LIVE SPORTING GOSSIP

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS
BASEBALL, BOXING, WRESTLING, GOLF, RACING, FOOTBALL, AND OTHER ATHLETICS

HERE YOU ARE, GENTS: SAFE AND SANE SUMMARY OF GRIDIRON CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EACH SECTION BY NUTYARD NATHAN

Capital News Dope Expert Weighs, Sifts, Analyzes and Assays Claims of Pigskin Aggregations to Laurels of Respective Divisions—Harvard in East, Ohio in Mid-west, Pullman on Coast, Given Credit Due to Each—IF!

Nut Yard-on-the Inseine,
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GENTS AND MARRIED MEN:

Just because I picked Hughes to win in the last presidential election, Willard at Toledo, and the Sox in the world's series, my boss says that I'd be the logical guy to pick this year's football champs. Since I'm a glutton for punishment, why here goes.

Football teams, I find, are just like boxers and wrestlers because regardless of whom they beat they are always claiming the championship of some thing or other. Some unknown boxer will slip the K. O. to some other unknown pug and what is the result? He immediately claims to be paperweight champ of Peanut Crossing, Iowa, or some other dump. A wrestler pins the shoulders and cement dome of some other mat infestor to the canvas and right away he claims the tonweight championship of Ali Bara Bara, Hindustan. Or, going to football, Pohunk college wallops the State school for the Blind and at once claims the championship of Cincinnapolis county, Pennsyltucky.

As long as football games are played, bouts are staged to fleece the very gentle public or wrestling matches are conducted to compete with the cutthroats, championships will continue to be claimed.

UNPRECEDENTED SEASON

This season in football, championships will be claimed as never before, because the pigskin game is this year in its glory. But to pick the champion in any section of the good old U. S. A. is about as easy as predicting when hen fruit will again sell for two bits per twelve. In one sense of the word it is a mighty good thing for football that things are as they are, because the dope experts cannot bore us with their predictions. It is impossible for them to prophesy much, because they are bound to be wrong and if they do that sort of thing too much they are sure to lose their jobs.

On the other hand it is bad because the critics will be writing about this season with its upsets when our present college stars are wearing long gray beards instead of the dark shrubbery that now infests their upper lips. Truly this season has been full of upsets and to pick sectional champs is a hard task. For example in the East there is no such thing as an undisputed champion. In the next football guide Walter Camp will be unable to place the picture of any team immediately after his own, both separated from the rest of the guide by "contents" as was possible in 1914, 1915 and 1916.

METHODS OF JUDGING

To pick a championship team in the East, depends entirely upon the angle from which the situation is viewed. The various viewpoints to be considered are: the undefeated team, the team with the highest percentage in games won and lost, the team with the best offensive record in points scored, and the team with the best defensive record.

The first consideration is the undefeated team. Harvard has the only undefeated team at present and if she defeats Yale the laurels are hers. Outside of Boston (victors over Yale) and Princeton, the Crimson has had an easy season of it. Harvard won from Colby, (a team not a contender) Brown (who lost to Yale, Colgate and Syracuse by larger scores than they did to Harvard), Virginia, Springfield "Y" College, and Tufts. And she was tied by Princeton.

Taking it on a percentage basis the team with the next best record is Syracuse, who has seven victories and one defeat on her record. Syracuse won a neat victory over Pitt, but Washington and Jefferson came along and upset the championship dope by slipping the New Yorkers a 13 to 0 defeat. Had Syracuse won that game she would have been undisputed champion. The Orange also won from Army, Brown, Rutgers, Bucknell and Colgate.

Colgate won five games, lost one and was tied in one game. The Hamilton team won from Princeton, Brown and Cornell, but was tied by Dartmouth and then lost to Syracuse. Pittsburg won five, lost one and had one tie game. They won from West Virginia, Georgia Tech and Washington and Jefferson, but were tied by Penn and lost to Syracuse.

DEBIT AND CREDIT TOTALS

Penn State won from Penn and Cornell but lost to Dartmouth and spoiled her chances. Dartmouth won from Cornell and Penn State, but was tied by Colgate and lost to Brown, spoiling an excellent chance for the title. Navy while playing an easy schedule like Harvard, was in line for the first honors until she fell the victim to Georgetown.

