

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

MILWAUKEE still has hopes.  
 PURCELL will winter in Philadelphia.  
 The Utica team has been photographed.  
 CROSS, of the Louisvilles, winters in Cleveland.  
 FLINT has a namesake on the San Francisco Altas.  
 LONG JOHN RILEY thinks he is something of a pitcher.  
 FRED CARROLL and Pete Morgan have reached Frisco.  
 JIMMIE CLINTON will make his home in Baltimore this winter.  
 TONY MULLANE is the only Cincinnati player who has not yet signed.  
 The Toronto Club wants players. See advertisement on eighth page.  
 LON KNIGHT is once more at work behind the bar of Hudson saloon.  
 HICK CARPENTER's team will probably go to New Orleans this week.  
 McKEEN and Keenan, the "Italian battery," will winter in Indianapolis.  
 HANSON is Detroit's chief run-getter, and has also played most games.  
 HARRY WRIGHT is said to own ten shares of stock in the Philadelphia Club.  
 MORRILL has been a member of the Boston Club for ten consecutive seasons.  
 BILL SWENEY has secured a situation for the winter in Oswego as bar-tender.  
 A SEMI-PROFESSIONAL team will be started in Wheeling next fall.  
 GEORGE STRIEP is now a member of company 7 of the Cleveland fire department.  
 FRANK BANCROFT is getting together the nine for Rochester, N. Y., for next year.  
 The average salary paid members of the Cincinnati team next season will be \$1,800.  
 TOM DEASLEY says that Von der Ahe is "der boss manager of der boss St. Louis nine."  
 SAM KIMBER is conducting a Fourth and Eighth streets passenger car. So is Geo. Latham.  
 The Nashville Club had a benefit game Oct. 24 which panned out fairly well for the lads.  
 TRENAN has not signed with Louisville. His signature is appended to a Jersey City contract.  
 Some of the Louisville players think of getting up a team to go to New Orleans this winter.  
 The directors of the Canadian League have resolved to further the International League scheme.  
 CASEY, of the Newarks, and Derby, of the Norfolk, were the boss batters of the Eastern League.  
 JOE SOMMER is now at Covington, Ky. His home is there and there he will remain until spring.  
 THE KENOHA, Wis., Regulars defeated the Racine College nine on Oct. 24 by a score of 18 to 1.  
 CHICAGO has been gunning after Daly, the Newark catcher, who has already signed with Newark.  
 ANSON by this time knows that all the ball playing talent is not confined in the National League.  
 JACK MANNING has received the silver base ball emblematic of the championship at base ball cards.  
 The Bostonians disbanded on Oct. 24 after defeating the Commodities 13 to 4. Buff and Bent were the pitchers.  
 The Dartmouth Sophomores have won the college championship by three victories over the other classes.  
 The best batting club in the Eastern League was the National team; the Waterburys were the best fielders.  
 HERMAN DOEBLER, the blacklisted ex-League manager, is still in the hotel business at Lansingburg, N. Y.  
 PAUL RADFORD, Providence's mascot, was married on Wednesday last, to Miss Minnie A. Blair, of Hyde Park.  
 FOX, once of the Boston, has offers from several clubs in the South. He thinks he will haul up in Savannah.  
 BEARD and Marr, of the Nashvilles, are going to open a billiard and pool room on North College street, Nashville.  
 MORRISSET, of the Nationals, and Behel, of the Milwaukee, finished the season with the Harvard, Wis., Reds.  
 TWENTY-FIVE CENTS was the admission rate to the St. Louis local championship games played on the Lucas grounds.  
 PETER O'DAY leads the Eastern League pitchers in point of effectiveness. Phenomenal Smith is second, Barr third.  
 IN JONES, Lewis and Corkhill the Cincinnati will have an outfield that can vie with the Athletic outfield in batting ability.  
 The "big four" have said where they would go next season and where they would not go. Now let's see where they do go.  
 C. A. BYRNE, of Brooklyn, for president and Jas. A. Williams for secretary, is said to be the American slate for next year's officers.  
 MILWAUKEE now trots out a phenomenon in Harper, the pitcher of a local amateur nine, who in 19 games has struck out 262 men.  
 The backwoods giant, Thompson, leads all the Detroitis in batting, both in single and total base averages. Hanson is close after him.  
 The amount of profit realized by the Boston Club is variously estimated from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The first figure is nearest right.  
 It will be possible from now until next spring for the head of the family to get a chance at the paper in advance of the male heir.  
 JOHNNY WARD will resume his legal studies this winter. If he should make as good a lawyer as he is a ball player a fortune should await him.  
 The Jersey Blues defeated the Hobokeners for the championship of Hudson County, Oct. 24, by the score of 16 to 11. Both clubs then disbanded.  
 It is said that Mullane, McKoon and Keenan have refused to sign with Cincinnati for \$2,000. They'll probably think better of it before the spring.  
 HORNER and Warner, the Toronto pitcher and catcher, are not only fine players, but good-looking young men as well, judging from photographs sent us.  
 BO FUSSELLBACK is in town for the winter. He will keep himself in good condition and will prove a most useful member for some good teams next season.  
