We take another — from the Gems today and hook up with Burlington for Three Straight Victories.

SPORTING NEWS

Ottumwa Fans are Appreciating Great Work of Ned Egan's Speed Boys. Nearly 500 were out yesterday.

DUNN BLANKED GEMS IN A JIFFY

GENTLEMAN JIM HAD MYERS' GANG DOING BENCH DUTY OFTEN YESTERDAY.

WISE'S CLOUT COUNTED

Timely Two-sack Sizzler in Sixth Sent Two Ottumwa Runs Across and Errors Netted Third—Some Rare Fielding.

James Dunn, who in days back cultivated a pitching whip by flinging spuds born on the Emerald Isle at some of the Orangemen ani landlords in County Cork, was the real luminary in the group of stars in active service on the Myrtle street joy acre the day before this. Ned Egan, foreman of the squad which delighted the 459 adult bugs and 34 small insects, gave Jimmie credit for a win and registered against the mighty Myers men another well rounded cipher. The deceptive devil, Mr. Dunn, held the Gems down to two swats, while the lads from these parts garnered four healthy clouts off the twelve-time-taker Tretter. Eddie Wise, realizing the great work of his mate, Jimmie, clinched the victory with a two-bag bump in the sixth.

Ottumwa copped the 3 to blank win through superior work over the Quincy outfit, and aided by the down river gents who spanked Hannibal, squeezed themselves into second place in the row of figures that classify the cleverness of the Central association. The game yesterday was a rare exhibition of the national pastime, and it was made all the more enjoyable to the quiet fans by the great display of enthusiasm on the sun seats. This continued rooting is credited by Egan with half the victory, for the lustv lunged ones, encouraged by big Ed Clark on the first base line, led Tretter, Cavanaugh, Burg and Myers an awful game. Their speech, perhaps, was not that of the dignified fan, but it helped swing the victory Ottumwa ward and that's what really counts.

Arrayed alongside of Jimmie Dunn's very effective work in flinging and also in fielding, were the two difficult outs made by Dan Senno and Rabibt Russell and the ultra-clever work of Manager Bade Myers when he braved the bleacher wire to cop Finney's foul.

Quincy Dangerous Once.

The hurrah article heaved by the Buffalo Hibernian was smote once in the third and again in the eighth. The rap of Slats Rouse in the tray session went for two bags to Russell. Clark sacrificed his riblets to third, but Dunn's whip home of Tretter's dump felt Link's mitts before Rouse skidded into the plate. This was the only time Jimmie's work was anywhere near a blemish. Nobody reached first until Myers poled to Finney in the eighth, and then a rapid-fire double play with Dunn, Kensel and Borton shooting and receiving the pill with a relish nipped the visiting boss at second and Rause at the initial bag. Dunn easily excelled all previous good deeds of the season. His control was as accurate as an adding machine. His curves came as near being solved as Warren Garst got the gubernatorial nomination and his fielding was that glass that even the whirlwind Tay Kensel was wont to become jealous. Jimmie's right whip learned well the lessons it was taught on the Ould Sod, as will be made clear when it is recited that even such men as Donahue, Owens and Cavanaugh, all turks of the same ilk as James, were made to bow to its prowess.

Score Three in a Hurry.

When Ottumwa finally did get the hang of Tretter's deluding ones, the victory was easy. With Borton ana Link out of the way in the sixth, the gent whose record of twelve straight victories loomed up sky-high, was tapped for a single by Dan Senno, who sent the ball to deep short, out of range of possible fielding. The offspring of Spain stole second, and Johnston walked. Then came the smack that proved the real dessert of Chef Dunn's delicious menu. Eddie Wise was the grape-nuts behind the swing and his two-base bingle went far out to left center as Senno ana Johnston raced home. Russell scored in the seventh on Burg's boot of his dirt disturber and Cavanaugh's muff of Borton's easy fly after Myers had set the former Ottumwan great example by pulling Finney's foul out on the bleacher wires. Russell closed the great game by basketing Hartman's drive near the foul line in the ninth.

