

# **SLOSSON AND SCHAEFER TO PLAY.**

## **TWO MATCH GAMES OF BILLIARDS ARRANGED FOR CHICAGO.**

Slosson and Schaefer are matched to play two games of billiards in Chicago, in Central Music Hall, on Jan. 5 and 26, for \$500 a side each match, 800 points up, at the champion's game, with 20 by 40 triangular corner lines, and at the 10-inch balkline, respectively, the winner to take all receipts and pay all expenses. The matches were brought about through friends of the players in Chicago and New-York interceding to allay the differences which existed between them as regards the style of games, the places for play, &c., and Schaefer at the last moment waived all claim for a home and home game and for expenses to and from Chicago, and consented to give Slosson the choice of cities in which both matches should be played. The matches as arranged are in accordance with Slosson's recent challenge to Schaefer. At the very last moment, after Schaefer had accepted every condition of Slosson's challenge, the latter telegraphed Schaefer asking him to change the balk line from 10 to 12 inches and to play the matches upon the new triplex-chain-lightning Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company cushion; but Schaefer answered yesterday by wire that he would only play the 10-inch balk line game upon the original Monarch cushion, and would leave the selection of the cushion for the 20 by 40 champion's game to Slosson. The answer came back that Slosson would accept and had closed and signed the articles of agreement. In the original balk line game the lines were placed eight inches away from the cushion, and the placing of the lines 10 inches away forces upon the players more open table play through prohibiting the balls being nursed close to the cushion. The original champion's game was played with the triangular corner lines measuring 14x28, and the new lines, 20x40, compel the players to turn the corners sooner, thus forcing the balls off the cushion as they are carried by the player along the rail toward the corners.

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