, in the near future hold that title. Madden bases his prediction on the belief that Ruhlin can beat any heavyweight in the world

NEW YACHTING CLASS PROPOSED.

Knickerbocker Yacht Club Fostering a New Single-Handed Cruise.

The annual meeting of the Knickerbocker Yacht Club was held at the Hotel Manhattan Wednesday evening, when the following gentlemen were elected:

Commodore, S. H. Mason; vice-commodore, W. G. Newman; rear commodore, A. E. Williamson; treasurer, George H. Cooper; secretary, J. O. Sinkinson; measurer, J. G. Honey; fleet surgeon, J. B. Palmer, M. D.; board of directors, F. E. Barnes, Rodman Sands, H. Stephenson, L. Lochman, Jr., and H. A. Quackenbush.

The treasurer reported the club in a fine financial condition and the Committee on Site reported the purchase of the ground at College Point on which the present clubhouse stands, the club having paid for same in full.

They purpose erecting in the near future a handsome clubhouse, suitable for the needs of this large and prosperous organization. The club has underway a plan to form a large single-handed racing class which has become so popular with several clubs on the Sound.

The only difference is the Knickerbocker purposes building a more serviceable type of boat than as yet has made its appearance. The class promises to be very large, as there are already twenty subscribers to it.

Christmas Day Shoots.

Crescent Athletic Club—Clay birds, at Bay Ridge.
Brooklyn Gun Club—Clay birds, at Union Course.
Aqueduct Gun Club—Clay birds, at Aqueduct Meadows.
Fulton Gun Club—Clay birds, at Oesing’s farm, Old Mill road and Crescent avenue.
Washington Heights Gun Club—Live birds, at One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and Kingsbridge road.
East Side Gun Club—Live birds, on Smith Brothers’ grounds, Foundry street and Plank road, Newark, N. J.
Open-to-all shoot at Dexter Park—Live birds in the afternoon; clay birds in the morning.
Bergen County Gun Club—Clay birds, at Hackensack, N. J.
Navesink Gun Club—Black birds in the forenoon; live birds in the afternoon, at Navesink, N. J.
Forrester Gun Club—Clay birds, at Newark Meadows.

HARLEM OARSMEN WANT THE NATIONAL REGATTA.

Energetic efforts are to be made this Winter by the Harlem River Rowing Association to secure the National Amateur Regatta next year. A meeting is to be held soon after January 1, when the whole matter will be put into the hands of a committee, which will leave nothing undone to attain the much desired end.

It is the intention to have a bill passed to dredge the Harlem River beginning at the upper end of the Speedway. If this is successful there will be a splendid mile and a half straightaway course available, which it is expected will be second to none in the country.

Heretofore there has been but little if any public spirit or interest shown by the citizens of New York in rowing matters, and it is intended to appeal to local lovers of aquatic sport in a more direct and pointed manner than in previous years. That much and valuable interest can be aroused if proper means are taken is beyond any doubt. Ex-Comptroller Myers presented a flag and medals for some race a few years ago, but with that single exception it is said no local citizen has turned a hand to help the great sport along.

The members of the different clubs along the Harlem are thoroughly aroused to the importance of securing the annual regatta, for it means any amount of new and increased interest in rowing and consequently a big boom to the sport.

GOLF PLAYERS WILL SOON START SOUTH.

Immediately after the open tournament at Lakewood, next Saturday and New Year’s Day, it is the intention of many of the leading experts who have been playing at Lakewood during previous Winters to pack up their golf clubs and leave for Florida in order to take in the circuit of open tournaments, which will last until Spring. In fact, nearly all of the leading players from the North who can spare the time will spend the Winter in the South, where there will be open tournaments every week with but little or no conflicting.

There will be an open handicap at Lakewood to-day and an open tournament for New Year’s Day. The qualifying round will be played Saturday morning, with a prize for each eight who take part in the medal play round. The first round at match play will take place in the afternoon and the semi-finals and finals for the various cups will be played New Year’s Day. There will also be an all-day open handicap.

CADET FOOTBALL HERO.

Capt. Smith, of West Point, Won Fame as Leader of the Football Team.

