

the pitcher is winding up, stealing home. Such performances upset the average pitcher, and while Wares may not succeed at this in the major league, he will try. He can slide into a base, using the hook, giving the baseman only his foot to touch.

Wares has improved the hidden ball trick. By throwing the ball to the pitcher and then walking up to apparently advise with him, he returns to his position with the ball hidden under his arm and the unwary base runner is often caught in a trap.

**"IF WE MEET AGAIN I'LL KNOCK OUT ABE ATTELL,"  
SAYS NEW CHAMP.**

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.—Johnny Kilbane, the new feather-weight champion, is a curious individual. A home lover; a boy who doesn't believe that fighting is a blood and thunder affair and who never had a desire in his life to harm a human being, he is different from most world's champions who have always been ready to mix it with a novice and pound his head off for grand stand stuff at all.

"I never in my life had a desire to hurt a man," he remarked in an interview several days after he won the championship. "I believe that as long as I am winning that I should be as easy on an opponent as possible. This grand stand stuff of getting a sucker or a dub before you and beating his head off is very bad. I never did it and never will.

"This all brings it back to the old subject as to whether a boxing contest is a slugging match or really a science, where the hit and get away clean is not better than to slug hard and get slugged in return.

"If I should ever fight Attell again I will surely knock him out, as I have fathomed his entire re-

sources and he has nothing that I need worry about.

"I have no plans for the future that were not made before the contest. Probably there will be more offers of matches and other things, but I will continue to accept what looks like a good contest whether it comes from a strong or weak opponent. I will not make capital out of my championship, but will give any good man a chance at it.

"I owe my perfect condition in my fight to two things. One of them is right living and home life, and the other is the great training that Jimmy Dunn gave me. You know Attell went up against a rather hard combination when he faced me.

"Jimmy Dunn, my manager, had been watching Attell work for ten years. He realized that Attell was a wonderful boxer, and he studied his tactics until he knew them by heart. Then he started to work out a defense to Attell's attacks, and an attack which would get by Attell's defense.

Then there is Tommy Kilbane, who fought Attell in Cleveland, and in an unguarded moment