WITH SINEWS TOUGH AS STEEL.

Hardy Amateurs Whose Ambition Is to Excel in Deeds of Manly Daring and Reap Their Due Reward.

SPORT'S INVITING ARENA

Athletic Clubs with Attractions That Never Tire and Members That Do Their Best to Beat Past Records.

BOWLING, BOXING AND GYMNASTICS.

EXCITING as summer athletic contests may be when the bright sun is shining, still, the winter indoor sports attract numerous devotees. Amateurs, who desire to excel in manly pastimes are keeping in condition for the coming big indoor contests. It is never wise to get out of training, but still it is always unwise to train too much. A man's health is too precious to waste on the ephemeral chance of winning a cup, and the HERALD advises the too enthusiastic followers of athletics from injudicious work. The recent example of a celebrated runner who has been forced to retire from the arena should warn his admirers from too much exertion. Young men are rather apt to unduly exert themselves. A word of warning is good enough for the wise. Meanwhile the great games of the Amateur Athletic Union, the contests of the Boston Athletic Association and the Buffalo Athletic Club competitions, as well as other events, will put our amateurs on their mettle and impel them to feats of more magnificent prowess. Bowlers are still doing their level best. Boxers and wrestlers were never in finer form. From all other branches of amateur sports gratifying reports are received and the HERALD is delighted to chronicle the successful efforts of men in those phases of physical culture which it has always tried to encourage and develop.

ATHLETIC FIXTURES.

January 19—Brooklyn A.C. entertainment.
January 21—Boston A.A. invitation boxing and wrestling tournament.
January 24—Standard A.C. boxing tournament.
January 26—Boston A.A. open sparring tournament.
January 27—Sylvan A.C. athletic entertainment.
January 28—Ravenswood Boat Club boxing tournament, preliminaries.
January 31—Ravenswood Boat Club boxing tournament, finals; University of Pennsylvania indoor games, Philadelphia.
February 2—Seventy-first Regiment A.A. boxing and wrestling tournament.
February 7—New York A.C. boxing tournament.
February 11—Nautilus Boat Club indoor games.
February 14—Boston A.A. open handicap meeting; Brighton A.C. boxing tournament.
February 16—American A.C. gymnastic tournament.
February 19—Joint games of the Buffalo A.C. and Seventy-fourth Regiment A.A. at Buffalo, N. Y.
February 20—Mohican A.C. boxing tournament.
February 21—Brooklyn A.A. boxing tournament; gymnastic championships of the A.A.U. at the Berkeley A.C. house.
February 23—Stuyvesant A.C. boxing tournament.
February 25—Boston A.A. invitation sparring and wrestling meeting.
February 28—New York A.C. boxing tournament.
March 2—Boston A.A. open wrestling tournament; Ashland A.C. monthly boxing tournament.
March 4—Boston A.A. gymnastic club championships.
March 5—Star A.C. and Company A, Forty-seventh regiment, joint athletic games.
March 11—Boston A.A. indoor games.
March 12—National Cross Country Association boxing tournament.
March 14—Boston A.A. interscholastic meeting.
March 16—Lorillard A.A. boxing tournament.
March 28—New York A.C. boxing tournament.
April 8—Boston A.A. Fencing Club championships; Boston A.A. invitation sparring and wrestling tournament.

ATHLETES COMPETING INDOORS.

MANY CRACKS AT WORK GETTING INTO SHAPE FOR COMING EVENTS.

The Allerton A.C. will hold a handicap cross country run open to all amateurs on Washington's Birthday. Handsome prizes will be presented to the first three men to finish. The distance of the race will probably be eight miles over the Fort George course.

J. F. Tracy, of the Acorn A.A., and A. A. McAusland, of the Prospect Harriers, made an exciting finish in the final heat in the 440 yard run at the Corinthian A.C games. McAusland held the lead until coming down the stretch, when Tracy, by a beautiful spurt, passed him and eventually won by two yards.

S. Walters, of the Williamsburg A.A., is a promising young runner. He competed in the 880 yard handicap run at the Forty-seventh regiment games and won his trial heat from a good field and in fast time. In the final heat, although badly interfered with throughout, he managed to finish second, being barely beaten by G. Sands for first honors.

The Palmetto A.C., of Brooklyn, will give an athletic entertainment at the club house on February 3. An interesting programme of boxing, wrestling, fencing and club swinging is being prepared for the occasion and a good time may be expected. The feature of the entertainment will be a four round bout between two clever 125 pound boxers for a fifty dollar trophy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bank Clerks' A.A., held in the organization's new quarters at No. 51 East Tenth street last week, showed that the club has 194 members in good standing and a good surplus in the treasury. The new quarters are very large and cosey. It is the intention of the association to fit up the new house with a thoroughly equipped gymnasium and put in billiard and pool tables.

The Irish American A.C., of Brooklyn, which is just now in a very prosperous condition, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, James A. Heaney; Vice President, Frank Sloate; Recording Secretary, John F. Ruddy; Financial Secretary, Thomas F. Carey; Corresponding Secretary, M. O'Neil; Treasurer, John J. Willmott; Captain, W. J. Mahey, and Lieutenant, J. T. Fitzpatrick.

