

HARDY ATHLETES

TRAINING RIGIDLY.

The Big Boston Athletic Meeting Attracting Great Interest Among the Enterprising Clubs of Gotham.

BOXING AND BOWLING.

Amateur Sparrers Still Active, and Experts with the Wooden Ball Training for Herald Prizes.

MARKSMEN AND CLUB MEN BUSY.

HE athletes of Gotham and vicinity are at present turning their attention to the coming month athletic meeting to be held in Boston on the 14th inst., under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association.

ATHLETIC FIXTURES.

- February 7—New York A.C. boxing.
February 7—Seventy-third annual indoor games.
February 11—Nassau B.C. open games at Palace rink, Brooklyn.
February 14—Boston A.C. and First regiment open games.
February 14—Brighton A.C. boxing.
February 16—American A.C. gymnastics.
February 16—Buffalo A.C. and Seventy-fourth regiment open games.
February 19—Olympic A.C., San Francisco, open amateur gymnastics.
February 20—Olympic A.C. boxing.
February 21—Boston A.C. gymnastic championships at Berkeley A.C. gymnasium.
February 21—Brooklyn A.C. boxing.
February 21—Boston A.C. wooden ball boxing.
February 22—New York A.C. boxing.
February 23—Boston A.C. and Company A.C. forty-seventh regiment, joint games at armory.
February 23—Boston A.C. gymnastic games.
February 23—C.A.A. boxing.
February 23—Boston A.C. and Company A.C. intercollegiate games.
February 23—Leffler and A.A. boxing.
February 23—Boston A.C. members' game.
February 23—New York A.C. boxing.
February 23—Eighty-third N.Y. indoor games.
February 23—Boston A.C. invitation boxing.

GLINTS FROM THE CHERRY DIAMOND.

PLENTY TO OCCUPY THE SPARE TIME OF THE MANHATTAN A.C. MEN.

Billie Ryan's bowling is "away up in G" since he has lighted the cigar.
When the stationary shell is placed in the swimming tank the club's swimmers will have a chance to show what they are made of.
C. C. Hughes, the club's general secretary, has become an expert expert in "charley" rolls the ball in his own hand.

MEN WHO WEAR THE GLOVES.

CLEVER AMATEUR BOXERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN TRAINING FOR THE BIG TOURNAMENTS.

Ralph Carley, of the Phoenix A.C. of Brooklyn, has challenged Eddie Lohr, the star one hundred and ten pounder, to a boxing match on Saturday night at the Manhattan Athletic Club.
The Williamsburg A.C. is trying to arrange a four round "open" between Matt Rice and William Butler, of the latter club.

GOSSIP OF THE MERCURY FOOT.

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB MEMBERS BY NO MEANS IDLE THIS WINTER.

The club will be represented by a number of athletes at the big meeting in Boston on the 14th inst.
Candidates for the club's winter training are being trained under the watchful eye of George Goldie at an early date.
The club's increase this year will come very near reaching the country's cracks. It is a wonderful aggregation.

WORK WITH RIFLE AND GUN.

WHAT THE CRACK SHOTS ARE DOING ON RANGES.

A battery of crack shots is being drilled by J. H. Shooter. To date but few of his crackshots have been able to keep up with him.
The Midway Gun Club has done some very poor work. The cause of it probably is that the club is on the twenty-yard line, as his distance formerly was eleven yards.
Graf and Julech, of the Erie Gun Club, shot very brilliantly at the club's meet last week. If they keep up the gun they will be successful in the prize the club has donated.

BOWLING AT HEAD PINS.

LOTS OF STARS AT WORK RUNNING UP HIGH SCORES ON MANY ALLEYS.

Emmanuel is not satisfied with the outcome of his match with Hesseon last week, and will have another go with him on Saturday night.
Hesseon won last week's games with but thirteen pins to spare.
Hesseon, of the Bachelors' club, ranks with any of the "stars" in spare bowling. He is also a very graceful bowler and delivers the wooden sphere with very little exertion.

