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Dan McDonald Defeats Assyrian and Is Rapped on the Knuckles
Dan McDonald wrestled an Assyrian named Charles Allen at Fredericton, N.B., last week and secured a fall in 43 minutes.

Allen is said by some to be a fakir. Here is what the St. John Standard says of him:

There has been an Assyrian posing through the provinces for the past few years giving his name as Charles Allen, and stating that he is the champion middleweight of America. Only last spring this man arrived in St. John on the train from Halifax, with a dress suit case with two pairs of boxing gloves hanging to the side of it. He posed about the city for a few days as a wrestler and "real wrestlers" spoke of him as an imposter, and as a man who was out working the game. A paper in New Glasgow spoke of him in the most unfriendly terms, and if Taylor, the wrestler, tells the truth this Assyrian tried to pull off a deal in St. John, that was anything but sportsmanlike. Dan McDonald has spoken of him as not being a wrestler of note, and according to the picture shown in a Fredericton paper the person stating to the sporting editor of that paper that he was Charles Allen greatly resembles the man who was in St. John posing as Charles Allen, and who was a few months ago requested to leave the theatre here for not paying his admission fee to witness a bout between Carpenter and Sam Anderson. If the Charles Allen who appeared in the above bout is the same person and there is reason to believe he is the same, then, if McDonald's words on previous occasions amount to anything, it is something

Tommy Ryan the Great Welterweight.

Tommy Ryan, greatest of all the welterweights, the victor of over 200 ring battles, the vanquisher in only one, was born at Redland, N.Y., March 20, 1870. His original name was Joseph Youngs, and he was of French and English parentage. At an early age he was left an orphan and was adopted by a wealthy citizen of Syracuse, but Tommy was of a roving disposition and the Salt City soon called him. He "pulled his freight"—or, more literally, a freight train pulled him—to Detroit, where he entered into the fiercely competitive business of selling newspapers, demonstrating his right to do so by licking all of the biggest "newsies." His prowess in that direction attracted the attention of Detroit sports who gave Tommy a chance to show what he could do in the ring with skin-tight gloves. He adopted the professional name of Ryan, which rather peeved Detroit's rich sports, as they considered that no man had a right to that name who couldn't prove Hibernian ancestry. It was this prejudice that gave Tommy his first real chance. Martin Shaughnessy, a true son of the old sod, and a clever fighter, was picked to show up Ryan. Instead Tommy licked him in twenty-one rounds, and did it again in forty-six. After that Tommy whipped Kid Doyle at a little town in Indiana and then went to Canada and put away Ed Bartlett. Shortly before his twenty-first birthday Ryan was matched with Danny Needham, the Pacific coast boxer, for the welter

peculiar that Champion McDonald did not look after "Allen" in a very much quicker time than he did.—St. John Standard

weight title. Minneapolis was the scene of this bout, and Ryan won by a knockout in the 76th round. Tommy clinched his right to the championship by defeating Mysterious Billy Smith in 1894. Tommy gave Smith a return match the following year, and had a mighty close call. Tommy was about all in when the cops intererred. After a time the bout was resumed, and Ryan had the best of it until the 18th round, when the Coney Island "bull" stopped the affair and it was called a draw. In 1896 Ryan was soundly whipped by Kid McCoy, who was out for revenge on Tommy for the beatings he had taken when Ryan's sparring partner. They met again in Syracuse, and McCoy had the best of it until the cops of Tommy's home town, seeing their idol in danger, stopped the bout, which was called a draw. Later Ryan challenged Fitzsimmons for the middleweight title, but he never fought Bob.

Vaccination Disables Rugby Footers.

London, March 27.—A peculiar situation has arisen in Aberdeen Rugby football circles. The semifinal for the north of Scotland cup was to have been played on Saturday between University and Aberdeenshire, but the match had to be abandoned owing to vaccination disabling the former team. The final must be played next Saturday and a dispute now arises as to which team is entitled to meet St. Andrews, the other semifinalist. The matter has been submitted to the Midlands committee.

Boston Oarsmen Row at Henley, England

Boston, March 27.—The Union Boat Club's senior eight, all of whom have held seats in Harvard's Varsity shells within recent years, are being trained for competition in the Grand Challenge cup matches at Henley, England, this summer. The crew is entered for the annual regatta of the American Rowing Association at Philadelphia, May 16.

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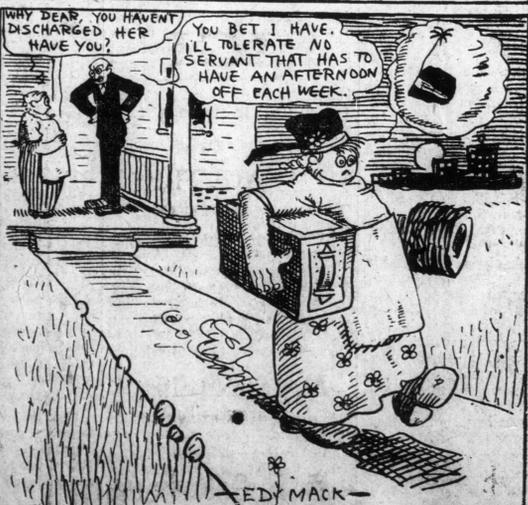
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