The team piling up the highest score in points among the Eastern elevens was Navy with 277, but 121 of these were against Colby. Penn is second with 248, the largest number having been run up against the smaller schools early in the season. Harvard was third with a total of 159 points, with distribution among all of the season's games fairly equal.

Turning to the best defensive team, Washington and Jefferson would carry off first honors, but for one touchdown being registered against the Presidents, and that one by Pitt. Harvard is second in this respect with but 10 points on her debit sheet (and these were scored by Princeton) all the other five games being shut outs. So although some experts disclaim Harvard's right as a title holder because of an easy season, yet her offensive and defensive records entitle her to some credit—if only Yale doesn't come along and spill the Cambridge beans.

SAME WAY IN WEST

In the Western conference conditions are similar. Ohio State has a clean slate, but with the exception of Wisconsin, she has not taken on any of the big conference teams. Ohio still has Illinois to contend with and like Harvard in the Yale game, if she can slide by, fine! But if not—the nut yard is the next stop for the dope critics.

Chicago has a good record—won five games, but lost one game, and that to Illinois, who in turn lost to Wisconsin, who lost to Minnesota, who lost to Illinois and Iowa. Oh, the situation is as clear as a dingy cellar on a stormy night! The Illini have also won five and lost one, and that one to Wisconconsin, who as explained before, lost to Minnesota, who lost to Iowa, who lost to Illinois. The thing goes in a circle the same as the ring of price boosters, each one blaming the one in front.

Zupke seems to have a fiendish delight in pulling a defeat on someone, thus throwing a boulder in the otherwise smooth going conference championship. So until after the Ohio-Illinois game, no conference critic will rest easy. Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa each have lost two games, while Michigan has lost three and Northwestern four. Notre Dame is another undefeated western team. The Catholics have victories over Nebraska, Army, Indiana and M. A. C. to their credit and have scored 168 points to their opponents' 21.

Considering the best Conference scoring machine, Chicago has 203 points to her credit, but 124 of these were against Great Lakes, a non-conference team. Otherwise in actual conference games, Illinois stands ace high with 52 points and Chicago is second with 79. On the defensive, Ohio is leader, but one conference team having scored on the Buckeyes, namely Michigan with a field goal. Chicago is second in this respect also, having had but 16 points chalked up against her.

SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST

In the South Georgia Tech has the right-of-way by virtue of victories over Vanderbilt and Georgetown. Vanderbilt is second and the race in the South is an interesting one, despite the fact, that unlike most places, there is an undisputed champ in Dixie and that the title is already settled.

In the Missouri valley Nebraska seems to hold sway because of victories over both Kansas and Missouri. Her claims are disputed however, by Ames, who defeated the Cornhuskers 3 to 0 and Oklahoma, who tied her 7 to 7.

In the Southwest Oklahoma had a good record by virtue of ties with Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, but in games in her own section, the Sooner eleven lost to Arkansas. The Swampers, on the other hand were defeated by Texas, so the Southwestern title seems to hang on the belt of the Lone Star outfit.

In the intermountain district, Utah has things her way, having won from Montana, Colorado and Idaho. The Mormons still have the Utah Aggies to contend with and if the East and Mid-West are examples of what might happen—look out!

On the Coast there is another fine clear tangle. Washington State had a clean slate, winning from Idaho, Oregon and California and then lost to the University of Washington, who had lost to Oregon. So here likewise if you can dope out the winner you will earn a berth in the Hall of Fame as an Immortal.

AHA! THE SUMMARY!

Therefore:
In the East:
Harvard is champ IF she beats Yale.
Colgate would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Syracuse.
Syracuse would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Washington and Jefferson;
Washington and Jeff would be the champ IF she hadn't lost to Pitt;
And Pitt would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Syracuse.
So choose your own winner.
In the West:
Ohio is champ IF she beats Illinois.
Chicago would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Illinois;
Illinois would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Wisconsin;
Wisconsin would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Minnesota and Ohio.
Take your pick.
On the Coast:
Washington State would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Washington.
Washington would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Oregon.
Oregon would be champ IF she hadn't lost to Washington State.
Aw, let's quit while we are still sane.
NUTYARD NATHAN.

