Supplement to Bell's Life in London.

[GRATIS.] SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1863. [GRATIS.]

ANGLING.

WINTER FISHING.

"Now when the cheerless empire of the sky
To Capricorn the centaur-archer yields,
And fierce Aquarius stains th' inverted year,
Hung o'er the farthest verge of Heaven, the sun
Scarce spreads through ether the dejected day.
Faint are his gleams, and ineffectual shoot
His struggling rays, in horizontal lines,
Through the thick air; as clothed in cloudy storm,
Weak, wan, and broad, he skirts the southern sky;
And, soon descending, to the long dark night,
Wide-shading all, the prostrate world resigns."

Not a very pleasant picture, still a truthful one; but the hardy Briton is not to be daunted by a cloudy sky or piercing blast when in pursuit of sport; and if the days are curtailed, why, we have only to "steal a few hours from the night," in happy companionship, when, over our merry blazing logs, we can "fight our battles o'er again:" How that big salmon was hooked, played, and, alas! lost in the "Blackpool;" how, on a certain day, we killed an unmentionable number of trout; but how the pleasures of that glorious day's pleasure were damped by our stopping at a roadside public to drink success to our next day's sport, when some cunning scamp purloined the finest fish from the basket, inserting stones in their stead; said stones making our poor shoulders ache before reaching home; all which pain was cheerfully borne, under the impression we should astonish our brother anglers. On reaching our quarters how said anglers chaffed us, and how we used "unparliamentary language;" how we put a mem in our fly book, never to leave a creel full of big fish unlocked, even in a desert. From the sports of the river, we glide into those of the field: hunting, steeple chasing, shooting, all are touched on, and what would be to the moping misanthrope the "winter of his discontent," is made "glorious summer" by our cheerful jests. It certainly requires all the determined energy and love of sport inherent to Britons to take the field in pursuit of river sport during such weather as we have experienced for the last three months. Nearly all November the best rivers have been so flooded, and the waters so thick, that the anglers have not been able to do much, and

". . . . . Still overhead
The mingled tempest waves its gloom, and still
The deluge deepens."