The Score.

Ottumwa—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Kensel, ss	3	0	1	3	4	0
Russell, lf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Finney, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Borton, 1b	4	0	0	14	1	0
Link, c	3	0	0	3	2	0
Senno, cf	3	1	2	3	0	0
Johnston, 2b	3	1	0	0	3	0
Wise, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0
Dunn, p	3	0	0	1	7	0
Totals	29	3	4	27	18	0

Quincy—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hartman, rf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Burg, ss	3	0	0	1	3	1
Donahue, cf	3	0	0	4	0	0
Owens, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Cavanaugh, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1
Myers, 1b	3	0	1	7	0	0
Rouse, lf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Clark, c	2	0	0	3	0	0
Tretter, p	2	0	0	2	1	0
*Gaard	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	0	2	24	5	2

*Batted for Tretter in the ninth.

Score by innings—

Ottuuwa	00000210*—3
Quincy	000000000—0

Summary.

Two base hits—Senno, Wise, Rouse. Sacrifice hits—Russell, Clark. Stolen bases—Kensel, Senno. Double plays—Dunn to Kensel to Borton. Struck out—by Dunn 2, by Tretter 4. Bases on balls—off Tretter 3. Time of game—1:35. Umpire—Hanly. Attendance—493.

Notes of the Game.

The ever observant Mr. Clark, of the home contingent, without his monocle or spy-glass, perceived that Tretter was flinging illegally, not having the required amount of his anatomy in the box. His umps set the Quincy pitcher straight in a hurry.

Quick work by Jimmie Dunn prevented a run in the third. Its one thing to pitch effective ball and another to field balls with accuracy. Jimmie did both yesterday.

Senno's great catch of Owens' vicious drive between left and center was a feature. Dan connected on the run and the fans immediately went wild.

Boss Myers wired his way into the glory column when he went headlong into the bleacher screen to gather in Finney's foul. When Bade hit the wire he bounced back fifteen feet, but he had the ball.

The bleacherites were never noiser in their lives than yesterday. Their enthusiasm bothered Tretter perceptibly. Noise never sounded so sweet.

And we'll all be there again tomorrow, was the tune hummed by the fans as they left the park yesterday.

THE RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.

Chicago, 9; Pittsburg, 0.
New York, 8; Brooklyn, 2.
Cincinnati, 4; St. Louis, 3.
Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 0.

American League.

Chicago, 6; Cleveland, 4.
Detroit, 10; St. Louis, 4.
New York, 12; Philadelphia, 5.
Boston, 2; Washington, 1.

Central Association.

Ottumwa, 3 ;Quincy, 0.
Burlington, 2; Hannibal, 1.
Galesburg, 4; Monmouth, 0.
Keokuk, 2; Kewanee, 1.

Three-I League.

Bloomington, 7; Davenport, 6.
Danville, 6; Dubuque, 0.
Springfield-Waterloo (postponed.)
Peoria-Rock Island (postponed.)

Western League.

Sioux City, 12; Denver, 3.
Omaha, 7; St. Joseph, 6.
Wichita, 7; Lincoln, 0.
Des Moines, 6; Topeka, 5.

KEOKUK TAKES 17 INNING GAME

BRESNAHAN'S TRIPLE, SCORING REICHLE, ROBS KEWANEE OF A VICTORY.

Kewanee, Ill., June 24.—In the longest game of the season and the most exciting seen in Kewanee in many years, Keokuk ran away with the honors yesterday in the seventeenth inning. In this frame Bresnahan cracked out a triple after G. Blake had bobbled an easy one from the bat of Reichle. There were two out at the time.

Neither club counted until the thirteenth, when Keokuk forced a man home on G. Blake's error, a sacrifice by Belt and a screeching single by Morris. Kewanee scored on Mason's double, Pressy's sacrifice and a squeeze play put on by Overaker. Kewanee lost an opportunity in the ninth when Overaker started the last inning of the regulation time game with a triple. The squeezer would have won the game, but it wasn't put on and the game lasted until after supper time.

