

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

## GOSSIP OF THE ROPED ARENA.

Local Fight Fans Anxious to See  
Clifford Tackle Little Benny  
Yanger.

## FACTS ABOUT KNOCKOUTS.

Some Good Matches Made in the East  
Gardner and Fitz—Latter to Train  
Terry McGovern.

Three exciting contests that ought to prove very interesting are now on tap, but whether they will take place according to schedule is something that time alone can determine. Manager S. J. Kelly of the Shamrock is trying to secure a return match between Jerry McGovern and Mose Laffont to take place at Pontello, and another match between Jerry and Indian Joe Gregg to take place at Helena. He also hopes to land a fight here between Jack Clifford and Benny Yanger to take place on the 15th of next month, and this is the particular contest local ring followers have their hearts set on. Yanger has been heard from and is willing to take on Clifford, although the latter would have to fight on his own weight. Yanger has had more experience, is a hard puncher and believes he can take ample care of himself in an argument in the roped arena with Clifford. The latter, however, is anxious for the match for a long time and since his return to Butte he has been in active training for the fight. In the opinion of those who follow the game, and who have seen both men work, they are pretty evenly matched and if they come together the bout should be a hard one.

Concerning the proposed match between Red Robert Fitzsimmons and George Gardner, Otto Floto expresses himself as follows: "I believe that a Fitzsimmons-Gardner fight would cause more talk than any other combination that could be made at present. Now here is a man who firmly believes that Fitzsimmons, old as he is, carries just enough of his early cleverness to land on Gardner once. I think that he has that old punch left and all he needs is to get to the younger fellow once or twice before 10 rounds have passed. Gardner, he claims, is a fellow of the rushing type, who would sooner or later leave himself open to those needed punches of Fitz. Now, on the other hand, there are those who see in Gardner the master of Jack Root, and Root, it must be admitted, is some pretty tall class himself. Gardner has yet to be extended these latter days and I think he has still something up his sleeve. He takes the care of himself and has a sense."

Those opposed to ring fights and boxing contests have always held that the knockout blow was brutal in itself. To this, however, the medical fraternity has seen to put a stop. The medical News speaks of the cause of the knockout and adds that it is absolutely harmless and never fatal. "The News says:

"Inasmuch as all boxing contests which terminate speedily are, as a rule, ended by a blow on the point of the jaw, the physiology of it is of great interest. A man struck with any degree of force on the jaw, the blow on the jaw, although he may be in perfect physical condition, instantly collapses and falls to the ground. The attitude assumed in recovery, which may be instantaneous or delayed some minutes, is most characteristic. He squirms about, raises his head and rolls his eyes in an attempt to locate himself. He tries to get on his side and elbow. He endeavors to rise upon his hands and knees. If he regains his feet he staggers like a drunken man, and should he proceed to open hostilities he is usually promptly put out by his adversary. The blow is practically never fatal; the heart's action is nevertheless accelerated, the pulse and respiration are normal, the pupils are normal; there is no headache, no vomiting, no extremities, no pallor—none of the ordinary signs of shock or concussion."

James G. Duncan, (British Medical Journal, April 4, 1900) believes the condition to be due entirely to the closing of the endolymph in the semicircular canals. When the blow is administered there is a violent overstretching of the canal, which is held in its ante posterior position by the muscles which, compared with those inflicting the blow, are small and puny. The result is that the fluid in the canal is jerked and the fluid in the canal is jerked to greater disturbance than any other trauma. There is little reason to doubt that this is the interesting pathology of the well-known but little understood coup de grace.

Harry Tutthill, who is training Willie Fitzgerald at Lakeside Inn, has been handling fighters for more than a dozen years, and was a fighter himself back in the 30s. His opinions of the lights of the glove business are terse and to the point. Here are some of them:

"Jeffries is so big that no one can beat him until he loses his ability."

"Gans is the hardest hitter of his size in the ring. He can whip any other four lightweights in one ring in one evening."

"Young Corbett will last a couple of years more as champion of the little fellows. His hitting power will carry him through."

"Corbett is quite a fighter yet, but he is overtrained for his fight with Jeffries, and in consequence could not recover when he has been hurt."

"Hanson and Neil, the new coast fighters, are coming stars. They are both fighting machines, although only Jack."

