DONNA RITA WON IN A FIERCE DRIVE.

Strangest, the Even-Money Favorite for the New Orleans Feature, Was Second.

TALENT HAD A GOOD DAY.

A Miserable Start Beat Troubaline, the Hot Favorite, in the Second Race—Harry Lucesco a Good Thing.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., March 19.—The spring meeting of the new Louisiana Jockey Club began this afternoon under auspices not at all favorable. The track was deep in mud, the weather threatening and attendance light. The meeting will last for six days, closing next Saturday, when the Turf Congress states will be decided. The same officials who presided during the Crescent City Jockey Club's meeting are officiating.

The feature to-day was the handicap at a mile and a half, in which five accepted the issue. Strangest, giving away weight, was the favorite at even money. Donna Rita was second choice, her longest price being 5 to 2. The latter won in a head finish with the favorite. Strangest was the victim of a bad ride on the part of Miller. It was a two-horse race after the first half was negotiated.

The first race, at a mile, was only a gallop for the odds-on favorite, John Baker, who took command at the three-quarter pole and won eased up by three lengths. Monk Wayman, the extreme outsider, after trailing his field for the first three-quarters, came fast on the end, and managed to secure second place by a neck from the second choice, Floriar.

The second event, at three-quarters of a mile, resulted in a dump. Troubaline, the heavily played favorite, off last in a seven-horse race, finished a bad fourth. Jamaica and Greyless, the two outsiders, went to the front in the first quarter and ran head and head to the finish, Jamaica winning. Lomond was a distant third.

Colonel Cluke, at odds on, was much the best of the lot who went to the post in the third. After indulging Sloverman with the lead until the stretch, Colonel Cluke came on and won easily by two lengths. Hushfields caught the fast-tiring Swordsman at the eighth pole and secured second money as easily as the favorite had won. Agitator, the choice in the fifth race, had only Banrick to beat on the end, and he did that easily enough. Tom Kinnisley, the second choice, got third place in the last jump from Scrivener, the good thing.

Harry Lucesco, backed down from 6s to 4s in the closing event, managed to win in a hard drive from Sylvian, who easily disposed of the others.

The Summaries.

First race, one mile—John Baker, 107 (Vittrose), 3 to 5, won easily. Monk Wayman, 107 (W. Shaw), 40 to 1, second. Floriar, 104 (Mitchell), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:48. Lady Callahan and Miss Dede also ran.

Second race, selling, six furlongs—Jamaica, 106 (W. Shaw), 8 to 5 and 2 to 5, won. Greyless, 97 (Wedderstrandt), 15 to 1 and 5 to 1, second. Lomond, 107 (Winkfield), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Troubaline, First Fast, Inlook and Diana Pomeroy also ran.

Third race, selling, mile and an eighth—Colonel Cluke, 106 (Rolands), 7 to 10 and no place, won. Hushfields, 109 (Southard), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second. Swordsman, 108 (Mackey), 4 to 1, third. Time, 2:00¾. Pat Garrett, Judge Steadman, Bright Night, Can I See 'Em and Swamp Angel also ran.

Fourth race, mile and a half—Donna Rita, 106 (Mitchell), 9 to 5, won. Strangest, 119 (J. Miller), 1 to 10 and 1 to 4, second. Possum, 96 (Wedderstrandt), 15 to 1, third. Time, 2:34¾. Kirat and Lambkin also ran.

Fifth race, selling, seven furlongs—Agitator, 107 (Rolands), 9 to 5 and 2 to 5, won. Banrick, 107 (Winkfield), 20 to 1 and 10 to 1, second. Tom Kinnisley, 105 (Mitchell), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:32¾. Scrivener, L. T. Caton, Northumberland, Lillian Reed and Our Clara also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Harry Lucesco, 109 (Winfield), 4 to 1, won. Sylvian, 107 (C. Smith), 4 to 1 and 9 to 5, second. Free Hayes, 107 (J. Rose), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:20. Orietta, Aurea, Joan Spencer, Miss Shanley, Girtle, Wilson and Wig also ran.

New Orleans Entries.

