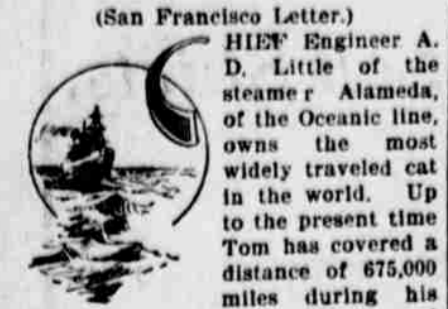


CAT IS A TRAVELER.

TRYING TO COVER 1,000,000 MILES ON SEA.

Thirteen Years Ago He Came Aboard the Alameda, and Has Been "at Home" There Ever Since—Acted as the Engineer's Sentinel.



both he and his master are living in the hope that he will be able to reach the million mark. Tom has done most of his journeying on the Alameda, on board of which Mr. Little has sailed as chief engineer for over thirteen years.



ENGINEER LITTLE AND TOM.

would not be caught. He secreted himself in various parts of the ship until she went to sea, and from that day to this he has been on board the Alameda. As he grew older Tom began to settle down to business and it was not long before the upper part of the ship and the 'tween decks were perfectly clear of rats.

A NOVEL INDUSTRY.

How One Man Makes a Living by Buying Canadian Money.

All through that part of the country northern Ohio there is a discount of 20 cents on every Canadian dollar. Of course Canadian money is not as much in circulation as is the legal tender of the United States, but there is enough for his purpose, says the Buffalo Express.

ey is as good as ours. From that time on the business gradually increased, until to-day he averages about \$150 a week. Instead of having the farmer come to him he goes to them and buys their accumulated savings of Canada coin. They are all his customers, and know him well in the five years they have done business together.

A PLAGUE OF PARIS.

The Wild Dogs of the Days of the Reign of Terror.

So many startling events happened from day to day during the reign of terror that the apparition of wild dogs in Paris is commonly overlooked, says Pearson's Weekly. But it was quite natural. The greater part of those grandees who fled or went into hiding kept dogs, and very few of them were able to make arrangements for the poor beasts when they left home.

SIX FEET SEVEN.

Cyrus Solloway the Tallest Man in Congress.

Cyrus A. Solloway of New Hampshire is the tallest man in congress. He is 6 feet 7 inches high, with a voice to match. He is a lawyer, and one of the brightest of the lawyers in his part of the country. He manages pretty well in spite of his immense size.



C. A. SULLOWAY.

in the sandwich-room of the house, and prefers a stool at the counter to a chair at a table. His reason for this plan of eating involves the fact that he cannot get his legs under the table. When seated on the stool, so he says, "he can see what they give him to eat."

Famous Criminal Expires.

Channey Johnson, whose career as a bank and sneak thief began in 1852, has been continued ever since, except during the intervals of his imprisonment, died in Sing Sing Tuesday. It has been said of him that his stealings aggregated a greater sum than those of any other criminal in his line.

THE GREAT BATTLE.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS FIGHT.

The Winner Will Find Himself Head and Shoulders Above All Others—Tom Sharkey Will Challenge the Victor Just Before the Battle.



draw a purse against me? I'm in the game to the end, if they can stir up anybody, but I am not going to deal in dubs or fighters whom I outclass or have already defeated. Really there appears no one in the range of the pugilistic horizon today worthy of being thought of as a future opponent of the winner between Fitz and Corbett.



CHAMPION CORBETT. From His Latest Photo.

fallen back in general estimation of late. Those on the coast who are conversant with the sailor's manner of milling think he can never give the championship any sort of brush under Queensberry rules, though under the old style rules he would probably stand an even or better chance with any of them.

Stammering Nevada.

It's all well enough for the stay-at-homes to roast Nevada, but how about some of the poor war scribes who will be set adrift out in that country presently? Some of them will be lucky if they can get back with whole necks. In this connection it affords the writer considerable pleasure to chronicle that Nevadans, so far as he can judge from reading and labored cogitation upon the subject, are as handsome, elegant and refined a set of gentlemen as one could wish to meet.

Comment on Lavigne-McPartland Fight

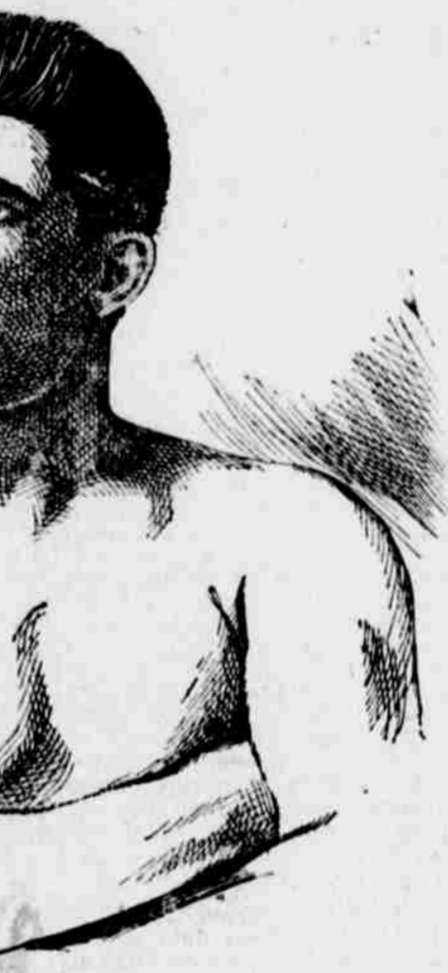
In downing Kid McPartland in 25 rounds (on points), which performance George (Kid) Lavigne did in New York, the latter probably picked off the best of the new light weight brood. It amounted possibly to the longest and hardest scrap Lavigne has had since he graduated from the featherweights, which was on the occasion of his meeting with Andy Bowen at New Orleans, December, 1894.