Whilst I write, the raging storm dashes viciously against the windows, and the rain pours down as though it had been pent up for months. There is, however, for the angler, the pleasurable conviction as an antidote to his disappointment. All things must have an end; when the weather clears, and the waters are in good fishing order, he will find plenty of fish to try his skill. Pike are now in splendid condition, and the cold, frosty nights we must expect will sharpen his appetite. The best sport I have had pike-fishing has almost always been during cold weather. I well recollect one day in particular. It was some years ago, and during this month; I had been out with the foxhounds in the morning, but the ground was too hard, and the hounds were sent home. As it was early in the day when I returned, I proposed to a friend who was with me that we should go to the river, which is only a short distance from the house, and try for a pike. The snow was by this time falling fast, a north-west wind blowing sharply, and my friend remonstrated with me on the cruelty of dragging him out in such weather; however, though he growled deeply, he buttoned up his coat, and shouldering his rod, accompanied me, puffing at his pipe, and between the pulls abusing me, and swearing I was a most inhospitable beast to drag a man out in such weather, without the slightest chance of killing a fish, for "what could we do at the river side during such weather?" The only bait I had was some smelts, which, by the by, were intended for our palates, and my friend, when he saw the bait, again remonstrated, saying that it was too bad to waste such delicious little fish, fish which he was particularly fond of. There were one or two old pike in the river, which had for a long time evaded all lures, or, when hooked, broken away. These old gentlemen I was very anxious to kill, as the river was well stocked with trout, and these rascals were playing "old hooky" with the fish. We were soon "tackled up," and having baited with a good-sized smelt, I cast across a deep hole, where I thought the "old one" resided. About the third cast I made I saw a roll in the water behind my bait, and knew I had disturbed a heavy fish. Almost directly after I heard a shout from my friend and calls for the gaff. Off I ran, and sure enough my companion was "fast" to a goodly pike, which, after some exciting play, he succeeded in killing. I returned to my fish, and he came at the very first spin. I played him, and my friend gaffed him. The brace were as fine fish as I almost ever saw, and weighed 16lb and 18lb. These fish were killed within a quarter of an hour after we arrived at the river, and we killed four smaller fish in less than an hour—in fact, the big fish were "running" like mad. We had not been from the house an hour and a half when we returned with our six splendid pike, and I hardly ever meet my friend without his putting me in mind of the day with the pike in the snow storm. I have also observed that both salmon and trout raise capitally during a snow storm. Pike will now be found chiefly in the deeps, as during the frosty weather of December the smaller and more delicate fish sink into the deep pools, and the pike follow their prey. As I mentioned in a former letter, I think live-bait fishing more killing than spinning, but spinning is far the most sporting and agreeable mode of fishing. If you fish from a bank, you can command much more water when spinning than by live bait fishing. The more clear the water the better for the spinner—such is my idea, though many very excellent and successful pike fishermen like the water slightly discoloured. I like clear water for both salmon, trout, and pike fishing. If you use fine tackle the water cannot be too fine or clear for spinning; a good strong breeze is almost absolutely necessary to ensure good sport, though the angler should never despair or throw away a chance. I have killed pike by spinning in a mill pond when the surface was as smooth as a looking-glass. I was some years ago fishing a pond where there were some very large pike; the water was in many places twenty or thirty feet deep, and as clear as crystal. I fished with live bait, but only killed two small fish. I then tried spinning with very fine tackle, and killed three very fair pike, but could not succeed in tempting any one of the many large fish I knew to be in the pond, and was thinking of going home, when the keeper came up to me, and, after asking what sport I had, told me he could seldom kill pike of any size in that pond either with a live bait or by spinning. I asked him how he did take them, as I knew he had killed some very heavy fish. The old fellow laughed, and said perhaps I should not like his style or tackle; then drawing from his capacious pocket a roll of twine, to which was attached about a foot of fine gimp, and a single large hook, he selected a good-sized dead dace, and ran the hook into the bait's mouth, bringing it out at the vent; he then coiled up his twine, holding it in one hand, and with the other, after giving the bait two or three turns in the air, he sent it flying some 15 yards into the pool; he then coiled some few yards of line on the bank, and fastening the end to a bush, seated himself, and quietly commenced lighting his pipe. I looked on at his primitive mode of fishing, and was rather anxious to see the result, as I (who fancied myself rather a "dab" at pike fishing) had failed to kill a big fish. I was walking about the bank, when the keeper called to me, and civilly requested me to take a seat by his side. "This ground round us, sir, is nearly all peat, and it shakes and trembles like a jelly if you walk on it, and I never could kill big fish unless I kept quiet. I've tried the punt, but the water's too clear, or something; I don't know how it be, but this 'ere is the only way I ever could kill big fish in this pond. If there be a pike on the feed anywhere near that bait which is lying on the bottom, he's certain to have it; and there he be, sir." Sure enough, the line ran out, and then all was still; the keeper gave the pike time, and then, without much ceremony, he hauled in a fine well-conditioned pike of 15lb. I was rather disgusted, and said I thought the fish had commenced feeding and would try again. "Do sir," said the old man, "but if you kill a big fish, you are the first I ever see'd do it spinning or with live bait." I did my best, but it was no go; and then the old keeper, with his cork and dead bait resting on the bottom, killed two more. I was beat, and convinced the old man was right; and though I have known that pond for years, I never heard of any large fish being killed by spinning or live bait fishing. I have often taken many jack up to six or seven pounds through the day, but never the larger fish. To my fancy, most men spin too fast when fishing for pike. A pike, though a ravenous rascal, is not a very active fish, and, unless he is very hungry, will not go far out of his way to dash at a bait. When feeding he chooses a spot where he knows his prey is likely to come to him, and there he may be seen lurking like a brigand in ambush, almost motionless, his cruel eye watching the playful fry until they get within reach of his dash; away he goes into their midst, and the poor terrified little creatures dart in every direction, often casting themselves in their agony of fear high and dry on the shore. There was a rascally old pirate in the Avon who had bothered both the keeper and myself for two seasons. He usually fed at the mouth of a large drain, which led from some peat ponds into the river. We were fishing for pike one day, when we saw the small fry flying in every direction, and supposed our friend was at dinner. We therefore determined to "drop in." I was spinning, the keeper live bait fishing; we both tried, but to no purpose, and I was on the point of leaving when I thought I would try once more. I quietly dropped the bait into the river below the drain, and very slowly dragged it along with short jerks. I had him, and a fine old fellow he was, over 20lb. Many a good trout that villain had eaten. I remember the old keeper dancing a "war dance" round his fallen foe, and we both took a pull at the flask to his memory. I think pike are the boldest fish I know. I have seen a pike come up to a bait within a yard of where I was standing, and when I pulled the bait out of the water, quietly sail about waiting until I put it in again. I was fishing in a piece of preserved water which was very much choked with weeds, so much so, that though the pond was full of fine fish I could not get at any of them. The keeper at last said, "They are all in the weeds, sir. I'll take the punt and drive them out." "What's the use of that, Hawkins?" They will be so frightened by your working about with the punt that they won't look at the bait." "Oh yes they will, sir; master always does it before fishing at this season." And away went Hawkins in the punt, "stirring them up with a long pole." After he had been round the weeds he came to the bank, and we waited some half hour, then took the punt, and fished the open water in the centre of the pond. I killed several fine fish in very little time. It is not a bad dodge to get on board a barge which is going up the Thames, and rig a rod from the side of the barge, let out some thirty yards of line, and sit down and chaff old bargee. He will tell you many a yarn of his perils by water, and legends of the different family seats you pass as you are towed up that lovely river. I once took a voyage up the Thames, from Teddington to near Oxford, in a barge. I forget how many days we were "out," but a pleasanter trip I never had, and the old captain was one of the most amusing fellows I ever met. I remember he told me he had been 40 years "a sailor," and having saved up a good penny he bought a small cottage and bit of garden, somewhere above Streatly. There he took his "old missus," and gave up the sea. "But," said the old skipper, "you know, sir, we old sailors be never happy on land, so I left the old woman to take care of the house, and went to sea again." It does appear almost ridiculous to hear an old Thames "bargee" talking of the sea. I have seen these barges in very heavy weather beating up the river off Southend when many a stiff yacht was glad to double reef their sails. But to return to our pike. As I have said, this wet weather cannot last "for ever;" three months is a pretty good "spell at the pump;" we must expect frost as soon as the weather clears, and what I should most fear is that we may have very severe frost, and of long continuance. It has been observed that the most severe winters we have experienced have been preceded by very wet summers and autumnal weather. However, I do not wish to "croak," but as soon as possible after the rain ceases and the rivers run clear I would advise all those who intend a foray against pike, roach, perch, or bream to be "up and at them;" the fish are now in the finest condition, and I expect will feed well. A good rough breeze, and one that will induce you to button your coat, and make a pull or two at the flask very acceptable, is the time to get hold of the patrician river sharks. One little bit of advice I would give young anglers. Whenever you happen to get hold of a large fish—let it be salmon, trout, or pike—don't be in a hurry to land him; and if you have open water, don't be afraid of giving him line. Hand and presence of mind are everything in playing a large and active fish as well as riding. Some men fancy they are playing a fish lightly when, in fact, they are pulling at him with a force that must tear or break something. It is frequently the case that the hands lose their sensitive touch after playing a large fish for a length of time, and I have often seen men after playing a powerful salmon in heavy water quite unintentionally give the fish a slack line, fancying they were holding him. I have myself had my hands so deadened by long exertion that I could only tell what strain I had on the fish by looking at the bend of the rod. This season I was salmon fishing with a friend; he hooked a large fish, which gave him a great deal of trouble, and after having him on some three quarters of an hour the salmon turned sulky, and laid like a log, resisting all our attempts to "stir him up." There was nothing to be done but to keep a steady strain on him down stream, and wait patiently. After the fish had laid some five minutes motionless I happened to look at my friend's line, and saw it was hanging quite slack. I called his attention to the fact, when he quite sharply denied that his line was slack. I told him to look at the bend of his rod, and when he saw the rod nearly straight, and the line in a gentle curve, his astonishment was great, and he declared that he supposed he was putting on quite a strong strain. The fact was his hands had become deadened by constant exertion. The time most fish are lost is directly after being hooked, or just when you are about bringing him up to the gaff or net. The most vexatious thing is to lose your fish after good and careful play, just as you fancy him your own; and it is very often the deadness of the hand which loses the fish, or over anxiety in the angler. If you have had a fish on for a long time, the "hold" of the hook must necessarily have torn the flesh, so that it is only by holding the hook firmly in its "hold," that you have any chance of killing the fish; if you slack the line for an instant the cunning creature will shake the hook out of the enlarged wound; and again, if you hold too tightly the flesh will no longer bear the strain. It is wonderful what a very small piece of skin will hold a large fish, if he is played quietly. This year I hooked a powerful salmon, which gave me very hard work for near half an hour, when I gaffed him and cast him on the bank the hook dropped out of his mouth, and on looking at the place I had hooked him, I found that the piece of skin by which I had held the fish was not thicker than the wire of the hook which killed him. There are times you must play a fish hard: for instance, when you are surrounded by dangers; it is then a case of "hold on by the eyelids," there's not much skill required;" you give him the butt," and if he is hooked firmly, and your tackle stands, you are the conqueror, if otherwise, it is just "t'other end up'ards." On looking over the law reports, I notice one which must be most interesting to all anglers. In one of my former letters I remarked on the increasing difficulty anglers experienced in obtaining anything like good trout fishing. Those of my readers who are acquainted with the river Wandle must recollect a nice little bit of fishing known as "Beddington Corner" open water, and a very good piece of water it is, only there is not enough of it. I have seen the banks of this water so thickly studded with fishermen that there was not more than a few yards between the rods. It was wonderful a fish was ever taken, so continually was the water whipped, considering the brightness of the water and the shyness of the fish. But some of these Wandle fishermen are about the best fly fishers I ever saw; it is quite a treat to see some of the old hands watch the rise of a good trout, and then cast their little "cocktail" "like a thing of life" on that clear water the fly, hardly larger than a midge, drops a short distance above the rise, floats down, and you see a slight curl its all "U P" with poor master Troutie. It appears that this "open water" is now closed to the public. A public footpath runs along the banks of the Wandle at that part of the river, which, as I have said, is called "Beddington Corner," and from this path Mr Hudson was fishing. Mr M'Rae holds the right of fishing the Wandle contiguous to Beddington Corner under a lease from Mr Samuel Gurney; but it has always been supposed that anglers had a right to fish from the public path. Mr M'Rae, however, questioned this right, and obtained a decision from the justices in his favour. The case of Hudson v M'Rae, brought before Mr Justice Blackburn and Justice Mellor, on the 14th Nov, was an appeal against the former conviction by justices. Judgment was given against the appellant confirming the former conviction. I am really sorry to see these little bits of "open water," so long considered public property, shut against the poorer classes of anglers, who are not in a position to obtain either by paying or by courtesy the right of angling in preserved waters. Fishing is the only "sport" left for the enjoyment of the poorer classes. Hunting and shooting are far beyond their reach, but they still could soften the weary hours of labour by healthful and enjoyable exercise at many a brook side, and I believe that such recreation is a most excellent antidote against many of the vices of our working classes. I am always pleased to see the working mechanic enjoying his "one day out" by the river side. And how does he enjoy it? For weeks, months, he toils, thinking of that "one day" which he has promised himself; and I say that the man who would not give this poor fellow a "lift," and put him in the way of making his creel heavy is no "honest angler." I am, therefore, as I said, sorry to see these bits of "open water" closed to the public; but, still, if the public have been fishing these waters without right, it is but just the law should be enforced. Yet in this case courtesy might without much loss waive the legal right. I know many bits of water supposed to be legally "open" from which the public could be expelled; and I expect the case of Hudson v M'Rae will open the eyes of many proprietors. I must say that I have seen the "British public" at times very much abuse their "rights." I recollect being invited to an archery party at a house not a hundred miles from Pangbourn. The grounds of the house run down to the river's edge, and a very large party of ladies and gentlemen were assembled on this beautiful spot. The targets were placed not far from the river. We had not been shooting long before two punts, containing four gentlemen (?) and their attendants, brought up close to the bank, and commenced fishing, or at least they made fishing an excuse for impertinent intrusion. Their vulgar remarks and loud laughter could be distinctly heard by the party, and, although they were in the most polite manner requested to move a little up or down the river, they chaffingly refused, so that the archery party were enforced to remove their targets to a greater distance from the water. These men were not of the poorer classes, and ought to have known better. My feeling at the moment was that they deserved—well but perhaps my readers may imagine what I would have done if I could legally. Since the former part of this letter was written the weather has cleared, and there is every prospect of some days of clear cold weather. Now, therefore is your time, brothers of the angle, and may your shoulders ache, though your hearts are glad, as you trudge homeward with heavy creels.—Yours, &c, FIN.

SALMON FISHINGS.

MR EDITOR: The spawning season of salmon in the rivers of the North of Scotland is now far advanced. In the early part of it the rivers were rather high, but now they are in the best size, and are likely to continue so up to the end of the breeding time. Many of the male fish have gone down to the sea, and if the weather be suitable will return in February and March. The present, or new Fishery Bill, as it is called in Scotland, does not seem to be a general favourite. One party finds fault with it for not being a general bill, for it keeps one river open for fishing and closes another near it; this will encourage poaching on the closed river as long as there is an open market for the fish that are allowed to be sold from the rivers that are left open. This, I dare say, may be the case, and, believing the law unjust, may induce that spirit of poaching that cannot be easily prevented, and, indeed, cannot be altogether stopped. Another party grumbles, and may have reason for it, that the bill entirely deprives them of the early and valuable salmon that abound in their rivers during winter, and that are their main dependence for rents and expenses; and although these fish are in the finest condition in winter, the bill forbids their being caught and sent to market, until they have become lean, black, and nearly unfit either for the market or the table. Whereas, if the bill were suitable to the times when the salmon were clean and foul, the market could be supplied with the primest salmon of the season, and the fisher's pockets filled with the money he is entitled to, and which the bill prevents his getting. I dare say, from what I have seen, that this is not an unreasonable complaint. Another party complains of the injustice of allowing anglers to kill the breeding fish up to the 1st of November, when it is a well known fact that in general there is not one clean fish in every twenty after the 1st of September, and they cannot understand how Parliament could pass a bill to legalise the killing of foul fish when it is so well and generally known that they are nearly all foul at that time. But they say that that clause of the bill was inserted to satisfy anglers, who care more for marking their numbers in their journal, than they do for their quality or the after prosperity of the rivers. However just these complaints are they look not altogther groundless, and a few years will tell who is right; but one thing I would assert: that it is wrong in all senses of the word to kill foul fish at any time either with net or rod or any other device. Another party are the fixed netters and the unfixed netters. The fixed have a grievous complaint for needing to observe a weekly close time; that means that they are not allowed to fish seven days in the week, as has been done by these fixed nets since their first erection, and some of them are complaining more heavily, because the commissioners have told them that their nets must be removed altogether, they being placed in situations where Scotch law prohibits fixtures. Another party, the river fishers, complain that the bill does not sweep away all fixtures, both in estuaries and on the sea coast, because all the sea coast is the property of the Crown, and they only fish on suffrage, and when they got from the Crown the grant of the river fisheries there were no fixtures of any kind on the coast or estuary, and the occupiers of these nets have been for many years depriving them of the salmon that were their legitimate right, and that would certainly have come to the river had they not been illegitimately intercepted by the way. I daresay here they are not far wrong, and you will see from what I have stated that the new bill has turned Scotch salmon fisheries into a complete hotch potch.—Yours, &c, Y.

