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A Detroit Sport's Heavy Loss on a Fake Fight.

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THE RING.

Pat Killen, winner of Friday night's heavyweight fight, has been dangerously ill at his home, St. Paul, Minn., the result of injuries received in the fight. When Referee Moore awarded the fight to Killen in the second round, Sheehy drew at his antagonist and threw him, hitting him twice, one wound being in the left breast and the other on the calf of the right leg. The wounds are much inflamed, and serious results are feared from blood-poisoning.

ATHLETICS.

E. A. Garhart, instructor of the Louisville Athletic Club, broke the record for the jumping kick with both feet the other night. He kicked 7 feet 3 1/2 inches.

BASEBALL.

It is understood that A. G. Mills, the author of the national agreement, has been offered the presidency of the National League.

The American Association's club losses the last season were: Rochester, \$18,000; St. Louis, \$15,000; Philadelphia, \$13,000; Toledo, \$16,000; Columbus, \$12,700; Brooklyn and Baltimore, \$9,000; Syracuse, \$10,000; total, \$93,700.

QUOTING.

The Ballochmyle prize quoit, presented to the quoit players of Ayrshire by Claude Alexander, of Ballochmyle, in 1840, was played for at Mauchline recently. The weather was fine for spectators, but a little hot for players, 40 of whom started, including Alexander Smith, Mauchline's first winner of the quoit 50 years ago, and whose quoit record dates fifteen years further back than that, having won the county sweepstakes in 1825. Mr. Smith is now in his 80th year, and no greater enthusiast of the "iron ring" can be found in all Scotland.

THE RING.

At the Olympic Gymnasium, Toronto, Saturday night Chas. Marks, a light-weight pugilist from Buffalo earned \$25 which had been offered to him if he stood before Paul Patillo for six rounds. At the finish Marks had somewhat the best of it.

A Buffalo dispatch says: "The fight between Ed Gorman, of this city, and an 'unknown' backed by Robert Wright, of Detroit, and which Robert Reakes, of Detroit, refereed, at Irving, N. Y., a few days ago, was it now charged, a 'fake.' A local sport named Murphy bet \$7,000, his diamond pin and diamond ring, on the understanding that the Detroit 'unknown' was to win the match, but the Detroiters weren't in it, and it is said Murphy is looking because of the failure of the deal whereby his diamonds were gambled. It appears to have been a case of 'diamond cut diamond.'"

FEETSTRIANISM.

The old science of a foot race was played in Windsor on Friday, but in this case the one who was being played for a dupe turned the tables. Many months ago Boyd, the Canadian sprinter, and a runner named Martin put up a job on a well-known business man of Windsor. Boyd appeared in the town first and gained the confidence of the dupe. Shortly afterwards Martin appeared. He thought he could down Boyd, and a race was soon arranged for \$1,000 a side. Martin won easily, and walked off with the stuff. But when they came to the division of the spoils Boyd says that Martin did him up to the tune of \$900. Boyd swore to get even. About a week ago Boyd was financially embarrassed Martin was to put up the money, and \$10 was placed at the time as a forfeit. Friday Martin and Boyd arrived, and the party who was to be the dupe very readily put up his money, and the runners stripped for the race. The course started opposite the Salvation Army barracks and ended opposite the Imperial Hotel. About 50 people were present, and at the shot of the pistol Boyd sprang to the front and beat Martin easily. When they entered the hotel Martin looked crestfallen. As Boyd was receiving the money, \$1,040, from the stakeholder he turned on Martin and gave him an awful roasting, winding up with the phrase, "You caught me once, but I am more than even with you."

THE KENNEL.

Pittie King, a winner at the Canadian field trials, easily disposed of King's Mark in the first heat of the free-for-all stake at the Central trials. After running three hours King's Mark quit completely done up, while Pittie King was comparatively fresh.

The bench show of the English St. Bernard Club opened Dec. 9, with a catalogue of 30 classes of the breed. The champion, Sir Bedivere, was everything open to him, and Champion Plevin, just purchased by Mr. E. B. Sears, of Melrose, Mass., won in her class, but was second to the smooth-coated bitch Champion Sans Pear in the show.

