

the cast. There are at least four first class productions of "Romeo and Juliet" now stored away in New York City, and Mr. Tyler has been offered his choice of at least three of these, so that a \$30,000 production will not be lacking.

The first presentation in New York state will be made at Albany Monday, April 27; then the leading cities of the country will be visited.

Bellew, who is as handsome as a Greek god, has played Romeo many times and is well fitted for the part in physique and in histrionic talent.

REBECCA OTTOLENGUI.

New York.

Evils of Two-year-old Racing

**DOINGS IN MINOR
LEAGUE BASEBALL**

The America's Cup Races

launched earlier than any of her predecessors and thus will be had ample time in which to try her out in a thorough manner and escape a repetition of the unpleasant Constitution episode of two years ago, which craft, it is well remembered, was put into the water so late that her true worth could not be ascertained.

According to authoritative information, the new defender is a craft of the spoon order—that is, so far as her bow is concerned. Her forward end, however, is pretty well drawn out, so that she is not an exact type of boats of the spoon class.

New Defender Light Above Water

red with races for "three-years-olds and over?" Would you exchange a suburban, a Brooklyn handicap or an American Derby for a Futurity? No, I think not. And would you give the Annual Champion for the Great Trial stakes? Again, no.

A two-year-old race is nothing more than the test of a horse's ability to show a sudden burst of speed. It is over almost as soon as it is begun. Ten times out of ten it is won by the horse that beats the barrier, or that ridden by the jockey best versed in using the barrier.

Many horsemen are in favor of adopting the French custom of not racing

A vintage theatrical poster for the play 'The Merchant of Venice'. The poster features a large, ornate archway with a figure standing within it, and a portrait of a man in the foreground. The text at the bottom reads 'THE MERCHANT OF VENICE' and 'BY SHAKESPEARE'. The name 'FRED PRYMPTON' is visible in the bottom left corner.

**ELEANOR
ROBSON
"JULIET"**

Shamrock III's Small Sail Spread.

Probably the chief characteristic of the new challenger, Shamrock III, will be the small sail area. While it may be a misstatement to say that she will carry the least of any cup challenger, yet her spread will be less than that of the other Shamrocks and will closely approach that of the Valkyrie III.

Designer "Wall" Fife's efforts have been directed toward the production of a craft having a hull easily driven in all weathers. The behavior of the Shamrock II. was a signal warning in the matter of plunging, and any departure in the new challenger's design tends to show that the rectification of that fault has been held in view.

A black and white portrait of a young woman with dark, wavy hair, looking slightly to her left. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless top. The image is grainy and has a vintage feel.

produced, and he was captain of the strong Knickerbocker Athletic club in which he was never defeated and which held the national championship six years. Reeder has also won several A. A. U. swimming championships and established a half dozen or more new records. Aside from aquatic he possesses considerable ability as a boxer, oarsman and a football player.

Many a man who would not think of permitting one of his small children to run about in play with rough children on slender legs or carry heavy weights up and down stairs deliberately enters his young horses in races that tax their strength, wind and heart and in many cases ruin them for all further usefulness on the track.

While there is no doubt that some two-year-olds are fit and strong in March, April and May, they are exceptions and should not serve as criterions for the whole multitude of promising youngsters that are sent out to make money for mercenary or thoughtless owners. In other words, the racing of two-year-olds on this side of the water is overdone, and lamentably so.

Early Racine Ruins Winning Form. What the turf needs is a better class of horses in the three, four and five year old divisions. The racing associations work wide harm by hanging up rich stakes for two-year-olds, and the result is unmistakable. The greedy owners rush in their entries, and the equine infants are sent to the post to compete in races that weaken their legs and half a dozen years are wasted fasten on them a faulty form of action. The horse can be expected to have developed good speeding form when but two years old, and, more important still, no horse that may have acquired or inherited a winning action can be expected to hold or further improve it when urged around a track in a field of untrained colts and fillies and ridden by some raw, hard-handed stable boy. The long distance race is by all means more attractive to racegoers than short sprints, and in the former a display of the former class of horses we must provide horses that can race the distance carrying weight. A horse that breaks down in his two-year-old campaign will never be fit for display again in after years.

KANSAS CITY RACING.

There will be at least one race track operation in Kansas City by next and maybe two, but one is a certainty. Two companies are organized, both declare their determination to build as fine tracks as there are in the east, and both say they will be holding things next year.

Edward Corrigan, the Chicago turfist, is behind the track which gives most promise, and already a fine lot of land five miles from the center of the city has been secured, and it is rumored that work will begin shortly. Several efforts have been made to the parties interested in the two proposed tracks together, but without definite result. The interest in the race of thoroughbreds, which has been waned to die out more or less around Kansas City on account of no local racing races, is already being wonderfully stimulated, and those who have studied the subject see a most brilliant future for Kansas City turf racing.