CHESS.

CHESS PROBLEM, No. 423. By M., of Lille.

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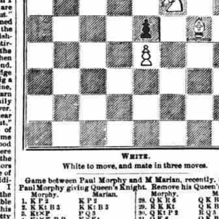

WHITE.

White to move, and mate in three moves.

Game between Paul Morphy and M Marian, recently, in Paris, Paul Morphy giving Queen's Knight. Remove his Queen's Knight.

Morphy.	Marian.	Morphy.	Marian.
1. K P 2	K P 2	28. Q K R 6	Q K B 2
2. K Kt B 3	K Kt B 3	29. R K Kt	Q K B 7
3. Kt×P	P Q 3	30. Q Kt P 2	R Q 5
4. Kt×K B P	K×Kt	31. Q K 6	Q K B
5. B B 4+	Q B K 3	32. K R P 1	Q B P 1
6. B×B+	K×B	33. K R P 1	R K B 5
7. Q P 2	K B K 2	34. K R K 2	R K B 7
8. Castles	K R B	35. K K R	R K B 8
9. Q Q 3	K K B 2	36. Q K Kt 4	Kt R 3
10. Q Q Kt 3+	Q P 1	37. R×R	Q×R+
11. P K 5	K Kt Q 2	38. K Kt R 2	Q Kt B
12. Q×Q Kt P	R Q Kt	39. Q K 6	K B R 5
13. Q×R P	K Kt K 5	40. Q×Q B P	Q K B 5+
14. P K B 3	Kt Kt 4	41. K K R	Q×K P
15. B×Kt	B×B	42. Q Q B 8+	K K Kt 2
16. P K B 4	B K 2	43. Q Q 7+	K Q 2
17. Q Q R 6	R Q Kt 3	44. Q K Kt 4+	K R 3
18. Q R 2	P K Kt 3	45. P K Kt 3	K B 3
19. Q B P 2	Q Kt Kt	46. K K R 2	Q K 3
20. P Q B 5	R Q Kt 5	47. Q Q	P Q 5
21. P R B 5	P×P	48. Q R B 2	K K Kt 2
22. R×P+	K K Kt	49. Q×Kt	P Q 6
23. Q K Kt 4+	K K R	50. Q Q R 7+	K K Kt 3
24. R×R+	Q×R	51. P K R 4	Q K 7+
25. Q K 6	R×Q P	52. K R R 3	P Q 7
26. Q R K B	Q K	53. P K Kt 4	P Queens, wins.
27. R K B	R Q 7		

Game between Herr Justizrath and Dr Wade, in Germany.

Justizrath.	Wade.	Justizrath.	Wade.
1. K P 2	K P 2	12. Q K R 3	K Kt P 1
2. K Kt B 3	Q Kt B 3	13. B K R 6	R K
3. Q P 2	P×P	14. P K 6	Q K B 3
4. R Q B 4	B Q B 4	15. P×P+	K×P
5. Castles	K Kt B 3	16. B Q 3	Kt K 4
6. P K 5	Q P 2	17. K B P 2	Kt×B
7. K R K	Kt K 5	18. Q Q 7+	K R 2
8. B Q 3	Q B K B 4	19. Q×Q P+	K K
9. Q Kt Q 2	Kt×Kt	20. P×Kt	R×R+
10. B×B	Kt×Kt+	21. R×R+	B Kt 5, wins.
11. Q×Kt	Castles		

FOOTBALL.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The fourth meeting of the members of this recently-formed association was held on Tuesday evening, Dec 1, at seven o'clock, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, for the further consideration of the laws, and perfecting generally the working arrangements of the association. In our impression of Saturday last we gave a full report of the meeting which was held on the previous Tuesday, and at which meeting considerable discussion arose on a question calculated to lead to a sudden disruption of the association, and the tone taken on Tuesday last evidenced that the Blackheath members were fully bent on preserving their time-honoured institution of "hacking," although, as will be seen, the "non-hackers" carried their point. The meeting was numerous, and comprised the following members, the names of the clubs they represented being also specified:—Blackheath Club, Messrs F. M. Campbell and L. A. Campbell; Blackheath Proprietary School, Messrs W. H. Gordon and T. P. Fox; Forest, Leytonstone, Messrs J. F. Alcock and A. W. Mackenzie; Forest School, Walthamstow, Messrs J. Morgan and J. Bouch, jun; Crystal Palace, Messrs F. Urwick and J. L. Siordet; Barnes, Messrs W. C. Morley and T. D. Gregory; N. N. Kilburn, Messrs A. Pember and G. Lawson; Wimbledon School, Mr A. E. Daltry. The President (Mr A. Pember) took the chair, and called on the hon sec (Mr W. C. Morley) to read the minutes of the last meeting. The hon sec accordingly read the minutes as entered by him, and the president put the question, "That the minutes as read are correctly entered, and that they be signed accordingly."

Mr F. M. CAMPBELL (the treasurer) said: I wish to call the attention of the meeting to what took place on the last occasion. It would be remembered that Mr Alcock proposed, "That the rules of the Cambridge University Football Club, which have been lately published, appear to be the most desirable code of rules for the association to adopt, and therefore it is proposed that a committee be appointed to enter into communication with the committee of the University, and to endeavour to induce them to modify some of the rules which appear to the association to be too lax, and liable to give rise to disputes." I then moved an amendment that the words, "The most desirable code of rules for the association to adopt" be omitted, and to insert instead thereof "worthy of consideration." Upon that Mr Morley made another amendment for the insertion of the words in the place of those proposed by me, "and that they embrace the true principles of the game with the greatest simplicity." The president, when he put the first amendment, took the number in favour of it, seven, and then put the second amendment, for which eight hands were held up. On neither of those amendments did he take the votes against either of them, and as the number present was 19, if the resolution had been put in the proper form the amendment would have been negatived.

Mr MACKENZIE: But everybody might not have voted.

The PRESIDENT: I really think Mr Campbell that you are in error. There certainly was something said, and I replied, "Why, you did not vote," on which the gentleman—I think it was Mr Gordon—replied to the effect that the purport of the resolution had not been properly understood, and most certainly I put it again, and they did not vote again. I certainly put the question both ways, and I appeal to the recollection of those gentlemen who were present at the last meeting. Besides, I gave a casting vote for Mr Morley's amendment. What is your plan now, then? Do you move that these minutes are not correct?

Mr CAMPBELL: No, I will not say that, but I want the resolutions of Mr Alcock and Mr Morley to be expunged.

Mr LAWSON: Then you can move that so much of the minutes as relate to that matter be not confirmed.

Mr CAMPBELL accordingly moved, and Mr Gordon seconded—"That so much of the minutes as relate to the resolutions moved by Mr Alcock and Mr Morley be not confirmed."

The PRESIDENT put the question, which was negatived, and the minutes were then confirmed and signed, Mr Campbell entering a formal protest on behalf of the Blackheath players.

The HON SECRETARY then read the following letters, which had been received since the last meeting:—

"Lincoln, Nov 30, 1863.

"DEAR SIR: Herewith I beg to send you copy of a letter I have received from the hon secretary of the Louth Football Club in reply to mine, inquiring whether they had joined the association, and recommending the propriety of their doing so without delay. I shall write to him by to-night's post referring him to you, and in the mean time, perhaps, you will be good enough to give him some information in the matter, as he desires. Our acquaintance with the Louth Club arises from our having played matches with each other. Hoping that we may succeed in obtaining the club as one of the members, and begging you will send me a list at your earliest convenience of the members of the association, believe me to be, yours very truly,

"E. A. CHAMBERS, Hon Sec Lincoln Football Club."

The enclosure was as follows (said Mr Morley), with the exception of the last paragraph, which referred to a private matter:—

"Louth, Nov 26, 1863.

"DEAR SIR: I saw the first meeting of the Football Association reported in the papers, and ever since have been on the point of writing to you to ascertain the opinion of your club as to the association, as we have now a sub-committee formed for revising our rules of play, and I judged it advisable, whether or no the two clubs joined the London association, to have rules of play in common for the greater facility of arranging matches, &c. With reference to the association, my own predilections are entirely in favour of it, and I shall do my best to induce our club to join it after our next meeting. With respect to what clubs have already joined I am in partial ignorance, and shall be glad to learn that the foundation schools of Harrow, Eton, and Rugby have done so, as their joining or holding back must have, any way, a great amount of influence, looked up to as are those schools for their practice of the game.—Believe me, yours truly,

"JOHN G. TUPHOLME, Hon Sec Louth Football Club."

"Streatham Lodge, Marsh Gate, Richmond, S.W., Nov 28.

