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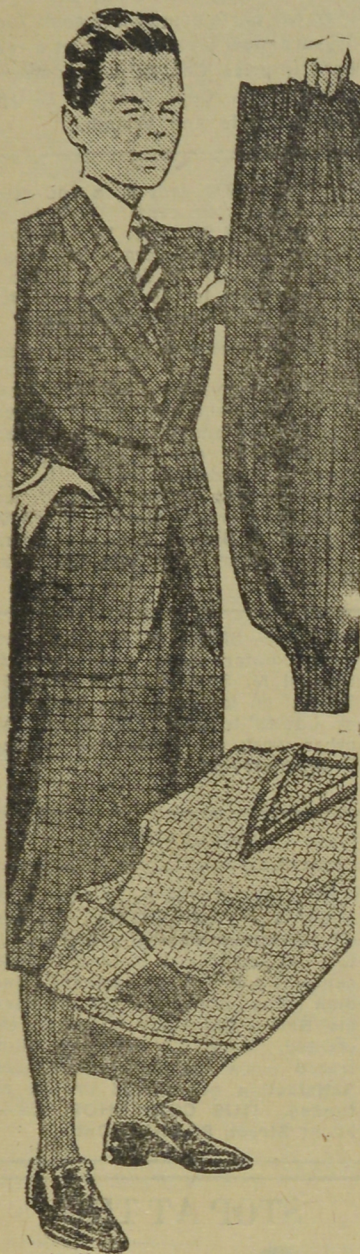
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## NEW MAX BAER EARNS PLAUDITS FROM CRITICS

Ex - Champ Pummels Three Sparring Mates To Show He's Really Serious.

SPECULATOR, N.Y., Sept. 16—The "new" Max Baer is the "old" Max Baer completely refurbished, polished and renovated. That is his attitude toward fighting, particularly toward fighting Joe Louis at the Yankee Stadium, has undergone a startling change is the first thing apparent on Lake Pleasant, where the former champion of all the heavyweights is training.

When Baer takes training seriously, when he batters hirelings around and doesn't just strut and laugh, and when he can be so impressive on a now damp afternoon that a score of critics, hitherto unbelievers about the "new" Baer, scratched their heads and the process of being touted off the undefeated Louis onto the former champion was under way, it is news. And Baer never looked better in any training joust than he did here.

200 Stand in Rain

It was raining. The air was frigid. Overcoats were the rule, and a crowd of 200 loyal citizens stood in the rain. At first it seemed silly that people should pay money to stand in the rain and watch a fighter in training, but they got their money's worth. They saw Baer batter Paul Pross, Tony Canela and Willie McGee and really punch. Down at Asbury Park when he was working for Braddock he fooled all the time. But now he's deadly serious.

And he's boxing well. He rocked the sparring partners today and out-boxed them. He's still plenty wide open and he can hit, but he's shortened his blows a lot and he loads steadier than he ever was. He kept crowding Pross and Canela all the time and in the clinches was deadly.

He's already begun to feel a bit sorry for Louis. "Listen," he said. "I lick him. That's all. For the first time since 1929, before I fought Frankie Campbell, I'm off cigarettes. Haven't had a smoke for a month, honest. Gee, I'll be glad when this training's over. Only next Sunday and that's that. Boy! I never worked harder for any fight. Did you see how I punched, I couldn't let the right hand go on McGee. He is a hard head and I don't want to take a chance on hurting these hands. I'm saving these, you see, for that Mr. Louis."

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## Chicago Cubs Still On Rampage, Beat Giants

Extend Winning Streak to 13 Games — Cards. Won Behind Paul Dean.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—Bill Terry and his New York Giants found out about the rampaging Chicago Cubs today.

From their winning wars with St. Louis, the Giants went to Wrigley Field and were given an 8-3 licking by the Grimm Cubs, who stretched their spectacular winning streak to 13 in a row to hold their first place margin in the National League over the pursuing Cardinals and push the Giants 4½ games behind them.

A fourth inning blast felled the Giants as a throng of 30,000 fans cheered their heroes, notably Lonnie Warneke, who muffled the Terry guns with seven hits, and Frank Demaree, who lifted them out of their seats with a remarkable catch in the fourth inning to rob Mel Ott of a home run that might have given this story a different ending.

Terry gambled with a raw rookie today by sending Harry Gambert, obtained from Baltimore three weeks ago, against the Cubs. The Cubs belted him for eight hits and five runs in the 3½ innings he worked.

Dean, making his first appearance on the mound in six days, blanked the Dodgers with six hits while striking out six and issuing only one base on balls. Mungo went the St. Louis ace one better in the matter of hits and strikeouts, allowing only five safe blows, and fanning seven, but he handed out four free tickets.

## PETER THE GREAT, AXWORTHY LINES PREDOMINATE

Breeding Lines of 51 on List of Season's 52 Fastest Traced to Leading Sires.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—How rapidly and completely the predominant male lines in breeding the trotting horse are narrowing down to those of Peter the Great, 2:07½, and Axworthy, 2:15½, was made apparent by the list of the season's fastest colts and older horses as published last Sunday. With 2:10 as the standard for two-year-olds trotters, the four-year-old mare, Calumet Edith, 2:04½, is the only one among the fifty-two leaders that does not trace to either of these great sires, while many if not most of them trace to both.

Of the sixteen two-year-olds, and these represent the latest trend of fashion, five go back to Peter the Great in the direct male line, while ten trace to Axworthy and every one through his son Guy Axworthy, 2:08¾. Four of the ten are from mares by sons of Peter the Great.