Brilliant fielding by Reichle broke up many rallies for Kewanee, while sensational catches by Overaker and W. Blake did a great deal to make the afternoon full of life. In the tenth inning Lewis was put out of the game by Umpire Johnson. Lewis thought he had a runner at second and when he threw the ball on the ground Johnson ordered him to the club house.

Kewanee—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Overaker, lf	7	0	1	3	0	0
Clair, 1b and ss	7	0	2	10	4	0
Langdon, 1b	3	0	1	7	0	0
Lewis, ss	3	0	0	3	6	1
W. Blake, cf	7	0	0	4	0	0
Fleming, 3b	7	0	0	2	0	0
G. Blake, 2b	7	0	1	8	4	2
Jacobson, rf	7	0	1	0	1	0
Mason, c	6	1	3	14	6	0
Pressy, p	6	0	1	0	5	0
Totals	60	1	10	51	26	3

Keokuk—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Morris, lf and 2b	7	0	2	2	3	0
Cavanaugh, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Grodnick, 2b	3	0	0	1	4	0
Ahring, ss	5	0	0	3	4	0
Miller, 1b	4	0	1	23	1	0
Reichle, cf	6	1	1	6	0	0
Bresnahan, 3b	5	0	1	4	5	0
Hildebrand, rf	5	1	1	3	0	0
Belt, c	5	0	1	7	5	0
Prough, p	6	0	1	1	5	0
Totals	48	2	8	51	27	0

Score by innings—

Kew	0000000000000100 00—1
Keokuk	0000000000000100 01—2

Summary.

Stolen bases—Langdon, Lewis, Pressy, Fleming, Ahring, Miller, Bresnahan and Hildebrand. Two base hits—Clair, G. Blake, Mason. Three base hits—Overaker, Bresnahan. Struck out—by Pressy 12, by Prough 6. Bases on balls—off Pressy 5. Double plays—Blake (unassisted); Bresnahan to Grodnick to Miller. Wild pitch—Pressy. Hit by pitcher—Lewis, Bresnahan. Sacrifice hits—Overaker, Grodnick, Belt. Time of game—2:30. Attendance—150. Umpire—Johnson.

CANNIBALS DROP 11 INNING GAME

PHIL GEIER NEGOTIATED TRIPLE AND BURLINGTON FANS REJOICE AT VICTORY.

Burlington, June 24.—If the fans are not satisfied with the eleven inning nerve strainer that was pulled off between the Pathfinders and the Cannibals yesterday, in which the former won by 2 to 1, nothing will please them. Both teams played almost perfect ball and even if the Pathfinders had lost, which they didn't, the fans would have had no kick coming. It should be easy to sell booster tickets today. Now that Manager Geier has got his team into first class shape it is no time for Burlington to lay down. The attendance yesterday was punk, but the rooting wasn't. In the last few innings the bugs yelled and jumped around like pups in a meat house.

In the eleventh, when Phil soaked the ball on the nose for a three bagger bringing Matt home with the running score, the crowd went nuts and the bleachers looked like Mount Pleasant without the straight jackets.

Woltervton pitched a clean, steady game, and his support was of the best. By rights there should be a record-breaking crowd out today to see the boys slip another one over on the Cans.

The Score.

Burlington—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Matt, 2b	4	2	1	2	3	1
Geier, lf	4	0	1	6	0	0
Miller, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Dowling, ss	4	0	1	6	0	0
Clarke, 1b	4	0	2	8	1	0
Hippert, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Eng, c	3	0	0	8	4	0
Gray, cf	4	0	1	2	0	1
Wolverton, p	4	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	34	2	6	33	11	2

Hannibal—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Eberts, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton, ss	4	0	1	0	0	0
Ragan, 3b	4	0	1	1	4	0
Kerwin, lf	5	1	2	1	0	1
Webster, 1b	4	0	0	13	1	0
Dowers, cf	5	0	1	1	0	0
Foley, 2b	4	0	2	2	1	0
Cadigan, c	3	0	0	12	0	0
Kraft, p	4	0	0	0	6	0
Totals	38	1	7*	30	12	1

* No outs when winning run was made.