In addition to the track proper and grand stands, large stables and a nodious and ornamental clubhouse be erected on the Corrigan establishment. The cost of this site, with the contemplated improvements, will it is estimated, from \$250,000 to 300,000. The price for the realty alone 50,000.

BASEBALL CHATTER.
 Thur Irwin may coach the West
 baseball team in the spring.
 ryard's baseball team will be
 ned by Jack Chesbro instead of
 ough.
 ink Norcum will be found in the
 eld of the Shreveport team next
 on.
 e New Orleans team will be man-
 by "Count" Campau of Detroit
 season.

the play. The play isom the pen of John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. Craigie) and Murray Carson. It would be charming to work, and I can think of no light comedy that could furnish pleasant entertainment for the afternoon, than "The Bishop's Move" between these two. This does not mean that it is a poor play. Not at all. It is charming and as the rare quality of literary work and absolute cleanliness. It is rather long in virility for so fine an actor as Mr. W. Thompson, and while he is in the play, the story is sweet, and the impression left when the play is over must be one of real enjoyment. First, the lovable old bishop, with Mr. Thompson's delightful smile, lives in the representation of the star, and the sweetest of his childlike nature and in actual life, the ending of life form a combination replete with rare humor and touching incidents.

A Conscientious Star.—Mr. H. Thompson in leading roles for many years, and in everything I have seen him do, he has made his art his made itself felt. He has that admirable quality of slighting nothing, and it pays, for now there is no touch needed to make his work made. It is impossible to appreciate the darling old bishop without seeing him, and I fear he would make many enemies willing to imitate Barbara and take their woes to him. His sympathy is so delightful! The pity is that the ray, while charming, is not the proper key for the star, and we hope next season to see him in something offering us better opportunity. If ever a star goes too far forward who had a right to the place, it is W. H. Thompson. The rest of the cast was rather disappointing, but the different characters were so weak it was hard to make much of them. Dorothy Burr as the Duchess of Denton was too conscious throughout rather unconvincing in the first act, and she was more pleasing in the later acts. The weak milk and water nephew of the bishop was so irritatingly simple that I wonder any story could have been written around his loves, but seems Mrs. Craigie thinks otherwise.


Friar Laurence.....W. H. Thompson
Thyalt.....John E. Keller
Paris.....Edwin Arden
Renovello.....Forrest Robinson
Capulet.....George Clarke
Peter.....W. H. Thompson
Mortimer.....F. C. Bang
Escalus.....Edmund Breese
Lady Capulet.....Ada Dwyer
Nurse.....Mrs. W. G. Jones
Juliet.....Eleanor Robson

It was at first hoped to secure the services of Miss Clara Morris for the role of Nurse, and that distinguished actress really held the proposition under consideration for a week or more, but she has been very ill of late and it was but natural that she should doubt her ability to endure the hurry and bustle and fatigue of a tour which contemplates taking in eighteen different cities in five weeks, and this including in the period of time stated two or three week and two or three night stands and intermediate railroad trips of magnificent distances; hence Miss Morris' ultimate decision was inevitable. The place allotted for her, however, has been filled by the selection of perhaps the most famous Nurse known to the American stage, Mrs. W. G. Jones, who consented to accept the assignment.

The production will be one worthy of

recovered The Monk had gained ten or twelve lengths. Once in his stride, however, Lord Derby began to close the gap, but it was not until near the finish that he took the lead. Lord Derby trotted the last three-quarters in 1:30. This is a two minute gait, and if Lord Derby had trotted the first quarter in thirty-one seconds, or even thirty-two seconds, his time would still be better than that of Cresceus.

A SPORTING BARON.
Baron Pierre de Coubertin is one of the leading sporting authorities of Europe, and he will come to this country to view the great international games at the St. Louis exposition of 1904. The



Arnon has written many interesting papers setting forth his views on athletics, and he is also a notable author on scientific topics. He was president of the big games held at the Paris exposition and a leader in promoting the revival of Olympian games.

everywhere and materially aid in spreading the popularity of the national game in localities the National and American leagues cannot touch. These other reasons show that the more powerful bodies in the green diamond are of action do well to work in harmony with the smaller organizations scattered throughout the country, and the differences arise the best interests of the game are hazarded.

the ruling spirit in the minor leagues for old and reliable friend, "Smiling Powers, for many years president of the Eastern league and now also president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

has often shown his strength as a diplomat in dealings with the major leagues, and they have learned that he is a mighty hard customer to fool. He is a dealer of any sort affecting the interests of his organization are in progress.

The minor leagues are fortunate in having at their head so able a man, and what "Smiling Pat" doesn't know about the "tricks of the trade" are not worth knowing.