CHARLIE PETERS, "WRESTLING SHERIFF," MEETS SANTEL MONDAY NIGHT

WIN FROM SANTEL MEANS REPUTATION FOR BIG GRAPPLER

"Why can't I beat Santel?" asked the wrestling sheriff of Sarpy county, Neb., the evening he arrived in Boise for his wrestling match with the light heavyweight champion at the Pinney theatre tomorrow night. "I won from Plestina in less than an hour, and he wrestled with that big fellow three hours without a fall."

Promoter Nick Collins was questioning Peters before several members of the Boise Athletic club. The Nebraskan was frank to say he believed he could do it, and just as frank with the opinion it would boost his stock if he did, more than anything he could accomplish.

"If I win from Santel, it's me for New York," said he. "I'll demand a match from Stecher, Lewis and that select crowd. When they ask who I've beaten, I'll tell 'em Plestina and Santel, both champions of America. I can demand to meet Gama, the great Hindoo who threw Doc Roller in one minute, and that man from Switzerland whom Hackenschmidt has discovered. Both of them are coming to this country. Gama and I could draw $50,000 in my home town of Omaha. That's why I want to beat Santel.

"And Santel is known as the toughest man on the mat now wrestling, but at the same time the fairest, squarest and gamest. He's one of the few great ones who doesn't resort to foul means to win. Beating him will be considered a greater feat than beating Plestina. That's the way the wrestlers and promoters in New York will look at it."

Boise is in for the greatest wrestling match ever seen here when Peters and Santel begin to paw each other tomorrow night. Peters has beaten Plestina once, Santel has two wins over Plestina on the records. Both believe their present condition and their future prospects at their best.

Boise has been enjoying better wrestling than any place in America except New York, says a former resident here on a visit from the metropolis. Good regulation and the capable direction of Commissioner Tom Sherlock are to be credited for it, he says. Mr. Sherlock's insistence that decisions be rendered has made the game clean and square, for each man knows he has to win or lose.

So, it is the confidence of the fans and the ambitions of the men themselves that draw the houses. The biggest house yet is forecasted by the out-of-town advance sale for tomorrow night.

CENSORED.

("Bobs' in San Francisco Examiner, on hearing it rumored that it would be against the law even to print the names of those drinks the gents in white aprons used to draw out of kegs).

The muse is dinging in my ear
To write a pome entitled "B—r",—
But not for me with law to jest,
No dactyl, iamb, anapest,
No roundelay nor sonnet to
The trickful, kickful, lawless br—wl
Nor yet, while yonder yawns the jail,
Will foamy, brown October a—e
Creep in to get a single item.
Let braver scribes than I now write 'em.
I'll take the new laws as they come,
And never mention Demon R—m.

SARGE MAKES GOOD FOR FANS AT BUHL

Money Refunded After Two Preliminaries and One Fall of Main Go--Good Card Booked for Thanksgiving.

"Sarge' Charles F. Clark, formerly sporting editor of the Capital News, now editor of the Buhl Republican and promoter of the Buhl Athletic association, said on a recent visit to Boise that he was working under a self-imposed agreement to refund to spectators their admission money if performers were found to stall or frame up any bouts.

He was obliged to make this agreement good last Tuesday night. The acting commissioner declared, on complaint of George Nelson, wrestler in the main event, that Dan Petroff, his opponent, had rubbed oil on his body in the intermission between falls. An Omega oil bottle was found in his dressing room. Of course, his defense is that he was using it as a liniment only. But the match was declared no contest, and Sarge returned the ticket money to the fans, who had already seen two good preliminaries and one fall in the main go.

Two good boxing matches of 12 to 15 rounds each are announced for the Buhl association's show Thanksgiving day. George Sollis of Denver and Jay Solomon of Salt Lake are two of the battlers, Ray Copenbarger of Buhl and Young Leonard of Seattle, the other pair. With his customary grandiloquence Sarge declares this is "the first time in the history of Idaho sport that two shows are given in one night for the admission price of one."

TENNIS LEAGUE IS PLANNED FOR FIVE LEADING COLLEGES

Not long since it was announced that the big colleges would not be recognized in the national tennis association any more unless they recognized tennis as a major sport on the same basis with other games and awarded the college letter for it. But the proposal has not won the consent of the schools to do this. At Harvard the question was put up to the student body and turned down.