vigne, wrote me a short time ago concerning the quick grown hallucination as to the champion lightweight's avoirdupois, bidding those who were credulous to keep an eye on his boxer and see whether he was strong or not at the lightweight limit. I hope they have been convinced.

How the Big Men Train.

Next to hard sparring and bag punching handball is no doubt the best requisite, reliable exercise in the repertory of a man in training for a glove contest. Jim Corbett has figured it that way. He has since the earliest intimation of a go with Fitzsimmons hunted up handball courts in whatever part of the country he has found himself and there peeled his shirt and tested his bellows against skilled opponents in one of the most wind harrowing exercises ever invented.

Fitzsimmons goes more on bag punching, relieved by runs across country, and bag punching, when put to what it ought to be, is, I believe, inferior to nothing known as a preparatory exercise to hard ring work. It is, however, an irksome task to most boxers, too much limited in space and movement and very hard work too.



BOB FITZSIMMONS. From His Latest Photo.

round, sandwiching in plaudits to the merry rat-a-tat, and Young Griffo, never much of a bag exerciser or trainer under any conditions, used to avow he would rather go to jail than rap the sphere ten minutes without a lot of awe-stricken rubbernecks. In handball this tediousness is pretty well done away with; you are always struggling with an opponent, and talk and jest put time quickly by.

Fitz Under a Delusion.

Speaking of hammering the sphere reminds me of a new wrinkle in this line, introduced by Fitz first in his preparation for that contest with Corbett which fell through. This is fighting the bag with little dumbbells in each hand, which Fitz is said to have done formerly for about ten minutes at a stretch, after having first gone through the usual exercise at it with the gloves. Now, this sort of work is without doubt a mistake on the Kangaroo's part, and I believe any trainer well-skilled in his craft will agree that it is. Fitz' theory is that if he can

pound the bag rapidly with weighted hands he can make them spin all the faster when they have nothing but four-ounce gloves on them, supposing that he has grown extra muscle by virtue of the weights. Laboring under this same delusion, the writer has seen sprint racers put lead in the soles of their practice shoes and even carry weights strapped to the shoulders, and also shot-putters, who argued that a man training for his utmost endeavor with, for instance, a fourteen-pound shot, ought to handle a much heavier one in advance. These are all delusions and snares and have been proved so long ago. Fitz can do himself nothing but injury by weighting his hands; which, it has been reported, he is again practicing at his training quarters daily.

Corbett's Daily Routine.

Corbett is passing his days of training in this manner: Soon after he rises in the morning he will take a cup of coffee and a dish of oatmeal. Then he will knock about, stroll over the hills and in a loafing way pass the time until his first meal of the day, to be taken at 10 o'clock. Then a little light work—wrist machine, bag, pulleys and dumbbells. About 12 o'clock he will strip for the work of the day. This will consist of running, hand ball, wrestling, boxing and bag-punching. While being rubbed down Corbett thinks his blood will be cooled sufficiently for his dinner, which will follow as soon as he is dressed. Then more loafing, followed by sleep. This routine began as soon as he reached Nevada.

An Unpardonable Act.

The other day in Philadelphia two lightweights sparred six rounds before a large Quaker audience—Leslie Pearce and Billy Payne—and at the conclusion, Pearce having been biffed smartly and falling to operate as successfully on his opponent as he had thought to do, refused to shake hands at the wind-up. For this Pearce was roundly hissed and a Philadelphia paper stamped it a most disgraceful act. Mr. Pearce absolutely got mad and had the hardihood to show it, because he had been hit in the jaw a few times.

Concerning this unpardonable breach of ring etiquette a western referee once expressed himself very forcibly to the writer. "What would you do," I asked, "if a principal should so far forget himself as to refuse to shake hands at the wind-up?"

"I can't tell just what I would do but I know what I would like to do."

"And what is that?"

"Hang him."

Sharkey to Challenge Winner.

Tom Sharkey says that he will be in the front row when Corbett and Fitzsimmons step into the ring at Carson and that he will challenge the winner to fight for any amount up to \$20,000.

He does not care where the fight comes off and will be ready at any time within three weeks after the fight takes place. He does not suppose either of the two men has any particular love for him, but that will make no difference, nor does he care which man wins, as he will be equally well pleased to meet one man or the other.

