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Just one year ago the first State Billiard Tournament was held in Connecticut; and on that occasion Mr. GERSHOM B. HUBBELL, a fine amateur billiard player, succeeded in vanquishing all competitors, and was awarded the champion's cue. Since that event Mr. HUBBELL has been called on four times to prove his right of title, and on each occasion has vindicated himself handsomely. His first challenge was from M. WOOLAHAN, an excellent professional player. This match was played on the 17th of September last. G.W. HUNT, Esq., the Superintendent of the Housatonic Railroad, was the next to suffer defeat at HUBBELL's hands; their match came off on the 21st of February last. Mr. M.H. HEWINS, another professional, then challenged him, and the game was set for May last; but HEWINS being ill when the time came around, he forfeited. HUBBELL was next challenged by RALPH BENJAMIN, of Bridgeport, one of the veteran professors of the science of billiards. In-fact some fifteen or eighteen years ago BENJAMIN was considered one of the best players in the country. He will be remembered by the older billiard community, as a contestant of MICHAEL PHELAN, in a match at the French carom game, which was played in Philadelphia, on the 30th of December, 1859. On that occasion PHELAN gave him the odds of three points in sixteen, and won nine games out of eleven, taking the purse of \$2,000. Since that time BENJAMIN has been engaged in the business in New-York, San Francisco, Virginia City and at Bridgeport, at which latter city he now keeps rooms. He declined entering the Tournament; but when it appeared that no other person in the State could vanquish HUBBELL, he determined that the cue should come to Bridgeport; thus he challenged the champion, and the game was played at Allyn Hall, in the City of Hartford, on Wednesday evening last.

Hartford is considered a real billiard city, as the announcement of public playing is sure to bring together a large audience. However, on this occasion the assemblage was unprecedented. Besides the home population, there were large delegations from Bridgeport, New Haven, Meriden, Berlin, Springfield and the surrounding country for miles, and in the dress circle nearly half the seats were occupied by ladies.

The game was one thousand points up -- caroms -- with 2 3/8-inch balls, and governed by the established rules. At the appointed time these terms were stated, and the game commenced by BENJAMIN winning the lead. It was readily observable that HUBBELL was suffering from indisposition, and this fact added to the well-known fatiguing propensities of his veteran opponent, gave the champion a more than usually careworn expression. BENJAMIN was the first to score, finishing the second innings with a run of 31. HUBBELL recovered this on his eighth innings, which closed with the score standing H. 55, B. 47; but the latter soon began to gain an advantage, and as H. usually left the balls favorably for him, he gradually made a gap of 125 points. In fact, during the first 700, B. was in the vicinity of 100 points ahead. At this last-mentioned stage, H. had in a measure recovered his nerve, and when in his 120th innings his score showed a majority

of 5, the applause was deafening. Still the old man was not to be summarily shaken off, audibly remarking, "This game is not won yet," and making strenuous efforts to regain his lost ground. This he partially accomplished, when H. seemed to recover something of his usual spirit, and after this it was all up with BENJAMIN. He was winner, with just 44 points to spare.

Of course the greater portion of the audience were Hartford people and the friends of the champion -- thus on several occasions they gave marked expressions of partisanship; a request, however, that this feeling would be abated was promptly responded to on all sides, although from first to last, the game was one of the slowest ever witnessed. A member of the Hartford press remarked that BENJAMIN was "slower than molasses in Winter;" yet the excitement continued even more intense than any game we ever witnessed, not even excepting the great PHELAN and SEEREITER match at Detroit in 1859. When it is remembered that there was no money consideration, but purely the post of honor depending, this fact may be considered as remarkable.

THE SCORE

HUBBELL -- 0, 0, 11, 8, 3, 0, 5, 28, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 7, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 4, 8, 2, 7, 0, 0, 1, 0, 21, 0, 2, 15, 11, 0, 0, 0, 1, 4, 5, 2, 2, 3, 11, 211, 10, 3, 1, 4, 3, 5, 0, 3, 3, 11, 12, 0, 8, 4, 2, 3, 11, 0, 4, 0, 3, 2, 6, 1, 41, 3, 3, 4, 58, 0, 0, 9, 2, 3, 0, 0, 28, 4, 0, 0, 2, 3, 4, 0, 0, 0, 17, 11, 3, 0, 8, 0, 0, 38, 7, 7, 22, 3, 6, 4, 4, 0, 0, 29, 3, 2, 22, 15, 5, 40, 3, 14, 6, 0, 10, 0, 0, 14, 6, 6, 0, 3, 36, 13, 0, 2, 0, 21, 14, 26, 22, 4, 12, 20, 7, 3, 8, 0, 5, 1, 3, 4, 0, 2, 2, 3, 0, 0, 2, 23, 2, 8, 3. Total, 1,001

BENJAMIN -- 0, 31, 0, 5, 0, 0, 9, 2, 0, 1, 8, 0, 2, 0, 19, 0, 11, 9, 18, 20, 3, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 9, 2, 25, 8, 0, 2, 2, 3, 0, 8, 4, 0, 11, 17, 22, 2, 3, 2, 2, 8, 0, 12, 6, 0, 9, 1, 0, 2, 13, 0, 1, 7, 0, 14, 2, 0, 2, 19, 9, 3, 0, 2, 0, 2, 7, 0, 30, 0, 0, 11, 9, 16, 3, 3, 12, 0, 31, 5, 3, 0, 0, 3, 0, 14, 16, 0, 8, 11, 3, 4, 17, 3, 18, 5, 3, 6, 3, 2, 6, 2, 4, 2, 0, 6, 5, 6, 8, 2, [???], 0, 17, 13, 2, 33, 10, 14, 0, 4, 10, 0, 14, 0, 6, 18, 23, 10, 0, 5, 9, 2, 7, 10, 8, 0, 12, 1, 0, 6, 5, 5, 9, 2, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 3, 0, 11, 0, 20, 0, 0. Total, 956

SUMMARY.