Score by innings—

Burlington	10000000001—2
Hannibal	01000000000—1

Summary.

Two base hit—Hamilton. Three base hits—Gray, Geier Kerwin. Struck out—by Wolverton 8, by Kraft 12. Bases on balls—off Wolverton 3, off Kraft 1. Stolen bases—Kerwin, Foley. Sacrifice hits—Geier, Eng, Webster. Hit by pitched ball—by Kraft 1. Umpire—Edinger. Time of game 2:30.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Central Association.

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Quincy	33	16	.673
OTTUMWA	31	20	.608
Hannibal	29	20	.592
Galesburg	27	23	.540
Keokuk	24	23	.511
Monmouth	22	29	.431
Kewanee	15	30	.333
Burlington	16	36	.308

National League.

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	36	16	.692
New York	32	21	.604
Pittsburg	26	24	.520
Cincinnati	26	26	.500
Philadelphia	25	26	.490
St. Louis	25	30	.455
Brooklyn	23	30	.434
Boston	18	38	.321

American League.

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	35	18	.660
Detroit	37	22	.627
New York	31	20	.608
Boston	29	24	.547
Cleveland	21	26	.447
Chicago	22	29	.431
Washington	23	33	.411
St. Louis	13	39	.250

Three-I League.

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Springfield	31	14	.689
Waterloo	28	23	.549
Bloomington	27	23	.540
Rock Island	25	22	.532
Peoria	26	23	.531
Davenport	21	29	.420
Danville	18	29	.382
Dubuque	19	32	.373

Western League.

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Sioux City	33	23	.589
Wichita	33	24	.579
Denver	32	26	.552
Omaha	29	28	.509
Lincoln	28	28	.500
Des Moines	28	32	.467
St. Joseph	21	32	.396
Topeka	21	32	.396

IN OUR SET

Being Little Stories Of Sporting Folks Gathered Everywhere.

By M. T.

Puzzle.—What is the difference when Wise muffs two flies in succession and Cavanaugh drops one?

Answer.—Eddie's popularity and the biased judgment of the fanatics.

A company of Chariton sports came to this village to get rich off of the Ottumwa sporting fraternity who have the Egan ball players sized up about right. The visitors from west of here went home with their purses depleted, thanks to the effective work of Jimmie Dunn and his pals.

Twenty-four hours each day is the way Ned Egan does service at the Myrtle street park. These torried nights are spent by the wily Ned on an improvised open-air bedroom at the park.

Pitcher Glass, last year with Jacksonville, who was sold with Earl Akers to Dubuque last winter, has been sold to the Lincoln club in the I. M. league.

Pitcher Alfred Patrick, two years ago with Jacksonville and last year with Springfield, has finally reported to Cleveland and may be given a chance to work soon.

President Justice has sent out another statement in which he warns managers against violation of the thirteen men team limit, adding that he will consider every protest on these grounds. The team limit has been a farce so far and if those clubs that are under the limit want to take advantage of the rest, they can have every game they lost thrown out.

Nugent, the Kewanee short stop, was manager of the Bay City team in the Southern Michigan league up to a few weeks ago. He resigned his job and came to Kewanee, finding the managerial duties too strenuous. Bay City is at the bottom of the heap.

Pitcher Schulz, of the Galesburgers, is the first Central flinger to be credited with a no-hit game this season. Schulz has been threatening all season and Wednesday finally got the thing out of his elongated system.

"Snapper" Kennedy at one time or another this season has released every member of his team but himself. He signs the majority of them over again before the bus gets down town.

Manager Connors of Kewanee, has released Pitcher George, the college man, who pitched some very good games for Kewanee this season.

Cincinnati left Phelan at home on its present trip and Hans Lobert has been entrusted with the job of teaching Artie how to play third base in the big leagues.

