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YOUNG CORBETT'S SUDDEN DOWNFALL

Bob Edgren Says Fighters Seldom
Regain Their Past
Positions.

HE CITES SEVERAL CASES.

Their Decline is Nearly Always Due
To Dissipation—Little Denverite
Has Learned a Great Lesson.

The following interesting article on
the downfall of champion pugilists, was
written by the well known sporting
writer, Bob Edgren:

Now that the first flurry of excitement
over the whipping of Young Corbett
is past, sporting men are discussing
the future chances of the little
Denverite. When Young Corbett beat
Terry McGovern in such magnificent
style three years ago in Hartford, fol-
lowers of the game were satisfied that
a youngster had appeared on the scene
who would last. When he repeated his
victory over the hitherto invincible
Terry in San Francisco the opinion
seemed verified.

Young Corbett was a small edition
of John L. Sullivan. He had the ideal
fighting build, and nervous force enough
to carry a heavyweight through his
battles. His legs were good, and from
the waist up he was more a welter-
weight in build than a lightweight. He
had sturdy features, and his fists were
chubby and round and heavy—perfect
machines for the delivery of the knock-
out blow. He had no end of courage
and confidence. He was not a clever
boxer, but there was no doubt that as
a ring general he was the equal, if not
the superior, of all the little fighters
in his class. For two years he was
through the ranks of feather and light-
weight like a bull in a china shop.

Yet in spite of all his natural fight-
ing qualifications, Corbett dropped as
suddenly as he had risen. The first in-
dication that he was not invincible
came a year ago, when Jimmy Britt,
himself a little known in the east, out-
fought him in 20 rounds. Eastern sport-
ing men who had seen Corbett would not
believe that he had been whipped fairly.
They thought that the referee had
done something to show that he had a
chance to win the fight. The betting
was 2 to 1 in Corbett's favor.

His crushing defeat in 10 rounds
came as a paralyzing surprise to all of
Corbett's friends, and to Corbett
himself. In six rounds Battling Nelson,
best him down, stopping his
rushes, had the little fighter, who never
before had acknowledged a superior,
clinging and holding to save himself.

Four rounds more Corbett's grit alone
kept him on his feet, though a terrific
grueling, and then the sponge was
thrown into the ring, and the defeated
youngster, who had so lately been a
terror among the fighters in his
class, was carried limp and helpless to
his corner.

Courage is the one thing that sur-
vives discomfiture. That is the reason
that "Young Corbett" was not whipped
sooner. His endurance, strength
and quickness disappeared in that first
six rounds. It must have come to him
with crushing force there in the ring—
the idea that he had been a fool. One
year of hard drinking and furious dis-
sipation, and his muscles to putty and
his nerves to streaks or rust instead of
live wires.

But, now the question is whether or
not "Young Corbett" can come back? He
has his youth—his old days have
left him to work on. He says that he
will try.

