tional challenge matches for the Dwight F.

Davis cup have taken some form after a most vexatious delay, during which there

was a critical period when it looked as if

FINE GOLF IN THE EAST

ALL THIS YEAR'S IMPORTANT TOURNAMENTS TO BE HELD HERE.

Hardly a Week This Season Without Meetings for the Crack Players-The Amateur Championship at opia-News from the Links.

Dame fortune has certainly been kind to Eastern golfers this year. Only a cursory glance at the season's achedule is needed to show that important tournaments will follow each other in rapid succession during the next six months, and what is more to the point, nearly all these events will be decided over courses comparatively near this city. For the New Yorker who revels in competitions where class predominates, this will be a season long to be remembered. To begin with, there are the three national championships, all to be decided over Eastern courses. The amateur fixture, regarded in this country as the blue ribbon event of the year in American gelf, will claim attention at Garden City the entire week, beginning Monday, September 14. Garden City is no stranger to golfers. In fact, it was there during the summer of 1900 that the amateurs competed for the national title and the final was made memorable in more ways than

The redoubtable Walter J. Travis on that occasion won his first national champtonship, defeating his old rival, Findley S. Douglas, in a final round that went the full thirty-six holes. A violent storm broke over the links shortly before the players Snished, so that when the pair reached the home green they found it practically submerged. Since that memorable day. waver, changes and improvements that mount to little less than a transformation have placed the Garden City course among the first three in the country. More than 100 sand traps have made their appearance since this time last year. Both Travis and Deveroux Emmet have worked incessantly to keep this course up with the times, and ideas gleaned during their labors in consection with the millionaires' links at hinnecock have proved beneficial,

On August 27 and 28, the well-known links of the Myopia Hunt Club, near Boston, will once again become the acene of a national competition. As all close followers of the game know, the attraction will be the open championship, which has already been held three times over the Hamfiton links. Until the tournament awards were made at the last annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, it had been expected that the West would put in a bid for the open, rather than let the 1908 season pass without one of the three national attractions. But somehow or other the professionals are not sought after nearly so much in this country as abroad. One direct offer for the open was received from the Englewood Golf Club, while Herbert C. Leeds, in behalf of Myopia, stated that his club would be willing to take the open, provided it was held the latter part of August. When put to a vote, nearly all the delegates declared in favor of My-

Since then some of the professionals have gode on record with statements to the effect that they would not play at Myopia, because of alleged shabby treatment in former years. "But that's another story." The fact remains that the delegates at their annual session voted for Myopia, and It's one best bet that the United States Golf. Association will hold it there on the dates assigned, no matter what action may be taken by the "pros." As for the links, Myopia has always, and is still generally, ranked as the best golf course in the United States.

The other national tournament is the women's, to be held on the Chevy Chase links, October 19-24. This will be the first time in the history of American golf that a club so far South has been selected for a national championship. It was claimed at the meeting by W. Fellowes Morgan, secretary of the United States Golf Association, that a serious mistake would be made in sending the women to Washington, where there are practically no women golfers. The delegates then lost no time in voting almost unanimously in favor of Chevy Chase, despite the fact that the women had in written communications expressed a preference for the Philadelphia Country Club.

But after all, it must ever be a matter of opinion whether or not the delegates acted wisely in their distribution of the three national plums. At any rate, New England and more particularly Massachusetts, with their beloved Myopia, are again satisfied, while New Yorkers are naturally charmed over the prospect of having the amateur at Oarden City. As for the women's event, those who successfully pulled the wires in favor of Chevy Chase can at least claim a certain amount of credit for missionary work, and possibly if the departure results in an awakening of interest on the part of the Southern women, the sacrifice will not have been made in vain.

Scholar 10. Saturday President's cup, presented by Joseph J. O'Donohue, qualifying round at eighteen holes medal play, surface, to qualify a remarking medal, finals (thirty-six holes). October 17. Saturday President's cup, first round match play, surface to play (eighteen holes). October 24. Saturday President's cup, second now match play, eight to play eighteen holes). October 31. Saturday President's cup, semi-finals (eighteen holes). have been made in vain.