The athletic association of the Cutter School has elected W. P. Robbins captain of the next year's football team. The association has an unusually lot of clever young athletes this season and they should show to good advantage in the interscholastic championship competitions next spring. This school has turned out many famous athletes at field and track sport, notably Fearing, the clever hurdler and high jumper, of Harvard.

F. D. Cadmus, of the Corinthian A.C., ran a beautiful race in the 880 yard novice run at the Forty-seventh regiment games. Both in his trial heat and the final heat Cadmus used excellent judgment in getting through his field and showed lots of speed. He finished strong and with a little to spare in 2m. 13s. Cadmus also won the half mile run at the Seventh regiment games in 2m. 10 3-5s. He gives promise of making a good middle distance runner.

The annual meeting of the West Hoboken A.C. last week shows that club is quite strong and prosperous, as it has a good round sum in the treasury and a membership larger than ever. The newly elected officers are as follows:—President, Joseph Egan; Vice President, Edward McCarty; Recording Secretary, James Flanagan; Financial Secretary, Joseph Lux; Corresponding Secretary, Charles E. Rauh; Treasurer, M. F. McCarthy; Captain, William Kessler, and Lieutenant, Henry Schaeffer.

The Union A.C. has decided to hold a big athletic entertainment at the club house, Pineapple and Fulton streets, next month, and has applied to the A.A.U. for a date. The Athletic Committee has decided to invite the best gymnasts, club swingers, boxers and wrestlers in the Pastime, National, West Side, Star, Standard, New York, Manhattan and Scottish American A.C. to appear, and will do everything possible to make the affair a success. The features of the entertainment will be two special four round bouts for fifty dollar trophies.

The annual gymnastic championship competitions of the Amateur Athletic Union will be held at the Berkeley Lyceum, in West Forty-fourth street, on February 21. The committee appointed by the union to manage the affair consists of Julius Harder, William B. Curtis and James E. Sullivan. There will also be an all around gymnastic championship. The competitions will be on the horizontal bar, vaulting horse (side and rear), parallel bars, rope climbing, club swinging and flying rings.

The newly elected officers of the Williamsburg A.A. are as follows:—President—William F. Back. Vice President—John Frey. Secretary—John Kling. Financial Secretary—Walter Large. Treasurer—William Doph. Sergeant-at-Arms—A. L. Hangen. Captain—Harry Aimer. First Lieutenant—George A. Berger. Second Lieutenant—Samuel Walters. Board of Directors—George Thompson, chairman; Edward Jesser, George Miller, Alfred Bloomfield, Robert Fisher, Jr.; Frederick Stehlin and Frederick Bearns.

It required seventeen heats to decide the seventy-five yard dash at the Corinthian A.C. games, there being such a large number of competitors. The scratch man in this event was F. M. Reilly, of the Acorn A.A. He won his first trial in 8 2-5 seconds, but was beaten in the second trials. The winner turned up in E. W. Allen, of the Berkeley A.C., with seven feet handicap. His performance was a remarkably good one and shows that he has greatly improved. In order to win Reilly would have been compelled to break the record.

The annual general meeting of the Bridge Athletic Club will be held at the club house in Washington street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday night. There are two tickets in the field and some lively wirepulling is expected. The regular ticket is as follows:—For President—James Monroe; Vice President—J. Kermode; Corresponding Secretary—J. Colson; Financial Secretary—J. Allen; Treasurer—Thomas Farrell; Board of Directors—Thomas Waldron, Dr. F. Henshaw, John Woods, J. Gilmore, James J. Daly, Edward Carson and H. T. Henderson.

The annual reports of the different officers of the St. George A.C. read at the general meeting held last week show that the organization has during the past year been greatly strengthened in membership and finance. The newly elected officers are as follows:—President, Robert Coon, re-elected by acclamation; Vice President, G. Gladwick; Recording Secretary, C. J. Herriman; Financial Secretary, J. Sulzbach; Treasurer, E. Haach; Marshal, J. Lawrence; Captain, K. S. Baird; First Lieutenant, J. McCreery, and Second Lieutenant, C. Schauner.

The Lorillard Athletic Association held an important general meeting last Wednesday and elected the following officers:—President—E. J. Elordan; First Vice President—F. T. Maloney. Second Vice President—G. F. Ege. Recording Secretary—James Farrell. Financial Secretary—John O'Loughlin. Treasurer—D. H. Carroll. Captain—E. J. Achison. First Lieutenant—P. O'Connor. Second Lieutenant—Tom Byers. Board of Managers—W. Farrell, F. Maloney and E. J. Riordan. Twenty members were suspended for breaking gymnasium apparatus on New Year's Day.

