

BOOTS AND BOOSTS--BY THE DUTCH UNCLE

Being Divers and Sundry Reflections Upon the Passing Show

When Dope Goes Wrong.
ABOUT the funniest thing on earth is when the dope goes wrong. It is sure to happen to all of the "experts" and professional chasers of the capital I. One of the most laughable falldowns comes from one Wenck who throws his name around on the sporting pages of a New York paper almost as carelessly as some writers nearer home. Just before the Michigan-Chicago game this fellow thought to throw the east into a connoisseur fit by announcing with a horrid boldness that Michigan could lick Yale and was easily the champion team of the west.

He told how Michigan could go down east and smear the sod with the forces of Eli and the longer he wrote the fiercer became his line of dope. Then came one Clark and attempted to run out a punt and comes one Catlin and Badenoch, et al, and Wenck's wisdom begins to look like a discarded rubber boot in a blind alley. It is usually the case when any of these wise gazeps from Hoboken dip into western sport without occupying a sleeper west of Poughkeepsie.

That Wenck was not alone is also proven by an incident of the fall. The Michigan team posed for a Detroit or Ann Arbor photographer and had Fielding Y. standing under a motto of "Western Champions, 1905." Now, as has been the rule since 1903, we have two western championships. One on the stick-a-penny-her cards and another on the Marshall field. It's awful when the dope goes wrong.

Sees Strange Sights.
THERE is nothing particularly new about this elliptic billiard table business," remarked an old cruiser the other day, when shown the diagram of that London architect's table. "I've played billiards when I played billiards that way to me. Played billiards when I could see seven men playing against me and the table stood up on end and tried to run away every time I made a shot. I've seen nine balls on the table and still not able to make a straight carom with the balls hugging each other up in one corner. The shape of the table don't have anything to do

with it. It's all in the number of these Scotch terriers that you have tucked under your vest. Elliptics nothing! I've seen square tables and round ones and five and eight cornered tables with green cloth and pink cloth and red cloth. If I could just remember next day and draw pictures of what I've seen I could cheat this London fellow to death on funny billiard tables."

Knowing this chap as I do I believe he was telling the truth.

Walter Not a Colt.
WALTER CAMP refused to discuss the football of the west as compared with that of the east for the Chicago reporters. Walt was wise to remain silent when he could skeedaddle back east and sell that opinion for a large bit of the needful to the opulent space filling newspapers of the bean-consuming country. Walter is old enough to know and has worn out several sets of rings in getting his eye teeth cut thru. He may drift out of the east and look mournfully easy to the Chicago scribes, but when it comes down to unbending cash opinions for the sake of courtesy Walter can freeze up like a water main on the shady side of the Lumber Exchange building on Jan. 10.

WAVE of matrimony appears to have struck the football players. Announcement is made that about half of the players in the west are to be married and the word came Wednesday that Yost was engaged to one of the most handsome girls in all of the land of the Wolverines. All of these chaps must have done their wooing in citizen's clothing. A girl who would let a football player, in uniform, make love to her would be

a wonder. We gravely fear that some of the gridiron gladiators have been sitting up 'nights and "pouring pizen" into the ears of their lady loves while the trainers thought them in the land of dreams in the football dormitory.

New York Degenerate.
THE cigar sucking and peroxide portion of New York has been in a fine frenzy all week over a six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. It has been the greatest thing in New York since Lige Dowie descended upon that sin-beetted settlement and attempted to make vice sink into the subway. New York gazed in wonder at the sufficiency of Lige's beard and is now standing around the saucer track with open mouth watching a lot of selling platers work on bicycles in an atmosphere laden with stale cigar smoke.