In addition to the three national tournaments the East has its own efrcuit of important gatherings. Every year the tricity competition for the Lesley cup deep-By interests the Philadelphia, Massachusetts, and Metropolitan associations, and by order of rotation the attraction will next take place over a course in this vicinity. No selection has as yet been made. A little Ester the Metropolitan Golf Association will send out notices to half-a-dozen of the leading clubs in the district asking if they would care to handle the Lealey cup competition, which is to be decided October 2 and 2. When the replies have been recourse. The New York team headed by nings, Nassau. Travis won the cup for the second consecutive time at the Country Club of Brookline last full.

An annual event hereabouts that in the opinion of many comes second only to the national, is the championship of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the scene of action this time to be the well-known course of the Baltuerol Golf Club. May 20 to 23 are the dates. Baltusrol, like Garden City, has undergone many improvements of late. so much so that the course is now generally regarded as one of the most scientiff; tests of golf in the country.

The following week, May 26 to 29, the women's metropolitan championship is on for week later, June 4, 5, and 5, the men will , miles.

strive for the New Jersey title at Englewood Jerome D. Travers, who at present wears the triple crown-national, metropolitan, and New Jersey champion-says he will defend his titles.

The women's tri-city contest and Eastern championship have been set for June 9, 16, 11, and 12 at the Oakley Country Club, near Boston. Another attraction in which New Yorkers will in all probability be especially favored in the annual championship of the Eastern Professional Golfers' Association. The plan is to run this off next Garden City-Professionals at My- month, and the Englewood links have been mentioned as a likely place.

Dates have been set aside in September for an open championship of the Metropolitan Golf Association, and all that is needed to make this tournament a certainty is for some club to offer its course and incidentally consent to assume half the expenses. There does not appear to be any danger of the clubs all speaking at once. The only important tourney that has been lost to the New York district is the intercollegiate championship, which is to be decided in the fall at Brae Burn. Taking it all in all, however, the circuit of competitions hereabouts, including important fournaments as well as championships, is the most compact and attractive ever ar-

FOX HILLS GOLF DATES.

Fixtures for the Coming Season-Lakewood Results.

The calendar of events for 1908 of the Fox Hills Golf Club, which has just been issued, is this year published in booklet form. Besides giving the list of events it also contains useful information as regards rules, regulations, etc., of the game. While the summer greens have been open to the members for the past month, and weekly competitions have been held, the regular season will not practically open until May 2, when the members' annual spring tournament will take place, there being four flights of eights to qualify, the winner of each division receiving a prize. There will also be competition for Classes A and B every Saturday and Sunday during the sea-

Taken all in all, more than 175 prices will be competed for, and not the least interesting of the competitions will be the play for admission to the Fox Hills Dozen Club, which is a novel event, and is causing a good deal of interest among the golfing members of the club. Foursome matches will be permitted to start from the first tee before twelve o'clock noon and after 2:45 P. M. on Saturdays. On Sundays three or four-ball matches will be permitted to drive from the first tee after 10:45 A. M., and on holidays after 11:30 A. M. Prominent among those who have given trophies are: President Joseph J. O'Donoghue, jr., G. W. Lembeck, W. W. Lowrey, Col. Hugh O'Ponoghue, George E. Armstrong, and W. G. Hoople. The following members comprise the tournament committee: A. H. Pogson, chairman; F. B. Barrett, B. A. Bullock, J. M. Fleming, and J. J. Hazen. The schedule is as follows:

May 2. Saturday—Spring club tournament, qualifying round at eighteen holes, medal play. First eight to qualify for prise; accord eight to qualify for prise; third eight to qualify for prise; fourth eight to qualify for prise; fourth eight to qualify for prise; fourth eight to qualify for prise.

May 8. Saturday—Spring club tournament, first round match play for all eights (eighteen holes).

May 16. Saturday—Spring club tournament, seculfinals for all eights (eighteen holes).

May 28. Saturday—Spring club tournament, finals for all eights (eighteen holes).