The Saddle Question.

"If a solution to the all-pervasive saddle question cannot be found this year," says a man in the trade, "the problem might as well be classed with the squaring of the circle and thrown aside as unsolvable. To say that every conceivable form of bicycle saddle is shown might be setting limits to the powers of human imagination, which are understood to be infinite, but only those who have devoted the closest attention and the hardest thought to saddles would believe them capable of so many varied forms as are now exhibited. There are saddles hard and soft, saddles which look like bologna sausages doubled together, and others which resemble loaves of French bread. Every kind of leather is found in the coverings—calf, 'kip,' seal, 'gator, snake and even monkey skin."

It would be a queer turn if any year should pass away without Umpire Hurst having some suggestions to make on the playing rules. Tim bobs up each winter with something new.

PEARLS.

Why There Are Very Ancient Specimens Now in Existence.

According to M. Berthelot, the celebrated scientist-historian, there are no very ancient pearls in existence, for which a sufficient reason is found in the fact that pearls, unlike precious stones, are destructible. They discolor and disintegrate. The pearl is not mentioned by Homer or Herodotus, he states. It begins to appear in the time of Alexander—that is, of the conquest of the east, and it is about this time that the name Margarita—that is to say, Pearl—is first given to women. Not a great deal is known about the value attributed by the ancients to particular pearls. The one that Cleopatra drank was valued at \$200,000 modern money. Mention is made by Pliny of a practice of Claudius, son of the actor Aesop, who gave his guests dissolved pearls to drink, says the San Francisco Argonaut.

The Romans appreciated the pearl and after the growth of luxury began to have its usual effect in diminishing the birth-rate one of the laws against celibacy provided that no childless woman or spinster should wear pearls under the age of 55. Pearls are prominent in the royal toilets of Europe. Catherine de Medici was said to have the finest pearls in Europe. When she married Henri, duc d'Orleans, Francis I. presented her two great pearls weighing five grams each. She afterward presented these to Marie Stuart, who while queen of France, had them set in the parures familiar in her portraits. At that queen's fall the pearls were captured by Morton and sent to London. Catherine instructed her ambassador to buy them, but they were bought by Elizabeth for 12,000 crowns. At that time pearls cut a leading figure in woman's dress. The great sleeves were decorated with them. The favorite ornament, however, was the paternoster embracing the waist, then hanging down in front to the bottom of the skirt. The decoration was completed by a bertha defining the breast, joining in front and descending in two rows to join the paternoster, giving the effect of an opening in the corsage. Pearls and precious stones were bought as a convenient investment and acceptable collateral. Elizabeth lent £20,000 on a pledge of jewels by the prince of Conde, Jeanne d'Albret, Henry of Navarre and Coligny. The jewels were never redeemed and now figure among the crown jewels.

The Bible is the Root.

It is related in the Christian Leader that a son of one of the priests of Mysore, in the Orient, was aroused to deep anxiety for the salvation of his soul by reading a tract. He traveled 200 miles to visit a missionary in order to learn the way of God more perfectly. On one occasion he was very much interested in reading Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." He said several times to the missionary who had taught him and given him the book that it was better than the Bible. The missionary pointed him to the scene before him and said:

"Do you see that beautiful mango tree there?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Don't you eat the fruit and enjoy its sweetness?"

"Yes."

"And where would that tree be if there were no roots to it?"

"Oh," said the man, "now I see what you mean; the Bible is the root, and all other good books in the world are produced from it."

The lesson learned by the convert of Mysore may be needed by many nearer home. Those who put anything in the place of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and read other books in place of the Bible, are as far astray as was he. We must not forget that the Bible is the root, and that nothing can take its place.

How to Stop Crying Babies.

Though the sound of a baby's crying is never agreeable music, even to the most devoted mother, it has been held for centuries that this was an affliction from which there was no escape. It has remained for the trained nurse to discover a method by which babies are induced to hold their peace. As soon as a child begins to cry the nurse catches it up, holds it gently and places her hand over its nose and mouth so that it cannot breathe. The crying ceases directly and the child is allowed to breathe freely again. Should it a second time attempt to scream the same simple and effectual method is applied. This is repeated till the baby imagines that the painful stoppages of the breath are caused by its own efforts to scream, and so is careful to keep quiet.

It is claimed that this plan works to a charm, and that the self-control exhibited by infants three months old, even when in actual pain and distress is something remarkable.

Argentina's Queer Marriage Laws.

The government of Argentina has recently passed an extraordinary law to make marriages compulsory for all eligible persons. After Jan. 1, 1897, every unmarried male between 20 and 80 years of age will be obliged to pay a monthly tax to the state. The law also provides that should any celibates of either sex refuse an offer of marriage without good reason they must pay \$500 to the person refused.

Street Names in Canton.

In Canton, China, they name streets after the virtues, as here they are named after persons. Thus there is a street called Unblemished Rectitude, a Pure Pearl street, a street of Benevolence, and another of Love.