The general election of officers of the Brooklyn A.A. held last week resulted in the selection of the following officers:—President, Daniel McGonigle; Treasurer, E. H. Crawford; Financial Secretary, George H. Hibbard; Recording Secretary, John J. Sheehan; Captain, William J. Flaherty; Board of Governors, Edward S. Scott, Daniel Melody, William R. Hobby, John J. Brady and Morris Isaacs. The treasurer's report showed that there were 484 members in good standing and a neat surplus in the treasury. The Brooklyns now have a handsome club house with a finely equipped gymnasium and several bowling alleys.

The question of superiority between the famous tug-of-war teams of the Varuna Boat Club and the Acorn A.A. will be settled at the monster meeting of the Boston A.A. which will be held in Boston next month, both teams having agreed to pull there. The Varunas are the ex-champions at this game, while the Acorns are the present champions. The last time these teams met the Varunas won, but the Acorns said that the result did not prove which was the best team, as two of their men were substitutes and untrained, and the anchor had to do all the work. Both teams will have their strongest men in the cleats this time.

The annual handicap indoor games of the Twenty-second Regiment Athletic Association will be held at the armory, Sixty-eighth street and Tenth avenue, on Febuary 21. Among the events to be contested are a seventy-five yard dash, handicap; eight hundred and eighty yard run for novices, scratch; two hundred and twenty yard hurdle race, handicap; three legged race, one lap, scratch; one mile run, handicap; one mile walk, handicap; obstacle race, scratch; two mile safety bicycle race, handicap. There will also be a tug-of-war, open to teams of four men, and a football game between the Cosmopolitan and Brooklyn football teams.

The changes in the rules of water polo suggested by John Robinson, of the Boston A.A., and which will be adopted, are as follows:—"After a foul the ball is to be thrown into the centre of the tank, when play will be immediately resumed. Waiting the casting of the ball the players may place themselves as they please anywhere in the tank, excepting, of course, within the four foot goal boundary." In the future, instead of taking a player off when a foul is committed, it was decided to take off a goal instead. The goal board is to measure four feet long by one foot wide, instead of six feet long and one foot wide. The ball is to be painted white instead of black.

Cross country running is the principal outdoor athletic exercise indulged in just now by the students at Princeton, and large fields start in the different runs. Princeton has some excellent distance runners this season, and it is quite likely they will be heard from in the intercollegiate championships next spring. The three fastest distance men in the college now are D. A. Norton, T. R. Turner and H. Hallock. The former is a member of the Manhattan A.C., and has won several prizes in games in this city. In an eight mile cross country run held last week Turner and Hallock broke the college record for that distance held by Norton. They ran the distance over rough roads in 52m. 30s.

At the meeting of the Prospect Harriers a large number of the members of the Brooklyn Harriers were elected. Among those elected are as follows:—H. W. Chadwick, J. E. Williams, Albert Cook, Benjamin Dobbins, H. A. Sibley, J. Jacoby, Captain Christopher Baxter, Louis Crossman, James Lee, W. E. Blauvelt, James Colcan, Frank Kerr, Harry Richmond, Thomas Dunlevy, George Moen, G. E. Goodwin, Wilfred Pease, George Baker, George Holland, Joseph Hughes, P. Cronin, Robert H. Whitley, the champion all around athlete of the Union A.C. for 1891; George Holland and Jacob Phillips. Twenty-five more members of the Brooklyn Harriers will be elected at the next meeting.

The Park A.C. of Brooklyn, is evidently thriving this year for it has a large membership roll and better financial footing than ever. The recent boxing proved an immense success, the club pocketing quite a snug sum. It is the intention of the club to engage new athletic quarters for its athletes to train next summer and to be well represented at all the big meetings. The new officers of the organization are as follows:—President—Louis Weil. Vice President—Albert Webber. Corresponding Secretary—F. A. Young. Financial Secretary—F. K. Kranebotzer. Treasurer—Edward Cohen. Captain—J. C. Foetman. First Lieutenant—John Smith. Second Lieutenant—James Kroner. Board of Trustees—John Kennedy, M. Steidel and John Zimmer.

The installation of officers of the Stuyvesant A. C., of Harlem, took place at the club house last week and was marked by an enjoyable time. The officers are as follows:—President, Louis Friedheim; Vice President, Adolph Kauder; Recording Secretary, Charles H. Bert; Financial Secretary, William Hanauer; Treasurer, Samuel Levy; Captain, F. S. Douglass; Lieutenant, M. Pinover; Games Committee—D. Kerr, H. Taub, M. Florsheim, G. E. Bernard and E. E. Everett. The reports of the outgoing officers showed that the club was in a very healthy condition financially. Although this club is not quite a year old it has 150 members in good standing, including several prominent athletes, and is one of the leading organizations of its kind in the upper section of the city.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the monster joint indoor meeting of the Seventy-fourth Regiment A.A. and the Buffalo A.C., to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., on February 19. The committee in charge of arrangements are doing everything possible to make the affair a big success and are offering many inducements to the New York athletes. The New York, Manhattan, New Jersey, Berkeley and Pastime A.C. will all send teams. The events open to all amateurs are as follows:—Four hundred and forty yard run, handicap; putting 16 pound shot, handicap; one mile walk, handicap; eight hundred and eighty yard run, handicap; running high jump, handicap; seventy yard dash, handicap; one mile run, handicap; bar vault, handicap; two hundred and twenty yard hurdle race, handicap; running hitch and kick, handicap; two hundred and twenty yard run, handicap; sixty yard sack race, scratch. The prizes will consist of gold medals to first and silver cups to second men.