May 29. Decertified Day—Decertified Day cup, medal play, eighteen holes, handlesp to be force quarters of the handlesp of the lowest rated man of the pair.

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round match play, sixteen to play (eighteen holes). June 20, Saurday—Vice-President's cap, second round match play, eight to play (eighteen holes). June 25, 26, and 27. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—Staten laiand champiouship, to be played at Fox Hills. Details announced later.

June 27, Saturday—Vice-President's cup, semi-finals (eighteen holes).

July 4, Independence Day—W. W. Lowrey medal, medal play, eighteen holes, handlesp. The winner will bold the medal for one year, will have his name engraved on a bar thereof, and will be presented with a replica of the medal to be kept by him permanently. Vice-President's cup, finals (thirty-six holes). Afternoon, best-ball foursome-eighteen holes; handleaps to be three-quarters of the handleap of the lowest rated man of the pair.

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July 11, Saturday—Cup presented by Col. Rugb O'Donoghue, qualifying round at eighteen holes medal play, handicap, sixteen to qualify.

July 18, Saturday—Col. O'Donoghue cup, Srat round match play, sixteen to play leighteen holes).

July 25, Saturday—Col. O'Donoghue cup, second round match play, eight to play leighteen holes).

August 1, Saturday—Col. O'Donoghue cup, semi-finals (righteen holes).

August 8, Saturday—Fox Hills cup, qualifying round at eighteen holes medal play, handicap sixteen to qualify. Col. O'Donoghue cup, finals (righteen holes).

August 15, Saturday—Fox Hills cup, first round match play; sixteen to play leighteen holes).

August 22, Saturday—Fox Hills cup, second round match play; cight to play leighteen holes).

August 28, Saturday—Fox Hills cup, second round match play; cight to play leighteen holes).

September 5, Saturday—Fox Hills cup, medal play leighteen holes.

September 7, Labor Day—Labor Day cup, medal play eighteen holes.

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Reptember 12. Saturday G. E. Armstrong medal (club champlenship). Qualifying round at eighteen holes medal play, scratch. (The winner will hold the medal for one year, will have his name charaved on a low thereof, and will be presented with a replica of the medal to be kept by him permanently.)
September 19, Seturday—Armstrong medal, first round match play, sixteen to play (eighteen

inten). September 26, Saturday—Armstrong medal, sec-ind round match play, eight to play (eighteen October S, Saturday-Armstrong medal, semi-

als (eighteen holes).

November 3, Election Day-Captain's cap, presented by W. G. Hoopte, thirty-six holes medal play scratch. Club cup, qualifying round at eighteen holes medal play, handicap, sixteen to

eighteen holes meds: pay, nations, to qualify. November 7, Saturdey-President's cup, finels, ribrity six holes. Club cup, first round match play, sixteen to play (eighteen holes). November 14, Katurday-Club cup, second round match play, eight to play (eighteen holes). November 21, Saturday-Club cup, semi-dusis eighteen holes.
November 26. Thanksgiving Day-Thanksgiving Day cop medal play, eighteen holes, handlesp.
November 28. Saturday-Club cop. Sonie (eigh-

Semi-final rounds in the Lakewood tournament were reached yesterday, and the pairing will be as follows:

First Cup-W. H. Davis, Lakewood, against Fred Herreshoff, Garden City, and ceived the committee will then select the F. S. Douglas, Nassau, against F. C. Jen-

> Second Cup-J. P. Knapp, Garden City. against J. A. McCurdy, Philadelphia, and J. E. Keiley, Fox Hills, against W. K. Gillett,

Third Cup-H. L. Pratt, Nassau, against R. P. Nevin, Pittsburgh, and J. E. Paber, Fox Hills, against A. D. S. Johnston, St.

Fourth Cup-F. A. Potts, Lakewood against G. W. Beckel, Fox Hills, and P. J. Lochman, Jefferson County, against J. G. Deericks, Waumbeck

The British rallways get their supplies of railway ties from Russia; but the Russian forests are now so much exhausted the Essex County Country club, while a for making these ties a distance of twenty that the peasants have to sledge the trees

GROWTH OF LAWN TENNIS

GREAT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MEETS THIS YEAR.

