

# FAKE WRESTLING A GREAT GRAFT

Does Anybody Know Whether the Game Was Ever Tried in Keokuk in Any of the Recently Held Matches?

## HOW IT IS WORKED

Perhaps it Was Tried But the Sports of Keokuk Failed to Nibble at the Bait Which Was Offered.

Was a late wrestling match ever in prospect in Keokuk?

Since the flushing out of the gang of fakery at Little Rock, people all over the country are beginning to come forward and tell about losing money on fake wrestling matches prize fights, etc.

Some time ago there were a number of wrestling matches in Keokuk and it may be that Keokuk sports had been spotted as easy marks to be taken in. Farmer Burns is known to be on the square, but all of the other dozen wrestlers who came to Keokuk were unknown. As far as known no one here was fleeced, but the question arises: were plans being made to fleece?

The following article on fake wrestling matches is of timely interest. It seems as if the wily promoters of wrestling in this country are making every effort to kill the sport. Many hippodrome matches have been pulled off in different sections of the country of late. In fact, very few of the recent wrestling matches have been strictly on the level.

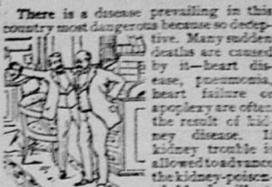
Washington was treated to a raw fake recently. The work of the promoters of these prearranged contests was so rank they did not hesitate to show their hands even in their advertisements. The picture of Frank Gotch, the world's champion, was widely circulated as one Adamson, who was carded to meet Joe Turner of Washington.

Though Gotch is the best known of any one connected with the game and his picture has appeared in the daily papers innumerable times, the deception went by undiscovered, and the bout proved a money maker, although the chap who went under the name of Adamson looked about as much like Gotch as he did like Jack Johnson.

New York city was also handed a raw deal recently. When Ernest Siegfried, the "German Oak" as he was called, but now spoken of by many writers as the "German Joke," arrived in this country with a big reputation as a wrestler he was immediately signed up by the promoters in Gotham to meet three of the best mat artists that could be produced in Madison Square Garden.

The contest was extensively advertised by the combine. His manager said he had never been defeated! and that Yussif Mahmoud, who will probably be Gotch's next opponent, was

## The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.



There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it. Heart disease, pneumonia, kidney failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance, the kidneys themselves break down and waste away until they are almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quicker by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address: Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this genuine offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, and don't let a dealer sell you something in place of Swamp-Root—if you do you will be disappointed.

thrown by Siegfried. In Germany and that the great Hackschmidt had evaded him for years.

The affair looked like a fake from the start. The man selected to wrestle the "German Oak" were not announced until a few hours before the contest. Then it became known that his opponents were from a stable of wrestlers who have been appearing at a Brooklyn theater weekly under the management of a man who was an inmate friend of Siegfried's manager. Recent reports from Germany say that the "German Oak" was defeated many times abroad by second raters.

It is an easy matter for a couple of clever faking wrestlers to frame up a bout and fool the public. Here is one scheme that is worked successfully in rural places. One will locate in a faraway city and get into the good graces of the sporting men. He will soon convince them that he is near champion and will finally secure backing for a thousand or so (stage money). A broad, defiant challenge is then issued in the newspapers, offering to wrestling any man in the world. There is much newspaper clatter over the matter, when faker No. 2, who is in on the deal, wires his acceptance, and after a "stormy scene" in the proper place the match is made. Then follows a lot more talking and boasting. The town is billed like a circus, and the two fakery start training at different quarters. They appear on the streets and roads in showy costumes day after day until the sports are worked up to a high pitch of excitement.

The Managers' Part. Of course, the managers of the fakery play a prominent part in the hippodrome. They appear at the leading hotels, dressed in very sporty clothes, covered with alleged diamonds, offer-

ing to bet thousands (more stage money) on the result.

All this time one of the managers has been making some real bets here and there on the man who is booked to win. In this way a few hundred dollars are gathered in by the combine. When everything is framed up the largest hall that can be secured is jammed with the "come-on" sports. The excitement is intense, the betting is lively, and each wrestler is approximately received when he is introduced. Considerable time is wasted in a wrangle over the selection of a referee, but finally some prominent local man, who may be honest, is chosen. His chest swells up because the honor has been thrust upon him, but probably he knows nothing about the job that is to be pulled off.

The referee's part is no child's play for the wrestlers are appealing to him, constantly making all kinds of phony claims. The referees, of course, have rehearsed it all with great care. They go to each other in apparently the most desperate manner, making as much noise and display as possible. Finally one of the fakery cries, "Mr. Referee, this is man trying to choke me!"

"It's not so! He's trying to gouge my eyes out!" yells the other.

"Foul! Foul!" exclaims the fleeced lambs around the ring. The referee gets excited and puzzled. The wrestlers keep this up for an hour or so until the man booked to win gets the referee's decision. Then the booked sports go home well satisfied with what they term a good night's fun. The band of fakery gather up the spoils as quickly as possible and leave town by the first train.

Like certain other sports, wrestling has gradually fallen into decay through the greed for dollars, a greed that robbed the game of all semblance of sporting and turned it into a mere hippodrome.