CHAMPIONS WITH THE KID GLOVES.

AMATEUR EXPONENTS OF THE MANLY ART TRAINING FOR MANY TOURNEYS.

Tim Murphy, the champion amateur bantam weight boxer of America, has been elected a member of the New York A.C.

Benny Williams, of the New York A.C., will act as referee at the big boxing tournament of the Standard A.C. on the 24th inst.

The Brooklyn A.C. will hold an athletic entertainment at the club house on the 19th inst. The feature of the entertainment will be a four round "go" between Eddie Lober and Joe Golden, the one hundred and ten pound boxers, both of the Brooklyn A.C.

The Pastimes put out another good bantam weight boxer last week in James O'Brien. He is a stocky little fellow and hits very hard. In the Pastime's tournament he defeated three good men and won first prize. With proper handling O'Brien should make a good man.

George Kaiser is trying to arrange a four round set-to between Dan McVeigh, of the Standard A.C. of Brooklyn, and Jack Skelly, of the National A.C. If the match is made the event will take place at the National's Club house in Brooklyn. McVeigh and Skelly are two of the cleverest amateur boxers in the ranks.

The Bridge Athletic has decided to offer a gold watch for a four round contest between Fred Schneering, of the Pastime A.C., the champion amateur 125 pound boxer of America, and J. Collins, of the Bridge A.C. Collins defeated Schneering at the New York A.C. tournament, but the latter turned the tables on the Bridge man at the A.A.U. boxing championship competitions.

William McGarry, the ex-champion amateur light weight boxer of America, is training faithfully for the Standard A.C. tournament. He would like very much to meet Jim Rice, the champion, at this tourney. At the recent boxing championship competitions of the A.A.U. McGarry was unable to compete owing to overweight. A meeting between McGarry and Rice would prove interesting.

J. Larkins, of the Hanover A.C., proved himself to be a clever two hand boxer in his bout with J. Hartwell, of the Cable A.C., in the preliminary bouts at the Pastime A.C. Larkins' showing surprised everybody. He used both hands on Hartwell's neck and face repeatedly, and had him very groggy at the end. Larkins landed five blows to his opponent's one in each round. He got the decision.

The Pastimes have a good middle weight boxer in J. Fitzpatrick. He showed by his clever performance in his bout with Ed Closterman, of the Scottish-American A.C., that he could hit often and fight well. Almost every time Closterman led the Pastime man countered splendidly and sent in many sharp returns on the Scot's face and neck. Had Fitzpatrick led instead of allowing Closterman to do so he would have won.

Tim Murphy, the champion amateur bantam weight boxer of America, and Al. Jones, of the Pastime A.C., have agreed to box three rounds at the boxing, wrestling and gymnastic exhibition of the Warren A.C., of Wilmington, Del., to be held on January 20. The tournament will be held in the Opera House in Wilmington. Murphy and Jones are both clever sparrers, and they should give a good account of themselves.

Pat Cahill, the invincible champion amateur middle weight boxer of America, has consented to act as referee at the amateur boxing championships to be held under the auspices of the Salvator A.C. at Oakland Rink, Jersey City, on the 20th inst. The weights are as follows:—Bantam weight, class limit, 105 pounds; feather weight, class limit, 115 pounds; light weight, class limit, 135 pounds, and middle weight, class limit, 158 pounds.

The annual boxing tournament of the Stuyvesant A. C., of Harlem, will take place at Parepa Hall, Eighty-sixth street and Third avenue, on February 23. The prizes will be handsome gold hunting case watches to first and second. The events open to all amateurs are as follows:—Bantam weight class, limit 105 pounds; feather weight class, limit 115 pounds; special weight class, limit 125 pounds; light weight class, limit 135 pounds; middle weight class, limit 158 pounds.

W. Hecht, of the Pastime A.C., demonstrated his ability to hit hard in his bout with M. Brock, of the Star A.C., in the finals at the Pastime A.C. tourney. In the first and second rounds Hecht hit his man repeatedly and scored three knock downs. Near the close of the last round, however, he got careless and Brock got in a chance right hand swing on his neck. Hecht was on his feet in an instant and kept forcing the fighting to the end. He got the decision and first prize in his class.

The Down Town A.C. has a remarkably clever young bantam weight boxer in Charles Kelly. His showing with Mike Bent, of the Prospect Harriers, in the final bout at the Varuna's tournament surprised the knowing ones. In the first round he hit Bent hard and often, and had him all but out at the call of time. In the second and third rounds Kelly appeared very weak, and Bent made matters more even. The judges were unable to pick the winner, and the referee ordered another round. Kelly got the decision.