Ottumwa could win but a single game with either Hannibal or Quincy away from home, but on their own grounds the Packers have taken four out of five with these two clubs to date. Egan is hard to beat on his own grounds. Still he will have to get one more of the two remaining games to get an even break in the games Quincy has played him at Ottumwa this year.—Quincy Herald.

Big Ed Walker is having a run of bad luck. He has lost the last two games he pitched, errors being largely responsible. Of course he has been unfortunate in having so strong a team as Ottumwa against him each time, but his games would have been far closer with the chances in his favor, if there had been perfect support and a little stronger work on the part of the artillery. However, there is not much bombarding when Boyd is in the box. The little fellow has kept his hits down to a very small number in every game he has pitched this year and the best swatters fail to do much with him.

For the benefit of fans who are interested in statistics and have asked for the greatest number of consecutive victories by one pitcher, the following facts are given: In 1890 John Luby, pitcher for Chicago, won twenty games in succession, Chesbro, New York Americans, made a record of fourteen successive victories in 1904 and Ed Reulbach, of the Chicago Cubs equalled this record last season. These are the standing records in major league ball. In minor leagues Charles Bomar, pitcher for the Decatur club in the Three-I league in 1907, established the remarkable record of winning twenty and tieing two, not being defeated once in twenty-two games.

Ketchell Falls Down.

San Francisco, Calif., June 24.—The Langford-Ketchel fight was declared off yesterday. It was hoped to stage the battle at Reno July 4.

The promoters announced the failure of Ketchel to post the forfeit and the fact that he learned Ketchel could not hope to condition himself for the fight on July 4 had led him to declare the bout off.

According to the promoters Ketchel has not been taking care of himself.

SPECIAL DAY FOR DAN SENNO

PRESENTATION OF CHECK FOR $50 TO PLAYER FOR HITTING BULL TO BE OBSERVED

Ottumwa is going to have a "Senno day." When the team returns from its next trip on the road Manager Ned Egan will set aside one of the days for the dark skinned gardener and on this day he will be presented with the $50 check given by the Bull Durham people for hitting the big cut out bull sign in deep left field. The day will be made a special occasion and when Senno takes his place at the plate for the first time, the officiating umpire with the $50 check will step up to the little player and with fitting words will hand over the check. Dan says he'll acknowledge the gift by immediately driving out a home run clear over the bull.

Manager Ned Egan has also made arrangements to give away souvenirs on that day. They will be post card photographs of Senno who is the only Central association player who has hit the bull this year. The exact date of the big event will be announced later.

HAS PERFECT SCORE.

Riley Thompson of Cainsville, Mo., Wins 11th Annual American Handicap Shoot in Chicago.

Chicago, June 24.—Riley Thompson, of Cainsville, Mo., shooting from the nineteen-yard mark with an oldtime gun, won the eleventh annual Grand American Handicap with a perfect score of 100 yesterday. The result marked a new record for the event, the best previous score being 99 by R. R. Barbour, of Pauline, Ia., in 1905.

Squad No. 3 on trap No. 4 broke 100 straight targets, all six experts shooting from the twenty-yard mark. They were Jay Graham, of Long Lake, Ill.; J. W. Garrett, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; H. D. Freeman, of Atlanta, Ga.; Harvey Dixon, of Joplin, Mo., and Fred Ellett of Keithsburg, Ill.

A great many of the contestants finished well above the ninety mark. F. C. Bills, of Chicago, professional, broke 97 targets from the twenty-one yard mark, while Charles Spencer, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Topperwein, of San Antonio, each broke 96.

JEFF SNUBS JOHN L.

Big Fellow Refuses to Shake Hands With Sullivan—Sore at Alleged Roasts.

Reno, Nev., June 24.—Despite Tex Rickard's advice John L. Sullivan tried yesterday afternoon to interview Jeffries. He was denied admission to Jeffries' quarters and was told by Jim Corbett that Jeffries would not shake hands with him.

Sullivan demanded an explanation and Corbett answered that it was because of the many roasts Sullivan had given the big fight in the newspapers and from the stage.