"Willie Fitzgerald can beat any of the lightweights except Gans."

"Fitzsimmons is looking just as good as ever but is not as fast as he has been saying he is. He is really anxious to fight again."

"The old-time fighters did not compare with those of today by my notion, with the exception of Jim Mace. I saw him box as cleverly when he was 65 as most of them do at 25."

"McGovern was never as good as Young Corbett."

"The reason the English fighters are whipped by Americans is that they haven't as good heads and don't figure their men out. They don't understand infighting."

A dispatch from New York says: Matches with champion and ex-champion pugilists figuring as principals have been made.

## LAJOIE VS. WAGNER; GREAT BATTERS.

Have Been Having Battle for  
Premier Honors With the  
Willow.

## SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

Both Players Began to Attract Attention from the Fans in 1896—Hack-driver and Butcher Boy.

Napoleon Lajoie and Hans Wagner, two of the greatest ball players that the National game has ever known, have been having a hard fight for the premier batting honors of the country all this season.

Lajoie leads the "American league" with .355 per cent, and Wagner has established the same figures against the National league twirlers.

Wagner is now out of the game for the season, owing to an injury to one of his legs. Therefore Larry will either

have to keep up the .355 clip or exceed it, or give up the honors to the sturdy Pirate.

In the opinion of experts both Lajoie and Wagner rank as batters with any of the great hitters of the past. Both would undoubtedly have better averages but for two reasons. One is that they are both impatient while at the bat and will hit at anything that comes within reach instead of waiting for a pitch on which they can do most of their damage. Another reason is that the fielders play so much deeper for Larry and Hans than they do for most other batters that in almost every game they are robbed of hits on tremendous drives that would be safe with nearly any other man in the game.

Both are free hitters and can pick a ball from off their shoe tops or from behind their ears and poke it out for two bases. Both are fast in going to first base and can beat out short, slow hits with the speed of Willie Koster and George Drouin.

In past performances Lajoie has somewhat the better of Wagner. The former was the first major leaguer to go through an entire season with a batting average of .400 per cent or more. He accomplished this remarkable feat in 1901, when he led the American league with a percentage of .422.

Both men began to attract attention in 1896, before which they found it difficult to make a living at baseball. Larry drove a hack in the winter in Woonsocket, R. I., and played semi-professional ball in the summer. Wagner was a butcher boy in Carnegie, Pa., and played ball for the winter with New York; Harry Smith and Claude Ritchey, both now Pirates, and Al Wagner,

brother of Hans, now with the Toronto Eastern league team.

In 1896 Lajoie played with the Fall River team and Wagner with the Paterson club of the Atlantic league. Larry led the New England league with .429 per cent. Wagner batted .334 in the Atlantic.

In 1897 Lajoie joined the Philadelphia National league team and played there until 1900, when he jumped to the American league. Wagner played with the Philadelphia club and the Atlantic league with .379 per cent. Behind him were such future greats as Elberfeld, Hedrick, Seybold, Keister and Dougherty. Wagner finished the season of 1897 with the Louisville club, and has been in the National league since. He led the league in 1900 with .380 per cent.

Beginning with 1896, and including last season, Lajoie has a grand average of .379 per cent and Wagner .322.

In 1899 Lajoie made a record that proved him to be about the hardest hit man ever played the game. On May 13 of that year, against Pitcher Coleough, then with the New York club, Lajoie hit the ball so hard that he broke the rubber and made it unfit to play with. Later in the season he repeated the feat in Cincinnati. The squibber of that city described the incident as follows:

"Larry Lajoie, the terrific batter with the Philadelphia team, hit a ball so hard in Monday's game that he actually broke it. It was in the third inning. Lajoie straightened out on the first ball pitched. He met it squarely and pushed his weight against it. The ball struck at a terrific rate of speed and struck the center field fence near the top with a resounding crack. The ball crossed off the fence, and before Elmer Smith could field it, Lajoie was on third. The ball was thrown to Umpire Burns for inspection. He examined it and the awful jolt that Lajoie gave it broke the

rubber on the inside. It was knocked loose and was a long time for play."

Malachi Kittredge gives the following advice to the Washington pitchers: "Place the ball at a medium rate of speed over the middle of the rubber, or cut the place with a slow arched curve whenever Lajoie is facing you."