Yale also failed to put tennis on the plane of a major sport. Now the leaders in the net game are trying to organize an inter-collegiate tennis league composed of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania. Charles Garland, twice captain of the Yale tennis team, is actively interested in the plan, Captain George Helm of Harvard favors it, and the other three colleges mentioned are being approached with the proposal.

Formation of the league depends, as matters now stand, upon securing the agreement of the several athletic councils to give the champion team their major letters. The custom in some of the schools now is to award the initial to the winner of the intercollegiate title. Probably if the league were formed and developed more interest in the student body it would lead to securing the desired recognition from the athletic councils. Conversely, it is argued that tennis now interests as many undergraduates as any other sport, but that placing it on a letter basis will give it additional consideration which it deserves.

The teams will play each other as they do now. But if the league plan goes through there will also be an intercollegiate tournament, and probably professional coaches will be employed at the various schools.

WANT AMENDMENT TO RACING RULES RESTORING TROTTERS AND PACERS TO SLOWER CLASSES IF WINRACES STAND

Track History Shows Most Great Winners Are Wasted and Sent Back to Farm Soon After They Reach Top Form and Establish Records—Prolonging Useful Life of Racers Will Better Sport and Add to Values.

By W. H. GOCHER

The proposed amendment to the rules of light harness racing, under which horses that have failed to reduce their winraces in two years will be restored to the slow classes, has met with almost the unanimous support of all the associations that have made reports on the subject. A few owners, however, appear to be of the opinion that the restoration of outclassed horses to the slow classes will discourage what they call the "little fellows" from bringing out green horses.

In this respect they have overlooked the fact that the rating of the big or little fellow is fixed by the quality of his racing material whether it is green or developed. Those who follow the turf know that an owner may be racing on the mile tracks this year while next season he may be in the bushes. In other words, his route is fixed by the speed of his horses. This also applies to trainers as well as owners. They go where they think they can win, not where it looks easy, as experience has taught everyone that a few walkovers except at meetings where the fields are so light that the association is compelled to make up specials and give each starter a specified amount, regardless of his position at the finish of the race.

WOULD REMEDY SHORTAGE

The restoration of over six thousand horses to the slow classes will prevent this. There is also no one disguising the fact that there is a shortage of trotters and pacers. From 1914 to 1918 there was a drop of almost fifty per cent in the number of new 2:30 performers and this year will not show an increase. The figures in 1914 were 1124 trotters and 1063 pacers while in 1918 the returns were 615 trotters and 551 pacers.

The fair associations which give over seventy-five per cent of the race meetings each season must have horses to fill their classes and if they cannot get them, there is but one remedy and that is to substitute some other form of entertainment for their patrons. Whether the gallopers, athletic events, auto racing or shows will take the place of the trotters and pacers rests with those who can see far enough ahead to bridge the gap in the light harness racing world until increased production which cannot fail to follow the strong demand and higher prices which home and foreign buyers are now paying.

On the running turf a horse can be raced as long as he remains sound. One year he may be in the stakes, the next in the handicaps, and the following one in selling races, but regardless of that fact he can always start with a chance of winning and his owner can always find races for him. With the trotter, the waste has been appalling for years. Horses were plentiful and no one considered it worth while to call a halt. After a year or two a clever performer reached top form and disappeared, not because he was unsound or raced out, but because he could no longer win in the class to which he was eligible. For years these horses found a place on the roads or speedways but both of these markets are closed and all that is left now is matinee clubs or back to the farm.

TEMPORIZING PROPOSED

A few advocate an increased time allowance for horses that are outclassed in the fast events. This would help a little in some places, but in the majority of cases it would drop the horses into events with trotters or pacers that have been specially prepared for them and which before the end of the season are racing almost as fast as the free for allers. This was shown by the 2:10 and 2:12 classes on the mile tracks and in the 2:17 and 2:15 classes on the half-mile tracks this season.