W. D. Smith is now the hero of the West Point Cadets. To him is credited the great victory on the gridiron over the whelps of the Navy. For his great work at left end during the season of 1898 he was elected captain of the eleven. Starting in with a practically green team, below the West Point standard both individually and collectively, disaster was predicted for the season of 1899. The future generals of the United States easily succumbed to the gridiron warriors of Penn, State, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale and Columbia. Not a football sharp in the land failed to predict a crushing defeat for the soldiers in their battle with the middies at Philadelphia on December 2.

Through it all Smith kept his temper and sawed wood. In every game with the big college teams he coached his men instead of simply playing his own position. He knew the only game of importance to West Point was the contest with Annapolis and calmly bore the severe criticisms of the sore heads on his generalship. The loss of the game with the Penn. State was entirely attributed to him, but he said nothing. He and Head Coach Koehler knew they had a green and lightweight team to pit against the sailors’ veteran eleven, and that only superior generalship would win. And such proved to be the case. The navy was beaten by a score of 17 to 5 and superior generalship did the trick. The weak point on the line of the tars was discovered and battered until too sore to withstand the onslaughts of the soldiers. The sailors’ defence was weakened and thus West Point won the game.

In the years to come Smith will be remembered as one of the greatest football strategists that ever donned a canvas jacket at the Military Academy.

Captain Smith of West Point.

COLLEGE CHESS MEN TO PLAY.

Will Start in To-day for the Inter-Collegiate Championship.

Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton chess experts will commence their battle to-day for the Inter-collegiate Challenge Chess Trophy at the Columbia Grammar School, East Fifty-first street, near Madison avenue, New York.

Each college will be represented by two players, as in past years, the team making the best scores taking the trophy to their college for the year.

The teams are: Yale—Cook and Morgan; Harvard—Rice and Perry; Columbia—Falk and Sewall; Princeton—Hunt and Henley.

The tournament is arranged so that each representative will play one game with every representative of the other colleges, making six games for each man and twelve the total score for each college.

The team making the highest scores take the trophy to their college for the year.

Games are commenced at 2 o’clock each day and finished at 10 p. m.

The college records are as follows:

Year.	Harvard.	Columbia.	Yale.	Princeton.
1892	7½	9	5	2½
1893	7	8½	5	3½
1894	9	3	6	6
1895	8½	8	3½	4
1896	10	4½	4	5½
1897	10	6½	4½	2
1898	10	8½	3½	2
Total	62	48	30½	27½

BEST SHOTS TO COMPETE IN CRESCENT A. C. TOURNEY.

Several of the best shots in the country have been invited by Edward Banks to attend the New Year’s Day shoot of the Crescent Athletic Club at Bay Ridge. The men invited include Rolla O. Heikes, of Dayton, O., for many years the champion target smasher of America, and who can give the best of the present day a hard fight; E. D. Fulford, of Utica, N. Y., who last year won the Grand American Handicap; W. R. Crosby, of Batavia, N. Y., who holds the E. C. challenge cup, emblematic of the inanimate target championship of the world; J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas, who is at present located in New York, and the veteran crack shot, Captain A. W. Money.

Mr. Banks learned that all of these experts would be present in the city during the Christmas holidays, and seized the opportunity to give the members of the Brooklyn club a treat in the sporting line. His invitations have been accepted, and some of the finest shooting that ever occurred at Bay Ridge will be witnessed.

It is very probable that the club will put up a trophy for its guests to shoot for. Owing to the various improvements that Superintendent Kerr has made in the plant the Crescent A. C. now has an ideal target ground.

GODFREY AND RYALL DRAW AT THE NATIONAL.

There was some fast fighting at the National Athletic Club of Brooklyn Saturday night. The principal bout was between Lou Ryall and Young Godfrey, which was a draw.

In the preliminaries there were three knockouts. George Brown was knocked out in the second round by “Kid” Hogan, Ed Williams quit in the second round to Lou Chalfern and Joe Abell was knocked out by Jim Fenton in the second round.

“KID” M’COY BACKS HIMSELF FOR $500.

Thinks He Will Lick Peter Maher in Ten Rounds.