The big Frenchman will write an obituary in the shape of a double, triple or homer on any ball that has steamed behind it and veers over the outside or inside corners. I have seen him soak a high one in the inside on a level with his Adam's apple, and the next one he plucked off his socks knee high and on the inside. He's the most dangerous, eccentric and uncertain batsman the game has ever seen since Dave Orr quit."

Lajoie and the late Ed Delahanty were great chums. While on the Philadelphia team together, and later, they generally had about the same batting average. Last year Del just needed one Larry for the American league batting honors with .376 per cent to Larry's .393.

This year, when poor Del came to his untimely end, the figures showed them just even with .333 per cent.

Wagner and Lajoie are not only great batters, but brilliant fielders as well. Both glide over the ground so fast that impossible steps for other infielders look easy for them. Wagner's recent work at the Polo grounds, when he shut out run after run by his great fielding, will be remembered. Lajoie at second is equally good on balls hit either side of him. John Morrow says of Larry's fielding: "He is the only ball player I ever saw that can handle a ball as well with one hand as with two. If he can get to a ball with either hand it is usually all up with the batter."

Both men are in the game all the time. There are some players who are

not at all anxious to have the ball hit to him at critical stages of the game. At such times Larry and Hans are just hankering for a chance to get hold of the ball. The more exciting the play the more they want to be in it.

Volting contests are now going on in ball players in the country.

## AUTOMOBILES AND HORSES

Many Fast Horses Will Compete in the Six Days Race Meet.

Entries for the various harness and running events to take place at the state fair, indicate that an exceedingly big number of fast animals will be on hand to compete for the big prizes offered. This meet has attracted widespread attention from horsemen and the field of spectators and if the number of fast animals is not about the largest of any meet during the last dozen or so years it will not be the fault of those who have the management of the event. Entries for the harness events closed this week. Secy. Bateman received a number of entries and there is sure to be a big string of outsiders. Entries for the running events will close before the first day's meet and from the present outlook every number on the program will be filled.

The automobile races has awakened considerable interest, and if the thing is carried out, it will no doubt prove a strong drawing card. There are a number of fast starters in the city and if they are stripped down to nothing much but wheels and running gear, they ought to be able to go some. The events proposed are a five mile race for 500 class motors, a three mile race for 1,500 machines and a 10-mile handicap.

<b>A Blanket Snap.</b> 100 pairs extra heavy fleeced grey cotton blankets, come with pretty assorted colored borders, full double bed size, a regular \$1.15 blanket. While there's one of this and hundred pairs left, it will go at the snap price of..... <b>75c</b>	<b>Percalé Remnants.</b> Two to ten yard lengths. Mill ends of highest grade percales in most desirable wrapper and house dress patterns, dainty figures on navy, red and black grounds. 1c is the regular price of these percales. Mill ends go at, per yard..... <b>10c</b>	<b>DRESSING SACQUE</b> Or Kimona Patterns <b>50c</b> ready to make up... The material is the highest grade of flannelette with fancy Persian and figured borders to correspond. Come in all colors and lengths sufficient for a dressing sacque. Off the bolt checked patterns would be worth..... <b>75c</b>	<b>Ping Pong Fannels</b> Just received 7,500 yards of this celebrated high grade outing flannel, nothing better or finer manufactured at any price. We bought them at an exceptionally low figure. Elsewhere you will have to pay 10c and 12c per yard for the equal of this cloth. Here you get it at..... <b>8c</b>	<b>Sanitary Napkins.</b> Ladies' seamless, sanitary napkins, very absorbent and specially reduced to introduce this article. Elsewhere you will have to come up to in half dozen and full dozen boxes, prices per dozen..... <b>39c</b>
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The Newest in Colored and Black

# Dress Fabrics

All the newest productions shown by the New York, Paris and London Dress-makers are to be found here, at less than present manufacturers' prices.