A brief survey of the eastern half-mile track meetings shows what outclassed trotters and pacers have to contend with. Baron Hal, one of the old guard and still a useful horse, made his winrace in 1912. In 1916 he won one out of eight starts, in 1917 two out of ten, in 1918 two out of twelve, and in 1919 two out of ten. Down in Maine the trotter Baron Sidnut made his winrace in 1913. In 1916 he started twice but failed to win, in 1917 he failed to show in front in ten races. In 1918 he won one out of seven starts, while this year he failed to score in five races. The clever old trotter Carnathan is another fair sample. He made his winrace in 1914. In 1916 he won one out of eleven races, while he was started nine times in 1917 and six in 1918 without winning. Phyllis the Great made her winrace in 1916. Since then she started eight times in 1917, nine in 1918, and eight in 1919 but failed to win. Pony Boy II won eleven out of nineteen starts in 1917 but failed in ten races in 1918 and had but one winning tab in 1919.

OTHER HALF-MILERS

Hurry On was marked in 1913. He was started in ten races in 1918 and 1919 without winning. Acheen made his winrace in 1913, while his card shows that he was started in five races in 1916, four in 1917, and four in 1918 without winning. Alice M. was raced in Virginia and Maryland and Pennsylvania. She made her winrace in 1913. In 1914 she won four out of fifteen starts, in 1917 four out of fourteen, and in 1918 failed to land after eight opportunities. A. M. in 1916 won ten out of seventeen starts, in 1917, three out of twelve, while in 1918 and 1919 he was started in sixteen races without winning.

These half-mile track horses are referred to on account of the statement that the change would benefit starters on only the mile tracks. What goes on one will always fit the other. The only difference between them is the rate of speed and size of the oval.

From another quarter there has been a protest that this change will injure the breeder, possibly for the same reason if a man gets his shoes repaired instead of purchasing a new pair, he reduces or retards the output of the manufacturer. What is he going to do, however, if he cannot get a new pair or a new horse?

Anything that will prolong the useful racing life of a trotter or pacer adds to his value. That is what the proposed amendment will do. Anything that will keep a stallion's get before the public and in the winning column helps the breeder of that strain of stock. That is what the proposed amendment will do. Anything that will give the public more and better racing instead of light fields and one sided contests will add to the revenue of the fairs and racing associations and encourage them to give larger purses with liberal conditions and more meetings. That is what the proposed amendment will do.

WHERE THEY BELONG

Instead of seeing such well known half-mile track performers as Alice M., A. M., Baron Hal, Baron Sidnut, and Phyllis the Great racing their heads off year after year for nothing, they will be given an opportunity to win again before they are reclassified with new competitors. What is true of them is also true of the mile track horses that have been trailing in the dust for several seasons.

There is no danger of any of the 2:10 kind going to the pumpkin shows to make a clean up in the 2:40 or 2:30 classes. They never did and they never will. They will be raced where they belong and where they will have a chance to win purses that are commensurate with their value. That is what fixes the place where horses are started.

Racing today is a business proposition. There is very little sentiment in it other than what is seen in the futurities. Such things flutter out of the window when the aged horses turn for the word. They are after the money first, last and all the time, and the proposed amendment, if adopted, will give the outclassed ones another opportunity to make a bid for it. That they will have to be up to something in order to make another appearance in the column of winners is evidenced by the showing of the new material. McGregor the Great and Senardo show what is being done on the mile tracks while on the two lap courses they will be called upon to meet horses that can do what Millie Irwin and Belgic did this year and what Red Bearer and Ruby Aubrey showed in 1918.

MOONDOG HOWLS

YEA, BO.

The Joys now almost reign supreme,
'Cause football's nearly through,
And there can be no more upsets
When no more games are due.

Just when the football season ends and the world begins to seem like a place worth while living in, the wrestling and six-day bike seasons open. Truly its wondammthing after another.

FEETBALL.

Lives of football men remind us
That we too should gather fame,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on some person's frame.

Pat Moran, we are told, just narrowly missed becoming a big league ump, but became a manager instead. You've got to hand it to Pat; he at least stayed honest.

"As a speaker, Babe Ruth is a good baseball player," says a news item, after Babe gets all balled up in a recent speech. Well, how many of our great speakers are also famous ball players?

Just after that noise about the Sox throwing the series to the Reds dies down, some bird busts into print with the old stuff about the Reds talking and "riding" the Sox out of the games. If some of these nothing-to-do-till-tomorrow yeggs thought up as much sense as they do bunk, what an intellectual world this would be

On Dec. 17 the scientists say there will be great atmospheric disturbances. We thought the Baseball meetings came later than Dec. 17.

Or maybe they're going to continue work on the Mays' case then.

BUNK.