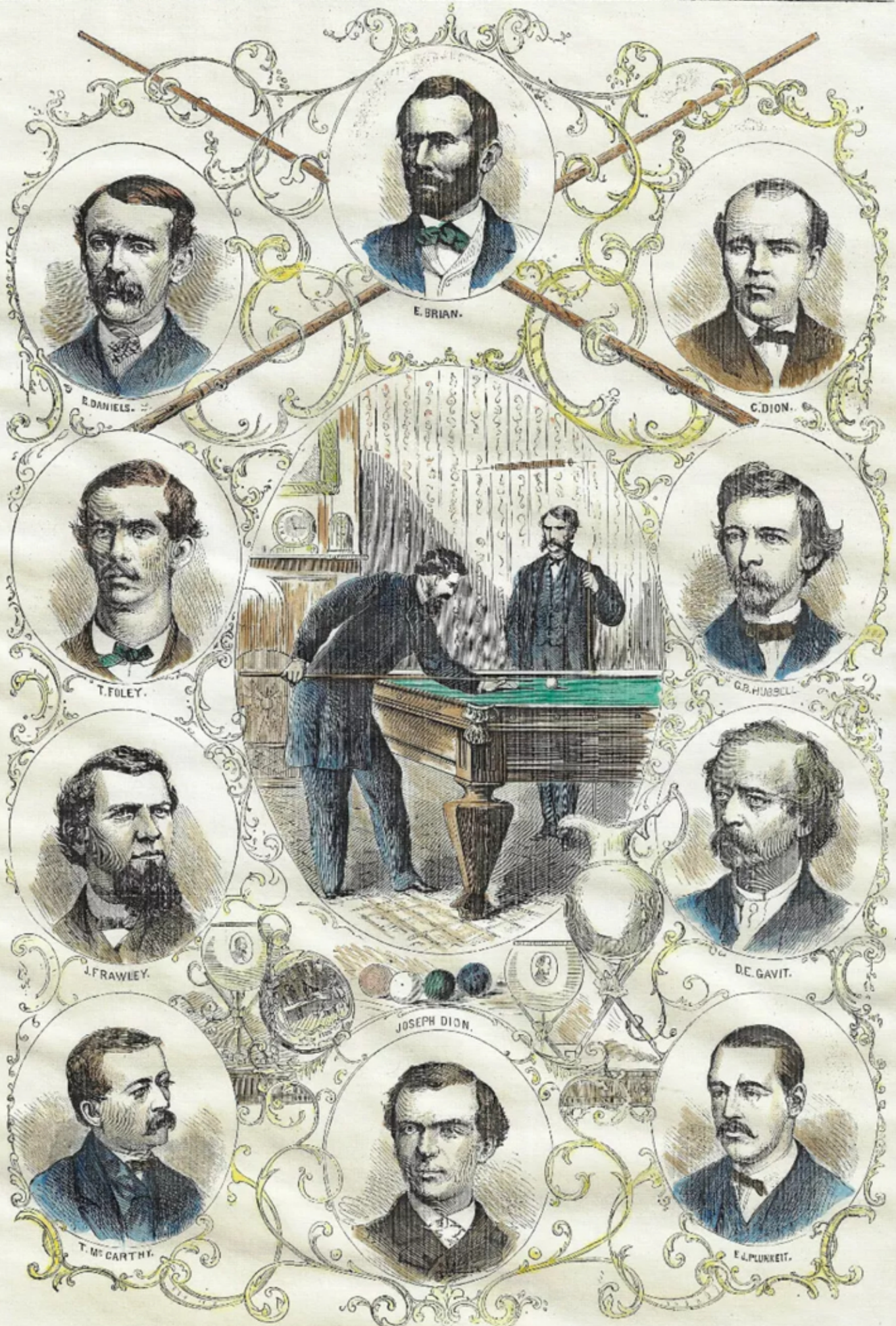
For the Championship of Connecticut, at Allyn Hall, Hartford, on the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1865, GERSHOM. B. HUBBELL, champion, and RALPH BENJAMIN; one thousand points up, caroms, with 2 3/8-inches balls, on a Phelan & Collender four-pocket standard table, according to the established rules.

GRAND SCORE -- HUBBELL, 1,001; BENJAMIN, 956. Innings -- HUBBELL, 163; BENJAMIN, 162. Average -- HUBBELL 6-23; BENJAMIN, 5-146. Highest runs -- HUBBELL, 58; BENJAMIN, 33. Time -- 6 hours 6 minutes. Umpire for HUBBELL, M. WOOLAHAN, of Hartford; for BENJAMIN, WM.J. KENNEFICK, of Bridgeport. Referee, MICHAEL PHELAN, of New-York.

As far as could be heard from, it was understood that no person has a desire to challenge Mr. HUBBELL at the present time. Thus the chances are that he will now be allowed to repose on his well-earned laurels.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE AND CREATE BY-LAWS.

PHILIP TIEMAN, of Cincinnati, President of the A.B.C., has appointed LOUIS FOX, of Rochester, N.Y., VICTOR ESTEPHE, of Philadelphia, and GERSHOM B. HUBBELL, of Hartford, the committee authorized at the last meeting of the Congress to revise and create by-laws, etc. The committee will meet at Rochester, on Wednesday, Sept 6.



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