

FUN ENJOYED ON THE ICE.

SKATING ON THE LAKE IN CENTRAL PARK—WHAT THE CURLERS DID.

Yesterday was the first day on which skating has been really a sport at Central Park for a long time. The ice of the big lake is five and a half inches thick, and Superintendent St. John and his twenty men had cleared it and scraped it until yesterday it was in excellent condition at first. But 7,000 people were on the ice in the afternoon, and the twenty acres on which skating was allowed had the surface cut into a thousand figures in a very short time. As long as the weather continues cold and clear there will be no lack of skating at Central Park, and the area for the sport will be increased as fast as possible.

Last night the crowd had increased to 10,000, and the lakes were lighted up by big reflector lamps which served to make it possible for the whirling, whizzing, or swaying skaters to avoid each other and the air holes. Overhead the stars twinkled in a clear sky and the air was just bracing enough to make the brisk exercise enjoyable.

Skating was not by any means the only sport that the fine thick ice made possible. At Conservatory Lake, near Fifth Avenue and Seventy-first Street, the first curling match that the Grand National Curling Association has held in two years was in progress in the afternoon. The Scotchmen's favorite relaxation found plenty of adherents, there being just fifty competitors to make the scene a lively and amusing one.

The contest was between "rinks" made up of men from north of the Frith of Forth and others composed of those who come from south of it. There were eight rinks at which the play went on, and following is the score:

RINK NO. 1.

North.	South.
David Bain,	G. Turnbull,
Alexander Campbell,	W. Bell,
J. Morehead,	J. McQueen,
G. Bane, skip—17.	D. Muir, skip—20.

RINK NO. 2.

A. D. McLintock,	J. Boles,
Thomas Watson,	R. Ramsay,
G. T. Addison,	T. Wallace,
R. Dixon, skip—14.	A. Rutherford, skip—20.

RINK NO. 3.

W. B. Smith,	R. Currie,
E. C. Rushmore,	E. Hughes,
W. Kent,	R. Connell,
David Foulis, Sr., skip—14.	A. Maxwell, skip—13.

RINK NO. 4.

Alexander Scott,	J. R. Smith,
J. Lawson,	J. Patterson,
G. Malcolm,	R. Ellin,
E. Walk, skip—19.	W. Hogg, skip—14.

RINK NO. 5.

W. Mason,	J. Gault,
A. McRae,	W. Blair,
J. Thaw,	J. McVettie,
Thomas Watt, skip—20.	H. Hutchison, skip—11.

RINK NO. 6.

W. Maxwell,	D. Wright,
D. McKinnon,	A. Mitchell,
G. T. Shaw,	H. Wright,
J. F. Conelly, skip—28.	J. Muir, skip—5.

RINK NO. 7.

W. Scott,	G. Patterson,
G. A. Bain,	J. McKellar,
D. Weir,	J. Craig,
G. Manson, skip—16.	R. Fife, skip—12.

RINK NO. 8.

A. McKenzie,	A. Hoagland,
D. Kay,	W. D. Smith,
J. Waldie,	D. Fraser,
R. Chalmers,	W. Boyd,
J. M. Hugues, skip—8.	A. C. Anderson, skip—11.

This gave the victory to the men from the North of Scotland by a total of 136 points to 106, and conferred upon them the valuable Eastern Dalrymple medal. Two other important prizes were taken, both by North of Scotland men. They were the Hoagland flag, won by Skip J. F. Conelly for the highest score, 28 to 5, made by his rink, and the Kirkpatrick silver medal won by Skip Thomas Watt for the second best rink score, 20 to 11.