TOPICS DISCUSSED BY ATHLETES.

DRACK AMATEURS WHO RUN AND JUMP PRACTISE FOR COMING EVENTS.

The American Athletic Union will hold its annual meeting on the 16th, in which all the clever amateur gymnasts in this city will compete. The competition will consist of performance on the parallel and horizontal bars, rope climbing, flying rings, club swinging and vaulting the horse and bar.
Walters, the star runner of the Williamsburg A.C., who won the half mile handicap run at the joint games of the Corinthian and Fortieth regiments A.C., is training hard for the big indoor meetings. Walters has shown himself to be a good handicap man, and promises to make a good middle distance runner. He will represent his club in the big meeting of Boston A.C. this month.

Allerton A.C. has decided to hold a monster handicap race on the 14th inst. at the Manhattan Athletic Club.
Tommy Conneff, the champion amateur runner of the country, will be the chief attraction.
Tommy Conneff, the champion five mile runner of America, is running in old time form just now. Fifty miles in a week is no longer a record for him.
The Manhattan boys are confident they will finish first in the race. The competition will be very keen.

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H. W. Bookman and J. H. Bennett, both members of the Glenmore Rod and Gun Club, had an exceedingly hot race for the Kings Medal last week. Both cracks were so evenly matched the first crack resulted in a tie. On the second crack, however, the former was victorious and succumbed to Bookman's bow.
The two hundred bird match between C. Floyd Jones and E. Murray, which has been the chief attraction among the shooting fraternity during the past month, came off at the Westchester Kennel Club ground at Babylon, L. I., and was won by Murray, with a score of 163 to his rival's 100. The contest was witnessed by a large crowd.

The officials of the newly organized amateur gun club of Newark, are making arrangements for a series of athletic entertainments during the season. The first event to take place on Tuesday. An interesting program consisting of boxing, wrestling, and other sports, is being arranged for the occasion.

After considerable practice the members of the New York Athletic Club held their first regular shooting last week. Some of the scores were very high.
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IMPROVING HOUNDS IN AMERICA.

Recent Marked Advance in a Neglected Breed of Dogs.

TUESDAY'S GREYHOUND SHOW.

Pioneer American Clubs and Great Greyhounds, Deerhounds and Wolfhounds.

Within the last two years greyhounds may be said to have made vast strides in public estimation. A specialty club for this breed of dogs would have been laughed at three years ago, but by the formation of coursing clubs in the West and the Eastern Coursing Club in New York an incentive has been given to the breeding of good specimens, the lack of which has been distinctly felt before by those who have had the best interests of the breed at heart.

Although the National Greyhound Club of America has only been organized within the past year it has already made itself felt, and, like the English Jockey Club, it intends to exercise its influence in regulating coursing meetings and the proper conduct of greyhound affairs generally. Of course, the improvement of the greyhound is the main object of the promoters, but hardly less are the welfare of the breed and the pleasure of the owners anxious that deerhounds and Russian wolfhounds shall also receive due attention.

They therefore propose to prove to the public that they intend to carry out their claims by holding an annual show for the above breeds alone. The first will be held next Tuesday, February 3, at the American Horse Exchange, on Broadway.

Among the earliest and best known breeders of greyhounds in this country are H. W. Frantington, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Van Hummel, of Omaha, Neb. The former represents the breeding for bench shows, and has caused the importation of some of the best dogs now in the country. Dr. Van Hummel has confined himself to the sport, which he has enjoyed in many years of coursing in Colorado after the nimble jack rabbit and the cowardly wolf.

Among the earliest importations by Mr. Huntington occur to me the names of Bezoza, Scholgrind and Bouncing Boy. Though these were not very high class dogs they started the ball, and afterward in quick succession came champions Lancashire Witch, Balkis and Cassandra, though in the meanwhile Mr. H. W. Smith, of Worcester, Mass., brought over two of the best greyhounds on the English show bench. These were champions Mammoth and Mother Demko, and though getting on in years they held undisturbed sway for some time, and old Mammoth, now over twenty years old, is still a model of what a good greyhound should be.

