# TOUGHCUSTOMER

Old Mat Artist Shows Dutchmen a Bit of Real Old-Time Strength.

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Burns Beat Farmer at Their Own Game-Gave Champion Battle in Proper Style.

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Farmer Burns, the "Sly Fox" of the wrestling game, yesterday "put one over" on a bunch of rural sports from Gresham, Neb. which left them hunting around to borrow money for railroad fare to their homes. The ruralists thought to initiate the farmer into a new game. But Burns taught the representatives of the Greshamites a few tricks, and defeated his opponent in just five sec-

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In and near Gresham there are a lot of German farmers. Their favorite sport is "stick pulling," in which the two opponents sit oposite each other on the floor, brace their feet against a board, grasp a pick handle and see which can pull the other man over the board. The champion "stick pulled" up to the time he met Burns was Pete Ryestorf. Pete is 30 years old and weighs 302 pounds.

Half a dozen of these German farmers came to South Omaha last week. They got to bragging about the ability of Pete. Jack Haskell, the baseball umpire, heard the boast. It was a new game to Haskell, and he went over to ask about it.

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"Pete can outpull any man in the state" boasted one German.
"Huh!" retorted Haskell. "Twe got a man down here who weighs 190 pounds and is over 50 years of age. He'll pull your man all over the yard for a dollar."

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Then the two men took their places, their feet braced against a 2x12 board and each man holding on to the "stick." The referee shouted and the match was on. Pete was pulling hard. Burns says no step at the state of the state o hard. Burns gave no sign other than that his arms were extended fully. "When you get ready to pull, just say so." Burns said in an ordinary tone of conversation. Pete's jaw dropped. Burns then leaned backward and pulled Pete over the board.

Again the men grasped the stick and the referee started them. Pete make several guick vanks but got remake several guick vanks but got remakers.

The Cumberland stables have sold to the Master of the Toronto Hunt two young funters. In his careful hands they should give an excellent account of themselves, not only in the field but in the show ring.

make several quick yanks, but got no distance. Farmer was sitting steady and without winking an eye.

"Why don't you pull instead of sitting there doing nothing?" said

#### PLAYED THEIR FIRST GAME ON SATURDAY NIGHT



Billy Nicholson's Tecumseh pro team (standing, left to right)—To m Daly (trainer), George McNamara, Horace Gaul, Cap Williams, Concordeau, Howard McNamara, Billie Pop. (Sitting, left to right)—Alex, Ni cholson, Teddy Oke, W. Nicholson (manager), the mascot, Art Throop,

### **MOTORCYCLE RECORDS IN 1912**

The fastest official mile traveled by field, Mass., Sept. 6, 1909, have not motorcycle during the year of 1912 been bettered. His time for 70 miles was 58.48 2-5.

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Then match was held in the horse selling pavilion. At one side stood Pete, in all the magnitude of his 300 pounds.

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I mile to 17 miles for 1912.

His first mile was made in 38 2-5 seconds—two seconds slower than Seymour's professional time. This record was also made at Los Angeles, Cal., on the same day that Seymour cleaned the slate up to 20 miles—May 17. Clafin's time for the seventees miles was 11.24 3-5.

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Universally Recognized as the Best Whisky in the Market Fred Huycks amateur records from 21 miles to 70 miles, made at Spring-1-5.

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miles, riding the 30 miles in 20.21 4-5.

These were the only new professional records made during 1912, altho there were many attempts in which the record was not adopted as official for various reasons announced by the competition committee of the Federation of American Motorcyclists.

Jake DeRosler, the old motorcycle "war-horse" still holds the official professional records, made during 1911 and 1910, from 35 to 100 miles. De-Rosler's time for 100 miles is 75.24 2-5.

In the amateur field Lon Clafin hung up a new series of official records from there were the only new professional Two-mile F. A. M. Championship, won by J: U. Constant, Detroit, June 23, 1912. Distance, 66 5-8 miles.

Five miles F. A. M. Professional Championship, won by Ray Seymour, Columbus, July 19, 1912. Time, 3.22 2-5.

