Baseball, Racing and Other Sports

LOSE SECOND GAME

ST. PAUL LACROSSE CLUB FAILS TO WIN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

LOCAL TEAM OUTPLAYED BY THE WINNIPEGGERS

Blue and White Players Fight Hard, but Are Unable to Score Until Game is Lost—O'Brien and Hennessy the Shamrock Stars—Whyte, Armstrong and Elliott in the Feature Plays.

Struggling valiantly against superior combination tactics, and the better condition of their opponents, the St. Paul lacrosse club went down to defeat at the hands of the Shamrocks of Winnipeg, at Lexington park yesterday afternoon. Score, 12-2. Two thousand people saw the game for the international championship, that of Saturday having been for the Hudson Bay company's international challenge cup, donated by C. C. Chipman of that company.

That the local men were outclassed was evident almost from the start, but

T. PRENDERGAST.
Left Guard Mechanic Arts High School Football Team.

at the same time it is only fair to the St. Paul stick handlers to say that time and again the Winnipeg goal was saved more by good luck than hard play. Shots rained in on the flags would glance off the poles and roll to one side, or would pass just a fraction of an inch to one side.

The home men of the visiting team were in superb form, and succeeded in drawing out the local defense almost at will; their superior speed also stood them in good stead, and many brilliant attacks on Custodian Mossop's flags were cheered by the crowd.

The greatest weakness of the St. Paul team was in the field, the Winnipeg men being particularly strong in this respect, and seemed to have little trouble in keeping the ball in St. Paul territory most of the time.

For St. Paul Armstrong worked like a beaver, and with his side partners, Elliott and Whyte, started many combination plays that looked dangerous until Flett, Brett and Cattenack got in their heavy body work and secured possession of the elusive sphere. On the defense, Jones and Murphy were conspicuous all the time and they had to be, for the ball was in their immediate vicinity most of the time. Sheperd and McAuley aided them ably, and but for these four, the score would have been many times the size it was.

Locals Take a Brace.

In the field Clarke, Wadsworth and Oehme worked hard, but seemed to lack the speed of the men who opposed them. Toward the close the locals took a brace, and ten minutes of fierce play secured two goals, which were put through by Clarke and Whyte.

At the face off the ball traveled down on the St. Paul flag, where a vicious shot was deftly turned aside by Jones before play had been in progress twenty seconds. Then the scene of activity was transferred to the other end, where Slattery put in one that West had some difficulty in stopping. Laidlaw and Armstrong exchanged hard body checks until the referee's whistle recalled them to a sense of what was going on, and thereafter until O'Brien scored in fourteen minutes the play was even.

Two minutes sufficed for the second game, O'Brien repeating the trick after Whyte had vainly endeavored to get one by the stonewall defense of the visitors. In the third game Sheperd was moved up to the home and Slattery went back to defense, but the change did no good, for the ball was sent into the net from a scrimmage in front of the goal; Murphy was hard pressed, and passed back to Jones, who had no time to handle the ball, and before he had it on his stick the visitors had hustled it through.

Hennessy came to the front in the fourth game, his play being a brilliant feature. He responded to the applause which greeted his efforts by sending the rubber through in five minutes. In this game Elliott and Armstrong made one of the prettiest combination runs in the match, but John Flett proved an obstacle too great to be overcome.

Long Shot by Hennessy.

The fifth game was scored by Winnipeg on a long shot from Hennessy. Mossop stopped the ball but it rolled through.

After this games were put through seemingly at will, the home of the visiting team having much the better of the argument against the defense of the home men. Murphy hurt his leg and moved into the goal, where he did good work. Armstrong played at point, and though he stopped many shots was not proof against the hail of straight ones sent in by Hennessy, O'Brien, Pentland and McGregor.

The games were scored as follows: Sixth, Hennessy; seventh, O'Brien; eighth, Hennessy; ninth, Pentland; tenth, O'Brien; eleventh, Pentland; twelfth, O'Brien.

St. Paul scored the last two games, one being secured by Clarke and the second and last of the match by Whyte.

The Line Up.

