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Physical Development and Sports

By John (Jack) Tholmer



FIGHTS I HAVE WITNESSED

I was born in a town that was always a great fight center (New Orleans, La.) There as well as elsewhere I have witnessed many battles.

The question arose some time ago as to which was the hardest glove scrap known. That in itself is a hard quesuse of kitchen and laundry. 1107 tion for any one to answer, as few North 19th street. Webster 2177. Mrs. men will agree as to exactly what constitutes a hard mill. Then again, we must understand that no man saw Neatly furnished room for man in all the different contests staged since strictly modern home. Mrs. Barker, boxing became an art. But of all the slugfests that the writer has seen in a quarter of a century, one that has always impressed him as having been took place in New Orleans back in 1906. John Labeaud, a Creole groceryman and sport, lover of boxing on whom the joke will be? owned a small club. He matched two roll now. Mrs. C. Ridley, 1922 North ounce pellets. The writer took charge yourself. of Bremmer's conditioning. Alberts had an Italian as his handler.

arena was packed like a filled sardine Tennesseeans, with full equipment,

slipped in under the ropes. Betting prison at Knoxville, after the expirafollowing of loyal admirers. After said Mayes with shooting Mrs. Bertie adjusting the gloves and instructions Lindsay (white), and the non-issuance the battle was on. And seldom have The brave sons of the southland, adtwo beings slugged like those two boys vancing in the face of a deadly toothdid that night.

Not a second was lost. Both advanced to the center of the ring determined on the same thing. To slug Henderson were caught in their own his way to victory. Never have I barrage and accompanied the "nigseen fists fly so fast and so accu- gers" on the road to the dividing point. rate. Not a punch was wasted, each an ox. Bell and they rested.

Round 2.—They have not been list. daunted, the battle continues to rage fiercely, the house is in an uproar-Alberts rips that deadly right to armed intervention in Mexico. Truly Bremmer's face and a lump the size the galls of some folks are greater of a full grown egg jumps out and than the sizes of the carcasses that takes the place of the glove as it encase them. He would shoot up and recedes. Bremmer feels the sudden kill his neighbors because they won't to feel it as if to remove its presence. medals on his sheriffs when they beat Alberts is still slugging with both up law abiding citizens. fists like an enraged demon. Men are fight 'em back. go on, go on, and was reared in a poisoned atmosphere. he slugs away for dear life. The bell ends the round.

Both men go to their corners. Bell. ficulties. Strike two, Colored free-

battles I have ever witnessed among world, but none for Colored ladies

alright. None the worse for their gruelling, exciting contest. It was a

man being to keep it up.

SPLITTING THE PLATE By John A. Tholmer, The Prophet

How can one expect Texas to re-Americans of their legal rights?

Go on pecks, some day the worm the victory of Tannenberg: will bite you so hard that you'll think "We must hold on to this spirit in he's an adder.

I move that the big boys in the because the pariahs of society and

senate, Lodge, et al., quit pulling the and let her stand rocking in her bed now while the band plays in subdued

responsibility, it would give us pleas- was equal to a king. ure to have a good laugh at the antics of Japan, etc., while their own heads that their visions are sadly impaired. Still they see the other fellow's misgivings, but not their own. Come on fellows, ditch the pipe, and crawl out of the stupor before its too late.

Many good folks have predicted that I'll be entertained by the little children of h-a-l-l-e-l-u-g-a and the elders. the kings, queens, princes, dukes and all the royalties when I turn the ghost loose, but I'll have the satisfaction of knowing that they knew what they were talking about because they'll be there to see me when I enter, clean among the scrappiest, if not the ter- and dressed up, while they'll be black rible ever engaged in by little men, and smutty from coal dust, due to their having been there so long before I received my assignment. Wonder

Army Camouflage-Stevedores, enyoungsters, welters, Bremmer and Al- gineers, labor battalions, pioneer in-Fall term will open September 2. En- berts, to go ten sessions with five- fantry? Answer, think it over for

> Knoxville, Tenn., Special to Civili-The night of the contest the little zation, Aug. 30.-An army of valiant declared war on Maurice Mayes (Col-After the prelims the main card ored), bound hands and feet in the was lively as both boys had a large tion of a 10 day ultimatum, charging from the referee, the bell clanged and of a confession of guilt by the enemy. pick charge, mowed down the enemy with machine gun fire. Two of her heroes, Lieut. Magney and Private

> Subscriptions are now open to purman seemed confident of his ability chase statues commemorating their to outslug the other. For three whole valorous deeds during life and in batminutes it was a hail of gloves, each tle. Who'll vote the first penny? We blow of which seemed able to drop move that the governor of Texas send in the first subscription heading the

Texas' illustrious governor advises growth and raises his right glove be orderly and at the same time pins

