CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

JEFFRIES IS COMPELLED TO TAKE OFF THREE POUNDS.

[illegible] Chief in Fear, and the Champion Cannot Afford to Be Shown up in the Battle with Corbett. Chicago Baseball Cranks for Their Club Who Much Too Liberal.

[illegible] Champion Jeffries's training [illegible] the ring fellow weighs about [illegible] Fitzsimmons Delaney is working [illegible] down to 201 or 202 pounds. The necessity for such a rigorous course of training does not have to be explained to the reading world. Great ring followers will remember the first appearance of Jeffries in this city. Dynamite Smith had here a very hard time to meet Bob Fitzsimmons, and yet at a period of twenty or thirty days less time Jeffries had reduced himself from a weight of about 250 pounds to 224 pounds and found himself a new man. This was a week before the Fitzsimmons fiasco, and those who saw the Champion in the Smith fight could hardly believe that he was the same man who made such a good showing against Fitzsimmons the previous year. He had lost much by skipping the rope and long runs on the road, but he had a couple of massage operators who worked at his [illegible] and they were greatly reduced. Time was the principal factor in the first fight in his favor, but he found that lagging in the ring was more significant even than a lack of boxing speed. Jeffries and Ryan showed him that the ability to move around rapidly, coupled with the phenomenal strength and endurance, enable Fitzsimmons to take advantage of his opponent's slothfulness against punishing. Had Fitzsimmons overestimated Jeffries's speed, said the Cornishman, "I'd have spent my dollar, as well as fifty, Jeffries and Ryan showed him that the ability to move around rapidly, coupled with the phenomenal strength and endurance, enable Fitzsimmons to take advantage of his opponent's slothfulness against punishing. Had Fitzsimmons overestimated Jeffries's speed, said the Cornishman, "I'd have spent my dollar, as well as fifty.