ATHLETICS AND THE STAGE.

THE NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CLUB.

An Organization In Which the Word "Amateur" Is More Than an Empty Term. The President, James E. Sullivan.

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The New Jersey Athletic club, whose beautiful grounds are situated on the shores of Newark bay at Bayonne, N. J., is a splendid type of the purely amateur athletic club. Its home is open to every man who is allowed to enter into any athletic contest from which to draw its future years. Its Memorial day the first season marketed its visitors, N. J. is the championship of New Jersey. The result was an overwhelming victory for the visitors, who scored 62 runs to their opponents' 7.

Situated where it is, on the shores of Newark bay, the members of the N. J. A. C. have great advantages in regard to practice, the lake front and yachting having in the minds of many that they have not been spoiled. The action of the Board, has flown away nearly every yacht in the harbor, and it is hoped to inaugurate a new era in this branch of sport. There is a fleet of racers upon the club present belonging since 20 and every year efforts are made to strengthen the crews, the scene of races are held on the second anniversary of the Brooklyn club, presided over by President Charles Ebbets of America's top team.

There is a statement that not $10,000 which is a mighty big sum, it is said of some and is $5,000 high. There are billiard rooms, bowling and card rooms, besides a cozy billiard parlor, in the basement are extended bowling alleys. On the second floor is an auditorium capable of holding 1,000 people, with a stage at one end. The building is surrounded on three sides by wide porches. There are also a large grand stand and a tennis house situated beside the courts.

Tennis, golf and every other sport is favored by the club and has its enterprising the five hundred odd members.

No member of the New Jersey Athletic club would be complete unless known E. E. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan he is affectionately called by his customers and is known by that title all over America. He is secretary of the **Amateur Athletic union**, president of the **Metropolitan Association** of the A. A. U. and has a dozen other titles, but the one he values most is that of president of the New Jersey Athletic club. That title means much to Mr. Sullivan, but it means more to the club, and it is in a great measure owing to his efforts and methods that the name of the organization over which he presides has come to be synonymous with all that is best in amateur athletics.

RUGAR E. CARPENTER.

General Tracy's New Stallion.

General B. F. Tracy, ex-secretary of the navy and well known as one of the leading breeders of the country, has purchased from Village Farm the well known stallion Lord Alcy, a horse renowned in the, sired by Hamilton King and out of Princess Chimes, sired by Prince Royal III. 3,282, by Chimes. As a yearling Lord Alcy cost 3,200 guineas, a great deal record would have been too rich for horse considered. He all race winner of Stakes at Wolverhampton, Derby, Ascot, which horse Colonel Tracy recently sold to a Russian nobleman. Wallridge was owned by Charles Nelson Hoag, Wood stock farm, Cedar Rapids, Ia., for several years.

Fun For the Caddie.

The latest golf story is about a caddie who tried in vain to get the hole of carrying the clubs of a famous player. When it was the player's turn to play, he placed the ball carefully, then looked and into position, seeing no club has a few hundred yards and missed. The caddie looking intently upon the player, the latter drew and missed, and the caddie looking intently upon the player. At the third try the ball was driven the tee for about six feet. "Hi, mate!" called the caddie derisively. "Ye carry your clubs for the fun o' the thing."

Florence Hodge, another to star who sprint into vaudeville, recently made her London debut and is credited with one of the slightest individual bits of the season's bills.

A FORTUNE SPENT ON BASEBALL.

The National Game Costs This Country More Than $1,000,000 a Year—The Principal Items of Expense.

Few people have any idea of the immense sum annually expended to maintain a National league baseball team for one season alone. It is estimated that it amounts to over $100,000. This seems an enormous sum, but it is correct nevertheless.

Considering that the playing season only lasts a little over six months this expenditure amounts to $16,666 a month. As the National league comprises 12 clubs, and each $16,666 is twelve and other materials of the game, for which at least $500 will be required. There are still other matters of expense to be added. The magnate finds at the end of each season something like $5,000 charged up against him for back players' salaries and other expenses of the parent organization. Then there are the administration of the club and other institutions that necessarily crop up during a season.

Among the above items we estimate for from the fact that in the former case no changes in the make up of the team are necessary, whereas when defeat is the order of the day the proprietors have continually to be purchasing and trying new men and in other ways spending money to strengthen the club. Indeed, some people will pay to see a winning team play than will go to see a losing one get deeper in the mire.

