

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

FIGHTERS WHO HAVE BEEN BEATEN

By Game, Tough Men Who Were by No Means Professionals.

REPORTER BEAT SULLIVAN

Tales of Humble Citizens Who Have Beaten Champions Soundly and Without Half Trying.

The story relating how the late Dan Mills put Bob Fitzsimmons out in the barroom of Green's hotel in Philadelphia has recalled other stories of occasions where novices have knocked out champion pugilists.



UNUSUAL PICTURE OF "JEFF."

We encounter almost all kinds of pictures of fighters except those in ordinary civilian attire. Jim Jeffries has been pictured in about every attire possible, but this is the first photo of him in an ordinary business suit.

He went to the West minstrel show. He went to the first part and did Ajax during the lightning, the Greek faun during the lion, the Roman gladiator during the lion. Among the minstrel shows importance was a clog dancer named Branscombe, a Lancashire boy, who wanted to put the gloves on with Charley. But Charley treated him as a clown and the clog dancer, who was a star display toward a minstrel actor, until one day, in Buffalo, he told the ambitious youth to look to his milk bottle, that he had no time to fool with him. The insult was.

The succeeding week at Detroit, on opening night, Branscombe boldly stepped on the stage when Mitchell was making the prize fight and smashed him in the face. There was an uproar in the house. Mitchell was surprised, even dumfounded, and the clog dancer put it to him half a dozen times, when he collected himself. Auditors, started men and stage hands strove to separate the combatants. Finally they pulled the men apart, Branscombe yelling: "What, ye cockney stuff! Tell me to look to my milk bottle!" Mitchell had both eyes blackened and the Lancashire clog dancer consisted of a bloody nose.

However, they thought it well to carry Branscombe to Canada, where the next morning he lost his life in an accident on the Great Western railway. John L. Sullivan has been whipped very effectively in Boston by a waiter who threw off his apron and said: "You lick a woman, but you can't lick a man. Come on." John rushed in blind rage at his soldier and clear-headed antagonist, who side-stepped and hit him under the ear, and each time the champion arose dropped him again.

John was a minister in a minstrel show about the time Mitchell was with Branscombe, and West doing the clog dance as Mitchell, that is, when he was not a waiter. Usually both of the saloonkeepers of the cities they visited to form an attraction which would draw custom to their houses. The sports inclined men were not at all a distinction and then John L. had little chance of escape from the temptation of his besetting sin.

One of John's duties was to be interviewed, and the press agent's business was to see that John was besieged at such times. It is not to say that a sincere, and the free-lance writers of the West especially, did not hesitate to tell that they occasionally found John speechless. In Chicago this happened, and a writer in the Herald made the scathing attack on inebriety, as illustrated by John John went looking for the au-

GETTING READY FOR OPENING OF SEASON

Baseball Teams in the Pacific National League Working Hard.

OUTLOOK FOR SALT LAKE.

Big Chief Reilly Thinks He Has a Winning Hunch and Will Surely Land the Pennant.

During the late scrap between the Pacific National League magnates and W. H. Lucas, former president of the P. N. L., the "News" made the prediction that Salt Lake would have baseball, and good ball, whether outlay or not. Later it was announced in other publications that there would be no baseball, etc., but subsequent events have proved our statement correct.

It was first planned to have a six-club league, but Butte dropped out, forcing Helena to do the same and now the league is composed of Salt Lake, Ogden, Boise and Spokane.

Since Manager Charley Reilly arrived in Salt Lake, he has worked faithfully to organize a winning team. He managed to secure some old Salt Lake favorites like Tozer, Deane, Miller and Thomas, and has imported some really fast diamond artists. As fast as the men arrived in this city they were hustled down to the ball park and set to work. The team is now in fine shape, and ready for the opening of the season which will take place on the 25th of this month. All the players are showing up well, and at this stage of the game are really doing better than Reilly expected. On the pitching staff we will have Tozer, Thomas, Quick, and probably some others. Leahy will be behind the bat. The infield and outfield will be in good hands, and the fans who have seen the home team at work pick the bunch for winners.

