

SPORTS

A large portion of the pugilistic talent of this country is likely to be in England by June 1. Messrs. Lea and Gavia, the representatives of the National Sporting Club of London, who have come to this country to get athletes for the sports of the coronation festivities, evidently have enough money at their disposal to make three or four matches among leading American fighters.

Although it has been reported that the Englishmen wanted Fitzsimmons and Jeffries as attractions, it is hardly likely they will pay the figure that would be demanded by the champion and the Cornishman. Fitz and Jeffries already have an important engagement, and will probably be content to fulfill it before making any further plans.

It is fortunate for the fighters that there is a demand for their services in England. A good field has just been closed to the heavyweights by the action of the authorities of Louisville. Outside of San Francisco, Louisville was the best stamping ground for fighters, if six-round bouts in Chicago and Philadelphia are excepted.

The Old-Time Cyclists.

There are few cyclists of the "old guard" who still hold forth on the track. The others have gone into business, many in lines connected with cycling and automobilism, and many have achieved success in the business world. Johnnie Johnson is in business in Minneapolis. Walter Sanger is a manufacturer of handle bars in Milwaukee. J. Pye Bliss, the "midget," is running bowling alleys in partnership with Dave Shafer, the old promoter, in Hammond, Ind. Arthur Lumsden is representing a tire firm in Buffalo. Harry Tyler is a gentleman farmer in Lansingburg, N. Y. A. D. Kennedy is in the insurance business in Chicago. Ray MacDonald is a machinist in New York State. "Billy" Murphy is in business in Syracuse. "Eddie" Bose is an advertising man. "Birdie" Munger, who a couple of years ago managed Major Taylor when the colored boy was doing his record-breaking stunts, has invented a vehicle tire and is at the head of a company in the rubber trust. Charlie Murphy, who was second to Zimmerman when the latter won his first race on Long Island, sells bicycles in Brooklyn. "Willie" Windle, who after giving up bicycling became an evangelist, is said to be thinking of embarking in the automobile business. Arthur Zimmerman probably will try his luck soon as an automobilist, and his work in races on the track would probably guarantee that he would become an expert and daring chauffeur.

Showed Eustans How to Drive.

George F. Fuller of Nashville, Tenn., left St. Petersburg for his home after three years of service with the imperial stud at Krinovic. Mr. Fuller had a three years' contract to train trotting drivers how to manage horses. He received 16,000 rubles a year and his keep and he sent 45,000 rubles to Tennessee to be invested in a farm on the Lebanon pike. This fact is worth recording, for, as was remarked when Mr. Fuller left, "lots of people have thought money into Russia, but few have been known to take any out."

Death of John Lawson.

John Lawson, known upon the bicycle tracks as the "Terrible Swede," died at Milwaukee of pneumonia. Lawson caught a severe cold while riding a whirl, and it developed quickly into pneumonia. He was sent to St. Joseph's hospital and his condition became so serious his brothers, Iver and Ray Lawson, were sent for. Lawson made a game battle, but the disease was too much for him. His illness began his track work in 1894 and he was soon hailed as the middle distance champion of the world. In 1897 he became



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Racing in Colorado.

News from Denver is to the effect that there will be more than usual occupation for the runners in Colorado this year. A large number of horses which were wintered successfully at Overland Park are now being prepared for the season's campaign, which is to wind up with a big meeting at the Denver track in June. It is said that Tom Stark, the Colorado Springs horseman, has several very promising youngsters, and that he is planning to campaign in the East.

Elmer Forsberg.

This is the portrait of a 19-year-old Rockford, Ill., boy who recently made twelve successive strikes for a perfect score of 300 in a regular championship league bowling match.



Gene Field and Haverly.

On the programme at the Haverly benefit at New York recently was reprinted these lines, written of him by Eugene Field, and it is safe to say that they attracted more attention than any other reading matter there displayed: "Jack Haverly, Jack Haverly! I wonder where you are. Are your fortunes cast with Sirius or 'neath some kinder star? How happens that we never see your wondrous minstrel show, With its apt alliterations, as we used to years ago? All the obnoxious aggregation that afflicts these modern times Are equally unworthy of our prose and of our rhymes; And I vainly pine and hanker for the joys that used to come With the trumpet's ump-ta-ra-ra and the big base drum."

Good Reason for Trotters.