Great bird, that fellow is. But frantic, you can not hear your own we'll allow if it's his way of reasoning voice. I yell to Bremmer above the he's not wholly to blame, because he roar of the throng; fight 'em back! didn't make himself, then again he

Things are getting desperate. No Round 3.-They deal out to each hits, no runs. Mississippi's executive other the same dope, only in larger is called from the bench and sent to doses and faster-bell. They do not the bat. He is consulted; can't make hear and continue to mix it. The noise out whether he is sure he can see the is so great that the referee neither ball. He'll try. Sends labor agent hears the gong, and parts the men north to recall the strayed flock. when signalled by the time keeper. Strike one, labor agent encounters dif-Bremer goes to the center, Alberts' men inquire as to what kind of Colseconds have not revived him. He ored folks are wanted in the state is exhausted. Bremmer is declared the where Chittling Sovitch is a great commonwealth. Answer, Mississippi Thus ended one of the greatest has room for all the "niggers" in the and gentlemen. Strike three, and the After a good rest both men are side is retired again. Score still 0.

While the howling multiudes growl, scrap that surely was a treat to those bark, yelp and scowl at the big hogs who witnessed it. From the first who are responsible for the H. C. of gong it was evident that the contest- L. as they squeeze, claw and scratch ants could not maintain the pace they our blood out by cupfuls, the fleas set and continue through till the end (the chop house keepers), charge us They both started in good shape, but still higher rates. Only they get it in the pace was too terrific for any hu- smaller amounts, but making our agony longer,

What's the difference if we die in quick jumps or slow ones-just so long as we kick in anyway, it all equals the same thing.

Von Hindy the pivot of the erstwhile spect the law when her governor says | Central Empires of Europe is strongly that villians clothed with police au- of the belief that there is no defeat, no thority may slug with impunity, club end till death has folded his shroud and blackjack respectable people pro- about us and safely tucked us away: vided it is done to deprive Colored He said to his countrymen gathered to do him honor in commemoration of

the sad days which are now overcoming us; we must not lose courage

It must be admitted that hope springy step. Bet he could fight a Start a bank account. of sand. She'll hold fast until at coupled with courage and ambition is least a stiff breeze blows the cur- a combination that will not down. Extains down or up and the big show'll hausted Germany has all three. Will open up again. What's the use wrang- she forever remain where she stands ling and squabbling about the merits at the bottom of the list of great of the play before the last act? 'Tis powers? Made to feel the shame of only an intermission we are enjoying her disgrace, an autcast among the peoples of the world? Rome blazed. dimmed, faded and finally passed away, and once upon a time to be a If we had not reached an age in Roman was greater than a king. And life where we feel a sense of grave not many days ago to be a German

Will she forget, forgive and swalof some of our learned statesmen. low her humiliation? I say she wont'. Telling the world how to clean house, Some days the fires will be rekindled picking the atoms out of the eyes and blaze again, but the new conflagration will be three score times greatare so clouded with dust that their er than the one just subdued. Would senses are dulled and the lids over that I could sojourn on this hill as their eyes so weighted with barnacles long as did Abraham, so I could take a hand on some side or other.

Darkness. Game called.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS

By John Tholmer. Late Boxing Instructor Camp Funston, Kas.

My mudder called 'em monkey tricks, When feet I'd place toward the sky. And kick the air such awful licks, Still I continued to grow high.

It is with great satisfaction we note that schools in different states have decided to follow the lead of Massachusetts by placing in their curriculum athletics, including boxing. Several years ago to most coilege professors boxing was a game not to be thought of by gentlemen. Today this greatest of health giving exercises seems fast coming to be recognized as a brain and body builder.

To Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft of Princeton, is largely due the credit of a revival of interest in this lively past me. Appointed chairman of the athletic division of the commission on training camp activities, U. S. war department, when America entered the world war, he determined that all soldiers should learn to box. Not only because it added to their physical powers, but because it was essential in bayonet fighting. As the stand and movements of an experienced bayonet man are identical with that of the

The men quickly caught the spirit and the work progressed rapidly and wee'lent results. The average boy regards the fellow who has some experience in boxing as a sort of wonderman, a person whom he would not dare have a brush with. Why? Simply because he doesn't know that it is

helots are our enemies. We must an easy matter for him, not only to bear and give him a tussel." again become that which we once were learn to box, but to grow strong. He boys, your hopes can be easily realwhen in Versailles the new German sees pictures of well formed, well de- ized. Health, brawn and strength are empire was proclaimed, I being among veloped men of athletic build and mar- the most valued assets and the cheapthose permitted to join in the first vels at their good fortune, and says est to acquire. Follow these articles three cheers for the emperor. The to himself, "gee, I wish I was like and learn how I got mine. spirit of those days must not be lost that guy, straight as an arrow, deep props from under the temple of peace in these days of laxity and falseness." chested, strong neck, large arms,

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