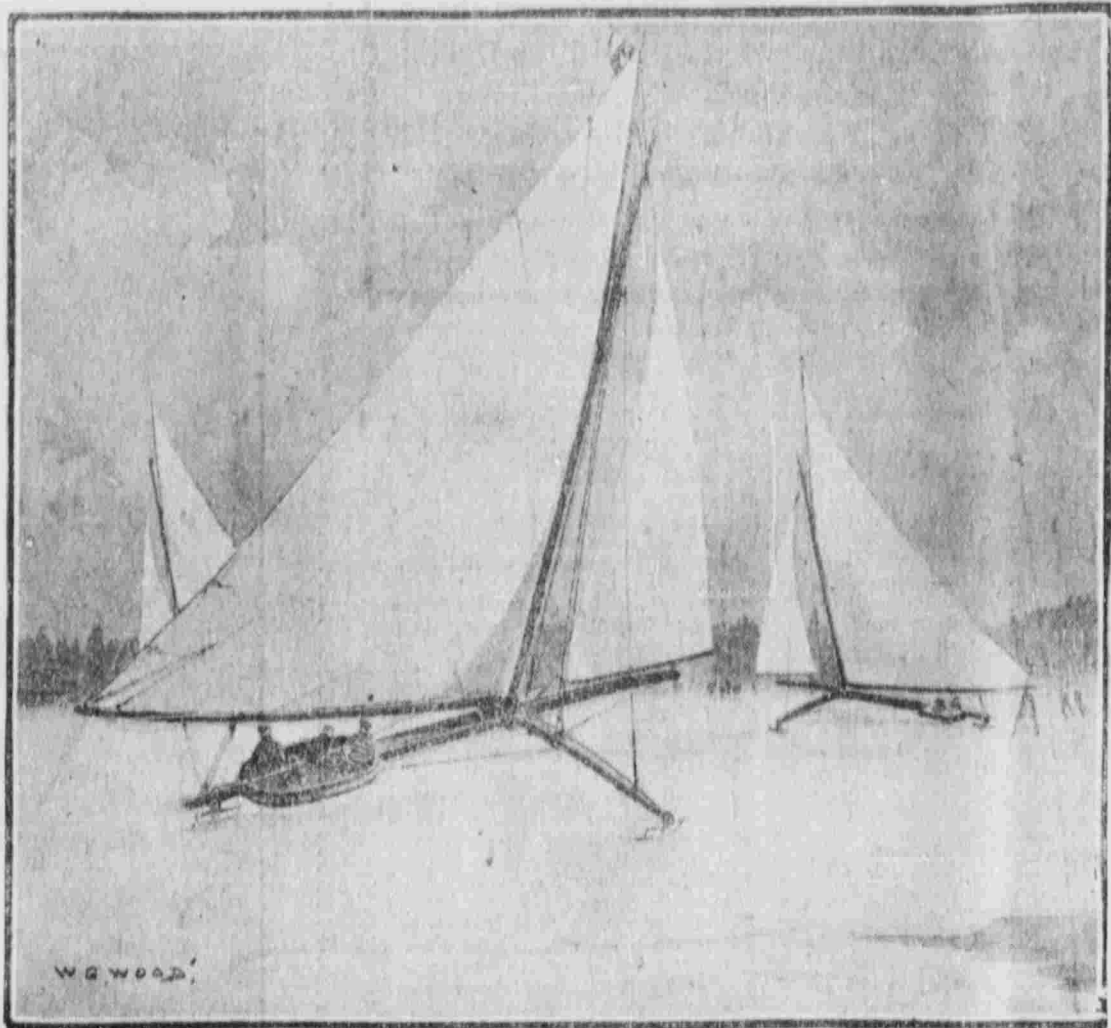
There is just a chance; but, judging
from the experiences of other defeated
champions of the ring, it is a bare one.
Terry McGovern, who did not take to
dissipation after being whipped by
"Corbett," has done some good fight-
ing since that time, and now seems to
be almost in his old form. But he
has not yet had a chance to try again
with a champion like his own class, and
it is impossible to tell whether or not
he really is the Terry of old. George
Dixon, who was whipped out of his
championship by Terry, never recovered
even a flash of his old form. But
few weeks ago in England, he lost a
bout to a youngster who never had
been heard of before, and it was in a
third-rate preliminary scrap at that.

"Kid" Lavigne, one of the greatest lit-
tle champions that lived, was rapidly
beaten after losing to Frank Erne.
He never came back. Frank Erne
himself, clever as he was, didn't recover
after his defeat by Gans. Britt beat
him, and then he dropped from sight
among the fighters. Harry Forbes lost
to Nell. Where is Forbes now?

The big men turn out the same way.
John L. Sullivan fell from his pinnacle
in one swoop when he lost to Jim Cor-
bett. Corbett was whipped by Fitz,
and never fought another winning
fight in the heavyweight class. Fitz
was beaten by Jeffries. He fell back to
the light heavyweight title, but his
last fight with the big fellow showed
him farther from heavyweight cham-
pionship form.

In many of the instances the result-
ing decline of the fighter was due to
dissipation, as it was with "Young
Corbett." In some of the others it was
loss of confidence, or loss of ambition.
A fighter works better when he is
fighting with confidence than when he
is fighting with desperation. It is like
climbing a hill. As long as a man
keeps his feet he goes up with a rush.
As soon as he begins to slip and strug-
gle to catch his footing he loses the
stride.

ICE BOATING GROWS IN FAVOR.



The sport that has greatly grown in favor in recent years is ice boating, and the fine yachts may be found on most of the lakes and rivers where proper ice is to be had. The sport is exhilarating, the boats sometimes attaining a speed of 75 miles an hour.

GENTRY GOT \$50,000 FOR M'KINNEY.

John Mackey, the rugged California
manager of J. B. Haggin's famous
Rancho del Paso stud, is of the opinion
William Simpson did not get the bar-
gain in buying the noted stallion McKinney
at \$50,000. Mackey says in California,
where the son of Alcione scored his
first stud triumphs and there sired his
brightest jewel, the sensational Sweet
Marie, 2:04 1/2, there are many of his
get that lack all the instincts of great
race horses.

