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## THE RACE FOR THE SKATING-CHAMPIONSHIP.

BY P. C. F.

### PART II.

Ross in the lead was straining every muscle to open a gap between himself and the rest of the skaters. In this he was successful and at the five mile mark he was leading by about ten yards but they were all going a great deal slower than at the start. Back of Ross was a bunch of about ten, and back of them came the rest all in a compact body, Ray Clanor at the tail end. At this stage of the race five had already dropped out, the pace being too fast for two, two more had taken falls and another had broken his skate.

At the ten mile mark they were in about the same positions although they were a little more strung out and a few more had dropped out.

As they reached the fifteen mile mark a skater leading the first bunch, who were still about ten yards behind Ross, took a tumble and half a dozen others fell over him. This left only eight in the race.

Ray Clanor now began to show that he could skate. From the last position he gradually and steadily worked

his way up so that when they were about two miles from the finish he was in second place with Ross only a few yards ahead of him. Ross glanced around and saw Ray gaining on him. He then redoubled his efforts and endeavored to shake him off, but it was of no avail, Ray kept gaining, he had not tired himself all out at the beginning of the race as Ross had.

A quarter of a mile from the finish Ray took the lead in spite of all Ross could do. Seeing Ray passing him filled Ross with passion, as he had thought he could win easily, and now to have this boy whom he had looked down upon and despised as an inferior beat him. "No he wouldn't allow himself to be beaten this way" and as they passed around a curve, hiding them from the others, he reached forward and tripped Ray, sending him to the ice with a thud. Without waiting to see whether he had injured him or not Ross sped on his way, certain now that he would win.

But to return to Ray: the instant he felt himself falling he put out his hands partly saving himself from a bad fall and was on his feet and off after Ross in an instant.

Through his quickness he had lost but 15 yards.

They were now but a hundred yards from the finish and Ross in the lead ten yards with Ray second but gaining at every stroke. Ray had never before been so anxious to do anything as he was now to win the race from the one who had so cowardly tripped him from behind.

Could he do it—it seemed impossible but with long firm strokes that contrasted greatly with Ross' short, wobbly ones, he swept by the line a winner, by a short foot.

When the boys were called together and asked by Major Talbot, (he had arrived before them, coming on the cars) if they considered the race a fair one and that Ray Clanor was the rightful winner? They all agreed with one exception, that it had been, and that Ray Clanor was the best skater among them.

The exception was Ross Talbot, who to complete his meanness, made a statement saying that a quarter of a mile from the finish he had been tripped by Ray. This was quickly proven to be a lie by some boys who had skated out to meet the racers and had seen how Ross had cowardly tripped Ray.

Then Major Talbot saw through his son's meanness, and severely punished him for it.

Major Talbot not only gave Ray the twenty-five dollars but secured him a position in a store, and helped him in numerous other ways.

In after years Ray became rich

and respected, but Ross foolishly spent all his father's money, and through his meanness became disliked by all who knew him.

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#### The Average Man's Mistakes.

An average man at the end of life  
Sat counting his life's mistakes;  
And half of them, so he said to his  
wife,

Were those that rashness makes.

And the other half—here he lifted  
his head:

He could scarce believe his vision—  
Yes, fully the other half, he said,  
Were caused by indecision.

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**TRY  
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## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

BY THE EDITOR.

The December number of the American Philatelic Magazine contains an article on how to test the genuineness of the Porto Rico habiletados. It is very timely as many counterfeits of these stamps are now being circulated.

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Schemes That Pay is a small paper for the mail order dealer.

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Vol. I, No. 1 of the Hustler has been received. It is a bright, interesting little paper for advertisers.

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The Welcome Visitor devotes a number of pages to personals.

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Mekeel's Drummer is free, but it is so interesting that many would willingly pay for it.

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The Advertising World is probably the best of the mail order journals. It contains a world of information for the mail order dealer.

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The Philatelic West for January nearly took my breath away. It is the best amateur paper we have ever seen.

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The Montreal Philatelist for January is as interesting ever.

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The Columbus Philatelist is a neat little paper from Columbus, Ohio.

The Pony Express is a bright little sheet containing an installment of an interesting continued story and a number of bright little articles.

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The Washington's birthday number of the Youth's Realm is a beauty. Among its interesting stamp news is the following: Look sharply at your Canadian 2c maple leaf stamps surcharged on the 3c value, as counterfeit surcharges are being placed on the stamps. If the surcharge is printed on top of the cancellation, the stamp is not genuine. As the surcharge is a good imitation of the genuine one, this is the best way to detect the counterfeit.

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## A LITTLE FUN.

Brought up by hand—The coal hod.

Lightning ought to make a good base ball player: it seldom strikes without making a hit.

A school teacher asked an Irish boy to describe an island. "Sure, ma'am," said Pat, "it's a place you can't lave without a boat."

