

He Thinks he can Whip Anybody.

The following communication to the editor of the New York Sun, is a little ahead of anything of the kind which has yet appeared. As a literary bruiser, Mr. Bascum is entitled to the championship:

SIR—I see that there has been another little prize fight on Long Island, between a couple of would-be pugilists, Chambers and Seddons, in which Seddons was most unmercifully punished, and that too, from no other cause than being found in bad company.

I notice, also, that Tom Allen has published a card, saying that if Charlie Gallagher wants to fight him, as has been stated, he will give him a chance in two weeks from his meeting with McCooler, for any amount from \$500 upward.

Five hundred dollars! What an enormous sum of ready money to propose to fight for!

Now, if Gallagher would do the right thing, which I have no doubt he will, he will wait upon Mr. Allen and place him in a condition that he will not need the aid of a couple of stout dentists to extract a pair of boots from his stomach.

I had expected to quit this business and retire to private life, unless I could effect a contact with the government for the purpose of whipping all prize-fighters and putting a stop to this infamous practice in the United States, for which I have made a proposition to Congress. But as the government seems slow to take hold of my proposition, I wish to make the following proposition through your paper, to the above named gentlemen, viz: If those five would-be pugilists will meet me at Salt Lake City on the 4th day of November next, I propose to bet as follows:

I will bet Tom Allen, or any other man, any amount from \$3,000 upward, that Charley Gallagher (with me to train him for two hours) can whip him inside of twenty rounds.

I propose further, to bet Tom Allen \$10,000 that I can lick him inside of eight rounds.

I will bet \$50,000 that I can whip Gallagher and Allen both inside of twelve rounds.

I will bet \$10,000, that after two hours' training with me, either Allen or Gallagher can lick him and not receive a scratch.

I propose to bet fifty thousand more that I can whip Gallagher and McCooler, both at one and the same time, inside of twenty-four rounds, but with the express understanding that I am not to be held responsible for any deaths or serious accidents that may occur during this little business transaction.

And notwithstanding Chambers whipped Seddons on Long Island a few days since, yet I propose to bet Chambers or any of his friends the sum of \$10,000 that with one day's training I can put Seddons in a condition that he will whip Chambers, and punish him badly inside of twenty-four rounds. After which I will bet Seddons and Chambers \$24,000 that I can whip them both inside of six rounds, and not receive a scratch.

I will further bet the sum of \$10,000 that if this last bet is taken, neither Chambers nor Seddons will ever propose or accept another fight.

After all the above bets are taken and the business transacted, I propose to bet \$100,000 that I can whip Allen, Gallagher, McCooler, Chambers and Seddons, all coming at me at one and the same time, inside of thirty minutes, in a regular, straight out, rough and tumble fight, provided I am allowed the services of two good men inside the ring, to drag out men as fast as I render them unable for duty.

My uncle who resides in New York, but who is at present across the briny ocean, will pile up any amount on my whipping any ten men in the world in an old-fashioned rough and tumble fight, and will double the amount on my whipping any eight men, according to the rules of the P. R., all at the same time, but they coming at me alternately.

I confess that I regret my occupation, and as a general thing the bruising and punishing of my fellow men is open to objections on some accounts. Yet, when my country demands it of me, nothing affords me more pleasure than a good drink, accompanied by a social fight. Therefore I have concluded to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer, and put my money where it will do the most good.

I would just say to the gentlemen above named that, as I have no other business of importance to transact at Salt Lake at the time above specified, their non-attendance will be no serious disappointment, so far as I am concerned. But as I have very many friends in that section who have not had the pleasure of witnessing any of my pugilistic exercises, and as I expect President Grant to be present, I would rather prefer the gentlemen would accept my proposition.

I also wish just here to say to the students who are training under me that, from this time until the 5th of September, I will beat Montvale Springs, where they can have their regular lessons as usual.

All papers friendly to the cause will please copy.

THOMAS BASCUM,
Maryville, Tenn., Aug. 7th, 1873.

Man Killed at Pioche.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Tuesday night a tragedy occurred in the lower part of town, near Pritchard's fast freight office, in which a man named Kistell, a Cornishman, was shot and killed by a colored man named D. W. Cherry. It seems that Kistell had been working for Cherry, but had not been in his employ for a week or more. Cherry claims to have had some barley stolen, and from the evidence was on guard with a double barreled shot gun. Seeing a man enter the corral Cherry fired upon him, but without much effect, the shot striking him in the right leg. The next shot hit him in the face and neck, producing almost instant death. Cherry went to the sheriff's office and surrendered himself. The body of the deceased was subsequently taken care of. Owing to the inability of coroner Deal to act, Justice Stoutenburgh summoned a jury and held an inquest yesterday. The evidence went to establish the fact that the wounds inflicted caused death, and that the shooting was done by Cherry. The jury also found that deceased was a native of Cornwall, England, and was about 51 years old. Dr. Bergstein made a post mortem examination. The remains presented a horribly mangled and shocking appearance. The examination of Cherry will be held before Justice Stoutenburgh this morning. Cherry is 45 or 50 years of age, and has been a resident of this State twelve years or more. In 1861 he lived at Virginia, and was there a man of considerable means. He is represented as a quiet and inoffensive man generally, and as intelligent as colored men ordinarily are. He has been engaged in the hog business, and is the party who was arrested some weeks ago for keeping a hog pen in the lower end of town and thereby creating a nuisance. Deceased was buried at half-past four p.m. yesterday, Rev. Mr. Badger officiating. He has a wife in Devonshire, England, and a son at Tintic, Utah.—Pioche News, Aug. 28.

