STARS OF OTHER DAYS HAVE HIT TOBOGGAN

Lajoie, Bender, Mathewson and Rucker Scintillated While They Lasted.

New York, March 10.—Some years ago a rookie pitcher, facing Larry Lajoie, the terrible Frenchman, for the first time, turned to the arbiter who was umpiring the bases and said.

"What had I better throw 'im?"

"Put 'er in the groove, kid," replied the jokist in the blue uniform, "and we'll both duck."

This is a little yarn that has often been told, but we are telling it here because it tells the story of an incident the like of which there have been many in Lajoie's major league career.

The great Frenchman has passed from the majors. He will always be remembered as one of the greatest players in the game, if not the greatest batsman of them all for a consecutive number of years. But he will strike terror to the hearts of the pitchers no more.

While the major leaguers were trekking to the Southland this year, Larry Lajoie turned his face toward the North, for he is to manage the Toronto club in the International League, and, although he may play a few games, the chances are that he will stick to the bench and the side-lines for the most part.

Lajoie, at bat in a pinch, or in any other situation, for that matter, was always a bugbear for the pitchers. The veterans as well as the verdant ones feared him. But his trusty old bat has been hung on the wall.

The mention of Lajoie recalls the names of several great stars who are not numbered among the players basking under Southern skies as members of major league clubs.

Old Chief Bender has been sent upon the trail to the minors, and Christy Mathewson, who will lead the Cincinnati Reds, does not plan to pitch for his team. Mordecai Brown, who is to continue in the game as a hurler for the Columbus Club, according to a recent announcement by Joe Tinker, is another famous landmark of the majors who has been swept away.

Nap Rucker, whose name is immortalized in Brooklyn, will draw his salary from the Dodgers this year as a scout, and the time is drawing near when other veterans who have starred in big league uniforms for years will follow in his wake.

Of the veteran stars, Eddie Plank, of the Browns, stands alongside of Honus Wagner as a sturdy oak of baseball that still defies the ravages of time. But the dawning of retirement for both of these players can be seen in the offing. They will not be major league performers for long.

A pitchers' battle between Mathewson and Bender or Mathewson and Brown is a thing of the past. A ringing hit that brings thousands of fans to their feet with a shout for Larry Lajoie is now but a memory. And in the places of these stars are younger and clearer-eyed athletes who have been waiting a long time for them to surrender.

The bright stars of the day, such as Cobb, Sisler, Speaker, Johnson, Schalk, Alexander, Chase and a few others, have time before them. One or all of these players may star in the majors for many seasons to come. And while they are passing through the summer of their stardoms, others will be breaking into bloom to succeed them when they turn into the road taken by Lajoie, Bender and Matty.

Baseball has seen some turbulent times in the past few years. Internal troubles have rocked the very game, but the sentiment of the fans toward their idols has not been shaken, and the coming and going of the stars helps to make the kingdom of Old Man Swat the greatest in sportdom.

HAVANA RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. Frontier, 111 (Taplin), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won; Water Lee, 101 (Wingfield), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, second; Malik, 114 (R. Ryan), 7 to 1, 6 to 5, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:19. Spohn, Mazurka, Capt. Elliott, Ball Band, and Stonington also ran.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. Shadrach, 115 (Mink), 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won; Cherry Belle, 96 (Gartner), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, second; Ha'Penny, 108 (Gray), 7 to 1, 3 to 2, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:18 3-5. Castara, Frosty Face, and Unity also ran.

THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. Lucille B., 105 (Gray), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, won; Gaelic, 108 (Taplin), 11 to 10, 1 to 2, out, second; Delos, 99 (Ward), 6 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:11 2-5. Safe and Sane, Little Cottage, Toison d'Or, and Bob Blossom also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Five and a half furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. Paulson, 108 (Mink), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, won; Afterglow, 114 (Taplin), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second; Penance, 96 (Rowan), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 2-5. Stalwart Van, Dancing Star, Stellata, Jim L., Arcene, and Old Charter also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Five and a half furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. Hattie Burton, 110 (Gray), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 5, won; McAdams, 110 (Wakeoff), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Moonstone, 110 (Dreyer), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:11 1-5. Freshet, Brobeck, Encore, and Miss Edith also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Five and a half furlongs. Bulgar, 112 (Sobel), 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won; Capt. Fredericks, 97 (Wingfield), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 5, second; Zodiac, 107 (Minder), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 4-5. Brown Baby, Barette, Dr. Cann, Lord Wells, and Odd Cross also ran.