 MR. J. L. WINSTON, manager of the Fortlands, has commenced proceedings against the association for salary dues, and has sued the association for \$1,000.  
 ROBINSON, of the St. Louis Americans, was badly injured in the side while sliding to a base last Monday, and will be unable to play any more this season.  
 VON DER AHE is looking for another catcher and pitcher. Barr, of the Nationals, is the man he is after. If he gets him Geo. McGinnis will walk the plank.  
 THE NEW YORK GOO, a leaf from the St. Louis book and worked the Philadelphia racket prior to playing a Sunday game with the Skeely Club on Long Island.  
 THE LOUISVILLE players played a game with a picked nine last Sunday at Ed Whiting, and walloped them 6 to 0. The proceeds went to Lou Whiting, who is stranded in that city.  
 FRED WARNER, who played with the Cleveland, Philadelphia and Merritt clubs, was sent to jail in this city a week ago for refusing to support his wife and two children.  
 CHARLIE MASON wants to dispose of his base ball headquarters in this city, and having the time to give it the attention it requires. Here's a chance for a good investment.  
 The Eastern New England League has adopted a salary limit. Let the minor associations follow suit, and base ball will soon be placed on a paying basis everywhere.  
 THE SAID ON good authority that the Beacons, Boston's top amateurs, have played their last season. Causes—too much trouble to captain and manage and too little time to attend to it.  
 J. DONNELLY will manage the Columbus, Ga., Club next season, and five thousand dollars have been subscribed for a professional team to enter the Southern League again.  
 RUMORS concerning Lucas' intentions for next year are still floating about. The latest is that Von der Ahe will buy the League club's franchise and put his club into the League.  
 DUNLAP has been reserved by Lucas, and it now remains for Trent to make good his oft-repeated assertion that he would sooner remain idle than play ball in St. Louis next season.  
 HISTORY may repeat itself. The only championship ever won by Buffalo was that of the old International Association. Now the club will go back whence it started on the road to fame.  
 CHARLIE HOUSEHOLDER, late of the Virginia Club, has fully recovered from his accident—a split collar-bone—and is ready to take business with a good club. He resides at 1355 Post street, this city.  
 KELLY and Ewing are the claimants for the honor of being the best all-round player in the League. Opinions differ as widely as day and night who is entitled to the palm. Each has a host of partisans.  
 INDIANAPOLIS is willing to go into the new Union Association scheme and some correspondence on the subject has passed between that city and Newark. The scheme will never get further than on paper.  
 IN FREDERICK, at a meeting has been already prepared for next season, and a meeting has been held and a permanent organization effected for next year by the election of officers. It will be a stock company.  
 THE FIVE players who stand against the limited salary clause will be benefited in the end—Cincinnati Equiper. Editor Weldon is a poor adviser. He lets sentiment get away with sense every time.  
 THE Chattanooga stockholders held a meeting last week at which important business was transacted. The treasurer's report showed a flattering condition. Plans were discussed for next year's campaign.  
 In St. Louis they will stick to playing and let managers alone. The latter is only a good job when success smiles upon the team. All can't be successful and it might be Eam's misfortune to connect with a losing team.  
 EVEN without the "big four" Detroit, with her present team, will next year be the strongest club in the League, exclusive of New York and Chicago. The team played a wonderfully strong game towards the close of the season.  
 HICKER was signed by Louisville without trouble. The out-down only effected him to the extent of \$200, and we suppose that he was made up to him in his new headquarters, into which President Phelps has put some money.

J. E. HANDBOR, who pitched for the Henley Club, of Richmond, Ind., for this season, has signed with the Pittsburgh Club for 1886. He has a record in four games this season of having retired his opponents without a solitary safe hit.  
 ROONEY SWENEY has a temporary job in the office of the New York Board of Aldermen. This excellent catcher would like an engagement with a New York State or Southern League club. He can be addressed 129 Mulberry street, N. Y.  
 Some important changes are very likely to come about before spring. The League is discussing and casting about for new fielders. The American Association clubs are pledged to stand together, but base ball pledges are seldom very binding.  
 At ITHACA, Oct. 24, The Sophomores of Cornell University defeated the Freshmen by a score of 25 to 2. The "Sops" succeeded in making 22 runs in the first inning, and, having tired themselves batting, permitted the Freshmen to get a couple runs.  
 BROTHERS, Rowe, Richardson and White are firm in their determination to play in Detroit next year and nowhere else. They say that they won't play in Philadelphia or Boston anyway. The "Deacon" says he would just as lief farm as play ball anyhow.  
 It is said that Jim Whitney wants to play again in Boston badly. He married and settled down there, and so that city is now his home. He feels sure that he could do better work, and does not think that his support behind the bat has been what it should be.  
 EVERYBODY smiles incredulously when talking of the reduction of the salaries of the crack New York players and yet John B. Day gave his solemn pledge to enforce the rule—after the annual League meeting. He evidently hopes that a change may yet be made.  
 THE Nashville Club has disbanded. Baker will winter in Philadelphia, Goldsby in Evansville, Diester in Detroit, O. Geiss in Chicago, Sowder in Indianapolis, Hillery in Cincinnati, Taylor in Pittsburgh. Voss, Beard, Marr and Sued will remain there for some time.  