First race, selling, mile:

Franklin	106	Russell R.	107
Joe Fitzhugh	107	Wedding Guest	107
Ben Chance	107	Belle of Orleans	104
Prince Red	107	Floriar	112

Second race, mile and a sixteenth:

Major Mande	99	Plaintain	109
Dissolute	102	Nailer	103
Goodsman	106	Sidefame	109
Little Fly	106	Alvin W.	111

Third race, one-half mile:

Jaunet	102	Daisy Osborne	107
Miss Kringle	102	Frances Reis	107
Bundle Hallie	102	Fred Hanlon	110
Tattlewale	107	Ron	110

Fourth race, mile:

Flirtation	102	Little Reggie	112
Sister Fox	107	Double Dummy	112
Marion Sansen	109	Zolo	113
Metu	109	Elstad	116
Clarence B	112		

Fifth race, handicap, one mile:

Lovable	94	Aratoga	104
Lya Rice	98	Albertvale	110
Woenig	100		

Sixth race, selling, six furlongs:

Rae Mitchell	98	Scrivener	106
Tortugas	100	Agitator	106
Acushla	100	Lord Neville	106
Cerilla	103	Jim Gore II	109
Wigins	106	Aratoma	114

TANFORAN TALENT HARD HIT.

Rank Outsiders Won the First and Sixth Races.

San Francisco, March 19.—The talent got the worst of a bad break with the penciliers to-day at Tanforan. Weather cloudy; track fast. The summaries:

First race, half mile, 2-year-olds, purse—Rio de Altar, 108 (Horeman), 10 to 1, won; Commercette, 107 (Rose), 4 to 10, second; Rollick, 109 (Thorpe), 5 to 2, third. Time, :48¾. Maldonado, Beelzebub, Carlloc, Countess, Clara and Tidoro also ran.

Second race, selling, six furlongs—Jamaica, 106 (W. Shaw), 8 to 5 and 2 to 5, won. Graylesa, 92 (Wedderstrandt), 15 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Lomond, 107 (Winkfield), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Troubaline, First Fast, Inlook and Diana Pomeroy also ran.

Third race, selling, mile and an eighth—Colonel Cluke, 106 (Rolands), 7 to 10 and no place, won. Hushfields, 109 (Southard), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second. Swordsman, 108 (Mackey), 4 to 1, third. Time, 2:00¾. Pat Garrett, Judge Steadman, Bright Night, Can I See 'Em and Swamp Angel also ran.

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Tanforan Entries.

San Francisco, March 19.—Tanforan entries for Tuesday. Weather clear, track fast.

First race, purse, seven-sixteenth of a mile, 2-year-old maidens:

Hellman's entry	103	Ada Fox	107
Caribo	107	Fatman	107
Loneliness	107	Tom Hood	107
*Princess Leota	103	Lomi	112
Libbie Elkins	106	Lomond	112
*Haste	107	Mordia	112
Angie F	107	Sublime	112
Sweetwell Lake	107	Debtitick	112
*Bridale	107	Linnys	116
		Elstad	116

Second race, selling, six furlongs:

Yule	96	Mordecai	106
Byron Cross	96	Sorrow	106
Ricardo	103	Lulu W.	109
Mr. Johnson	103	Schutz Cæsar	109
Gallegos	104	Rosalbra	109
Royal Prize	105	Tarquito	114
Gold Baron	105		

Third race, selling, mile and a quarter:

Chinura	97	El Mido	101
Red Pirate	99	Gotshed	109
Lathian	99		

Fourth race, selling, six furlongs:

Marie	106	Macorito	111
Miss Marion	106	High Hoe	111
Mister Allee	106	Gallitus	106
Jennie Reid	108	Archan	112
Casdale	105	Espirando	112

Fifth race, selling, mile and a sixteenth:

Anchored	107	Tom Calvert	111
Etromo	107	Bishop Reed	114
Facadie	107	Scotch Plaid	113
Inverary II	107	Diplomacy	116
None Such	111	Mamie G.	119
Rapido	111	Silvertone	109

Sixth race, purse, seven furlongs:

Mountebank	109	Pirate J.	112
Joe McGee	109	Decoy	112
Thomas Carey	109	Antoinette	107

Trains leave foot of Olive street 1 p. m., 1:20, 2, 2:30, 2:50, 3:20, 4, 4:25, 5:25, 6:25.

