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Inside the Ring with the Great Fighters by Charley White.

Famous Referee Tells How Dixon Started His Ring Career and of His First Bid for Popularity in His Long Fight With Cal McCarthy.

George Dixon. Copyright, 1911, by the Free Publishing Co., New York World. WHILE George Dixon was still a young boy his parents moved from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Boston. At the age of twelve or thirteen the little colored boy secured employment as a messenger boy in a photograph studio conducted by Elmer Chickering in Boston. All of the notable fighters in and around Boston—and there were many of them in those days—came to Chickering's studio to be photographed. Young Dixon saw them all and was frequently transported to the seventh heaven of delight by having one of them say a word to him. He could give clever imitations of most of them. On the walls of the studio were hung pictures of John L. Sullivan, Peter Jackson, Charley Mitchell, Jake Kilrain, Mike Donovan, Jack Dempsey and many others. When no one was around to observe him, the youngster would stand before these photographs and imitate as best he could the fighting poses of his favorite fighters. The one who imitated him most was John L. Sullivan and Jack Dempsey.

In trotting around to the newspaper offices and the sporting clubs with packages of pictures Dixon came to know all the sporting editors and fight promoters in Boston. He lived in the fighting atmosphere. In 1886 he went back to Halifax for a short time, and while there fought his first ring battle with a local boy called Young Johnson, whom he knocked out in three rounds. For the next fight he received the munificent sum of \$1.90. After his return to Boston Dixon joined a little athletic club at which he boxed frequently.

Finally, after much coaxing and pleading with the managers of the fighting clubs in Boston, Dixon got a chance to show what he could do. He was matched in a preliminary fight with Elias Hamilton and fought him on Sept. 1, 1887, at the Athenian Club. George got the decision in eight rounds. The purse was \$20. He made such a good showing that he was given a match on Sept. 28 with Young Mack for a purse of \$25 before the same club. Dixon knocked him out in three rounds. His next battle was on Jan. 18, 1888, with Jack Flynn, a New York boy, for a purse of \$50 before the Athenian Club, which bout he won in five rounds. On Jan. 20 he won over Charley Easton, an English featherweight, in six rounds for a purse of \$75, and on February 17 he bested Barney Finnegan in seven rounds for a purse of \$50. Both fights took place at the Athenian Club, as did also the one on March 19 with Ned Morris for a purse of \$75, which Dixon won in three rounds. In both of these battles small gloves were used.

On March 21 Dixon fought a fifteen-round draw before the Crib Club for a purse of \$100 with Paddy Kelly. "Little" Dixon weighed ninety-three pounds and Kelly 115. It was at this fight that Tom O'Rourke, who afterward was Dixon's manager for many years, first saw the little colored boy. Through Dave Blanchard, the proprietor of a boxing club in Boston and author of the bianchard Fair Play Rules, O'Rourke was induced to take the management of "Big".

On April 27 Dixon fought an eight-round draw for a purse of \$75 before the Athenian Club with Tom Doherty. Before the same club he battled nine hard rounds to a draw with Tommy Kelly, the "Harlem Spider" of New York. Kelly weighed 105 pounds and Dixon not more than ninety-five or ninety-six. The purse was \$50, and Dixon was given \$125. He won over Jim Bravetto of Boston before a private club in five rounds and won \$125. Then came Hank Brennan, with whom he fought three hard draws, one of four-teen rounds before the Pelican Club on June 21, one of nine rounds on Dec. 14 and one of fifteen rounds on Dec. 23, both before the Pelican Club. Brennan was one tough little Irishman and always gave Dixon a hard fight. He weighed about 105 pounds.

Lost First Fight on a Foul. On Jan. 7, 1889, Dixon bested his old opponent, Paddy Kelly, in ten rounds before the Pelican Club for a purse of \$125. The purse was \$125, but he had a ten-round draw in a private exhibition with Frank McGeehan of Putnam, Conn. This was

English Boxers Learned All Their Rules of Training From Americans, Says Wells

British Champion Tells How Weight Can Be Scientifically Increased or Reduced.

HOW MATT WELLS DIETS WHEN REDUCING WEIGHT. Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion, declares that the American boxers who have visited England during the last few years have entirely revolutionized the training and dieting systems so long in vogue in Great Britain, and he believes the English fighters will greatly improve as soon as they become well versed in the American methods.

When it comes to dieting, the English have changed from the old routine of raw beef and ale to a simpler food. Some are almost vegetarians, but none of them are purely so. I, myself, eat mostly vegetables when at home. Over there the "greens" are very plentiful and very cheap. It was quite a joke to see a vegetable man. "It's quite a cheap vegetable, you know," said some of the camp humorists, who were acquainted with Freddie's keen attempt to save every penny. "At least a week before I fought him I was down to 133 pounds. When a man is to box at a certain weight he wants every available ounce, and as we were to meet at 135 pounds I told my trainer, Dick Doling, I'd like those two pounds without fail. He's marvellous at tinkering with a man's weight, and when we weighed in that evening I was within a half pound of the notch."

