

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

QUEER MEN IN THE GAME OF RACING

Many Peculiar Characters Are Developed on Turf at All Times.

COLONEL BILL SCULLY ONE.

Most of Them Are Known on All Tracks—"Air Plant Casey" and A Few Others.

"All men are equal on the turf and under it," is a saying credited to Admiral Rous, once England's greatest handicapper of race horses, whose reputation as such yet lives in the minds of men familiar with turf history.

That this is an apt phrase is proved every day on the various race courses of the world, for on the turf the owner talks to the stableman and the millionaire may be seen rubbing elbows with the bookmaker's clerk. The regular racer knows every other regular, and while many of these same regulars come and go and never are missed in their passing, still there are some characters well known on the turf that are such familiar landmarks that their passing will make them missed when they are no longer seen at the meetings where they may have been so well known.

And these same characters are not millionaires owners nor great plungers, but just a part of the general cosmopolitan assembly—quaint characters whose individualities make them stand out from their fellows. Even a brief mention of all of these would fill a book, but such a book would not be complete unless it told of Col. Bill Scully.

BORN IN OLD KENTUCKY.

The colonel was born in old Kentucky, the land of horses, whisky and colts. The title is an inherited one, for Col. Bill was not old enough to take part in the war that brought so many well-to-do titles to men of the south.

When the blue grass grows and the thoroughbred thrives, it was but natural that Scully should take to the turf. He did so at an early age, which was so long ago that but few of the present generation of racers know just when he broke into the game.

Col. Bill never owned any really great horses that have left a mark on the page of turf history, but if for no other reason, this quaint character, who is always known by the name of "Scully," always has been known by the name of "Scully," of which he was the originator.

It happened at one time there were a number of poor horses on a certain race track. Scully, who had a voice in matters on that particular course, originated a novel race. All entries were to be made with the understanding that the winner of the race should be either killed or branded and turned out, never to enter another equine contest.

Strange to say, the plan met with favor, and one such event was carried every day of the meeting, with the result that quite a few of the "Scully" animals were taken out of the game, and now when a particular poor field of horses is seen on the race track, some one is sure to make the remark that it ought to be called a "Scully race."

OLD "AIR PLANT" CASEY.

Down at New Orleans at this season may be found "Air Plant" Casey, who may be found on any of the northern tracks during the racing season in those parts. Casey, come hot, come cold, he is always at some race track. Full of Irish wit, he has ever a ready answer for any remark that may be made to him.

One of the many seasons ago, Casey turned up at the Saratoga race course. He was not an owner of horses and was not entitled to a complimentary badge to the race course, according to the known rules of the turf.

The secretary of the Saratoga plant was dealing with a tight hand, but that never troubled Casey. He put on the usual bold front and appeared at the secretary's office just as if he had always been there before, but in this case he was turned down with the freezing remark that there was no badge for him.

"And for why?" asked the astonished Casey.

"Well, you are not a horse owner, and I'm sure you are not a jockey, so why should I give you a badge?" replied the secretary.

"Well, I ain't one of the pillars of the turf," was the ready rejoinder, and Casey got the badge.

MILLIONAIRE ATHLETE IN SPORT FOR FUN.

A young millionaire whose chief pride is his muscles, and who has never been known to illuminate his pathway with the aid of burning money, is Ellery B. Clark, of Boston. Although it is entirely unnecessary that he indulge in the frivolous pastime of work, Mr. Clark is a promising young lawyer, a Harvard graduate and an all-around thorough man of a type which young Americans would do well to emulate. His maiden entrance into the athletic did not then stop, and after graduation, in 1903, won the international all-around championship. This title was taken from him by Martin Sheridan of New York, in 1905, but Clark never let up and still has hopes of greater achievements than those which have heretofore placed him at the head of athletes, although he has been 15 years at active competition. He recently competed at Madison Square Garden, New York, and finished among the prize winners.



HUGH JENNINGS TO MANAGE DETROIT.

If the Detroit is to win high honors during the coming baseball season, those who are familiar with all the requirements are united in the belief that a large measure of whatever success comes to the team will be due to the expert work of Hugh Jennings, of Baltimore, who will manage the club and give the players the benefit of his years of experience on the diamond. He is believed to, at this date, have the best chance in the major league to land his club at the top by the close of the season.

AUTOMOBILE DICTIONARY.

Acetylene—Narrow seat to keep chauffeur from getting fat.

Automobile—See Impudent Question No. 20.

Backfire—Being shot at by a constable.

Backlash—Getting horsewhipped by an irate horseman.

Carburetor—A man sits on a car and eats burrs.

Compression—Work done by the compressor while compressing.

Cowcatcher—Obsolete.

Chaufeur—Pronounced "Show for," something you get for your money—stung!

Chassis—A bicycle policeman.

Dealer—An under agency, or sub-seller.

Doctor—A necessity when the whole town is overrun with autos.

Energy—A requisite when one has to get out and push.

Engine—The thing that makes the wheels go round.

