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GEO. W. ORTON, FORMER CHAMPION

Canadian Distance Runner Tells Story of Athletic Competition.

George W. Orton, former champion distance runner of the University of Pennsylvania, and ten times cross-country champion of America in the steeplechase, has probably competed in as many races as any man in America, and certainly none have proven a peer to the Red and Blue athlete. Modest and unassuming, Orton is one of the most popular men to be found upon the field of sports, says a writer in The Philadelphia Bulletin. In addition to having one of the greatest athletic records known, he is a splendid hockey player and one of the best of the forwards now playing "socker." In telling the story of his athletic competition, Orton said:

"I guess I am a development of my own ambition. I began to run when a boy and used to race with all the boys my age in my Canadian home. I found many who could beat me at the dashes, but as soon as the route became long I killed off my opponents. This taught me that distance running was evidently my forte and I practised this continually.

"I landed several Canadian championships and then entered the University of Pennsylvania. In 1895 Mike Murphy was coach of the Yale track team and in the mile championship he set a trap to trip me. Several of the Blue runners hit up a glorious clip at the crack of the gun to carry me off my feet. I did not know the reason, but I realized the pace was warm stuff. If they could stand it I thought I would have to do the same thing and so at the three-quarter post I saw the Yale men stagger off the track and grin at me. Then it flashed before me and I just tightened my lips and vowed that those in the rear would have a merry chase to beat me. To my surprise I found my lights responded even tho they hung like lead, and I just plugged and struggled until I crossed the tape. I was astonished when I was informed I had done a mile in 4.23 2-5 and had broken the record. This record still stands, thanks to Yale's efforts to beat me. In this year Charles Aldatrick, one of the best half-milers ever known, ran. Charlie told me that if he could be even with me at the three-quarter post he was sure to beat me in a mile race, but I told him I would cut out the pace so fast he could not last. Just to prove his conviction he ran in this race and was 35 yards in the rear at the finish.

"In France, during the world's championship, I ran in a two-mile race with the best runners in the old world. This big feature was the two-mile steeplechase, and I must confess, while I did not fear defeat, I knew I was against the best of the old world and was pretty sore to be beaten. The race is sort of a dream to me to this day. We were all racing for the lead, and at the end of the mile we were dead to the world. A long stretch of woods was in the corner of the field and partially hid the back stretch. When I entered this stretch one of the Pennsylvania rubbers begged me to sprint and when I came out of the woods 30 yards to the lead he thought I had either lost the course or quit, and he came running with a blanket to wrap around me. You can imagine his surprise when I came back from the finish with the first prize.

"In Belgium there is an indoor record of a mile, 4.27, which I made at night in a meet. The laps were called out in a tongue unknown to me, so in order that there might be no mistake, I just raced to the front and stayed there, leaving all the others had quit running, and then I knew the race was over, and I had played it about as safe as a fellow could.

"Once while running in the American cross-country championship, when we had neared the end of a long race, someone sang out in Jesta, 'Only three more laps.' And the laps were a mile and a quarter. A youngster who had done exceptionally well up to that point stopped dead and said, 'It's all yours, with pleasure.' And he threw away at least a prize by walking to the dressing room.

"I never considered myself more than a fair runner and attribute my victories to good hard work and the care I took of myself."

WORLD'S SELECTIONS AND ENTRIES DEC. 22

San Francisco Selections.

—Ingleside—

FIRST RACE—Red Ruby II., Retrou, Fred Bent.

SECOND RACE—Escamado, Bonnie Rose, My Order.

THIRD RACE—Isabellita, Epicure, Reg Dare.

FOURTH RACE—Neva Lee, Pinkerton, Focalaw.

FIFTH RACE—Matt Hogan, Albemarle, Haven Run.

SIXTH RACE—Bombardier, St. George, Jr., Corn Blossom.