Six-day bicycle races should be prohibited by law and if the riders don't know any more than to participate in the prevention of paresis should step in and take a hand in the squelching of such exhibitions. They bear no more relation to true sport than a plow horse bears to Dan Patch. The man who is the greatest "abysmal brute" stands a better chance to win than the speedy rider with his bundle of nerves. It is the bestial side of the performance which draws the crowd and not any love of sport. Every city in the country save New York has out out these performances. Still "little old New York" fattens on them. It shows that Manhattan is either the most degenerate city of the United States or that any old sort of a gold brick labelled sport can be dumped in the heart of the city and find a ready buyer. It is professional sport of a cheap variety, but seems to hit the taste of the village opposite Brooklyn.

Prices Not Dropped.
THE Big Nine conference recommended that not more than 50 cents be charged for admission to any football games. This was merely a recommendation and not a law. As a result there has been an announcement from Michigan that money is needed to complete the equipment of the athletic field and that prices will not be reduced. Minnesota has decided that the money is needed for a clubhouse for athletes of all kinds and prices will not be reduced. Wisconsin has decided that crews demand money and prices will not be reduced. Chicago don't know how much longer John D. is going to grease the slide and as it is well to lay up mazzama for a rainy day prices will not be reduced.

Chuffing on the Ice.
CHAUFFEURS of the city are talking of an ice race course on one of the suburban lakes. It is pointed out that the course would be three miles in length and amply long for the big machines to get up speed and start the ice to smoking. Theoretically this sounds fine, but the first time that Hal Watson undertakes to cut one of the corners in that Fiat car of his, with the juice turned on full and the thingimbob and doodad both wide open there is danger. A danger that the plate glass insurance companies will suffer a loss in the front plan of illumination at the Minikahda club on the hilltop. But as we do not intend to get nearer the course than the roof of Doc Wilcox's cottage we are willing that the speeding on the ice should start just as soon as the ice is thick enough. It was never we to be a spoilsport.



FRANK WING

It begins to look as tho the conference resolution will cut about as much ice as a pint of hard cider with the hired man and that those who want to see cheap football will continue to climb up on brush heaps and watch the Second Whangdoodles play with the Terrific Turks on the vacant lots.

Mike Kelly's Case.

MIKE KELLY is now a sort of free lance in the baseball world and his lawyer has advised him to go ahead and arrange with Magnate Watkins to manage the baseball affairs of Minneapolis for next year. Kelly will not know whether he is on foot or on horseback until some time in February and it is not probable that Watkins, who is a pretty wise old owl himself, is going to hook up with Michael until the latter has a clean bill of health from the courts.

It seems that Watkins is a lost proposition so far as Minneapolis is concerned at any rate. He had to neglect his Indianapolis holdings to look after the Minneapolis deal and it gave rise to talk of "syndicate" baseball. Indianapolis interests suffered as a result of the absence of Watkins. The deal with Kelly was not the hiring of a manager for Minneapolis, but included the paying of money by Kelly for a controlling interest in the Minneapolis club. If it goes thru Kelly will control the Minneapolis team and will be a bench manager.

Mike is popular in Minneapolis despite the fact that he was associated for several years with the walking mummies on the St. Paul team. He was hampered in his control in the silent city of the eastern suburbs and did not have a chance to show at his best. Kelly is a splendid ball player

and a good judge of players. He is popular with the men and possesses the faculty of getting the best work out of all classes of players from the college men (playing summer baseball) to the fatheads who come in from the vacant lot leagues. Minneapolis will be glad to see Kelly free himself of his legal entanglements and bloom forth as a magnate and manager in the live city of the northwest.

Name Sounds Good.

POGGENBURG is now the champion of the eastern amateur billiardists. That is a good name for a champion. Sounds considerably like the noise made by a pot of "dutch suds" and a Switzer cheese sandwich.

Lowenthal Runs Amuck.

FRED LOWENTHAL of Chicago and formerly of Illinois, needs a keeper. Frederick starts out this week and right off the reel picks an All-American football team and begins the whirligig with naming Borg of Nebraska as the all-time center. Now Borg is a fair center, but not fast enough to get the title, by any of the western critics, for the all-western to say nothing of the all-American. He is a courageous player and works all of the time, but it is very much down the turnpike to yank him forth from the peaceful obscurity of Bill-bryanville and place him upon such a pedestal.

