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GENTLE TRAINING METHODS THAT DEVELOP STARS OF THE GRIDIRON.

EDGREN'S COLUMN

BROOKLYNS SHUT OUT CUBS IN FIRST GAME

Chicagos Could Do Nothing with Strickletts the Tail-enders' Pitcher.

WILLIE FITZGERALD a short time ago fought Eddie Hanlon. Eddie thumped Willie all over the ring, and Willie quit. The operators were not quite certain as to whether Fitzgerald faked or simply lost his nerve.

Now Fitz is trying to regain his reputation. Failing to hold his own in fair fight under the eyes of a referee, he fell back on barroom tactics. He met Battling Nelson, the lightweight champion, in a cafe. Fitzgerald walked up to Nelson and made an insulting remark. Nelson turned his back. This was just the chance to display his prowess that Fitzgerald wanted. From behind he swung on Nelson, dazed him, and following up his advantage knocked Nelson down. Then, before the Dane could rise, Fitzgerald's friends closed in and dragged Willie out of danger.

Now, possibly, Nelson will be sore enough to give Fitzgerald a match. Fitz would take the chance, for even if he quit to save himself, as he did with Hanlon, he would make a small barrel of money out of it. But he wouldn't mend his reputation. It would be another case of Jeffries-Munroe, with Willie as the Butte miner.

FUNNY how things come out in the wash! Joe Gans is suing for a divorce. This is what his veracious manager, Al Herford, had to tell the court, under oath, about his dusky meal ticket.

Herford—Gans is no good any more. The old Gans could have licked Sullivan in four rounds. The fight the other night went fifteen, and Gans got the worst of it.

Opposing Counsel—But Gans is still in the game. Isn't he trying to get a match with a certain Mr. Nelson?

Herford—No, sir.

Counsel—Nor a Mr. Britt?

Herford—No, sir. Gans couldn't fight any of them now.

Gans, on the stand, was asked if he was still light-weight champion. "Yes, sir," he answered, "but I can't defend the title. It's no fun to go into a ring like I am and get all beat up."

FUNNY, isn't it? In the first place Herford acknowledged under oath that Sullivan whipped Gans. The fight, you know, was held in Herford's own club in Baltimore, with Herford's own referee in the ring. Sullivan, the referee, gave Gans "the worst of it," and Herford, the manager, gave as Gans's excuse the somewhat shadowy plea that Gans couldn't fight Nelson next year it Nelson fought for thirty years.

FIRST GAME.

Brooklyn	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0—2
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

THE BATTING ORDER.

Chicago.	Brooklyn.
Slagle, cf.	Sheckard, lf.
Tobert, 2b.	Gessler, 1b.
Chance, 1b.	Batch, 3b.
Schulte, lf.	Hummel, 2b.
Tinker, ss.	Lewis, ss.
Maloney, rf.	Malay, cf.
Evers, 2b.	McIntyre, rf.
Ruehlbach, c.	Bergen, c.
O'Neal, p.	Stricklett, p.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—In the second game Briggs and Kling were the Cubs' battery and McIntyre and Bergen performed for the Tailenders. The teams lined up the same as in the first game outside of the batteries.

Elmer Stricklett, the originator of the spit ball, had the Cubs cornered from the very start in the first game this afternoon at the West Side Grounds and shut the locals out without a run. Maloney had a chance to score a run in the fifth after making a two-base hit at the start, but he was caught napping off second and was out just before Evers drove a safe hit to left, which would have scored him. Ruehlbach did not shine as a star to-day, for the visitors hit him where the hits counted.

The Superbas arrived this morning from Cincinnati, where they played two games yesterday with the Reds and met with defeat in both games. Hanlon's and Chance's men are both in good condition. Hanlon has given up all hopes of getting out of last position long ago, but they are gamely sticking to their schedule and playing the best they can under the disadvantage they have to encounter.

The extra game to-day is a postponed affair from the last trip here, when the rain put an end to the last game of the series.

First Inning.

Ritter out, Tinker to Chance. Sheckard singled to right. Gessler flied to Maloney. Sheckard stole second. Batch fanned. NO RUNS.

Slagle out, Lewis to Gessler. Lobert fanned. Chance popped to Bergen. NO RUNS.

Second Inning.

Hummel singled to centre. Lewis sacrificed to Chance unassisted. Malay lined to Evers and Hummel was doubled off second, Evers to Tinker. NO RUNS.

Schulte out, Hummel to Gessler. Tinker out, Lewis to Gessler. Maloney fouled to Gessler. NO RUNS.

Third Inning.

Bergen out, Tinker to Chance. Stricklett flied to Evers. Ritter singled to centre. Sheckard singled to right. Ritter scored and Sheckard stole second on a double steal. Gessler flied to Schulte. ONE RUN