Of the nine three-year-olds that have trotted in 2:05 or faster, five are of the male line of Peter the Great through Peter Volo, 2:02; Peter the Brewer, 2:02½, and McGregor the Great, 2:03¼. The remaining four are from the Guy Axworthy tribe through Truax, 2:03½, and Guy Abbey, 2:06¾. Mr. McElwain, 1:59¼; Spencer, 1:59¾. Two of these were from daughters of Peter the Great, while daughters of Guy Axworthy produced four of the five credited to the male line of Peter the Great.

Among the twenty-seven older 2:05 trotters, ten are of the tribe of Peter the Great and thirteen are of the Axworthy family, all but one of these through Guy Axworthy. The dams of four of the Peters are of the Axworthy line, and the dams of nine Axworthys are direct descendants of Peter.

### A RARE POLECAT

MANHATTAN, (Karl)—J. J. Myers is looking for another pure white skunk. A biological rarity, the one trapped recently was brought here from his home at Buffalo, Kansas, to be "disarmed."

"Ordinary ones are valuable for their fur," Myers explained. "Think how much more valuable they would be if I could develop a 'platinum skunk' breed."

It pays to advertise in The Daily Mail.

## SPORT HAS ITS PET JINXES, A WORLD OF SUPERSTITION

Worst Break is "Hex" — To Say Something When Athlete Is On Way to Victory—Encouragement Is Often a Bad Mistake.

BOSTON, Sept. 16 — The world of sports is a world of superstition, although there are those who scoff at superstitions. Hence it is interesting to note that when Vernon Kennedy of the Chicago White Sox recently pitched his no-hit, no-run game, he really thought that he had allowed a hit. All because none had said otherwise to him.

This comment, or the absence of comment in regard to no-hit games, is one of the superstitions of baseball. When a pitcher is going along nicely and keeping the opposition from making a hit, it is regarded as a certain curse for anyone to remark that "it looks like a no-hitter." The opposition might make a crack like that, but the opposition doesn't count. It's the pitcher's own mates and friends that count. And they must not make any utterance whatsoever.

### Check of Scoring

The "hex" of speech was blamed for the failure of another pitcher to turn in a no-hit performance. In this case the pitcher and everyone else thought that a perfect game had been hurled. It looked as if even the hex did not count, for despite the comment of "it looks like a no-hitter" everything went smoothly. Only after the game, when the official scoring was checked, was it found that one hit had been made off the athlete's delivery.

Baseball has its superstitions. There are superstitions in other sports. In hockey, for instance, Art Ross of the Bruins will jeer if the suggestion is offered that he plays up to the occult. But the Bruins will come out on the ice in their numerical order and one of the players will take a shot into the net. There are several other prejudices — if superstition is a nasty word—but these will suffice.

At the race track there are superstitions and probably the most superstitious is the horse player. For instance, there is a football coach who had a winning day at Suffolk Downs on his first trip to the East Boston track. Thereafter he followed exactly the same program, or routine. He insisted on paying the fare through the tunnel. Once in East Boston he went through a back street instead of the main thoroughfare. Just before approaching the Radial Highway he bought papers from a special newsboy. And he used the same parking space at the track. On the return he always paid the tunnel fare. The routine held up very well, that is, until the final week of the Suffolk Downs meeting. But he finished the meeting ahead of the game.

### Not Luck Charms

The oldest superstition among horse-players, however, is that a "touch" brings hard luck. In other words, the lending of money before and during the races is tempting fortune. And generous men, with plenty of money, will refuse loans until after the day's betting is done. In fact, there have been occasions when a man, all set for a day's betting, has been approached for a "touch." And the prospective bettor not only would refuse the loan, but would walk right away from the track and refuse to take any chance on betting that day.

Incidentally, the only place where mascots are not used to bring luck is at a race track. The cats and dogs and goats, while called mascots, are not supposed to woo fortune, but really to serve as companions to the horses. With their pals nearby, the horses remain quiet and contented. Naturally.

### FAMOUS CEILING SAVED FROM BEETLES' RAVAGES

LONDON, Sept. 17—Science has conquered the dreaded death-watch beetle which at one time threatened to destroy the famous and beautiful ceiling of Westminster hall.

Back in 1913 it was discovered that the beetle had made such fearful ravages in the main supporting beams that the roof had become unsafe. The patient work of eradicating the insect took almost ten years, and it was not until 1923 that the hall was re-opened by King George.

Apparently the remedy was lasting. A recent extensive cleaning job on the ceiling in preparation for the silver jubilee celebrations has revealed only a slight continuation of the work of the beetles. In fact, the bodies of only two beetles have been found.

## BRAVES ARE IN BAD STATE

BOSTON, Sept. 16—Those holding "substantial interests" in the Boston Braves will meet Tuesday to consider the future of the team, Charles F. Adams, majority stockholder, said today.

Adams said he had heard from nearly all stockholders on his appeal for funds with which to finish the 1935 season. If the stockholders decide to sell the club, Adams has proposals to present, he said.

## New Amateur Champ Lays Clubs Aside Till Feb.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16—W. Lawson Little Jr., who achieved his ambition of winning four straight amateur golf championships today when he defeated Walter Emery in the thirty-six hole final for the national amateur golf title, plans to take a rest from the royal and ancient pastime.

Little said he would go to Chicago and then return to his home in San Francisco. As yet he is undecided whether he will re-enter Stanford University.

From now until February he says that he hopes to forget golf. Then he hopes to go south and play in the masters' tournament at Augusta.

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