

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

WHERE FORMER PUGILISTS ARE

Interesting Facts About Once Great Fighters Now in Retirement.

MAJORITY HAVE TO LABOR.

Many of Them Have Made and Still Make Money—Sharkey the Morgan of Pugs.

"The average life of a pugilist in the limelight does not run more than four or five years," remarked a man who should know at a gathering of sportsmen. "He spends a couple of years either as an amateur or in fighting preliminaries. Then he graduates into the main-bout class, and if he is young and takes good care of himself he can go about five years—say past the 24 mark, he cannot hope to last more than four years, and sometimes not this long. Occasionally, if he is of an iron constitution, he can go the pace for six or seven years."

The topic opens up a line of interesting facts about fighters who have spread their fame all over the world, and then dropped back into pugilistic oblivion. Some names, of course, will live forever, in the annals of the ring. Men like Jeffries, John L. Sullivan, Charlie Mitchell, Jim Corbett, Kid McCoy, Kid Lavigne, Joe Walcott, Terry McGovern, Young Corbett, George Dixon, Gans and Battling Nelson will have their deeds in a ring handed down for generations, and it is doubtful if they will ever cease to be a topic of pugilistic conversation.

But there are others—the rank and file of the profession of hard knocks—who faded into fame, but the breath of the public for a time, and then dropped out of sight. These men are the near champions—great trial horses, always contenders, but at all times just below the shade that made championship caliber.

WHERE THE BIG FELLOWS ARE.

Well, here is a list of the occupations at the present time of the men who have entertained thousands while taking hard knocks themselves. Jim Corbett is an actor, and better than the average one. He draws good money and will always be a magnet. "The man who whipped John L." is his proudest boast to fame, and the fact that he was champion of the world does not bear so much weight with the average citizen as does the knowledge that it was the slender young Californian who laid low the great man from Boston.

Corbett, however, has estranged himself from the pugilistic profession, and has caused it to be scattered abroad that he is satisfied to tread the boards and do it without his old-time ring friends being in front.

John L. Sullivan has had various experiences since Corbett took the championship from him. For a year he nursed a broken heart. Then he went out with Paddy Ryan, doing a four-round exhibition with the "Wicklow Postman," an Irish play in which Eugene O'Brien starred. Then Ryan died, and John L. took to the Simon Legree part in an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show. Later he organized his own company and was stranded in Michigan, Missouri and several other states. He finally wound up in vaudeville, and then took to managing fighters himself. His brief experience with Jim McCormick taught him that the present day champions are far ahead of the boys of the olden time.

In Billy Conn's Detroit place one

night Sullivan was entertaining a party of friends. Billy spoke up and asked John L. why he did not enter the ring again.

"Train off that aldermanic front of your, John, and you can give them all battle again," advised Billy. "Bully, my boy," replied Sullivan. "If you can arrange things so that I will have as much fun taking off that bay window as I did putting it on, we'll talk business."

Kid McCoy is running a diamond store. No matter how the ring world goes, McCoy will be there with a bank roll. He is too wise to even join the "Down and Out club."

MITCHELL HAS REAL ESTATE.

Charles Mitchell is a real estate man in England. Jake Kilrain recently hired out as a bouncer, but later quit the job. He is living on a small competence in New York at the present time.

Jem Mace is running a boxing school in London. He occasionally takes trips to South Africa and arranges boxing exhibitions at Johannesburg. He is now nearly 60 years old, but still hale and hearty, as he never indulged.

Kid Carter is interested in a saloon in South Brooklyn. Alex Greig is a boxing magnate on the coast. Joe Choyinski is a traveling salesman for a Chicago glove (not boxing) house, but has enough of the world's goods to hold his own. He has a nice country home in La Grange, Ill., and is happily married.

Gus Ruhlin is wearing out shoe leather on Broadway and refusing offers from clubs because they will not give him champagne's bit.

Tommy Ryan has a fruit farm in Michigan and thousands of dollars in the bank. His recent attempt to make a lightweight champion out of a local boy named Benny Yanger, who landed on Johnny's jaw in the seventh round.

Joe Lannon is a Boston policeman. His great antagonist, George Godfrey—"Old Chocolate of Chelsea"—died a few years ago, leaving real estate valued at \$100,000, while Joe is working for a weekly pay envelope.

Tom Sharkey has a saloon and cafe on Fourteenth street, in New York, and is rated as the wealthiest ex-pugilist in the city.

George Gardiner is following the pugilistic and managing Brother Jimmy, the greatest pugilist the family has produced. Billy Gardiner collects the rent for the three brothers. Father Corbett is training everybody who pays him his price.