Ingleside Entries.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—First race, 1 1-16 miles:

The Trojan	108	Chispa	105
Royal Colors	108	Fred Urig	105
Sea Lad	108	Santa Ray	105
Watchful	108	Avey Mary	105
Fred Bent	105	Bartola	105
Retrou	105	Red Ruby II.	105

Second race, selling, 5 furlongs:

Forerunner	110	Escamado	107
Robert Mitchell	110	Volna	107
Entre Nous	107	The Reprobate	107
L. Wrousman	107	Swift Queen	107
Spondoolix	107	Fury	102
My Order	107	Bonnie Reg	102

Third race, selling, 1 mile:

Isabellita	100	Ethel Abbott	100
Esherin	100	Suburban Queen	100
Adirondack	100	Joyner	108
Epicure	100	Calculate	105
Reg Dare	100	Lone Wolf	105

Fourth race, handicap, 6 furlongs:

Tocajaw	118	Delagoa	99
Neva Lee	111	Princess	97
Judge	104	Wheeler	97
Pinkerton	103	Albert Fir	97
Kenilworth	103		

Delagoa and Albert Fir coupled as Jones & Lask entry.

Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs:

Duellist	109	Sir Christopher	105
St. Denis	107	Hipponax	105
Matt Hogan	107	Distributor	105
Procrastination	107	Moccorito	105
Albemarle	107	Haven Run	100
Holly Berry	107	Mrs. Bob	96

Sixth race, 6 furlongs, selling:

Veterano	110	Bombardier	107
Henry Waite	110	Corn Blossom	106
St. George Jr.	110	Bannock Belle	103

Los Angeles Selections.

—Ascot Park—

FIRST RACE—Flea, Atlantico, Adams.

SECOND RACE—Alencon, Seaside, Trotter.

THIRD RACE—Retropaw, Chantilly, Crowshade.

FOURTH RACE—E. C. Runte, Henchman, Viona.

FIFTH RACE—Ethelyne, Fortuantus, Fresias.

SIXTH RACE—Dollie Welthoff, Mattie Yencer, Brewster.

Ascot Race Card.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—First race, handicap, short course, steeplechase:

Flea	158	Adams	132
Decimo	145	Chief Ray	135
Atlantico	140	Marylander	132
Homestead	135		

Homestead and Marylander coupled as Scelber entry.

Second race, Futurity course:

Alencon	111	Bologna	98
Preservator	110	Enchanter	98
Belle Kenney	104	Trotator	98
Winnie Adams	103	Seaside	98
Clyde O.	103	Grand Duchess	97
Podesna	102	Inspector	96
Prince Magnet	101	Halpin	96
Sandy Andy	98		

Third race, 11-16 mile:

Chantilly	112	Letta Gladstone	102
Retropaw	108	Crowshade	102
Sir Brinkley	105		

Fourth race, 6 furlongs:

Big Injun	117	Rubiana	100
Undon	115	Creston Boy	105
Eldonoso	115	Lady Kispar	104
E. C. Runte	112	Betsy	102
Dan Collins	112	Lucene	102
Viona	112	Henchman	97
Golden Buck	100	Astraea	92

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles:

Fortunatus	105	Cabin	101
Lucian	105	Courant	98
Hot	105	Ethelyne	97
Freesias	102	Sandalwood	83

Sixth race, 6 furlongs:

D. Welthoff	112	Radium	107
Chief Aloha	112	Merry Sport	107
Mattie Spencer	112	Brewster	97
Elvarace	112	Antara	97
Anona	109		

New Orleans Selections.

—Crescent City—

FIRST RACE—Galmeda, Chauncey Olcott, Katherine L.

SECOND RACE — Proters, Hanzenheimer, Letty.

THIRD RACE—Extol, Aladdin, Whippoorwill.

FOURTH RACE—Invasion, Dapple Gold, Paul Clifford.

FIFTH RACE—Burning Glass, Dusky, Optional.

SIXTH RACE—Aurcmaster, Mr. Jack, Wedgewood.

Crescent City Card.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—First race, 5½ furlongs, selling:

Pinsticker	109	Chauncey Olcott	100
Miss Marius	95	Katherine L.	93
Lubeck	108	Fairview	107
Miss Cosette	99	Galmeda	99
O. G. Parke	106	Maureen	99

Second race, 5½ furlongs, selling:

Catherine R.	105	Proteus	108
Miss Leeds	105	Hazgenheimer	107
Balmer V.	99	Geo. A. Knight	99
Attraction	109	Fort Worth	103
Letty	99		

Third race, 1 mile, selling:

Saul	109	Madoc	104
Henry O.	98	Aladdin	102
Brookston	104	Commandant	100
Sea Voyage	98	Whippoorwill	94
Extol	107	Erne	104

Fourth race, selling, 6 furlongs:

Dapple Gold	106	Invasion	103
Footlights Fay	111	J. W. O'Neil	107

Fifth race, 6 furlongs, selling:

Moderator	106	Burning Glass	108
Dusky	103	Wisecare	103
Optional	103	Safeguard	104
Tower	98	Pickles	103
Thank Heaven	103	Lee Stinson	107
Athena	98		

Sixth race, 1¼ miles, selling:

Fra Fillipo	100	Ethel's Pride	102
Brilliant	97	Ponca	107
Nomes	103	Mr. Jack	104
Sincerity Belle	99	Auromaster	106
Sonoma	102	Plautus	108
Belle	112	Wedgewood	108

New Orleans Selections.