The teams lined up as follows:

St. Paul.	Winnipeg.
Mossop, g	g West
Sheperd, p	p Cattanach
Jones, c	c Blett
Murphy, 1st d	1st d Reynolds
McCauley, 2d d	2d d Brett
Wadsworth, 3d d	3d d Innis
Clark, center	center S. Laidlaw
Oehme, 3d h	3d h A. Laidlaw
Armstrong, 2d h	2d h McGregor
Slattery, 1st h	1st h Pentland
Elliott, o h	o h O'Brien
Whyte, i s	i s Hennessy

Notes of the Game.

"Billy" Stewart refereed the contest in a manner satisfactory to both teams.

In the early portion of the match the St. Paul home did not shoot as often as it had opportunities to do; later the policy of shooting from quite a distance out was tried, with but little better success.

Saturday night both teams were at the Star, the guests of "Lem" Defiel. The Chipman cup was referred to in the performance in a topical song, much to the satisfaction of the lacrosse men.

Harry Sullivan, trainer for the Winnipeg team, says there is plenty of lacrosse material in St. Paul. Practice, he says, is what is most necessary to develop it.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

END OF THE SEASON IN CHICAGO.

Home Team Takes Two Games From the St. Louis Men.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Pittsburg	136	101	35	.743
Brooklyn	134	73	61	.544
Boston	129	68	61	.527
Cincinnati	137	69	68	.504
Chicago	137	68	68	.497
St. Louis	137	56	81	.409
Philadelphia	132	53	79	.402
New York	129	46	83	.357

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—The National league's season here ended today, the locals taking two games from St. Louis. Taylor's pitching and Tinker's fielding were the features of the first game. In seven of the nine innings the visitors were retired in one, two, three order and but for Slagle's muff would have been shut out. Williams outpitched Wicker in the second contest, which was rather featureless and was called on account of darkness after the visitors had been retired in the seventh. Attendance, 6,800. Scores:

First Game—

Chi.	H	P	A	E	St. L.	H	P	A	E
Slagle, lf.	1	2	0	1	Farrell, 2b	1	0	6	1
Dobbs, cf.	3	1	0	0	Smoot, cf.	0	0	0	0
Chance, 1b	0	15	0	0	Bar'lay, lf	0	0	0	0
Kling, c..	3	2	1	0	Bra'ear, rf	0	1	0	0
Tinker, 3b	0	2	6	0	Nichols, 1b	0	15	0	1
Sch,aly, 2b	1	1	3	0	Kruger,s s	1	2	3	1
Men'fee, rf	1	2	0	0	Ryan, 3b..	0	1	1	0
Evers, ss.	0	2	2	2	Weaver, c	0	5	1	0
Taylor, p.	0	0	6	0	A'Neill, p.	1	0	5	0
Totals .	9	27	18	3	Totals .	3	24	16	3

Chicago . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 0 *—4
St. Louis . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—2

Left on bases, Chicago 8, St. Louis 4; two-base hits, Dobbs, Kling; sacrifice hits, Dobbs, Tinker, Taylor, Menefee; stolen base, Kling; double play, Farrell to Kruger to Nichols; struck out, by Taylor 1, by O'Neill 2; bases on balls, off O'Neill 2; hit with ball, Barclay; time, 1:30; umpire, Brown.

Second Game—

Chi.	H	P	A	E	St. L.	H	P	A	E
Slagle, lf.	3	1	0	0	Farrell, 2b	0	2	1	0
Dobbs, cf.	2	2	0	0	Smoot, cf.	2	0	0	0
Chance, 1b	1	9	0	1	Barclay, lf	2	1	0	0
Kling, c..	2	4	1	0	Bra'ear, rf	0	0	0	0
Tinker, 3b	1	1	2	0	Nichols, 1b	0	7	0	0
Sch'aly, 2b	0	1	4	0	Kruger, ss	0	1	4	0
Men'fee, rf	0	1	0	0	Ryan, 3b..	0	1	0	0
Evers, ss.	1	1	3	1	Weaver, c	1	5	1	0
Williams p	1	1	2	0	Wicker, p.	0	1	2	0
Totals .	11	21	12	2	Totals .	5	18	8	0

Chicago . . . . . 0 1 0 2 0 1 *—4
St. Louis . . . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1

Left on bases, Chicago 8, St. Louis 4; two-base hits, Smoot, Kling; stolen bases, Slagle, Kling, Evers, Barclay; double play, Wicker to Nichols; struck out, by Williams 3, by Wicker 6; base on balls, off Williams 1, off Wicker 2; hit with ball, Williams; time, 1:35; umpire, Brown.