TERRE HAUTE RACES.

Six Stakes, Two of Them for $5,000 Each, Announced.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 19.—The Terre Haute Trotting Association has announced six of its nominations for this summer. Two of them are $5,000 purses—the Sidewheeler, for pacers of the 2:18 class, and the Wabash, for 2:20 trotters. Entries are announced to close on August 20, while the other races the entries are to close on May 14.

MAUD S. BURIED.

Body of the Famous Mare Placed Beside That of Dexter.

New York, March 19.—The body of the famous trotting mare Maud S. was buried to-day with proper honors in the horse cemetery on the Bonner farm at East View, Westchester County, New York. Her grave is beside that of Dexter, 2:17, the pick had been reserved for Maud S. for years. Close by are buried Rosabelle, Peerless, Lady Palmer, Flatbush Maid, Rarus and other famous horses. It is expected that the Bonner family will erect a monument to Maud S.

TURF GOSSIP.

Interest Is Now Centered in the Tennessee Derby.

Now that the Crescent City Derby has been run and won, turfmen have turned their attention to the Tennessee Derby, which will be decided on the beautiful Montgomery Park course in Memphis on April 18. From the present outlook a large field of high-class 3-year-olds will go to the post in this classic event. The result should give a valuable idea of the respective merits of Dewey Boy, Lamplighter and Hardwood, three of the best 3-year-olds in the country. It may be that he was too up to a stubbing race. By the time the Memphis event comes he will have had plenty of time to push the good colt into form. Charley Patterson always goes to the Memphis races with a great reputation. Notwithstanding the result of the Alex Young race in New Orleans that Lamplighter is a disappointment, this clever turfman is liable to win winners with his fast Lamplighter-Harebell colt before the flag falls in the Tennessee. Patterson has fast and developed some noted stakes winners, including in recent years New Orleans, Lamplighter, however, has been sick, and was not handling his share when tried hard to take first in the Lafourche race. It was the first time he showed his best at the Fair Grounds last October. It may be that he was too up to a stubbing race. By the time the Memphis event comes he will have had plenty of time to push the good colt into form. Charley Patterson always goes to the Memphis races with a great reputation. Notwithstanding the result of the Alex Young race in New Orleans that Lamplighter is a disappointment, this clever turfman is liable to win winners with his fast Lamplighter-Harebell colt before the flag falls in the Tennessee. Patterson has fast and developed some noted stakes winners, including in recent years New Orleans, Lamplighter, Hardwood, Hamburg, Horizon, Ornament, McMerkin and Susan in the last five years, and he thought that Lamplighter was as good as the best of them before the colt took sick. Jockey Bloss, Mr. J. W. Schorr will in all probability send Sam Phillips to the post for the Montgomery feature. Broder defeat in the Crescent City Derby does not discourage the Memphis turfman. He has always regarded Sam Phillips as the better colt. If this reason he will have his star jockey, Burns, astride the latter. If H. Stanhope's Derby candidate, Dramburg, is working wonders around Little Rock, and Eli Brooks, who knows a thing or two about horses, is confident that this colt will probably start Thursday in the Derby. Thrive is in trim. Jim Gallant, Elmira, and proved to be a mighty handy little colt as the Fair Grounds last winter, and in Chicago later in the season. Among the other Derby candidates that have shown up well in work are Pat Dunne's Reminder, by Hanover—Keepsake; George Gennett's Admiral Schley, by Hippo—Lady Grace; Mr. Haggin's Faraway, by Potso—Leslie, and J. B. Lewman's Flaunt.

The appointment of Dick Dwyer as starter for the various tracks about Chicago has met with general approbation locally. Dwyer is well known in this city, and made many friends while he dropped the flag at the old East St. Louis track. His work with the flag is of the best, and he seems to have made quite a hit with the race-track managers around the Windy city.

