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Walk where you will in the twilight of these warm summer evenings, and the chances are that you will meet a toad. He may be hopping along the garden path, with a dignified pause after each hop; he may be skipping out of your way, across a dusty country road, or he may be moving back and forth in the bright field of an electric light. Watch him for a few minutes, and you will begin to take an interest in this lowly, homely, much-despised and often much-abused little creature, for you will find him leading a busy, useful life. To the average person he is simply a toad, very loathsome, probably venomous, and capable of producing warts on the hands of those who are indelicate enough to touch his rough and unclean body. But give him fair play; judge him on twentieth-century evidence, and not only will these old superstitions be dispelled, but you will find your subject a harmless being, scrupulously clean, and, especially after he has shed his old skin, wonderfully beautiful. Yes, I see that smile of incredulity, but pick him up and look at his eyes, and perhaps you will no longer wonder that it was said that every toad had a jewel in his head; you may be willing to admit that every toad has two jewels in his head, when you look with appreciation at those dark, lustrous orbs with their rings of powdered gold. And that skin, which once you feared to touch, you will find on careful examination to be beautifully marked and tinted. The beauty was there all the time, but the evil of superstition had hidden it from your view.

Now set him gently on the ground, and follow him about at a reasonable distance; watch him off and on for the rest of the summer, and I think you will come to the conclusion that you have many neighbors who do less and talk more about it than your funny old friend the toad. Just make a list of the creatures he eats during the year, and you will find, as Prof. A. H. Kirkland did, that it includes such things as ants, earthworms, thousand-legged worms, tent caterpillars, ground beetles, May beetles, wireworm beetles, weevils, grasshoppers, crickets, spiders, sow-bugs, potato beetles, carrion beetles, snails and angle-worms.

When you remember that most of these creatures are injurious to crops, and that during a large part of the year the toad fills his stomach about four times a day with them, you will admit that he does a pretty good season's work for the farmer.

It is in the spring and during the breeding season that toads have the most to say for themselves. At this season hundreds of these little creatures gather in quiet ponds, which are soon awakened into life by the love-song of the males; a musical, rippling song which William Hamilton Gibson describes as the "sweetest sound in nature." Here the females deposit their eggs, very small and black, and set at short intervals in long strings of transparent jelly. Thousands of these eggs may be found lying upon the mud at the bottom of the ponds or twined about the water plants which grow there. In about two weeks, the period of incubation depending somewhat on the temperature of the water, the eggs are hatched, and the polywogs wriggle out and begin to feed on the strings of jelly which lately encompassed them. They grow rapidly, and in the course of a few weeks more the legs are developed, the tail is resorbed, and the tiny toads leave the water for a life on dry land. They are very sensitive to the sun's rays, and during the day they hide away under all sorts of objects which afford them shade, until evening or until a shower of rain tempts them out into the cool, moist air. In some cases, after rain, they come out in great numbers, and the country newspapers report that they came down in the shower itself. While thus small, they are picked up and eaten by many species of birds, and even after they are full grown they are regarded as regular prey by hawks, owls, snakes, and probably skunks and many other nocturnal creatures. The fact that they usually spend their days under cover, doubtless saves them from many creatures which would otherwise prey upon them. Their only means of defense seems to be an acid secretion of the skin, which is very distasteful to dogs and some other animals, but which quite fails to discourage the birds of prey.

Some time ago I saw a toad shed his old skin. First the skin split in a straight line down the middle of the back, and the toad with his hind legs pulled it down and off as one might pull off a coat. Then, rolling up the skin into a sort of ball, he promptly swallowed it, showing his disinclination to waste anything—even his cast-off clothes.
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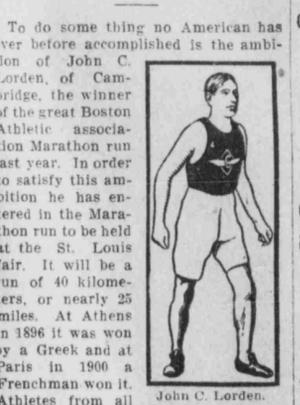
SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