Everything points to one of the greatest racing seasons in the history of the trotting turf. There is scarcely a town or city in the United States from one end to the other that possesses anything in the shape of a racing track that has not already claimed dates for 1903 or are making arrangements to do so. Some idea of the magnitude of harness-horse racing in America may be gleaned from the fact that nearly 1,000 cities give race meetings that were officially reported last season, and as many of these gave more than one meeting, some as high as seven, the grand total of meetings was considerably over 1,000, and a very conservative estimate of the money hung up by associations in purses will place the figure in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

Vanderbilt is Shrewd.

Mr. William K. Vanderbilt appears to have "an ace in the hole" on the native horse owners in France, and if he wins an unusually large number of the races in that country this year it should not be surprising to his friends in America. The weather in France has been extremely severe this winter and no horses have been sent for gallops on the turf on tracks. Mr. Vanderbilt had constructed a very large shed, under which is a straw-covered circle, with the turns well thrown up. Over this his forty odd horses have been sent at brisk gallops all winter, and they are well up in their training, while their prospective contestants are very backward and will hardly be ready at racing time.

American Jockeys in Europe.

American jockeys have landed in Europe ready to begin preliminary work for the season. Knapp, who rode in France last year, joins Cash Sloan in Russia. Milton Henry will ride for the stables of Baron de Rothschild and Baron de Schickler. Thorpe rides for Vicomte d'Harcourt and McIntyre for M. Abelle and Prince Murat. Van Dusen goes to Austria, where D. Condon has been retained at light weight for the stable of Baron Springer. Freeman and Songer are the only ones whose services have not been retained by continental sportsmen.

A Retentive Memory.

Actual conversation overheard at the matinee performance of "As You Like It" at the Theater Republic in New York:

She—Who is that playing the part of the banished Duke?

He—That's Barton Hill, one of the veterans of the profession.

She—Is he very old?

He—Well—er—I don't know. But he created that part.

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son, for \$40,000. Boston million-pay the price thing. This for a trotter on Stamboul

THEATRICAL TOPICS

Mrs. Fiske's father, Thomas Davey, or "Tom" Davey, as he was more generally known in the theatrical profession, was a manager of consequence in the later years of his life, but his career began in the humble capacity of prompter. Mrs. Fiske tells the following anecdote about him:

Davey was "holding the book" one night when most of the company were very imperfect in their lines, and the leading man knew less about what he was doing and saying than any of the others. He would sidle down to the first entrance where Davey stood with his prompt-book, and say, sotto voce: "The word, my dear boy, the word." This happened so often that Davey's patience was taxed beyond endurance. "The word, the word," he suddenly yelled back, "you want the book, the book, and there it is," and he threw it at the actor's head.

"And there's the prompter," yelled the manager, who had come back to find out the cause of the trouble, and, planting a kick at Davey, landed him in the center of the stage. The curtain had to be rung down and the performance discontinued.

Manfice Grant's Success.

What of the opera? Mr. Grant cleared \$20,000 on his preliminary tour, \$56,000 on the Prince Henry gala performance, and \$125,000 on the Metropolitan season itself. If all goes well with his Boston and Chicago engagements our impresario stands to win \$200,000 on his year. That is a good deal of money but Grant deserves it, for he is the first operatic manager who has not assessed the stockholders of the Metropolitan for a deficit. The singers have done proportionately well. Semblich has earned \$80,000, Calve \$52,000, Eames \$40,000, Terina \$50,000, Gadske, who was under a three years' contract and a young artist, \$30,000. The tenors are not far behind the prima donnas. Alvarez is richer by \$50,000, Van Dyck \$30,000, Dippel \$28,000, Saligne \$15,000. For the first time in all his life Edouard de Reszke has earned more than his brother. Jean has been singing three nights a week at the Paris opera at \$400 a night. Edouard has been singing two or three times a week for \$500 a night. The conductors,

Character Actors.

It is in character parts that the lasting successes are usually achieved. Which is practically tantamount to saying that actors really succeed best when they do act. There are occasional instances where personal charm



Danrosch, Seppilli, and Flon, earned \$100 for every night they sat in the chair, with the odds slightly in favor of Danrosch, who had the Cycle.—New York Press.

Sympathetic Humorists.