ROSEDALE LEAGUE WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the board of directors of the Rosedale Baseball League will be held during the early part of this week, at which time officers will be elected, franchises awarded and arrangements made for the coming season.

Owing to the withdrawal of one of last year's teams, a franchise is vacant, and will be filled at this meeting from the list of applicants.

New teams desiring to enter the league should communicate with Garnet W. Jex, secretary, 611 Orleans place northeast.

Hueston's Idea Is Spreading.

New York, March 10.—Columbia has a baseball manager who combines his duties of counting the bats and balls after practice with publicity work. Hence the announcement yesterday that, beginning this afternoon, the Columbia baseball squad, which numbers close to sixty, would have half an hour's military drill every day.

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JOE WELLING REAL LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMP.

New York, March 10.—"Joimes Joy" Johnson, better known as the boy bandit, comes forth with a long and lusty howl in behalf of his protege, Joe Welling. Says Joimes:

"I see all the so-called light-weights like Charlie White, Benny Leonard and Ritchie Mitchell—who aren't in the habit of doing better than 133 pounds ringside—want to be known as America's light-weight champion. And they are all laying claims to this title without expressing a willingness to meet my boy, Joe Welling. Why?

"The above boys all fear Welling. They would sooner annex the American light-weight title without meeting Joe, who is the legitimate claimant. Welling got there first, and if they are better fighters than he, why don't they consent to try their hands at proving it?

"All these would-be American light-weight champions have to do is meet Welling at the legitimate limit, 133 pounds, at any time or place.

"The reason is this: They cannot and will not make the weight. They are not real light-weights in the 133-pound class, and this more than any other thing is a strong argument in Welling's favor. He's the real American light-weight champion, and he stands ready to prove it any time."

NO OLYMPIC GAMES UNTIL PEACE REIGNS

Action of German Committee in Changing Name Has Aroused Speculation.

The action of the German Imperial Olympic committee in changing its title to the "German Imperial Committee for Bodily Exercises" has aroused much speculation among athletic authorities throughout the world.

Many close followers of Olympic sports have expressed the opinion that the move on the part of the German committee is an intimation that Germany will not compete in these international sports after the war.

Others hold that the change of name merely marks the taking over of other duties and plans considered more necessary and pressing at this time in Germany than consideration of future Olympic meets.

In this connection it can be said that the international Olympic committee has not abandoned the idea of these games and that with the restoration of peace in Europe there will be a determined effort made to hold an international meet within a year following the official close of the conflict.

It has been intimated that the gathering may be more than a series of athletic competitions; taking the form of an international celebration of the restoration of peace, with imposing ceremonies and pagents to which the nations of the world will be invited to send representative delegations.

MASSANUTTEN TEAM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Woodstock, Va., March 10.—Owing to the inclement weather, Coach Kerr has not made a call for baseball candidates. However, a few of the squad have been doing some work, in order to be in the best possible physical trim for the first call.

The prospects for Massanutten this year look promising, and although several places are to be filled, there seems to be plenty of material to choose from. Six of last year's letter men will be on hand to try out for their places. None of the positions, however, are certain and at least three positions will have to be filled. Coach Kerr has expressed a great deal of satisfaction over the season's prospects. The schedule is as follows:

April 7—Baltimore City College, Woodstock, Va.
April 10—Eastern High School, Woodstock, Va.
April 12—Business High School, Woodstock, Va.
April 14—Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, Woodstock, Va.
April 18—Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va.
April 21—Harrisonburg High School, Woodstock, Va.
April 28—Bridgewater College, Woodstock, Va.
April 30—Staunton Military Academy, Woodstock, Va.
May 4—Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.
May 5—Berryville High School, Berryville, Va.
May 11—Harrisonburg High School, Harrisonburg, Va.
May 12—Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va.
May 17—Woodberry Forest School, Woodberry Forest, Va.
May 18—Jefferson School, Charlottesville, Va.
May 19—Fishburne Military Academy, Waynesboro, Va.