The American, National and Occidental coursing clubs in Kansas and California have been organized several years, and there, where the jack rabbit is at home, greyhounds have some difficulty in killing, and by no stretch of imagination can coursing be termed cruelty to animals.

In the late meeting of the American Coursing Club at Great Bend, Kan., out of fourteen courses only one jack was killed, many of the hare running with but few turns to the hills some four or five miles distant.

Such meetings have naturally created a breed of greyhounds that for speed, condition and strength cannot be excelled in the world. In England, where coursing is almost on a par with horse racing, and where vast sums of money are invested in this breed, the hare is by no means so swift, strong, but is therefore more "tricky," and thus gives the courser an opportunity to see the course which in many cases his Western cousin is deprived of unless mounted on a very fast horse.

The amount of care and training necessary to fit a greyhound for the alps would astonish some of our citizens who have no further idea of a greyhound than as a most graceful and rather elegant animal. Some of the best greyhounds in the world are housed in England, such as Colonel North's, the owner of the great Fullerton, may be likened to a ball game in Chicago in sending the one message will cause its immediate and simultaneous appearance upon any number of recording dials located upon the circuit at widely different points.

These dials are light bristol board disks, with words or numbers printed thereon. The disks are covered by electric magnets, upon which the same principle as the "hotel annunciator." The suitable word or number appears at the opening in the face of the dial as a row in the accompanying diagram.

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THE SCOTCH DEERHOUND.

I say that these two could do no better than one and this respectably in their classes at the last W. K. C. show.

The Scotch deerhound, however, I am sorry to say, make the same progress in public favor as the greyhound. This breed was until recent years bred as the same dog as the deer in the deer in Scotland, but now rarely ever used for that purpose, half bred collies and foxhounds having taken their place to a great extent. These dogs are noted for their docility and strength. Bull-like their smooth coated brother, they are heavier and coarser in head and bone, with the body covered by a thick coating of rough hair, giving them a very shaggy appearance.

Very John E. Thayer, the Boston millinaire, has been bred from the Scotch deerhound, and at the time of his importation his chief claim was considered the best in the world on the point of breeding.

Some years ago Mr. Edward Kelly, son of the well known breeder, imported several champions. Among them were Mac and Thora. On the dispersal of his kennel he went West to Van Hummel's kennel, and though this dog had never been tried on game and hardly knew what it meant, when he had become acclimated and accustomed to running in the high altitude of the mountains he took to coursing both wolves and deer with such relish that he became one of the farthest and most inveterate hunters in his kennel, his immense strength and speed enabling him to pull down a deer in less than half an hour.

Another breed of greyhound family is the Barzo, or Russian wolfhound, and considered by many people the coming breed in popular fancy.

As yet there are only very few of them in this country. As the picture of Zioosen shows, they are built on the same lines as the greyhound, with the addition of greater height and power. They are of great strength and speed they run in couples and packs, and coming up with the quarry they hold it, one on each side, until the quarry is exhausted. The popular story goes, he jumps astride of the wolf and with his long neck gives him his coup de grace.

It is the sport of the nobility, and the best specimens of the breed are highly cherished, so that it is extremely difficult to import them. The best of the breed is one owned by Mrs. Wellesley (Kate Vaughan), of the country, Krielt by name.

In the summer Mr. Paul Hacke, of Pittsburgh, Pa., purchased two in St. Petersburg, and as they are represented to be the best to be procured he had them taken in charge by the American Club, which exhibit both dogs at the Crystal Palace show last week. The struggle lay between Krielt and Zioosen, the prize eventually going to Krielt, though Zioosen was not disgraced by any means. When he appears at the greyhound show will follow a similar scene. The Scotch deerhound, however, is not so common in this country, and the owner of the great Fullerton, may be likened to a ball game in Chicago in sending the one message will cause its immediate and simultaneous appearance upon any number of recording dials located upon the circuit at widely different points.

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