Col. Norton's greyhound City of Paris cost his owner \$1,000, but he won his first class money back in less than three months' coursing. Then the first year at stud his owner took the pick of the litter in lieu of stud fee, and thus accumulated 40 pups. Now he stands at \$150 fee.

THE TURF.

The kite-swinging track has long been known to the people in Canada, who do a great deal of their trotting on the ice. Five credits to whom credit is due. The oval or circular track will outlive the kite. The more the people see of a race the better they like it.—(Turf, Field and Farm.)

Mr. S. White, of Windsor, Ont., has purchased the grey mare, Gypsy Sprague, by George Sprague, dam by Gage's Logan; the bay mare, Maria Ensign, by Ensign, dam by Robert Bonner; the bay mare Ida Kelly, by Geo. Hancock; the grey filly

Pansy, by Patronage, dam Gypsy Sprague, and the bay filly Annie E., by Durango, out of Ida Kelly, from the Murphy farm, Park Ridge, Ill. Maria Ensign, Gypsy Sprague and Ida Kelly are in foal to Hambletonian Wilkes.

FOOTBALL.
An English paper has started a football insurance system. For 1 penny football players are insured against fatal accidents for the sum of \$500.

The Bishop of Bedford, says the London Daily Telegraph, made some amusing confessions at the annual dinner of the Finbury Polytechnic. He rejoiced that the clergy now took active interest in stimulating football and cricket, but deplored that some of his young curates were thereby placed under the necessity of sometimes appearing in church on Sunday with the undesirable accompaniment of a black eye, whose rich hues denoted that it had been received late the previous afternoon. When he was ministering seventeen years ago at Illington, it seems that the bishop himself rounded the strong leg of some of his parishioners, who held that in playing cricket with the members of a local institute he lowered the dignity of the church. Nevertheless the right reverend gentleman still ventures to entertain great hopes for the country whose youth take their pleasures in field sports.

CHESS.

The sixth game of the chess match between Steinitz and Gunsberg was played Saturday. Steinitz won in 43 moves. The score now stands: Steinitz 2, Gunsberg 2, draw 7.

DRAUGHTS.

The match between the American champion, Reed, and Willie, the "Heri Laddie," is expected to come off in Chicago next July. Willie having accepted Reed's challenge, and lodged a deposit of \$200.

A novel match is being arranged between Mr. Martins and Mr. W. Campbell, of Glasgow, the blindfold champion. Draws are to count as wins for Campbell, and he is to play without seeing board or men.

VOICES OF THE PEOPLE.

Municipal Government.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER.
Being on the eve of a municipal election, and a reduction in the wards of our city being about to be voted on, a few facts concerning a city (Birmingham, Eng.), said to be the "best governed in the world," may be worthy of consideration at this time. It is a city that builds its own street railroads, makes and sells its own gas, collects and sells its water supply, raises and sells a great part of the food of its inhabitants, provides them with a free museum, art gallery and art school, gives them swimming and Turkish baths at less than cost, and interests a large portion of its people in responsibility for and management of its affairs than any city in the world. It is above all else a business city, run by business men on business principles. It is a city wherein the difficult problem of the disposal of sewage is believed to have more nearly approached solution than elsewhere, but space will not permit me to enlarge on this important matter.

Now, in regard to its government, nearly all the officers are elected by the voters. The mayor, chosen by the council, is chairman of the council and a member of all its committees. It costs about \$2,000, or \$14,600 a year to be mayor. Neither the mayor nor any member of the council draws any pay. The city is governed by five bodies. First is the board of police justices, about 50 of them, who serve for life without pay. Second of the governing bodies is the town council. It has charge of the general affairs of the city and is divided into sixteen committees, consisting of eight members each. They appoint a town clerk, coroner, clerk of the peace, city treasurer, city surveyor, medical officer of health, and city analyst and a chief constable, but they literally and actually manage the various departments. It is not necessary to name the different committees. The town council is made up of 48 councillors, three for each ward, and sixteen aldermen. The councillors are elected for terms of three years each, one in each ward retiring every year. The councillors are elected by the people, the aldermen who sit for six years are elected by the council. Any person who can vote is eligible for election. While certain conditions prevent us from adopting many of these forms of city government, it is worthy of notice that the plan in Birmingham is to distribute the power among as many persons as possible, and to interest and make responsible as many citizens as possible, even outside the council. For instance, the Museum and School Art Committee consists of eight councillors and nine citizens outside the council, and other committees in the same way—while a large number of our citizens, advocating the reduction of wards and aldermen and so interesting and making responsible as few citizens as possible. There is one feature which strikes me as very desirable, and could be adopted with advantage, the election of aldermen for three years, one out of three retiring every year. I would like to touch on other points but have already trespassed on your valuable space. Trusting we may have a full discussion on this subject of municipal government, which forms so important a part in the advancement of our city, so as to bring about some practical results, yours truly,
WILLIAM ELLIS.
London, Dec. 22.

