# State Organization Arouses More Interest Than Rival.

By William J. Slattery.

If the heavens withhold their stock now. The question is asked, Why do of moisture and send their share of not the Coast League magnates secure the baseball season in the Pacific Coast youngsters can make more money rain does fall the sectson will go out baseball.

ful passing. But other wise sages in the world of Sunday ball is merely a pickup.

has reached the zenith of its glory, es- possibilities afforded. pecially in San Jose, Stockton and Sacramento, the teams that have been well up in the running after the pen-

INTEREST IN STATE LEAGUE.

liant success since the disaster. True, cuit. the officials of the league and the midable competitors.

fittest as the issue.

to be overcome. Then the expense of making the long jumps to the north will be keenly felt, especially if San Francisco does not put a winning and paying team in the field.

### ALL OUR STARS GO EAST. As fast as a classy ball player is

developed in the Coast League he is immediately drafted by one of the magnates of the National or American This robs the State of its league has the privilege of drafting East and Middle West, but as few of these have made good in the past it is conceded that the public will not stand for them in the future.

Then again, if the stars of the smaller leagues have any class at all they ready and willing to secure

cause of the thousands of miles that a chance. the drafting season opens.

## YOUNG PLAYERS PLENTIFUL.

youngsters in the State League right class tossers harangue an umpire?

KEEPING UP COLLEGE SPIRIT.

graduate is increasing every day.

addition to paying for "directories

"booklets," "eatalogues," "student pub

lications" and various forms of "-iana

there are class dinners to be subscribe

for, class dermitories to be built, class

professorships to be endowed, prizes

scholarships, fellowships and library

foundations to be established. There is

also a moral as well as a financial drain

upon the resources of the alumnus. He

has to remain faithful even though his

college slays him. He must be ready

The cost of being a loyal college

League will close with two games on playing in the bushes. This seems the Idora Park field between San strange, but nevertheless it is a Francisco and Oakland. Even if the and facts are hard to beat, even in

will be no game to mark its unevent- a winning team in the State League. will insure plenty of sunlight and ven-The fand are beginning to get imbued tilation. The four or five handball At the present time no one seems with the pennant-winning spirit, and courts will be on the roof space. The will become of the they therefore take a great liking to salt water plunge on the basement floor eague next season. Prosident Bert, the young ster. If he comes from a for-Manager Cal Ewing and other shining eign town influence is brought to bear lights declare emphatically that base- to secure him a profitable job where he ball will continue along the lines laid plays ball. He generally receives a out by the magnates of the league good salary from this employment, when it was formed three Mears ago. while the money he gets from playing

baseball are just as positive that the For years the managers of the Coast State League will expand sufficiently League teams made the grievous misnext year to swallow up the larger take of sending East for players who were nothing like as fast as the home There is no denying the fact that the talent. This discouraged a great many "bush" league has been far more suc- likely-looking lads who would have cessful than the Pacific Coast aggre- gladly performed in the Coast League gation this year. In fact the former then, simply for the chance and the

SAN FRANCISCO FANS LOYAL. To think that Coast League man-

agers for years overlooked such men as Hal Chase Joe Nealon, Ferguson and a host of others. When any of the Franklin and Gough streets, it is in-The fans in general seem to have boys from the bushes were tried out shown much more interest in the they invariably made good, a great smaller league for several months. In many of thent becoming stars in the fact the Pacific Coast layout in Cali- big leagues after a year or so of exfornia has been anything but a bril- perience around the Pacific Coast cir-

That San Firancisco is the greatest fans in general have displayed won- baseball city of its size in all the derful energy and enthusiasm in re- world no one will doubt. It is wonder- This Is the Favorable Season, and Insuscitating baseball after it was prac- ful the way this city has supported her tically dead. But the same condition baseball teams. And in spite of the of affairs confronted the people in the fact that during the last eight years bush circuit and they managed to make the metropolis of the Pacific Coast has a far better showing than their for- had but one nine that brought home fall most anybody can make a good livthe pennant. This fact fully illustrates Therefore it would not be at all sur- the loyalty of the local fanatics.