**COLORED.**

50 pieces 38 inch wool granite, Melrose, chevrot, fine serge, etc., in all the prevailing colors, particularly suitable for school girls' wear, 40c..... **29c**

40 and 38 inch all wool crepe, voiles, hosiery, poplins, cords, and dotted mohairs in good colorings, worth 60 cents, your choice..... **40c**

65 pieces 42 inch pure wool chevrot, best quality on the market, also 38 inch illuminated, etamines and knickerbocker suitings, every one worth 60c a yard, choice at..... **50c**

54 inch pure wool camel's hair, zibelines, navy blue chevrot, and a grand quality Granite etamine. These fabrics are sold everywhere at \$1.00. Monday's special per yard..... **75c**

**BLACK GOODS.**

Black voiles, poplins, 38 inches wide, well worth 40c, a special leader for this week, per yard..... **25c**

Grand special lot of pure wool black goods, consisting of volles, etamines, crepes, henriettes, hosiery, poplins, cords, etc., values up to \$1.00, our great leaders, per yard..... **48c**

50 and 48 inch high grade black all wool granite cloth, etamines, basket cloths, hosiery, poplins, cords and crash suitings, values up to \$1.25. This week's specials, per yard..... **75c**

54 inch black all wool Vicuna cloth suitings, and extra quality chevrot suitings. These two cloths are well worth \$1.25, our great offering for this week, per yard..... **90c**

SECOND WEEK OF THE GREAT

# Linen Sale

Owing to the tremendous sale of linens and napkins during the past week we have decided to continue the great free hemming and finishing offer in conjunction with the low prices. THESE ARE THE LOWEST LINEN PRICES EVER QUOTED AND WE HEM AND FINISH ABSOLUTELY FREE. CHANGE ALL TABLE LINEN AND NAPKINS BOUGHT DURING THIS SALE.

52 inch unbleached Irish linen, regular price, 35c, sale price..... <b>25c</b>	60 inch Turkey red damask, 35c grade, sale price..... <b>25c</b>
54 inch half bleached Irish table damask, regular price 45c, sale price..... <b>35c</b>	53 inch satin finish Alzantine damask, absolutely fast color, regular price 45c, sale price..... <b>40c</b>
62 inch German loom dice pattern table linen, excellent value for hard, constant service, regular price 75c, sale price..... <b>50c</b>	60 inch pure dye, fast color, Turkey red table damask, 65c grade, sale price..... <b>50c</b>
63 inch mercerized table damask, rich satin finished cloth with new floral and fruit designs, regular price 85c per yard, sale price..... <b>60c</b>	17x17 bleached napkins, worth 75c per dozen, sale price..... <b>50c</b>
72 inch pure Irish linen table damask, seven patterns to choose from, full bleached and regular price 1.00, sale price..... <b>75c</b>	Full dining size napkins, worth \$1.35 per dozen, sale price..... <b>95c</b>
72 inch bleached Irish damask, every thread pure linen, new designs, regularly worth \$1.25, sale price..... <b>95c</b>	30 inch pure linen damask napkins, worth \$1.50 per dozen, sale price..... <b>\$1.25</b>
	22 inch Irish damask napkins, every thread pure linen, worth \$2.00 per dozen, sale price..... <b>\$1.50</b>
	22 inch Irish damask napkins, every thread pure linen, worth \$2.00 per dozen, sale price..... <b>\$2.00</b>

# Cloak Department Specials!

FOR THIS WEEK.

**Kid Glove Special, \$1.**  
A special purchase of the regular \$1.00 grade of women's kid gloves, correct colors and weights for fall wear. In fine quality over-sewn, embroidered backs, patent clasps, all the desirable street shades, excellent wearing qualities, special price..... **\$1.00**

**\$2 Kid Gloves for 98c.**  
Closing out broken lots of high grade kid gloves in the celebrated Majestic and other makes, sizes and colors a little broken, an extraordinary bargain at..... **98c**

**WINTER UNDERWEAR**  
For Women and Children.  
Women's fleece lined vests and pants. In coral, full large sizes to select from. This grade is fully worth 35c, each..... **25c**

Boys' shirts and drawers in the camel's hair colors extra heavy fleece lined gloves in the celebrated Majestic and other makes, sizes and colors a little broken, an extraordinary bargain at..... **98c**

Girls' ribbed fleece lined silver gray, medium weight union suits. All sizes 4 to 15, choice of any size at..... **35c**

Ladies' natural wool light weight vests and drawers, broken color and lined, each suit sold at \$2.25, this splendid quality offered at..... **98c**

**HANDKERCHIEFS.**  
You have not bought all pure linen handkerchiefs of this sort in many a day at such prices as these.