No Dull Season for New York, Tournaments Following Each Other All Summer-Larchmont Yasht Club in the Field-British Players to Come to America.

Optimism of the sort which will overcome nountains of obstacles is the predominating virtue among the lawn-tennis players and enthusiasts as they stand upon the threshold of the twenty-eighth season of the sport in this country. It is indeed a pleasing prospect. There are so many reasons for its being viewed through rose-colored glasses even by the diminutive few who are disposed to take an oblique glance at the arrangement of things. On the whole the little flags of anticipation have all been set gayly a-flutter by the real and genuine joy with which the players are ready and anxlous to take up their racquets and again try their skill over the nets upon the chalklined courts. Of the manifold reasons for exuberance manifested the prospect of international matches with an English invading team in this country looms large and interesting. Then from the colleges and universities the word has been passed which is to be a potent factor in the upbuilding of the American game. Swinging to the other side, the foundation for good and skilful lawn tennis is being fostered within the public and high schools in a way that is the surprise and gratification of those who have from year to year hoped that such things might come to pass.

tional Lawn Tennis Association lengthened materially when it was issued nearly two months ago. That in itself was an indication of the steady and healthy growth of the sport. But at this early period it is evident that the official list will be threefold as great before the season is half completed. Applications from so many clubs and organizations have recently come before the executive committee as to cause that ugust body to often review the calendar in the effort to award tournament dates which will not bring about an unwarranted conflict. In all of this New York is leading over other sections of the country. Those who are versed in the signs of sport's rise and waning eagerly point to this as prophecy of what is to follow. From out this tournament play another William A. Larned, a second Malcolm D. Whitman, another galaxy of stars such as have passed before in the lawn-tennis firmament, is sure to perform again brilliantly upon the American courts.

The schedule of the United States Na-

PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT OF MEETS. While all of this is good and splendid in P. Dodge beat M. M. Germot and M. F. itself, the sincere and well-timed effort of Poulin, 6-2, 6-1, 7-5. the national association to afford practical management and direction to the championships and tournaments is the best thing of those who in the past have managed tournaments carelessly. That while the pose. That important championships are and rules of the game are to receive atten-

formerly began early in July and continbeen completely filled with tournaments that will surely prove of absorbing interest. In this respect the newer organizations have found their place, and are vicing with the country clubs. That the larger and more important organizations are to hold tournaments during the coming season where such have never been held before, is a fair indication that there is either a general turning to the courts by those who ed that stage where they have made in- | square." sistent demands to which the clubs are giving attention. The list of new tournaments has furnished its many surprises in the way of opening the most unexpected places for the followers.

NEW TOURNAMENT AT LARCHMONT. The appouncement comes from the Larch-

mont Yacht Club that because of an unusual interest the club woul hold an open tournament this season, and that its officials were engaged in promoting an interclub championship for the many country clubs of Westchester County, a spot where influentimi country clubs abound as nowhere on the map of all the rest of the country outside of Westchester. Then the Oakland Golf Club, down on Long Island, is planning for the sort of meeting that will gladden the bearts of the followers of the top flight of expertness. The reason for this is that under the watchful eye of an English expert grass courts have been developed that are quite the equal of anything in this country, and the ranking players are always ready to pack their kit of racquets for some

good play on grass. The Harlem Lawn Tennis Club is in for the first of the early meetings in this section this season. This is a new tournament, and will fill the week of May 13, which is the one that precedes the playing of the Long Island championship on the courts of the Kings County Lawn Tennis Club, in Brooklyn. The last named had been the first on the list with the exception of the college and interscholastic meetings, in which Columbia University is to be very active and strong this year. The Bedford Park Club, with eight fine courts is another of the newcomers not only in point of organization, but in open tourns ment also. Under the inspiration of some recent acquisitions in membership having an abundance of lawn-tennis enthusiasm at I likewise not a little skill, the Knicker bocker Field Club of Flatbush is also down for an open tourney, and they have taken time by the forelock and are already building up an entry list which with class and numbers is to mark the beginning of open tournaments on their courts as an achievement difficult to surpass. But this

