## IN THE DAYS OF TOM SAYERS.

**Entertaining Description of Scenes at a Prize Fight Thirty Years Ago.**

Among my scrapings I have attended a prize fight, and for the purpose of rank blasphemy and reckless blackguardism it ran an execution at Newgate or Horsemonger Lane jail very close. The police were dead against prize fights, which were excuse for a gigantic form of excursion. Two million of the lowest class contracted to butter one another about in order to extract the gritious from the swells, the niffs and the supporters of the "noble art of self defense." A programme had to be secretly arranged, a special train had to be secured for the army of niffs, the swells about town and the scum of the metropolis, who lived upon the excitement or the pelf of prize fights. There was a certain official complement to these illegal "mills." The editor of Bell's Life in London constituted himself the arbiter on these occasions. This was the organ of the prizefighter. The editor received the stakes deposited, acted as referee and afterward described the fights in a jargon delightfully humorous. "Tapping the claret." "One in the bread basket." "A souvenir on the mob." were all phrases invented by the editors of Bell's Life.

The night before it was necessary to go to a sporting pub to get "the office" and to receive for a valuable consideration the special railway ticket. The vigil of the fight was usually spent in the "wild west," for in those days there was no closing hour. Restaurants and public houses could keep open as long as they liked. Buses were run to the Haymarket at 3 o'clock in the morning, and about 4 or 5 the "swells," all in evening dress, would assemble at the railway station, each one in charge of a specially appointed protector.

The scene at the railway station was indescribable. The officials made themselves scarce, and the station was loaded over to rank low. On the platform the pocket of every unprotected man or youth was emptied, and when the train started amid a chorus of obscenity and blasphemy no one knew the destination. It might be a deserted chalk pit, or an old quarry, or a lonely wood, or a river marsh. Suddenly the train would stop, and away went the excursionists tramping over field and meadow. The principals were muffled up. The attendants carried the ropes and stakes, and when the ring was pitched every one who had a sovereign left was fleeced to buy the colors of the fortunate—a silk handkerchief that could not have cost fourpence.

I forbear to describe the hideous blasphemy that soiled the morning air or the foul execrations during the mill. When a champion's eye was bunged up with a blow, his second fancied it and then swiped it into fighting condition. I have seen many a brave young fellow faint at the hideous sight of a prize fight—soldiers, most of them, who would have gone to battle without flinching.—London Truth.

**Roman Standards.**

In the Roman army there was a very highly developed system of military insigne, which, just as among modern nations, were regarded not merely as a rallying point for a given body of men, but as an emblem of the state, and were therefore surrounded with a veneration which degenerated into idolatry. From a tactical point of view, the Roman standards were of more importance than the flag at the present day, for the movements of the troops were entirely regulated by them.

According as they were raised and carried forward, planted in the ground or turned toward the rear, in obedience to the sounds of the horns of the "cornicines," the army broke up its camp and marched or retreated and halted. In the camp the standards were planted before the general's tent, where their presence sanctified the spot as though it were a temple and rendered it a safe depository for the booty collected by the legion. It was to the standards the soldiers swore allegiance, and the first step of a pretender who sought to become emperor was to seize the standards, as he thereby secured the fidelity of the legion.—All the Year Round.

**SHE HAD HER WEIGHT.**

**It Was a Foolhardy Triumph, but It Was Hers All the Same.**

"When a woman makes her mind up to anything," said the man with the ginger beard, "they ain't no way of preventin her from reachin the end she aims at."

"Thought she died, of course," remarked the grocer.

"It does look to me," said the man with the ginger beard to the rush-bottomed, "like you have the most natural gift of talkin what you don't know every time you open your mouth of any man I ever knowed. I will admit," continued the man with the ginger beard as the grocer assumed a knowing expression, "that you are all right in the grocery business. Fact is, a man would have to be pretty smooth to make a livin out of the kind of stuff you keep. Now, the time you explained the hair bein in the butter because the butter wasn't strong enough to hold itself together without it was plenty good. Howsomever, it looks like this, an I can't waste no more time on you. Now, this here woman—"

"Which woman?"

"This here woman I was thinkin of when I spoke was just like all the rest of 'em. When her mind was set, it was set. Pure thing, she had to die to get her own way, but she got it."

"Lose child?" asked the man from Potato creek, who had a musical think in his mental composition.

"Lose affair wishin! She was married to her third husband. They hadn't been married for more'n a week, I guess, before the old man begins twittin her cause she was as thin as wind-win whe the Lord wouldn't 'a' seen fit to make her weigh as much as he first with. How much did the first angel weigh? she asked him about seventeen one day when they had took parts a little more than seventeen.

"'Jest exactly 175 pounds,' says he.

"'Well,' says she, 'I'm aright to get to that weight if it takes me a long, long time.'

"Howsomever, bein of pretty near twice she gits thinner an thinner right along till at last she gits down. 'Well,' says the old man, seein like she really gits to that there weight she started in for, 'I guess the angel must 'a' weighed 175 when he first with.' But right all he jawed about it. About two years after there was a boom in real estate, an the old gentleman turned out to be pretty good timber. Into the bills, that is to say, this here woman among 'em. When their cases in dig for up, she had paid 'em.

"'Provided, I suppose you mean,' said the whole congregation.

"'Anyway, I mean she had turned in cash. An just for certainty that weighed 175. Pretty thing too. She went quietly to that there 175 pounds she aims and she got it, an they won't never nobody a, do not believe that she didn't know what she was doin all the time."—Indianapolis Journal.

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