Cincinnati Bests Pittsburg.

CINCINNATI, Ohio., Sept. 28.—Cincinnati defeated Pittsburg in the farewell game of the season here today. O'Day gave Donlin the worst of a decision and the latter kicked and was put out of the game. On leaving the field fully 3,000 people jeered and followed the umpire, while some threw cushions at him. Hahn pitched fine ball, while Phillippi was hit hard. Attendance, 8,000. Score:

Cin.	H	P	A	E	Pitts.	H	P	A	E
Donlin, lf	2	2	0	0	Beaum't cf	0	0	0	0
Malo'y, lf	0	0	0	0	Burke, 3b	1	2	1	1
Beck'y, 1b	1	6	0	0	Wagner 2b	2	5	6	0
Craw'd, rf	2	2	0	0	Sebring rf	1	1	1	0
Seym'r, cf	2	2	0	0	Merritt, lf	0	3	0	0
Corc'n, ss	0	2	2	0	Phelps, 1b	1	10	1	1
St'nfeld 5b	1	3	0	1	Conroy, ss	1	1	3	0
Mor'sey 2b	2	5	0	0	Zimmer, c	0	2	1	0
Peitz, c..	1	5	2	0	Phillippi, p	0	0	1	0
Hahn, p ..	0	0	3	1					
Totals .	11	27	7	2	Totals .	6	24	14	2

Cincinnati . . . . 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 *—3
Pittsburg . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2

Two-base hit, Seymour; home run, Wagner; stolen bases, Donlin, Peitz; base on balls, off Hahn 1; struck out, by Hahn 5, Phillippi 2; wild pitches, by Phillippi 2; time, 1:30; umpire, O'Day.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ONE APIECE AT ST. LOUIS.

Second Game a Burlesque In Honor of the Season's Close.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Philadelphia	136	83	53	.610
St. Louis	137	79	58	.576
Boston	135	75	60	.555
Chicago	134	73	61	.544
Cleveland	136	69	67	.507
Washington	135	60	75	.445
Detroit	134	52	82	.388
Baltimore	137	50	87	.365

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 28.—St. Louis and Chicago split even on a double header today with a large crowd out to see the final games of the season. The second game was a burlesque affair for both teams in honor of the close of the season. Attendance, 15,678. Scores:

First Game— R. H. E.
St. Louis . . .3 0 2 1 0 1 2 0 1—10 15 3
Chicago . . . . .1 0 0 8 0 0 0 0 0—9 12 3

Batteries—Sudhoff and Sugden; Griffith and McFarlan. Earned runs, St. Louis 6, Chicago 5; two-base hits, Burkett 2, Hemphill, Powell, Wallace, McCormick, Strang, Mertes, Daly; sacrifice hit, Griffith; double play, Hemphill to Wallace to Friel; stolen base, Strang; bases on balls, off Sudhoff 1, off Griffith 2; struck out, by Sudhoff 5, by Griffith 2; left on bases, St. Louis 7, Chicago 5; time, 1:30; umpires, Carruthers and Sheridan.

Second Game— R. H. E.
St. Louis . . . .2 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—4 9 6
Chicago . . . . .0 2 0 0 4 0 4 0 0—10 12 3

Batteries—Sugden, Friel, Wallace, Burkett and Sugden; Powell, Isbell, Mertes. Earned runs, St. Louis 1, Chicago 2; two-base hits, Hemphill, Strang, Mertes 2, Daly, McFarlan; double play, Burkett to Powell; stolen bases, Callahan, McCormick, Green; bases on balls, off Burkett 1; struck out, by Wallace 1, by Burkett 2, by Isbell 1; left on bases, St. Louis 4, Chicago 3; time, 1:00; umpires, Sheridan and Carruthers.