During the week President Rishel of the league appointed Bill Seely as one of the official umpires of the league, and that he will give general satisfaction here is not doubted. He officiated in the games participated in by the Salt Lake team, and demonstrated that he understands the game from Alpha to Omega, and will not stand for anything crooked.

Word comes from Ogden and the other cities in the league that the teams are rapidly rounding into excellent form, and the race for the pennant is sure to be a hot one. "Dad" Glimin at Ogden has secured some old time favorites like the Lobsters will certainly be in at the finish. Encouraging reports come from Spokane and Boise, and each team expects to land the championship.

THE BRITT-WHITE CONTEST

In Points of Fight Fans There's a Heavily in Store for Jabs.

Jabez White of London, England, and James Edward Britt are now occupying the center of the stage in national pugilistic. They also furnish a subject for much discussion. Followers of fight affairs seldom have an opportunity to compare Britishers with Americans because there are usually little grounds for comparison, but figuring upon past events of a similar nature the Californian seems to rank head and shoulders above the man he has been looked to meet next month in San Francisco.

The English champions who have come to this country and landed the colors of a Yankee division leader cannot be readily called to mind, and it is doubtful that such a case has ever developed.

In the days of John L. Charley Mitchell, who has White in tow, then champion of Great Britain, could not whip the pride of Boston abroad or at home. He came to this country and Jim Corbett had assumed the title and in a sensational contest in Florida went down and out in three rounds.

Going to the other end of the fighting line—the bantam division—it will be seen that pugilistic history, as well as that of nations, repeats itself. A few years ago Andy Kelly, recognized as England's best bantam, was shipped into this country with loud shouts and sounding of trumpets by Prof. Jimmy Kelly, who was sincere in the belief that he was leading a world champion.

Tokell, like White, aimed high. He would meet no one but the champion. Harry Forbes was then in his prime and gave the Britisher a sound thrashing. Tokell was game and took his lashing without flinching. After the mill he dropped completely out of sight.

It is different, however, with Americans who go abroad. With the exception of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, the best American productions have not been successful abroad. Frankie Neil lost a 20-round decision to Jim Bowler in London last fall, but would probably reverse the verdict in a battle with Bowler in San Francisco.

The only direct line on White as a fighter that can be drawn is his two mills with Spike Sullivan. Both of these went 20 rounds and were won by White. At the time, however, Spike was practically all in and but a shadow of himself when in his prime.

While Jabez White may have cleaned up all the lightweight in England it should be remembered that he has had to Young Corbett or Battling Nelson to subdue. White says he will take on Nelson after he has finished with Britt. He may, but the chances are that the next time Nelson lands a blow in a mill in San Francisco it will be in a waiting bee with Britt.

WIT AND HUMOR

Col. Watterson writes from Spain to say that "there is a great deal of moonshine in Madrid," and no doubt the smoky flavor is a pleasant reminder of old Kentucky.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"Father, what is 'the woman with a mission'?"

"In many cases, my son, she is the wife of the husband with dyspepsia and holes in his stockings."—New York Herald.

The unfettered horsemen of the London Press have again mounted their empty platters at an early moment. With a significant nod of the head the barkeeper indicated the ragged patron with disfavor, but following the rule of the house, said nothing. Just then Edwards strayed into the bar. With a significant nod of the head the barkeeper indicated the ragged patron with disfavor, but following the rule of the house, said nothing. Just then Edwards strayed into the bar. With a significant nod of the head the barkeeper indicated the ragged patron with disfavor, but following the rule of the house, said nothing.



PITCHER W. L. TOZER, As He Appeared on the Diamond This Week.

Salt Lake baseball fans will readily recognize in the above photo, W. L. Tozer, one of Salt Lake's pitchers. "Young Tozer," he is called, but if young in years he is old in baseball experience, and is considered by local critics as the star pitcher of the Salt Lake team. Mr. Tozer is now in his third year with Salt Lake, and his friends predict success for him this season. He has wonderful speed and almost perfect control. He fields his position in that easy style that stirs the enthusiasm of the fans. Last season he pitched two long games in the same day and won both of them.



TOMMY LEAHY, CRACK CATCHER, Posing for the Saturday "News" on Walker's Field.