Of course all wrestlers are not crooks. Neither are all wrestling promoters. There are honest men in this as in any other line, but the general atmosphere that clings about the mat is not conducive to an inspiration of public confidence.

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ILLINOIS-MISSOURI SCHEDULE ADOPTED. Season Opens May 11 and 132 Games Will be Played—Umpires Chosen by League.

A Monmouth, Ill., dispatch concerning the baseball meeting of the Illinois-Missouri league says:

At an enthusiastic conference of the magnates of the Illinois-Missouri Base Ball league held here yesterday the edict went forth to the six teams—Play ball on Tuesday, May 11, 1909. Representatives were present from all the towns comprising the circuit, to-wit: Pekin, Canton, Beardstown, Macomb, Monmouth and Galesburg, with a slight difference regarding the schedule, the deliberations were of the most enthusiastic and harmonious nature. The schedule was unsatisfactory to some on account of the excess of mileage compared with other teams, but after several hours discussion in which satisfactory concessions were made the schedule known as No. 3 will be used, 132 games will be played, the season closing September 19. The following gentlemen have agreed to submit to the plaintiffs or losses and jeers of the bleachers—Umpires—L. A. Raphun, Chicago; J. W. Freed, of St. Louis and J. S. Nestor of Bloomington.

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Franklin will have a base ball club. A number of local fans met Tuesday evening for organization. Chas. Dressler was elected captain and H. P. Seby manager. The club now asks that the council donate suits and rent suitable grounds for the season. Mrs. F. C. Knabe is not expected to live at this writing.

Mrs. Fred H. Ohning, who took suddenly ill Sunday afternoon, had a very critical night yesterday and for a time, it looked as if she could not survive until morning. She is still very sick.

Roads are drying off fast. The Fort Madison Gem City report is a little early with snake stories. The paper states that one Chas. Holger was bitten in the right arm by a mad dog in Franklin Monday. No one here seen the gentleman in question, neither is it known that a mad dog is at large here, while plenty of worthless canines are roaming the streets.

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No. 10 leave at 8:50 pm

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No. 13 Chicago, St. Paul and points west, arrive at 7:20 pm  
No. 13, leave at 7:25 pm  
No. 3 Burlington, Chicago and east, leave at 2:05 pm  
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W. R. C.—The Hawkes Hall—Regular meeting of Torrence Relief Co., No. 160, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 2:00 o'clock p. m. sharp. Mrs. Chas. M. Cook, President; Mrs. Lena Van Fleet, secretary.

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Pucketchuck Lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. E. S. Cushman, N. G.; Geo. W. Imberger, Per. Sec.

Herman Lodge, No. 116 (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Fred Korsch, N. G.; Albert Keifer, Rec. Sec.

Colfax Rebekah, Lodge No. 4—Meets regularly every second and fourth Tuesday of month at Odd Fellows' hall, corner Seventh and Main streets. Mrs. Effie Boler, N. G.; Nellie Hardesty, Financial Secretary; Nina Phillips, V. C.; Miss Minnie Brietenstein, Recording Secretary.

Pucketchuck Encampment, N. 7—Meets first and third Tuesday evening of each month. Otto Anschutz, Secy.

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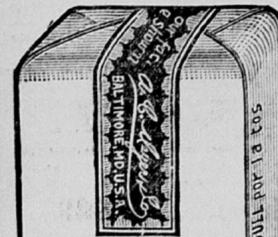
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AMUSEMENTS. "Three Twins." If five months in Chicago and ten months in New York is a criterion, "Three Twins," the musical comedy which comes to the Grand next Wednesday evening, March 10th, must be worth seeing. New York papers say that Broadway is justly proud of "Three Twins," as they are drawing capacity audiences nightly at the Herald Square theatre, and have been doing so for many months. When Mr. Jos. M. Galtes took his company from Chicago to New York, he did not dream of staying longer than the summer months, so he booked a road tour, but when the time came New York would not permit the "Twins" to leave so another company had to be organized from the Chicago and New York players and headed by Victor Morley, who originated the role of Tom Stanhope.

The company that will present "Three Twins" at Grand is the original from the Herald Square theatre. The New York papers and the papers in the cities which the "Three Twins" have visited, without a single exception, say that it is the smartest musical comedy produced in years; they are loud in their praises of the merits of the piece, as well as the work of the clever players. The musical hits are "Yama Yama" and "Cuddle up a Little Closer."

Proof of the merits of "Three Twins" is the fact that return engagements are demanded in almost every city that it has visited. St. Louis, Louisville, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago are the first to be re-visited. Seats are now selling.

REACHED STRANDED STEAMER LITER. Police Tugs Reach Boat and Bring Ten Men Ashore—Steamer Caught in a Gale.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Police tugs this morning finally reached the stranded steamer Liter, which was grounded off Coney Island in a gale last night. Ten men were brought ashore. It was impossible to make the rescue last night from the shore, owing to the high sea.

PRESIDENT PRAISED ADMIRAL SPERRY. Expressed His Approval in the Manner in Which the Fleet Was Handled.

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