—City Park—

FIRST RACE—Azima, Wild Irishman, Covina.

SECOND RACE—Jack Ratlin, Chamblee, Tapioja.

THIRD RACE—Hadur, Dr. McClure, Favorita.

FOURTH RACE—Little Elkin, Little Boy, Double.

FIFTH RACE—The Don, Foreigner, Sir Andrew.

SIXTH RACE—Steve Lane, Begonia, Welsh.

City Park Program.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—First race, 5½ furlongs, selling:

Inquiry	100	Oceaner	112
Bazil	109	Wild Irishman	112
Little James	109	Airship	114
Lady Consuelo	100	St. Resolute	117
Azelina	100	Modred Law	117
Covina	109	Savanola	117
Dundall	112		

Second race, 6½ furlongs:

M. F. Tarpey	104	Taplola	109
Iole	104	Bluish	104
Planet	104	El Rey	100
St. Noel	101	Noral	109
Nevermore	104	Jack Ratlin	112
Red Chalice	109	Chamblee	112

Third race, selling, 5½ furlongs, for 2-year-olds:

Verdant	100	Burnolette	105
Telepathy	100	Gold Coin	105
Polly Perkins	100	Knickerbocker	106
Favorita	105	Hadur	114
Dr. McClure	105		

Fourth race, selling, 1 mile and 70 yards:

Harpoon	94	Doubloon	101
Miss Nannie L.	93	Algonquin	102
Padre	98	Little Elkin	102
Chaney	98	Little Boy	107
Esterjoy	98	Rough & Tumble	110

Fifth race, selling, 5½ furlongs:

Rather Royal	104	The Don	112
Odelette	104	Sir Andrew	114
Foreigner	109	Maj. Carpenter	114
Town Moor	104	Introduction	117
Billie Sherman	109		

Sixth race, 5 furlongs:

Champ Clark	105	Begonia	110
Mr. Wadleigh	115	Taro	110
Kiteiali	105	Japanese Maid	110
Little Mac	105	Steve Lane	110
No. Eleven	105	Welsh	110
Arrow Point	108	Commune	110
Ecliptic	110	Lieber Gore	113

HEADS APART AT CITY PARK
C. HAYES BEAT CZARAPHINE

Hollander Won Crescent City Handicap—California Results and Entries.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—The card provided for the racing this afternoon was the best that had been offered at the new course for some time. A handicap for all ages at 5½ furlongs was the feature and aroused more excitement than any race that has been decided at the track this winter. Chief Hayes was returned the winner by a short head over Hayman's Czaraphine. Summary:

First race, 7 furlongs—Delcarina, 109 (J. Jones), 8 to 5, 1; Bazil, 104 (Obert), 10 to 1, 2; Lidwina, 105 (Crowe), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.32 4-5. Woodclaim, Economist, Modred Law, Muldoon, Naran, Molo B, and Yorkshire also ran.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Glenclaire, 110 (J. Jones), 5 to 2, 1; Gause, 110 (Wishard), 3 to 1, 2; Manoeuvre, 107 (Troxler), 16 to 1, 3. Time 1.14 2-5. Rain Devils, Annhill, Red Ruby, Rosebore, Ethel McCafferty, Peter, Gray Dal and Miss Point also ran.

Third race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Ivanhoe, 98 (F. Perrett), 7 to 2, 1; Attila, 107 (Powers), 2; Maledictine, 89 (E. Mathews), 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.54 3-5. Baron Esher and Jove also ran.

Fourth race, 5½ furlongs—Chief Hayes, 103 (Romanelli), 4 to 1, 1; Czaraphine, 108 (J. Jones), 10 to 1, 2; Lucy Young, 98 (H. Graham), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.13 3-5. Tinker, Garlish, Salvoge, Mint Boy and Parisienne also ran.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Happy Jack, 107 (Heffernan), 7 to 1, 1; John Garner, 104 (F. Perritt), 4 to 1, 2; Harpoon, 104 (Koerner), 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.36 4-5. Judge Traynor, Grossgrain, Bisque, Layson, Piller, Greenacre, Sharon Springs also ran.