"DEAR SIR: We should have sent two representatives to the Football Association from the commencement, but for this reason, that we are not an organised club. As most of our men are only here preparing for the army, and do not remain any length of time in Richmond, it is useless our trying to form a regular club; we merely club together during the winter for the sake of playing a few matches. I think you will agree with me that under these circumstances it is unnecessary for us to enrol a *club* like this as a member of the association, which may not last beyond this season. If the rules of the association are decided upon in time for us to use them this winter, we shall no doubt adopt them, whatever they may be, as it will be a great convenience to us when we play with other clubs. If we had got a good *club* in Richmond, I should have been only too glad to have done my best to assist in promoting what, I think, will be a great benefit to us all. Thanking you for your letter, believe me, dear sir, yours truly,

"EDWIN H. ASH."

"Sheffield Football Club, Sheffield, Nov 30, 1863.

"DEAR SIR: Our committee have read with great interest the late discussions respecting the laws of football, and believing the association now formed likely to promote the game, they are anxious to enrol the club amongst the list of members, and I herewith enclose the amount of the subscription. We think it very desirable a general code of laws should be established, and heartily wish you success in the undertaking. I enclose a copy of our rules, and perhaps you will excuse a few remarks on them. I am very much in favour of a cross bar; without one it is sometimes very difficult for an umpire to decide, and whatever his decision, generally displeases some one. In your rule 5 I think the ball when thrown or kicked into play should be not less than six yards. If thrown less it is very liable to go out again at the first kick. We have no printed rule at all like your No. 6, but I have written in the book a rule which is always played by us. Nos. 9 and 10 I think are directly opposed to football, the latter especially being more like wrestling. I cannot see any science in taking a run kick at a player, at the risk of laming him for life. Your No. 14 will be altogether new to our players; I suppose the idea is that nails are dangerous; we strictly prohibit *spikes*, but though it is the general custom in this neighbourhood to wear nails, I never yet heard of an accident resulting from the use of them. I think our No. 15 (which we have only had about two years) a very useful and desirable rule, and worth your consideration. Doubtless the foregoing are all old arguments, but I thought that perhaps they would not be uninteresting, as showing how the game is played in this neighbourhood. On hearing that we are accepted as members, I shall be glad to appoint representatives to attend your meetings.—Yours truly, "W. CHESTERMAN, Hon Sec."

The PRESIDENT: The next business is the final settlement of the laws.

Mr ALCOCK: I think, sir, as the whole of the rules almost depend upon Nos. 9 and 10, as they have been proposed I think we had better proceed with them at once. They are as follows:—

IX.—A player shall be entitled to run with the ball towards his adversaries' goal if he makes a fair catch, or catches the ball on the firstbound; but in the case of a fair catch, if he makes his mark, he shall not then run.

X.—If any player shall run with the ball towards his adversaries' goal, any player on the opposite side shall be at liberty to charge, hold, trip, or hack him, or to wrest the ball from him; but no player shall be held and hacked at the same time.

I therefore move, sir, that we proceed with them at once.

Mr MORLEY (hon sec): I agree with Mr Alcock in thinking that these two rules affect everything so materially that I am strongly of opinion that it would be well if we went into the further consideration of them at once. "Hacking" and "running" so much affects every rule, the length of the ground, the tape, the width of the goal posts, and indeed everything connected with the game, that they must be looked upon and dealt with as most vital points. As far as either hacking and running is concerned I do not mind it myself personally, but my object in the matter is that I feel that, if we carry those two rules, it will be seriously detrimental to the great majority of the football clubs. I do not say that they would not play with us, but it is more than probable that they would not; and Mr Campbell himself knows well that the Blackheath clubs cannot get any three clubs in London to play with them whose members are for the most part men in business, and to whom it is of importance to take care of themselves. For my own part, I confess I think that the "hacking" is more dreadful in name and on paper than in reality; but I object to it because I think that its being disallowed will promote the game of football, and therefore I cordially agree with Mr Alcock. If we have "hacking," no one who has arrived at years of discretion will play at football, and it will be entirely relinquished to schoolboys.

Mr CAMPBELL: I have played football ever since I was eight years of age, and certainly approve now of the laws proposed to be expunged. I am much afraid that there are many of the clubs who will not join the association because they fear that our rules will do away with the skill shown in the game at Harrow and Eton, and the pluck so necessary in the game as played at Rugby. "Hacking" is the true football game, and if you look into the Winchester records you will find that in former years men were so wounded that two of them were actually carried off the field, and they allowed two others to occupy their places and finish the game. Lately, however, the game had become more civilised than that state of things, which certainly was, to a certain extent, brutal. As to not liking "hacking" as at present carried on, I say they had no business to draw up such a rule at Cambridge, and that it savours far more of the feelings of those who liked their pipes and grog or schnaps more than the manly game of football. I think that the reason they object to "hacking" is because too many of the members of clubs began late in life, and were too old for that spirit of the game which was so fully entered into at the public schools and by public school men in after life.

The PRESIDENT: Perhaps you will allow me to say that I took down "Fifteen" the other day to play a match, and I was the only one that had not been at a public school, and we were all dead against "hacking."

Mr CAMPBELL: Be that as it may, I think that if you do away with it you will do away with all the courage and pluck of the game, and I will be bound to bring over a lot of Frenchmen, who would beat you with a week's practice [loud laughter]. I think that Mr Alcock ought not to have put such a resolution, and I think it does not denote the opinion of the London clubs. I am sure if you take the votes of all the schools that resolution will be condemned, and why? they all like "running" and "hacking," and will not play any other game. The rule will exclude something, though it is open to running, so that while you can play our game in your way we cannot play it in ours if your resolution is adopted. We have been willing to meet you halfway, but I confess I do not like the spirit in which you propose to deal with this subject, and I hope the meeting will not adopt it. If the rules are to be established they must be gone into from beginning to end, and at the last meeting we ought not to have had the Cambridge rules put before us. We ought to have gone on with the appointment of the committee, who should be unshackled by any recommendations, and made the laws on the basis of the original propositions as printed and now before the meeting. I think that this proposition to expunge rules 9 and 10 would not now be gone on with, but that you see we who are the advocates of running and hacking are in a minority. I will, however, say this, that I represent the true feeling of our club when I say that in the event of this resolution being carried we shall not only feel it our duty to withdraw our names from the list of members of the association, but we shall call a meeting of those who were at the former meeting, and take their opinion on the subject, and shall, besides that, put ourselves into communication with the other clubs and schools to see what they think of it.

The PRESIDENT: I must be allowed to interpose a word. At the outset I must remind Mr Campbell that several of the London clubs were invited to attend to talk the matter over, and when we first started it was agreed that the rules should be arranged upon a certain basis, and put into proper form by Mr Morley, who kindly undertook to do it, but that nothing was to be considered finally settled till they had been confirmed at a subsequent meeting, as appears by the heading of the printed laws, which is in these words, "to settle the laws, which are proposed to be as follows." Several gentlemen came, and you, Mr Campbell, amongst the number, and if those who attended and put down the names of their clubs as proposing to join the association, with the intention of adhering to it if all their principles were carried out, or immediately seceding if their notions were not adopted, it certainly is not, in my opinion, a fair and honest way of dealing. You virtually say, "I will come and join your association, and see if I can get my notions adopted, and if so go on with you, but if not we will secede, and form an association for ourselves."

Mr CAMPBELL: In reply I will just say that when the Blackheath clubs joined the association they were prepared to carry the laws such as the majority of the meeting agreed to. When the last meeting was held for the express purpose, as the president had said, of settling the proposed laws, they ought to have gone on with the rules as proposed by the association, and not taken the course they did as to the Cambridge rules, but the resolution and amendments had been proposed and passed in the way they had been without being properly put to the meeting, because it was found that the "hacking" party were too strong.

The PRESIDENT: That is, I think, an accusation of ungentlemanly conduct to which I am not willing to submit, added to which it is not the fact.

Mr MORLEY: I certainly thought that any member had a perfect right to propose any resolution he thought fit.

Mr ALCOCK: Let me explain that I moved the resolution upon the subject of the Cambridge rules without any previous communication with any one until just prior to the meeting, when they were brought to my notice quite unexpectedly on my part.

Mr LAWSON: I saw the rules in one of the sporting papers, and thinking they were just the rules that were wanted, I certainly submitted them to one or two; but I emphatically deny that I had any intention of delaying any fair discussion of the laws. I may observe that the division on the question, "That the committee *do* insist upon 'hacking' in their communications with Cambridge" was very close, the numbers being 10 to 9, and certainly I had no idea that we should be in a minority.

The PRESIDENT: Well, gentlemen, there is a motion before the meeting, "That Nos. 9 and 10, of the proposed laws be expunged."

Mr CAMPBELL: I beg to move as an amendment, "That this meeting do adjourn until the vacation, so that the representatives of the schools who are members of the association may be enabled to attend."

Mr GORDON seconded, and on the amendment being put to the vote it was lost by 13 to 4, and the original motion carried.

The PRESIDENT observed that though the rules 9 and 10 were expunged, it was quite competent for Mr Campbell to bring the matter up at the next annual meeting, by which time it would be seen how the laws worked.

Mr MORLEY said that before the meeting proceeded any further he would suggest that having the Cambridge rules before them the association should, in forming their own laws, see what consideration the others deserved. No communication had taken place with Cambridge since the last meeting, but he (Mr Morley) thought that their hands would be strengthened if the laws of the association were made nearly identical with the Cambridge rules. He thought it a matter worthy of consideration, especially with reference to the influence it might have on some of the public schools.