Although it is the general opinion among the sporting fraternity and followers of pugilism that McCoy will have his hands full when he meets Peter Maher at Coney Island on New Year’s afternoon, the “Kid” is confident that the Irishman will fall an easy victim before the limit has been reached.

McCoy realizes that Maher can hit a terrible blow, and inflict severe punishment whenever he lands, but McCoy does not think that Maher can lay a glove on him. At least the “Kid” has great confidence in his ability to avoid Maher’s famous swings, that have sent many ambitious pugilists to sleep.

He believes that he can stop Maher in about ten rounds. So sure is McCoy of success in his coming encounter that he purposes to have a near side bet on the result when he enters the ring.

McCoy Bets $500.

He has already put up $500 on himself at even money, and has several hundreds more to be placed at the prevailing odds. There have been few important wagers placed on the fight up to date, but it is expected that the bulk of the wagers will be made at the ring side, as is generally the custom whenever two heavyweights of importance come together.

This idea is probably due to the fact that the fighters’ admirers like to see their favorites stripped before putting money on their chances.

Bet on Their Looks.

Appearance of a boxer when he enters the ring evidently carries considerable weight with the spectators, as many bettors who have entered the clubhouse with the intention of betting on one man have scratched after seeing the principals strip for action.

The recent rumors of McCoy’s illness have no doubt prevented the “Kid’s” admirers from forcing the betting, but now that McCoy has come forth and bet on his own chances they will probably be convinced that McCoy is himself and prepared to put up a hard battle.

Both fighters did little work yesterday. To-day will be an off day for the boxers, except that they will take a little road work, weather permitting.

HARLEM OARSMEN TAKE UP HANDBALL.

Handball is being taken up by various rowing clubs along the Harlem River as the prime sport for exercise during the Winter months.

Handball courts have been improvised in the club houses of five clubs—the Union, Wyanoke, Dauntless, Metropolitan and Harlem. The members have become more and more enthusiastic as they progress in the game and appreciate it as a valuable exercise. There have been many crack players developed and a decidedly healthy rivalry has been stirred up among the different clubs, so much so that a handball tournament has been arranged between the different clubs to take place next month.

Besides the clubs mentioned, that have already got courts, several others are about arranging to build them.

The sport promises to be a distinct feature of Winter practice and pleasure throughout the Winter months.

MANY AUTOMOBILES WILL BE EXHIBITED.

The first opportunity for people to see all makes of motor vehicles will be presented at the Cycle and Automobile Show to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, during the week following January 20. The great and growing interest in the question of horseless carriages, and the many millions of dollars that are being invested in this business, makes this first show an all important one to the industry. Electric, gasoline, steam, vapor, compressed air, and, in fact, almost every imaginable power is used in propelling vehicles, and an excellent chance to study the various styles will be offered at the big show.

U. S. S. MASSACHUSETTS ELEVEN AFTER A GAME.

The bluejackets on the United States steamship Massachusetts are spoiling for a fight. Not being fortunate enough to be sent out to the Philippines, where they could do stunts with Aguinaldo and his braves, they desire to get even with some poor unfortunates on the football field.

Captain L. F. Corbett, of the United States steamship Massachusetts’s football team, in a letter to the Journal, challenges any team in Greater New York for a gridiron battle. The sailors’ team averages 140 pounds in weight, but they are willing to tackle anything up to the limit.

Hamilton-Broad Bout.

Jack Hamilton, who recently defeated Oscar Gardner, the “Omaha Kid,” will be “Kid” Broad’s opponent in a twenty-five round fight at the Broadway Athletic Club on Friday night. Broad recently won a clever victory over Dan Sullivan and fought a draw with George Dixon, and a victory over Hamilton will place him in line for a match with Terry McGovern. Hamilton has beaten Jack O’Brien, who is matched with Frank Erne, and he is confident of checking Broad’s progress toward the championship goal.

Connolly and Matthews Matched.

Eddie Connolly and Matty Matthews are to box six rounds at Chicago on January 5.

Horses and Carriages.

A TEAM dapple grays, warranted 3,500, $60; business horses, $25, $50; trial. Union Hotel, Broadway, Brooklyn.