Flywheel—A speed maniac who won't stop when the cop shouts at him.

Gasoline—An odor like an automobile.

Garage—A thieves' den; the last place to repair to.

Goggles—The eyes have it.

Gear—Another thing that gets out of order.

Hampers—A basket that contains things that prevent you.

High Gear—The kind that costs the most.

Indicator—A mechanism that shows you why other cars can pass you.

Inquest—A process that proves you are up against a dead one.

Jay—A creature that vociferously advises you to obtain an equine.

Folly—A conversation with a constable.

Kick Back—The engine's idea of what kind of a turn one deserves.

Knocking—An agent's opinion of other makes.

Lever—Dinobuses to do things with.

Limousine—The kind of auto somebody else has.

Mixture—Undenatured alcohol and an obstruction in the road.

Monkey Wrench—Emotion on reading Caruso's press notices.

Nut—A person interested in automobiles.

Oil—A reason why an auto is termed a "smoke wagon."

Puncture—Something that doesn't occur when you have the right kind of tires, which aren't the kind you do have.

Plugs—Horses that haul you home.

Quagmire—Something that shows you get stuck when you bought a low-powered machine.

Radiator—An important device that freezes and bursts to show you it is a cold day.

Rubber—Those who gather to watch you fix a tire.

Shock Absorber—A fat friend on a rough road.

Sneedometer—An adjunct for a fast day.

Throttle—The best place to pour in undenatured alcohol.

Tonnage—A point of vantage for nervous ladies.

Union Joint—The roadhouse that is labeled "U. S. Hotel."

him out cold before he got over the handshake.

Other short fights were between Dai Hawkins and Martin Plaherty, and Betting Nelson and William Rosier, neither of them lasting five seconds. The contest between Nelson and Gane was undoubtedly the longest fight under the Marquis of Queensberry rules of 66 years, but it is by no means the longest ever fought.

DEFT FROM JOHN L.

Issues One to Dr. Osler But Latter Declines for Reasons.

John L. Sullivan is still burning with anger over the statement of Dr. Osler, who says that a man is useless after the age of 40 and should be chloroformed when he is 60.

America's famous champion has taken some of his spare time while traveling with his theatrical company on the road to collect data that conclusively disproves Dr. Osler's assertion.

He recently wrote to the learned professor that he would agree to drive his fist through the panel of a door one and a half inches thick, and if there was not force enough in the blow to knock down Dr. Osler, if the latter stood on the other side of the door, he would never done gloves again.

Up to date Dr. Osler has not accepted the offer of this 46-year-old man.

Following are a number of instances Sullivan quotes in his monologue in which men past 40 have accomplished rare achievements:

Demosthenes delivered his oratorical masterpiece, the oration "On the Crown," at 54.

Aristotle did his greatest work after 50 and Plato after 55.

Chaucer wrote the "Canterbury Tales" and other famous works after 40.

Spinoza wrote his epoch making book after he was 42.

Laurence wrote "Tristan Shandy" when he was 47.

Convans was 50 when he began to write "Don Quixote."

Defos was 54 when he gave the world "Robinson Crusoe."

Oliver Cromwell did not begin his wonderful life until he was 45.

Titian was more than 40 when he began work on the renowned masterpiece, "The Assumption of the Madonna."

Leonardo de Vinci, who, we are told, comes nearest to being history's

They are all there with the goods, too. One cannot pick out a star in the whole list. They are all men of experience and should all make good.

And it is the managers to whom we look for results. They are the people. One of them may have a Mathewson or one may have a Chesbro, but baseball reputations are only born overnight. They are as visionary as a will-the-wisp. The Mathewson of today may be the "has been" of tomorrow.

But it is up to the managers to keep a team up to the mark—and a winning team.

Sam Crane says: In scanning over the list, I think I have to lean to the American list. Just look at the list they can show.

As between McGraw and Griffith there is little to choose. Both are A. No. 1 men, but I will have to take my bet on Griffith for getting a team together that looks good for four or five years without making any decided changes. That is the managerial instinct. Too look ahead, McGraw goes to the present. Griffith, on the contrary, has a team that will last for five years surely.

There is always a time with ball players when they are "going back"—that is, they are not doing as well as they should.

Now, just take a glance at the Giants. What player is there among them that is coming. Surely Dan McGinn is not getting any more youthful as he grows along. Neither is Bill Dahlen, George Brown, Cy Young, or McGinnity. Browner or Bresnahan. Those are the players who have got to give way to the youngsters. An athlete

Settlement at a point raised by "Hurry Up" Yost, a western coach, was obtained by the adoption of this rule: "A line man is allowed to carry the ball, provided he does not leave his position in the line and the ball is put in play." Pennsylvania was using this plan when Yost objected. He pointed out the excellence of the rule, but said it was not legal by the playing code.

In the same connection this ruling was: "A player may at all times pass the ball to another of his own side or behind him." Under rule 16, B, a quarterback who had passed the ball fullback and then although behind him, in a double pass, was technically off side. The new rule removes all doubt about this.

