

Was Never in Love; No Widows for Mine," Says John L. Sullivan, But He Admits He May Take Count Yet for Bantam-Weight Cupid

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LOTS OF PEOPLE TALK OF LOVE; DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS

Woman Suffrage Is All Bunkum, He Tells Miss Nixola Greeley-Smith, Who Gets Many More Philosophical Reflections from the Former Champion.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

"No," said John L. Sullivan decidedly. "I'm not sore on marriage. It's a good thing if you take it the right way. But I'm not going to get married again just now. And no widows for mine." The "champion of champions" paused a moment, furrowed his grizzled brow, and then added ambiguously:

"Money ain't everything. It can't buy everything. It can't buy brains, now, can it?"

I thought it could, but I did not venture to differ with Mr. Sullivan, with whom I sat in the wings of Hyde & Behman's Theatre, in Brooklyn, and talked between rounds of a little three-round go between John L. and a lithe young exponent of the new school of prize-fighting which believes that he who fights and runs away from his adversary may last to get the decision.

John L. did not knock the young man out. But in the brief breathing spells in the wings he did demolish the interesting subjects of love and marriage, which I had crossed the Bridge to talk to him about.

John L. is gray of hair and mustache and good-looking in a ponderous way. His face shows that he has boasted 116 weeks on the water wagon has been worth the trouble, even though he denies that the reward of so much virtue is to be the hand of a wealthy widow as soon as he has obtained the divorce he is suing for from the wife he married in 1883.

"No," repeated earnestly, "I haven't any one in mind just now. When a man hasn't lived with a woman for twenty-three years he doesn't want to call her his wife. That's all there is to it. I've never said a word against her, and I never will.

When Marriage Means Scrap. "The trouble with marriage is this: Lots of people get married that ain't mated. Then, of course, it's a scrap for life. London rules, no rounds without a knockdown, and fight to a finish if it takes all your life. Divorce makes it a limited go, with the judge for a referee. I don't know that that's any better. I never got a divorce while my parents were alive, because they were Catholics and didn't believe in it. I'm a Catholic myself. I don't know whether the churches are right or not. Ministers sometimes pass out a lot of 'bull con,' to use a slang expression.

"A minister's the only man that's got a free speech. The man that owns a newspaper isn't in it with him. Now take what they say 'bout the temperance question. If it was up to the drinking men they wouldn't have anything to argue about. I'm on the water wagon myself and I never expect to take another drink. But I can't say liquor ever did me any harm except maybe 'nars'."

John L. paused and looked regretfully down at his expanse of stomach, draped in a dark blue sweater, and patted it pensively with his brawny hand. "John" called his manager, Frank Hall, from the centre of the stage, and the big man jumped to his feet and rushed to the second round.

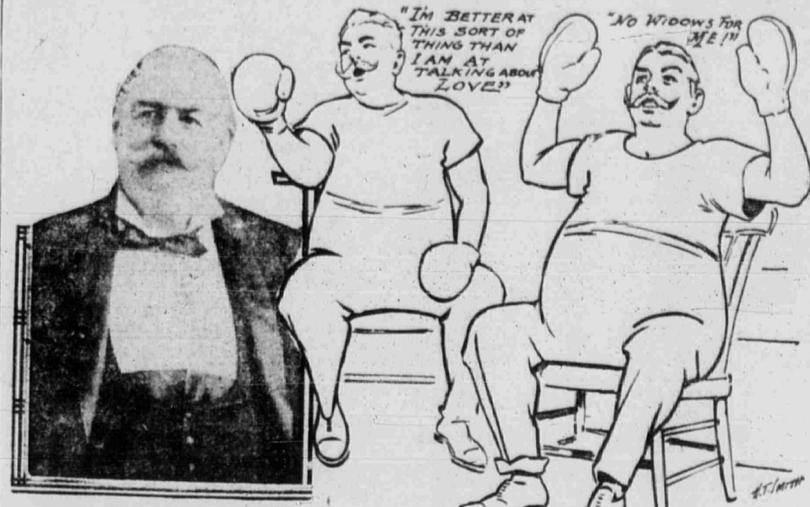
Mr. Sullivan's fighting face, even in a stage fight, is a discovery, a very different thing from the serene mask he wore while telling me in his deepest bass that he would never marry again. Watching it, I wondered what so stout a man could look so ferocious and if his sporting parody had been less slavishly agile I should have felt inclined to be sorry for him. Soon John L. came puffing back to his chair.

Where He Is Strong. "I'm a whole lot better at that than I am talking about love," he murmured apologetically.

"What is your idea of love?" I asked. "Love is a nerve man," he solemnly "means sacrifice. That's what it means. If a man loves a woman he's willing to die for her. Love is the only thing that love that don't know what it is?"