Wells brought Dick Doling over to train him for the fight, and he tells another interesting story that goes to prove that weight can be scientifically added or reduced at will by anybody willing to settle down to plain, wholesome and well cooked food. Had to Forfeit \$250 Weight Money. It seems that this splendid little trainer had in charge a lightweight who was matched to fight against one of the best men in England. This man was reduced to the required 133 pounds by the ordinary way, but a week before the bout the "near champion" sent word that he couldn't make the weight, and forfeited some \$250.

YOUTHS CONFESS TO ROBBING HOUSE OF BANKER HAUSER. One Is a Son of Superintendent of an Apartment Where Victim Lives.

More than 100 pawn tickets were recovered today in Harlem Court from Frank McIntosh and Morgan Peterson, well-dressed youths, also were arraigned before Magistrate Appleton charged with robbing the apartment of Myron Hauser of the banking firm of Zimmerman & Forsyth. Mr. Hauser lives in the Clark Apartments at No. 1211 Madison avenue.

He closed the apartment May 12 and went to Sea Cliff. The family returned yesterday and found that the flat had been looted of \$1,000 worth of jewelry and cut glass. Detectives Donovan, Cousins and White, finding no marks on the doors or windows, suspected an "inside job" and questioned twenty-year-old Morgan Peterson, son of the superintendent of the building. Peterson admitted that he and McIntosh committed the robbery. They entered the Hauser flat with a pass key, wrapped the loot in small bundles, lowered it to the basement on the dumb-waiter and carried it out through the tradesman's entrance at their leisure.

Wells Tells Funny One on Welsh. Wells tells a funny story on the faithful English vegetarian, Freddie Welsh. One time when Wells was being to train Owen Moran, Matt helped himself to several chops at the training table. A few moments later Matt again presented his plate with a request that he be refilled, much to the disgust of Moran. "Say, Wells, you're a unerry a chap as that fellow," remarked little Welsh. "The latest time me and him met was at my camp at Fred Bohm's, and when I asked 'im in to dinner with the crowd I'll be kind if 'e didn't eat every bloomin' lamb chop on the table." Wells declares that all of the English fighters have cut out on road work until now they do no more than is done by the majority of American boxers. Years ago the English believed it necessary that a man in training should cover many miles on the roads every morning and do an immense amount of walking during the otherwise unoccupied hours of the day.

Coming Football Season Should Prove Best Ever

Rules Practically Same as Last Year—Slight Changes in Forward Pass.

THE coming football season promises to be the most successful in the history of the game. The new rules reduced the number of accidents to a minimum last year, and the rules as now modified promise to practically eliminate all danger of players being hurt.

According to the new rule a forward pass is illegal when the player receiving it fails to hold on to the ball. When a forward pass is declared illegal it will be returned to the place where it was originally put into play. The same goes on an uncompleted forward pass, which is one that hits the ground before being touched by any player on either side. Another important change in the code is that which lessens the time between quarters. Last year the players were obliged to wait so long before resuming play that they became thoroughly chilled, their muscles stiffening and preventing them from putting up their best game.

Now the teams will only pause long enough between quarters to permit of their changing of ends. In the future the umpire will keep time in lead of the head linesman. In the past, when a captain wanted to call

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THE EVENING WORLD ZOO

Dikdik, Elypsalprimus and Defassa to Be Given to St. Louis Zoo. W. N. McMillan, a multi-millionaire of St. Louis, who spends most of his time hunting big game in Africa, has offered his city animals for a zoo if it will pay the cost of transportation. Arrangements are being made to bring over a dikdik, elypsalprimus, defassa, plain lions and tigers and other animals.

Mummified Cat Found in Wall of House Built in 1828. A mummified cat was found when workmen altering the front of the Episcopal Diocesan House, No. 416 Lafayette street, tore out the stone-work at the top of the second story.

Dog Remembers Dog Warden and Seeks Revenge After Release. A St. Bernard dog in Bloomfield, N. J., had a resentful memory, as Dog Warden Forbell discovered when it came near killing him.

Flock of Geese Blocks Traffic on Jersey Trolley Line. For several hours a flock of geese, led by a militant gander, blocked traffic on the Trenton-Princeton trolley line at Brunswick avenue on the outskirts of Trenton.

Miss Mrs. McIntosh in the apartment. The news that her husband was a burglar prostrated her. On their own admissions McIntosh and Peterson were held in \$200 bail each in the case.

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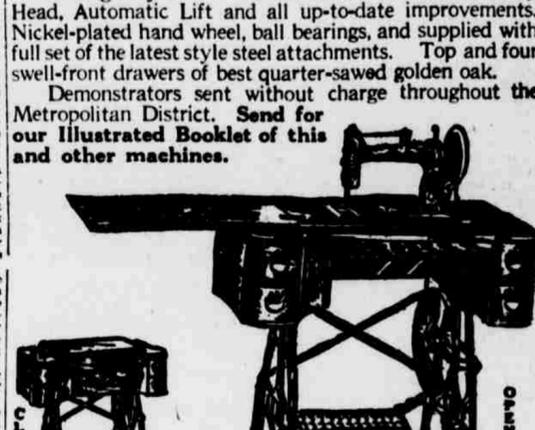
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