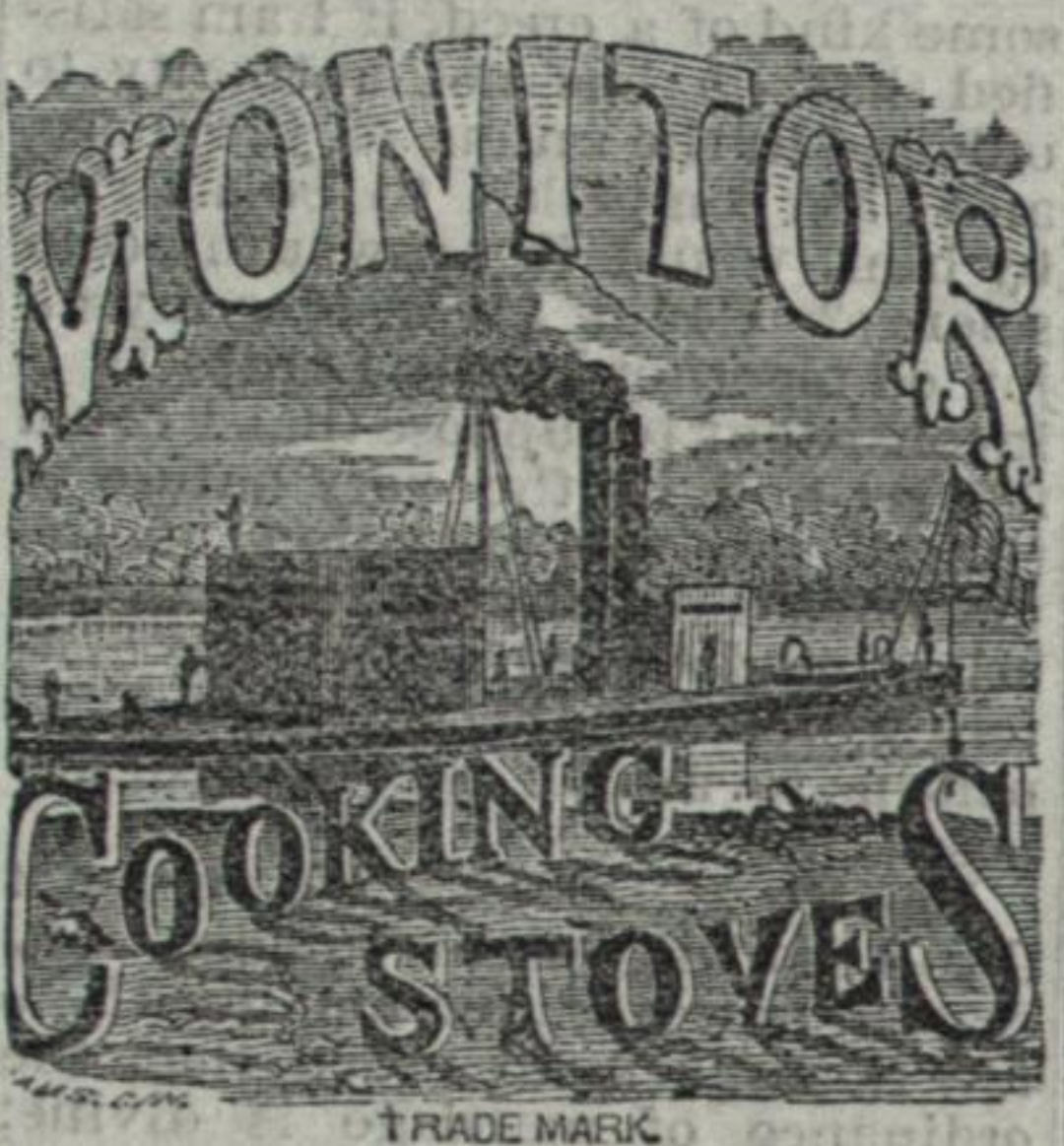
A YOUNG MAN WHO WASN'T POSTED.—The new-fashioned belts for carrying all sorts of things, from a parasol to a button-hook, appeared in Rochester, New York, for the first time last week. Among the first to seize the novelty was a very handsome young lady, who immediately donned the harness and went out for a promenade. She chanced to pass the porch of a hotel upon which several young men sat, regaling themselves with cigars, and of course their eyes were irresistibly drawn to the passing beauty. The belt, with its beaded pointers, was observed with astonishment, for the young men had never seen the like, and one of the party, noticing that her elegant and costly watch was swinging loosely, and thinking that it had slipped through her belt, and might prove too tempting to some thief, stepped forward when the lady had reached the group, and lifting his hat, said: "I beg your pardon, Miss, but your watch is swinging from your belt." She regarded not the watch or belt, but turning her glorious eyes full on him she said, with a dazzling smile, "O, well, sir, let it swing." Such a shout as went up from his companions! But he stood it manfully, likewise the treat implied in such cases, and then went slowly home to interview his sister about the fashions.—Ex.

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