HOT SPRINGS ENTRIES.

FOR MONDAY.

FIRST RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; five and one-half furlongs. *Circulate, 102; *Bad Prospect, 106; *Sir Dyke, 106; *Minstrol, 106; Easter Greetings, 107; Little Jane, 109; Miss Detroit, 109; Carondolet, 111; Sempsilla, 111; Nathan R., 111; Waxemall, 111; B. A. Jones, 111.

SECOND RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds; six furlongs. Taxim, 101; *May Star, 102; Tootsia, 101; Spectre, 102; Hondo, 103; *Wat, 104; *Etta Ryan, 105; Red Door, 105; *Hazelnut, 105; Sir Oliver, 109; Ben Hampson, 109; *Rhymer, 113.

THIRD RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds; six furlongs. *Enjoy, 96; *Nettie Walcutt, 100; *Hester Smith, 100; *Crankie, 109; *Bon Otis, 102; Dyson, 103; *Mico Girl, 106; *Ophelia W., 106; Kalitan, 109; Kitty Cheatham, 113; *The Duke, 114; Douglas S., 114.

FOURTH RACE—Handicap; 3-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Indolence, 97; David Craig, 101; Brumley, 103; Robert Bradley, 107; Mars Cassidy, 112; Bob Hensley, 112; Hanovia, 113; Old Rose Bud, 120.

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; mile and seventy yards. Virginia W., 103; Bas Blanc, 105; Smuggler, 107; Yaca, 108; Sure On, 109; First Star, 109; Uncle Hun, 109; Manioc, 109; Verra, 109; Balgee, 112; Virgie Dot, 112; Mike Cohan, 114.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; mile and one-sixteenth. *Myolt, 98; *Lady Worthington, 98; *Lady Powers, 102; *Transport, 104; *Gibraltar, 105; *Col. Gutelius, 107; Counterpart, 109; *Impression, 112; Kilday, 113.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Darcy Considering Gibbons.

New York, March 10.—With his chances of ever appearing in a New York ring gone, Les Darcy today was seriously considering going through with his match with Mike Gibbons at Milwaukee.

Frank Mulkern, Milwaukee promoter, holds articles calling for Darcy and Gibbons to meet before his club for $25,000 each. O'Sullivan signed the articles on behalf of Darcy as his manager. Darcy has since cut loose from O'Sullivan

Pitcher Gregg in Fold.

Boston, March 10.—Sylvanus A. Gregg, a pitcher, who had not been heard from since a contract calling for a reduction in salary was sent him several weeks ago, wired the Boston American League club from Millet, Alberta, that he had signed at the club's terms. He was ordered to report at the spring training camp at Hot Springs, Ark. Gregg was obtained from the Cleveland club in 1915, but took part in comparatively few games because of trouble with his arm.

Cardinals Want Game.

The Cardinal Athletic Club of Alexandria, desires a baseball game with some strong team of recognized standing for Sunday, April 1.

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IS WILLARD TRYING TO PROTECT TITLE?

However, if the Public Demands He Will Fight Fulton Before November.

New York, March 10.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, left a loop-hole for himself when he recently signed a contract to exhibit with a circus again this season. The loop-hole is a clause in the contract which permits him to break it by giving three weeks' notice.

Jess wasn't quite sure when he signed up how the public would take to the idea of having its champion out of the ring for another year. A few weeks ago there didn't appear to be any man in sight capable of giving him a good battle for the title. Then Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., bobbed up and commenced mowing them down as fast as they faced him, and Willard was compelled to sit up and take notice. With one ear to the ground, the champion realized that public demand sooner or later might force him to meet Fulton or be accused of fearing him. But the demand had not reached its apex and Willard hooked up with the circus.

Willard doesn't want to lose his title. It is the asset which has been coining the money for him ever since he downed Jack Johnson at Havana, and with the title gone, Willard's attraction at the box office would end. He doesn't care enough for fighting to keep on if he is shorn of his crown, his love for the game is not overwhelming, but as long as the title is a revenue producer he wants to hang on to it.

