

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

A Peep Into the World of Base Ball, Racing, Golf Bowling and Athletic Sports Generally.

FOOTBALL.

NOTABLE GRIDIRON TRICKS.

The most notable successful trick worked on a top notcher was that which Coach Warner's Carlisle Indian team slipped over on Harvard at a few years ago, writes Fred Lowenthal in The Chicago Tribune. It was on the kickoff. The crimson kicker footed the leather to an on the Indian eleven. As soon as the red man caught the ball he started for the other end of the field. He immediately was surrounded by his mates. In the bunch he slipped the ball under the sweater of a big guard. The Harvard team tore viciously down the field, making for the man who had caught the ball. The aborigines made a bluff attempt to interfere, and in the excitement the big guard leisurely sauntered across the Harvard goal line and placed the ball between the posts. It was some minutes before it dawned upon the dumfounded Harvard players and rooters that they were scored on.

It is a peculiar thing. You would naturally think that Indian teams excel their white opponents on account of their superior endurance, disdain of physical pain, and because of the speed which all red men are supposed to have. Although the Carlisle and Haskell teams have disposed of almost all the teams in the immediate sections in which they are located, it is a fact that the best teams of the whites have always defeated them. This is particularly explained on the score that the whites depend largely on head work to defeat their native rivals, while the poor Indian, has only his physical attainments upon which to fall back.

This explanation listens good, but it is wrong. There never was a team at Carlisle or Haskell that was heavy. There never was an eleven at either school that was not tricky. The fact is that the Indian teams, on account of lack of weight, always have been forced to extend their head work to the limit. Really, most of the teams that the Carlisle boys met are heavier than they, and the Indians have won only because they outgeneraled their white opponents.

Football men are no less free from superstition than are professional ball players. I remember in 1900, when we were going to the grounds to play Minnesota at Minneapolis. Just before the bus reached Northrop "G" Huff spotted a wagon load of barrels.

"Hurrah!" shouted Huff, throwing up his cap. "The game's already won. Boys, this is your lucky day."

I tell you we all felt glad to hear it as Minnesota had a particularly strong team that year. Personally, a load dropped from my shoulders, when I spotted those barrels. I knew the game was already pocketed.

In the first minute of the game, I was laid out for the first time in my life, and Illinois lost, 22 to 0.

I don't think that there is much in the superstitions of football men.

HOCKEY.

A MONCTON OPINION.

The first game in the Nova Scotia League, on January 4, at Amherst, between the Champion Ramblers and New Glasgow, promises to be a great contest. The Ramblers will possibly not be as strong as they were last year, while New Glasgow are somewhat of an unknown quantity this winter. Besides their last year's players, New Glasgow have Music, who played with the Islanders last winter, Dave Hay, the star forward of last year's Truro team, Jack D. McDonald, Morrison, and possibly more from North Sydney, so it will be an exceptionally strong one.—The Transcript.

Oliver Waugh expects to turn out with Montreal all right. His application to the faculty at McGill to play hockey outside the University has not yet been granted, but Waugh is optimistic and will be on hand tonight at Montreal's first practice.

"Herbie" Yule says that although he is an old "has been," he won't see the Vics stuck for defence men, and will turn out for his old position.

"Billy" Gilmour was in Ottawa last week, to attend his sister's wedding. While the knot was being tied, "Billy" was coming the hockey situation very seriously. He has a great question to decide: "How to pass his exams and play hockey for Ottawa and McGill at the same time?" Gilmour was out with McGill on Monday, and will play for them this season.—Montreal Star.

THE RING.

FITZ IS O. K. AND A. I.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Bob Fitzsimmons declares that he is as right and as true as a trivet, and that reports of a partial collapse on his part at Vart's during his training have emanated from persons, who, for reasons which are not clear, have made up their minds to injure the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien glove contest as an attraction.

Whether Fitz is right in attributing sinister motives to parties who have criticized certain phases of his training, is a matter that the sporting public cares very little about. The universal desire just at present is to get something like a reliable line on the actual condition of the hero of three hundred and odd fights.

In any case, if someone has been telling whoppers about Fitz and his work, Bob can congratulate himself on the fact that he is no longer a mark for detractors. His training is practically over. He is through with most of the hard, rough work. He has proved to his own satisfac-

tion that he is equal to the degree of exertion called for by a twenty round Queensbury contest, and he is satisfied with himself.