He claims that he can put his hands
without trouble on a half dozen per-
formers in that section by McKinney
which have had all the advantages of
the best training and have been per-
fectly developed and still are as far
from being great trotters as are the
mustangs of the Nevada plains. He
says the last few years have shown
that at least in California McKinney
got more bad ones than good ones, and
the coast horsemen by no means con-
cede, even with the showing of his
great daughter, Sweet Marie, this sea-
son, that the son of Alcione was not
a peer in the stallion ranks.

It is hinted that the new New York
owner of McKinney paid a much higher
price for the noted stallion than the
horse could actually have been bought
direct from the owner, and the com-
mission secured by Simpson's agent
was as rich a pickup as has ever been
made in this country on a similar big
horse sale. Simpson went to Lex-
ington to attend the fall meet-
ing of the Kentucky Horse Breed-
ers' association and at once made
the fact known that he was
on the hunt of a great horse to be used
as a stallion in his Empire City stud.

PECULIAR ACTIONS OF BALL PLAYERS.

The great Lajoie who never steps up
to face the pitcher without drawing a
line between himself and the plate with
his bat, declares it isn't superstition,
but habit, that accounts for the many
idiosyncrasies of players when they
come to bat.

However that may be, nearly every
player has a peculiar way of his own
when standing at the plate. Jess Bur-
kett and Kip Selbach always lift one
foot and tap the spikes in their shoes
with their bats. Harry Bay scratches
gravel like a starved chicken before
he will offer at a ball. Bradley never
comes to the plate without having first
swung two bats—always the same two.

HERRERA GETTING ANXIOUS.

Complains to Chicago Paper That He
Cannot Get a Fight.

Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican fighter,
declares to a Chicago paper that he is
unable to secure suitable matches,
although he has been offered big in-
ducements from various clubs. He
says that fighters in his class do not
care to meet him. Well, in view of
his record in Salt Lake and in Butte,
the wonder is that any reputable club
will offer him a chance at all. Here is
what the Mexican says:

"Although I have had many offers
from different clubs for matches, I
cannot induce any of the local feather-
weights to meet me. I repeatedly have
challenged the men that are in my
class, but for some reason or another
they do not want to meet me. Now,
I want to ask them why it is.

"I would like to get on with Benny
Yanger or Tommy Mowatt or Abe
Goodman and have had offers from the
Chicago Athletic association and the
American club, but there is nothing doing
from the other end. I offered to
box Willie Fitzgerald at 130 pounds at
6 o'clock, but cannot make such a
match."

LUCAS HAS OTHER SCHEMES.

He is apparently anxious to organize a
League in Northwest.

If we are to believe all that we hear
about baseball in the Pacific National
league, then we must conclude that
there will be no P. N. league next sea-
son, and also that there will be an or-
ganization under that name, and that
the league will be composed of at least
six clubs.

The latest is that President Lucas
is in the Puget sound country trying to
organize a four-club league. The fol-

lowing is taken from the Portland
Journal:

"W. H. Lucas, president of the Pa-
cific National league, is in Vancouver
on business connected with the orga-
nization of the new international league.

"The purpose of Mr. Lucas' visit
to Vancouver is to assist in the forma-
tion of the new international baseball
organization, which will consist of a
four-club league, and will comprise
the cities of Vancouver, Victoria, Bel-
lingham and Everett. Since his arrival
Mr. Lucas has been busily engaged
confering with a number of the lead-
ing baseball enthusiasts of the city.
There is no doubt that Vancouver could
support a first class league team, but
the only question is that of grounds,
but an endeavor will be made to have
suitable grounds made ready in time
for next season.

"As soon as the organization details
are completed it is intended that each
of the four clubs in the league shall
put up a bond of \$1,000 to insure that
no games shall be defaulted.

NO TRIP TO COAST.

University of Utah Team Will Not Play
Holmes-Elston Until Next Year.

Failing to hear definitely from Har-
vey Holmes, president of the university of
southern California football team, the
management of the U. of U. team has
decided that the trip to the coast will
not be made as announced several days
ago.

Manager Riser says that the matter
has been delayed so long that even if
Holmes offered better inducements than
ever the team could not prepare for
the trip now, and therefore there will
be no game between the two teams un-
til next season. The delay has caused
much disappointment among the "Var-
sity" boys, as they were fondly antici-
pating a trip to California during the
holidays.

REVISED FOOTBALL WILL FAVOR UTAH.