In order to make clear the rule governing a fair catch the following was adopted: "A player shall be considered as having a chance to make a fair catch if he is in a position that it would be possible for him to reach the ball before it touched the ground." Protection under that ruling is, therefore, given only to the player attempting to catch the ball.

It was also provided that "in case a signal for a fair catch is made by any player who has an opportunity for a fair catch, and another player of his side who has not signalled for a fair catch catches the ball, no run shall be made and a fair catch shall not be allowed, but the ball shall be given to the catcher's side for a down at the point where the catch was made."

The duties of the line umpire will be the ordinary duties heretofore exercised. He shall stand in the vicinity of the line of scrimmage. The field umpire shall stand behind the defensive line in the field, where the ball is likely to go. Jurisdiction over hurdlers will rest exclusively with the referee. An unsuccessful attempt was made to have the rules amended so as to permit a line man to be brought back to the line, provided play does not cross the line of scrimmage within five yards of the spot where the ball was put in play.

THE LONGEST FIGHT.

It Lasted Seven Hours—Shortest Only Three Seconds.

A writer on pugilistic affairs referred to the Gans-Nelson match as the longest fight on record under Marquis of Queensberry rules. His statement mislaid the younger generation in disbelief, but not the old-timers who remember the 10-round draw fought by Andy Bowen and Texas Jack in New Orleans, April 6, 1892.

The contest lasted over seven hours and fired out three referees. The boxers were fed soft boiled eggs during the intermission, and many of the spectators went home, ate their midnight lunch and returned to see the thing finished. The day after the fight both boxers were in such bad shape that neither could move. The gloves and fighting trunks were cut from their bodies and not a spot on either man's body showed in its natural state, they being black and blue from head to toe.

The shortest fight on record was that between Jim Burke and Larry Temple. The men shook hands, and as they pulled away Temple let go his right on the jaw and dropped Burke, putting

FOUR NEW ONES.

Different Managers in Major League Teams Coming Season.

There will be four new managers of major league teams this season.

Hugh Jennings of Baltimore will handle the Detroit club, Joe Cantillon of Milwaukee is slated to move the Washington club up a peg or two, Billy Murray of Jersey City will go to land for Philadelphia the long looked for National league pennant, and "Chick" Stahl will handle the Boston Americans.

Jennings is thought to have a good chance to bring his team to the front. The addition of Claude Rossman to the Tigers' lineup gives Jennings a hard hitter, a gingery player of the type the new manager likes, and a fair first baseman.

If Jennings can convince "Red" Donahue that baseball is better for him than tending bar and can create the old feeling of good-fellowship among the Tigers, Detroit may be a factor in the American league race.

No man in the game knows baseball better than Jennings, and he has the intelligence necessary to impart his ideas to others.

Joe Cantillon is a veteran who has been prominent as a player, umpire and manager. He began playing ball in the Northwestern league in 1888. He was manager of the Columbus club in 1897 and then became an umpire on the National league staff, remaining until 1902, when he took charge of the Milwaukee club of the American asso-

ciation. Last year his team finished second after a bruising race with Columbus.

Championships of the Year in Principal Classes.

The golf champions of the year in the principal classes and sections, are:

SECTIONAL.

American G. A. Advertising Interests—Spring, W. D. Moffat, Hackensack; summer, W. E. Conklyn, Mount Airy.

East Professional, G. A.—Alexander Smith, Nassau; runner up, Alexander Campbell, Brookline.

Cricquet Cup—Philadelphia G. A.—Intercollegiate G. A.—W. E. Clow, Jr., Yale; runner up, Dwight Partridge, Yale; team, Yale.

Metropolitan G. A.—Aamateur, Jerome D. Travers, Nassau; runner up, E. M. Byers, St. Andrews; Women's, Mrs. C. T. Stout, Richmond county.

Women's teams, Englewood G. C. open, George Low, Baltusrol; runner up, Alexander Smith, Nassau.

National Freight Traffic G. A.—Spring, C. F. Seeger, Fall, E. N. Fairchild.

Southern G. A.—Leigh Carroll, New Orleans; runner up, Nelson Whitney, New Orleans.

Transmississippi G. A.—C. T. Jaffray, Minnesota; runner up, F. W. McCartney, Denver.

Trinity, Leslie Cup—Metropolitan G. A.

"Universal Genius" was 45 years old when he painted "The Last Supper."

Sir Christopher Wren designed St. Paul's cathedral at 46 and the tower of Westminster abbey at 80.

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Sherrwood, Canton, runner up, Fred McLeod, Midlothian.

Women's Eastern G. A.—Miss Fanny C. Osgood, Brookline; runner up, Mrs. R. H. Barlow, Merion.

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Boston Interscholastic—Brice S. Evans.

Boston Women's—Miss Pauline MacKay, Oakley.

Central Illinois—George McMoyn, Quincy; team, Galesburg.

Central Massachusetts—J. A. Willy, Peperil.

Washington Thomas Cup—Women's Eastern G. A. team.

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