 The best batter on each Eastern League club was Casey, for Newark; Derby, for Norfolk; Connell, for Wilmington; Johnston, for Virginia; Burch, for the Nationals; Meister, for Waterbury; McManay, for Lancaster; Flannigan, for Bridgeport; McLaughlin, for Trenton.  
 The splendid fight the Brooklyns made against the New Yorks in the late series of exhibition games has compelled acknowledgment from the New York papers that the Brooklyns are a fine team. They now think the club ought to be in the League in place of Providence.  
 OVER 5,000 people were present at the New Yorks' first Sunday game and with an amateur club that is what you think of in Chicago, Sowder in Indianapolis. This game had been with Chicago? What visions of barrels of money float before the gaze at the mere suggestion.  
 MANAGER ALEXANDER, of the St. Joseph Red Stocking Base Ball Club, has just completed the organization of a Western League, which will operate next season. The League will consist of clubs from St. Joseph, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Omaha, Denver, Pueblo, Hastings and Lincoln.  
 This talk about forming a new association for the benefit of the players, with a capital of a million dollars, is all both. The League and American Association have got things their own way. After the failure of the Union Association, no one is willing to put up a dollar for the new scheme.  
 The new management of the Newburyport Club has signed Daniel Shannon as manager, captain and second baseman of the club for the season of 1886. Mr. Shannon the past season filled these three positions in the Bridgeport Club, and has a fielding average of .908 and a base hit average of .293.  
 The Trenton Club's name will be changed to Jersey City next year as it should be, considering that it is supposed to represent Jersey City. The only reason for not changing this year when the transfer from Trenton to Jersey City was made was to keep the records of the transferred and defunct clubs separate.  
 It is given out that some of the rebellious players who want the earth will find out, when too late, that several things done by the League and American Association at New York last Saturday were not published. There will be no more monkey business. Dunlap experience has been a lesson to all concerned.  
 A CONTEMPORARY takes exception to the statement of the poet playing on roller skates affects the batting of base ball players, and thinks that, if when the players finish their polo games, they would go right home like good little boys, polo would not get blamed for that "midnight rackets" are alone responsible.  
 The Cincinnati Equiper says "there is no reason why a base ball union should not be a great success. Ah, indeed, will the Equiper man please give a few of the facts upon which he bases his opinion? Nobody outside of the Equiper office can see the remotest chance for the success of such an organization if attempted."  
 GORE graduated from a paper mill. When the Fall Rivers were on their tour to Maine in 1876, Gore made the best batting record of any player that opposed their pitcher and he was engaged by them. At that time he was in the paper mill and he probably got a few cents that amount per day now, or did before he was suspected.  
 ANSON furnishes most of the money for Sunday's race with Latham, of St. Louis, Nov. 8. He once furnished \$100 for a race between Sunday and Kittleman, and another time it cost him \$50 in Cleveland for a dash between Sunday and Gilbert, of New Britain, Conn. Sunday lost both races, of course, and the latter \$50 was begged by Tom Burns.  
 ACCORDING to the Cincinnati Equiper Jack Brennan, the umpire for the Henleys, was fined \$25 and costs a week ago at Richmond, Ind., for striking Miss Nellie Madden on the nose and seriously injuring her. He had been keeping company with the girl for some time, and it is said they were engaged to be married. His friends condemn his unmanly act.  
 The New Yorks played in Long Island last Sunday and a big and tough crowd witnessed the game. A local paper says that while Jim Mutrie and some men were arguing over a bad twenty-five cent piece, the crowd became impatient and made a rush on the gate. Mutrie was knocked down and about two hundred people walked over him before he was rescued.  
 A MEETING of the Harvard base ball association was held Oct. 26 in Holden Chapel, for the annual election of officers. A. D. Whiting, '85, was elected president; D. C. Clark, '85, vice president; A. B. Potter, '67, manager; W. H. Rand, '88, treasurer. The expenses of the nine last year were \$6,250.31, and the total income \$7,150.92, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$890.61.  
 KENT HOWARD, of the Brockton Club, the heavy hitter of the Eastern New England League, for whose release Boston offered a big bonus last summer, has signed with the St. Louis League team. In addition to his great batting abilities he is a fine outfielder. We are glad to see that Mr. Schmelz is strengthening in a department where his club is decidedly weak—batting.  
 A. J. EALEY, of New Albany, Ind., centre fielder of the New Albany amateur club, says he is willing to accept Latham's challenge to run any ball player a 100-yard foot race, pistol shot race, for a purse of \$500. Ealey says he is a good runner, a good tackler, and will run Latham for \$250, the race to take place at Louisville, Ky., three weeks after signing articles.  
 WILL WHITE has retired from base ball permanently, and, as he is not engaged in any business there, will probably leave Cincinnati for good. He will start soon on a prospecting tour in Kansas and Texas, and it is possible that he will purchase a tract of land and start a ranch. Will has been one of the few provident men in the profession, and has laid by quite a nice sum of money.  
