

A POOR CROP OF HEAVIES.

several Good Men in Lightweight Division Besides the Champion-In Middleweight Class.

PASSING OF GANS

RISE OF NELSON

Durable Dane's Two Victories

Ring Features in

1908.

If there is any one thing that can be held up as the chief feature of 1908 in American ring it is the passing of Gaus from the championship. After eing a leading factor in his division or a decade and after a career of more an 17 years in the squared circle, the fold master" has at last recognized that years will tell, says Malachy Hogan. When Battling Nelson knocked him out twice in succession-July 4 and Sept. -Gans realized that his hope of re-mining the title he had held for years But he has stepped down m the throne with a record equaled

as gone. But he has stepped down on the throne with a record equaled few men in history. Whough many considered him the tr man at his weight for years be-stal date, his first legitimate dialm the title came in 1992, when he cked out Frank Erne in the first ind at Fort Eric. From that time un-his season his career was a long re-b of victories, save only his solitary at by Sam Langford and his draw a Joe Walcott-both heavier men, se work did not mar his title. many respects Gans was as high po of boxer as I have ever met and this black skin beats the heart of nileman. Hind it work be a rich As it is, he has little left. even if Gans has stepped out of fired glare of the limelight he is with him the esteem of all those the this the worst in his own eavier divisions. And as the years he held his own with them all to attive for such an honor. It he tring season was not particu-tion and the worst in his own eavier divisions. And as the years he held his own with them all to attive for such an honor. It he ring season was not particu-tion and the work on particu-tion and the scient of the him that at which a man usually to attive for such an honor. The heidsing titles in all divi-or the ring season was not particu-tions. His black has steep the weiter-class. wer, in at least two classes—the eight and lively work on the seas-

class. rer. in at least two classes—the eight and lightweight—we have v of good men who have put up-t interesting series of bouts in in ver-

must interesting series of bouts in last 10 years. stend of the tangle in which honors practically all the divisions were pool a twelvemonth ago, we now recognized champions who have ed their titles fairly, even if there ispute in many quarters as to which he better man. But the very inter-shown in this is a sign that the is still in a healthy condition and public interest in it is ally.

MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION.

a the middleweight division we have a the middleweight division we have r good men. Ketchel is admittedly champion. He beat Papke the first 6, was knocked out the second and a did what only occurred once before this country-reguined his Wile by being out Billy in a third meeting. a other occasion was when Jack mpsey regained by default his title, in an earlier meeting to George La mehe.

Keily is cutting in with a claim rs. He drew with Papke, lost to ce and bent him another time. knocked out by Ketchel but in the way things have been around in this class that don't hurt his chances for a return in the background hovers that ud, Sam Langrord, who is con-by many the most dangerous of

fer what personal opinion may the merits of the men, and plenty of backers, the fact re-at Ketchel is the champion. are good men in the light-lass besides Nelson, who is ad-the utileholder. Dick Hyland, Velsh. Packey McFariand, Tom-hy and many others could be d. It is a good divsion, and not

is a good divison, and not me can I, recall so much available in this section

ime. Coulon has easily the best of division. His chief difficulty f opponents. He has cleaned 5-pound class and is now going higher weight. Even this will be him of his title as Harry d others have held the baniam 15 pounds. at 115 pounds.

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the featherweight class Abe Attell t still be conceded honors. Freddie sh beat him at a heavier wolght, and ees not seem as if there is any ma-al available in his own class that can at around the ring fast enough to h Abe, who wins most of his bouts running away.

ning away. ight heavy weight class has pass-y, so far us public recognition is ted, and of the various claimants weiterweight the not one seems g a clear right to it. Possibly Twin) Sullivan might be con-be piace.

"Twin's Sullivan might be con-the place." I of all comes the heavyweight di-n. Jai think of 18 In the days of ett. Sullivan. Fitzsimmons and Pet-ohnsen, consider where this classe d have stood! Now it has abso-y lie worst material I can recall-we connot take Burns. Johnson, fman. Kubiak and others too sorl-f. Even when material was escarce a days of Fitzaimmons there was no uting the fact that he was cham--and a good one. And the cloud of kien hanging over many of Burns'

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