I talked with Lowenthal only a week ago and he showed no symptoms of anything like this. He should be stung with a razor strap, given a minimum dose of rhubarb syrup and tucked away in his little crib for a nice long nap. If he isn't taken care of he is going to have a long, hard sick "spell." He hasn't been in such bad shape since

a Minnesota football player wiggled his nose, attached fingers at him several years ago and called him "Fatty" right out loud.

Counting Before Hatching.

THE St. Louis Globe Democrat has been throwing violets at the gophers and telling what a ripping, rip-sporting team Minnesota is going to have next season. Minnesota rather likes to have its back scratched in such a comfortable style, but there is many a slip. A few "conditions" and notable absences and Minnesota would have to get up and dig to win her schedule. We are not champions of the west in 1906 just yet. There will be no souvenir postal cards issued until after next Thanksgiving at least.

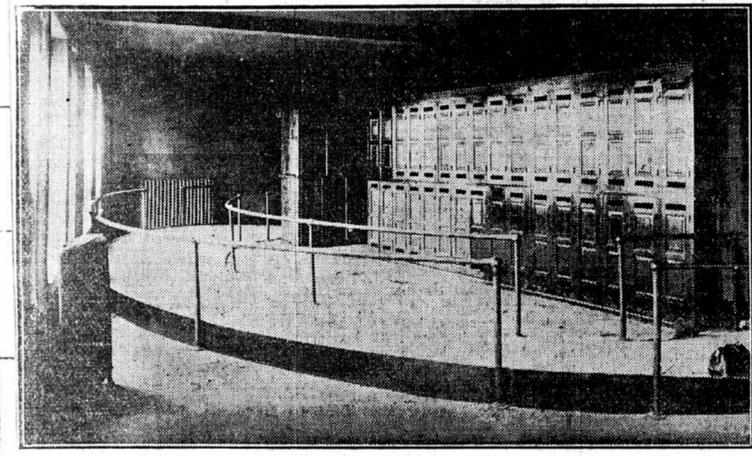
Curling in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL curlers are getting ready for a series of matches with a Chicago team. Now if it happens that in any bonspiel two of the best of Chicago's rinks are drawn against each other in the first round courtesy demands that they be thrown back and permitted to get further along in the play, thru the medium of a second drawing. This thing of making two crack rinks play each other in the first clash is not sportsmanship even if it did happen in St. Paul to Minneapolis players.

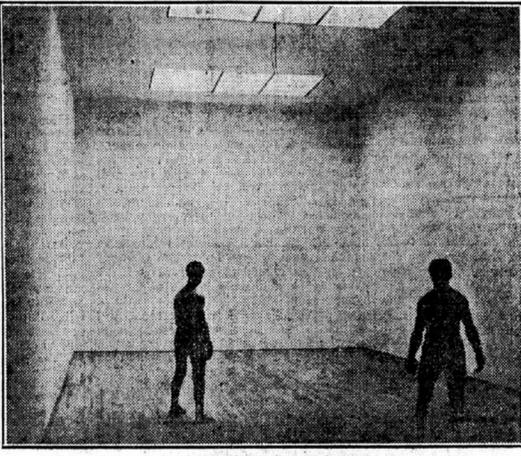
By springtime the American Automobile association will have on tap almost every sort of road and touring information that can possibly be sought. Asa Goddard, the prominent road engineer of Worcester, Mass., has been made a general traveling agent for the A. A. A. in that field and will collect data. This sort of work and the reciprocal relations recently established with the French and English touring bodies is swelling the individual membership rapidly. Requests for touring information and applications for membership should be addressed to Secretary A. G. Batchelder, 31 West 42d st., N. Y.