The PRESIDENT thought it would be better to go on with their own rules.

Mr ALCOCK would be glad if they could so assimilate the rules as to bring all players within the scope of the association.

The meeting then proceeded to settle the proposed laws, which will have to be confirmed at the next meeting, and we give them now *in extenso* as they will be submitted *verb et lit* for adoption, so that any non-contents may not be able to say they did not know, and there are several very important differences from the code published last week.

LAWS.

1. The maximum length of the ground shall be 200 yards, the maximum breadth shall be 100 yards, the length and breadth shall be marked off with flags; and the goal shall be defined by two upright posts, eight yards apart, without any tape or bar across them.

2. A toss for goals shall take place, and the game shall be commenced by a place kick from the centre of the ground by the side losing the toss for goals; the other side shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked off.

3. After a goal is won, the losing side shall be entitled to kick off, and the two sides shall change goals after each goal is won.

4. A goal shall be won when the ball passes between the goal-posts or over the space between the goal-posts (at whatever height), not being thrown, knocked on, or carried.

5. When the ball is in touch, the first player who touches it shall throw it from the point on the boundary line where it left the ground in a direction at right angles with the boundary line, and the ball shall not be in play until it has touched the ground.

6. When a player has kicked the ball, any one of the same side who is nearer to the opponent's goal line is out of play, and may not touch the ball himself, nor in any way whatever prevent any other player from doing so, until he is in play; but no player is out of play when the ball is kicked off from behind the goal line.

7. In case the ball goes behind the goal line, if a player on the side to whom the goal belongs first touches the ball, one of his side shall be entitled to a free kick from the goal line at the point opposite the place where the ball shall be touched. If a player of the opposite side first touches the ball, one of his side shall be entitled to a free kick at the goal only from a point 15 yards outside the goal line, opposite the place where the ball is touched, the opposing side standing within their goal line until he has had his kick.

8. If a player makes a fair catch, he shall be entitled to a free kick, providing he claims it by making a mark with his heel at once; and in order to take such kick he may go back as far as he pleases, and no player on the opposite side shall advance beyond his mark until he has kicked.

9. No player shall run with the ball.

10. Neither tripping nor hacking shall be allowed, and no player shall use his hands to hold or push his adversary.

11. A player shall not be allowed to throw the ball or pass it to another with his hands.

12. No player shall be allowed to take the ball from the ground with his hands under any pretence whatever while it is in play.

13. No player shall be allowed to wear projecting nails, iron plates, or gutta percha on the soles or heels of his boots.

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

A PLACE KICK—Is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground, in any position which the kicker may choose to place it.

A FREE KICK—Is the privilege of kicking the ball, without obstruction, in such manner as the kicker may think fit.

A FAIR CATCH—Is when the ball is caught, after it has touched the person of an adversary, or has been kicked or knocked on by an adversary, and before it has touched the ground or one of the side catching it; but if the ball is kicked behind goal-line, a fair catch cannot be made.

HACKING—Is kicking an adversary.

TRIPPING—Is throwing an adversary by the use of the legs.

KNOCKING ON—Is when a player strikes or propels the ball with his hands, arms, or body without kicking or throwing it.

HOLDING—Includes the obstruction of a player by the hand or any part of the arm below the elbow.

TOUCH—Is that part of the field, on either side of the ground, which is beyond the line of flags.

The laws and definitions, as amended, having been agreed to,

Mr CAMPBELL wished to know whether it was the intention of the association to ignore the public schools as they had done Cambridge.

The PRESIDENT called Mr Campbell's attention to the fact that, so far from ignoring the Cambridge rules, they had adopted their No. 6, and assimilated them where they agreed with the views of the majority of the association. As to the public schools he could confidently state, from information received from a public schoolman, that there was not the least chance of the public schools adopting the rules of any association, or, in fact, departing in any way from their own.

The meeting, after sitting three hours, then adjourned till Tuesday, Dec 8, at seven o'clock.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

The annual match between the Harrow members of Oxford and Cambridge was played on Parker's Piece, at Cambridge, on Saturday, Nov 28, and resulted in favour of Cambridge by 1 base to none. The base was obtained by Mr Cruikshank. The sides were—For Cambridge: H. L. Williams, A. Crompton, J. A. Cruikshank, J. T. Prior, A. W. Daniel, W. H. Cristie, J. Lock, H. Y. Medlycott, E. G. Swainson (all of Trinity College), P. Thornton (Jesus College), H. Cheetham (Trinity Hall). For Oxford: C. H. Hall (Exeter College), E. C. Glyn (University College), C. F. Reid (Christ Church College), R. D. Walker (Brasenose College), W. F. Maitland (Christ Church College), H. K. Leslie (Christ Church College), W. R. Edmeades (Trinity College), T. Hincks (Balliol College), E. H. Selfe (Christ Church College), J. B. Martin (Exeter College), J. E. Mylnes (Corpus Christi College). Umpires, Hon A. Strutt and F. W. Stow. Mr Dewhurst played for Mr Medlycott, who was disabled in the course of the game, and Mr Russell for Mr Leslie, who did not appear.

ETON COLLEGE.

ELEVEN v TWENTY-TWO.—This annual match was played on Wednesday, Nov 25. The Twenty-two were victorious, obtaining 1 goal (out of a rouge) and a rouge to nothing. W. S. Prideaux and Phipps were unable to play for the Eleven.—Eleven: H. D. Forsyth, E. S. Hope, Hon N. G. Lyttelton, C. E. Cuthel, T. Hamond, Q. Hogg, E. Lubbock, A. V. Pryor, S. C. Corkran, F. Legard.—Twenty-two: W. Wood, A. Turner, Thompson max, Thompson ma, K. Slaney, C. S. Newton, T. Sargent, H. E. Phipps, C. Moore, H. F. Langley, Hon A. Bertie, C. E. Knight, F. Willan, D. Stevens, T. Alexander, E. R. Chute, E. A. Hall, S. V. Gibbs, H. E. Smith, H. C. Seymour, Sandilands, Russell.

TWO SIDES OF COLLEGE.—This match was played Nov 27, and after a good game, won by North side, obtaining 4 rouges to 2 rouges. Corkran and W. Phipps played well for North, Lyttelton and Kinnaird for South side. Prideaux and Hogg were unable to play for South.—North: H. D. Forsyth, T. Hamond, A. V. Pryor, S. C. Corkran, W. W. Phipps, T. H. Phipps, A. Turnor, Trench, C. E. Knight, S. V. Gibbs, F. Legard.—South: E. S. Hope, Hon N. Lyttelton, C. E. Cuthel, E. Lubbock, H. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Kenyon-Slaney, A. Kinnaird, W. Wood, H. E. Smith.

ETON v CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, Dec 1, Cambridge played Eton in the field, and chiefly owing to the good play of Messrs Dupuis and Dodington, their behinds were victorious, obtaining 1 goal (out of a rouge) and 2 rouges to a goal. E. Hope was unable to play for the School.—Eton: H. D. Forsyth, Hon N. Lyttelton, W. S. Prideaux, C. E. Cuthel, A. Hogg, S. C. Corkran, T. Hamond, E. Lubbock, A. V. Pryor, W. Philpps, T. Phipps.—Cambridge: R. H. Blake-Humfrey, W. Trench, E. W. Chapman, L. W. Dent, Rev G. R. Dupuis, H. Brandrell, H. B. Herne, A. P. Dodington, Hon F. Pelham, A. Pope, G. Murray.

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL.

SIXTH FORM v THE SCHOOL.—This match was played on Saturday, Nov 21. It was a great disappointment to every one in the school, as all had looked forward to it. Of all the matches played this one causes the greatest excitement and interest. Rain began about twelve in the morning, and somewhat damped the hopes and wishes of every one for a fine day, but in about an hour's time it left off, and it was confidently prophesied that it was going to be a "stunning" day after all. But, alas! soon after dinner down came the rain again, accompanied by wind to any extent. Play began about 3:30, when the rain had blown away. It was no use trying to play hard on account of the wind. The School won the game by getting a "goal" and a "bully" against their antagonists' nothing. It is impossible to mention names, as the wind, and not players, generally had the most management of the ball. The fact that this game ended somewhat unsatisfactorily will no doubt make every one look forward with greater excitement to the game on the last day of this quarter.

FOURTH FORM v THE SCHOOL (EXCEPTING SIXTH FORM).—This match was played on Thursday, Nov 26. The weather was everything that could be desired, and, in consequence, the game was a splendid one. The School, who far outnumbered their opponents, seemed at first to be getting the best of the game, but as the Form warmed to their work they began gradually to drive back and force the enemy's position. The School, however, gave a desperate charge, and broke through and got a bully. At last the Form succeeded in thoroughly routing the enemy's left three times, and gained a bully each time. General Dawkes, Capt Mitchell, and Private Roupell distinguished themselves for the School; while General Green, Major French, and Capt Sandilands did their duty for the Form. Capt Sandilands especially excited admiration by the gallant manner in which he defended his camp. N.B.—Latest despatch from head-quarters: Ensign Noyes (reported wounded) had the good fortune to distinguish himself by obtaining two bullies at the last moment.

PEDESTRIANISM.

PEDESTRIANISM AT BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICTS.