prising to see the old system of Sat- There is no other city in the United urday and Sunday baseball in wogue in | States that will turn out the crowds this city, Oakland, Sacramento, Stock- five days in the week and eight and ton and San Jose next year. If the nine months in the year like old San Pacific Coast League starts out it will Francisco used to do. Imagine the resimply be a war with survival of the sult of trying this plan in New York and other million-inhabitant cities. There are several reasons why the True, they draw tremendous crowds Pacific Coast League is going to face while the pennant race is hot, but when a crisis next year. In the first place, their team drops behind the fans cease a lack of competent players will have turning out and the season in that city becomes a joke.

Then, again, New York and the other big cities have just about half as much baseball as San Francisco. never was continuous ball in any of But it always went in San Francisco, and the teams always man aged to clean up a bundle of money,

### MONEY MUST BE EXPENDED.

day ball go in the smaller cities of son is at its lowest now, and they will the course be made 440 yards, or four size will pull a crowd on Sundays and ly colored, they get good prices.

towns generally put up enough money catching regularly, and some to carry the teams through the season, very large incomes. any of these youngsters who show the the circuit, for it usually tends to de- them. moralize the good cities, especially those The most common method of catch-California, and in fact the entire in the north, which generally like to ing rattlers in the West is with a hand is at a disadvantage be- hammer California whenever they have net or forked stick. Some men use a hop, skip and jump, scratch; throwing 32-pound

cess for a certainty, they beat the It should be fitted up in a classy man- is in for good.

They realize that the league is the stars taught to know their places, are well colored. too, that it will be slower to hurt baseball in California than duced by age and exposure to the sun. 440 yards, and so on.

of the few real good men in the league The crabbing ball players are not tol- mand by the leather novelty manufact to the athletic committee of the Olym- in a London or Paris or a Dutch port. now, including some of the old war- erated in any of the big Eastern turers, the diamond back, the button pic Club. who will not be fast enough leagues, so why should the long-suffer- and the winged. The latter has mark- California has already entered Paul ting the pearl shells out of the sea. next year, if anything like the present ing fans of the Pacific Coast be com- ings quite similar in appearance to the Yost, Clifford and De Mamiel. The One is by actual diving, one by dredgpelled to pay their good money for the spread wings of a butterfly. The but- Olympic Club has entered Glarner, T. B. ing and a third by a three-pronged There are all kinds of promising privilege of listening to a lot of second- ton skin, which is the cheapest, is Smith, Padilla, E. Thompson and Golch- catcher let down by a rattan rope. This

> errors on the diamond and on the grid- skin. iron and at last must send his sons to he does all these things with enthus- depend almost entirely upon

York Evening Post.

Ninety per cent of the troubles in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. army are due to bad liquor, according to approve the policy and even the to General Fred D. Grant. That leaves speeches of his college president. He only 10 per cent to lay at the door of over your head and hits the other must praise the curriculum. He must good liquor.

# ATHLETES.

A feature of the new Young Men's Christian Association building to be constructed on the old location at Mason and Ellis streets will be the gymnasium and salt water plunge. George sunshine instead of rain this afternoon, their services? Simply because these B. McDougall, the architect, has just by returned from the East, where he spent considerable time studying the most up-to-date association buildings in the world. The gymnasium will be complete with every equipment and will be of commission anyhory, though there For instance, a likely lad plays with on the top floor of the building, which will rank with the best equipped on the coast. It probably will be from 75 to 100 feet in length. The steamrooms,

> A telegram received from Mr. McCoy announces that he has completed the half-million dollar fund necessary to construct the building. The furnishings and equipment probably will cost \$100,000 more. It is the intention of the building committee to begin work

Turkish and Russian baths will be a

as soon as possible. The physical department of the Young Men's Christian Association is a strong drawing card for young men and the building will have a capacity for at least 5000 of San Francisco's

young men and boys. At the present headquarters of the association, 1220 Geary street, between tended to erect a gymnasium, handball court, shower and tub baths for the members pending the erection of the new building.