Max Rogers, comedian, declares that each morning his mail is burdened with jokes and songs submitted by amateurs for his respectful consideration and purchase. "The Rogers brothers' comedies appear to excite the sympathy of humorists. In Washington recently the following were submitted: "It must be terrible to be buried alive." "Well, it's no joke to be buried alive." "Say, Walter, this piece of fish isn't half so good as the one I had here last week." "That's strange, sir; it's off the same fish." "You're looking well to-day." "Yes, I'm looking for a man who owes me \$10."

Mrs. Gilbert.

Mrs. George Henry Gilbert, to give this most distinguished and lovable of actresses the names that are hers, is English by birth, but has charmed audiences of Americans since 1849. She has ever been a recognized leader, even when playing with the galaxy of "stars," which the late Augustin Daly managed. To-day her art is as fine and her power to sway audiences as great as ever. Though age has taken something from the beautiful face and figure, it has had no power to wither art or lessen charm.

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Maude Adams's Charmed Life.

Maude Adams must bear a charmed life. Though she has been on the stage since her infancy, she seems never to have met with any of the exciting accidents and incidents which befall the

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Now that the ball players are brushing up their spikes for a little preliminary work before the real test, the fans are showing signs of a renewed interest.

Inasmuch as we are growing reconciled to the fact that we are to have an eight-club league, the make-up of the teams is interesting. Since taking Horace Fogal, New York has been considerably strengthened and now has a team that should give St. Louis and Philadelphia a fight for sixth place, although Brooklyn has little to hope for outside the fact that Ed Hanlon has his health and can turn out a winner with moderate material. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Boston and Chicago are in good shape. No one will be disappointed at the work of New York, St. Louis or Philadelphia unless some one of these teams should turn out a pleasant surprise, but all eyes will be turned on Brooklyn to see how Ed Hanlon will handle the material at hand.

The minor league fight in the West is growing interesting, especially at Milwaukee and Kansas City.

Milwaukee may wake up out of a trance with two teams to fan about, while Kansas City will have a chance to see some fine contests if Dale Gear accepts Charley Nichols' challenge to play a series of games. Even with a fight on, it would be a good idea for both the Milwaukee and Kansas City clubs to play a series of games in the spring. This would give the fans a chance to pick out the strongest clubs.

Tom Loftus, a Reincarnated.

Tom Loftus, in a reincarnated mood, is one of the most interesting characters in the game. Sir Tom has run the diamond gauntlet in sunshine and in shadow. He has tasted the fruits of victory and drunk deep of the dregs of defeat.

"Once in the gloomy past," said Loftus the other day, "when I was looking for talent and had several thousand dollars to the bad, I received a letter from Charley Ebbetts. It was marked 'confidential,' and I read there-in the generous proposition to sell me the releases of a couple of players that he was going to chase to the woods. That afternoon I happened to meet George Stallings and he told me of his chance to nail two of the Brooklyn surplus. We compared notes, and blessed if our confidential advices weren't precisely alike. 'I guess Charley has issued a circular letter,' says I, 'and marked it 'private.' Then I sat me down and answered in a sarcastic way: 'Do you know what you're doing?' I asked him. 'Keep it quiet! Hush! Why, if the National league knew you were going to let those valuable players go you would be expelled without a hearing!' Ebbetts didn't appreciate the humor of the letter and was always a little sore about it, but at that time I couldn't see the joke in stringing everybody in our league on the same 'confidential' letter."



The Loss of Sunday Games.

The first piece of real bad luck for the new American Association is the prohibition of Sunday games at Indianapolis by Mayor Bookwalter. Manager Watkins had confidently counted upon being able to play such games at the Hoosier town this season, hence Mayor Bookwalter's determined stand in opposition is a severe disappointment as well as financial drawback. It has already necessitated a partial revision of the championship schedule.

St. Louis Catcher.

John J. O'Neill, the new catcher of the St. Louis club, of the National league, was born on June 10, 1875, in Ireland. He learned to play ball during the evenings, in Minooka, Pa., after toiling in the mines during the day. His first professional engagement was with the Cortland club, of the New York league, in 1896. He played with Cortland in 1897, Canandaigua in 1898, Ferranti in 1899, Syracuse and Utica in 1900, remaining with Utica last season, for which club he caught 98 cham-



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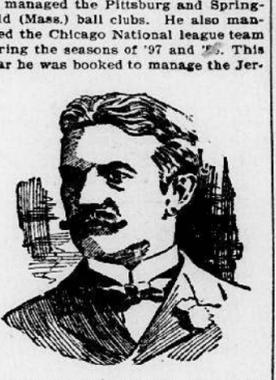
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