ASTON CROSS GROUNDS.—Fortunately the weather on Monday, Nov 30, was favourable for outdoor amusements, and notwithstanding the many attractions in the hardware town, such as cattle show, dog show, rabbit and canary shows, there was a very large attendance at the above ground to witness first

Smalley and Coleman's (of Birmingham) match to walk round the above grounds 20 miles, Smalley staking £8 to Coleman's £5. The above men have walked four previous matches, one or other alternately winning. Coleman, who is now 42 years of age, and has walked some of the best men of the day, considered he had still mettle enough left in him to contend with his younger opponent Smalley, who is a small, compact made man, some 10 years the junior of Coleman. His style of walking is by no means pleasing; he appears to labour hard at his work, his arms, shoulders, and head all moving, yet he walks without the least distress, and appeared as cool as a cucumber all the distance. Both men looked in excellent trim. Smalley was attended by a friend, and Coleman by F. Peters. Our correspondent did the needful as referee. The betting was 2 to 1 on Smalley (but few takers). At half-past eleven, the men started at a good pace (they had to traverse the ground round 125 laps, less 50 yards). Coleman taking the lead, keeping the same till the forty-first lap, when Smalley went in front, closely followed by Coleman, who, at the forty-sixth lap, again went to the front, both men close together up to the fifty-third lap, when Smalley spurted forward at a rapid pace, taking the lead (seven miles done in 1h 8½min) and going away from Coleman yard by yard, for full 30 yards leading; but the men got together, and walked shoulder to shoulder for two laps (the ten miles done in 1h 38min 10sec, and fourteen miles in 2h 5min 3sec), but Smalley left him and went away from him whenever he liked, and 5 to 1 was offered on him; he was, to all appearance, as fresh as when he started. Coleman gamely walked on, although he gave evident signs that he was without a chance of overtaking his opponent, and at the fifteenth mile his friends called upon him to give in, but he refused, and Smalley had made the gap between them nearly half a lap, and was doing his work steadily. Coleman gamely kept on till the 103d lap round, when he gave in, stating that he was beaten. Smalley kept on, but Coleman's friends called a halt, declaring Smalley the winner, after walking 104 laps, or 16 miles 168 yards in 2h 30½min. The match was fair heel and toe the whole distance, and gave great satisfaction to all present. The stakes shall be sent to Smalley as directed.

After the above match the public were again admitted to witness the final heats of the 350 yards handicap, which was run on Monday, Nov 23. Mr J. Coates was again the referee, and Mr T. Clulee the starter.—First heat brought out T. Brown 35 yards start, G. Hill 46. At the click of the pistol the men went away at a good pace. An excellent race; Brown got the lead when 50 yards from home, and ran in a winner easily.—Second heat: J. Neary of Hulme 35, walked over, neither G. Hartshorne of Ison Green 39, nor T. Roberts 46, appearing.—Third heat: W. Waithman of Coventry 37, J. Clarke 42, De Grass 46 (absent). This was a well-contested heat, both off together, Clarke keeping the lead till the straight run home, when Waithman went in front, and won by a yard and a half. Betting: 4 to 1 on Waithman (tk). At four o'clock the bell rang for the deciding heat, which brought out J. Neary 35, 1; Waithman 37, 2; T. Brown 35, 3. The men got to their several marks, but, singular to state, they all got away before the pistol was fired, Waithman running full half the distance, Neary and Brown about 60 yards; they were called back by the referee and again placed. At the signal they got away, Waithman with a slight advantage in the start, Neary quickly leaving Brown in the rear; a splendid race for first place between Neary and Waithman, who kept the lead till close home, when Neary passed him, and won by a yard, Waithman three yards before Brown. Waithman certainly lost his chance of first place by going the long distance before pulling up in the first start. Neary received first prize of £10, Waithman second of 30s, and Brown third of 10s.

J. CAUNTLEY AND P. CONNELLY.—These men met at the above grounds on Saturday, Nov 28, to run half a mile round the grounds, for £5 a side. Both men are novices, and a good deal of interest was taken in the match, the friends of both parties backing their favourite. Connelly's party backed him freely at 5 to 4, which was as readily taken. Mr Clulee referee. At the signal the men went away at a good pace, Cauntley maintaining the lead for half the distance, when Connelly passed him, and won by three yards.

ASTON CROSS GROUNDS.—Mr Clulee of the above grounds will give £12 to be run for in an All England Handicap Race, distance 130 yards, on Saturday, Dec 26, and Monday, 28. All entries of 1s each to be made to Mr Clulee, as above, on or before Tuesday, Dec 15, and acceptances of 1s on or before Tuesday, Dec 22. Any one entering falsely will be disqualified. A card of the entries will be forwarded on receipt of a stamped envelope, as they will not appear in any sporting paper.

PRINCE OF WALES RUNNING GROUND, HOLLOWAY HEAD, BIRMINGHAM.—The final heats for the Novice Handicap, and also for the Silver Challenge Cup, did not take place on Monday, Nov 30, but we understand that they will be run off on Monday, Dec 7. First heat at half-past two o'clock.

GREAT ALL ENGLAND CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, DISTANCE 230 YARDS.—Messrs T. Cooper and Deakin will give £15 to be run for on Saturday, the 26th, and Monday, December 28th, at the Prince of Wales Grounds. Entries of 1s 6d each to be made to Mr T. Cooper, Market Hall Tavern, Bell-street, Bull Ring, or to Mr Deakin, at the grounds, on or before Tuesday, Dec 15. Any one wishing to back himself can have £50 to £5.

ASH TREE GROUNDS, TIVIDALE.—J. KIRKUM OF WESTBROMWICH AND W. DARBY OF OLDBURY.—The 100 yards match, for £10 a side comes off at the above grounds on Monday, Darby to have one yard start. The men to toe the scratch at two o'clock. £8 a side is down, and the final deposit of £2 a side to be made this day, at R. Davis's, the Rag Inn, Bromford-lane, Oldbury. A clipping race is anticipated.

T. BAKER OF COSELEY AND T. PRICE OF TIPTON.—The 100 yards match, for £5 a side between these men comes off on Monday at the above grounds. The men to toe the mark between two and three o'clock, to start by mutual consent in twenty minutes, or go by first report of pistol; either party starting before the pistol is fired to lose. The final deposit to be made this day at Whitehouse's Railway Inn, Tipton.

F. BOLTON AND B. NEWELL.—These district men have signed articles to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, at Aston Cross Grounds, on Monday, Dec 28. £2 10s a side is down, in the hands of Mr Chidlow, the final stakeholder, and a further deposit is to be made on Monday, Dec 7, at T. Darby's, Short Acre, and the final at T. Darby's, Prince Blucher, Stafford-street, Walsall.

Coleman (the veteran) of Birmingham and J. Wheeler of the Scots Greys have made another match to walk three miles round Aston Cross Grounds, for £5 aside, Coleman giving Wheeler three minutes start. To take place on Saturday, Dec 26. J. Holden of Walsall final stakeholder.

RICHARD BARLOW AND JOHN THOMPSON.—These Birmingham men are matched to run 200 yards, for £5 a side, at Aston Cross Grounds, on Monday, Dec 28. £1 a side is down, in the hands of Mr E. Wasall, Odd Fellows' Arms, Horlock-street, who is final stakeholder, to whom a further deposit must be made this evening. To go by mutual consent in 15 minutes, or by first report of pistol.

H. Bowen of Tipton, hearing that W. Williams wishes to have another spin, he will run him 120 yards at Tividale Grounds if he will give a start of five yards, for £5 a side; to run on the 26th Dec; or he will take the same start of any man in Tipton of his own age (38) in the like distance. Money ready at Mr Jukes's, College Inn, High-street, Tipton.

G. Lister of Birmingham will walk Parry's novice, or any novice in Birmingham, from two to seven miles, or he will walk Beckett, A. Graham, Coleman, or Wheeler (of the Scots Greys) the like distance, for £5 or £10 a side, or he will walk Smalley from four to ten miles, or take two minutes and a half start in 20 miles, for not less than £25 a side. Either match to come off at Aston Cross Grounds. The Editor of *Bell's Life* to be stakeholder. An answer through *Bell's Life* attended to.

Smalley of Birmingham will walk Thomas (the Northern Deer), Frank Diamond of London, or Lewis of Gloucester 100 miles, for from £20 to £50 a side, and will allow expenses to walk in an enclosed ground at Birmingham, in one month from the first deposit. If a deposit is sent to the Editor of *Bell's Life*, and articles to Mr Parry, Bell Inn, Livery-street, Birmingham, a match can be made.

H. Brown of Birmingham will run G. Haywood of Barlaston 120 yards, and give him a yard start, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at Woolley's, Wellington Inn, Holliday-street.

Coleman will walk A. Graham two miles and give him a quarter of a minute start, for £5 a side; to come off at Aston Cross Grounds on Monday, Dec 28. Money ready at White's, George and Dragon, Barr-street, St George's.