OLD SMILES WOLFE SAVES THE DAY

Kansas City American Association Team Defeats Western Leaguers.

Special to The Globe.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 28.—Ten thousand people, not only the largest number which has witnessed a ball game here this season, but the largest which ever attended a game in the local history of baseball, saw the third of the post series season at Exposition park today between the local Western league and American association teams, which resulted in a score of 9 to 5 in favor of the latter. Norman Gibson was the Western leaguers' artist, and with the exception of the third and eighth innings his work was effective. R. Gibson started out to pitch for the Blues, but as he was being found rather freely old Smiles Wolfe went into the box and piloted his team to victory. The score:

R. H. E.
West. League . . 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 1 0—5 10 3
Am. Association . 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 4 *—9 11 5

Batteries—Gibson and Messitt; R. Gibson, Wolfe and Beville. Umpires—Hurst and Anson.

Cross Bats at Stillwater.

Special to The Globe.

STILLWATER, Minn., Sept. 28.—The Joseph Wolf company team defeated the Great Northern team, of St. Paul, today by a score of 2 to 1. Williams made the only run for the visitors by putting the ball over the fence. Avery's three-bagger and Quillan's homer won the game for the home team. It was a pitchers' battle between Dellar for the visitors and Ford for Stillwater, with honors about even. The features of the game were catches by Avery, Collins and Keeler. Batteries, Ford and Brown for Stillwater; Dellar and Pierce for the visitors.

Won by Vanderbilt's Horse.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—W. K. Vanderbilt's Reinette won the Prix de Nexon at Longchamps today.

New Beef-Dressing Record.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 28.—The Amalgamated Meat and Cattle Butcher Workmen of North America held a picnic at Lake Contrary today. In the beef-dressing contest Lafe Porlier, of Chicago, broke the world's record and won the match. There were six entries, and Porlier dressed his steer in three minutes and 55¼ seconds. The world's record was 4:33½, held by A. Nelson, of Kansas City.

ATTEMPT TO BURN BRIDGES ON A NEW YORK RAILWAY

Shots Exchanged by the Criminals and a Force of Detectives.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Violent demonstrations against the Hudson Valley Railway company have caused shots to be exchanged and there are two men locked up in jail today charged with being implicated in the attack on the company's property.

The trouble developed last night when attempts were made to burn the bridges between this place and Ballston Spa. Obstacles were also placed on the tracks and the depredators, who numbered about a dozen, sought to ground the trolley wires at an isolated point south of this village. A force of private detectives were hurried to the point and shots were exchanged.

R. MANNHEIMER.
Manager Mechanic Arts High School Football Team.

STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYES STRIKE IN NEW ORLEANS

More Pay and Shorter Hours Demanded—No Prospect of Settlement.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 28.—Fifteen hundred employes of the New Orleans Street Railway company struck today on account of the refusal of the company to grant their demands for higher wages and shorter hours, and as a result not a street car was operated in this city today. Both the strikers and the railway officials devoted the day to preparing for the struggle which is expected tomorrow if the company attempts to run its cars.

An effort was made to have the strikers return to work and submit the differences to arbitration. The men are considering the matter, but there is no prospect of peace.

TO EXAMINE ELECTRIC ROADS AND LIGHTNING RODS

English Experts Seek Enlightenment in the United States.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamship Celtic today was Lieut. Col. H. A. Yorke, of the royal engineer army corps of England. Col. Yorke said he had come over for the purpose of inspecting electric railway systems, and would try to find a way to prevent the leakage of power from electric wires and rails, which, he said, had proved very troublesome in England.

Killingworth W. Hodges, another arrival, said he was a member of the lightning research commission of England, and that he was here to see if a more suitable means than a lightning rod for preventing lightning striking buildings could be found. The rod, he said, was practically useless, and this branch of scientific research had been greatly neglected.

KILLS ANOTHER AFTER BEING MORTALLY WOUNDED

Deputy Sheriff and Two Negroes Die for a Game of Craps.

THURMOND, W. Va., Sept. 28.—A deputy sheriff and two negroes are dead at Glenjean as the result of a fight over a crap game today.

