

BOYS and BOYS--by the BUTCH UNCLE

Being Divers and Sundry Reflections Upon the Passing Show



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Warning for Billy.
NEWSPAPER report says that our old friend Billy Muldoon, formerly champion heavyweight at the mat game, has Chaucery Dewey in his care down at Muldoon's farm, near White Plains.

We trust that William, who is still a robust and burly person, will handle his distinguished patient with care. If he dons the gloves with William should go easy. If he happens to land a stiff punch in the senatorial midriff there would probably be a wreck and sound similar to that in a wreck of broken glass when a brick is tossed into it. And again, there are a half-dozen of our leading muck-rakers who haven't had a chance at Chaucery yet. Willie must not play rough with Chaucery. No indeed, not under any circumstances.

Two Mighty Men.
FROM overseas comes a mighty interesting story. It is to the effect that George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion" and champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, has been posting himself on the boxing game and with but one object in view--that of gaining sufficient proficiency in the mitt game to challenge James J. Jeffries for the championship of the world.

"Hack" is already the world's best at the wrestling game and occupies in wrestling a position similar to that held by Jeffries in the fighting game. Hack is young, ambitious, has a wonderful physique and should be a great pugilist at boxing the sporting world is in line to see one of the mightiest battles in the history of fistiana.

Hack has been boxing, quietly, for a long time with Gunner Moir, a British punch expert of the sledgehammer school. Reports say Hack has taken to the work like a millionaire to appendicitis and is already dangerous for any of the heavyweights.

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Gutch Gets His.
FRANK GOTCH, the Humboldt, Iowa, wrestler, has been tearing around all over the country, throwing everything and everybody in a regular practice fire of catches and can work. Now he is up against the real thing.

A Des Moines postess of passion has taken up the Humboldt grappler as a basis for an iambic dipody and the mat artist is in danger of getting badly stung by a stray anapest. The postess is known as "Tulips," and when she gets the muse to tearing up the Cedar valley the output may or may not be something like this:

On the mat she prelates,
Near the Farmer Burns plantation,
Where the flying mare and hip lock
Grew between the rows of sausage.

did erect a busy youtlet.
Bawled slow a busy challenge,
Said Tom Jenkins was a quitter.
Dad McLeod he called a lobster.
Hooted when the echoes answered:
"Take a chance at Harry Parker."
Then he danced the hawkeye two-step.
Paved the dirt and raked the bushes.
While the Jagers gathered round him,
Marveled at his great condition.
"Gothalshneck," he's a buster."
Quoth one Heubens by the roadside,
"Hackenschmidt has been my business
Not to monkey with that fellow.
Why, our Frank would twist his ribs out,
Turn a his back, unless his liver,
Throw him higher than the courthouse
In the square at Morning Glory."
Then the center of the shadows
On the valley of the Cedar.
With the silence only broken
By the miller's rattle of his bellows.
Thus performed the burly Gutch boy
In the bad lands of the hawkeyes,
The departed Frank the wonder,
Came the voice of Burns, the farmer,
Calling from the kitchen window:
"Come in now, Frank, I mean ye,
Cut it out an' quit yer kiddin':
Have a helping of the greens and fried ham
'Fore the hired man gets his face washed."
"That departed Frank the Wonder,
In the skeeter time of evening,
To the regions of the 'ham and,'
Thence the Gutch boy, in his pride,
Where he dreamed of further victories
Thicker than the drunk and dressed ups
On the evening of the shadows.
While the world, all awe and wonder,
Whirled in quiet thru the darkness.

More Fool Promoters.
WESTWARD the star of empire takes its way and the following of the star by the boxing fraternity is of a nature to leave streaks of dust from Manhattan to the Pacific coast. New York is now as tight as a soft pineplug in a keg of hard cider and as all of the janitor jobs in Gotham are filled the fighters can only see tea and doughnuts in the Frisco region.

It is not the fault of the fighters. They engaged in several ladylike settes in the metropolis without spilling a pint of gore in any of the teas. It was the fault of the promoters once more.

Taking advantage of a justice's ruling holding that bouts before legitimate clubs could not be bothered, the promoters organized "clubs" all over the city and started in to do business on a large scale. They sent ticket scalpers out on the sidewalk to swipe a few extra dollars from the sucker element.