 The new grounds of the Metropolitans at Staten Island will be as fine as any in the country if money can make it so. It is intended to construct a pier within one hundred yards of the new grounds for the landing of passengers. The New York Yacht Club are to be run down from New York to the new grounds, and arrangements will be made whereby excursion tickets can be had at reduced rates.  
 A GAME of base ball on roller skates was played in a Cleveland rink the other day. It is exciting and funny—to the spectators. To the players it is bruising, exhilarating and acrobatic. The trick is to stand still, and not can do the trick. Men fall when they throw the ball, fall when they make a catch or a pick-up, and fall when they want to stop on a base. Base ball on roller skates is therefore a game of falls.  
 WILL C. BRYAN, the organizer and ex-manager of the Nashville Club, is now at Charleston, S. C., busily engaged in organizing the club of that city, which expects to be admitted to the Southern League, having 70,000 population and being the liveliest and most progressive town, next to Atlanta, in the South. Bryan is a good base ball man, of large experience, and if anybody can give Charleston a good team he can.  
 A NEW Northwestern League is talked of for 1886 to include the representative clubs of Eau Claire, Hudson, Winona, Stillwater, St. Paul, Minneapolis, La Crosse and Duluth. W. H. Lucas, who has his leg broken some time ago in a game in Duluth, is at the head of the movement to organize a club there. He struck out 79 men in the last six games he played, and is considered the swiftest pitcher in the Northwest.  
 AN EXCHANGE remarks—"The St. Louis Browns can now claim the base ball championship of the world, if it will add any feather to their cap to make such a claim in the face of the fact that nowhere off this American continent does anybody make any pretense of playing base ball skillfully. It would seem like carrying coals to Newcastle for nine United States clubs to shout: 'We are the base ball champions of the earth!'"  
 FRED LEWIS' engagement by Cincinnati is generally regarded as a mistake. The Cincinnati team has been from the beginning the best behaved team in the American Association, especially as regards lushing. Clats, however, one lusher after another, has been added to the team. Some of the old regulars have been, through bad example, demoralized. With the prince of lusers added to the team the climax is capped.  
 WM. R. PARKS, ex-Eastern League Umpire, is now in successful business in Easton, Pa., but still finds time to umpire the college games up there. Parks was a member of the famous Easton nine of 1874, which contained the best players of the time—Bryant, Bradley, Miller, Laidie, Allison, Wadsworth, Batin, Hague, Mack, Walite and Bancker, and also was manager of the team of 1879, which won the State championship and later of the 1883 team.  
 PITTSBURGH notes—"The W. W. Bell Club has again won the amateur championship of Western Pennsylv."

vaning, this being the second time in succession. The slaying of Carl Smith was the cause of this club's success—and the first report tendered him by his catcher, Jas. Patterson. Smith pitched in eight games, winning all, striking out 85 men and allowing but 18 hits off his delivery. Any club wishing a first class battery will find it in Smith and Patterson.  
 A LOUISVILLE exchange says: "Chris. Von der Ahe grew so mad during the recent meeting at New York that he is reported to have asked Billie Barnie: 'Barnie, of you will mint your pusiness, will you give me the Standard? This story is very improbable considering that Chris. is very friendly to Barnie and is rendering him financial assistance. Every flip reporter thinks the genial German fair game for cheap wit.'  
 MANAGER JIM HART unexpectedly dropped into THE SPORTING LIFE office on Friday and had come all the way from Louisville on a still hunt for players, and begged his game, too. He got a dandy catcher in Cook, late of the Nationals, and probably by this time has also secured Phil Baker, 'the Nationals' fine first baseman and slugger. Jim is a hustler, and doesn't let the grass grow under his feet or waste any time over mail and telegraph when he wants a man. He goes and collars him in person.  
 SUPPOSING some of the old ball players should take it into their heads not to work for the salary set down in the National Agreement—what then? Young players will be drafted into the service—good players, many of them, who will be willing to play for less pay. It may lower the standard of the game for a time, but the young players will in a season or two be playing as good ball for two thousand and less as the old players are now doing for twice that figure.  
 The Cincinnati players will scatter this week. Fenelly will go to Fall River, Mass.; Clinton to Baltimore, McKoon and Keenan to Indianapolis, Ind.; Snyder to Washington, D. C.; Corkhill to Philadelphia, Jones, Rilly, McPhee, Carpenter, Pechnie, which was \$1,000. Baldwin winter in Cincinnati, but it is quite likely that all of them will put in most of their time in New Orleans, where they go in connection with a number of other Northern professionals to play this winter on the Exposition grounds.  
 JOHNNY WARD has been interviewed on the salary reduction. He says he is rather rough on the part of the late convention in fixing the maximum of a player's salary at \$2,000. Making \$1,000 the minimum does not make it any better. I think base ball is the game, but still the boys want to be paid for playing it. Some of the boys under this new arrangement will probably drop out of the game, they are going to be a daisy one. There will be a struggle for the lead, and a hot one at that." Rather non-committal.  