The members of the Standard A. C. are making extensive arrangements for their big boxing tournament, which will be held at the Turn Hall in Greenpoint on January 24. All the champions in the different classes will compete, and some interesting bouts may be expected. The weights are as follows:—Bantam weight class, limit 105 pounds; feather weight class, limit 115 pounds; special weight class, limit 125 pounds; light weight class, limit 135 pounds; middle weight class, limit 158 pounds.

The Ravenswood Boat Club will hold a big boxing tourney at the Puritan Athletic Club, in Long Island City, on the 28th inst. The weights are as follows:—Bantam weight class, limit 105 pounds; special weight class, limit 110 pounds; feather weight class, limit 115 pounds; special weight class, limit 125 pounds; light weight class, limit 135 pounds; welter weight class, limit 145 pounds; middle weight class, limit 158 pounds. The prizes will consist of diamond scarf pins and gold hunting case watches and chains.

The principal topic discussed in amateur boxing during the past week was the defeat of Pat Cahill, the champion amateur middle weight boxer of America, by Jim Butler, of the Varuna Boat Club, at the Varuna's tournament. It was Cahill's first defeat, and nobody feels it more keenly than the champion himself. Everybody agrees that the decision was a fair one and that the champion was squarely beaten. Cahill fooled Butler repeatedly, but Butler happened to be clever enough to win despite Cahill's miserable way of fighting.

Leeds, the light weight boxer of the Atlantic City A.C., whose clever work with the gloves in the recent boxing championship competitions of the A.A.U. was admired by everybody present with the exception of the referee, has returned the second prize awarded to him at the championship to Secretary Sullivan. Accompanying the prize was a letter in which Leeds states that his reason for returning the prize was that he thought he won the championship in his class fairly and squarely and thought he was entitled to the emblem; that all the newspaper men present stated in their reports that he had won, and that everybody who had witnessed his fight with Rice, with exception of the referee, was of the same opinion. How the referee ever decided against Leeds is a question; a number of good judges have been trying to explain, but cannot. It was one of the worst decisions ever given at an amateur tournament, and shows that the A.A.U. requires a more competent man to fill the position at future championships. As the referee's decision is final the A.A.U. cannot take any action in the matter.

One of the worst decisions given at an amateur tournament was that in the bout between B. Mullins, of the West Side A.C., and Matt Rice, of the Varuna Boat Club, at the Varuna's tournament. Although Mullins clearly demonstrated his superiority over his opponent, stopping all the latter's rushes, countering beautifully and getting in some hard blows on Rice, the judges disagreed and the referee gave the fight to Rice. In the bout between Rice and Butler in the final, Butler had away the best of the argument, but the judges did not see it in that light and declared Rice the winner. Their decision was received with vigorous hisses. After that everybody came to the conclusion that a boxer in order to get a decision against the Varuna's pet would have to knock him out. In the final bout B. Welsh met Rice and gave him the worst whipping of his life. He hit him when and where he pleased and met all of Rice's blows beautifully. Rice, in fact, was not in it at any stage of the fight. It was such a one sided affair that the judges were compelled to give Welsh the decision. The experiences of Mullins and Butler will keep a good many boxers out of all classes in which a Varuna man is entered in a Varuna tournament.

CHERRY DIAMOND TALK.

NOTES AND NEWS ABOUT THE MEMBERS OF THE MANHATTAN ATHLETIC CLUB.

R. Bleecker Rathbone, chairman of the House Committee, is the right man in the right place.

E. C. Converse, one of the members of the house committee, is said to be one of the best executive officers in the club.

Chaning M. Britton, of the Board of Governors, is serving his second term on that body, which is good proof of his popularity.

J. H. Flagler is one of the hustlers on the Board of Governors, and is considered one of the most effective workers in the club.

Lincoln A. Stuart, who is acting treasurer of the club in the absence of Mr. Storm, is one of the most popular and capable officials in the club.

The club will entertain their lady friends with a *musicale* on the afternoon of January 21. An elaborate programme will be presented for their edification.

Charles E. Trotten, who is chairman of the Auditing Committee, is another capable official. Mr. Trotten is a bank cashier and accustomed to the work.

F. A. Ware, second lieutenant of the club, is quite prominent in amateur theatrical circles. He plays a leading part in the M.A.C. dramatic company.

Mr. C. A. Gorlach, one of the Board of Governors, is an efficient member of the club's Auditing Committee, and is in just the position where he can do the club the most good.

C. O. Perry, the club's director of bicycling, is a member of the Board of Governors. He was when competing on the track a most successful rider, and has won innumerable prizes.

Vice President William J. Swan, chairman of the Building Committee, is winding up the odds and ends of things that have arisen in connection with the completion of the building.

The Athletic Committee propose giving Joe Donohue, the young American skater who has been winning such laurels abroad, a dinner upon his return home. The date fixed is January 24.

President G. W. Carr is now chairman of the Committee on Admissions. He is kept busy with applications for membership, which still continue to come in at the rate of 100 per week.

Walton Storm, the popular treasurer of the M.A.C., is chairman of the club's Entertainment Committee. He has already arranged for the annual dinner, which will take place January 31 in the Lyceum.