"Club memberships" were hawked about as commonly as peanuts are sold at the curbstone. The hawkers chanced to offer memberships in the club on fight nights to a lot of people who did not care for the game and who objected to being buttonholed by this sort of vermin on a public street. They roared back to the governor and the governor roared back to the legislature. The lobster is a Newburg was shut off

were promoting the affairs were preparing a set of bouts the odor of which started up before the articles of agreement were signed. The way things were going looked favorable for a fine collection of lemons for those who patronized the affairs.

It is back to the west--the golden west--for the fighters, where the bouts have funny aspects and where the native son wins if there is 10 cents bet on him by any other native son.

New Yorkers can go back to walking up and down Broadway for exercise and jumping off the Brooklyn bridge when the promenade becomes tiresome.

It is rather a jay village anyhow and it is just as well to protect its unsophisticated sucker millions from the trimming they would have received had the battling game been allowed to flourish near the great white way. Baseball is strong enough for the Manhattan pulse.

Great Kidders.
SOME of the Indianapolis papers are filling up their sporting space with long stories about the "remarkable young player, Atherton," who has joined the hoosiers, coming from the outland league.

To read these pipes one would im-

like a mad pickerel taking hold of a minnow.
No one will grieve over the fall of boxing in New York. The men who



Happy Thought.
THE very latest thing insurance-wise is dog-theft insurance and bills from the city of St. Paul. The Dog Fans' Protective association proposes to insure valuable dogs against thieves. The dogs proposed are to be registered with the association book minutely describing the animal, including name, weight, color, age and identification marks and careful measurements. When a dog is lost the masters of the association are notified by descriptive circular and sheriffs, express companies, depot gatemen and others are posted and a reward offered. Not a bad idea--From the "Underwriters' Review."

May Have Overlooked It.
WE MAY not have had the chance to see it in the St. Paul papers, but we have not heard of the saintly city Commercial club getting up any more banquets for the little sister city ball team.

Ain't it funny what a difference just a last place makes?

Michigan's Sorrows.
AS HAD been expected Michigan let out a tremendous whoop when it was learned that Chicago and Minnesota had resumed athletic relations. The Ann Arbor correspondents vilified Stagg, called the

maroons quitters and kicked up a general cloud of dust and abnormal activities. It was about what could have been expected after the way Michigan has acted toward Minnesota for the past four years.

Michigan athletes are ever hard losers. When defeated they seem to possess an unfortunate habit of howling fraud. They came over here to wipe up the earth with Minnesota at football, ran up against a team just as good as they were and have spent several years in spreading the slander that Minnesota's athletes were "rowdies."

They have told all sorts of stories about the gophers and the Detroit press acting as a mouthpiece for certain Ann Arbor correspondents, has

lovely to their state institution. The scheduling of a football game between Minnesota and Chicago is no affair of Michigan's. The maroons and the gophers have sufficient business apiece to attend to their own affairs. Michigan's covert threat of leaving the conference is not viewed with an alarm thruout the big nine. If Michigan leaves Nebraska will get in. Nebraska has been ready and willing to enter for a long time and her athletes do not yell when defeated. Perhaps it might be just as well to let the Wolverines go down east and join some sort of an athletic organization. It would clear the real western situation.

Whispering at White Wings.
EARLY in the season Kansas City baseball was as placid as a bowl of mercury. Jimmy Burke and other famous ball swatters were coming and joy seven inches thick spread all over the hill country.

The team started lurching along fairly well. Jimmy Burke, the dynamite, had everybody stepping lively, and when they didn't step lively, James uncocked a sufficient amount of the Gaelic to make them. There came a slipping. It was not the fault of the fielding and batting, but the pitching. The fans started to murmur. Now the newspapers are yelling and say that if Magnate Tebeau don't cut loose some of the coin of the realm baseball ruin stares the mutts in the face.

If Tebeau will give Burge a quartet of pitchers the Kansas City team will prove dangerous to the other clubs in the league. If the mutts go along without twirlers they will prove only average fatteners. It will be hard lines for Jimmy Burke if he has to follow the blazed trail of Dale Gear and Arthur Irwin.