Members of the N. A. P. B. B. L. are as follows: Eastern league, P. T. Powers, president, New York; International association, T. J. Hickey, president, Chicago; Western league, M. H. Sexton, president, Rock Island; New York league, J. H. Farrell, president, Auburn; Indiana-Illinois-Iowa league, M. H. Sexton, president, Rock Island; Northern league, W. M. Kavanaugh, president, Little Rock; Pacific Northwest league, W. H. Lucas, president, Portland; Connecticut league, Sturgis Rock, president, Huntington; New England league, T. H. Marnane, president, Boston; Texas league, John L. H. president, Fort Worth; Cotton States league, George Wheatley, president, Greenville, Miss.; Iowa-Southwestern league, Miss. J. H. H. president, Stately, president, Kansas City, Mo.; Stately, president, Kansas City, Mo.; Stately, president, Kansas City, Mo.

national association has a board of arbitration which has been appointed with matters of deep importance. Its rulings are subject to the approval of President Powers, and its

With the Chicago White Stockings, the St. Louis Nationals, Rock Island and the Peoria franchise, he signed as a catcher. He played with the Peoria franchise last year.

Pacific Northwest League. The Pacific Northwest league Pres-ent has consisted his umpire Col-icah will consist of Harry Col-icah and Lew Mahaffy. McKibben of Tacoma has the entire team. It includes four of last year's organization—top Joe McClarthy, Third Base Newnfeld, Second Base Man Har-and First Base Man Hutchin-

Western League Affairs.

Western League has a fight on its hands and is willing to spend no money to win out against the National association. The Western League has an \$8,000 sinking fund to the backing of its Kansas City and Milwaukee teams against the rest of the association.

St. Louis Burns of Colorado Springs.

St. Louis Burns of Colorado Springs is exceeding worth these days. Hollingsworth has signed him to a \$10,000 contract. The Des Moines club has assigned Outfielder Josh Clark to Pennsylvania catcher named

every year. Its management is sound and strong. Hugh Duffy and Sam Nichols are magnates in the baseball in Denver is in a disreputable condition. The warren of the American association Western league has killed confidence usually active and interest not be revived until the fight once and for all.

America's Cup Races. Preparations for the coming cup races are now going on in both sides of the Atlantic. Order of the international yacht-racing trophy is now almost launching at Nat Herreshoff's (R. I.) yards. She is to be

breaks down in his two-year career will never be fit for dismount after years.

Very For Turfmen.

What is there in a two-year season, even the best, when compared with the best of the season?

AMERICAN HURDLE RACE

the hurdle races in the intercollegiate circuit. Yale, Harvard, Princeton and the University of California have developed able men that are essential for winning hurdles, and in the past few years have produced such men as John J. H. Converse of Harvard, one of the fastest men in the country, wearing the spiked shoes, and A. W. Walton of Cornell. Probably the three greatest hurdlers this year will be J. H. Kraenzlein and Tewkesbury of the University of Chicago.

will be found in the
Shreveport team next
ns team will be man-
Campau of Detroit



ge and club athletes campaign. Competition owing to the un-
tasting branch of track

and championships
universities of Chicago,
"out for blood."
The accompanying illus-
tration depicts the best
"timber toppers"
J. Converse is in the
country has ever seen
of Pennsylvania

<p>and the Swedish the latest oration on the theatrical profession. It is mainly composed of vaudeville players.</p> <p>The new theater, which will be built on Fifth Avenue at a cost of \$500,000 and will be ready for this fall, is the last link added to Stair & Havlin's chain of popular price houses. R. M. Guick and P.</p>	<p>McNulty, proprietors of the Bijou theater of Pittsburgh, will build the new playhouse.</p> <p>Robert of Eloise Morgan and Chifton Crawford in the second act of "The Jewel of Asia" is one of the marked successes of the production.</p> <p>Arthur Roberts is busily occupied rehearsing his new play, "Bill Adams; or,</p>
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"Way Down East" is to be partly analyzed for its production in London. Holler will be made a Lancashire lord, and the scene of action will be changed to an English village. The project to star Miss Ada Rehan in an English society play written by Ardson Chambers has been abandoned

the role for her was subordi-
nate that of the leading man. Miss
Willa will be seen later in another new
recent number of London Gossip
as "a study in crayon," an excel-
lent portrait of Major J. H. Burke, the
leading press representative with
Buffalo Bill Wild West show.
My Weaver, who died recently,
one of the oldest players on the

stage and previous to his ill-
lled the part of the Duc de
with Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du
he had celebrated the fiftieth
ry of his American debut. His
Affie, is with Miss Viola Al-
omas Whiffen, now with Mary
is, is the widow of the famous
omedian and has been identi-
the stock companies at the

Miss Rich is a Charlotte Hunt leading lady in America. Charles Frohman making arrangements of William Phillips' new play presented in London at his Majesty's artistic success

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arsham in Stephen
"Herod," now being
on by Beerbohm Tree
heater with splendid