

mith. He analyzed the gas used by the Germans, invented the gas masks, devised a system for the supply of pure water to the troops, and did other very valuable work in sanitation and hygiene. In recognition of his services he was decorated by the King as a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St. George.

The book is full of information of an unusual character, and it answers and explains many of the questions we have all asked about, such as how the British soldier is kept fit and how the health of the army is maintained, etc.

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than f'r a man ye thing ye have on the run to stop suddint an' hit straight an' wicked. Watch f'r it. An' here's another thing. Be careful of a man that stands wid his knees wobblin' an' lets ye hit him an' hit him—where it don't hurt. Chances is he has a good punch left, mostly wid the right hand. If it gets across to where it's meant for, ye don't know what happened. I've seen fights won so. Nine times out of ten that punch is f'r the jaw, an' comes

high. I dunno why it is a man playin' f'r an wan-punch knockout always tries f'r the jaw—but he does. Now, let's see ye stand me off."

Macdonald broke and backed away, covering himself closely. McPike hored in, hitting fast and hard. Suddenly Macdonald stiffened and punched. His glove landed on McPike's chin. That experienced fighter staggered back, grinned, threw off the gloves and felt his jaw.

"Ye got me wid me own trick. That'll do f'r me tonight. Wilks, put the mitts on, an' go f'r him. Hit f'r

all that's in ye, and I'arn him to cover himself."

The little Englishman became a whirlwind of attack. Macdonald could not hold him off with light hitting; he clinched, laughing.

Foley threw the door open and stepped into the light. "What's goin' on here, Jimmy?" he asked. "Is it a suckin' Sullivan ye've got?"

The men grinned.

"I'm thinkin' I've knowed men could have trimmed old Jawn L. th' best day he ever saw—give 'em proper trainin'," said McPike. "Macdonald, here, is wishful to larn how to handle himself, for a r'ason he has."

Foley ran an experienced eye over the young man's lean, sinewy figure, with its promise of great strength. "He's in good hands," he commented briefly. "Go ahead; I'll watch."

This time it was Leamy's turn. The gloves were discarded. They wrestled, Leamy illustrating various holds, foul and fair, with a running fire of explanations.

"This boxin' is all right in its place," he said. "A strong puncher, like Jimmy, can hold most men off wid it. But a man wid the beef an' the strength will close, soon or late. Then the dirtier ye know how to fight the better. It's the strangle, an' the knee, an' the fust that wins most fights on the river. A boxer that can wrestle an' keep his feet may win; but a boxer that can't wrestle will be whipped, sure. An' mind this: When a man fights ye dirty, fight him dirtier."

The illustrations that followed showed conclusively that Bill Leamy would be very much at home in a dog fight.

"If a man used tricks like them on me, I'd kill him with an ax," said Foley.

"An' ye'd have a right to—if ye could lift the ax afterward!" said Leamy. "Them is for use when hard pushed—when the man that's winnin' will kill ye if he can."

McPike and Leamy, having undertaken the job, kept at it. By painstaking illustration, by wise counsel, by actual fighting demonstration, they drove their points home, and gradually the raw, rangy youngster rounded into a dangerous cunning fighter.

The time came when Jimmy McPike, the best man bar none on the Bonnehore, had to extend himself to hold his own against his pupil. He no longer hit lightly; Macdonald paid the full penalty for every opening; each practice was a glove fight. And thus Macdonald learned to protect himself and hit.

Leamy, the past master of foul in fighting—the exponent of a system of backwoods jujitsu—several times found himself caught in deadly grips.

Wilks had long since gone to the discard; the game was too hard and fast for his light weight. But the two experts, as they polished their pupil, felt a proper pride in their handiwork. They even fomented and abetted a row between him and one Cooley, a big man, whose reputation as a fighter was high. And when Macdonald whipped him decisively, their joy was manifest.

"Be hivins! I believe he'll trim the Frenchman yet," said McPike.

"Cooley is a good big man; but Kebee is a good bigger man," said Leamy. He regarded his chum whimsically. "D'ye know, Jimmy, it crossed me mind to wonder how it would come out if the kid took a notion to whale me—or you?"

"I've thought of it," McPike admitted. "He can't, yet. In a year or two it may be different. A man is a fool to give up all he knows, Bill."

They looked at each other and laughed.

"Ye held out on him then," said Leamy. "So did I."

"I give him enough," said McPike. "He'll never miss what I held out—unless he tackles me."

The three became good friends and confidants. So much so that Macdonald confided to them the source of certain letters which he received by the uncertain mails. These emanated from a Miss Elsie McLeod of Burks's Rapids, an ugly bit of water with a little town beside it, where the drives usually boomed and sliced through. And young Donald Macdonald was to marry Elsie McLeod some day.

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