"Jack" White, former champion of England, found he did not have appendicitis, but indigestion. He is improving. Harry Varlow, however, is not in good health. His is lung trouble. A recent medical examination was not encouraging and he may have to go abroad. His eyes, too, are troubling him.

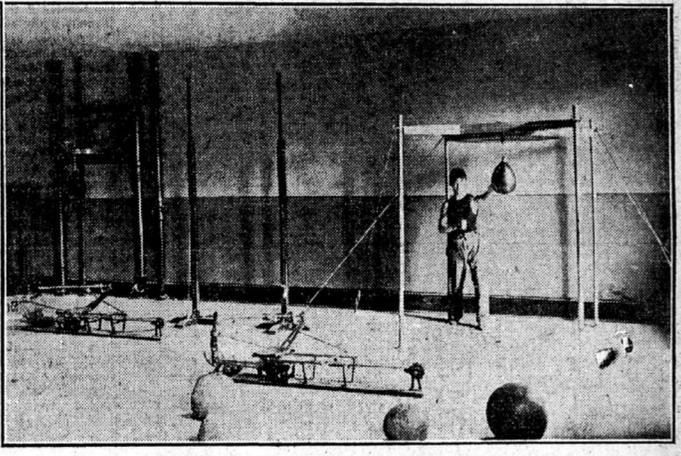
CAMERA GLIMPSES OF THE NEW HOME OF THE MINNEAPOLIS AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



LOCKERS AND A PART OF THE RUNNING TRACK.



INTERIOR OF ONE OF THE HAND BALL COURTS.



A PART OF THE "GYM" EQUIPMENT.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OCCUPIES NEW HOME

Club Quarters and Equipment Are Thoroughly Modern in All Details.

While the new gymnasium of the Minneapolis Amateur Athletic association has been in use for some time, the athletic quarters will not be opened until next Friday evening. This event will be only an informal affair, for the association intends in the near future to have a formal opening, which will be quite elaborate. The coming function will, however, serve to bring the members together and give the "gym" a proper start.

The association has secured a long time lease of the third, fourth and fifth floors of the new Hall building, the entrance being at 709 Hennepin avenue. The rooms are easy of access both by stairway and elevator. The club already has a membership of 200 and is daily adding to the list, so that the maximum limit of 300 will soon be reached. Hugh R. Loudon is the president, and Trafford N. Jayne secretary and treasurer. The latter has his law office in the same building, and is with a easy call of the "gym" at all times. It will probably not be resented by any of the other workers in the movement, for the organization of the association is a state that result was largely achieved by the energy and the enthusiasm with which Mr. Jayne took hold of the work.

Arrangement of Rooms.

On the third floor of the building is the office, the main gymnasium room and the lounge room. All kinds of modern apparatus is provided, two rowing machines, two punching bags, chest weights, quarter-circle wrist and shoulder machines and other devices for the development of the muscles. All the apparatus is new and there is a sufficient variety to give all tastes and all needs necessary advantages.

The lounge room adjoining the main gymnasium room will be fitted up with rugs and leather furniture, and will be a cosy place in which the members may make themselves comfortable. A piano will be installed for the entertainment of those permitted to enjoy the privileges of the club.

On the floor above is the locker room, the running track, shower room and steam cabinet for the fat boys, who want to train down. The lockers, some about 300 in number, are conveniently arranged for a gymnasium outfit and are of course provided with lock and key.

The running track is possibly a little

smaller than some would like to have it, but it is thirty-five laps to the mile, and as far as actual benefit concerned, serves the purpose as well as a larger track.

Cleanliness Assured.

It is the bathroom that is the especial pride of the members. It is elegant in appearance, being finished entirely in white marble and white tile, while all the metal fixtures are of nickel. It is a gem in every way. There are eight showers and in addition a steam cabinet.

On this floor also are the boxing room and the wrestling room, each 16x16 feet in area. The latter room has a two-inch hair mat over the entire floor, and care has been taken to eliminate all corners and projections from which any injury could be received.