"Black Diamond" shot Will Washington, killing him instantly. Deputy Sheriff Watts was near and started after Diamond. Watts fired, mortally wounding Diamond, who, while lying on the ground, shot the deputy sheriff as he approached, killing him instantly.

PROPERTY VALUED AT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS BURNED

Stockton, Cal., Has One of the Largest Fires Ever Known.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 28.—One of the biggest fires in the history of Stockton started tonight in the agricultural pavilion. That structure, together with all its contents, and most of two residence blocks, was burned.

The approximate loss is $500,000; less than half insured.

Much May Come From This.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Henry Wilding, the English representative of the International Navigation company, arrived today. His arrival has been awaited in connection with the conference of steamship men and financiers, at which the details of the Morgan steamship combination are to be arranged for consummation. Mr. Wilding declined to talk, as did C. F. Torrey, chairman of the board of directors of the Atlantic transport line.

Steel Trade Diverted.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The complaint is rife in British iron and steel markets that although inquiries still come liberally from the United States for big iron and steel billets, the resulting business mostly goes to the continent. Large American orders have been placed in Great Britain, and it is feared that the whole trans-Atlantic demand will become diverted to foreign producers.

Had His Pockets Searched.

Singleton—What a wonderful change a good woman can work in a man's life.

Wederly—Yes, and what a wonderful lot of change she can work out of him.—Chicago Daily News.

PAID TO PENSIONERS

NUMBER ON THE ROLLS STILL BELOW THE MILLION MARK

Amount Paid the Past Year, $137,504,268, According to the Annual Report of Commissioner Ware—System Has Cost $2,992,509,019 Since the Beginning of the Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—The annual report of the commissioner of pensions, Eugene F. Ware, made public today, shows that the number of names on the pension rolls is still under the million mark, despite a net gain of 5,732 pensioners since 1898. The total enrollment July 1 last was 999,446, against 997,735 last year. The total comprises 738,809 soldiers and 260,637 widows and dependents. The aggregate includes 4,495 pensioners outside the United States.

The number of death notices of old soldiers not now in the service received by the bureau during the year was 50,128, but only 27,043 of them were pensioners. The report says that the death rate among the pensioners for the coming year will be about 40,000, and the losses to the rolls from other causes will be about 6,000. The total amount paid for pensions during the fiscal year was $137,504,268, and the yearly cost of operating and maintaining the bureau and the agencies outside of the payment of pensions proper aggregates $3,590,529. The pension system since the beginning of the government had cost $2,992,509,019, exclusive of the establishment of the soldiers' homes. The pension disbursements by the United States from July 1, 1790 to June 30, 1865, were $96,445,444.

Paid From the Start.

The following amounts have been paid to soldiers, their widows, minor children and dependent relatives:

Revolutionary war (estimated), $70,000,000; war of 1812, $45,025,297; Indian wars, 1832-1842, $5,814,207; war with Mexico $31,861,338, war of the rebellion, $2,744,878,276; war with Spain, $3,275,184; total disbursements in pensions, $2,900,854,302.

The average value of each pension is now a little over $132. The number of applications for pensions filed was 188,626; rejected, 118,464, and granted, 117,268. During 1902 the bureau handled 47,106 more pension applications than it received, showing progress in catching up with the accumulated work. The number of cases now undergoing examination in the bureau and in the process of adjudication is 339,436. On July 1 last there were pending 15,604 appeals from the decisions of the commissioner.

ARMED INTERVENTION ON THE ISTHMUS

Paris Paper Says Latin-American Countries Must Reform or Have United States Control.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The French press has been following closely the "armed intervention" of the United States in affairs on the isthmus of Panama, and an article published in La Prensa of Buenos Ayres, Argentine, Sept. 26, in which attention was called to the alleged tendency of the United States towards imperialism, as illustrated by the landing of American marines on the isthmus and against which action the paper protests energetically, has evoked comment in several newspapers. La Liberte tonight says:

"The Latin countries of South America have several times clearly affirmed their intention not to allow themselves to be absorbed by the United States. The great nations of Europe ought to support them vigorously in this work of defense and self-preservation."

Le Journal des Debats, on the other hand, indorses the policy of the United States towards the republics in South America. This paper first remarks that the American government does not need to repeal the Monroe doctrine to Europe. The situation itself suffices to recall to the latter that the American continent cannot longer be a field of European political action.