Moreover, he doesn't want to lose any of his popularity—never too great—with the fight-loving public. So he knew that if the demand that he meet Fulton became insistent he must either give the plasterer a chance at him or be called a quitter, and make himself the target for a lot of unpleasant stuff when he exhibited with the circus. Hence the loop-hole in the contract.

If the public insists that Fulton get a chance before the circus closes next November Willard will cancel his contract and get down to hard training for the Minnesotan.

If the demand is not noisy he will continue reaping the fat salary—said to be $500 a day—which he can draw for appearing with the show. Willard, of course, is hoping Fulton won't be taken seriously, and that if he is he will be humbled by the mighty Jess.

Getting down to cases on this Fulton-Willard affair, there undoubtedly will be a match between them some time. Fulton is the only man who has a chance to beat Willard now. Undoubtedly he can trim any of the other challengers as easily as he did Weinert and Cowler. At present a ten-round no-decision affair is about the only thing for Fulton and Willard. The money which the champion asks is possible in only one place, New York, where the short bouts are in vogue.

Willard knows his worth, and his demand, variously estimated at $50,000 to $70,000, for meeting Fulton in ten rounds is by no means exorbitant. They called him a hold-up man when he asked—and got—$47,500 for boxing Frank Moran, yet the house drew more than $150,000. A match with Fulton would undoubtedly prove an even greater magnet. So Willard's demand for a big purse is within reason, and he cannot be blamed for not rushing into a bout simply for the sake of removing this Fulton.

So it behooves the fans to sit tight. Some promoter with real cash is going to see the light soon and the match will be on. And there are those who would not be surprised if the champion went to the floor for the count in less than ten rounds if that terriblew wallop which Fulton packs ever connects flush.

HAVANA ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. *Idler, 95; Margaret Ellen, 98; *Lockland, 99; Lily Ormie, 102; Lost Fortune, 104; Dr. Seab, 104; Eleanor, 110; King Stalwart, 116; Surget, 121.

SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs; 4-year-olds and upward; claiming. Felina, 100; Lenshen's Pride, 100; Sherwood, 102; Nina Muchacho, 102; *Protagoras, 103; Edith Olga, 104; *Coppertown, 105; Purple and Gold, 108.

THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs; 4-year-olds and upward; claiming. *Josie, 91; *Peaceful Star, 93; *Marvelous, 97; *Hesitation, 97; Onar, 100; Pass On, 102; Narnoc J. V., jr., 102; *Izzet Bey, 102; Mazurka, 102; Eddie Mott, 102; Blue Wing, 101; Toison D'Or, 107.

FOURTH RACE—One mile and a sixteenth; 4-year-olds and upward; claiming. Star Bird, 102; Peg, 105; *River King, 106; Jesse, jr., 107; Charles F. Grainger, 107; Luke Van Zandt, 107; Orperth, 111.

FIFTH RACE—One mile; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. Flecha Negra, 92; *Royal Tea, 101; *Supreme, 105; *Brookfield, 103; Enterpe, 109; Sandel, 113; Ampere II, 113.

SIXTH RACE—One mile and twenty yards; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. *Molly O., 101; Londora, 106; *Frosty Face, 111; *Page White, 111; *Feather Duster, 111; *Muzanti, 111; Tiger Jim, 112; Regular, 114.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile and twenty yards; 3-year-olds and upward; claiming. *Old Man Crit, 90; Marblehead, 92; Tatiana, 106; Cuttybunk, 107; *Galax, 107; Tinkle Bell, 109; Celtabel, 110; Promi, 112; Afterglow, 112.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

HOT SPRINGS RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs; purse; maidens; 3-year-olds. Manister Toi, 112 (Trice), 6 to 5, 1 to 2, 1 to 6, won; Nepotism, 112 (Shannon), 4 to 1, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second; Pasha, 109 (Merimee), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:19 2-5. Dahlia, Raggedy Man, Oration, Cousin Bob and Fres also ran.

SECOND RACE—Claiming; 3-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Alex Getz, 108 (Murphy), 4 to 1, 6 to 5, 2 to 5, won; Ed Howard, 106 (Crump), 11 to 10, 2 to 5, 1 to 5, second; Anna Kruter, 108 (Scherder), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 3, third. Time, 1:16 1-5. Plaudito Dan, Tom Caro, Coumensia and Brian Borus also ran.