A question often discussed by baseball fans but one seldom decided is: who is the best first baseman in the big leagues to-day? Every ball player is recognized as having some weakness, be it in fielding, batting or base running. In the opinion of Comiskey, owner of the "White Stockings" in the American league, John Ganzel, of the New York American league, is the prince of all first sackers of to-day. Comiskey was a first baseman of the first magnitude in his day and knows a good one when he sees him. As a fielder, full of ginger and always fighting, Ganzel probably has no equal, he thinks. High and low throws are alike to him and whether the ball is hit to either the right or the left or straight at him makes no difference. Many a ball ticketed for a safe hit is knocked down by him as it is speeding over the bag close to the foul line and the runner is retired. Frank Isbell, Comiskey's substitute first baseman, is another great fielder, much on the same order as Ganzel. He is a product of Comiskey's, who retired him from the pitcher's box to teach him the intricacies of the job about first. But Isbell cannot hit the ball and for that reason Comiskey picked up "Jigs" Donohue. Donohue is not regarded as Isbell's or Ganzel's class as a fielder, especially on ground balls, either thrown or hit, but he can hit the ball timely and hard. George Lachance, of the Champion Boston team, has one qualification that entitles him to be classed as a first baseman and that is his hitting. As a fielder he is not up to the class of Ganzel or Isbell and as a base runner he is a "joke." All the others of the American league are one-sided players, troubled with either a lack of base hits or inability to field well. In the National league the brightest star is thought by many critics to be Fred Tenney, of the Boston club. "Kitty" Bransfield, of the Pirates is a good one, too, especially as he can hit the ball some, but for general all-round work Tenney is regarded by experts and ball players alike as the best in that organization. Tenney's one weakness is a low ball, especially a low throw. Anything above his knees he eats up with avidity, but lower than that the result is problematical. Chance, of the Cubs, has developed wonderfully and is especially valuable on account of his great hitting ability. His effectiveness is somewhat nullified on account of his numerous injuries, his affliction of rheumatism and lack of perfection in fielding. Sifting the 16 first basemen of the two leagues down apparently brings the question of decision between Ganzel and Isbell as fielders of the American league, and Tenney and Bransfield, of the National, with odds in favor of the New York American leaguer.



John Ganzel.

To do some thing no American has ever before accomplished is the ambition of John C. Lorden, of Cambridge, the winner of the great Boston Athletic association Marathon run last year. In order to satisfy this ambition he has entered in the Marathon run to be held at the St. Louis fair. It will be a run of 40 kilometers, or nearly 25 miles. At Athens in 1896 it was won by a Greek and at Paris in 1900 a Frenchman won it. Athletes from all over the world are coming to take part in these games, and in this long run Lorden will be pitted against the best long-distance runners on both sides of the Atlantic. John Lorden, who is 28 years old, is an Irish-American, having been born in the old country, but came over here at an early age, however, and all his noteworthy running has been done in this country. He is five feet seven inches in height and weighs 135 pounds. His weight never varies. While it was the Marathon of 1903 that brought Lorden into national prominence, it was not his first great race by any means. He ran in the race of 1901, and finished fifth. Again, in 1902, he ran and was beaten only by Sammy Mellor and J. J. Kennedy, of Roxbury. The next year he won. He has also won many cups in races at shorter distances.



John C. Lorden.

The final installments on the forfeit of \$15,000 have been posted for the Jeffries-Monroe contest, the date of which is set for August 26, next. Of the total amount of forfeit Jeffries has paid in \$5,000, Monroe \$5,000 and the same amount by the Yosemite club, under whose auspices the battle will be fought.

By defeating Harry L. Waldner in the contest for the northwest tennis championship at Minneapolis, Reuben G. Hunt added another title to his credit. Hunt now holds several tennis championships. He also successfully defended his title of champion of Wisconsin at Milwaukee by defeating George Parks.

R. F. Doherty and H. L. Doherty, the English champions, will not defend their doubles and singles tennis championships at Newport. The Dohertys failing to defend their championships, the winners of the East vs. West doubles match will become the doubles champions, and the winner of the all comers in the singles will become singles champion.

STATELY
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