brief mention is but a portion-the straws which show the trend of things. The affairs connected with the interna-

the English would go to Australia and leave the Americans to journey there also or default. But that was not at all the programme that the officials of this country had planned. They had to make it very plain that this country would not send any official entries, for the Olympic games championships. It was final. Now, the English have consented to visit this country, and from their plans they may be preparing to take something akin to revenge because of the Americans' refusal for the Olympics. As it stands, the English players are to arrive in this country the latter part of July or the first of August. Their appearances at the all-comers national championship at Newport is certain, and there is a feeling that they may repeat the wresting of the laurels as did H. L.

Doherty five years ago. Naturally, the international ties for the privilege to challenge Australia will be decided about the same time, and the Englishmen will either continue on to the Pacific coast, playing in tournaments, or they will return home. In any event, the challengers of the Australians will be called upon to play the cup matches the first of November. Who will comprise the American team is not known at this time. Only William A. Larned is showing anything like form. The others of the flight are simply "punky." Southampton and Longwood and passibly the Crescent Athletic Club may also witness play by the Englishmen, so that it is evident there will be no lack of interest when the

With all of the enthusiasm there is one thing upon which the followers of the game agree, and it worries them. Few are grad- PxP would have been met by 9. BxB, foluating from the lower classes of players lowed by Q-R4ch. to the top. The ranking of the first ten does not show enough new blood. The number of good average players has wonderfully increased, but none seems to break above that classification. There is to be a concerted endeavor to develop likely players this year, so that the American courts may have a bulwark of strength in its ranking

season once gets under way.

All in all, the same and steady growth of the game is afforded on every side. Better conditions are to prevail, and with them will follow bette- play. Women's part in the sport, so splendidly upheld last year, is also to be widened so that she may have her part in the glery promisesd by the season's

The Lyons, France, lawn tennis tournament was finished a fortnight ago, the results being as follows:

Gentlemen's singles championship of Lyns: Final round-A. F. Wilding beat M. Germot, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0. Ladies' singles championship of Lyons:

Final round-Miss Salusbury beat Mile. A Visurt de Bocarmé, 6-3, 6-0. Gentlemen's doubles championship Lyons: Final round-A. F. Wilding and C.

Vardon in Good Form.

Harry Vardon afforded further proof of the players see as ther enter tate the his return to form by defeating James beginning of the round of competitions. It Braid in a match of eighteen holes on the has revived the spirit of more than one de- Pannal Club's course, near Harrogate, on apondent lover of the game. They realize April 11, by three holes up and two to that in the bfficial notices coming from A. play. Braid began badly by missing his L. Hoskins, the newly elected secretary, brassle shot to the first hole, which he that the whip has cracked above the heads lost. He squared the match at the secshowing fine form, took the lead. He stood foot-fault rule has not been revised, as it two up at the fifth, but Vardon, with a stands it is to be observed to some pur- three at the seventh, and another three not to suffer at the expense of small and se- ing home, he played a brilliant game. He lect invitation meetings, and that the laws took the lead at the twelfth, where he had a two, and, winning the next two holes, stood three up, with four to play Here in New York the dreary gap that He lost the fifteenth, but finished the match by securing the sixteenth in a good ged until the beginning of September has four. The bye was haived. The scores

Vardon's seventy-four established a rec-

ord for the links. In the afternoon a fourhall foursome was played. Braid being partnered by Percy Hills of Harrogate, and E. H. Cassidy, Pannal, being coupled with Vardon. The match was very close. have only played occasionally or that a At the turn Vardon and Cassidy were one wast number of younger players have reach- hole up, and finally the match ended "all

Calendar of Sports. MONDAY, APRIL 27.

Bacing at Aqueduci, 2:20 F. M.
Lawn tennis: Montelair Athletic Ciub against Columbia at South Field.