THIRD RACE—Claiming; 3-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. The Duke, 104 (Lyke), 16 to 5, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, won; Luke Mae, 109 (Williams), 13 to 5, even, 2 to 5, second; Zim, 115 (Warren), 8 to 2, even, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:17. Keziah, Gratitude, Ophelia W. and Bogy Johnson also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Handicap; 3-year-olds and upward; mile and one-sixteenth. Brynlimah, 101 (Lyke), 7 to 2, 4 to 5, out, won; Opportunity, 99 (Crump), 2 to 1, 3 to 5, out, second; Grump, 110 (Obert), even, 2 to 5, out, third. Time, 1:50 4-5. Thornhill also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Handicap; 3-year-olds and upward; five and one-half furlongs. David Craig, 103 (Scherrer), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, won; Hanovia, 116 (T. McTaggart), 7 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Kultur, 100 (L. Lyke), 18 to 5, even, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:00. Mars Cassidy, Jacoba and Courtly Lass also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Claiming; 3-year-olds and upward; mile and seventy yards. Turco, 108 (Merrimee), 16 to 5, 4 to 5, 1 to 3, won; Impression, 110 (T. McTaggart), 5 to 1, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, second; Little String, 119 (W. Carroll), 4 to 5, 1 to 3, out, third. Time, 1:49 3-5. Hope and Stelcliff also ran.

TIA JUANA RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Selling; maiden; 2-year-olds; four furlongs. Cavalla, 101 (Stevens), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, won; Kerin, 101 (McBride), 40 to 1, 12 to 1, 6 to 1, second; Curtis Warning, 101 (E. Martin), 7 to 1, 3 to 1, even, third. Time, 0:51. Gertrude R., Black Bass, Urapip, and Lusum also ran.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs. Visible, 110 (Casey), 4 to 1, 7 to 5, 7 to 10; Phyllis Antoinette, 113 (McIntyre), 6 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second; My First, 100 (Martin), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:16 1-5. Lucky Mack, English Lady, Truro, Christmas Eve, Fancy Feathers, Satenson, Ida Pinack, and Juanita Frederick also ran.

THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs. Oakland, 112 (O'Brien), 9 to 5, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, won; Brighouse, 113 (Metcalf), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second; Baron De Kalb, 110 (Alexandra), 10 to 1, 9 to 2, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:10 1-5. Delaney, Rubicon II, Ruvoco, McLeland, and Roscas also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Mile and one-sixteenth. Chief Brown, 103 (Pickens), 8 to 5, 1 to 2, out, won; Leah Cochran, 105 (Mathews), 4 to 1, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second; Commauretta, 108 (Hunt), 8 to 5, 1 to 2, out, third. Time, 1:51. First Degree and Injury also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth. Jurisdiction, 95 (Depeyster), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Transparent, 110 (McIntyre), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 5, second; Gift, 115 (McBride), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:52 4-5. G. W. Kisker, Christophine, Bobolink, Maud Smith, Rey Shannon II, and Rash also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Mile and seventy yards. Lean Shark, 110 (Kelsay), 5 to 2, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, won; Boxer, 106 (Hunt), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, second; Inquieta, 108 (Baker), 13 to 5, even, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:49 2-5. Miss Fielder, Caro Nome, Trout Fly, and Cooster also ran.

DOPEY DAN AND LON

When Johnny Nelson "Cashed."

"Say, boss, of all th' many athletes you've saw in your time, which one do you think showed th' greatest amount of gameness when put to th' test?"

Well, Lon, that's a hard question to answer. I've saw many a game lad in th' different branches of sport, an' to pick any one out in particular is a mighty tough job. I've saw jockeys with broken limbs ride their races to a finish, football players cry like kids when took from a game, ballplayers knocked senseless then fight to get back, one runner drop dead after winnin' a big race, fighters an' wrestlers too numerous to mention, an' over in Henley, England, in 1896 I seen four husky Yale oarsmen fall flat on their faces after they'd pulled up a poor second to th' cracks of that country, but for real downright gameness, with grim death starin' him bang in th' eye, I think a lil' Swede bicycle rider, named Johnny Nelson, had 'em all beat.