Her Style of Play Will Readily
Adapt Itself to the New
Game.

MASSED PLAY GAME MUST GO.

Football Authorities are Rapidly Agree-
ing on a More Open Kind of Play
—Suggestions By Yost.

If the new rules favoring 10 yards as
a requirement for first down should go
into effect, Utah University would be in
no wise a loser. The Yost game has
been headed back to the open running
style for several seasons. Football as
Utah has seen it this year has been
played as it is only played where Yost
has influenced it. When Walter Camp
made his already famous suggestion of
a 10-yard rule he only brought football
into line with the method Yost has been
winning by for three seasons.

One prominent football authority,
Hallowell of Harvard, in an open letter
to Walter Camp, published in the Boston
Herald, says:

"I ask you to do away with these
overdone, overcoached, pile-driving ma-
chines which are now annually served
up for our applause. We are tired of
this contest of poisonous tortillas. Give
me the bare chance." He summarizes the
faults with the present game as fol-
lows:

"1—The element of concentrated brute
force is allowed to play too important
a part in the winning of games. The
effort now of a successful coach is to
weld 11 men together into a compact
battering ram. This battering ram is
directed by the quarterback at the most
vulnerable points in the opponents' de-
fense. The team which in its machine-
like regularity most resembles a pile
driver can win nine times out of 10.

"2—This maximizing the element of
brute force limits the possible players
on an 11 (with the exception of a few
positions) to a comparatively small
number of undergraduates, to wit, to
those weighted down with the most
beef. The light, active, wiry man, whose
brilliant tackling, running and dodging
add fascination to the scene, has little
place in the modern rush-line. He has
not the weight to be of sufficient use in
either assisting or resisting the fateful,
monotonous, stupid, and, when properly
executed, irresistible strokes of the
present style of play. The game, in-
stead of being limited to beef, ought to
be open to an entire university. It
should be a student recreation, open to
all.

"3—Moreover, the value of the bruis-
ers of sufficient muscle and avoidpods
now is unduly emphasized, and the
supply of recruits is therefore so
limited, that a premium is placed
thereby upon a desirable feature which
now exists to a great extent, to wit, up-
on efforts to rake over the preparatory
schools and scour the country for suit-
able material. If material is not so
limited the competition for it would not
be so keen. It is the ordinary law of
supply and demand."

The fact that Utah's team, except for
its three center men, is composed mostly
of the lightest of track men, is there-
fore a worthy tribute, even by this in-
dictment, of modern football, for the style of play
in use here.

A comparison of scores acquired this
season illustrates the results attained
by the Yost game, as contrasted to that
of the old school. In the table below it
will be noted that while Yale only scored
220 for the season of 11 games,
Michigan scored 493 for a total of nine
games. Utah's total for seven games
of 251 is greater than the score of Yale,
Pennsylvania, Princeton, Harvard,
Stanford, California, West Point, An-
napolis, and in fact of all colleges ex-
cept Michigan, Carlisle, Northwestern,
Chicago, and Wisconsin.

The lesson that Utah is in the fore of
the new movement is obvious. The
comparative standing of their leg teams
is as follows:

Yale	220	Pennsylvania	200
22 Wesleyan	180	6 Penn. State	180
12 Trinity	170	4 Swarthmore	170
22 Holy Cross	160	4 Virginia	160
22 Penn. State	150	24 Fran. & Mar.	150
6 Springfield T. S.	140	24 Lehigh	140
17 Syracuse	130	21 Gettysburg	130
6 West Point	120	6 Brown	120
14 Columbia	110	16 Columbia	110
22 Brown	100	11 Harvard	100
12 Princeton	90	15 Carlisle	90
12 Harvard	80	31 Cornell	80
229	20	222	
Princeton	20	Harvard	20
12 Dickinson	10	24 Williams	10
20 Georgetown	10	17 Rodman	10
20 Wesleyan	10	23 Univ. of Me.	10
16 Wash. & Jeff.	10	11 Bates	10

A UNIQUE FERRYBOAT.

The cut represents a curious ferry-
boat seen by the British Tibetan expedi-
tion when it crossed the Brahmaputra
river. The craft was made of skins of
the yak, the wild mountain ox of
Tibet. These hides were joined to-
gether and fashioned into a shape



somewhat resembling that of a boat.
The contrivance was then attached to
a cable stretched across the river, and
passengers were thus ferried from one
side to the other. The strange boat
was, waterproof and seemed to rest
lightly on the surface of the river.
Numerous smaller craft of the same
construction were in common use by
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