 JIM MANNING, when he joined the Detroit, was promised that he would not be reserved; the promise was kept. He has had some fine offers from the Pittsburghs, Cincinnati and other clubs; the Cincinnati wanted him at centre. As the Detroit wanted him, and as he likes the city and his job, he has signed with them at an advance over his salary of the last year, which was \$1,000. He will probably continue his work at short, and will try to do good work there next year. He will probably not play polo this winter, except so as to get into condition.  
 BUFFALO's manager, Jack Chapman, who is now at his home in Brooklyn, writes THE SPORTING LIFE that he is sorry that he cannot take him to Buffalo. He was in the last issue of this paper in regard to the League. His decision that Buffalo must remain in the League until her case can be passed upon at the annual meeting. Mr. Chapman says that the remarks attributed to him really came from a Mr. Cushman (observe the similarity in names, which accounts for the reporter's mistake), who is connected with the new Buffalo State League Club.  
 KROOK, Ia., notes—"Ted Kennedy is resting at home here. Ted was not treated right by Spalding's men, having had no chance at all. Out of eleven games he pitched nine winning ones.....Jos. Walsh, late of Malon, is at home here.....Decker, of the Jacksonville nine, is wintering here.....Prof. Korkey (Corcoran) will be at home here.....Tom Sawyer, the 'big four' 'black champion of the ball field,' will be at his home soon.....Hank Harrington is getting quite a reputation as a base ball manager. William H. is a 'hustler' and deserves unlimited success."  
 AN EXCITING game of base ball took place last Wednesday between the medical students of Jefferson College and the students of the University of Virginia on the University grounds, resulting in a victory for the boys by the close score of 11 to 10. The Jefferson College nine were first at the bat. The team was made up of these men: Bartleson, c; Lovett, cf; Cline, lf; Groome, p; Judge, 3b; Sidebotham, cf; Foster, lf; Heinlein, 2b; White, rf. The University nine were: McCalidy, 2b; Lewis, 3b; Down, cf; Ashcraft, ss; Grum, cf; Church, cf; Dolby, lf; Hoffman, p; Jones, rf.  
 TED SULLIVAN was in town last week and paid us a visit. He has not yet made any arrangement for next season and will not do anything until later on. He says, though, that he has quite a number of good players whom he can lay his hands on. He was grossly misrepresented in the Northern papers during his connection with the Brockton Club. He is a professional player, and allow himself to be bulldozed. He parted from Memphis with regret, as he was more than pleased with the treatment there. He will for the present put up at Chicago, where he can be addressed Continental hotel.  
 PEORIA, Ill., notes—"Peoria was not represented at the meeting of the Western League last week, and unless the Peoria is in the Eastern League, no room for our club in this League. The other cities of the League think Peoria knows too much about ball players and would go to pieces in a few months as they have done before, but they are willing to have a club here if membership is asked for in time.....Pinckney will be home some time this week.....O'Brien and Dugdale will be in town next week.....McHugh has an offer from Decatur for next season."  
 THE prominent preparatory schools of New England are agitating the question of forming an Interscholastic Base Ball League. Should such an organization be formed, it would include Phillips Exeter, Phillips Andover, St. Paul's, St. Mark's, Adams' academies and the Boston Latin School. The Harvard Crimson, in command of the game, says that a systematic schedule of games and friendly rivalry for the base ball championship of the Interscholastic League, would, of necessity, prove beneficial to the preparatory schools as well as to the colleges which they supply."  
 It is not unlikely that the New Orleans winter season will this time prove more successful than previous experiments down there. The games will be conducted in a more systematic way. The Exposition Company ought to thrive. Carpenter's team will play week days at the Exposition, and on Sundays will cross bats with a team that is being organized by Toby Hart to play on the old base ball grounds in that city. It is expected that considerable rivalry can be worked up over the respective merits of the two teams, and that in the long run interest will be secured and the gate receipts increased.  
 HORNER writes THE SPORTING LIFE denying the charges made against him in our last issue by the Toronto Base Ball Association. He says he never conspired with objectionable characters while in Toronto; that his finger was hurt in trying to act as peace-maker between fighting friends; that an accident only caused him to lay off one week; that the balance of his idleness was caused by an injury received in a game; that during his incapacity he acted as umpire and did other work for the club, and that because he protested in strong terms against a deduction of \$25 from his salary the letter to THE SPORTING LIFE was written. He also writes that he is not prepared to live up to their contract regarding salary and other conditions, and that they failed to award him a promised diamond pin for the lead in the club batting.  
 UTICA notes—"M. W. Campbell, the gentlemanly ticket-seller of the Utica Base Ball Association, was presented with an elegant gold headed cane last week by the managers, Greenman and Discher.....An excellent photograph of the Dewegos is on exhibition in Payne & Key's show window. It is stated on good authority that some of the members of the Utica team are wanting larger salaries than the association can afford to give for their services next year.....The Say brothers have returned to their home in Baltimore, Md. Pendergrass and Lawlor are wintering in Troy, N. Y.....Numerous improvements upon to be made in Riverside Park before the next season opens. A new sewer's stand will be erected and over it seats will be put in place for those who desire to witness the game from that point.....The number of persons who paid admission to witness the home games this year numbers 29,946, of whom 22,273 bought grand stand tickets.....Joe Hornung has been visiting friends in Boston lately.....The record of the Utica Club as published from the official records shows that Gorman leads the club in batting, having a percentage of .251. Corcoran leads in fielding, his percentage being .958.  