From Little Rock comes the report that H. H. Stanhope's Dramburg, b., by Imp. Deceiver—Comedienne, by Leamington, has worked a mile in 1:46. That part of it cannot be vouched for, but glowing pen pictures of the colt and his fast works are being sent out. Ed Headley, who trains this colt, handled that good performer, John Cooper, and knows a good horse when he sees him. As a 2-year-old Dramburg was only of fair quality, but has plenty of chance to improve. Stanhope's other candidate, Thrive, also at Little Rock, is the colt that turfmen traces his fondest hopes in. He recently sold the colt looked good enough to win the Tennessee Derby and would be a starter if Henry M. Daniels thought he had a chance. Mr. Bennett also has El Caney, and may start him also. F. Jounnel's Reminder and J. B. Lewman's Flaunt are still at Louisville. Some time ago Mr. Lewman visited the Fair Grounds for the express purpose of seeing and engaging Jockey Van Dusen to ride his colt in the Tennessee Derby, and Trainer Brown Wood will bring the Lewman horses from Louisville to Memphis early in the latter part of this month. Jockey Joe Matthews, who is under contract to James Griffin & Co., will ride Dramburg in that colt's races at Little Rock, and Jockey Burns will ride Thrive in the Derby here if he rates well enough to suit him. If not, Matthews will ride Thrive.

W. H. Laudemann, Parmenion and Milton Young have decided to send their horses for Albert Franklin. The former has worked a mile in 1:46, and is looked upon as a Derby possibility of no mean proportions, although his clear form would not suggest he had the stuff in him, but the history of this Derby shows the favorite or high-class colt does not always win. Thirty 3-year-olds are still eligible to start in this Derby, and there may be several unknown quantities that are being kept in the shade. Seven 3-year-olds are the largest number that have ever started in the Tennessee Derby, but from the indications the field this year will be a record-breaker, both as to numbers and the value of the stake. The Montgomery Park track is of a naturally slow and sandy soil, but will be made fast for the Derby week. This year Ethel, Typhoon II and Milldream hold the mile record of 1:47¾, each having run the mile in that time, while Reclair holds the Derby record with a 2-year-old time of 1:48¾. The track is never very heavy, and drier out quickly, and with a clear day and good track the Tennessee Derby will be a horse race from end to end.

Colonel S. M. Anderson of Little Rock has accepted the new Memphis Jockey Club's offer to act as one of the stewards of judges, and Captain James H. Rees and M. N. Macfarlan. Colonel Anderson will be a valuable acquisition to the judges' stand. With Captain Rees as presiding judge, Colonel Anderson and M. N. Macfarlan as associates, the public will feel assured of protection from the so-called sharp practices of the turf. M. N. Macfarlan has accepted the Hardwood and Park offers of Nashville, and is to be one of the racing stewards of that popular meeting. There will be three stewards, each one equally empowered.

AMONG THE BOWLERS.

Walbreck Bowled in Great Form for the Pioneers.

The Real Estates of the American Cooked Hat League won the odd game from the Pioneers on Trefny's alleys last night. Score:

REAL ESTATES.

Name.	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Av.
Weikamp	31	26	37	42	38	174	34.8
Frick	41	36	36	37	37	186	37.2
McDonald	34	36	34	36	41	181	36.2
Keisker	37	34	45	40	37	193	38.6
J. Donovan	37	39	37	36	41	190	38.0
Totals	179	169	188	191	194	921	184.2

PIONEERS.

Name.	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Av.
Ambs	31	28	37	37	42	175	35
Harrer	36	38	41	42	43	200	40
Bode	33	38	40	41	46	198	39.6
Walbreck	39	42	48	47	38	214	42.8
Woodworth	37	36	41	39	37	190	38
Totals	176	184	206	206	207	979	195.8

Royals 4, Rialtos 1.

The Rialtos of the Mound City Cooked Hat League were at home to the Royals on the Arno alleys last night and were able to take but one game. Rieder was high for the Rialtos with a 48.2 average. Wessels was on top for the Rialtos with a 47.4 average and Hoffman came up with other 200 figures.

RIALTOS.