On the fifth floor are two splendid handball courts, each about twenty feet wide and fifty feet long, with solid walls on three sides and a wire screen in the rear. The courts cannot be very popular, and are destined to be very popular. They are already in constant use, indicating that handball will be one of the most popular games within the association. On this floor, which is considerably higher than the others, there will be parallel and horizontal bars and rings.

The gym is thoroughly equipped in every way and will appeal to all lovers of athletics as very near perfection. It has been decided to engage a cook as one of the attendants, so that lunches can be served for those who desire. A professional masseur will be in constant attendance. The greatest care has been taken to provide all the accessories of a modern gymnasium, and if anything has been overlooked, the management does not know what it can be.

SKAT AT HASTINGS.

Bank Cashier Won First Prize in the Tournament Play.

Special to The Journal.
 Hastings, Minn., Dec. 9.—The Hastings Skat club has closed its first annual tournament, the play having proved a great success. A large number of players from neighboring cities and towns were present. John Heinen, cashier of the First National bank, was awarded the gold medal for the greatest number of games won, nineteen net. The additional prizes were as follows: Julius Collier, Shakopee, silver-trimmed stem, highest score, 547; W. J. Jane, Hastings, 100 cigars; solo won against the greatest number of matadores, 6; John Theim, St. Paul, briar pipe, highest game won, 524; John Raetz, Hastings, fifty cigars; Tournee won against the greatest number of matadores, 4; George Lendway, St. Paul, fountain pen, second greatest number of games won, 19 net, and James Dunn, Hastings, silver match-box, second highest score, 524.

GOPHERS MOVE FOR REFORM IN FOOTBALL

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probable that any good men would escape presentation and enrollment. "After the coaches have submitted the names of all the men thought desirable by the individuals, let the coaches then select about thirty, by a majority vote. The men so selected should be empowered to act by the conference and be responsible to the conference. When it comes to selecting officials for a game, let the rival teams agree upon men from this official list, and in event of a failure to agree, the matter should be settled by lot.

"Some officials are better than others and under this working I believe that all of the teams would get the advantage of the services of the best men. If a man showed incompetence, he should be removed by a majority vote of the coaches. This would insure that no one could be a victim of spite. My reason for calling the coaches into this is that there are coaches who know their business in the Big Nine schools, men who know all of the available officials in the west. They could act more intelligently on the subject than could some of the professors who represent their schools at the conference, but who do not follow athletics closely. Of course, each coach would confer with his faculty representative in the matter and work with him. This plan would, in my opinion bring about the selection of fair and competent men to enforce the rules."

President Northrop's Opinion.

President Cyrus Northrop believes that Dean Jones' plan is the most practical suggestion that has been made in regard to football reform. "The suggestion of Dean Jones is one of the best offered," said he, "and I am heartily in favor of giving the plan a trial. The present system of selecting the officials for the game is wrong, and in my opinion much of the rough play and brutality would be prevented. This I think would be the result if such a plan were put into operation."

The opinion of Dr. Northrop is shared by every member of the university faculty to whom the scheme has been broached. Dean Downey said: "I believe such a system would benefit the game and make it much cleaner. Personally I am of the opinion that a

game like the English association Rugby seems to me to be a good one, and it will take the place of our present football to some extent. The present game may live but a game in which more students can participate will come of the recent agitation. Under the present playing rules Dean Jones' plan would undoubtedly be a great help."

Other Suggestions.

Dr. Frank L. McVey said: "The scheme seems to me to be a good one, but of course some means of insuring that the officials would act honestly would have to be provided. The conference should adopt the suggestion."

E. B. Johnson, former registrar at the university and editor of the Alumni Weekly, thought the plan practical and is in favor of taking measures to see that it is adopted in the West. He said: "It is the most practical suggestion that has been offered and it would go a long way toward clearing up some of the dark spots in football."