Th' incident I refer to took place up in Noo York along in th' late 90's. Jimmy Michael was then king of all motor paced bicycle riders an' Johnny Nelson had challenged him for th' championship honors.

Th' sport was at its height in them days, Broadway approved th' match, allowed that Nelson had earned th' right to challenge th' champion, th' press boosted it to th' skies, an' in consequence old Madison Square Garden was packed to a overflow on th' night of th' race.

As I remember th' distance was to be twenty-five miles for a purse, winner take all, an' th' championship of America, an' as every "bug" present knowed th' race was for blood, an' dead on th' level, it's needless to say that every seat was filled long before 10 o'clock, th' hour set for th' feature event, an' when Champion Frank Kraemer had finished his exhibition mile race against time, th' big crowd give a sigh of relief, settled in their seats an' prepared for th' star number.

There ain't no way o' describin' th' scene that took place when at 9:50 Johnny Nelson's big chuggin' motor appeared on th' track close followed by Michael's, an' a few minutes later when both riders showed up, surrounded by a young army of trainers, rubbers, hangers-on an' rooters, pandemonium broke loose, an' for two or three minutes you couldn't hear yourself think.

Then, after a mess o' argufyin', speechmakin', introducin' an' such like, th' two lil' speed marvels hopped on their wheels, took a couple o' turns of th' oval, caught up with their pacers, a "shooter" was fired, an' th' big race was on.

No doubt, lad, you've often heard th' expression, "here they came an' there they go." Well, to this day I've always believed it originated with them indoor motor-paced bicycle races, an' how them 115-pound kiddies ever kept pace with th' fast goin' machinery is way beyond me.

I don't quite recall how many miles had been covered, but Michael had gradually forged his way to th' front for nearly a full lap, which would give a late arrival th' impression that Nelson was leadin' as they madly dashed around th' Fourth avenue end of th' Garden, both riders heads shoved far out over the handle bars, nearly touchin' th' rear wheels of their pacers ahead. Johnny puttin' every ounce of his makeup into his sturdy lil' pedalers, an' Jimmy hangin' hard to him only a few yards away, when, just as they turned into th' Twenty-seventh street side of th' basin, "Bang" went a noise, an' a shriek pierced the air.

I never did know exactly what happened, but Nelson's big motor slackened for th' millionth of a second, th' lil' rider's wheel grazed it, an' over he went.

In an instant th' big crowd jumped to its feet, only to see Michael's oncomin' tandem dash head-on into th' wreck, but by nothin' more'n a miracle Nelson was th' only one hurt, for owin' to th' cleverest piece o' headwork I've ever saw in my life, Jimmy Michael steered clear of his pacer an' went on his way.

Johnny's leg was tore all to pieces when th' two motors crashed, an' strong men turned aside as th' poor lil' fellow slid down th' incline to th' even floor below.

O' course, hundreds of willing' hands rushed to th' aid of th' injured rider, who set there bolt upright like nothin' had happened. Blood was all over everything, but never once did he whimper.

'Twas only a matter of a few minutes when th' ambulance from Bellevue Hospital dashed into th' Garden to take care of th' kid, an' believe me, there were but few dry eyes in all that vast throng that watched it drive out on what proved to be Johnnny Nelson's next to last ride.

Never have I saw such a down-hearted crowd as wended its way home from Madison Square that night, an' th' whole scene had such a deep effect on a very well-known sportin' man, who occupied a seat in th' same box with me, that next day he called up an' asked if I wouldn't accompany him to Bellevue to see th' hurt rider.

We arrived at th' hospital about 2:30 in th' afternoon, an' was ushered up into a big ward where there was a mess o' other sick an' wounded, an' whether you wanta believe it or not, there, on a lil' white cot in th' center of th' room, was th' same Johnny Nelson th' very life of th' party.

On learnin' why we'd come he tossed out a "thank you," an' shovin' over a pretty bunch o' pink roses, he begged us to take a whiff, as his lil' Josie had just sent them. Then, when we asked him if he felt any better, his big blue eyes brightened, a slight color came into his faded cheeks, his purplish lips trembled, as he smilingly answered, "Oh, I'll pull through this O. K. These guys say I might have to lose one of my 'pins,' but they don't know Johnny Nelson. I can beat Jimmy Michael, an' woulda done it last night if my pacer hadn't skidded. I got a kid brother who can beat him, too, but I wanta get th' 'rarebit' first." Then takin' a slant at th' bundle under th' sheets that used to be a leg, he give a slight wince, an' fell back on his pillow.