From now on, if Fitz likes, he might taper off gradually, and aim to simply hold what he has attained. If he had any weak spots, such as sore hands or tender knuckles, he would no doubt avail himself of a shortened schedule, but the veteran insists that there will be no let up. He says that as far as injuries or break downs are concerned, he has passed the danger point, and that work has become a pleasure. His muscles, according to the way that he tells it, are free from stiffness and his wind is all that he could wish.

"I have just struck my gait, and I will not let up until next Sunday," said Bob yesterday. "When I began nearly three weeks ago, I planned to increase my work a little every day. I have done so right along, and will quit on Monday or Tuesday, as mentioned. It becomes quite easy to me now, and if those who are describing me as a wreck only knew the way I feel they would change off to some other subject."

The majority of those who have seen Fitz within the last few days are of the opinion that he looks better than when he was training for George Gardner. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that the Cornishman has been kinder to himself during his present course of preparation. He realized before starting that he could not take the liberties with himself that he did not former occasions of this kind. During the Gardner campaign Fitz's foolishness consisted mainly of going out on the road in rain storms and thereby inviting pneumonia and kindred ailments.

In other training seasons he often had an undersized horse or, maybe, a half grown lion to romp with, and he allowed his sparring partners to smash repeatedly on the jaw, just to show the crowd how much he could stand. At present he is working along rational lines, and what looks like "good condition" is the result.

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DEER CHARGED THE AUTO.

Badly Wrecks Machine Tefere it is Killed.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Journal publishes the following from Berlin, N. Y.:—For shooting and killing a deer which had attacked his automobile in the public highway, and which was fast destroying it, Emmet Fairbanks, a prominent sportsman of Biston, may be arrested by the game wardens.

The story is a peculiar one in hunting circles. Mr. Fairbanks and a party, including his wife and R. C. Lange, their guest, were on their way from Mattawamkeag to Patton, for the purpose of hunting deer. They were making the trip in an automobile, and were travelling at night along the old stage road between those two places, which in one place runs through the woods for ten miles without a house in the entire distance.

They were bowling along slowly, when the members of the party saw what appeared to be two green balls of fire which seemed to be suspended in the air about five feet above the road. Mr. Fairbanks immediately recognized the eyes of a deer, and, running his machine up to within a short distance of the large buck, which seemed to be fascinated by the headlight of the machine, he turned the headlight on the animal, at the same time pressing the bulb of the horn. Immediately the buck was transformed into a different creature, and lowering his head, he made straight for the auto.

His first attack was on the headlight, and after destroying this he cut one tire open with his hoof. Just what happened after this none of the party were able to tell. The buck seemed to be on both sides of the machine at once. They could feel the shocks as he butted into the car and once one of his antlers caught in Mrs. Fairbanks' long fur robe and ripped through her dress. The animal tore open a suit case as if it was made of paper. The party in the automobile tried to escape by running the machine away, but it was run off the road and into a tree, and the enraged animal began anew his assaults on the car. The men succeeded in getting a rifle out of the

baggage under the seat and the animal was killed and hung up alongside the road. The men then fixed the machine, continued on their journey and reported the affair to the next game warden.

SOME FAMOUS KISSES.

No more celebrated kiss was ever given than that bestowed on November 22, 1581, in the gallery of Greenwich Palace by Queen Elizabeth upon the Duc d'Alencon, one of the suitors for her hand, whom, in the presence of Walsingham and Leicester, says Tit-Bits, she kissed upon his coarse lips and, placing her ring upon his finger, presented to her courtiers as their future master.

With true sincerity did another English Queen grant a like favor, though the kiss given was but that of friendship and esteem. It was at the conclusion of the Crimean war, when France and our country being, as at present, on the best of terms, Queen Victoria paid a visit to Paris. Her meeting with her ally, Napoleon III., was of the most cordial description, and the Queen reached every heart when, throwing ceremonial to the winds, she touched with her lips the Emperor's cheek, with that kiss doing more to cement the good-will between the two countries than any amount of formal courtesy would have effected.

Every one has heard of the famous kiss bestowed upon a butcher by Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. In 1781 Fox was contesting Westminster in the Whig interest his keenest supporters being the beautiful Duchess, who entered heart and soul into the spirit of the election, gaining many a vote for her protegee by her golden speech and sparkling eyes. One man, however, in a butcher, remained impervious to her wiles; neither beseeching glances nor persuasive word could move him. But the Duchess was resolute on gaining her end; she offered a kiss for the man's vote. Such a bribe was irresistible.

The efficacy of a fair woman's kiss was incontestably proved when, in 1794, the famous Gordon Highlanders were raised by the lovely Duchess of Gordon, who was directly instrumental in gaining a thousand guineas and a kiss apiece. In a sense, many of these kisses may be said to have been fatal, for in an encounter with the French shortly afterward more than 250 were either killed or wounded.

