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## Jeff Doesn't Use That Kind of Language

By "Bud" Fisher



## SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

## Bowling

## On Black's Alley.

The bowlers were again active last night when three points from the Sweep, in the City League, and the S. Hayward Co. team defeated the Waterbury & Rising team by the score of 3 to 1. The former team was very close, there being a difference of only four between the grand totals.

## Following is the result of the games:

City League.			
Sweep.	Total.	Avg.	
Bayley	92	89	83
McNeil	98	92	78
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Masters	77	84	85
Sullivan	104	96	270
Harrison	88	86	238
	287	437	422

## Little French Champion.

New York, Nov. 6.—Charles Leducx of France, basketball champion of the world by right of conquest, is here seeking bouts with the best men of his class. He stands ready to meet all comers at the basketball limit of 116 pounds.

## He made the journey expressly to meet

Johnny Cannon, who has called him the basketball champion of the world, and to settle the question once and for all. Cannon is an American, and Leducx is a Frenchman, and the two are expected to meet in a battle which will be one of the most interesting of the season.

## Those who have seen the champion in

action declare that he is a second Terry McGraw, when the basketball is in his hands. An aggressive, savage fighter, with a punch in both hands, the fiery little Norman forces the fight all the time, and in all his battles has yet to break ground before the attack of any opponent.

## In France Leducx is known as "Le Petit

Sam Langford." There are few little men in the athletic world who have the wonderful physique of the French boy, less than five feet tall in his fighting shoes, he is a little giant. He has broad, sloping shoulders, covered with long, sinuous muscles. He has a deep chest, heavy legs, sturdy joints and muscular power.

Leducx has been boxing for about four years. An under chief in one of the Paris hotels, he worked from early morning until eight or nine o'clock at night, and then, leaving the kitchen, would hurry into the ring. From the first his fights were with success, and his manager dramatically expressed it, "Every fight is a knockout." He has won them all.

His success encouraged the little fellow, and soon he took the prize and was the champion of the world. His title is clear. Jim Bowker, who won the championship from Frankie Neil when the little Californian was champion, was defeated by "Digger" Story, and the latter in turn went down before Leducx in the seventh round of what was to have been a twenty-round battle at Leveaux, Paris, a few months ago.

Leducx is a pleasing, modest little fellow out of the arena.

## MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE

Fred E. Phillips, formerly postmaster of Central Falls, R. I., shot himself yesterday and died within a few moments. He was supreme representative of the Knights of Pythias of Rhode Island. An investigation of his books as secretary of the Order of Workmen has been ordered. He was fifty years of age.

Lieut. Altrichter and a passenger named Mayer, while flying in the former's aeroplane near Halberstadt, Germany, yesterday fell sixty feet and were killed. Dominio Bitiano, aged twenty years, condemned to hang for murder in Montreal, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. He was to have been hanged on Nov. 1.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington yesterday issued an order for the reduction of freight rates on anthracite coal from Pennsylvania to Tidewater, N. J. Will it mean cheaper coal?

Charges against Chief of Police Richard of Montreal have been made by several constables who complain of alleged interference with what they consider their rights, and that he has absented himself from duty to do outside work without consent of the police commission.

At a meeting of the Berlin Medical Society yesterday it was announced by Dr. Frederick Friedman that he had discovered a practical cure for tuberculosis, and declared that he had treated 82 cases, and that they were cured completely by his method, which is the injection of living tubercle bacilli which have been rendered avirulent.

The Cobler Sexton Mining Company, Ltd., of London, has agreed to sell their interests to a company represented by J. S. Leighton for \$15,000. They have already spent \$12,000 developing the property.

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## STEPPING BACK IS A BLACK MARK AGAINST BATTER

## "Give me a natural hitter and I will

make a ball player out of him," is the oft-repeated prescription of John McGraw, manager of the Giants, when discussing the requirements of a big leaguer. Few good hitters have been manufactured. Like poets, painters and other artists, they are born, not made, the latent talent lying there to be developed. To continue along the McGraw line of thought, the manager of the Giants has built a baseball club out of a lot of batters and has won two consecutive pennants with it. It is a sad and feature that in team fielding the Giants are away down near the bottom of the list, but in the slugging counts, they are always near the top. There are certain facts which indicate that McGraw is a batter to be counted on.

The cardinal sin of batting is "stepping back." Many a youngster comes into the big league in the spring with his head full of hope and stimulated by the same ambition to climb which actuates men at the walks of life, and goes out in the field and does sensational work. Then comes the real test.

"Take a turn at bat," says the manager. The recruit walks up to the plate and the acid test is usually applied to him. The manager directs the pitcher to "shoot a fast one at his beam." If the man steps back from the plate he is at the same time steps back from the limelight, because his chances of big league associations go with that foot.

Suppose, however, that he is clumsy in the field and handles the ball awkwardly, but when he comes to the plate he steps up to the "bean ball" and ducks only his head after he sees that it is not going to break and curve over his plate.

"There's one that's got the stuff in him," declares the manager, and he leads to him and goes about making a fielder out of the recruit. Many a man has come to the Giants in just this way.

Larry Doyle was far from a polished performer at second base when he joined the Giants, but one look at him in action at the bat was enough for the keen-eyed McGraw. The Giants often tell of what the New York manager said in his mind.

"There's a hitter," remarked McGraw, "he falls away on his back and then he comes back and makes a difference to him whether the pitcher is a left or right hander." And it doesn't matter to him whether the pitcher is a left or right hander. He is a natural hitter, and what is known as a "natural" hitter, and what is known as a "natural" hitter, and what is known as a "natural" hitter.

It is hard for most left-handed hitters to bat southpaw, but Larry Doyle is a natural southpaw. For instance, when he first went to the Giants, bringing with him many of the traits of a "natural" hitter, he was not particular about the pitcher's hand.

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