Name	1	2	3	4	5	Tl	Av.
Wessels	47	47	48	44	51	237	47.4
Becker	35	38	34	37	43	187	37.4
Hoffman	36	41	38	43	42	200	40
Rieder	44	50	51	47	46	238	47.6
Niedringhaus	39	38	37	40	42	196	39.2
Totals	241	254	248	252	264	1259	251.8

ROYALS.

Name	1	2	3	4	5	Tl	Av.
Hemelmeyer	48	39	50	42	43	242	48.4
Haberbeck	44	37	47	49	34	211	42.2
Rieder	41	39	42	41	46	209	41.8
Klein	37	42	37	42	42	200	40
Tinges	43	37	44	47	35	206	41.2
Totals	213	194	220	241	200	1068	213.6

SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.

New Grounds of the Interstate Association Opened.

New York, March 19.—The new shooting grounds of the Interstate Association at Queens, L. I., were opened to-day, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Gun Club. The first event was the Brooklyn Handicap, the conditions being five birds, $5 entrance, class shooting. There were twelve entries and eight of the shooters killed five straight and divided the money.

Following is the score:

First event, five birds, handicap:

J. S. Rennen, 29 yards	2	2	2	2	2	10
Captain Parker, 27 yards	2	2	2	2	2	10
J. M. Thompson, 28 yards	1	2	2	2	2	9
C. W. Feigenspan, 28 yards	1	2	2	1	2	8
Doctor Cases, 29 yards	1	1	1	1	2	6
Doctor Woods, 28 yards	1	2	1	1	1	6
H. Daly, 29 yards	1	1	1	1	1	5
R. Leroy, 29 yards	1	1	1	1	1	5

The second event was the Gerard-ix Handicap, seven birds, $5 entrance, birds included. There were fourteen entries. Following is the score:

Miss Annie Oakley, 28 yards; Captain Parker, 29 yards, C. W. Feigenspan, 29 yards, Doctor Cases, 29 yards, A. Daly, 29 yards, Doctor Woods, 27 yards, killed seven each.

C. S. Campbell, 28 yards, J. M. Thompson, 27 yards, and R. Leroy, 29 yards, six each.

J. R. Hopkins, 29 yards, J. S. S. Rennen, 29 yards, and C. Bull, 29 yards, five each.

B. C. Bennett, 28 yards, and C. W. Rodman, 28 yards, four each.

BULLDOG SHOW.

The Best-Bred Specimens in the World Are on Exhibition.

New York, March 19.—The third annual exhibition of the American Bulldog Club, which opened in the concert hall of Madison Square Garden to-day, in point of quality and number outshines any previous show of the club. The best-bred bulldogs in the world are in the competition for the various prizes, the only absentee being Rodney Stone, the English champion.

The show will continue until Wednesday.

Mishaps to the Bald Eagle.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Havana, Ill., March 19.—The steamer Bald Eagle, from St. Louis to Peoria, struck heavy ice at Copperas Creek, and started back to St. Louis. Returning, she struck the Illinois Central bridge, and was run ashore, where it was found that her hull was not damaged. She again proceeded down the river.

M'GRAW WILL STICK TO BALTIMORE.

Refuses an Offer of $8,500 to Play With St. Louis the Coming Season.

DENIES THE CHICAGO STORY.

Business Interests Need Constant Attention—Said to Be Preparing to Launch a New League Next Season.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Baltimore, Md., March 19.—In speaking to-day of his refusal to play in St. Louis, McGraw said:

"The story that I may go to Chicago is untrue. If I could go West at all I could certainly afford to go for the salary of $5,000, and the $3,500 which Hanlon agreed I should get out of the money paid by Frank Robison for my release, but our business here would suffer and Robbie and I determined from the first that we would go to no city from which we could not make frequent visits to our bowling alleys and give personal attention to them. We shall take part in the Baltimore League of semi-professional players that is now forming, and two well-to-do managers here are ready to lay out grounds."

The two players are doing a very large business in their bowling alleys and sporting resort, known as "The Diamond," and the greater part of this business is due to their popularity.