Alain Chartier, the French poet, is the hero of a romantic legend. One day he sat down in a public place, and, being weary and exhausted by the heat of the day, fell into a slumber. As he slept, Margaret of Scotland, the wife of the Dauphin, afterwards known in history as Louis XI., chanced to pass with her attendants. She glanced at the unconscious man and recognized in him the poet whose verses she so loved. Then, motioning to her maids to be still, she gently stepped forward, and, sleeping poet's lips.

Pretty, too, is the story of Ingeborg Vending and the poor student, Paul Vendelbo. The latter, whose empty purse was a sad tramp to his adoring knowledge, was promised by two noblemen a foreign tour, conditional on his being able to obtain a kiss from the fair Ingeborg. Nothing despairing, Vendelbo one morning approached the lady as she was seated at a window and boldly made confession of his hard case. Ingeborg heard in silence, then bent down her proud head and in loving charity gave him a kiss.

At times, however, a kiss has been the prelude to a tragic sequel, as was that bestowed in 1718 by Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria upon Princess Thyra, the near relative of a ruler of a neighboring State, where he was on a visit. This affectionate greeting, a heedless whim of the moment, was given under the very eyes of the Princess' betrothed, who, naturally taking umbrage, soundly rated the thoughtless Prince. Words came to blows, which resulted in a duel being arranged, and diplomatic relations between the two States were broken off. In the war that followed although hostilities lasted but six weeks, over a thousand lives were sacrificed.

YORK COUNTY LOAN COMPANY.

Toronto Globe, Montreal.—The Ontario government has determined to institute an enquiry into the affairs of the York County Loan Company, and get a report thereon. Mr. Fox and his colleagues are to be committed for taking this course. It seems from every point of view the best thing to be done under the circumstances. It cannot be urged that such an inquiry will precipitate a crisis and prejudice the interests of the shareholders, for already great uneasiness exists, and the government's action will have a steady rather than an unsettling effect. Already litigation is threatened, and if once the affairs of a company get into the courts great waste and great losses are almost sure to follow. The immediate effect of the course the government has decided to take should be to prevent those interested in saving the assets of the company from taking hasty action. It is quite plain that there are large assets on hand, which only require time to enable prudent and skillful management to turn into money. Common sense suggests to all who are sincere about conversing the company's property to call a halt until more is known about its position and prospects. Be calm, stop all suits, and give an opportunity for a thorough and disinterested inquiry—that seems to be safe advice to give to all concerned.

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RATS DON'T WEAR SHOES, SAID HE.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 18.—Married at 75 to a bride of 45, the martial troubles of Whitman Chase, one of the wealthiest residents of Dighton, and his wife, Mary A., were rehearsed in the probate court this afternoon.

Mr. Chase was the respondent in a suit for separate support brought by his wife, who alleged cruel and abusive treatment, failure to support and refusal to pay bills of her contracting. Mrs. Chase said that she was engaged as housekeeper by Mr. Chase, and after she had served in that capacity a week, Mr. Chase proposed marriage. Mrs. Chase was a widow with four children, but this was no obstacle to their union. Mr. Chase agreeing to take the entire family. They were married in May, 1904.

Married life went along smoothly enough until Chase insisted that they live and eat in one room, and increased the family with four calves which he brought in from the barn.

There was a man named Brown, who lived in the upper part of the Chase house, and Mr. Chase intimated to his wife that her relations with this man were not proper. Finally things got so bad that she removed to the upper part of the house, and Chase "posted" her, stating over his signature that she had "left his board and gone into business on her own hook," and he would pay her bills no longer.

The respondent, Whitman Chase, said that he was 75 years of age, and that he was very excitable. On the frigate Wabash, at the engagement at Fort Fisher, he received an injury to his brain.

Asked to state why he could not live with his wife, Chase said that there were several reasons, one of them being that in the very hottest weather his wife persisted in keeping three fires burning, and as he was obliged to saw and split the wood he objected. When he was asked to specify any incident in which his wife

had acted improperly, Chase refused. He did not care to live with her, because she once gave a calf cold milk when he was away, and the calf immediately died. Again, he would sit down to supper, none of the best, and when he was finished, she would "entertain the man from upstairs" with frosted cake and a good time. At another time there was a great racket upstairs in his wife's apartments, and when he inquired the cause Mrs. Chase said it was rats. "Rats don't wear shoes," commented Mr. Chase.

The court reserved decision.

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