Sixth race, 6½ furlongs—Gus Heidorn, 107 (Heffernan), 4 to 10, 1; Tom Crabb, 104 (H. Young), 7 to 1, 2; Conundrum, 107 (Romanelli), 75 to 1, 3. Time 1.29. Josette, Magistrate, Laura Hunter, Nameokl, Tom Kiley also ran.

Ingleside Results.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—First race, ⅝ mile—Bukersfield, 101 (H. Smith), 18 to 5, 1; Mellor, 105 (Kamp), 9 to 2, 2; Swagger, 97 (Battiste), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.05½. Netic Hicks, Frolic, Queen Alamo, Commodore, Eastland, St. Volma, My Dulcie, May Thorne ran.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Tom McGrath, 109 (T. Clark), 11 to 20, 1; Kizil, 105 (Downing), 6 to 1, 2; Isolation, 105 (Knapp), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.00⅘. Chief Witham, Busy Bee, Lorne M. and Cascade of Diamonds also ran.

Third race, ¾ mile—Bob Ragon, 118 (L. Williams), 7 to 1, 1; Gossipy, 108 (T. Clark), 7 to 5, 2; Blumenthal, 122 (Knapp), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.17¼. Yo San, Honoma also ran.

Fourth race, 1⅛ miles—May Hollday, 107 (Stewart), 40 to 1, 1; Expedient, 107 (Williams), 40 to 1, 2; Iras, 107 (Wright), 3 to 1, 3. Time 2.00½. Possart, Love's Labor, Ora McKinney, Invictus, Langford, James, Allopath, Lead also ran.

Fifth race, Futurity course—Mafalda, 104 (Radtke), 9 to 10, 1; Tavora, 84 (Campbell), 10 to 1, 2; Young Pilgrim, 112 (Adams), 5 to 2, 3. Time 1.14⅘. The Roustabout, Baker, Ieadora, Unctma also ran.

Sixth race, 1 1-16 miles—Byronerdale, 111 (Radtke), 7 to 10, 1; Bird of Passage, 103 (J. J. Walsh), 15 to 1, 2; Lone Wolf, 103 (Rice), 7 to 1, 3. Time 1.53⅘. Dusty Miller, Silurian, Liberto, Jackful, Prestano also ran.

Crescent City Summary

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—First race, 5½ furlongs—Hyacinthe, 104 (Chandler), 4 to 1, 1; Sea Voyage, 103 (Hollander), 25 to 1, 2; Saloma, 107 (McIntyre), 3 to 2, 3. Time 1.14. Any Rags, Choice Operas, Dromio, Sachem, Dance Music, Esteplatz, Lady Lasca, Investor, Commandant, Gladiator, Blucher and Modetta also ran.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Fort Worth, 98 (Sewell), 5 to 2, 1; Sutter Hand, 97 (Perkins), 8 to 1, 2; Holland II., 103 (Davenport), 9 to 5, 3. Time 1.14 2-5. Wizard King, George Scheel, Evelyn Garth, Desha, Sonora, Mazzini also ran.

Third race, 1 mile and 20 yards—Wekewood, 102 (McGee), 13 to 2, 1; Glen Star, 113 (Johnsenson), 5 to 1, 2; Arsenal, 108 (Sewell), 9 to 5, 3. Time 1.53. Sawaui, Gamara and Decoration also ran.

Fourth race, mile, handicap: Gold Enamel, 102 (Schneider), 12 to 1, 1; Collector Jessup, 111 (G. Hall), 11 to 1, 2; Reidmore, 92 (S. Dickson), 21 to 5, 3. Time 1.50 1-5. Torchella, Marvel II. and Peter Paul also ran.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs—Blue Pirate, 99 (Freeman), 6 to 5, 1; Stonehill, 100 (Sewell), 7 to 2, 2; Ruth W., 99 (Schoff), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.12 3-5. Remington, Joe Colson and Black Pat also ran.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Fred Hornbeck, 104 (McGee), 7 to 1, 1; Bishop Weed, 108 (Earl), 7 to 2, 2; Dave Simmers, 111 (Sewell), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.54. Merry Acrobat, Lady Avon, Passive and Franciple also ran.