"America," says the Journal des Debats, "is scrupulously fulfilling the duty imposed upon it by the treaty of 1846, and it will fulfill this duty more and more in the future as the canal is completed. The good old times of civil war at Panama are a thing of the past."

The Journal warns the Latin-American countries that deep reforms are necessary if they wish to remain free and concludes:

"The economic scandal of Colombia and the internal disorders which cause it will certainly impose upon Uncle Sam, inured and indignant, some form of control. It is evident that we are at the beginning of a period of North American intervention in South America, or of fundamental reforms in the latter country."

PASSENGERS HELD UP ON THE OTHER SIDE

Thousands Wish to Come Home, but Cannot Procure Passage for Weeks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Seventeen thousand Americans are held up in Europe because they can not get passage home.

Every incoming steamer reaches port packed in all departments and travelers in England, France and Italy who are clamoring to get back are informed by the steamship officials that all available stateroom has been booked up for weeks to come and that they will have to remain until the immediate rush has ceased.

Representatives in this city have received advices to the effect that agents on the other side are being besieged with all kinds of offers for a single stateroom, but they are powerless to afford relief.

It was only a fortnight ago that a wealthy California widow, being told in London she could not get accommodations for fully six weeks, sent her baggage to Southampton, boarded a vessel and stowed away. A day out she appeared on the deck and one of the officers who gave up his berth was compelled to sleep on the floor of another compartment during the remainder of the voyage.

The American visitors to England this year were more in number than in history. Generally they return late in August and early in September, but owing to the weather conditions on the other side the homeward rush began late.

According to agents of the White Star line it will be early December before the rush has ended.

TWO FORTUNES LEFT COMMON LABORERS

When Second Came He Tackled Job of Spending Both of Them.

TORRINGTON, Conn., Sept. 28.—From the ranks of a common laborer to one of the wealthiest residents of this place has been the fortune of Salon Dunbar, who is sixty-five years old. Dunbar worked for $2 a day in a factory here. By the death of a wealthy relative six years ago he fell heir to $30,000.

He remained at his work despite the protests of members of his family until a few days since, when $25,000 was left him.

He has reluctantly given up his work at the factory, and says if he thought he would live a day longer by remaining at his employment he would abandon his wealth and stick to his work.

Convention of Irrigating Engineers.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 28.—One of the most important features in connection with the forthcoming session of the National Irrigation congress, to be held at Colorado Springs Oct. 6-9, will be the meeting of the American Association of Irrigating Engineers, fixed for the same date and place. It is expected the gathering of engineers interested in the general progress of Western industries will be a notable event in professional annals.

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LUCK IN GIFT HORSES.

NOW A NEGRO SPORT CLEANED UP NEARLY $10,000 WITH A DESPISED GELDING—FORMER OWNER'S CHAGRIN.

"Never look a gift horse in the mouth—race him," remarked a veteran turfman to his group the other night, when the talk veered around to the subject of gift horses and their tantilizing habit of winning races after they've been given away by disgusted owners, says the Saratoga (N. Y.) correspondent of the New York Sun.

"I'd have to ransack my old head to think of a gift horse that hasn't pranced out and won a race or so for his new master after having been passed up for a firkin of tallow by his previous owner. There's no way of accounting for it. Maybe its the change in the brand of oats. Maybe its the sift in the training methods. Maybe its because the horse usually finds himself after having been chucked on the dumps. Maybe it's a little bit of all these things. I think it's pure cussedness, mingled with pride, and a desire to get hunk with the old owner, on the part of the gift horse.

"If I cared to mention his name you would all know an excitable St. Louis owner who gave a horse away on the St. Louis fair grounds track three years ago. The animal was a three-year-old gelding and he had never won a race. He'd been a beautiful purple-topped morning-glory as a two-year-old, breaking the hearts of good aged work horses in his dawn gallops. But when it came to racing in the afternoon he was a cheese sandwich on the pie counter of a jerk-water railroad station.

