the added advantage of being light for travelling, while wooden guards are comfortable for walking around the rink, or to and from outdoor skating ponds.

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Book Reviews

WILLY BOECKL ON FIGURE SKATING. Orders taken by Mr. Boeckl at Iceland, 304 West 50 St., New York City. Price \$10.

For many years Willy Boeckl's many admirers have awaited this book, and they will certainly not be disappointed when they see it. Mr. Boeckl was Amateur Champion of the World seven times and since turning professional has had nine years of teaching experience as senior instructor at The Skating Club, Inc., New York. Few people are so well-equipped to write a helpful book on all branches of figure skating. The volume is of large folio, and of about 200 pages, with 56 school figure diagrams and 60 illustrations of famous skaters in instructive free skating moves. It treats in detail the method of skating school figures and free skating, with chapters on pair skating, dancing, and carnivals. The following is an extract from the introduction to this book written by Melville Rogers, former Canadian Single, Pair, and Four Champion: "Willy Boeckl's book on Figure Skating will, I feel confident, be of outstanding assistance to any skater. Mr. Boeckl reached his goal (Champion of the World) by sheer intelligent work and he should, therefore, be well qualified to give skaters what they want and in a manner they can understand. I have known Mr. Boeckl for a number of years and have always been impressed with the soundness of his views on skating and his understanding of the needs of his various pupils."

Das Kunstlaufen und der Tanz auf dem Eise by Gustav Feix. Saturn-Verlag, Vienna. Price \$2.50.

German and Austria skaters recommend this book highly as it contains almost a hundred pages devoted to dance steps with brief passages of music to illustrate the different tempos. Unfortunately it is only available in German, but it is possible to study the diagrams and dance steps if you get a translation of a few simple terms. Very little is written about the school figures, but each one is diagrammed in a novel manner; one sign shows the shoulder position all around the circle, another the free foot position, and sketches are placed at important points to show positions for the entire body. For those who can afford an extensive skating library it is an interesting and entertaining as well as helpful volume.

United States Championships for 1938

The National Figure Skating Championships have been awarded to the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society and will be held at its new Rink at Ardmore, Pa., on February 25 and 26, 1938. The ice surface is eighty-five feet by one hundred and eightyfive feet. Further information will be available for the next issue.

Mid-west Championships

The Mid-west Championships will be held under the auspices of Cleveland Skating Club sometime early in February. The various events will be skated in the new rink of the Cleveland Club, and will include Junior and Senior Championships in both singles and pairs, as well as waltz and foxtrot competitions. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Hubert Sprott, Cleveland Skating Club, 2501 East 130th Street, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

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