Corbett cited a recent utterance attributed to Sullivan to the effect that if Jeffries won the fight it would be a fake. Sullivan hotly denied making such a statement. "You'll admit," said Corbett, "that a man who knocks his own game is a big stiff."

Sullivan returned to Reno.

FANNING'S WORK BLANKED BROWNS

PAVER WOORKMEN TRIM MONMOUTH CLUB—PITCHER IS SUPPORTED CLEANLY.

Galesburg, Ill., June 24.—Fanning allowed two hits yesterday and whiffed twelve men, landing his game in handy fashion, 4 to 0. Nasseth for Monmouth was also effective and went for five innings without giving a hit.

Kommers walked in the first for Galesburg, took second on an infield out and scored on a wild pitch. In the sixth Blausser walked, Nickell's wallop to left for two bases put him on third and Pitcher Nasseth knocked down Kilpatrick's hot grounder, but could not retrieve it, Blausser scoring. In the eight Kommers hit to right for two bases and Nickell's hit to left brought him to third, Nickell taking second scored on the throw in. Kilpatrick hit to third, scoring Krommers and Nickell scored while the Monmouth nine was running Kilpatrick down between first and second.

Galesburg:—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Blausser, 3b,	2	1	0	0	1	0
Krommers, cf.	3	2	1	0	0	0
Nickell, lf.	4	1	2	4	0	0
Kilpatrick, rf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Lotshaw, 1b.	4	0	0	7	0	0
Sensenbach, ss.	3	0	0	4	1	0
Brand, 2b.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Shea, c.	3	0	0	12	0	0
Fanning, p.	3	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	28	4	4	27	6	0

Monmouth—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Budha, ss.	4	0	0	2	3	1
Ihmscher, 3b.	4	0	1	1	1	0
Williams, rf.	3	0	1	1	1	0
Kaylor, lf.	1	0	0	1	1	0
Bateman, 1b.	4	0	0	12	1	0
Johnson, cf.	3	0	0	3	[illegible]	0
Siner, 2b.	3	0	0	2	3	0
Lage, c.	3	0	0	2	3	0
Nasseth, p	3	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	28	0	2	24	16	1

Score by innings:—

Galesburg	10000102*—4
Monmouth	00000000 0—0

Summary.

Stolen bases—Kilpatrick, Nickell. Two base hits—Williams, Kommers, Nickell. Three base hits—Irmscher. Bases on balls—Off Fanning, 3 off Nasseth, 5. Struck out—By Fanning, 12; by Nasseth, 3. Wild pitch—Nasseth, 1. Time of game—1:20. Attendance 310.—Umpire— Cleary.

San Francisco, June 24. —Will Thomas Flannagan ultimately be Johnson's manager? This is a question which confronts followers of the title holder's camp. Flannagan has been on the job some days. His ability as a trainer is recognized, and he and Johnson are on the best of terms.

Since Billy Nolan followed Little into the realms of the ex-managers, Johnson has been without a business representative, and Flannagan is thought by some to be a likely candidate.

Highest Salaried Detective in World

RICHARD PARR, WHO EXPOSED THE GREAT SUGAR WEIGHING FRAUD, WILL RECEIVE $100,000 FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR HIS WORK.

New York, June 24.—Want to make a million? Ask Richard Parr of the New York customs office. Parr is the man who discovered the frauds by means of which the government was being robbed by the sugar trust.

For this, and the work lasted only a few months, he is to be paid $100,000 by Uncle Sam. It is said to be the highest priced piece of detective work ever performed.

This was decided at a two-hour conference between Mr. Parr and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. A final settlement will be made by the last of the week.

It i slearned that ever since Mr. Parr made claim for a moiety in bringing to light the sugar frauds both President Taft and Secretary MacVeaugh have wanted to reward him, but the question of amount and the legality have always stood in the way.

Since Attorney General Wickersham gave an opinion, however, declaring that the law specifically stated that the secretary of the treasury could reward an official to an amount not exceeding 50 per cent of the amounts recovered, all doubt has been removed.