While this might wane if they were in St. Louis, the fact that they refuse to go, that they are still holding together their new American Association stock company and may still play here the coming season has doubled their popularity among sporting men, who feel outraged at Baltimore's treatment by the National League. McGraw and Robinson are to lead upon as fighters against National League methods, and their sacrifice of the large salaries offered makes them martyrs in the eyes of admirers. James L. Kernan, proprietor of Kernan's Theater, will construct ball grounds at his resort at Back River, and Augustus Fennemann is already building a grand stand to seat 10,000 at his famous Electric Park. These will be the principal grounds of the local league.

McGraw and Robinson may develop much new baseball material for their next year's Association club.

CENTRAL BASEBALL LEAGUE.

An Eight-Club Circuit Is Proposed for Illinois and Indiana Towns.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 19.—A meeting will be held in the St. Nicholas Hotel here tomorrow to perfect the organization of the Central Baseball League, comprising teams in the States of Illinois and Indiana. It is expected that a league of eight teams will be formed, including the cities of Danville, Decatur, Terre Haute, Bloomington, Rock Island, Peoria, Springfield and Joliet.

The project of organizing a Central League has been under consideration since the close of last season by the managers and magnates of several Illinois and Indiana towns. During the winter the matter has been thoroughly gone over and it is believed that the league can be made a successful and paying venture. Representatives from Illinois and Indiana already have signified their intention of joining and the managers of teams at these points have begun negotiations for players. Managers of the various clubs in the Central Association are anxious to join and it is claimed by President H. F. Schmidt that if either city fails to meet the requirements for membership other towns are waiting for franchises and will fill in the contemplated eight-town circuit.

AGREEMENT SUBMITTED.

Hart and Johnson May Come to Terms To-Day.

Chicago, March 19.—Concerning the conference which was held to-day by President Hart of the Chicago National League Baseball Club and President Johnson of the American Association President Hart refuses to talk, and all the information that has been secured has come from the American Association side. The conference was held in the office of President Hart's attorney, Judge Tuley, and it is said that a deal was drawn up between the representatives of the two organizations by which the American Association is to have a club in Chicago. This agreement was turned over by President Johnson to his attorney, who will examine it to-morrow and report to President Johnson. If it is satisfactory it is said the agreement will be signed by both President Hart and Johnson, and the whole baseball situation will be definitely settled.

President Hart during the day received message from all the National League magnates except Mr. Freedman of New York, but he refuses to say what those messages said about the pending agreement. It is said on good authority, however, that all the messages were agreeable in simply leaving the matter in President Hart's hands for a final decision.

Will Not Manage St. Joseph.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 19.—Robert Hill of Cedar Rapids, who last week accepted the management of the St. Joseph team, has now notified President Hickey of the Western League that he cannot come to St. Joseph. Hickey is now Mr. Kibbler will continue as manager.

SILER LIKES RUHLIN.

Chicago Referee Declares That the Ohioan Has a Chance.

"Gus Ruhlin, who is far from being the fifth wheel in the pugilistic wagon, came to the front with a smashing challenge to all the big fellows, including 'Bob' Fitzsimmons," writes George Siler. "Just to show his sincerity in the matter, posted a forfeit of $2,500, and, strange as it may appear, it was passed by all but the ever-willing Shakey. In the latter, although tied up in a match with Fitzsimmons, he could have forfeited, and will no doubt arrange it in some manner to satisfy his desire.

"Mitchell's chief fought Jeffries to a draw in Carson City, and it was the best part of an evening's work ever witnessed by the admirers of fighting game. It might also be said to close that at that time he was a bit stale himself, and for probably the first time in his life he fought equally as much as he knew before. The latter fact is in securing the highest rung of the pugilistic ladder, however, have been far better than have Ruhlin's, but the difference in their prowess at shaping is not so great as to give the former a chance that Ruhlin has given the same opportunities as 'Jeff' he today would be looking down from the top rung of all other heavy weights, as also the welter and middle weights. Still, when a man is deprived of a chance to fight for a title he certainly cannot secure it.

"Ruhlin is big, strong, and in my way of thinking quite clever. Furthermore, he is game to the core, and has never dodged any of his foes. McCoy, in reply to Gus's challenge, says he has no use for men who have beaten Corbett, he says he wants to fight Shakey, who has beaten Corbett. Well, Shakey is a man who has beaten both him and Ruhlin. McCoy cast Tommy Ryan and took him on again, and he did the same with Choynski, therefore the 'Kid's' heritable is exceedingly small.

