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## BEST FIGHTERS ARE NOT ALWAYS IN THE RING

Frank Chance, Former Baseball  
Star, Accused Jim Corbett of  
"Framing" With Kid McCoy

The best fighters are not in the ring. Many athletes in lines far removed from the wake of the ring, could battle with more effect than some of the boys who earn their money meeting the lads in their class in the glove game.

Of all athletes in recent years who might be depended upon to give a good account of themselves in any sort of engagement, Frank Chance, famed as the manager of the Chicago Cubs a few years ago, was a real champion. He was always in first-class condition and was as game as a mountain trout.

Chance was going to whip former Champion Corbett in the latter's place of business in New York on one occasion, and only the rare presence of mind on the part of a bartender prevented what might have been a nasty encounter. Chance, with some friends, had witnessed the Corbett-McCoy fight in Madison Square garden in August, 1900. That was the bout in which both fighters were accused of having "framed." Chance paid \$25 for a box seat at the show, and when it was over the Cub star was in a white rage.

He told his friends he was going to Corbett's cafe at Twenty-third and Broadway the next day to tell the former champion what he thought of his integrity, and, if necessary, he would take a smash at the boxer. He called on Corbett as he promised. Corbett met Frank with a smile on his face. Chance unloaded his criticism and decorated it with a few compliments for Corbett that swept the latter off his feet. Chance dared Corbett to raise his hands, but before Corbett could do so the bartender told Corbett he was wanted on the phone.

Some friends lusted Chance out of the place. Corbett was taken in tow in another room and the trouble blew over. The matter was fixed up a few years later, and now Corbett and Chance are good friends, although Chance has never backed down from his stand that the fight was a rank fake. There are not many men outside of the fight game who would have courted trouble with Corbett at that time.

## GOOD GHOST STORY WITH SCENE LAID IN NEW BRUNSWICK

A good ghost story comes from New Brunswick. Two men were out camping and shooting in wild country. One night one of them awoke and saw sitting over the glowing embers of the dying fire a figure dressed in an eighteenth century costume.

"Who are you?" asked the sportsman, startled. The ghost bade him search in the cliff above which the camp lay, and told him that he would find his (the speaker's) bones there. He ordered him to bury them decently, and take as his reward what he found in the cave.

The figure then vanished. At dawn the two comrades set to work. They found the entrance to a cave which had been almost blocked by a landslide. Inside was a skeleton with a massive gold ring on its bony finger, and around the skeleton lay various books of dates varying from 1650 to 1685. There was also a manuscript giving the locality and description of a treasure buried nearby, which the lucky finders duly dug up and appropriated.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMAN IS PROMINENT AS SPORTING PROMOTER

Mrs. "Snowy" Baker, wife of the Australian sporting promoter, knows as much about the business of athletics as her husband. Mrs. Baker is the promoter's chief assistant in his business affairs. She has arranged and put over important prize fights without his help and has made contracts under which American boxers invaded Australia for a series of bouts. Recently she took a hand in the theatrical game, arranging for the filming of a thriller in which her husband is to be starred.

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## TWIRLER LOSES GAME BEFORE PITCHING A BALL

It is seldom indeed that a pitcher goes into the box and loses a game before he has even pitched a ball, as was the case in the Milwaukee-Indianapolis game, which brought the American Association championship season of 1919 to a close. Cavet entered the box in the ninth inning with the score tied and by making a balk with a runner on third base allowed the opposing team to score the winning run.

## CHANG CHAU WILL RETURN TO CHINA WITH MERRY-GO-ROUND

Twelve years ago Chang Chau coiled his queue on top of his head, donned the garb of the Occident in order to facilitate speed, and hied himself out of China between two suns. Chang Chau had made a bad guess and had allied himself in 1907 to the forlorn hope of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, late president of China, but in that year overwhelmingly defeated by the troops of the Manchu dynasty. So it was that Chang Chau arrived in Honolulu. But the Manchus now are no more, and, take it from Chang, his is to be a triumphal return.

He has bought a merry-go-round, which for untold years has been adding to the hilarious enjoyment of Hawaiian natives, and intends to set it up in Peking, an exchange says. Before many moons the blatant wail of "Je-er-ru-u-s-alem-Je-e-r-u-u-s-alem," will be floating out from the mechanical organ of the giant swing and mingling with the thousand other noises of the Orient, while staid Chinese mandarins rock dignifiedly on the gaudy wooden horses, their queues and robes flying out behind them as they make the dizzy circuit. Cynics might be tempted to say that Chang's return snacks something of revenge.

## LORD LEVERHULME SAYS SWEAT MACHINES BUT PROTECT WORKERS

"Sweat machinery, but protect workers," is the belief of Lord Leverhulme, British manufacturer, who has arrived in this country.

The smile of adversity is rather icy.

## BARRIEAU AND GILLAM BOUT ENDED IN DRAW

As Exhibition of Boxing It Was  
Considered Best Ever Seen  
Here This Season.

The fifteen round bout between Harry Gillam and Frank Barrieau, which was pulled off at the Empire theatre, Monday evening, resulted in a draw. It was agreed between the boxers and the referee, Dr. McCormack, that at the end of the fifteen rounds should both boxers be on their feet the bout would be called a draw. However, as it proved, this agreement was not necessary.

Frank Barrieau weighed 149 pounds and Gillam 162. The weight agreed upon for the bout was 154. Barrieau seemed to be faster, but Gillam was more effective in his hitting. As an exhibition of boxing it was considered the best seen here this season. There were two preliminaries, one between Chapman and Spindle, which went six rounds to a draw, and furnished much amusement for the crowd. The second was between Lefty Brunner and Billy Rail, which was a six round bout and resulted in a draw also, but was not so fast as the first bout.

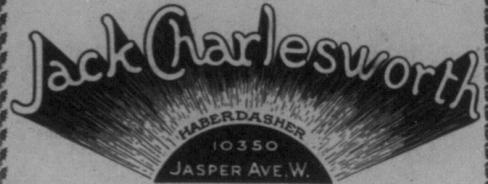
## HARVARD STUDENT COUNCIL VOTES TENNIS NOT A MAJOR SPORT

Keen disappointment was felt at the recent action of the student council at Harvard when it voted that it was not in favor of making tennis a major sport and awarding members of the team the "H," but it did favor the securing of a tennis coach for the "varsity team and the awarding of an "H" to Harvard men who win the singles or doubles event of the inter-collegiate tennis tournament. At the present time to gain an "H," a Harvard tennis man must win the singles title in the inter-collegiate meet.

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