If all the bunk of the sporting world
Were in one heap piled high
The sense therein contained you could
Put into either eye.

COAST BALLPLAYERS SING IN VAUDEVILLE

Talk about barber shop or bath house harmony! We have now with us, or will have shortly, a quartet of Pacific coast leaguers singing on Pantages vaudeville stages. Yes sir, professional. Harry Krause and Ira Colwell of the Oaks, Phil Koerner of the San Francisco Seals, and Scotty Alcock of the Vernon Tigers are the warblers who laid off the umps enough during the past season to save some voice for the stage this winter. And they have been assured of bookings until they have to report for spring training.

A. D. 2000.

Old man came walking down the street, his age one hundred years.
"I still am working hard," said he
and shed he many tears.

"I started out in year '19
when young and full of grace.
But still I labor for you see
I'm on the old Mays' case."

SPORT SNAPSHOTS

It must be said for Pat Moran that he is not lacking in energy or in foresight either, for that matter. With the gray November days upon us and the average baseball manager still conning over the details of the last pennant chase or settling down for a long winter's nap the leader of the world's champion Reds is busily engaged in laying his plans for the 1920 training season and the next mad whirl in quest of the bunting.

Pat already has decided that he will condition his men at Waxahachie, Tex., where the Reds trained last spring. He arrived at this decision in spite of the fact that the 1919 training trip of the Reds was one of the most dismal in the annals of the pastime. It so happened that that section of Texas, usually blessed with ideal baseball weather in the early spring, was visited by continuous rainfall. Almost from the time the Reds reached the training camp they were hampered in their work by rain and cold, piercing winds. The ball park was converted into a bog and in desperation Pat took his players into the meadows and under covered bridges over the railroad tracks, so that they might at least keep their muscles in a fairly limber state by tossing a ball around. After two weeks of this sort of stuff Moran broke camp and took the Reds back to Cincinnati, where they completed their training.

There are two reasons why Moran has decreed that the Reds shall train at Waxahachie again. One is that the inhabitants of the town treated the players royally and are anxious to have them return, particularly as they are now the baseball champions of the universe. The other is that weather conditions such as the club encountered last spring are not likely to obtain next spring. The Detroit club trained in Waxahachie for three years and lost but very few days because of inclement weather.

Incidentally the Tigers have let it be known that a joint tour with the Reds next spring would be greatly to their liking, but Moran, before whom the matter has been laid for consideration, has not yet determined to accept the plan proposed by Detroit. It is not unlikely that he will agree to put his club against the outfit led by Hughie Jennings, for such a series should prove extremely profitable. Naturally the fans in the southwest are anxious to see the new champions in action, and there is no club in the American league, with the possible exception of the Yankees, which draws as well on the tank town circuit as the Tigers. It will be remembered by those who remember such things that the Giants and Tigers conducted the most successful spring exhibition tour on record through the southwest in 1917.

That Redland fans are looking forward keenly to the coming of another pennant fight is evidenced by the fact that already the Cincinnati club has received requests for reservations for the opening game of the 1920 campaign. The opening game of the season in Cincinnati always is quite an affair and it is a common thing for rabid fans to put in their bids for tickets as early as the first of the year, but this is the first time in the memory of even Frank Bancroft that the bugs have been on the job as early as this. Citizens of Cincinnati who are given to laying wagers now and then are said to be betting that the crowd that sees the opening game next spring will be larger than that which attended the sixth game of the late world series. The turnstiles registered more than 32,000 admissions to the game in question.

KANSAS WOMEN HAVE TRAPSHOOTING CLUBS

There is a federation of women trapshooters in Kansas that has 45 active members and with shooting clubs in five counties. It is the idea of the federation to have a woman's shooting club in every city and hamlet in the state, and women, as a rule, accomplish everything they set their minds on doing. Consequently, we look for Kansas to be dotted with women's trapshooting clubs within the next few years.

A. VICTIM.

"I hear you spent four hours last night in a poker den."
"Ugh."
"Were you in this den or not?"
"I was in the anteroom," her husband admitted.—Pittsburgh Sun.

THE BOXER'S BLENHEIM.

It was a Winter's evening
the pug had just come too.
With dizzy head he thought about
the bout he had been through.
"I knew I was knocked cold," said he,
"but 'twas a famous victory."