"He was a loafer and a rogue when he paraded to the post, and he would not so much as try to displace a clod when the real test came. On the strength of his work the owner bet on him time and time again when he was a two-year-old, but the brute, after frequently flattering his oats-feeder by going out to spread-eagle 'em, would invariably look for the hole in the fence when it came right down to the pinch, and would wind up in the ruck.

"The excitable owner was frequently tempted to try and sell the gelding or send him to the grease factory after those sorrowful performances of the horse as a two-year-old, but he hung on to him in the hopes that he would take a tumble to himself and pay for his feed and keep when he got to three years. But the rogue executed exactly the same stunts from the beginning of his three-year-old racing career. He'd sizzle the track for the morning clockers and run like a stringhalted goat when he had the colors up. His owner was to the bad 'way up in the four figures on him.

"Then he concluded that he'd been racing the gelding at too long distances—that the animal was only fit for the shortest kind of sprints. So he got a bolo edge on the gelding for the short dashes and tried him out in a work. The brute did the five furlongs one morning in a minute and a second on the bit, and the owner doped it out that at last he was going to drill his plug through at least a bit of the money he had lost on him. So he stuffed him into a five-furlong sprint for three-year-old that ought all of them to be in the United States cavalry, and took five to one to win for a pat $1,000 on his gelding.

"The gelding led by fifteen lengths into the stretch. Then he began to act like he'd dropped or forgotten something in the early part of the route. He pricked his ears and swished his tail like a yearling looking over a rail fence and then he dropped back into the bunch like a hand-car slowing up to make a sharp curve on a narrow-gauge road. He was beaten about three days and a half.

"His excitable owner was waiting at the paddock gate for the stable hand to lead the rogue through to the barn. His face was as mottled and red with wrath as an old-fashioned moss-gate, and the nearer the mutt drew to the gate the madder the owner became.

"'Jim,' he roared to the stable hand leading the gelding, 'don't you take the trouble to cool that d—d bit of riff-raff out. Don't take him to any barn. I'm going to see if I can't give him away to some pinhead that don't know a horse from a washboiler. Hold him there just a minute.'

"Just then a darky sport with an endman make-up leaned over the paddock fence and grinned. The excitable owner caught sight of him—he was on nodding terms with him.

"'Linc,' he said to the black-and-tan hot sport, 'do you want a horse?'

"'What kin' o' hoss, suh?' inquired the black man.

"'This race horse here,' spluttered the excitable owner, pointing to the gelding. 'This beaut of a combination of Hanover, Henry of Vavare, Lamplighter, Hastings, Clifford and all the rest of 'em back to the First Arabian—this cracker-jack of my string.' He was so smothered with rage that he could hardly talk plain.

"'Ah wants anythin' whut comes easy,' grinningly replied the black sport. 'Whut yo' all askin' fo' de hoss?'

"The excitable owner pushed his hat to the back of his head and walked over to the fence over which the darky was leaning.

"'Linc,' he said hoarsely, trying to hold himself in, 'I don't want a d—d thing for him. If I thought I was cheap skate enough to impose upon any man, white, red or black, by asking as much as $2 for that infernal son of a gun of a mutt I'd toss myself into the Big Muddy and say 'Here goes a thief.' If you want him all you have to do is to take him by his little halter string and do as you confounded please with him."

"'He's mah hoss,' announced the black sport, hopping into the paddock. He took the horse from the stable hand and led him away. As he went the enraged owner stooped and picked up a clod and threw it at the gelding. It took that owner himself the rest of the afternoon to cool out.

"The black sport led the gift gelding over to the barn of a well known black owner and trainer, and the two made arrangements. Now, all of you know that there are certain thoroughbreds that have a natural born liking for colored folks, and love to have them around. This gelding was one of that kind. He muzzled into the coat of his new owner, the black sport, and the black trainer, as if he felt that he was at last back in Kentucky.

"Like a good many thoroughbred rogues he was a fine looker, and his new trainer, fully knowing the trial and tribulation the gelding had been to his former owner, nevertheless thought that he saw a race or so in him. Three days later when he put him into a race at a mile and a sixteenth, and entered him in the selling race as a $1,000 proposition at that, the gelding's former owner all but rolled on the lawn grass—he was so amused. But he became almost hysterical with laughter when the black sport to whom he had given the animal approached him shortly before the field was due to go to the post and said:

"'Boss, yo' all kin git yo' checks down on dat hoss yo' dun give me. He's suah uhgoin' tuh win by fo' houahs, an' they'll be 'bout thutty tuh one again him."