Just about then a doctor hove in sight, an' after takin' th' kid's "beater" he motioned us to get, which we done, but promised to return th' next day to see how he was doin.'

There wasn't no next day to it so far as Johnny Nelson was concerned, for on arrivin' at th' hospital they told us that durin' th' night th' doctors had decided to remove th' bum "pin" so that th' poor kid could live, but he never pulled through th' operation, an' after lingerin' on for a couple o' days, owin' to his magnificent physical condition, th' great Judge above ruled him off th' track for keeps. All told he was th' gamest lil' fellow I ever seen in my life.

Whether or not he would have beat Jimmy Michael won't never be knowed, but he give up his all in th' effort, an' that's about as much as any of us can do.

Jimmy Michael, knowed as th' "Welsh Rarebit," was a grand race rider in his day, an' for a long time beat all comers. He died a few years after Johnny Nelson.

DOPEY DAN.

Note—Lon says it makes no difference what you do, it's all in how-you do it.

Al McCoy is modest about his title. Rather than pose as the middle-weight champion, he disguises himself as a punching bag.

HUGGINS HANDICAPPED IN MANAGERIAL REIGN

Experts Are Picking the Cardinals to Finish in the Ruck.

New York, March 10.—The St. Louis Cardinals will open the season rated as "selling platers" by most of the critics. They will be "long odds" for a first division finish to any of the sportive ones who want to back them, for on paper they are one of the weaker clubs in the senior league.

But the status of any ball club on paper and the capers it may cut in a championship race are often two vastly different things. The Braves of 1914 furnished a vivid example.

Miller Huggins and his athletes have a long, hard row to hoe in bettering their position in National League company. They finished the season of 1916 tied with the Reds for the sub-cellar berth. They simply did not have the punch after the first few weeks of the season and their prospects for 1917 are none too brilliant.

During the winter Manager Huggins wore out more shoe leather than any other National League pilot in hunting for players. But Huggins was unsuccessful in pulling off any really big deals, for rival managers would talk nothing but trades in which Huggins' best bets figured, and "Hug" would not see himself parting with his standbys.

Much talk of new ownership for the cards has been another drawback to Huggins, and, all in all, the scrappy little leader of the Mound City outfit has had to stand some discouraging bumps from all directions. But Huggins is a fighter, and now that the club has been sold and he has been assured the united support of the new owners, he will make a valiant attempt to instill real fighting spirit into his players.

It appears that the morale of the Cardinals is in need of a thorough house cleaning. The club lacked ginger last season. But if Huggins succeeds in developing several of his recruits and getting away to a good start in the coming race, who knows but what the downtrodden Cardinals may find themselves? True, they are scarcely a strong enough combination to be contenders for the pennant, but that they will make a hard fight to get out of the ruck is certain, for a last place club has every incentive to better itself, and a few good breaks may put heart in the Cards.

Bill Doak, Lee Meadows and Leon Ames form the backbone of Huggins pitching staff, and all three are highly respected by National League batsmen. If some of the other twirlers will come through for Huggins the team will be able to start the season with a fairly balanced sharp-shooting corps.

With Roger Hornsby, Betzel and Miller of last year's infield as a nucleus, Huggins has a healthy herd of recruits who will fight it out for the shortstopping job, while Bescher, Long, Wilson and Smith will make up the outfield squad.

If Huggins is given free rein to run his club this season, the chances for uplifting the Cards will be greatly enhanced. The scrappy Card pilot has been held down for several years and there are a good many baseball cities who firmly believe that what he needs most of all to assist in building up a winner is a clean path ahead. Huggins has been a conscientious, and hard-working manager and he deserves better fortunes than he has had for several years past.

It is a toss-up now as to what the Cards will accomplish next summer, and although they don't lok like first division prospects now, it will be poor judgment to pick them for a last place finish.

NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

New York, March 10.—On the curb today prices were generally upward with the motors in the lead. Activity was not confined to any one class of issues and trading was decidedly-broader and brisk. United Motors were firm. Sinclair Oil and Refining was firm. The Cosdens were in good position.