Ascot Summary.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—First race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Chas Walworth, 12 to 1, 1; J. F. Donohue, 7 to 1, 2; Search Me, 9 to 1, 3. Time 1.09 1-4. Fair Atene, Jim Pendergast, Salina, Water Fox, Letter, Capias, Astraea and Walker also ran.

Second race, 1 mile—Sheriff Bell, 6 to 1, 1; Kinsman, 6 to 5, 2; Footlights, 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.43 1-2. Ratador, Tom Riley, Mi Reina, Prince Palatine, Montreson also ran.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Silver Sue, 13 to 5, 1; Bribery, 9 to 2, 2; Bantam, 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.14 1-2. Fulletta, Lillie B., Stoessel also ran.

Fourth race, 1 mile—Dutiful, 3 to 1, 1; Golden Light, 4 to 1, 2; Delcoronado, 7 to 2, 3. Time 1.42 1-2. Sandalwood, Hersain, Chacadee, Capable and Bailey also ran.

Fifth race, Brooks course—Marshal Ney, 2 to 1, 1; Blissful, 11 to 5, 2; Golden Green, 9 to 5, 3. Time 2.02 1-2. Old Mike also ran.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Toupee, 3 to 1, 1; Revolt, 12 to 1, 2; Cutter, 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.14 1-5. Confusco, Winnie Adams, Salarao, Rocky, Myrtle White also ran.

JOCKEY'S CAREER IS SHORT LIVED

Champions of Only Seven Years Ago Are Seldom Heard of Now.

At the close of the season of 1898, seven years ago, The Turf Guide published a list of the most successful jockeys of the preceding 12 months, and it is interesting as a lesson in the mutability of a jockey's career, to review the names and present occupation, when known, of the lads and young men then intrusted with the hundreds of horses upon whom the public plunged day after day.

Alphabetically the list runs as follows: Akey, A. Barrett, Beauchamp, Bergen, F. Britton, Claywood, Clawson, T. Clay, Clayton, C. Coombs, Conley, Doggett, Dupee, Freeman, Foucon, Hamilton, Hennessey, M. Hirsch, Irving, Lamley, F. Littlefield, Martin, Fisher, J. H. Martin, W. Martin, J. J. McCafferty, Overton, Perkins, J. Perkins, Piggott, T. Powers, Scherer, Sims, E. Sloan, Songer, Spencer, Taral, Thorpe, Tullos, Walsh, White and H. Williams.

Of this list the following are dead: A. Barrett, Clawson, Hamilton, Lamley and Perkins. Burns, who won 277 out of 1,000 mounts, one of the leading winning riders of that season, with a percentage of .24, is very far down on the list this year, and lads who were unheard of seven years ago have become champions since then, and in turn have yielded to others.

Doggett has become a partner with his younger brother in the bookmaking end of this game. He was riding jumpers during the season; Freeman is in Europe, riding and training; Max Hirsch is now training for J. C. Cooley, at Westchester; Littlefield is also a successful trainer; Mahor and J. H. (Skeets) Martin have been riding in England for the last few years, the former with great success; J. J. McCafferty is now a trainer and owner; Sloan is W. Martin; Overton is never heard of; Piggott has been abroad (in Russia) for the last two years; Powers became a rider of steeplechasers, but is not often in the saddle.

Scherer stopped riding several years ago and is now interested in picking winners for a living; Sims has no visible occupation; Sloan has ridden a few times within a year at New Orleans, but is now engaged in another occupation; Songer occasionally rides in Canada; Spencer has ridden fairly well to the saddle; Taral is Germany's chief jockey; Thorpe has retired with a competency; Tuberville has not done much since he won the Futurity on Ogden; Walsh, who rode Hanburg in most of his 2-year old races in 1897, is lost to sight, and "Tiny" Williams, once the crack western rider of 2-year-olds, chiefly because he was able to beat the starter's flag, has dropped out of sight.

So, out of a list of 41 jockeys who dominated the riding of 1898 there remains not one in this country who would be able to secure a retainer, either because of too much weight or because the younger lads, being under the immediate control of the trainers, and also because of the five pounds apprentice allowance, which some of them enjoy, would invariably be preferred, not only by their contract employers, but by other horsemen.