"Yes, the gelding's former owner surely was entertained over this. He enjoyed it. When he was able to talk at all he said to the black sport:

"'Linc, if every paving block in old St. Loo was a five-dollar gold piece, and I owned 'em all, I'd rather spend the rest of my life digging 'em up with a pick and throwing 'em at the chief of police or through the Planters' house windows than put one of them on that mule. And you listen to me, too, coon. There's another winter coming. I gave you that mutt for soap fat, not for racing. Be guided.'

"'Dat's all right, suh,' replied the black sport, 'but ef he doan' all win ah kin see mahse'f doin' uh heap uh hahd runnin'. Evuhy nigguh in St. Loo is uh-playin' de hoss tohday on mah say-so, an' he all jes' nachully got tuh win.'

"The gelding's former owner was still holding his sides with laughter when the black sport went into the ring to take 30 to 1 in $20 bets wherever he could find the price. Some of the bookies were so tickled over the darky's faith that the gift gelding could negotiate a mile and a sixteenth in good company that they slapped 50 to 1 right before the black sport's eyes and he took them every time for $20 lots. When he got through his circuit of the ring he stood to win for himself and for the trainer into whose hands he had given the gelding and in whose colors the animal was to run an amount that was only a fraction shy of the fifth figure.

"I was standing on the lawn alongside the gelding's previous owner when that amazing race was run. He himself had a horse in that race, the favorite, upon which he had bet heavily. There was a midget of a black jockey on the gelding's back. This jockey had been exercising the animal for the few days since the horse had passed into the black sport's possession, and there was a thorough understanding between the gift horse and his rider.

"Whether it was that or not doesn't figure. What does cut in is the fact that the gelding beat the flag at the first break, and he had a clean two lengths the best of it on the rail when the field swept by the stand on the way to the first turn.

"'Look at that pizen gopher!' exclaimed the gelding's previous owner as the cast-off swept around the first turn four lengths to the good of his own horse, the favorite. 'Look at that dad-binged counterfeit and four-flusher that's been makin' my hair fall out for two years now!

"'Runs low to the ground like a race horse, don't he? Ten lengths ahead of my horse now, ain't he? Gaining right along, too, eh? You'd think he was a cayuse drilling from a prairie fire, wouldn't you? There he goes around the far turn, fifteen lengths to the good, don't he. Now watch the son of a sea-cook chuck it like a hod-carrier knocking off work with the whistle! Watch him curl up like a piece of isinglass! Watch him blow up like a red, white and blue toy balloon! Wait'll he pins his gosh blamed ears forward like a jack rabbit and stops to a stroll!'

"'Yessuh,' said the black sport, the gelding's owner, just behind us, 'jes' watch dat mule! Come on heah, yo' po'k-chop!' and the black sport began to do an involuntary buck dance on the lawn as the gelding swept grandly into the stretch with nary the first blooming sign of stopping. 'Keep yo' ol' laigs uh-mavin,' yo' hambone! Sit fo'wud on dat hoss, yo' nigguh, or ah'll wahm yo' up! Heah come de goose 'n' greens in de bilin' pot! Now yo' kin pick he all up in yo' lap, boy, an' stroke he all haid!'

"Then the black sport just stood on his head on the lawn without taking his hat off as the gelding only cantered onto the wire and crossed the finishing line five lengths to the good.

"The excitable previous owner had a queer way of expressing his feelings. He stood like an ossified man watching the finish. Then he reached both hands into his upper vest pockets and pulled out of them about a dozen cigars. He ground the cigars to a powder in his palms, and then he threw the powdered cigars up into the air with the simple remark, uttered in a growl between his teeth, 'Here's to the ashes of a sucker!'

"The gift gelding won four more rattling good races for the black sport on the St. Louis track during that season, and then the darky sold him for $1,500 to a Western small owner, who is still picking up a purse and a bet with him occasionally."

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