Samuel J. Cornell, chairman of the Athletic Committee, is a remarkably active and energetic member of the cherry diamond organization. His programme of sports for 1891 is far ahead of previous years.

Eugene Van Schaick, director of fencing and first lieutenant of the club, is slowly convalescing from his recent severe illness, at the New York Hospital, where he has been confined to his bed for the last thirty days.

The Manhattan Athletic Club's new house is evidently regarded as one of the seven wonders of the world by out of town folks, as almost daily a hundred or more applications are received from our country cousins asking permission to view the club's quarters.

H. A. Appelius, member of the Board of Governors, is one of the efficient officials on the House Committee. His business experience as superintendent of the New York Life Insurance Company comes in handy in connection with the management of the club.

HELTER-SKELTER GO THE PINS.

CRACK WORK OF THE EXPERT BOWLERS ON THE CROWDED NEW YORK ALLEYS.

The Frohinn club are more than anxious to meet the Metropolis club in a match game, ten bowlers to constitute a team. A series of three games to decide the winner.

Young's playing during the past week has been very unsteady. In one game he rolled a trifle over 190 points, while in the second game his score climbed above the double century line.

It has been rumored that Raubitschek and Kohn are going to roll a match game for a fifty dollar medal. If this should prove true the lovers of the sport are going to receive a grand treat.

Lauts, of the Imperials, is about to join the army of Benedicts. A fair bowler, whose records on the glazed alleys have won for her many medals and prizes, is about to become his life partner.

Hunt, the champion scorer of the Cosmopolitan club, is aching for a place on the regular team. If Captain Roe would give him a trial he might discover the fact that he is an A No.1 bowler.

Vater's rather awkward delivery in no way affects his phenomenal average. To see him roll the ball down the alley a stranger would think that it was his first attempt at the sport, but still he manages to keep ahead of them all.

Captain Decker made a good move in putting Ashmead on the regular team of the Knollworth club. He is not only a sure player, but his steady coaching at critical points of the game seems to put plenty of life into the team.

Reder's and Buttenheim's scores of 184 and 185 respectively in the tourney games of the Empire Club last week look as though they are going to have some say in the race for the prizes before the affair comes to an end.

No bowler seems to watch his chances for spares so carefully as Secretary Kohner, of the Lexingtons. He now has a winning lead in the race for the medal to the bowler that has the best "spare" record at the close of the season.

After considerable dickering the Germania Banks have finally secured Martin, the brilliant bowler of the Jolly club, as a member. His reputation as a bowler is a wide one, and his presence on the "Bank boys'" regular team will strengthen at least one weak spot.

The Hanover National team have in Pearson a bowler whom they are sure can cope with any of the leading amateurs in this vicinity. In the two tournament games he rolled last week he made an average of 180 pins per game. One of the scores rolled was 217.

From the present outlook it seems as though the handsome silver water service that the members of the Olympia Club have been struggling for since last September will go to one of the Mahr brothers. Both now lead in the handicap tourney of the club.

In Borse the Madisons have a jewel. Since Captain Haviland has placed him third in the list he has done some remarkable playing. To find a steadier spare bowler would certainly be a difficult task. His average for the present is in the one hundred and seventies.

Scheehan, Schlestein and Cutner, of the Riversides, are on even terms in the race for the gold badge of the club. All three are brilliant bowlers, and the one that will be fortunate enough to carry off the trophy will only succeed after accomplishing some fine work.

Although Nichols, of the Defendams, delivers the ball while standing perfectly still his scores go much higher than those of the bowlers in his club that run one-half the distance before throwing the ball. To deliver the ball accurately little or no run should be taken.

Captain Skell is not saying much about the abilities of the team he has selected to pit against the Imperials next month, but the admirers and followers of the Juniors are not at all fretting. Captain Skell has the boys out practising too often to be in poor shape for the fray.

Among the large army of bowlers that have peculiar motions about delivering the ball Hicks, of the New Yorks, leads. He steps back from the foul line about fifteen feet and then starts of on a gallop, and before the ball leaves his hand his body is about two feet in the air.

Every member of the Olympia Club is anxiously awaiting the return of Carl Messerschmid, their genial president, who is on an extended tour through Europe. The "boys" expect to receive many German bowling lessons when he returns. A grand reception also awaits him.

Very few American games are rolled at the weekly meets of the Lexington club. Their principal play is the "stoch" game, and in playing this they cannot be equalled by any. The game is played with nine pins, and to roll up a high score the bowler must throw a very accurate ball.

The figures made by Alsted last week show that his new twenty-six inch ball must be meeting the pins in gallant style. He always was looked upon as a promising bowler, but since he has used the new ball he leads all his associates in the individual average games of the Merchant club.

Captain Schiff, of the Fourth Imperial Club, that roll their games at the Mannerchor Hall on Tuesday evenings, is busy at present trying to arrange a class or team tournament among the many teams of his club. Such an event would excite much interest in uptown bowling circles.

Captain Rose, of the Cosmopolitans, is a bowler of many years' experience, and as far as perfect bowling goes he has but few superiors; but last week, when his team rolled the Madisons, he broke all his phenomenal records by not making a strike in the ten frames. Still, he made six spares.