 ALTOONA, Pa., notes—"Last week we had a very welcome visitor in our city in the person of George J. Smith, the Brooklyn's famous short-stop. George is one of the most brilliant lights in the base ball constellation and his friends here are legion. His ball playing propensities may be said to have developed in Altoona, benefiting the latter part of the season of 1882 and continuing until the disbandment of the Altoona Union in 1884. From here he went to Cleveland where he filled Dunlap's place at second base when Cleveland was wintering in Boston, lately.....The record of where he played the season just past, and where he will play next season. Altoona always was, is, and is Smith's favorite town for playing ball in, but there is not enough money here for him, even if he could secure a release from his present employers. It will be a dark, frigid day in Brooklyn, though, when George Smith will be seen in the city, and a good part of his winter at his home in Pittsburgh.....If anything is being done here towards organizing a team for next season it is being done on the quiet, as nothing can be learned from anyone—only that 'they hear there is to be a club here next season. One thing is pretty certain, the men who were interested in the Altoona team are now in the city, and they are anxious to get on their feet, consequently it will have to be taken hold of by a new set of men and this we believe will be done."  
 BINGHAMTON notes—"Binghamton will certainly be represented in the State League next year and will have a club that will recall to mind, by many well earned victories, the Crickets of 1877, champions of N. Y. State. Binghamton has always been a good town to own and manage, and the members of the club are all such men as Ward, of the New York League; Richardson, late of Buffalo; Purcell, late of Boston; Charles Smith; of Pittsburgh; John Richmond, of the same city; Whitney, of the Detroit; Casey, of the Detroit, and his

brother, now a member of the Newark Club. Our stock company has been formed and Binghamton will be represented at the meeting of the State League. Such men comprise our company as will make success a certainty and Binghamton will make all clubs work to win the championship of 1886. The Buffalo Club are trying to crowd our nine out of the State League, but we are of the opinion that they will be just about as successful in this attempt as they were in their endeavors to capture the championship of the Eastern League. Binghamton stands ready, guarantees money in hand, to enter the State League and will probably be given the preference rather than a club that always fought for last position in the National League. I hope soon to be able to give you a correct list of the players comprising our club.  
 ATLANTA, Ga., notes—"The base ball world here at present is very dull. Manager Schmelz's successor will be either Joe Simmons or Charlie Morton, and the question now is, will we win the pennant next year, and we must have it if money can get it. We must win the pennant next year by a large percentage and beyond all question, and show our friends that when Atlanta stands at the head of the parade, it is not a club that is proud city, and all of our neighboring cities are as jealous of our pride, thrift, and go ahead way.....Goldsby, Cahill, Britman and Dundon will hold their old positions next year's team. The town is stuck on them. Cahill is a favorite here and the boys would hate to have him play anywhere else. The "big four," as the boys call them, are going to stay in the League, and eight more like them will win the pennant for us in 1886.....The Southern League next season will be much stronger than last. The South is proud of her first season in the base ball arena and the success she attained. We turned out some fine players who will make their mark in the base ball fraternity; mark it down. We predict that the winners next year will be New York or Louisville, Atlanta or Nashville.....Louisville and Jim Hart will do some heavy work next season. We wish Manager Hart success.....Atlanta sends her best wishes to Manager Schmelz. Good luck, Gus, we are always with you.  
 DENVER, Col., notes—"The Chicago Spaldings came here on Oct. 15, on a guarantee of \$100, and played a series of four games with the Denvers, winning two—2 to 0 (innings) and 9 to 6, and losing two—7 to 3 and 11 to 2. The management relied on Saturday and Sunday games to reimburse them for their outlay which, however, were both postponed on account of bad weather, and they had to pay expenses. Not content with the result, the Spaldings arranged for another series of four games, the winning club each day to take that day's total game receipts, and they should have won the whole four games, but were umpired out of the last two, one ending in a tie, 6 to 6, (ten innings) and the other being given to the Denvers 6 to 5. The audience of last Sunday was the largest of the series, and the game was the season, as this was the last game. The Spaldings takes a benefit Nov. 1. Previous to the game of Oct. 20 a throwing contest was participated in by McAndries, Jevne, Rooks, Dugdale, O'Brien, Hudson, Ryan, Marton, Roach and Flynn for a silver cup, which fell to Hudson with a record of 337 to five.....The directors are already looking out for next year, and will doubtless have a stronger team next season than we had this. It looks very much as though Denver would be left out of the new Western League which is about to be organized, and which is said now will include the towns of Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atchison, Leavenworth, Lincoln and Hastings, Neb. A Rocky Mountain League is now being talked of, which will include Denver, Pueblo, Leadville, Cheyenne, and possibly other neighboring towns."  
 THE HENLEYS.  
 The Batting and Fielding Averages of a Noted Team.  