MUCH MONEY BEING MADE BY KILLING RATTLESNAKES

creasing Demand for Skins Makes Business Profitable.

From now until the snow begins to ing by catching rattlesnakes alive and chopping their heads off. This is not one of those mythical jobs like catching mosquitoes and pulling their teeth. There is really a big demand for men, women and children who want to make WINGED a little pin money capturing rattlers. England has taken a great fancy to american novelties, rattlesnake bags and belts. On this account rattlesnake skins have increased in value 50 per cent in the past year.

A member of a Western firm which makes a specialty of tanning snake skins says: "England's order for snake skins is very large, and I don't know what has created it, but from the present appearances the rattlesnake crop will be more than exhausted this year and Andrew Glarner, the committee in DIVING by the export trade."

This is the time of the year the ion that the mile course of the stadium snake catchers go to work, as the was too long and detracted interest snakes are now putting on their light from the races. To remedy this they fall overcoats and taking long strolls held a conference with Park Superin-There is no use trying to make week- in the mountains. Their supply of poi- tendent McLaren and requested that California, such as San Jose, Stockton, not strike unless forced into a cor- laps to the mile. Their request was Fresno or like towns. The Fresno ex- ner. The snake catchers, therefore, can granted. perience should have taught the mag- work with more freedom, and as the

holidays only. There is talk of taking Few people have any idea of what

entire league to have a dead town on can always find a ready market for the Boys' Athletic League under 19 years of

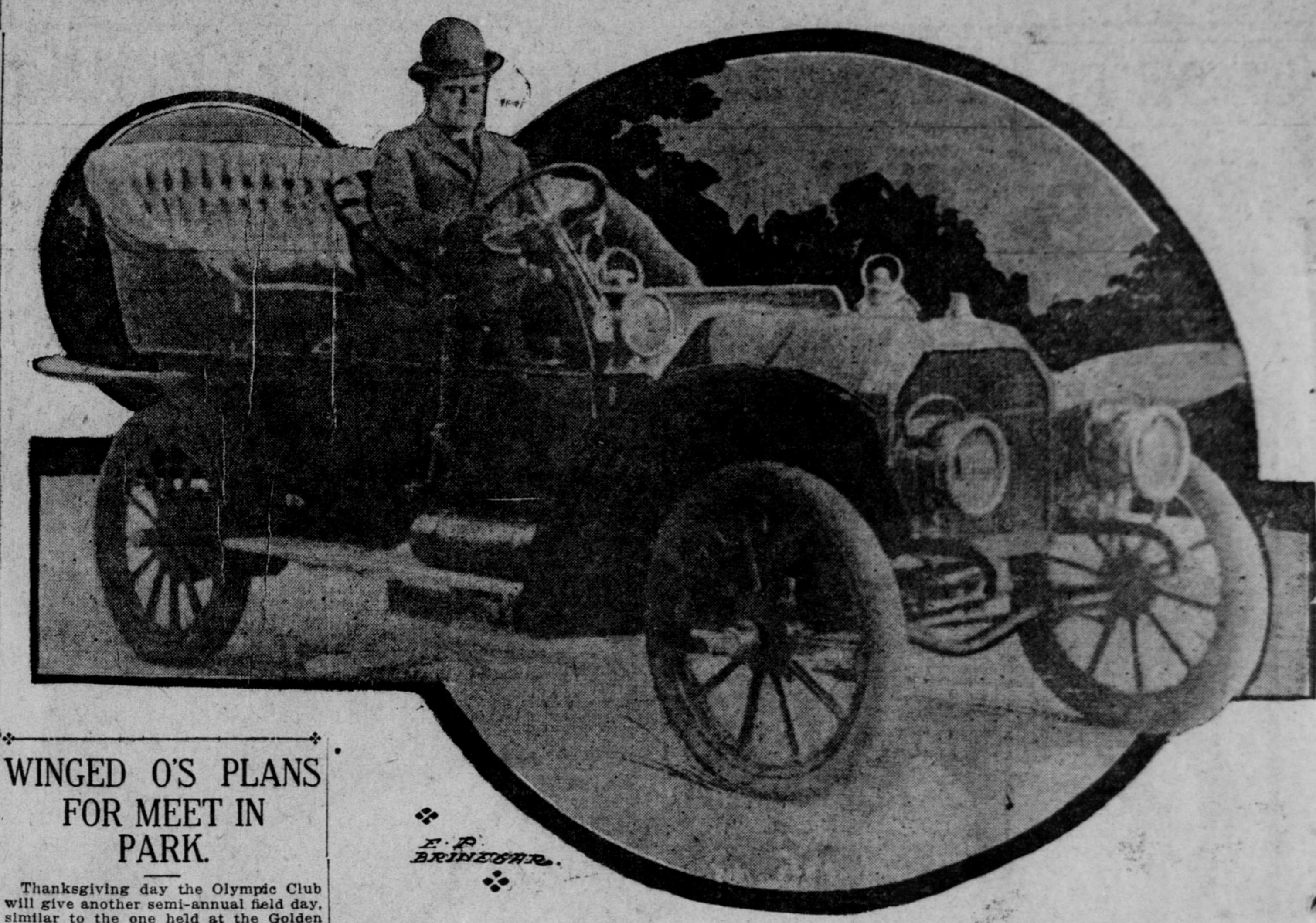
sharp steel-pointed stick or spear. Oth- | weight, scratch; shot-put, handicap. If the magnates of the Pacific Coast ers who go after the big fellows set