It was the most fortunate thing imaginable for "Danny" Maher that the late Pierre Lorillard took him to England six years ago, and there gave him a start which the bright-faced Irish-American was not slow to improve.

With the prestige of having won the Derby twice, he ranks to-day from the percentage standpoint as the best professional jockey in England. What would have been his destiny here if he had not attracted the attention of the deceased sportsman?

Taral found that the light bodied boys were getting the best mounts, and when he got a chance he sought a foreign market for his conceded ability. He, too, has worn well with his employers, the Austrians, who are extremely exigeant, and who have not hesitated to turn back to America some riders whose manners and associates offended them.

J. H. Martin, tho not so successful as Maher, is evidently well able to secure ample earnings in the saddle in England.

It is an emphatic lesson to jockeys who are fashionable for a season or two to save their earnings while they are on the top wave of prosperity, for no profession known to modern days is so inconstant as that of jockeyship—at least in America.

It has been claimed by some that at the present time we are not as well off for riders as we were a few years ago, but with jockeys of such tried ability as O'Neil, Redfern, Lyne, Hildebrand, Knapp, W. Buchanan, J. Martin, Shaw, W. Davis, Mullrice and others it must be acknowledged that this season's list at least compares with the 41 whose names lead off this column, and this does not take into account the fine army of talent who for several years past have been in control of the French turf, the best of whom were O'Connor, N. Turner, Rausch, Shields and others. But the lads should not fail to take note of the fleeting opportunities which their profession is noted for.

ROYAL'S NEW BUILDING.

Montreal Will Have an Ornamental Structure.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Royal Bank of Canada will on the first of May next begin the construction of their new offices on St. James-street, immediately west of the St. Lawrence Hall.

The site which was purchased a few years ago measures 60 feet on St. James-street by 100 feet deep, and is now valued at $25 a square foot or $150,000 in all.

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AFTERMATH FRISCO FIGHT
FITZ TOOK PUNISHMENT

It Was the Largest Crowd on Record in the West—Preliminary Bouts.

Fuller details of Wednesday's heavyweight battle would indicate that O'Brien inflicted terrific punishment on his older rival. They agreed to break clean, no hitting to be allowed in clinches or on breaks.

In the first round O'Brien danced around Fitzsimmons like a yearling colt, and then ran into a clinch without landing a blow. O'Brien rushed in, but his efforts went around Fitzsimmons' body. O'Brien scored first with a right hook to the body. The men sparred continually, and O'Brien employed wonderful foot work in keeping his distance. Fitz was puzzled and could not locate the Philadelphian. O'Brien closed in and landed a light left and right to the body. The round closed with not more than four blows landed. O'Brien contented himself with dancing about and Fitzsimmons was following him, attempting to land.

In the second round Fitz showed that he had good power behind his blows, and O'Brien fought carefully to avoid them.

O'Brien came up laughing in the third and talking jocularly to Fitzsimmons.

The seventh was the beginning of the end. In starting it they rushed to a clinch and Fitzsimmons missed a right swing and O'Brien sent a right over the kidneys and quick as a flash worked right and left swings to the jaw. Fitzsimmons, however, went after O'Brien, sending left to the face and a stiff right uppercut to the body. Fitzsimmons sent left to the face and followed with a right swing to the body, but Jack countered with wicked rights to the face.

In the eighth, after being cautioned for holding, O'Brien landed a nasty left to the eye and a minute later floored Fitz with a terrific right hook to the jaw. O'Brien then drove a right to the body, forcing Fitzsimmons to the ropes. As the round ended Fitzsimmons appeared to be badly hurt, and went to his corner rather unsteady. It was O'Brien's round by a big margin.

Fitz appeared tired in the ninth and his face presented a terrible sight. O'Brien, after hooking a terrific right to the jaw, followed with a left uppercut to the face and as the bell rang raised Fitz off the floor with a right hook on the jaw.

Fitz was wild in the tenth, tho he made his effort in the eleventh. He drove O'Brien to the ropes with a hard right to the body, but immediately went wild and Fitzsimmons sent right hook to the face, forcing O'Brien to the ropes. Fitzsimmons put right and left to the face as the bell sounded. This was Fitz's round and easily the best so far. O'Brien appeared worried as he took his corner. Fitzsimmons' rally in this round caused a terrific uproar among the spectators.