"And have you ever loved that way?" "No, I disclaimed the big man promptly. "I've never been in love. I've liked several women pretty well, but I've never felt that I will love for any one but my mother and sister. My time may come yet. That little fellow the poetry fellow called Cupid, has knocked out better men than I am. He's got only a bantam-weight at that. Age and high livin' don't seem to affect him. He got a decision on me once when I was yet with a woman in a quarrel. A quarrel with a woman is the only thing John L. believes in running away from."

"Then you think a man makes a better husband at your age than he does at thirty?" I suggested.



BINGHAM'S AXE HITS BROOKLYN SLEIGHTS HARD

Nineteen Bureau Detectives Scattered in Many Precincts.

Police Commissioner Bingham made his big clean-up of the Detective Bureau of Brooklyn, to-day. Nineteen lieutenants were sent to precinct duty and twenty-five patrolmen were drafted from precincts to the Detective Bureau. The changes take effect at 8 o'clock this evening.

The changes were, with one or two exceptions, suggested by Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe. Many of the lieutenants sent from the bureau to work as sergeants have grown old in the police as detective-sergeants.

The men transferred from the Detective Bureau and the precincts to which they were assigned are as follows: Sent to the Precincts. Frederick Baker to Fourth avenue station, Nicholas Brindley to Butler street station, Henry Kaiser to Grand avenue station, John Longden to Liberty avenue station, John Mooney to Gates avenue station, Richard F. Walsh to Chatham avenue station, James F. Kerr to Bath Beach station, John F. Fitzpatrick to Vernon avenue station, Thomas A. Kenny to Greenpoint avenue station, Owen Regan to Sixth avenue station, Michael Kennedy to Atlantic avenue station, Warren Mason to Ralph avenue station, Fred G. Barker to College Point station, Joseph Price to Flushing avenue station, Michael Finnegan to the Lee avenue station, and Bartley F. Gray to the Bedford avenue station.

New Detectives Made. The following officers were sent to Detective duty in the Brooklyn Detective Bureau: Anthony Capone, from the Happy street station; Frank McLaughlin, from the Gates avenue station; William Keighler, from the Hubert street station; Thomas J. Brady, from the Classon avenue station; Thomas A. Dwyer, from the Rappelye street station; Joseph Frel, from the Rappelye street station; John J. Gallagher, from the Madison avenue station; William McDonogh, from the Grand avenue station; Victor L. Cheverest, from the Astor station; Charles J. Cumiskey, from the Hamburg avenue station; John J. Flood, from Flatbush station; Henry J. Gorman, from the Rappelye street station; Charles A. Hunnell, from the Liberty avenue station; John F. Manning and Martin Downey, from the Ninety-ninth street station; William J. Conroy, from the Fifth avenue station; Harry F. McCrossin, from the Rappelye street station; James J. Pierano, from the Adams street station; Malissa E. Stehle, from the Gates avenue station; Louis J. O'Connell, from the Liberty avenue station; Fred E. Downing, from Flushing avenue station; Otto Nikly, from the Grand avenue station; Harry Callahan, from Ninth Inspection District.

Here Dismissed from Force. Commissioner Bingham to-day dismissed two Brooklyn policemen from the force. One was Herman Ringelman, Mounted Policeman, who was dismissed for being drunk on duty. The other was William T. Houston, who was dismissed for being drunk on duty.

POLLUTION FIGHT BEGUN. E. Hatch, Jr., Complains Against Game Commission Employee.

ALBANY, May 1.—Formal complaint against the Fish, Game and Forest Commission of the State has been made to Gov. Hughes by Edward Hatch, Jr., chairman of the Merchants' Association Pollution Committee of New York. Mr. Hatch complains of the action of one of the State's employees, who he claims is responsible for the saw mill which empties its refuse into one of the streams, which is the outlet of Long Pond, and flows into Lake Champlain. When asked about the case Mr. Hatch said that the stream mentioned was about the only one flowing into Lake Champlain from the west that had not been polluted by the refuse from pulp or saw mills.



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FOUR BURNED IN BOARDING HOUSE BLAZE

Many Others Have Narrow Escapes as Greenwich Landmark Goes.

In the burning of a three-story frame house, at No. 88 Horatio street, one of the oldest landmarks of Greenwich village, to-day, four persons were so badly injured they had to be taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. Several others were slightly burned, and there were many half-breath escapes.

TOO FAT TO PURSUE FLEEING PRISONER.

So Lieut. Parker, Brooklyn Detective, Is Dismissed from the Police Force.

Lieut. Frederick G. Parker, of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau, was dismissed from the Police Department to-day by Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe. He was tried some weeks ago on a charge of allowing a prisoner to escape.

FATHER GIVES UP HOPE OF FINDING MISSING GIRL

Grady Tells Police He Will Abandon His Search.

DAUGHTER MAY BE DEAD The Police Still Working on Clues and Hope to Locate Kidnappers.

Andrew J. Grady, whose fourteen-year-old little girl, Elizabeth, vanished from her home at One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street and Washington avenue eleven days ago, called on Capt. Kruescher at the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station to-day and declared that he had abandoned all hope and would continue no longer his despairing search.

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