



The O'Brien Diamonds, the Fitzsimmons Diamonds, and Some Things of Interest in Pugilism.

Now Jack O'Brien wants to be a great actor. He has natural talent. In fact, he is one of the best actors in the ring. His fighting poses in the affairs with Kid McCoy, Tommy Ryan and others too numerous to mention, were at least equal to anything Irving ever did on the stage.

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O'BRIEN'S BREAK THEATRE CONTRACT TO FIGHT RYHIN IN BOUT OF 2 ROUNDS

Denies that He Has Signed to Meet the Akronite March 1.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Jack O'Brien is out with an emphatic denial of the report that he is to box Gus Ryhlin before the proposed Tuxedo Athletic Club on March 1.

"When I was in Philadelphia last Saturday I was offered a fight with Ryhlin. I replied that I would meet any man that was worthy of consideration. No date or time was mentioned and I did not say that the match was on. I don't make matches on the spur of the moment, and they will have to show me before I affix my signature to any articles of agreement.

BALL FOR CHARITY BY IRISH ATHLETES

When the Irish Counties Athletic Union undertook to equip and maintain a ward containing twelve beds in St. Vincent's Hospital it was hailed as the most unusual method of doing good ever credited to an athletic organization.

The tax is quite heavy, but the Irishmen are equal to it. Last year they gave a ball for the benefit of the ward in Madison Square Garden. They raised \$10,000 for the purpose.

SMITH AND NELSON ROL IN MARCH BOWLING CONTEST

Brooklyn Stars Will Meet in Best Eleven in Twenty-one Games.

A match bowling contest of considerable interest was arranged late last night between Jimmy Smith the Brooklyn champion, and Johnny Nelson, another Brooklyn bowler who has aspirations for championship honors.

The Smith-Nelson match will be the first in a series of eleven matches between the two stars. The first game will be played at the Metropolitan Club on Monday night.

The North side National tournament which starts next Monday evening at the Metropolitan Club will be a party-toss affair. The teams are: East, West, South, and North.

Among the twenty-five teams entered are the Metropolitan, the Brooklyn Athletic Club, the Manhattan Athletic Club, and the New York Athletic Club.

Three-Men Tournament. Nine teams have entered for the three-men tournament to start at the Metropolitan Club on Monday night.

Roman Athletic Club. George Dixon, at one time the greatest title fighter that ever put up his hands in a ring, will serve as the master of attraction for the boxing bouts to be held by the Roman Athletic Club to-morrow night at their rooms, No. 112-114 Cedar street.

Enter! Good Judgment, Energy and a Little Money. Are All You Need in Order to Own Your Own Business. World "Business Opportunity" Advertiser.

that myself and Jeff should have made such success out of defeating Fitzsimmons. It is undoubtedly because of the great regard the public holds for the very first I will play no favorites. It is a matter of business with me, and just as soon as I close my season I will think of fighting again.



Twenty-Round Go for Championship Can Be Fought Near Philadelphia.

BY JOHN POLLOCK. Tom O'Rourke, manager and matchmaker of the newly organized Tuxedo A. C., which is located a few miles outside of Philadelphia, and which intends to pull off twenty-round bouts in its clubhouses within a few weeks, has made "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien and Tommy Ryan an offer of a \$15,000 purse to meet in a twenty-round bout for the middle-weight championship of the world.

Young Ernie, the clever lightweight of Philadelphia, and Eugene Besenah, the promising lightweight of Cincinnati, who has won good fights in the West, they will try conclusions in a ten-round bout at the opening show to be given by the Tuxedo A. C. which is situated just outside of Philadelphia, on next Saturday night.

ST. NICHOLAS CLUB WINS GREAT GAME

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CANADA HOCKEY PLAYERS BARRED

No More of the Stars Will Be Allowed to Play Around Here.

No more star hockey players from Canada or any other place will be allowed to play in games with teams around New York. At a meeting of the executive and governing committees of the Amateur Hockey League of America, which was held at Henley's in West Sixty-sixth street, this action was taken.

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