

BILLIARD MATCH.

MAURICE VIGNAUX AGAINST JOSEPH DION—
VIGNAUX WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF
AMERICA AND THE DELANEY EMBLEM.

A match game of billiards at French caroms, 600 points up, for the championship of America, represented by the Delaney Challenge Emblem, and \$1,000, was played at Tammany Hall last night by Mr. Joseph Dion, the holder of the Emblem, which he won at the National Billiard Tournament in November last, and Mr. Maurice Vignaux. The game was played on a five by ten Griffiths table, fitted with Delaney's patent wire cushions. Mr. Stone acted as umpire for Dion and Mr. Gayraud performed that duty for Vignaux, Capt Reeves acting as Referee. The game was begun at 8:10 by Dion, who won the lead. He chose the white ball, and led out, making nothing. Vignaux then started in and made 3, and was followed by Dion who scored 8. Both men continued to make very poor play until the seventh inning, when Dion made a run of 23, which he improved upon in the next inning by running 51, which placed him at 100 to his adversary's 21. At the close of the fourteenth inning the game stood at 115 for Dion to 41 for Vignaux. Dion then played and missed; and Vignaux, who up to this time had played so badly as to cause general remark, then walked up to the table and surprised the spectators by making a grand run of 192. In this run his wonderful capacity for nursing the balls was not so noticeable as was his consummate skill in getting them into position, which was frequently applauded. This placed him far in advance of his opponent, and he continued to improve his advantage, little by little, until the twenty-third inning, when he made another splendid run of 63, which put him 185 points ahead, the game then standing at 334 for Vignaux, and 149 for Dion. At the end of the forty-first inning Vignaux was 123 points ahead, and then Dion went in and by careful nursing of the balls, interspersed with brilliant shots made to secure position, succeeded in scoring 61, reducing his adversary's lead to 62 points only. This was bettered by Vignaux in the forty-fourth, who scored 116, which gave him 586 to 386. Dion, however, did not lose his courage, but played better than perhaps than he did at any other stage of the game, scoring 41, 64, 13, and 34 in the four last innings, while Vignaux was making the 14 points that he lacked to wind up the game, which he finally ended in the forty-eighth inning, at 11:55.

THE SCORE.

Maurice Vignaux.—3, 1, 9, 0, 0, 0, 3, 5, 0, 1, 5, 1, 9, 4, 192, 20, 0, 11, 5, 2, 0, 0, 63, 0, 8, 0, 10, 17, 1, 2, 39, 1, 0, 0, 14, 16, 0, 0, 13, 0, 0, 25, 5, 116, 1, 5, 6, 2.
Total, 600. Average 12 24-48.

Joseph Dion.—0, 8, 2, 0, 0, 0, 23, 11, 51, 0, 6, 1, 6, 2, 0, 1, 4, 0, 2, 22, 3, 2, 0, 1, 1, 2, 0, 44, 0, 8, 0, 0, 5, 11, 12, 9, 7, 1, 27, 35, 5, 61, 7, 1, 41, 64, 13, 34.
Total, 533. Average, 11 10-48.

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