"The Ruhlin that Martin defeated in Syracuse was a rare land, while the Ruhlin of to-day is a championship possibility. I saw Gus fight the 'kids' and six days later seen him against Jim Jeffries and Jack McCormick, both ordinary fighters, and I will bet big money he could do, and do not hesitate to say that he is a wonderfully improved man. He hits straight with both hands, and I know of that, and, furthermore, does not stalling.

"I always argued that straight punching would do the work, and for that reason believe Ruhlin's chance with any of the big top-lofteners are good. I will not say he is a cinch, and if he does not come up to expectations I'm sure he will be manly enough to declare himself out of the running."

Tom Sharkey, or his manager, believes in making his while the sun shines, or, to be more explicit, money while it is being around loose. They saw a little loose change in Hartford, Conn., a few days ago in the shape of a big Texas named McCormick, and they took a run up there and picked it up. Time occupied in gathering the loose change, thirty-eight seconds. That was the length of time it took Sharkey to knock McCormick out or, as the latter would put it, he kept Tom busy thirty-eight seconds gathering the dough. The public, as a rule, does not go to see fistic bouts with the expectation of witnessing what is considered a fight when Sharkey, Fitzsimmons or any of the big guns takes on a fourth or fifth rater, they simply pay to see the top-notcher show up, before the easy money.

The big four, Jeffries, Sharkey, Fitzsimmons and Corbett, were rather quiet during the last week regarding matters pertaining to their respective matches. Tom and Bob exposed themselves several times as to how easily they would win, but outside of that nothing worth mentioning transpired.

"Kid" Broad's ascent on the ladder of fame in the pugilistic world was brought to a sudden stop on Friday evening when have Sullivan of Boston received the decision over the Cleveland lad at the end of the twenty-five rounds in New York. This was a complete surprise to the knowing ones, and came as a severe shock to his friends. They were figuring upon seeing him meet Terry McGovern, had he been successful in securing the decision over Sullivan. This is the second time that these lads have met, Broad receiving the decision the first time, while Sullivan had his turn on Friday evening. Now that the honors are even it is likely that they will meet again. Broad has been having undisputed sway in climbing up the ladder of fame up till he met Eddie Lenny several weeks ago, when he was able to only save himself by a draw. Since then it has been rumored that Broad has not been taking the best care of himself, and this may account for his poor showing on Friday evening. Broad missed a splendid opportunity to make a name for himself, for he will have to begin over again and work his way up before he will be given a chance against McGovern. Before his match with Sullivan Broad was looked upon as a dangerous man by the admirers of Terry, but since then it is different.

The two ancient rivals, Fitzsimmons and Maher, have been matched for a six-round bout to take place in Philadelphia within the next two weeks. The contest will give a fair line on Fitzsimmons's ability. While he has whipped the Irishman twice before, Maher had a chance in both contests up to the time he was put to sleep. Maher first met Fitzsimmons in New Orleans in 1897, and he put up a fine argument with the ex-champion for twelve rounds, when he was put out. They met again in Dallas, Tex., in 1898, and Peter was put out in the first round. While Maher cannot be considered a champion, there is no doubt of his ability to put up a pretty stiff argument. Fitzsimmons has always given Maher credit for being one of the hardest punchers in the ring, and this might be the reason he is anxious to meet him. The fight will be interesting, as, if Maher wins, he will be a novice of fighting as of old. This is all fast work as he was years ago.

Tommy Ryan has defeated Kid Carter, the lightweight champion, in a fifteen-round bout in the city of Mexico. The Kid was knocked out in the third round, while in the second of Eddie Lenny at Philadelphia last Thursday night he was knocked out in the fourth round. The Kid is a good fighter, but he has not been up against the best of the welterweights, and he will have to do better than he did in Mexico if he wants to be considered a good fighter. Ryan is a clever boxer, and he showed up well in the twenty-five round bout. There were many who thought he had the better of the fight, but the referee, Mr. Sullivan, decided it was a draw. Ryan is now ready to meet any