Such Is Fame.
ONE of the amateur teams has changed its name and is now known as the "Young Kill-roys." This is all right and an open frank compliment for the young twirlers of the miller team. But just wait until Kil happens to blow up some day--as all twirlers do--and see this team switch back to the old title of the "Seventy-seventh Avenue Thunderbolts."

Claim Added.
The Milwaukee News uses up about half a column of space to prove that the "split ball" had its home in Milwaukee.

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Among the Chronicles

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This afternoon will tell whether or not the new men can hold out with the team.

The Hibernal team has been gradually increasing in size and strength. It is the opinion that he can give the best amateur team in the state a hard run if not a beating. The Hibernal team has been playing with their usual vigor, and there are not any players in the city that can cover as much territory with as much ease as can these two. Dickinson, the pitcher, has been doing satisfactory work, and he is ably supported by Bert Brenner, the clever catcher. Brenner, beside being a steady man behind the bat, is also one of the best hitters in the team, and he has never yet failed to get one or more hits in a game. The game this afternoon will be called at 3 o'clock sharp.

The Plymouth Clothing House team has re-organized, and also rather late they are ready to meet all the local and out-of-town teams. The Plymouths had one of the best teams in the city last year, and at the close of the season boasted of having made a record that was not equaled by any Minneapolis amateur team that played out-of-town games. Among some of the teams that were played were the champions of New Ulm and Springfield. Con Mortenson has the management of the team, and he is out with an open challenge. The team will be pleased to hear from the Tozoes, Trout and other teams. The team is composed of some of the best players in the city, and among them are the Marquette brothers, Brian Brown, the Johnson, Butler, Hanson, Tom Hanson and Con Mortenson. If there are any teams in the city that are willing to take a side bet, the Plymouths they can arrange games by addressing Con Mortenson, in care of the Plymouth Clothing House.

The S. & L. team was disappointed in their game with the Salzers for this afternoon, as Manager Lisack of the latter club decided that members of the Summit Athletic club and his in-convincible, and therefore the game was canceled, much to the disgust of the S. & L. who say they are willing to play the Salzers for a side bet. The game was canceled because of some of the best players in the city, and among them are the Marquette brothers, Brian Brown, the Johnson, Butler, Hanson, Tom Hanson and Con Mortenson. If there are any teams in the city that are willing to take a side bet, the Plymouths they can arrange games by addressing Con Mortenson, in care of the Plymouth Clothing House.

The Kline & Tibburs will play the Summit this afternoon on the latter's grounds. The Kline & Tibburs team is a newly organized aggregation, and since they have lost few games the manager is not at all discouraged. He intends to make a few changes in his lineup, and in the game today the team will be at its best. The Summit team is a South Minneapolis bunch, and their record for the past two seasons is one to be proud of. The team is composed of members of the Summit Athletic club and has been in existence nearly two years. The Kline & Tibburs team would like to arrange games for the next two Sundays. For games address Edward Yetter, 2217 Fifteenth avenue S.

The Great Western team has defeated the Britton twice this season, the score in the first game being 17 to 1 and the second 9 to 0. The Lions were the next team that was taken on, and they were outplayed at every stage of the game. The final score in the game was 3 to 3. If the Little Japs are not afraid to play the Great Westerns they can arrange a game by addressing Conrad Thorpe, 2440 Fourteenth avenue S.

Harrie Colts have been raised and are out after the 18 and 14-year-old champions. The team has met every team in the city that could be induced to play, and they have trimmed each and every one in their turn. Frank Buckley is manager of the team and he has taken care of the catching department. He has played on some of the best little teams in South Minneapolis, and has a record as a fast and steady little catcher. Buckley has the following men in his lineup: Albin, Thorpe, Lawler, Hendrickson, Flynn, Kaufman and McDonnell. For games address Frank Buckley, 2531 Fifteenth avenue S.

Manager Hanley of the A. O. H. team No. 4, has had much difficulty in arranging games with the amateur teams in the city. This is due to the fact that the manager of the team has been team with another team of the same name but of a different order number. To those familiar with amateur baseball a close inspection of the personnel of the team speaks for itself.

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