All these things being considered, it can easily be understood how the profits are cut down, although the receipts of a National league baseball club yearly are enormous. ELBERT WOOD.

The Circuit Chasers.

Thirty cities in as many states are actively represented on the national cycling racing circuit of 1898 by leading men in professional racing. As the more prominent representatives line up for the championship struggle at the circuit meets there will be such a representative cash of as many cities as there are men in line, for no one city has more than one entrant for championship honors in either the sprinting or middle distance class.

There will be Half of Buffalo, Cooper of Detroit, Arthur Gardner of Chicago, Earl Kiser of Dayton, O., Tom Butler of Boston, Coleman of St. Louis, Berger of Milwaukee, George Banker of Pittsburg, John B. Johnson of Worcester, Stevens of Cleveland, Ed. De Bruler of Cleveland and many others from as many other cities, all in the hunt for the championship of the month.

These men represent the cream of the sport, at the start of the circuit. They remain in company for six months, then scatter to their homes. Some return when another season rolls around, some do not, but the places of those withdrawn are taken by others, and the annual contest see every prominent city well represented. In the past Chicago, Boston, St. Louis and Louisville are well represented by teams of fine and fire capable men. All of the other cities of the land the have one, two or three good men in the field.

For some years Buffalo has seemingly led in the development of fleet riders, and for three years Buffalo has had the champion in field. In 1897 the honors gave Mike Discoleque to the circuit and Justin Decker held that crown. This year the city by the lake is represented by Bald, Al Newhouse, Al Weling, C. J. Miller, a likely comer, E. D. Stevens and others and is well provided for. In the middle distance route Ray Duer outside the Hoen colors, and there are those that predict that he will do it well.

Sydney Dowe, who went to London with Mrs. Dowe and helped to present their vaudeville sketch to the music halls of the British metropolis with considerable success, has again returned to the "sight" and is making a fine English reputation by his work in "My Lady Dangerfield" at the Royal theatre, London.

A POPULAR PRIMA DONNA.

Ella May, whose pretty and demure face is shown herewith, has made as great a success as the prima donna of the "Belle of New York" company in London that were she a less amiable little body her head would have been turned by that, combined with the numerous offers which she has received from English managers. She very angry, however, declares that she will return to America in the fall and go on with her own show just as though nothing had happened. In private life Miss May is Mrs. Fred Tighe, her husband being the well known artist who competed in many dress and sign contests.

Stories of The Stage.

The return to the stage in London of Mrs. Lewis (Kate Terry) after a long absence has made the illustrious theatrical family of Terrys, of which all the English actors of that name, including Edward Terry, are members, an interesting topic. Kate Terry, who is now acting Mrs. Fisher in "The Mayfair" at the London Court theater, is the eldest of the Terry sisters of the London stage, who include the illustrious Ellen and Marion, a popular London actress who is not known here. Fred Terry, who last visit to America was made with his wife, Julia Neilson, in John Hare's company, is their brother. Ellen Terry's son, Gordon Craig, has been in the Jon Lyceum company since his graduation. He is tractive are and has children who inherit the Terry acting talent and divorced. He is a versatile young man, and some drawings by him in black and white have lately attracted much notice.

Though Ada Rehan has acted constantly in New York for almost 10 years, there are probably few actresses of local celebrity so little known to sight. She is rarely seen on the room, was never known to take part in one of the entertainments organized by the women of her profession and is supposed to be seen only on the stage. Her nothing stand was in Texas. The company she was traveling with was one of those small organizations that scurry into a big city and are accompanied to nearly all sorts of hardships. The reached a little town towards evening and being fatigued, tired and dusty she thought that a bath would be extremely refreshing. She asked the proprietor if there was such a thing as a bathroom in the house. He told her so, but added he could furnish her with a good sized washtub.

She thought she would take her chances on the washtub. He had it sent up to her room, and soon the housekeeper's son had it filled with water. It looked very little, but not enough to hurt, and the water was delightfully cool and refreshing. She was just congratulating herself that a washtub wasn't such a bad thing to take a bath in, when she was startled by a knock on an outside step and a voice from the roof of the old tub was giving way and in a moment more the place would be deluged.