Bowlers are anxiously awaiting the day to be set for the meeting of the Jolly and Germania Bank teams. All previous games between the two teams resulted in victories for the Germanias, but this season a change is likely to occur, as the Jollys have added some crack bowlers to their list.

A stronger aggregation of team bowlers than the five that are fighting for honors and medals in the Bank Bowling League, under the emblem of the Hanover National Bank, would be hard to find. Their high score of 903 points last week knocked all former records in this League as high as a kite.

Another young bowler that is rapidly climbing the ladder of fame is Christman, of the Juniors. Some weeks ago a bowling alley was a strange sight to him, but since then he has made it a point to study the game carefully, and now it will take all a "star" bowler can do to hold his own with this newcomer.

Of the large number of bowlers that have been added to the list of the Germania Bank Bowling Club lately none are using the wooden ball in a more telling manner than Schaffner. He is left-handed, but that does not affect his delivery in the least. He has never missed striking the head pins since he entered the club.

Few of the athletic clubs in this vicinity have ten bowlers on their list that will be able to cope with the team that the New York Bank Clerks' Athletic Association are going to place in the field. John Burkhart has been placed in charge of the bowling department, and under his supervision it will result in nothing else but success.

The invitation tournament of the Merchants' Bowling Club, at the Feisenkellar last week, brought out a fine lot of lady bowlers. Among those who led in the records were the Misses Bache, Miss Prendenburg and Miss Lowell. The latter's many difficult spares toward the close of the game augur well of her doings at the next session.

For a bowler that rolls an average of two games a month Harry Weil, of the Merchants, is a wonder. After being absent from the regular meets of his club for over three weeks he began bowling last week, and in the first game he played he made a score of 122 pins in five frames. This is a record that he may feel highly proud of.

"Old man" Emmons, of the Bachelors, gave them all a surprise last week. It was in the first scheduled game that his club rolled in the Knickerbocker tournament, and the Knollworths were the opponents. The way Emmons kept knocking down the pins frame after frame spoiled the predictions of many that he was a "back number."

Bowers, the latest edition to the ten men team of the Cosmopolitans, has shown himself to be a bowler of unusual merits. In the first game he took part he made two brilliant strikes, but had the misfortune to have a foul declared on each occasion. As soon as he becomes accustomed to the "foul line" he will prove a valuable man to his club.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN AMATEUR BOXER.

Instances Where the Utility of the Art of Self-Defence Was Proved.

HINTS FOR MANLY LEARNERS

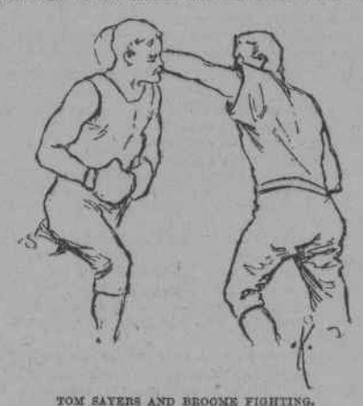
Old Time Boxers and Boxing Bouts Pictured by Douglas Moffat.

During my school days I went to a circus, where I saw the redoubtable Tom Sayers have the gloves on with Broome, also a famous pugilist, and was much impressed by the great ease with which he landed remarkably heavy blows with lightning like rapidity with both hands, especially the right, which he used with telling effect, and apparently without an effort. I have never since seen such a born hitter.

This exhibition gave me my first taste of boxing. It took place just before the holidays; and as soon as I went home I asked my father to get me a set of gloves. Having obtained these I made his butler put them on with me every day. He was a very active man for a butler, about eight and twenty years of age, and well made, and being a teetotaller was entirely free from that central development of flesh which gives the ordinary butler the special appearance common to his kind. Had his boxing powers been equal to his activity he would have been a formidable opponent, but he worked his arms about in a comic manner, kept his elbows out, generally led off with the right, and always hit round.

OXFORD TUITION.

When I went to Oxford I became a constant pupil of Tom Evans, a retired prize fighter of the old school who had a room in St. Aldates. He was very popular with the undergraduates, and a good teacher of the noble art, though somewhat obstinate on certain points, the chief of which was that he had a great objection to his pupils using the right to hit with. This prohibition may be a good enough rule for beginners to adopt during the first few months or even the first year of tuition, but it is undoubtedly a mistake for more advanced pupils to adhere to such a practice. One of the most useful things in a competition is to wait until your adversary's left is within half an inch of your face, and then sliding the head gently to the left, hit with the right. It is better to have two hands to hit with than one, and an experienced boxer possessing a quick eye and coolness ought to be able to use both hands with little



TOM SAYERS AND BROOME FIGHTING.

risk. I had seen Tom Sayers do it, and was determined to try it myself.

ENFORCING A PRINCIPLE.

At first it was not very successful, as the wily Tom Evans, when he saw what I was trying to do, took to feinting with his left or making a light hit with it when almost out of distance, and then quickly stepping in he would plant it with considerable weight on my defenceless eye.

