

SCHAEFER TALKS BILLIARDS.

NO EXPECTATION OF ANOTHER MATCH WITH SLOSSON.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—Jacob Schaefer, the billiard champion, returned from Chicago yesterday, and the little man was congratulated by such of his friends as had not had the opportunity of seeing him defeat George F. Slosson in Chicago. "I might have played bigger billiards than I did," said he, "but I wasn't playing for an average or anything of that kind, so I played safe the whole game through. After I had a lead of 150 I knew that the game was mine. I didn't have to take any risk at all, and he had to take all of it. Some of the Chicago papers said that Roche backed down when he and Harry Howard began to talk betting, but it was just the other way."

"What are the prospects for another match?"

"None at all. Slosson can't get any more backing since they see that I can beat him at his own game. Roche made a proposition for us to play five games, each game in a different style, one cushion caroom, one balk line, one bank shot, one three-cushion carroms, and one champion's game rules; but the proposition missed fire, and I don't suppose there will be any more big billiards for some time to come. You can say, though, that I will play Slosson a match at pin pool."

This latter proposition provoked much humorous comment, and it was suggested that Jake take to walking, rowing, general athletics, or some other line of sport wherein some one else is champion. Schaefer says that Slosson and Carter are matched at balk line, and that the match will be played in St. Louis, but that the date at present is unknown.

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