 RICHMOND, Ind., Oct. 21—"The Henley Club closed its season by giving the game of the Southern League, of Louisville, Ky. on the 8th. It was very cold and the game was devoid of any brilliancy. The score was 18 to 3 in favor of the Henleys. Manager Henley is very well satisfied with his base ball experience and intends to have one of the best clubs in the country for next year, and has retained most all of the players for the same. He has retained Col. Williams, Bill Bars, Christian, Whiting, Van Zant and Smith intend to stay this winter, and are all going to have positions in Henley's skate factory. The individual averages of the Henley team from the beginning of the season up to Oct. 8 inclusive are given below. These averages are for the regular season, and include all the players, including those with all League and professional clubs. The percentage of some of the players, which are up to most any of the leagues, if not ahead. The total batting average of the whole club is .219 and the total fielding average .919:  
 BATTING AVERAGES.  
 Players. Games. A. B. B. H. R. Av.  
 Anderson, J. L. .... 9 41 132 20 222  
 Collins, J. .... 42 133 58 56 290  
 Buckley, P. .... 11 32 9 3 281  
 Arder, B. .... 57 250 70 58 280  
 Christian, C. .... 59 275 76 63 276  
 Barnes, B. .... 65 243 66 71 272  
 Nye, J. .... 5 11 3 2 272  
 Williams, C. .... 32 135 24 267  
 Moore, C. .... 61 282 70 54 245  
 Mills, 2b and cf. .... 60 249 60 41 240  
 Smith, p and lf. .... 45 190 37 30 231  
 Browne, rf. .... 33 141 34 22 241  
 Van Zant, lb. .... 27 267 58 59 216  
 Hand, 3b. .... 29 125 16 14 183  
 Hendricks, 2b. .... 66 160 12 4 230  
 Whying, p. .... 17 48 6 9 125  
 Schell, p. .... 31 103 15 6 116  
 Broderick, p. .... 7 18 1 2 555  
 Pyle, 2b. .... 5 13 0 1 1000  
 Schalk, c. .... 10 25 6 0 240  
 FIELDING AVERAGES.  
 Players. Games. P. O. A. E. Av.  
 Schell, p. .... 31 238 5 383  
 Hand, 3b. .... 27 7 289 5 983  
 Whying, p. .... 17 4 154 4 975  
 Collins, ss. .... 42 54 126 15 974  
 Van Zant, lb. .... 27 657 29 36 950  
 Christian, C. .... 59 632 113 35 928  
 Williams, C. .... 32 135 24 267  
 Arder, 2b. .... 57 154 149 29 918  
 Andrews, lb. .... 9 43 5 6 883  
 Moore, 2b and cf. .... 60 91 54 21 874  
 Schalk, c. .... 10 17 3 3 874  
 Rhee, 3b and lf. .... 31 14 56 12 833  
 Broderick, p. .... 7 4 25 5 852  
 Buckley, p. .... 11 9 24 6 846  
 Barnes, 3b. .... 65 58 97 37 804  
 Fuller, 3b. .... 25 27 10 9 804  
 Nye, lf. .... 5 ..... 1000  
 Pyle, 2b. .... 5 ..... 1000  
 Smith, p and lf. .... 45 36 35 19 739  
 Brown, rf. .... 33 12 5 6 738  
 THE WILLIAMSSPORTS.  
 Record of the Best Club in Pennsylvania Outside the Athletic and Pittsburg Clubs.  
 The season just closed has again left the Williamsports the champions of Pennsylvania. During the season the club has played 73 games, of which 54 were victories and 19 defeats. Of the 19 defeats 7 were by League and American Association clubs, leaving but 12 defeats by clubs of their own standing. Of the above games one was a sixteen-inning contest, 3 were ten innings, 3 were nine innings and 1 was five innings. The percentage of games won during the season is .740. The club has played 33 games in which they have made less than six errors; 17 of them were played without an error; the club has made 44 errors with but two errors, six with three errors, ten with four errors, and seven with five errors. They were shut out but once during the season. They have shut out their opponents without a run six times, and have held them down to one run six times, to two runs nine times, to three runs four times, to four runs three times, to five runs four times, making forty-four games in which less than six runs were scored by their opponents. They have held their opponents down to one base hit three times, to two hits two times, to three hits eight times, to four hits eleven times, and to five hits five times; making twenty-nine times in which their opponents could make only five or less hits. Twice Lock Haven scored but one hit and no runs in a game, and once three hits to one run, and in other games the Lumber City scored one hit and two runs, Harrisburg two hits and two runs, Lewisburg three hits and no runs, Wilkesbarre and Westminsters three hits and two runs, Somerset two hits and three runs, and Wilkesbarre two hits and two runs. Among the clubs played were the Philadelphia Athletics and the Nationals of the League; the Athletics and Pittsburgs of the American Association; Trenton, of the Eastern League, and Binghamton, of the New York State League. The Athletics and Binghamtons were defeated and the others were victorious. The following shows the work of the club during the season:  
 Games. A. B. B. H. R. Av.  