rattle-trap affair like the one that tion of the West is any more blessed Olympic Club.

"root" at games and races, however pears in various forms, but the general Little and Black. languid his interest in them; must de- design is always diamond shape. The

Great care must be exercised in tanbe educated where he was educated ning snake skins. About three months himself, even if in his judgment some is required to treat a large skin. The other college would be better. Unless quality and durability of the leather iasm he is thought to be a churlish tanner. If he rushes or uses acid the fellow without "college spirit."-New skin will soon discolor and rot. But if a snake skin is properly treated the leather should last for many years .-

# GREAT GYMNASIUM New Models of Automobiles Arrive on the Coast and Show Improvement Over Last Year.



Gate Park stadium last Fourth of July. Captain Rosenfeld, Walter Christie charge of the event, were of the opin-

nates of the league that a town of its skins in the fall are very fine and high- completed, will consist of the follow-

50-yard scratch, 100-yard handicap, limit four The field events will be as follows:

Pole vault, scratch; high jump, handicap;

The big event of the day will be the leagues where talent may be had. Their League expect to make next year a traps or snake snares. These are made half-mile team race. Each team may rivals are watching the promising good baseball season they will have to by tying live birds or rabbits inside of enter as many men as it desires, but youngsters all season, and if they can- start right. The first thing to do is to an inclosure of wire netting. When the only the first four finishing will count. get a real baseball grounds in this city. snake goes after his supposed prey he The teams already entered for this event are Western Athletic Club, Cengame, by buying them outright before ner, with a swell grandstand and not a It cannot be said that any one sec- tury Athletic Club, Wai Kai Kais and