We have had Billy McCusland and Bill Hansen behind the bat in Salt Lake, and both were admired by local fans. But when you see this man Tommy Leahy scoping 'em up and whipping 'em down to first and second, you will say that he is about the best ever. Tommy was with the Pacific Coast league, where they have pretty fast company, for three years, and he was considered the star catcher of the league. He had a chance to go back to that league this year, but he thinks a great deal of Big Chief Reilly, and came here when he learned that Reilly would handle the Salt Lake team.

SUCCESS OF PITCHER MATTHEWSON.

The following was written by Christy Matthewson, the pitcher:

It would be impossible for me, or any other pitcher for that matter, to say which ball he pitches the most. There are certain conditions which regulate the balls that are delivered to batsmen. Knowledge of batsmen and their supposed weakness is essential in the success of any pitcher. It is necessary for the pitcher to learn, if possible, which balls batsmen are least likely to hit.

Some batsmen will "kill" a fast, straight ball, while others have shown that speed is not to their liking. Others will knock slow out curves out of the field, while some are partial to low or high balls. Pitchers try to discover and remember the pronounced weakness of batsmen. This, of course, requires a good memory, but when a pitcher has faced a batsman a number of times he learns what the man at the plate is most likely to hit.

Catchers must also have knowledge about the batters. If Rowanman, Reesman or Marshall slugs for a ball, which the batsman is known to like, the pitcher will shake his head, which means that some other ball would be more effective. This, however, seldom occurs, as catchers make it a point to impress in their minds information about batsmen which will be of benefit to the pitchers, their battery partners.

There can be no set rules governing the delivery of balls. Conditions often arise during the game which make the use of a certain curve undesirable. In facing a new man the pitcher is often in doubt as to what ball to pitch. If he knows nothing of the batsman he must be governed largely by the batsman's position at the plate. That often gives a line on what the man at the plate is most likely to hit. The man who has the most knowledge of the pitcher is the kind he is most likely to meet. Then the position of the batsman in the box is of vital importance from which he can securely be able to connect with a fast high ball or a slow one, as the case may be.

The so-called "spit" ball which I have been practicing is most effective. No one can deny that, but it is also a certain. One of the great secrets of the success of a pitcher is control. Play-ers on our team who have seen me pitch the "spit" ball have expressed the opinion that I can control it as well as any other pitcher.

The fast, straight ball, which many think has a jump to it, has a tendency to rise with the wind. That is, I believe, why it is denominated a jumping ball.

Change of pace is a most important factor in the success of the modern pitcher. He must be able to pitch fast

GARDNER-SCHRECK BOUT ON MONDAY.

Noted Boxers Will Clash in a Twenty Round Contest at Theater.

BOTH IN FINE CONDITION.

Lowell Man, Who is and Ex-Champion, Will be Favorite but Will Meet Tough Proposition.

Not since the long-to-be-remembered boxing contest between Battling Nelson and Spider Walsh at the Salt Palace, has a contest of this kind attracted the attention and interest that is now centered in the coming mill, on Monday night, at the Salt Lake Theater, between George Gardner of Lowell, Mass., and Mike Schreck of Milwaukee. This match has been the talk of the town in local sporting circles during the past week, and many and varied opinions have been expressed as to the probable outcome.



GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT.

George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Graeco-Roman wrestler, is little known in this country, but reports of his accomplishments abroad would seem to indicate that he is entitled to meet the best we have to offer. He is in this country seeking contests with American champions.

WORK OF AMERICAN ATHLETES.

American athletes' work in the cinder path last year will fill many pages in athletic history, which promises to remain fresh in the minds of enthusiasts for many years.

While past seasons have brought forth the usual amount of new world's records, the performances of the athletes in general were of a more uniformly high standard than ever before. The fact that no less than 22 new world's records at standard events, to say nothing of the numerous other records, were created during the season shows how high class the performances of the Yankee athletes were.

In connection with this might also be mentioned that eight of the records were established in New York, while two other created out of Gotham are credited to New York representatives. This speaks well of the prowess of the metropolitan athlete and the management and training methods at all large athletic clubs in the metropolitan district.

The reversal of form shown by Duffey, holder of the 100-yard record of 9 3-5 seconds, in defending his title in the English and American intercollegiate championships, was one of the surprising features of the season.

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