Mamma—"Willie, you must not spin that humming top of yours today. This is Sunday."

Willie—(whirling it again.) "That's all right, mamma; it's humming a Sunday school hymn."

Customer—I want to get a note book—something that I can carry in my pocket to jot down my ideas in."

Clerk—Oh, you want something very small then."

Jagson says that some of his friends are such wretched correspondents that they wouldn't drop him a line if he was drowning.

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### Editorial.

With this number you will notice that we have secured second class rates as promised last month. This saves us a number of dollars each issue, as now we can mail papers at an expense of only a few cents, while formerly it cost us several dollars.

Many good clubs have been organized for boys, but we believe that in time the "Order of the American Boy" will eclipse them all.

We are giving away thousands of unused stamps with subscriptions. See advertisement for particulars.

At a conference of the Chicago

postoffice authorities, it has been decided to hereafter employ no boy who smokes cigarettes, or who is known to have once been addicted to the habit. This is a very good plan and if others join in and declare the same thing it will cure boys of the obnoxious habit quicker than anything else.

We are beginning to receive the advertising support of many of the prominent dealers as you will notice by glancing at our advertising columns. If they can afford to patronize us why cannot you. This issue reaches 800 readers and we expect that the next will reach 1000. No dealer could do better than give us a trial.

### Among Our Advertisers.

Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., and the Home Stamp Co., of Baltimore, are reliable firms and should be patronized by both dealers and collectors.

The Sterling Stamp Co. have a large stock of novelties, among which are an assortment of books that they are disposing of cheap.

The Philatelic West, published by L. T. Brodstone, is a fine paper, one of the best published, and you could not do better than to subscribe for it.

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### Town Whisperings.

By the traditional "Little Bird."

Ross G—y says he will sue for damages (?) because of us using his front name as the "villian" in the story entitled "The Race for the Skating Championship."

Speaking of Ross reminds us that a few days ago someone told us that he and Jimmy L. were the two biggest b—ms in town. Wonder if it's true.

Frank Buh—s, manager, or rather I should say office boy in Lester's office, informs us that he will soon be the champion boxer of Saratoga Springs.

The editor tells us that it is a great assistance in writing to have a sweet tempered (?) bull dog tugging at your feet or at some other part of your body.

The grip seems to have taken a grip on almost everyone in town.

Miss Marshall is sorely missed by the teachers and pupils of the grammar school.

### STAMP AND COIN NEWS.

The design of the new 10c U. S. stamp of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition series has been selected. It is an ocean steamer with two funnels going to the left, and represents the subject assigned to this stamp, "Fast Ocean Transportation."

The new stamps of Spain are beginning to arrive in the mails. The work on the stamps seem to be better and shows up a little clearer than on the old set.

We suppose that it will not be long before King Edward VII's picture will adorn the stamps of Great Britain. But still it will take considerable time to make new dies and issue stamps to the colonies.

Begin and collect boys. This is the time of year to start a collection. During the cold winter afternoons and evenings you will take great pleasure in filling up the vacant spaces in your album. When a friend comes you have something interesting to show him. If he is not a collector give him a few of your duplicates and start him on the right road. If care is used in purchasing your stamps no better investment can be made. When summer comes and if tired of your collection, don't sell it, but lay it away and the next winter you will once again feel like collecting. Then you will not have to go over the same ground again; you can add to your collection of the winter before. If, as the years go by, you still keep on collecting, you will in time secure a collection that you will be proud of, and one that if sold would command a large price. As we said before, begin and collect at once. You will never regret it.

It was at first supposed that the cut revenues would have little or no value, but judging from the manner in which the \$30 documentary and the one dollar red documentary are so quickly disposed of in the mutilated condition, some of the current revenues, though cut, will have a respectable status.

Judging from the numerous ads inserted in the daily newspapers by stamp dealers, stamp collecting must

be expanding. One of these ads stated that the advertiser wanted a ground floor location for his stamp business.

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With the change in the revenue law there will probably be a rush to secure some of the private revenue stamps. A number of these stamps may become quite rare as few of them have been printed.

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We will soon inflict upon the suffering public a story based upon stamp collecting.

### Hints for the "Camera Fiend."

If you want to make your photograph look like an old print, soak it in a strong solution of coffee.

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A woodland view to be interesting should contain in the fore ground a well defined object of interest. Otherwise it is tiresome.

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Take care of your lens. Keep it clean, but never wipe it with any material that contains grit.

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Prints should be printed darker than wanted, as they tone up lighter.

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If you are taking an interior in which there is a clock, stop it, or the face will appear blurred in the print.

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Send from 150 to 500 of your country and receive same number of mine. I want to exchange stamps off sheets, send yours and receive mine. I desire to receive copies of stamp papers and price lists. Oscar W. Eppel, Box 343, Delano, Minn.

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