graced Recreation Park for so many with larger rattlesnakes than another. Another innovation will be a mile There are several places in Arizona relay race. Each team may relay This season the Pacific Coast League The game should be properly adver- which are noted for them, particularly when its sees fit. This race is exloses all its stars. Who will replace tised and the teams managed on the Cave Spring, near the Sand Dune pected to be very fast, as each man on them?- That is the question that the order of the big league nines. Disci- plateau. There is a very fine old fam- a team may run the distance he is fans are asking themselves all the pline should be brought into play and ily of rattlers near this place, and then give the next man 36,000 pesos. Such finds rarely come to a chance. Hence one man may run as it used to be, and they Loafing on the field has done more The markings on a rattler are pro- fifty yards, another 220 yards, another

merely a solid mass of gray and brown er. The Wai Kais have entered last method can be used only when buttons overlapping each other like the Garvin Meyer, Maundrell and Valen- the sea is absolutely calm, because the scales of a fish. The diamond skin ap- tine, and the Webster Athletic Club least ripple will prevent the fisherman

> more than a great actor; he was a days when shells were plentiful the great educator," said Bram Stoker last diver went down to a depth of from night at the Westbourne Park Insti- eight to twelve fathoms, but now there tute in a touching eulogy of the famous | are men who even go as deep as twenty actor-manager, with whom he was so fathoms. closely associated for thirty years.

> finished their labors, went in a body had suddenly become rich, he concluded to the Lyceum and placed it on record that a pearl must have been sold, else

"Wherever he went he became recognized educational force. He was asked to lecture at Harrow School at the man a large sum of money. Oxford by Dr. Jowett, at Cambridge and most of the other great universities in all parts of the world. "If all the people who went to see

Irving," added the lecturer, "were placed in a long line, allowing each a yard of space, and the sun rose at the head of the procession, when it se nearly twelve hours later a thousand miles of people would still be waiting the American Government to accept its

each performance. "And of all the millions of people who saw him," concluded Mr. Steker, away some noble thought."-London

LAST KING OF AN ANCIENT LINE. The Sultan of Brunei is 83 years of age—at least so he told me. while he stoops as he walks, he makes the appearance rather of a temporary invalid than of an old man. seemed pleased when I told him that he might pass for 60; and indeed he might, for his face is singularly free from wrinkles. His expression of benevolence suggests the late Leo XIII-

Sultan-as vassals, humbly begging the the 119,000,000 spindles in the world, right to live within his dominions. Brunei is still the metropolis of na- itself. Think of the limitless possitive Borneo-indeed, the name Borneo bilities for expansion in this industry is but a corruption of Brunei-yet few alone when you are studying the fumaps show the existence of this em- ture of the South .- Manufacturer's

## INVOLVES RISK.

make 440-yard hurdles, scratch—Ten hurdles, 2 feet 6 tains a pearl worth a king's ransom. answers for a knob in opening and winning first, second or third place in any open | the industry has a fascination scarcely satisfaction prevails. It is bad for the and also knows how to skin them, he meet; 300-yard dash, open to any member of to be resisted by those who have once experienced it. Because of the great variety of people who search for pearls, the vast area of the hunting grounds, the centuries-old customs of the Moros and the special laws covering the industry, no statistics can be obtained which will approximate the profits. The business is, therefore, mysterious.

Pearling is a game of chance for high stakes. The pearler must risk capital and human life. He must brave the sea and go prepared to fight for his rights with savage men, and he must pay the taxes and divide the profits with the shrewd traders from Ceylon and Singapore. Sometimes fortune smiles. Three years ago a single pearl was marketed in the Celebes for the public notice. Shrewd traders are always on hand to snatch them away from the ignorant and fearful divers, next season with the passing anything else. Slow games also helped. There are three varieties in most de- Entries for this meet should be sent and the jewel is first exposed for sale

The Moros have three ways of getfrom seeing the shell at the bottom of the sea. When the first method is fend the ineffective stroke of the crew, larger and blacker, the older and finer sir HENRY IRVING'S AUDIENCES. employed the diver always says his "The late Sir Henry Irving was much prayers before he goes down. In the