E. B. Pierce, registrar of the university and a former star in Minnesota athletics, said: "It's a good scheme and it should go into effect next year. It would not only make the game cleaner but it would do away with the continual bickering and disputing over the choice of officials."

Among others who think the plan a good one and who believe that it would be a good thing for the game are Regent James T. Wyman, Dr. F. F. Westbrook, Fred B. Snyder and Dean W. S. Pattee.

MT. PLEASANT IS A WONDERFUL ATHLETE

Little Indian Makes Splendid Record on the Gridiron.

New York, Dec. 9.—Mt. Pleasant, the speedy little quarterback of the Carlisle Indian football team, only weighs 135 pounds, but he is one of the most remarkable athletes that ever stepped on the gridiron. As a football player he has a good head and runs his team well. He is also, like his teacher, Hudson, a good drop kicker. What he lacks in weight he makes up in fleetness of foot and sureness of tackle.

But it is as an all-around athlete that Mt. Pleasant is conspicuous. He can run the 100 yards in 9.45 seconds, and one of his remarkable feats was to run a quarter of a mile in a relay race in 50 seconds, and within a few minutes win a broad jump contest, clearing 23 feet 9 inches. He has a record under 50 for the quarter mile, by the way.

Mt. Pleasant's trainers and friends are very anxious to have him break the world's record for the broad jump and are confident he can do it. He is keeping steadily at practice in this style of exercise and within a year expects to achieve the ambition of his life, which is to smash a world's record.

WRESTLERS UP TO MANY SUBTERFUGES

Name Which Changes One of the Forms of This Innocent Pastime.

New York, Dec. 8.—Whenever a wrestler makes a name for himself on the mat he is certain to be confronted with the task of trying to run down another grappler who assumes his name. That is just what Fred Beell, the crack Wisconsin wrestler, has to contend with just now.

When Beell came to New York last spring, unheralded and unknown, to meet Tom Jenkins for a \$1,000 side bet in private, very few spots had any idea how clever a man he was. After he succeeded in gaining one fall in this affair he had no trouble in getting all the matches he wanted.

Took Beell's Name.

As the general public as yet has no idea what Beell looks like, it was not much trouble for another grappler to take his name and visit territory where Beell has not yet appeared. The spurious Beell is said to be in the west at present, where he has been meeting all comers. Fortunately for the genuine Beell the fellow who has taken his name has not thus far been beaten.

No one knows who he is, but Harvey Parker, Beell's manager, is on his track and will try to discover the man's identity, if such a thing is possible.

Beell Beats Parr.

Beell is now in the east. His last match was with Jim Parr, of England, whom he defeated in handy fashion. Beell is putting the wires for a bout with Frank Gotch, and it looks as if the latter will have to meet the Wisconsin man. Parker has posted a forfeit in Buffalo to bind the match, and if Gotch is satisfied to go on with it a club in that city will offer the man a good sized purse.

Beell in his first contest in Buffalo, which was with Parr, made a fine impression, and if he succeeds in landing a bout with Gotch it is safe to predict that he will be the favorite in the betting.

SNAKES BY WAGONLOAD

Sawdust Hauler Has a Fight for His Life.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 9.—A. S. Otto of St. Clairsville, Bedford county, had a most exciting experience with copperhead snakes while hauling sawdust away from a sawmill. He was impressed with the unusual weight of the sawdust on his scoop shovel after he had got pretty well into the pile.

Investigating, he was amazed to find that the load was caused by venomous copperheads. Glancing around him, he found that there were moving reptiles all about. To escape them he sprang into the wagon, only to find as many there as on the ground.

To protect himself he went to work with the scoop, and before he quit he had slain fifty-five snakes in the wagon

and forty-five on the ground, measuring from sixteen inches to three and a half feet.

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"Jack" White, former champion of Glasgow has two municipal courses, and is about to build a third of eighteen holes.

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