ITS TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

WORK OF THE MIDDLETOWN STATE HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

The twentieth annual report of the State Homeopathic Hospital at Middletown, N. Y., just transmitted to the Legislature, shows that during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1890, the whole number of cases treated amounted to 802, of whom 423 were males and 379 females. During the year 105 patients were discharged as recovered, 38 as improved, 23 as unimproved, while there were 30 deaths. The percentage of recoveries, figured on the number discharged, is 53.57, and the percentage of deaths 3.74. The number of patients in the hospital Sept. 30 was 606, of whom 322 were males and 284 females. The number admitted during the year was 288, of whom 149 were males and 139 females.

The hospital's income was made up of \$115,229.36 from the State, \$156,710.41 from patients, and from other sources, including a balance of \$29,139.67 from the previous year, enough to make the total \$310,234.75. The expenses of the hospital for the year were \$269,489.11, including \$60,658.58 for stewards' supplies, \$63,211.35 for salaries and wages, \$26,432.41 for a new hospital, \$19,460.32 for a new chapel, and \$8,989.02 for a new farm. The balance on hand for the new year amounted to \$40,745.64.

In commenting on these figures, President Grinnell Burt says that for the last twelve years the hospital has been self-sustaining, that its income has exceeded the expenses, and that the State appropriations have been used only in new buildings and substantial improvements. In speaking of the treatment provided by the hospital, the President said:

"I am willing to state it as positive law that any insane person who, by himself or through legal representatives, desires homeopathic treatment has a right to admission and treatment in the State Homeopathic Asylum, and to enforce that right. That he can pay for his own board and treatment is no objection, provided there is room for his accommodation. This asylum was created, first, for homeopaths, and next for the general class. No one who comes knocking at its doors asking admission and is a proper subject for its treatment within the law can be refused if there is room for him. The homeopaths have in law and right the preference. Under the express sanction of the Legislature in the incorporating act, and the legislative contract effected by the large donations of money and land accepted by the Legislature, the homeopaths are entitled to enforce the preference. The legislative contract and decree is complete that this is a homeopathic asylum for homeopathic treatment."

The report suggests the necessity for larger accommodations, that plans for new buildings to accommodate at least 500 patients be prepared, and that an appropriation of \$260,000 be asked for from the Legislature. The officers of the hospital are: President—Grinnell Burt; Vice President—Egbert Guernsey, M. D.; Secretary—M. D. Stivers; Treasurer—Uzal T. Hayes; Medical Superintendent—Selden H. Talcott, M. D.; Trustees—William H. Clark, James G. Graham, Rollin H. Lynde, George H. Decker, C. Macardell, Henry L. Slote, N. W. Vall, William Vanamee.

EX-ALDERMAN ROTHMAN AGAIN.

The politicians think that ex-Alderman Thomas Rothman of the hoodle board of 1884 is shaping his plans toward getting back into politics. Rothman fled to Germany as soon as he heard that trouble was ahead for the hoodlers. When he got back recently he learned that no indictment had been found against him, or at least if one had been found it could not be discovered in the District Attorney's office. Now, it is said, he has bought a saloon at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street, and this, the politicians think, is an indication that he thirsts for some of his old political "pull."

The rumor that Jacob M. Patterson was to move from the Tenth Assembly District into the Nineteenth was coupled with a rumor to the effect that Rothman's friends wanted to have him put in as the district republican leader to succeed Patterson. This, however, will probably not be done, but whether Patterson moves or not, it is safe to say that the ex-member of the hoodle board will wield some influence in the Republican affairs of his district.

VERY POOR MARKSMEN.

Patrolman Yost walked past the clubhouse of the Kings County Wheelmen in Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, about 1 o'clock yesterday morning and found a man standing at the front door with a big revolver in his hand blazing away at a negro who leaned out of one of the upper windows, and who was calmly shooting a revolver at the man at the door.

The negro was Alfred Johnson, the janitor of the building, and the man at the door was Charles Augustus, who is employed as a watchman. He was drunk, and Johnson said, had tried to get into the building. Both men were arrested, but in the Gates Avenue Court later in the day neither wanted to prosecute the other. Johnson was discharged and Augustus was fined \$1.