In the twelfth O'Brien drove Fitzsimmons against the ropes with two lefts to the face, but Fitzsimmons retaliated with a light left to the face. Fitzsimmons chased O'Brien around the ring, but missed several leads. O'Brien worked in a straight left that started blood afresh from Fitzsimmons' nose and mouth.

Fitz sent O'Brien back with a left swing to the jaw, opening what proved the last round, and a moment later shot a straight left to the face. O'Brien blocked some nasty blows and shot two lefts to the face as the Cornishman forced him around the ring.

Fitz planted a left to the body and they mixed it, both landing left and right short arm blows over the heart. It was a stirring round and Fitzsimmons appeared to have the advantage.

The gate receipts were $16,407. Of this sum 60 per cent. went to the fighters, the winner receiving 75 per cent. of the 60 per cent., and the loser getting 25 per cent. It was the largest crowd that has ever attended any fight in San Francisco.

Two preliminary events amused the crowd while waiting for the big contest. Young Roach was knocked out by Young Murphy in three rounds, and Danny Lynch defeated Willie Edwards in four rounds.

Jack O'Brien was in the ring promptly at 10 minutes past 9. He wore a big brown bathrobe. With him were Spider Kelly, Young Gorman, Willie Fitzgrald, Chappie De Wolf and Billy Springfield.

Fitzsimmons soon followed. He was stripped to his fighting trunks, which were light blue in color. He jumped up on the ring apron and tapped O'Brien playfully on the back of the head with a pair of boxing gloves he carried in his hand. Fitzsimmons' seconds were Billy Bates, Harry Chester and Young Creil.

O'Brien threw off his robe and disclosed green fighting trunks. Both fighters wore belts of red, white and blue.

Announcer Billy Jordan introduced O'Brien as the Bean Brummel of the ring. Fitz was introduced as the middle-weight and light heavyweight champion of the world. It was announced that Marvin Hart challenged the winner. Jack (Twin) Sullivan issued a similar challenge. It was noticed that Fitz had left his toupee in his dressing room.

BOSTON'S GIANT FIRST BASEMAN.

Harry Murch is 6 Foot 4 Inches and Weighs 200 Pounds.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—Among the finds which are being touted this fall as stars in the baseball firmament for 1903 is Harry Murch, under contract with the Boston Americans. Much has been written in flowery language in reference to this young man in the Boston papers in the past few weeks. In order to see him as he really is a visit to his comfortable home in the Village of Sebago Lake, a dozen miles up the line from this city, is necessary. He is a marvel. A son of nature who exploits wonderful physical accoutrements. He is everything that has been said about him.

Murch is a perfect type of superb manhood. He is 6 feet 4 and weighs 200 lbs. stripped. He is perfectly formed and has a muscular development would delight the most critical critic. Not a muscle is too large, not a joint with a suggestion of stiffness. He has been leaping, running, swimming, rowing, tumbling, swinging and otherwise giving his muscles relentless work for ten years. He was a big lad and he is a big man. Anybody who thinks he is vulnerable in any spot ought to take a look at him in a gymnasium.

Allan Lowe discovered Murch while on a summer's sojourn at Sebago Lake in a camp. Murch was a lake boatman and handled boats of his own building. When he let to summer people, it didn't take Mr. Lowe's practiced eye very long to realize that an athlete of no mean proportions was concealed under the rough garb of the young oarsman. A strong friendship sprang up between them. All of Mr. Lowe's friends came to share in his enthusiasm, and even in New York, where the country boy journeyed as a guest of Mr. Lowe, the trained eyes of the city men came to admire the marvelous muscles of the good-natured boy. He has grown to man's estate, to an estate which few men are privileged to attain. Naturally he is anxious to adopt a dignified profession, where his prowess will avail him something, and he seems wise in his decision to try baseball.

When the Boston Americans leave for the south, Murch will be in the party and will be given a trial at first base. He is naturally adapted to the position and has played there on the "scrub" teams at the lake. He has never used a bat till this lately, and would prefer not to do so now, but is acting under instructions to familiarize himself with the appurtenance. With hard and muscular hands he smiles when the liners come singing hot, which other players would avoid.

When a tall man who has a corresponding reach and the jumping ability of Murch the salvation of Parent and Collins is easy to see. Murch makes 34 feet, heel and toe, in three jumps. He throws a 16-lb. shot 47 feet and he can lift a horse—does it every day, in fact, squat on all fours.