 Williamsports ..... 2345 647 721 1001 1824 1357 366  
 Opponents ..... 2327 345 463 628 1859 1279 511  
 Earned runs—Williamsports 272, opponents 61. Home runs—Williamsports 8, opponents 2. Three-base hits—Williamsports 37, opponents 33. Two-base hits—Williamsports 152, opponents 153. Left-handed bats—Williamsports 386, opponents 534. Struck out—Williamsports 557, by opponent pitchers 354. First on balls—Williamsports 69, by opponent pitchers 106. Hit by pitcher—By Williamsports pitchers 22, by opponent pitchers 44. Double plays—Williamsports 36, opponents 39. Passed balls—Williamsports 93, opponents 114. Wild pitches—Williamsports 93, opponents 114.  
 The club has averaged in each game 39 times at bat to their opponents 33; 9 runs to their opponents 5; 10 base hits to their opponents 6, and 5 errors to their opponents 7. The club batting average is .254, and the fielding average .897. The club has not lost a series except with League and Association clubs. Their principal contests were by the Williamsports with the Philadelphia Athletics and Wilkesbarre, both of which series were won by the Williamsports. The Williamsports scored 102 runs to 68 by the Wilkesbarre, 121 base hits to their 87, and made 77 errors to their 98. In the Lock Haven series the Williamsports scored 114 runs to 77 by the Lock Haven, 139 base hits to their 100, and made 81 errors to their 154. Sixteen series were played at various times, six of whom played the entire season. Three of the original team proved to be contract breakers, and before many weeks had jumped to other clubs. None of them appear to have gained anything by their duplicity or dishonesty.

FROM THE HUB.  
 The New England League Prospects for Next Year—A Few Remarks of President Allen—The One-League Scheme—A Benefit for Joe Hornung—Sports Notes.  
 BOSTON, Oct. 30.—Editor THE SPORTING LIFE.—What the base ball people here will talk about now, until the League meeting, is more than I know. The fight over the Eastern New England pennant is now a thing of the past and the Lawrences are the champions. No one would stretch the truth so far as to say they will feel the least bit of pride when they throw this pennant to the breeze next spring. There is no honor in being New England champions this season. The whole story is the Lawrences were strategists and didn't lose their heads when the fight came. The Brocktons played a bluff game after they had the championship right in their hands, and thinking they could outwit the Lawrences, went in on this trick and got swamped.  
 PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR.  
 Although this season of the New England League ended so unsatisfactorily, the outlook for next year is very promising. W. H. Moody is again president, and Parry Wiggin secretary. Both are young and enthusiastic admirers of the National sport. They have done the work necessitated by their positions for the love of the thing. I understand the secretary was to be remunerated for his services from the fines imposed on players by umpires during the season; no fines, hence no salary for the secretary. The same clubs are in the League for next year, and Boston has been admitted. The representative from the Hub was J. F. Mullen, and many here are somewhat surprised that he wants to try base ball again. He was treasurer of the Boston Unions last year, and I thought he had his fill of base ball at that time. If he once goes into the thing he will see it through.  
 PRESIDENT ALLEN, OF PROVIDENCE, TALKS.  
 While in George Wright's store the other day, President Allen, of the Providence Club, dropped in. He was as genial and affable as usual, and in an off-hand way said he was in town looking for some youngsters for his team next year. He says he has been trying to run a team for the love of the sport, and has never made a mill at it. If it is going to be simply a money-making scheme hereafter, he wants to pull out right away. He speaks very complimentary of Mr. West's keenness in the recent convention, and says but for the latter's shrewdness Providence would have been in a bad fix. "We have been treated shamefully," said the Grays' clever president. "When we were on the edge of going to pieces, I was advised to pull through by President Soden. I actually fought it out, met every obligation, and finished the season on Soden's word, as he promised that if I would stick to it everything would be all right for next season. That's the way they have treated Providence. They advised and urged us to stay in while they were quietly planning to kick us out, but it didn't work." I asked Mr. Allen if the reports were true that the League managers had tried to tamper with his players. "Well, I rather think they did," he answered, "Why director Billings of your club sent his son to Providence to see one of our main staves; at that time young Billings was to get the signature of this player to a promise that should Providence disband, he would play where Billings senior should dictate. Of course that meant that he should play with the Bostonians. Mr. Allen did not tell me the name of this player, but I happened to know that it was Radburn and the late he came to Boston and saw the directors. He did say though, when speaking of the things he had to contend with, 'Radburn acted shamefully. When I mentioned with him for playing without the least show of interest, he would answer in a surly manner 'you play your game and I'll play mine.' What would I do with a man acting like that?"  
 A NEW DEAL SUGGESTED.  
 I met a very careful and clever student of the base ball situation last evening, and during a talk we had he presented what he thought would be the outcome of the present difficulties. His idea in brief is that there will be but one big League or association next year and gives a very plain analysis of how this is to be brought about. So long as Providence remains in the League nothing can be done, as the Grays hold the key to the situation, since they will continue to stand by Detroit and Buffalo, and they can't get a two-thirds vote to put out any club. Now, the first step must be to get Providence out of the way, and that can be done only by buying the franchise of Providence. It would be very heavy drain on the treasuries of the strong League cities to chip in and buy the franchise through some third party; in fact, they could afford to pay dearly for it. Then they could out Buffalo and Detroit, as they would control Providence's ball. The "