**12c** for women's 20c pure linen unlaundered initial handkerchiefs, all letters, extra quality..... **12c**

**15c** for men's 25c pure linen initial handkerchiefs, unlaundered, all letters..... **15c**

**25c** for women's 40c unlaundered initial handkerchiefs, the prettiest initial embroidery, design you ever saw for 40c..... **25c**

**New Blouse Coat Walking Suits.**  
Also Prince Albert, Norfolk and English walking styles, a variety of pretty mixtures in tweeds and zibelines, also solid colors, brown, navy and black in chevrons and broadcloths, excellently made and beautifully trimmed, taffeta lined, waists, latest flare skirts..... **15.95**

**Ladies' and Misses' New Collared Cape Coats..... \$5.25**  
Made of fine zibelines, a style that is swell in every way, also a fine English kersey coat, trimmed with cable cords and satin bands, both of these coats are \$6.00 values.

**Another lot of \$7.50 Silk Petticoats..... \$4.50**  
This section of our cloak and suit department has been a real center for two weeks. The reduction on all of our silk petticoats have been simply irresistible. When coupled with such sterling qualities, the woman who bought a silk petticoat last week here for \$3.95, was accompanied by a friend who confessed to having paid \$8.00 elsewhere for a petticoat she thought really inferior. These petticoats of \$4.50 come in black, colored, and dark changeable taffeta silks, and all are most desirable.

**Newest Rain Coats.**  
In large variety, \$13.50 and upward. The popularity of this coat for the coming season is so marked, made of cravenette and guaranteed waterproof. Prices from..... **\$13.50 to \$25.00.**

**Smart Golf Jackets.**  
The greatest convenience and comfort for golf, for driving, for school wear.  
A special sale of the new autumn coats in ladies' and misses' sweaters and blouses, comprising a complete range of colorings. The popularity of these jackets is steadily increasing. The handsome patterns are shown at the smallest price. As high as \$7.50, and as low as..... **\$2.45**

**Insten Length WALKING SKIRTS..... \$1.95**  
Made of black, blue and oxford, Melton cloth, several rows, fancy stitching on bottom, nine gore, a special lot for this week.

**Agency for the celebrated Princess Petticoats**  
Perfect fitting, tailor made, adjustable without drawstrings, without hooks and eyes, without lacing cords, without a yoke worn by up-to-date fashionable women. Prices, \$5.65, \$4.35, \$3.75, \$3.00, \$2.65, \$2.00 and..... **\$1.75**

**Eiderdown Sacques.**  
ASK TO SEE THEM.

**Infants' Sacques, 40 cts.**  
Eiderdown and Terry, fancy striped and solid colors, crocheted edge and ribbon bow at neck.

**Ladies' Sacques, 65 cts.**  
Eiderdown, 1/2 wool, red and green, crocheted edge, ribbon bow at neck.

**CORSETS.**  
Ladies' corsets in a medium length, made in the straight front effect, a broken line of \$1.25 corsets, that we are closing..... **75c**

A straight front, high gored Bustle Corset in the newest shape, medium high bust and long skirt, regular \$1.00 corset, we are closing out for this season, 50c for only..... **50c**

Children's corsets, waists in sizes from 2 to 10 years, in either drab or white for boys or girls, only..... **25c**

**3 Attractive HOSIERY BARCAINS.**  
Women's fleece lined black cotton hose, mixed dye, extra reinforcement, double toe, splendid quality; full weight, special price..... **15c**

Women's black cotton hose, two thread red Maco, double sole and high spliced heel, we double ourselves that this is the best quality in the land, sold for..... **25c**

Misses' full fashioned black ribbed cotton fleeced hose, high spliced ankle and spliced knee, German make, an excellent stocking, any size, 5/4 to 25c, 9/4 at..... **25c**

**Autumn Neckwear.**  
In our neckwear department will be found all the new stunning neckties in ruffs, capes, stoles, collars, stocks, etc.  
\$1.25 silk stock collars in a dozen different varied new designs and beautiful combinations of colors, trimmings, etc., specially priced for the week, at..... **75c**

The new Liberty silk neck ruffs, in many new pleated combinations, all lengths, priced..... **\$2.00**

Lace stole collars in rich Venise lace patterns, long and beautiful wide stole..... **\$3.50**