Never in the history of the government has such a large amount been recovered in cases of fraud as in the sugar cases; consequently the officials having in charge the paying of moieties were in doubt about paying as much as 50 per cent or even 25 per cent.

WEIGHTS FIGURE IN ALL RING GOES

NO AUTHORITATIVE RULES ON SUBJECT AND PRECEDENT IS ONLY GUIDANCE.

CHAMPIONS HAVE EDGE

They Boost Old Notches If It's To Their Advantage—Spicy Table For the Real Fight Fans.

Much of the bickering between fighters of the lesser weights than James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson has been due to the matter of how much the principals tip the scales. "A match well made is half won," is an axiom closely followed by managers of pugilists, and, as a result, they usually exert themselves to secure an advantage in the matter of weight. If a boxer can be brought into the ring at a weight which prevents him from fighting at his best it amount to a heavy handicap, so that it has been the aim of many managers to arrange a match with a view of weakening opponents.

The strongest exemplification of these tactics was in the fights between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson. Although Gans was the lightweight champion, he was so eager for the financial returns assured by a fight with the Dane that he permitted Nelson to dictate 133 pounds, ringside, the men to wear trunks and shoes on the scales. This brought Gans into the ring at 131 pounds, a weight at which the Baltimore negro was unable to show his best form and it is questionable if Gan's ill health at the present time was not due directly to the weakening effects of his preparation for both scraps with the Battler.

Champions Fix the Weights.

It is comparatively easy for boxers and their managers to haggle over the weight question, for the reason that no authoritative rules on the subject exist, and the only guidance is precedent. But even precedent is frequently ignored by title holders, who fix the weight at a figure favorable to themselves. In several instances when champions have outgrown a class they have set the weight notch close up to the limit of the class above.

Terry McGovern did this in the featherweight division when he fought Young Corbett at 126 pounds, and, after the mill, setting up the claim that he had not lost his featherweight title, as the weight was above 122 pounds, the accepted limit in this country. McGovern, by the way, was a victim of sharp practice when he met the late George Dixon, from whom he won the featherweight championship. Tom O'Rouke, Dixon's manager, thinking that McGovern would be very strong at 122 pounds, set the weight at 118 pounds, ringside. But McGovern happened to be strong enough at that weight to beat the little colored fighter into a state of submission.

Breezy Table for Fight Fans.

In view of the fact that precedent is the only factor in fixing the weights the poundage at which the champions in the different classes have defended their titles will prove interesting to students of pugilistic form. They are as follows:

Bantam class—Jimmy Barry at 105 to 115 pounds; Terry McGovern, 116; Harry Forbes, 116; Frankie Neil, 116; Jimmy Walsh 116; Johnny Coulon 116.

International bouts—McGovern-Palmer, Neil-Bowker, Evans-Bowker and Walsh-Stanley, all of 116. Coulon's claim without basis and precedent overwhelming in favor of 116.

Featherweight class—Cal McCarthy, 115; Dixon, 115, 118 and 122; McGovern, 122 to 126; Atell, 122 to 126. Majority of bouts at 122.

Lightweight class—Jack McAuliffe, 133 to 138; Kid Lavigne 133 to 135 at 3 p. m., at which weight he lost his title to Frank Erne. Joe Gans won the title at 136 and lost it to Nelson at 131½; Nelson, 131½ to 133 ringside, losing his title to Ad Wolgast at the latter figure. Precedent favors 133.

Welterweight class—Tommy Ryan, 142 to 145; Mysterious Billy Smith, 145; Matty Matthews, 142; Rube Ferns, 145; Joe Walcott, 145; Dixie Kid, 142. Precedent favors 145. Honey Mellody claimed title, but Dixie Kid beat Walcott on the coast in 1905, prior to the latter's defeat by Mellody.

Middleweight class—Jack Dempsey, 154; Bob Fitzsimmons, 154 to 158; Tommy Ryan, 158; Stanley Ketchel, 158. Precedent favors 158. Sam Langford considered the best man in this class and ready to fight Ketchel for the title.

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