Last summer he swam two miles at a single trial. He rowed a boat 14 miles one morning in two hours. Never learning the bobbsco or luger habit has been in his favor, and it will be no effort for him to refuse to mingle in the dissipations that ruin many promising players every year.

Murch has a reach of 80 inches; chest, normal, 44½; biceps and calf, 16; thigh, 25; waist, 34; wrist, 8; forearm, 13; neck, 17. He has seven big uncles on his mother's side who begin at 5 feet 11 inches and 180 lbs. and stop at 6 feet 3 and 200.

Bullfrogs and Ground-Hogs Lively

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 21.—Adelbert Drumm brought into a local newspaper office this evening a lively half-pound bullfrog, which was found under a large flat stone in a coal yard this afternoon, and a farmer in the southern part of the country reports having seen a groundhog Monday.

The weather to-day was as warm as early spring.

Albert E. Champion, who stole from Rice Lewis & Co. and others, will spend the next 60 days in jail.

CANADIAN HOCKEY PLAYERS LOST.

Crescents Beat Brooklyn's Imported Team by 6 Goals to Nil.

Brooklyn, Dec. 21.—In the Claremont-avenue skating rink last night the Canadian members of the Brooklyn Skating Club lined up against the hockey team of the Crescent Athletic Club. The the new men were all senior players across the border, they were not strong enough to defeat the amateur champions. The game ended 6 to 0 in favor of the Crescents.

Just who made up the Brooklyn team was a mystery until the players took to the ice. It was then found that Gaul, of the Capitals, of Ottawa, and Kiernan and Ritchie, of the Cornwall seven, were in uniform. The Kiernan was the only player whose name was given to the Amateur League delegates, in compliance with the rules, the Crescents made no protest.

In the first half Dobby made four goals for the Crescent team and Lifflton and Wall each one. There was no scoring in the second period of play.

The game was rough. Scheible broke his finger and Kiernan was knocked unconscious for a short period. Nichols took Schiebler's place, but Kiernan resumed play. During the match Gaul, Howard, Ritchie and O'Flynn were all sent to the side lines for foul playing.

The line up:

Crescent A. C. (6)—Goal, McKenzie; point, O'Flynn; cover point, Wall; forwards, Schiebler (Nichol), Dobly, Lifflton, Shirreff.

Brooklyn S. C. (0)—Goal, Allcock; point, Jennison; cover point, Howard; forwards, Kiernan, Ritchie, Gaul, Henderson.

Referee, J. S. Kennedy, Hockey Club; assistant referee, L. de Casanova, Hockey Club. Scorers, Grais Dobley (4), Lifflton and Wall.

Canadian Soo Team Lost.

Soo, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Canadian Soo lost to the American Soo in the opening game of the hockey season here this evening by 8 to 3. The Americans showed great superiority in the forward line, while the defence were about equal in strength. The ice was soft, but the play was comparatively fast and exciting and was kept clean by Referee Chancer Elliott. First half score stood 5 to 3. The teams:

Soo, Mich. (8): Goal, Lucas; point, Howell; coverpoint, McDonald; rover, Pitts; centre, McMillan; w. wing, Laviolette; l. wing, Swatzer.

Soo, Ont. (3): Goal, Regan; point, Spittall; coverpoint, Milne; rover, Decorie; centre, Clifton; w. wing, Rattrey; l. wing, Ward.

Ottawa College for the Union

Kingston, Dec. 21.—It is likely that Ottawa College will at an early date arrange to enter a team in the Intercollegiate Hockey League, and next summer will also seek entrance to the track events.

After the Puck.

Portage Lake defeated Calumet at Houghton on Wednesday by 4 to 0. The game was very rough and Portage Lake players showed a disposition to mix things. In the second half James Mallen was knocked out and Portage Lake dropped Grindy Forrester to even up.

Columbia University of New York will send its hockey team to Kingston on Dec. 26, when it will open the Canadian tour with a contest with Queen's. They play in Toronto and Montreal before returning home. Queens play in Peterboro Dec. 27.

KNOCKING DOWN THE TENPINS.

Games Decided Thursday in Toronto, City and Printers' Leagues

Three games were bowled in the Toronto Bowling League last night on the Liederkranz and Labor Temple alleys. On the former the Liederkranz and Sunshine A teams were successful against the Maitlands and the Pets. At the Temple the Unions defeated Sunshine B. The scores:

On Liederkranz alleys:

Maitlands—				
Kidd	169	167