Frank P. Slavin is in the Klondike. I saw Slavin on the coast a couple of years ago and he told me several tales of mines in which he was interested. He still fights a little, but makes no business of it.

DIXON STILL IN THE RING.

Getting down to the little fellows, we find George Dixon still picking up small fights. He recently went ten rounds to a draw with a Boston third-rater, but the famous "Little Chocolate" is all in as a leading pugilist.

Terry McGovern, after being declared out of the ring forever, came back and whipped Tommy Murphy and Jimmy Britt, besides going a six-round bout with Nelson. Terry can live on what he has at present, but cannot get something, and already a proposition has been made for him and young Corbett to double up in a vaudeville sketch. Terry has had experience on the stage, and Corbett is intelligent enough to make good in any part.

What a wonderful magnet these names would be on the vaudeville theater card! Both were in the very top notch, and perhaps the greatest little fighters of their time.

Corbett is not doing anything in particular. He has turned down several good offers to fight, but may be induced to do the little again. He has a couple of schemes on hand which ought to bring back some of the thousands he has squandered since his entry into the ring.

Kid Lavigne is running a gymnasium in Detroit and talking about fighting again. He is in excellent shape, from outward appearances, but it is doubtful if a man who has followed the pace set by Lavigne can ever be more than a parody on his former greatness.

Joe Bernstein, one of the toughest fighters the 125-pound class ever produced, is working in a poolroom. Bernstein, I believe, could get in shape in a short time to put up a hard battle again. He takes very good care of himself and is naturally rugged.

The Weir is in Boston. He plays the piano at stage, breeds prize dogs and occasionally follows the races. He appears to be getting along very well.



CAPT. FRED H. MILNES.

Who Leads the English Pilgrims on their Tour of America This Year. The Pilgrims May Stop Off in Salt Lake to Play a Local Series.

Marty McCue owns a prosperous saloon in New York, and often referees fights in nearby towns.

Harry Forbes owns a saloon in Bloomington, Ill., but is only doing a small business. Tommy Fortz is still fighting, but preliminaries are his lot nowadays, although in the towns where he was a great favorite a few years ago he still gets a main bout.

Harry Gilmore is running a physical culture school in Chicago, and Con O'Leary is doing the same in Milwaukee. Leslie Pierce is tending bar in Philadelphia, taking care of his wife and two children, and is highly thought of among the sporting element of the Quaker city.

Frank Erbe is teaching boxing, has an interest in his father's vineyard and also owns a fruit store. He is a careful fellow who will always get along. Dai Hawkins, another home-loving, industrious chap, is living in New York and working on a book. He can often be seen walking down Broadway with his little daughter.

OSCAR RUNS TWO HOTELS.

Oscar Gardner is manager of two hotels in Minneapolis, and is making money with both. Gus Gardner is following the races and gambling.

He can never be broken of the habit of taking chances with everything he has in his pocket, but somehow or other he always manages to dress well and have a bank roll.

George McFadden has a boxing gymnasium in New York. Bobby Thompson is working at his trade—that of an electrician—in Philadelphia, and is happily married. Curly Supplies is in Buffalo, working in a restaurant. Art Simms is doing the same stunt in Akron, O. George Siler is the boxing writer of a Chicago newspaper and also a referee of note. Billy Rocap, a former amateur champion, has the same kind of a position in Philadelphia.

Reddy Gallagher is running a saloon in Denver, and Denver Ed Smith is a blacksmith in the same town. Spring-heel Doc Goodwin is the owner of a physical culture school in Cleveland, and Steve O'Donnell is engaged in the same business in Boston. Martin Flaherty is chief of police in his home town, near Lowell, and occasionally the Gardner boys come out and break into his quiet life.

The greatest of them all—Jim Jeffries—is growing alfalfa out in California, getting fat and lazy and basking in the smiles of his wife.

Articles of Agreement Of Gans-Nelson Fight.

This Agreement, made and entered into this 11th day of August, A. D. 1906, by and between the Goldfield Athletic club, party of the first part, and Joseph Gans and Battling Nelson, the parties of the second part, Witnesseth:

That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1) to each of the parties in hand paid by the other parties, the receipt of which is hereby mutually and severally acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

First—The first party agrees to give to the second party a purse of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for a glove contest to a finish to be held in the town of Goldfield, county of Esmeralda, state of Nevada, Sept. 3, 1906, at the hour of three (3) o'clock p. m., said purse to be divided between the second parties upon the basis of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to the said Battling Nelson and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the said Joseph Gans, win or lose, said Athletic club, at its own expense, further agrees to provide a suitable arena, advertising matter, etc., for the proper and efficient handling of the patrons of said contest.