SHEFFIELD AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

QUEEN'S HOTEL, SHEFFIELD.—Messrs C. Whitworth and H. Phœnix's great All England 220 Yards Handicap Foot Race, to be run at the above ground, on Saturday and Monday, Dec 26 and 28; first prize £30, second £4, third £1.—Old Burrell (defaulter) at scratch, G. Mole of Walsall 24 yards start, J. Nuttall of Manchester 28, G. Beddows of London 29, J. Booth of Newton Heath 33, J. Monks of Carlton 34, J. Subden of Arnold 36, S. Albison of Bowlee 38, G. Scott of Newcastle 38, J. Slack of Mansfield 38, J. Brittain of Hulme 38, H. Webster of Liverpool 38, G. Woodcock 38, T. Wood (cobbler) 38, J. Woodcock of Arnold 39, J. Anderson of Alnwick 39, D. Taylor of Coventry 39, J. Taylor of Newton Heath 39, B. Newall of Dewend 39, J. Andrews of Millbrook 39, H. Waring of Preston 39, J. Spencer of Huddersfield 39, J. Homer of Musham 39, R. Marshall of Radford 39, R. Artingstall of Audenshaw 40, C. Scholes of Salford 40, F. Jones of Birmingham 40, J. Childs of Norwood 40, J. Blenkinsop of Salford 40, G. Wilson of Bradmoor 40, J. Brown of Lynn 40, J. Hitchen of Manchester 40, J. Winpenny of Longwood 40, J. Crosswaite of Leeds 40, J. Knight of London 40, G. Collier of Bury 40, J. Hirst of Longwood 40, W. Alma of Arnold 40, G. Burley 40, J. Carter of Preston 40, P. Holroyd of Mirfield 40, J. Narey of Hulme 40, W. Green of Spenny Moor 40, F. Malkin of Worksop 41, J. Balsover 41, J. Simmonite 41, W. Yates of Eccles 41, J. Rothwell of Bury 41, J. Netlope of Booth-lane 41, W. Rosindale of Leeds 41, T. Hayes of Intake 41, A. Bamber of Manchester 41, C. Richardson of Walsall 41, J. Roberts of Macclesfield 41, J. Buckland of Reading 42, J. Weston of New Lenton 42, H. Stokes of Bloxwich 42, W. Riley of Nottingham 42, C. Morton 42, M. Burke of Salford 42, G. Green of Hutton 42, C. Hall of Glossop 42, G. Swift 43, W. Collins of Oxford 43, S. Edge of Shireoaks 43, H. Thomlinson (84th Regt) 43, H. Dodd of Birmingham 43, T. Eshelby 43, J. Bennett of Barnsley 43, T. Ashberry of Laughton 43, J. Mills of Mosbro' 43, F. Darley 43, H. Stones 43, W. Nelson 43, W. Timperley 43, T. Whalley of Stockport 43, G. Beardman of London 44, T. Lee of Hackenthorpe 44, J. Hill of Rotherham 44, T. Mills of London 44, C. Booth of Leeds 44, S. Howard of Bradford 44, R. Price of Middlesborough 44, W. H. Wilson 44, H. Hall 44, G. Seward (old champion) 44, A. Ross of Stanningley 44, A. Hopkinson 44, S. Taylor 44, W. Webster 44, G. Nelson 45, F. Green of Lincoln 45, C. Dixon 45, A. F. Thorpe 45, W. Corker 45, H. Williamson 45, S. Peckett 45, G. Smith 45, C. Smith 45, J. Brammall 45, W. Brammall 45, B. Shaw of Clerkenwell 45, R. Cromick of Leeds 45, M. Berry 46, G. Barker 46, J. Bradbury 46, A. Kelly of Wardsley 46, G. Bailey of Harvest-lane 46, W. Dean, Esq, 46, F. Taylor 46, and E. Challoner 48. All acceptances of 4s each, to be made at Mr C. Whitworth's, Cup Inn, Market-street; or at Mr T. Nixon's, White Hart Inn, Waingate; or at Mr H. Phœnix's, Queen's Grounds, Sheffield; on or before Wednesday, Dec 9. Any man winning a handicap after Dec 3 will be put back two yards, and for running second one yard.

BURKINSHAW AND CROSSLAND.—On Monday, Nov 30, there was a good attendance of lovers of foot racing at the Queen's Hotel Ground, Sheffield, to witness the race of five score yards, for £10 a side, between G. Burkinshaw of Thurgoland and H. Crossland of Barnsley. The betting, which opened at 6 to 4 on Burkinshaw, closed at 2 to 1, with few takers. An equal start was effected. Burkinshaw, however, cut out the running at a clipping pace, and after the first thirty yards had been gone over, the race was virtually over, for Burkinshaw ran in an easy winner by nearly half a score yards.

MOLE AND MALKIN.—G. Mole of Walsall and F. Malkin of Worksop have entered into articles, and staked £5 each in the hands of J. Darley, of the Green Dragon Inn, Fargate, Sheffield, to run 167 yards at Hyde Park, Sheffield, on Monday, Dec 14, for £25 a side, Malkin to receive 14 yards start. The next deposit of £10 a side must be made good on Tuesday, Dec 8, and the final deposit of £10 a side must be made good on the day of running, at twelve o'clock at noon, at Mr J. Darley's, as above.

CHRISTMAS SPORTS AT HYDE PARK.—Mr W. Pitts's Handicap, distance 200 yards, which takes place at Hyde Park, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec 29 and 30, entries 1s 6d each, will remain open until Dec 9. Entries to be made at Hyde Park; Mr Pitt's, Black Boy, Bailey Lane; or at Darley's, Fargate. £23 given in prizes.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT HYDE PARK.—On Tuesday, Dec 1, there was only a moderate attendance to witness the usual sweepstakes of 10s, at 4 birds each, single guns standing 21 yards from the trap, with 1¼oz of shot, double guns (the use of one barrel allowed) to stand 19 yards, with 1½oz of shot. The following shooters contested:—J. Gregory, W. Froggatt, G. Hackett, H. Creswick, M. Elliott, P. Hudson, G. Burch, and T. Rodgers. The sweepstakes was won by the last-named shooter, who killed all his birds in good style.

PIGEON SHOOTING HANDICAP AT HYDE PARK, SHEFFIELD.—Mr J. Dutton, of the Norfolk Arms, Sans Paviors, Bow-street Sheffield, will give £5 to be shot for at 5 birds each, on Monday, Dec 21, double guns 1¼oz of shot, single guns 1½oz of shot. Entrance 1s, and 2s to accept. Entries to be made as above; to Mr L. Higgins, Hen and Chickens, Castle-green; or at the ground, on or before the morning of shooting, at ten o'clock.

KNUR AND SPELL.—NAYLOR v HALLAM.—On Monday, Nov 30, a great number of the lovers of this game assembled at Newhall, near Sheffield, to witness the match for £30, between T. Naylor of Grenoside and J. Hallam of Philadelphia, at 20 rises each, with common pot knurs. The betting commenced at 5 to 4, and ultimately left off at 6 and 7 to 4 on Naylor, which odds the backers of Naylor were justified in laying, the match never being in doubt from the commencement. We give the score:—Naylor 132 score at 19 rises, Hallam's score for the same number of rises being 117 score.

RABBIT COURSING AT THE QUEEN'S HOTEL.—On Monday, Nov 30, Mr J. Barker, the landlord of the Greyhound Inn, Penfold-street, Sheffield, gave the sum of £3 10s to be run for by dogs of all sizes. Entrance 3s each. Dogs not exceeding 17½ inches being allowed to enter for 2s. Twenty-eight dogs entered. The first prize, £2 10s, was won by Mr F. Hines's Fly; Mr Cartwright's Fly getting the second, 15s; Mr Lakin's Belle obtaining the third, 5s.

RABBIT COURSING AT THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, SHEFFIELD.—Mr J. Barker of the Greyhound Tavern, Pinfold-street, Sheffield, will give £3 10s to be run for on Monday, Dec 14, by dogs of all sizes; entrance 3s; dogs not exceeding 17½in to enter for 2s each. J. B. will also give £8 on Tuesday, Dec 29.

NEWALL, SHEFFIELD.—VIC v FLY.—Mr S. Hall has matched his bitch Vic against Mr Harrison's bitch Fly, to run the best of 21 courses, 50 yards law, Fly to have 4 courses given. The match is for £10 a side, and Mr J. Barker of the Greyhound Tavern, Pinfold-street, Sheffield, is stakeholder. The day has not yet been named.

CANINE.—GREAT RAT MATCH AT HYDE PARK, SHEFFIELD.—On Monday, Nov 30, a goodly number of the admirers of this sport attended the above ground to witness the match in which Mr G. Seward, the once celebrated American clipper, had backed his celebrated dog Venture to destroy 100 barn rats in the short space of eight minutes, in a pit of about 14ft in diameter. The rats having been counted into the pit, Venture was let loose, and he accomplished the total destruction of the vermin in the short space of 7min 45sec.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.

SATURDAY, Nov 28.—WRESTLING MATCH.—The weather proving very fine this afternoon there was a goodly attendance of visitors present at these grounds, about 600 persons having assembled. The programme exhibited only one event for decision, namely, a contest in the Lancashire style of wrestling, two back falls out of three, for £30 a side, but the event was by no means of so interesting a character as many had been led to expect. The competitors were J. Cross of Ashton and J. Magnall of Bury, each of whom had previously distinguished himself in the athletic arena, and when this match was made it was stipulated that it should be for £30 each, but it was left open to increase that sum to £50 a side, neither man to exceed 7 score 11lb weight. Magnall, who was attended by J. Dolan of Ashton and Isherwood of Burnley, was probably about 4lb or 5lb heavier than his opponent, he (Magnall) being a fine, stalwart man, but not endowed with a large amount of activity. Cross was attended by W. Schora of Ashton and J. Chadwick of Burnley, and he, as well as Magnall, appeared in good tiff. Mr Hayes discharged the duties of referee. Speculation opened in favour of Cross, and at the commencement of the contest 6 to 4 was offered on him, which odds were increased to 2 to 1 immediately after they joined issue. It is unnecessary to go into any lengthened detail in describing this match, Magnall seeming to have very little chance of success, and the position in which he was now and again placed by his antagonist excited the risible faculties of the spectators. We, therefore, merely add that the match was won by Cross, he having thrown Magnall twice in succession, the first round having only occupied four, and the second twenty, minutes.