St. George's athletic club games, Sixty-minth Regiment Armory, S. P. M.
Baseball: National League, Philadelphia at Brooklya, 4 P. M.; New York at Boston, St. Louis at Cincianati, Pittsburgh at Chicago—American League, Boaton at New York, 4 P. M.; Washington at Fhiladelphia, Detroit at Cleveland, Chicago at St. Louis—Kastern League, Montreal at Newark, Rochester at Jersey City—Virginia at Georgetown—Pennsylvania State at Syracuse—Pennsylvania freshmen at Villa Nova Freparatory—St. Peter's at St. John's—Defaware at Agricultural and Mechanical College, N. C.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28. Bacing at Aqueduct, 2:30 P. M. lards: Amsteur champlonship

Billiards: Amsteur champloaship tournament at Liederkraus Clab.
Lederkraus Clab.
Baseball: National League, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 4 P. M.; New York at Boston, St. Louis at Cincinnati. Pittsburgh at Chicago American League, Bouton at New York, 4 P. M.; Washington at Philadelphia, Detroit at Cleveland Eastern League, Montreal at Newark, Rochester at Jersey City Baies at Harvard Ursinus at Pennsylvania Colby at Wesleyam Virginia at Villy News Bowdein at Dartmouth Maine at Verment Delaware at North Carolina A, and M. College Pennsylvania State at Bochester.

OVER THE CHESSBOARD.

Characteristics of English Players-Deductions from More than 1,400

By EMANUEL LASKER. It is a tempting and an easy thing to make general statements, but the data supplied are in most cases insufficient. I have therefore some misgiving in setting forth the opinion which follows. Since my arrival on these shores I have contested some 1.400 games, naturally being opposed by players of all classes and varieties. Now, if I were asked to explain one outstanding character of English cheas play, I should name its stoutness, its courage, its economy in defence. When I come to deal with the attack, I should still comment on its virility and strength, except in its incipient stages, which lack that subtlety and finesse that the attack then requires, and which is strongly marked in the otherwise less forceful German game.

Here is a game that I recently played as one of three simultaneous consultation games while at Burnley, and which furnishes a fairly good example of the traits referred to:

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Black, E. Lasker. This gives opportunities, but complicates Probably 4. PxQP, KtxP; 5. P-K3 is now

The last manouvres of white were feeble. It would have been better to exchange the bishops and the queen on the eleventh and twelfth move, and fight out a somewhat

inferior end game. Now the white king is exposed to a perilous attack. Q-QR4 BxBcb

It will be noted how bold and pointed the last three moves of white are. No sooner have the allies an accurate conception of the danger threatening them than they choose the best methods to cross their opponent's plans. Their preceding aimlessness gives at once way to determination and foresight. They now threaten to advance P-QKt4 and to castle.

This finesse took the allies by surprise. Black now threatens Kt-B6 mate. If 18. QxR, Kt-B6ch.; 19. K-K2, Q-KR4, or 19. K-Q. Q-R5ch. Again, if 18. KxR, Kt-Bech, and black has no difficulty in removing his queen with checks and capturing the rook at his leisure.

If now R-Kt3, QxRP wins at once. Black threatens Q-R6, followed by KtxPch. and

This loses, but the position is untenable. Again the omission to mark the bit of

(rather obvious) finesse that follows is

RIR Q-Kt4ch 22. Resigns; for if 22. B-B4, QxBch; 23. QxQ, Kt-Q7ch.

By the Rev. G. Dobbs Black, 6 pieces.



White, 6 pieces. Mate in two.

QUEENS COUNTY HANDICAP.

Good Horses to Start in To-day's Races

at Aqueduct. The Queens County Handicap at a mile is the feature of a good card to-day at Aqueduct, with Jack Atkin as the top weight of 124 pounds, giving away lumps of weight to Rifleman, Oxford, Spooner, and Light Wool. The Glendale Steeplechase will also be run off, as well as four overnight events. Winners yesterday were: First race, Samuel H. Harris; second, Siskin; third,

-Colima excursions will soon be available to tourists in Mexico. The Manzanillo extension of the Mexican Central, now nearing completion, enables passengers to view the snowy volcano almost uninterruptedly for several hours.

James B. Brady; fourth, Zienap; fifth,

Blacksheep; sixth, Robert Cooper.

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