Said second parties agree to accept the division of the purse as above, and to enter into said contest with the club, and to do all things required of them by the state of Nevada, in regard to "Glove Contests" upon the following terms and conditions:

First—Marquis of Queensbury rules to govern the contest; five (5) ounce gloves.

Second—Second parties are to weigh one hundred thirty-three (133) pounds, for both parties to "weigh in" at 12 m. 1:30 and 3 o'clock p. m. on the day of the fight, and to weigh not more than one hundred thirty-three (133) pounds at any of the times above stated; the last "weighing in" to be at the arena; first two "weighings in" to be at convenient places designated by the club.

Third—Both parties are allowed to refer to decide as to sufficiency.

Fourth—Orders by referee to be given by word of mouth only.

Fifth—After a fighter has knocked down his opponent, he must retire to his corner.

Sixth—Each contestant has a right at any time during the contest to have a representative inspect the gloves or other apparatus used by his opponent, such inspection to be had only during the intervals of the call of "time," and in no wise to interfere with the proper handling of each contestant by his seconds.

Seventh—The referee shall be furnished by the club.

Eighth—The San Francisco Call to be official stakeholder.

The first party and each of the second parties hereto agree, for the faithful performance of the covenant and conditions of this agreement to deposit in the John S. Cook & Co. bank, in Goldfield, Nevada, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each; in case the first party causes a forfeiture, said sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)

is to be divided between the second parties; in case either of the second parties causes a forfeiture of this contract, his deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is to be divided equally between the first party and the other second party.

In Witness Whereof, The said first party has caused these presents to be executed by its president and attested by its secretary, and the second parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year in this agreement first above written.

GOLDFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB,
By G. L. RICKARD, Its President,
BATTING NELSON, (Seal)
JOE GANS, (Seal)

By W. S. ELLIOTT, Its Secretary,
Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
MILTON M. DETCH.

ATHLETES AT BERKELEY.

Berkeley.—With the reopening of the fall term of the University of California, but a few days distant, interest in the fall season of intercollegiate athletic sports is steadily on the increase. Many of California's best athletes have already returned to Berkeley for the fall term and are daily practicing on the track in preparation for the fall events. Letters received by Trainer Walter Christie from a number of athletes show that the athletic outlook at the university for the fall term is not as promising as was at first supposed. Many of the stars of the gridiron, diamond and track will not return to college, and their loss will be felt. A few of the best athletes have been lost by graduation. Few have been forced to leave college because of lack of scholarship, but the fire in San Francisco has affected the fortunes of many of California's best athletes, and they will be unable to return to college this fall. Stanford, having fewer students from this state, will be affected so much.

Within the past few days Trainer Christie has received letters from Sydney Schwartz, the crack hundred-yard man, and James Reinhard, sprinter and star pitcher of the baseball team last year. Schwartz, who is a junior at the state institution, will be unable to return to the university. He was injured upon one of the most promising men for the Blue and Gold squad during the

coming season. Schwartz holds the record of 10-1-5 in the short distance sprint. Wheeler, the crack two-miler, graduated from college last May, as did Ollie Snelidgar, football star and crack sprinter. Snelidgar has been appointed graduate manager of athletics for the coming year, and has probably done his suit for the last time as far as college athletics are concerned.

Reinhard, who won himself into fame at the last intercollegiate baseball game in Berkeley, by taking the box at the end of the third inning and pulling a victory out of defeat for his team mates with his heady twirling, was but a freshman at the time of the game. He is an all-round athlete, having played on the victorious freshman football team last fall, and is a sprinter of no mean ability as well. Reinhard, during the summer vacation, has become a benedict, having been married in the south a short time ago. He will not return to college.

Trainer Walter Christie is optimistic and is hopeful. There is a wealth of promising material entering this month and Christie, with all his old-time spirit, expects to turn out a winning track and baseball team.

Owing to the postponement of the intercollegiate boat races it is likely that the regatta will be held some time in October. The deciding game of the baseball series, which was also postponed, will probably be played soon after the opening of college. The intercollegiate track meet scheduled for the last Saturday in April will be run off early in October.

NEWS NOTES.

When Jack Hume starts out to show up the amateur bunch, he breaks into the applause, even in championship meet week.