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Sales.		High.	Low.
100	Aetna Explosives, ctfs	4¼	4¼
300	American Sumatra Tobacco	27⅝	27
100	American Writing Paper	5⅝	5⅝
900	Car Light	3¾	3½
600	Carwen Steel	13¾	13
300	C., R. C. & P., w. i.	36½	36¼
15	Eastern Steel	104	104
220	Haskell Barker	44⅞	44¼
150	Lukens Steel, 1st. pfd	41	40½
4,500	Manhattan Transit	⅞	13 16
1,700	Maxim Munitions	3⅝	3¼
2,500	Midvale Steel	58⅝	58
600	Pruden Pict	4⅛	4
100	North Amer. Pulp & Paper	7	7
100	Smith & Ter., pfd	9⅛	9⅛
900	Steel Alloys	8⅛	8⅛
400	Submarine Boat	24⅛	24
5	Sup. Steel, pfd	98¼	98¼
400	Triangle Film	2½	2¼
100	United States Steam	6¾	6¾
2,000	United Motors	41⅛	40¾
2,900	American Ventura	23	21
100	Barnett Oil & Gas	3	2¾
100	Cosden & Co.	15¼	15½
200	Cosden Oil & Gas	15¼	15¼
2,000	Elk Basin Petroleum	9½	9¼
500	Federal Oil	5⅞	5¾
400	Kenova Oil	7-16	7-16
1,500	Merritt Oil	24½	24¼
600	Metropolitan Petroleum	2¼	2¼
300	Midvale Cont. Oil	13⅝	13⅝
1,500	Ogla P. & R.	11⅛	11
500	Omar Oil	50	50
1,500	Osage Hominy	9¼	9
200	Penn Gasoline	1 1-16	1
5,300	Sapulpa Refining	11¼	10⅞
3,050	Sequoyah Oil	1⅝	1¼
700	Sinclair Oil	56⅝	56⅝
2,000	Luguabel	60	60
1,100	United W. O.	1	15-16
2,800	Victoria Oil	1¼	1 5-16

MINING STOCKS.

5,000	Alaska Mines	1 5-16	1¼
3,000	Atlanta	13⅛	13
100	Big Jim	1¼	1¼
5,700	Big Ledge	6	5½
2,200	Bisbee Copper	1⅛	1⅛
5,000	Boston & Montana	70	67
2,200	Butte Copper & Zinc	11⅝	11⅛
5,700	Carlisle	6½	6
1,000	Cheedonia Mining	67	66
3,000	Calumet & Jerome	1¼	1 13-16
500	Canada Copper	2 1-16	2 1-16
1,000	Dome Extension	29	29
2,000	Green Monster	1⅝	1 1-16
250	Grizzly Flats	5	5
22,000	Gila Canyon	⅝	⅝
500	Hargraves Mining	22	22
200	Hecla Mining	8	1 15-16
100	Homestead	11-16	⅝
150	Howe Sound	7¾	7¼
1,000	Independence Lead	16	15
29,200	Jerome Verde	2¼	2 1-16
500	Jumbo Extension	28	28
2,700	Loma Prieta	1¼	1⅛
500	Louisiana Co.	85	85
500	Mogul	70	70
300	Magma Copper	50½	50
5,500	Marsh Mining	16½	15½
150	Mason Valley	6½	6½
2,000	Miami Merger	1 7-16	1⅜
37,000	Motherlode	42	38
800	Motherlode (new)	3¾	3½
2,500	Ohio Copper	1⅝	1⅝
3,000	Progress Mining	½	7-16
200	Ray Hercules	4¼	4¼
4,000	Rex Consolidated	40	39
300	Sacramento	1⅝	1⅝
300	San Toy	16	16
1,000	Scra'h Gravel	66	66
5,000	Sil. King of Arizona	7-16	⅜
200	S. Silver Lead	⅝	⅝
5,000	Success Mining	63	51
100	Tonopah Bel	4½	4½
200	Tonopah-Jim. B.	75	75
100	Tonopah Extension	3¾	2¾
500	Tommy Burns	22	22
1,500	Troy Arizona	57	55
3,500	United States