MONDAY.—RABBIT COURSING.—A match at rabbits came off here this afternoon between J. Hibbert's Fly and J. Bradbury's Nelson (both of Manchester), at catch weights, 11 out of 21 courses, 50 yards law, for £10 a side. Upwards of 300 persons were present, and some brisk wagering took place. Odds of 6 to 4 were laid on Fly, who won the match easily, she having caught 11 to Nelson's four.

PEDESTRIANISM.—J. Webb and J. Harrison (respectively of Manchester) have signed articles to run 120 yards, for £10 a side, here, on Dec 19, Mr Hayes to be final stakeholder and referee. £2 10s each has been deposited.

A Handicap Race, distance 880 yards, will take place here on Saturday and Monday, Dec 26 and 28; first prize £20, second £2, third £1. Entrance 1s 6d each, and 2s 6d acceptance. All entries to be made on or before Dec 8, at the grounds, or at Mrs Taylor's, White Lion, Oldham. Acceptances the week following. Stamps as cash. Any one entering falsely will be disqualified.

MAGUIRE AND CLARKSON.—Mr J. Dunn, of the Queen Anne Inn, Red Bank, Manchester, now holds £2 each on account of the race of 140 yards, for £5 a side, between F. Maguire and J. Clarkson (both of that city), which is to come off here on Dec 12. Mr Hayes to be referee. The men are to be on the mark at three o'clock.

RABBIT SWEEPSTAKES.—A sweepstakes at rabbits will come off at these grounds on Monday, Dec 7, for dogs of all weights. Prizes, £3. To commence coursing at half-past two o'clock.

DOG HANDICAP.—Mr Hayes will give £10 in prizes for a dog handicap, on Saturdays, Dec 5 and 12. Entrance 2s 6d each (no acceptance). Any dog entered falsely will be disqualified.

VICTORIA RACE GROUNDS, LEEDS.

On Saturday, Nov 28, there was only a moderate attendance to witness the following matches:—The first was a spin of 880 yards, for £5 a side, between P. Morris and J. Hanson (both of Dewsbury). Morris took the lead, gradually left his opponent in the rear, and won very easily by 30 yards.

J. Jarratt and T. Stevenson next came to the scratch to run 100 yards, for £5 a side. They got off at the second attempt, Jarratt taking the lead, which he maintained throughout, and won by three quarters of a yard.

T. Billsbrough and R. Nixon (both of Castleford) next came out to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, which Billsbrough won with ease by five yards.

HAYDEN AND HARRISON.—B. Hayden and J. Harrison (both of Leeds) have now staked £15 a side for their match to run two miles, for £25 a side, here, on Saturday, Dec 12.

WATSON AND ATKINSON.—J. Watson and H. Atkinson (both of Castleford) have made a match to run 130 yards, for £20 a side, here, on Saturday, Dec 19.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER HANDICAP.—Mr Garnett will give a One Mile and a Quarter All England Christmas Handicap, to be run on Saturday and Monday, Dec 26 and 28. First prize £12, second £1, third 10s. All entries, 1s 6d, to be made by Tuesday, Dec 8, and acceptances, 1s 6d each, by Tuesday, Dec 15. All entries to be made at C. Garnett's, Green Man Inn; or at J. Woolfoot's, Harewood Arms, Leeds.

HAYDEN AND NEARY.—B. Hayden of Leeds and J. Neary of Hulme have made another deposit for their match to run three miles, for £25 a side, at the above grounds, on Saturday, Jan 2.

BRAITHWAITE AND PECK.—T. Braithwaite and S. Peck (both of Armley) have now staked £10 each in the hands of Mr Kellet, Low Moor, to run 120 yards, for £25 a side, on Monday, Jan 4 (not Saturday, Jan 2, as first stated), at the above grounds. The next deposit of £9 a side is to be made good Dec 12, and the remainder on the day of running.

WRESTLING.—W. Maynall of Burnley and G. Thompson of Manchester will wrestle their match of two out of three back falls, Lancashire fashion, for £10 a side, on Monday, Dec 7, at the above grounds, at two o'clock.

CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.

SATURDAY, Nov 28.—There was a tolerably numerous muster at these grounds this afternoon, between 400 and 500 persons being present, though the sport decided was confined to the canine species. The opening contest was a match at rabbits, for £10 a side, between S. Whittaker's Jenny of Openshaw, near Manchester, and D. Brown's Tiny of the same village, 11 out of 21 courses, 60 yards law, neither dog exceeding 18lb 12oz weight. Slight odds were laid on Jenny, who won a well-contested event by one rabbit, she having scored 11 to Tiny's 10.

CANINE.—This was a race of 200 yards, for £25 a side, the animals engaged being C. Eastwood's Flower and N. Hamer's Twig (both of Rochdale), the conditions being that neither dog should exceed 18lb 12oz weight. The stakes had been duly deposited in the hands of Mr Holden, and the proprietor of the grounds filled the office of referee. At starting 2 to 1 was laid on Flower, who won by a couple of yards.

PEDESTRIANISM.—Mr G. Hardy, of the Rising Sun, Swan-street, Manchester, has now received £15 each on account of the race of 150 yards, for £25 a side, between G. Beddow of London and E. Greenwood (alias the German Lad) of Manchester, which is to come off here on Dec 12. Mr Hardy has also been appointed referee, and the pedestrians are to be on the mark at three o'clock.

PIGEON SHOOTING.—Mr J. Hough of Rumworth and Mr T. Barlow of Horwich (both near Bolton) have signed articles to shoot at 25 birds each, for £25 a side, at these grounds, on Dec 30, with 1¼oz of shot, 21 yards rise, and 80 boundary. The proprietor to be referee. £10 each has been deposited in the hands of Mr Holden, and the remainder is to be staked on the day of shooting.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, OLDHAM.

SATURDAY, Nov 28.—OGDEN AND DAVENPORT.—Upwards of 400 persons assembled here this afternoon, to witness a race of 150 yards, for £10 a side, between T. Ogden and J. Davenport (both of Oldham), Mr J. Seville of the Crown and Cushion Inn, in that town, acting as referee. Ogden received three yards start, and the betting, which opened at 5 to 4, closed at 2 to 1 on him. On the pistol being fired, a good start was effected, but Ogden soon went to the fore, and won by three yards, without having been headed.

PEDESTRIANISM.—H. Nuttall and F. Longbottom (both of Roydon, near Oldham) are matched to run 200 yards, for £10 a side, at these grounds, on January 2. For this contest £2 each has been deposited in the hands of Mr J. Chadwick (the proprietor), and £3 a side additional is to be staked on Dec 12.

WRESTLING.—A match has been made between J. Bentley of Oldham and E. Buckley of Millbottom, to wrestle the best of three back falls, in the Lancashire style, for £10 a side, here, on Dec 19, neither man to exceed 6 score 10lb weight. Mr J. Seville of Oldham has received £2 10s each, and a similar sum is to be put down to-day.

SNIPE INN, AUDENSHAW.

SATURDAY, Nov 28.—About 250 persons were present here this afternoon to witness the following event announced to come off:—

RILEY AND KERRISON.—W. Riley of Ashton and C. Kerrison entered the course to run 440 yards for £10. The men stood at the mark 15 minutes without a start being effected, when the pistol was fired, and away they bounded, Riley soon showing in front, and when within 20 yards of home, and leading his opponent by at least three yards, he fell to the ground quite exhausted, and Kerrison ran in the winner. In our opinion had Riley run with more judgment he would have proved the victor.

JUMPING.—CALDERBANK AND PRESTAGE.—These men meet here this afternoon at three o'clock, to jump at stand crow jump, for £10 a side. T. Warren is stakeholder and referee, and he holds £1, the remainder to be paid at half-past two o'clock.

ST GEORGE'S RACE GROUND, HONLEY.

A. BOOTHROYD OF HONLEY AND J. HAIGH OF PADDOCK.—This race causes more than ordinary interest among local pedestrians. £15 is now down in the hands of J. Crowe, who is to be final stakeholder and referee, and from the well-known merits of the men a good race is expected. They run on Dec 12. To be on the mark at half-past four o'clock.

T. Boothroyd of Taylor Hill and J. H. Huttinson of Big Vallew are matched to run half a mile here on Saturday, Jan 2. £2 10s a side is now down in the hands of J. Todd, Netherton, who is to be final stakeholder and referee.

QUOITS.—C. Kinder of Lepton and A. Woodcock of New Mill are matched to play for £10 a side. £1 a side is now down in the hands of J. Haigh, who is to be final stakeholder, and to choose a referee on the ground.

T. Hancock of Burslem will run S. Yates of Hanley 120 yards level, for £5 a side, or give Jackson of Smallthorne two yards in the same distance, or take two yards of Oakes of Tunstall in the same distance, and for the like amount. Any of these matches can be made any night at Mrs Arkley's, Borough Arms, Hanley, or T. Webb's, Hot-lane, Burslem. To run in a month from signing articles.

A. Wild of Middlesborough will take four yards in 100 of W. Rees or R. Hutty, or he will run H. Winn or Young Crow of Stockton 100 yards level. Wild will be at the Crown Hotel on Monday night, Dec 7, at eight o'clock, prepared to make any of the above matches, for any sum up to £10 a side.

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