In former times the divers were sup-"When he began his own manage- posed to give the biggest pearls to the ment he resolved that a theater could Sultan, but when the natives came to be a place of education, and he made learn the value of money they secretly sold them to the traders. As a conse-"The committee appointed for the quence, when it came to the knowledge The best sermon is the one that goes revision of the Bible, when they had of the Sultan that one of his subjects that 'this theater is a place for good.' how did he obtain all these fine things in so short a space of time? A messenger would be sent out at once to fine

Special laws have now been made by the Philippine Commission covering the pearling industry. The Sultan and his followers have no longer any legal right to collect fines and penalties, but the custom has obtained for so long that the ignorant people still fear the power of the Sultan and have not yet gained sufficient confidence in "They would stretch 12,000 miles, guarantee of protection.—Far Eastern allowing the low average of 2000 for Review.

THE SOUTH'S STAPLE CROP. Over \$2,000,000,000 is invested in cot-"there was not one who did not take | ton mills in Europe and America, dependent upon the South for their raw material. It is estimated that 10,000,-000 people in Great Britain alone live on the cotton industry of that coun-

try. The balance of trade in favor of the United States depends upon our cotton exports, which now annually reach \$400,000,000, or more than the He world's gold production. Of this royal crop, imperial in magnitude and in dominion of the world's financial and manufacturing interests, the South holds a world-monopoly. Its ability to increase cotton production to meet the his smile is engaging, albeit tinged world's growing needs and its ability to develop cotton manufacturing com-His house was ruling when the mensurate with its monopoly of cot-Roman Empire had hardly ceased to ton production are limited only by its crumble. His ancestors gave the law labor supply. Economic forces will of to a vast Eastern empire when Europe necessity bring about a great increase was but a patchwork of barbarous in population and thus prepare the chiefs, and when, after centuries, Span- | way for a vast expansion in manufacish and Portuguese found their way to turing and in production as the price the Spice Islands, they laid propitiat- and demand may justify. The South ing gifts at the feet of the Borneo produces 80 per cent of the cotton for but has less than 10,000,000 spindles

ARMOR-LIKE COAL SCUTTLES. Armor-like coal scuttles are among carrying the scuttle. the attractive novelties that will be

They are decidedly martial in appear- plates worn by old world warriors. Requires Much Capital ance, for in every detail they are exact They are also in hammered brass in copies of old Roman and Greek hel- both dull and bright finish, but are and Men of Rare Courage mets. Made of dull, hammered brass, without tops, and having ornate but carefully riveted together, these buck- practical bottoms, are much more like Pearling at Jolo, which lies at the ets have curved bottoms such as a real the ordinary coal receptacle commonsouthwestern extremity of the Philip- helmet would have, and the open- ly used. Some of these are decorated pine group, is a mysterious industry. A work lid at the top that holds in the with the eagle, spears and wreaths of large amount of capital and thousands coal is a duplicate of the sliding piece the Romans, while others are stamped in San Diego, Pasadena or Venice next an immense trade is carried on in yards—Snedigar and Crossfield of California, of lives are risked each year in delving that covered the eyes and mouth of an with Greek warlike insignia that gives Club and Vorsanger of Stanferd have signified into ocean depths for the great, rough- old-time soldier. At the top of this them a most unusual appearance.-The business men of these small parts of the country follow snake their willingness to compete; 300-yard handicap, shelled bivalve which occasionally con- cover or sliding lid is an eagle that Washington Star. them, such important organi- but the visiting teams are continually lif the catcher knows how to capture 50-yard dash for grammar school boys under 15 Because of the great risk involved shutting the bucket, and at either side It is impossible to be totally bad or complaining and a general air of dis- his snake without bruising his body, years; 100-yard novice, open to any man not land the possible fortune to be gained, are lions' heads with brass rings in totally good.

their mouths that are serviceable in Attractive, though not as unusual as

these helmet buckets are the scuttles used in caring for grate fires this fall. made in imitation of metal breast-



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