Dr. Plummer may not be so gay as he used to be, but Y. M. C. A. tennis men can testify that he still is able to go when it comes to picking up championships.

Seey, Cox of the Y. M. C. A., tried hard in the consolation finals, but that's about all the good it did the general secretary.

Pretty soon Joe Maddock is coming back. He has been fringing up Michigan plays with Yost and Capt. Curtice, so that Utah men may look for something doing.

As for you, Iver Lawson, this town is certainly 1,500 times obliged.

Charley Gates lost \$12,000 at Saratoga Thursday. The police believe it was due to the slowness of a race horse.

Nelson and Gans refuse to fight at San Francisco unless the entire relief fund is put up for a purse. There are some Californians who would rather see a fight and go hungry, but there are more who wouldn't.

From the way they are treated in New York, the National league umpires are evidently a set of fair-minded men.

By Seymour asked for a piece of the \$10,000 given the Cincinnati club for his release but he didn't make much of a fuss at not seeing it. By was quick to discover that most of the wag was negotiable only behind the footlights.

The Cipher season is opening gradually at Saratoga. The fast horses are selling for only \$50,000, and wagers are recorded as low as \$12,000. The type foundries are prepared to do the right thing for the remainder of the meeting.

Five Hundred Goldfield, Nev., women have joined in the demand for the Gans-Nelson fight. Society must

be amused and things have been dull since the last lynching.

It Saved Him Money.

Charles Klein, the well known playwright, was watching a shuffleboard tournament on the Minnetonka.

A young man made a "10 off" and forgot to score this unfortunate stroke against himself.

"I'm very absent-minded," he explained to Mr. Klein, who was sitting beside him. "Usually, though, you're absent-minded in your own favor, aren't you?"

"I'm very absent-minded," he said Mrs. Klein, with a laugh. "You are like the old father at the wedding, eh?"

"A young bridegroom, after the wedding, was all over the bride's old father had gone off to the club, began to search anxiously among the wedding gifts.

"What are you looking for, dear, said the bride.

"That \$2,500 check of your father's," he said anxiously. "I don't see it anywhere."

"Poor papa is so absent-minded," said the bride. "He lit his cigar with it."

"Ginseng"—An Equal of Gold.

It has often been asserted that, next to tea, ginseng is the most celebrated plant in all the Orient. It may well be termed the cure-all, as the Chinese have a wonderful faith in its curative and strengthening properties, for which reason it has been styled the "cure-all of China." It is considered to be a cure for fevers and weaknesses of all sorts, and the Chinese of their country are the choice drugs of the Chinese.

It would be impossible accurately to price ginseng. Some wild roots have been known to realize their weight in gold, while the cultivated variety costs from 50 cents a pound up. Generally speaking, the average price is, for the best, \$12 per pound; fair, \$6.50, and ordinary 50 cents to \$1 per pound—Harper's Weekly.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR SOCKER GAME

President Service of Salt Lake Team Working for Big League.

OGDEN FORMING A CLUB.

This With Organizations Already Formed Will Insure Good Sport This Fall.

With the coming of cooler nights, to preface the passing of summer, the autumn athletic season is beginning to look up. From now on there will be active developments in football, soccer football, basket ball, tennis, and other sports that depend on the schools and fall weather.

For soccer football the outlook is rather bright in Utah. The Salt Lake team is well organized and as holders of the Daynes challenge trophy, its members are looking forward to a sharply contested season. Recently, Snedden, secretary of the local team, went to Ogden, and secured the cooperation of a number of enthusiasts there. They promise to put a team in the league, and the next movement will be to bring Logan and Provo in, which with Eureka and Park City, will make a six town league.

In addition to the local interest in the game, the present outlook is rather encouraged by the possibility of games with the Cornishians and Philgrims, two English teams that are slated for American tours this fall, that should bring them to Salt Lake.

President Service is in communication with Capt. Fred H. Milnes of the Philgrims, asking him for a game. The team's manager in Canada has asked unreasonable guarantees, and practically all the gate money, what ever the amount may be, so that negotiations with him were transferred to Capt. Milnes.

The situation is apparently that the Pacific coast will be the center of the Rugby English game while Salt Lake will be the American center of the soccer game. The claim is constantly made that soccer will be more popular than Rugby in the long run, and it will be an interesting matter if Salt Lake can be educated to Rugby through its coast friends after being educated to soccer through the efforts of the local English enthusiasts. Rugby will be played by California and Stanford this year, but none of the smaller schools are ready to undertake the experiment, and generally throughout the nation the good old American game will be played as of yore.

Prejudiced.

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