SPORT GOSSIP, RACING, BOXING

Robert Tucker credited with being the big Plunger—Some Winners and Losers.

CHAS. TREVATHAN IS DEAD

Was well-known racing Official and Turf Writer—Batting Nelson enjoys an Operation.

New York Sun special to The Express.

[illegible] paid their respects to the late Charles E. Trevathan, a well known turf writer and racing official, who died at West Baden Springs, Indiana, where he went a few days ago from California, where he spent a year ago. [illegible] Trevathan was born in Kentucky and at one time was one of the most prominent turfmen of the old Bay district track. Chicago. For several years after that he was a turf critic on several [illegible] papers and also wrote a number of books for May Irwin. He was known to all racing writers and a host of friends mourn the loss.

Batting Nelson's Operation.

Battling Nelson has just been operated on in a Chicago hospital for [illegible] trouble. Both men have been in training and the fighter is in the best of shape for the South in every detail except needed rest. He has been advised for some time because of a rough on [illegible] but the physicians say that he will recover in due time.

Palmer to fight Jack Sullivan.

Jack Palmer, the English heavyweight who came here looking for a match with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, will meet Jack (Twin) Sullivan in a twenty round bout at Los Angeles next Tuesday night. If Palmer beats Sullivan, he will receive a chance to tackle Marvin Hart, as a stepping stone to a battle with the winner of the Burns-O'Brien mill in May.

POINT OF THE CUE.

Matter that concerns all Billiard Players—Methods of the Professionals.

The [illegible] and actions of professional billiard players are at times unique and arresting. None more remarkable than those, while a member of the [illegible] and exponents of the game, that there is one point upon which they all are great—sure, and that is the point of view—[illegible] a professional has to [illegible] with and a spare one to be used only in case of emergency. He makes it [illegible] to work the means through without having to bring into use his second [illegible], and by careful watching may do so, but he rarely needs to that on the subject of his [illegible] a billiard professional is almost a fatalist. I have perfectly satisfied that the small [illegible] of feather is quite satisfied to [illegible] to his own devices himself and goes to the table with a feeling of ease to [illegible]. No art connoisseur watches his treasure with more [illegible] a more jealous eye to its safety than the player with regard to his cue tip. He is forever [illegible] it up with a penknife, carving away the minute portions that by [illegible] break away from the edge glancing [illegible] and filing it in order that it [illegible] the chalk and "bite" on the ball, until at length it has worn down almost to [illegible] another has to be selected.

[illegible] have been known to ransack over [illegible] containing hundreds without finding one that has been [illegible] satisfactory, while a new tip [illegible] to [illegible] often [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] broken into its [illegible]. [illegible] play should bargain and [illegible] about the process must be gradual. The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the ball [illegible] [illegible] on one side or the other [illegible] with the greatest accuracy. A new tip is generally described as strong or strong [illegible] it strikes, but sometimes a player [illegible] quickly enough to find one that is good from the moment that he uses it. Then he is in his element and feels like [illegible], except that he [illegible] that it will go wrong or wear out quickly always hangs over him [illegible] as a rule the life of a professional's cue tip is [illegible] three or four weeks although a player's methods have a considerable bearing upon that. The professional player will tell you that the perfect tip, like the perfect pipe, has yet to be invented.

WITH THE HARNESS HORSE

Amos Rathburn has a Lot of good Racing Material—Pacing Mare Cleo S.

Amos Rathburn, who has wintered at Syracuse has got a lot of good racing material, which he is preparing for the season of campaigning. His stable are Ward M. Cole, by Direct, Miss Syracuse 2:19¾, by Strathallen; Lou Jetty by Redwin, Nancy Allen 2:12¾, by Strathallen; Headstrong, 2 yrs., by Bronzewood, Alcia, a great pacer by Hal Reader, and Cherry Hal, a three-year-old by Brown Hal out of Emeline Chimes, by Chimes.

The 12-year-old mare Cleo S., 2:09¾, by Charley Fink, has raced mostly on the half-mile tracks of Western New York and Pennsylvania, and season has been in eight by the Cleveland trainer. Usual Notions and will race on the grand circuit tracks this year. Unless some of the best judges are wrong Cleo S. will give some of the more talked of pacers a race before the season is far advanced. Last year after taking a rest half mile in a good bad and [illegible] was hooked up with the mile track pacers and was separated [illegible] a race in. She has a tremendous amount of speed and in Rathbun's hands she will get the best kind of a preparation to enable her to carry it.

Walter [illegible] who was superintendent of racing at the Michigan State Fair [illegible] last season, has secured control of the track at Utica for this year and will give at least two meetings there.

Nine head of horses have been sent from Rolavesa Farms Pittsford, where France J. Mitchell of Rochester breeds trotters, to Marcus Gunn to be [illegible] for racing. The horses which are in charge of Arthur Marvin are all [illegible] Monroe [illegible] Direct 2:05¼, dam Freddonia, by Sir Walter; Spinaway, sister to Melodee, dam by Pilot, Jr.; Mollie W., 2:09¾, dam of Lucio Boy, 2:09¾; Barbara Direct, by Direct, dam [illegible] Direct; Miss Madison, by Madison, dam of Kite, 2:07¾, by Mount Vernon; Rosewood Alta, by Alcantara, dam Marcia Owen, 2:20¾, by Alcantara. There are a number of promising [illegible] by Direct and some [illegible] of Rolavesa Farms.

After serving another term as secretary of the Grand Circuit Meeting [illegible] will again be [illegible] the [illegible] fast son of Axworthy will [illegible] this year and is now pointing him for a Grand Circuit campaign. If the road [illegible] does not wreck it is extremely likely that Mr. Geers will find a mile behind him in 2:0[illegible] or better before the fall. He has shown as much speed as any trotter the turf has known.

Ike Geers during the past winter has sold a lot of stock, to a number of [illegible] and pals, by Walter Direct [illegible] that he bought last fall. Mr. Geers owns a half interest in Walter Direct and he wants to [illegible] a reputation as a sire as soon as possible. These two youngsters are [illegible]