She didn't care so much for the oil carpet and the leaking through the floor, but in throwing she had scattered her clothes all around. These were seriously be ruined, and as she had to others she was in a dilemma. One of the boots had already given way, and there was nothing for her to do but to hold the staves with her hands and arms. Hanging the immediate top on all the ardent passion you can send in books, she began to shout for help, and very soon she heard the manager's voice outside inquiring what in tomat was.

"Oh, please send your wife up!" she shouted. "Don't ask her why; just hurry."

She hugged some more and waited. Ada in her hard footsteps.

"My wife's out, but here's my son Charley," came the answer. "He's big and strong, and he'll help you."

Then the actress hesitated. Hysterical, but she managed to shout to Charley. "Don't you come in here, don't you dare, but hurry and get your mother or her husband." After considerable waiting she was rescued from her watery prison.

William Morris, who for the past two seasons has been advance agent of "The Wizard of the Nile" opera company, writes an interesting experience which the company had in a big storm two seasons ago, when Frank Daniels was with it. They were playing at Plainfield, N. J., on a Friday night, and the following night they were to play at Burlington, Vt. Now, the usual way of getting from one city to the other is, whenever it is at all feasible, to go by rail and round the northern end of Lake Champlain, but at this particular time of trains in that part of the world were suspended. Manager Strike in Chicago telegraphed the manager of the opera house at Burlington that the company was stranded and could not reach there in time to give the performance.

The following telegram came back: "You must get here, as all seats are sold, and I cannot afford to disappoint so large a crowd." Of course, the manager that he could not afford to lose the profits of the engagement.

Arrangements were made with a livery stable to transfer company and all the scenery, etc., across the lake on sleighs. When all preparations had been made and the company had crossed up to Rouses Point, in Canada, the procession of 12 large sleighs began to move across the ice, bound for the township, who had gathered in the hamlet to see the show.

The company thought it great sport at first, never realizing that it was just 20 miles to Burlington. All went well until the descendant of Ali Baba, Frank Daniels, who assumes the character of Kilooch the Wizard, was taken with a chill and not having brought whiskey with them, poor Kilooch was feeling decidedly shaky.

"I wish I had a drink of whiskey," he muttered to himself, "with the ice so soft and it too." He thought for the crowd, he commanded his processor to halt and showed: "In the pocket of some member of this sleighing party there is concealed a bottle of whiskey and I demand it. Let the man who all owner of my magic powers or a wizard I, will cause the river Nile to rise and overflow the city and who made the King of Egypt my vassal. I am the wizard of this blizzard. One word from my wand puts the ice under you all and you will dance in the cold water forever."

"Here comes the whiskey," shouted some members of the company. A bottle was handed over to him. He took a long drink and, shaking his head, he said, "Am I a wizard? Wait a minute!"

VIEW OF THE GROUNDS OF THE NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CLUB.

of the numerous sports followed by the organization.

The club is one of the oldest and best known athletic associations in the United States, and many of the Board athletes in America have worn the colors when racing results and records were made. Arthur Kennedy, for years the champion sculler of that country, was an amateur and a member of the club and was not Brennan say he had the record in the track and that then appeared in Lynn Dexter. On the same day J. C. Mechalchy of the University of Pennsylvania made a new world record at throwing the 16 pound hammer and Mr. Sullivan, "Dick" Pierce, a member of the Pennsylvania team, made a new record at throwing the 56 pound weight. The club has a director, "Dick" Pierce, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Amateur Athletic club, Hayes Wheaton, who is a member of the National Jockey club, of New York, and Mr. Sullivan himself.

The club, after several years of hard work, built up a splendid team, but was often troubled by the mistake was made never to deal an amateur by wire and methods which have succeeded in Bryan Bowl. The club is again building a good team and will football teams, every player in which is a born Mr. Sullivan and pay no money to the club.

In cricket the club has carried some of its greatest laurels. With no number of one or two of the strong Cricket clubs in America and a few teams in the country, it is no wonder that the N. J. A. C. team has carried all before it. Last year there did not be a game in the Metropolitan District Cricket league and a number of Sundays in succession the team was at home to all comers. The club has at their conference that this year they have decided future and have valued the season in the league series. At Hoboken, where the Association Cricket club, which is a member of the Metropolitan District Cricket league, is located, there is no match in the country equal to