It was only on these occasions that he would really hit hard with a beginner, being always most forbearing and good tempered except when his great rule of not hitting with the right was broken. But then he would tuck in his lip in a way peculiar to himself, and look vicious.

Boxing was at the height of its popularity at Oxford as well as at Cambridge in those days. Being very keen about it, I of course entered for the competitions at Oxford; and I well remember Tom Evans, as he helped me on with the gloves before my first bout, saying to me in a pleading voice:—

"Now sir, don't use that right of yours for hitting."

But I did use it, and kept using it on all the competitions. And pretty stiff work it was, too, each bout consisting of three rounds of five minutes each, and this against such opponents, among others, as Ainslie, Michell and Streatfield, with each of whom I had to box individually.

Michell, though less showy than some boxers was always busy and gave me plenty of work.

Ainslie, however, was the most formidable opponent it has ever been my lot to encounter; he was an exceptionally quick hitter, about five feet eleven in height, with long arms, and was remarkably cool and self possessed, never losing his head or his temper. At the end of the third round he landed the hottest blow I have ever received from either amateur or professional; I received it on the nose, and spun backward several yards feeling quite stunned; at the same moment, fortunately for me, time was called.

ACADEMIC DIVERSIONS.

Bob Brettle, who was judging, ordered a fourth round; but Tom Evans, looking at my damaged organ, ensanguined jersey—which a few minutes previously was of a spotless white—said mournfully:—

"You won't go on, will you, sir?"

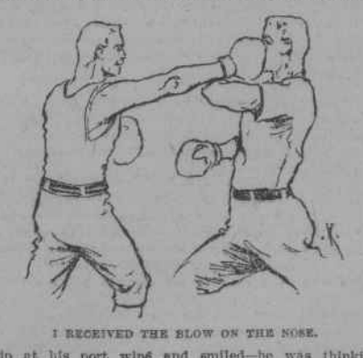
"Yes," I replied; and we went at it again for another five minutes, at the end of which time being proclaimed the winner, I had a rapid wash, donned another white jersey, and after a rest of a quarter of an hour, proceeded to tackle Streatfield, who had scored an easy win against the last man he was drawn with and was comparatively fresh; however, he did not give me the same trouble as Ainslie, and proved to be a much less formidable adversary.

I was much elated when I won the final. Tom Evans called upon me in my rooms in the evening, and brought Bob Brettle with him; they drank my health in port wine out of tumblers filled to the brim, which they emptied at a draught and replenished; then they began to feel at home, shook me by the hand, and congratulated me on my success.

"It is a pity you got that nasty hit, sir," said Tom, looking sympathetically at my nose, "but you would use your right and I begged you not to." I explained to Tom that I was not using my right at the time I received the blow.

"No, but you were thinking about using it," he replied knowingly.

"I like the right," interposed Bob Brettle, who knew how to use it with terrific effect; and he took a



I RECEIVED THE BLOW ON THE NOSE.

sip at his port wine and smiled—he was thinking perhaps of the blow with which he knocked Mace out of time; then after a pause he said:—

"Don't blow your nose for a week and you will be all right."

We chatted for some time, and before any two visitors had finished the fourth bottle of port they told me all about the battles they had fought, and many interesting anecdotes of the ring; then they talked about the competition which had just taken place; and Brettle said Ainslie's style reminded him of Nat Langham. Poor Ainslie, he died soon after leaving Oxford, or he would have made a great name for himself as a boxer.

Streatfield, however, subsequently won the amateur middleweight championship of England. He was a very pretty boxer and beat some good men, including E. B. Maddison, who the following year won the heavyweights against Gibson, Grenfell, and other good boxers, of whom Gibson subsequently won the heavyweights.

Michell was amateur middleweight champion, then heavyweight champion, and after an interval of some years, having reduced himself to ten stone he won the lightweights.

I was heavyweight champion in 1869, but finding after the entries had closed there was no other competition I withdrew my name, not caring for the empty honor of a walk over; and not wishing to have all the labor and waste of time of training over again with perhaps the same result I did not enter another year.

CONDITION IN BOXING COMPETITIONS.

It certainly is a mistake to enter for the amateur championship unless one is in perfect training. Want of condition is a great drawback in a boxing competition which, if men are fairly equal, invariably results in the survival of the fittest; and I had no intention of throwing a chance away.

It almost repays one to attain to the perfection of fitness if only for the sake of the superb health, the feeling of light heartedness, the absence of all fatigue, and the total freedom from thirst which one enjoys when in that state, a state which probably very few have experienced in its perfection, for men seldom take the trouble to train beyond a certain point.

Though in good training when I won the heavyweights at Oxford I kept in the same condition up to within three months of the time of entry for the championship of 1869.

TRAINING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Those last three months I spent as follows:—From half-past six till half-past seven in the morning exercises with Indian clubs of ten pounds weight each, and dumb bells of five pounds, and punching a sack; then bath and breakfast at eight; half-past nine till eleven, clubs, dumb bells, and sack; eleven till half-past, a walk lightly clad, with occasional running in spurts of fifty or s