Forty-five Days Without Food.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Signor Succ, who began a fast of 45 days on Nov. 5 ended his fast at 8:23 Saturday night. Three fasters have gone 40 days without food, but they were so weak they could not sit up. Dr. Tanner could not sit up after the tenth day, and could not write his name after the fifteenth day; but Succ has scorned the idea of weakness all through. On his fifteenth day he rode horseback and he has exercised every day since. Only last Wednesday, upon some one accusing him of being played out, he challenged a fencing master who was present to five minutes' battle with broad-swords and defeated the professor five points to two. The doctors took the least examination at 6 o'clock, the result of which was: Weight, 104; on Nov. 5, at 8:10, 147—total loss, 43 pounds, or less than a pound a day. Temperature, 98.2; pulse, 62; respiration, 19; dynameter, 44; general condition, weak; tongue clear, moist and steady. The bulletin was signed by the thirteen physicians who have watched Succ, the fast. At 8:23 Succ took his first nourishment for 45 days—a sip of cocoa.

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BUILDINGS BURNED.

GREENWOOD, Ont., Dec. 22.—The barns of Ida Kelly, from the Murphy farm, Park Ridge, Ill. Maria Ensign, Gypsy Sprague and Ida Kelly are in foal to Hambletonian Wilkes.

MORRISBURG, Ont., Dec. 22.—Fire broke out Saturday morning in the hay house just east of F. C. Denesha's large cold-storage building. The building contained some 40 tons of hay, which was consumed, and the cold-storage also burned. Denesha's loss is \$12,000.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The store of C. W. Clark was damaged by fire Saturday. Loss, \$9,000.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 22.—Geo. A. Fraser's residence was damaged to the extent of \$40.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 22.—St. James' Church caught fire Sunday from the furnace. The promptness of the fire brigade saved the structure.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—The Casino Roller Skating Rink was burned this morning; loss, \$60,000. N. J. Wilson, the janitor, was badly burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—St. Bernard's Catholic Church on Fourteenth street, between Eighth and Ninth, was completely gutted by fire this (Monday) morning. The interior of the structure was completely burned out and the roof destroyed.

Fatal Gambling Row—Six Men Shot.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 22.—While several men were gambling at Brownwell, Saturday night, a quarrel occurred and a man named Budrick shot and fatally wounded five of his companions. A mob rioted Budrick's body with bullets.

Coasting Accident.

HAMILTON, Dec. 22.—A young girl named Edith Jamieson is lying at home suffering from a broken leg, the result of coasting the other night. The young girl, during one of her trips, ran into a farmer's wagon that was passing along Main street, and in the collision her leg was broken.

Ontario Vets.

The Christmas examinations of the Ontario Veterinary College were concluded on Friday last. Following are among the successful candidates: J. H. Cornell, Lambeth; John M. Currie, Mitchell; James R. Frank, Strathroy; James Harrison, Fergus; George M. Hodgins, Lucan; John F. Milne, Clinton; R. J. Nelson, Paisley.

A Woman Choked to Death.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Franklin Deiphenbrock, of Glandorf, this county, while eating chicken Saturday, met with an accident which proved fatal. A small bone, being two joints of the neck, lodged in her throat, and after an ineffectual effort to extricate the bone from her throat, she died after suffering great pain.

A Point Edward Man Killed.

PORT HURON, Dec. 22.—Geo. Cloughessey, residing at Point Edward, was killed at the Stone street crossing of the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway in Port Huron Friday night. He jumped upon a beam to ride, slipped and fell under the wheels, which passed over his body, completely severing it. The unfortunate man, who was 22 years of age, had been employed as a switchman for several years past. He was married.

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