

must be rated in the very first rank of the middleweights. He is the logical opponent for Jimmy Clabby, and the winner can rightly claim the championship of the division. Eddie McGoorty, who was a claimant to the title before he went to Australia, will probably be eliminated because of the natural increase of weight due to the long sea voyage.

Clabby yand Chip can provide as hot an entertainment as any two men, big or little, in the ring today. The Hammond man is as clever as they come, far superior to Chip. His punch, however, will not shape up with the killing kick of the Greek, though we'd hate to have it land on us. Upon Clabby's ability to stall off Chip, wear him out by putting up an impregnable defense, and then wading in and slipping over a punch, would depend the result of the fight.

If Chip could solve the defense, and reach home now and then with one of his mauls, the pride of Indiana would be a sad young man.

Yesterday was Connie Mack's fifty-first birthday anniversary. He celebrated by saying the Athletics would win the pennant in 1914.

The Cincinnati baseball bosses, who hire and fire managers with such easy grace as to call to mind the Chicago school board, are either going to let Charley Herzog have a real chance to run the team, or are putting up a great stall.

Garry Herrmann announced yesterday that he and Charles Webb Murphy had talked over several rades, and would probably pull a deal in a few days. Garry added that he would not make a definite move until Herzog had given his approval.

This was one question that caused Joe Tinker a lot of trouble. Joe claims that men were traded, waivers were asked and refused, and players were sold before he knew anything about it. He might go home at night intending to use a pitcher next day, and wake up in the morning to find that said pitcher had been disposed

of during the night.

If Hermann's statement is honest, and really means that Herzog will be given a chance, then the Reds can hope to finish somewhere in the race. But if the same procedure that marked the last few years is followed, no man on earth can put a winner in Rhineland.

Running on perfect schedule, the rumor factory today turns out a yarn connecting Joe Tinker with the Federal League. Promoters of the third organization are said to have offered Tinker \$40,000 to manage the Chicago team for three years.

And that offer is not so foolish as some people may think. Tinker would easily be worth that much coin to the Federal Leaguers. He would prove a big drawing card, both at home and on the road.

Tinker will not discuss the deal, but intimates he has thought quite seriously of that \$40,000 bait, which is a large bunch of coin to be dangled before any man. Brooklyn must come through with a \$10,000 bonus to get Tinker, and so far Charles Holiday Ebbets has performed like a real magnate, refusing to separate himself from the coin.

Yale is reported to have offered Notre Dame a football game for 1914. Another nice little practice game for Old Eli. Perhaps Yale wants to learn something about the forward pass, remembering what good coaches the Notre Dame players proved for the Army this year.

Cy Williams, Cub outfielder, will be married tonight to Miss Vada Perkins of Goodland, Ind.

The auto given to Frank Schulte in 1911 by the Chalmers commission for being the most valuable man to his team, was destroyed by fire at the Cub outfielder's winter home in Georgia last week.

Great is John "Hans" Wagner, king of swat!

Greater than any of the usurpers who have at one time or another reigned temporarily