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Five-mile F. A. M. Amateur Championship, won by Don Clark, Columbus, Ohio, July 20, 1912. Time, 4.28.
One-mile F. A. M. Amateur Championship, won by J. U. Constant, Columbus, Ohio, July 20, 1912. Time, .#0

#### HOW CURVE BALL WAS DISCOVERED

**CUMMINGS TELLS** 

When Throwing a Clam Shell Arthur Found That a Baseball Could Also Be Curved ..

William Arthur Cummings, reputed ventor of the curve ball, is now living in small cottage in the Town of Athol, Mass. There have been other claimant of the honor, but Cummings has the sup port of most of the recognized authoritie Among them are George Wright, John C Chapman, A. G. Spajding, Douglas Allison, N. E. Young, A. C. Anson, Wester Fisier, Al Pratt and James White, all of whom made baseball history in the seventies. Here is Cummings' own story of the discovery of the curve ball :

"It was in the sixtles that I discovered the curve ball, and, strange to say, it was the idle throwing of half a clam shel that gave birth to such an idea. As I ratched the shells sail thru their irregucourse, the theory developed in my aind that I might apply it in baseball.

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"After watching the shells follow their snaky course, I decided that I would try to see if I could throw a ball in a similar manner. I was laughed at by scientiflo men and baseball experts, but I finally proved to them that the stunt could be done, and for a long time I was known as the boy wonder.

"My first experience in a club of any note was with an organization called the Carrolls, after Carroll Park, in Brooklyn. In the following spring I joined the Star Juniors, which won 37 out of 39 games played. No regular suits were worn at that time. It was while I was with the Stars that Joseph Liggett of the Excelsior Club got me to join his team.

"At this time there were no big leagues. The Excelsior was considered one of the strongest clubs in New York. I participated in these games during part of '66, and pitched in a few of them.

"I remember the first time I pitched. Brainard, who held a national reputation as a boxman, failed to show up, and I was substituted. I only weighed 117 pounds, and my opponents—the Eurekas of Newark, N.J., a strong nine—expected an easy victory, but they went home with a defeat of 24 to 12.

"It was while I was with the Excelsiors that I went to Washington to play the annual game with the Nationals. We won.

"The following year I went to Boston

20 pounds more than Smith, who stripped at 186. After some fast firing in the first round, Smith whipped over a right cross, which caught the Pittsburg man flush on the jaw and brought him to his knees. The bell saved him during another flerce onslaught. Both men fell out of the ring in the fifth, and in the sixth Moran seemed so badly frightened as Smith rushed him that he appeared to be looking for a place to which to escape from the ring. Thruout the contest the sallor used a straight hard left to the stomach, puntuating theseries with an occasional, righthand swing to the head or jaw. He used both hands in upper cutting successfully.

West Kenney and this caused my wrist and second finger had to do all the work.

"I snapped the ball away from me like a whip, and this caused my wrist bone to get out of place quite often. I was compelled to wear a supporter on my wrist line season on account of this strain.

"I joined the famous Star Club of Brocklyn in 1368, and was with it for four years. The club did not jose a series of games, and during all that time won the championship of America and Canada. In 1870 the Stars defeated the crack Mutual team of New York, 24 to 12, and in 1871, when the New Yorks won the championship to the head or jaw. He used both hands in upper cutting successfully.

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#### WHAT THE HOCKEY CLUBS ARE DOING

Gossip of the Pro. and Amateur Teams-Toronto Clubs Register Players.

A good idea would be to install an in-dicator at the Arena, which would inform the spectators the length of time the excitement, gets twisted.

The following players have registered with the O.H.A. by the following Toron.

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Easily Defeated Frank Moran of Pittsburg, But it Was a Tame

Bout—Must do Better.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—In winning a decision over Frank Moran of Pittsburg at the end of 20 rounds here late last night, "Gunboat" Smith, the local heavyweight, had easily the batter of every round, but failed to show anything like championship form. Moran's work was so poor that he was hooted continually during the fight, and left the ring in a volley of Pusses and east calls from the covered. The arm also had to be kept near the fight, and left the ring in a volley of Pusses and cat calls from the covered. The curves was made with the Nationals. We championship form the diamond and not raise either until the ball left the ring in a volley of Pusses and cat calls from the covered. The curves were not covered to the property of the care of the property was made with the nationals. To cottave Citizen.

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