

FIGHTING BOB BACK AGAIN

Fitz Once More in the Swirl of the Pugilistic Game.

READY TO TAKE ON ANYBODY

Ex-Champion Says He Is Rejuvenated and Can Lick Most of the Men Now Following the Business.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—After enjoying a few years of privacy that should prove "soothing and comforting" to a man who has led a turbulent career in pursuit of the bubble fame, Bob Fitzsimmons is back in the swirl of pugilism with both feet.

He has crowded all manner of experiences into a few short weeks. He has applied for reinstatement as an able-bodied fist fighter and has been turned down by boxing commissions and courts of last resort. He has been knocked out by his own son and has in turn all but knocked out a white hope by the name of Sweeney.

He declares now that while New York may bar his gates against him, he will wander all over the boxing circuit and will accept engagements as often as they are offered him. He seems to possess all the ardor that was his when he landed from Australia with a slab-sided carpet bag and a huge pair of freckled hands a quarter of a century ago.

What the future holds for Fitzsimmons it is difficult to say, but I'll warrant a recital of things he does from time to time will make interesting reading. In addition to his other useful attributes Bob was always a kinspin advertiser.

Has Many Trades. Few men on this terrestrial footstool have played more parts in life's comedy. He has been fighter, blacksmith, actor, farmer, professor of physical culture, author, trainer of snakes, ponies and wild animals, to say nothing of other occupations which the writer has for the time being forgotten.

Even while I write I recall one of Bob Fitzsimmons' fads. He blossomed out one time as a patent medicine proprietor. He hit upon a cure for rheumatism and those who used it said that after one application rheumatism was the least of your troubles. You had other things to think about.

Once while traveling by rail Bob forgot the formula of his rheumatism panacea.

"What will I put in it?" asked the clerk.

"Hever'think that's 'ot," said Bob, and the clerk, using barbers' oil as a working basis, made up a concoction that, if a man who applied some of it to an aching joint is to be believed, sealed the flesh like a lighted match.

Bob's fame as a rheumatism specialist divided, but he had lots of other things to engage his attention.

It began to look as though it was the self-imposed task of coaching Robert, Jr., that had fired the old man's fighting blood and caused him to long for the music of the gong.

It was a proud moment in the ex-champion's career when his offspring knocked him cold with a delectable smash on the point. There was none of the old King Lear complaining about a thankless child being a sharper proposition than a serpent's tooth. Not much. When the veteran came back from the Land of Nod he wanted to hug the boy. He murmured with parental pride: "Es a chip of the old block, 'e is."

And while I think of it, I think that if the old man can show the boy some of the short-arm pile drivers that he used himself in the years that have fled, Bob, sr.'s, boast that the name of Bob Fitzsimmons will live in pugilism may not be an empty one.

Fitzsimmons in his time was so well versed in both pugilistic dynamics and vulnerable points that he might have studied anatomy as well as sledge swinging. The latest photograph of Bob showing his son a left hook or uppercut, with his chin as its objective point, is highly interesting. The look on Fitz's face recalls the look I have seen on it in real fights. There is nothing of gloating or sneering in his expression as he surveys his own fist nesting beneath his boy's chin. It suggests the way a doctor looks when noting the effects of an anesthetic on a patient.

Variety of Panches. There never was a man following the fighting game, who had a greater variety of knockout punches than Fitzsimmons or who could gauge the effects of a blow as well. The writer had this impression upon his mind many times, but never so forcibly as at the Peter Maher-Fitzsimmons bout in the gravel beds on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

I can see Fitz, backing away from Peter's onslaught, apparently floundering, but watching, lynx-eyed, for the desired opening. It presented itself and Fitz's right arm and glove shot upward as rigid as an iron bolt.

It was one Fitz's pet assaults—inside cross—and when knuckles clucked against the jaw, Peter fell on his haunches cowering like a man with ague.

Fitzsimmons was walking to his corner. Before Peter had quite reached the floor, his seconds waved him back, thinking that Peter might arise, but Bob knew. He kept right on his ambic, shaking his head to his excited henchmen. He had put the right degree of power into the delivery; he had placed the blow just where he wanted and he was thoroughly satisfied that Peter was through for the day.

"I've got about teaching the youngster some of the tricks I picked up," said Bob recently when discussing the possibilities of his son making his mark as a fighter.

Well, if Bob goes ahead with the good work and the son proves an apt pupil, the veteran's prophecy that Bob, Jr., "will take rank as the greatest heavyweight in the history of the game," may be verified. Considering that Fitz is so enthusiastic about his boy's prospects, the wonder is that he does not forsake his own plans for a resumption of fighting and devote himself exclusively to his lad.

IOSHUA CRANE TO ENTER BRITISH TENNIS TOURNEY

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 14.—Joshua Crane, Jr., of this city will compete this year in the British amateur court tennis championship, which begins at the Princess's club, London, on April 2. Mr. Crane will sail on the Canada liner Mauretania, February 22, with Walter Kinsella. The British championship, which carries with it the world's title, was held by Jay Gould for several years, and it is several years since an American has entered in the competition. Mr. Crane is a former national amateur champion and one of the leading court tennis players in the country.

Veteran and Youngster to Form Star Battery



HAY SCHALK.



BIG ED WALSH.

That "Big Ed" Walsh, the veteran twirler of the Chicago White Sox, and Hay Schalk, the young, catching sensation of the same team, will prove to be one of the greatest batteries in the 1914 season of the American league is the hope incorporated by Owner Charles Comiskey in a letter to one of his loyal roster friends here. Comiskey expects that Walsh will have fully recovered from the illness that kept him out of the

game the greater part of last season, and that the big fellow will be in there pitching the brand of ball that made him one of the game's greatest twirlers. "Schalk," says Comiskey, "is positively the best young catcher in either league, not barring Schang of the Athletics." Comiskey says that Walsh is a great admirer of Schalk and expects the two to work wonders for his team when assigned to work together.

ing, tutor, he should develop better than ever. Of course Pa still has young Alexander and the unknown Brown. What they will do is a question, with the emphasis upon question, but one never can tell what a youngster may do, and if either one of them dot it, Pa will certainly have some pitching staff.

Track Meet by Telegraph Between Drake and Nebraska

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would afford the best opportunity to work out the plan.

To Use Average Results. As a basis for springing, the recognized system of awarding places on the strength of the best individual performance will be done away with and the outcome of the meet will depend entirely on the average results. For instance, in the case of shot putting, the longest distance will not be the basis for first place award, but the best average for all of the entrants.

The Nebraska-Drake "telegraph" meet will serve to introduce the system here. If it is successful, more meets of a similar nature will be attempted.

Toed Schlieves the system will result in a much stronger track showing for the Cornhuskers. Training is one of the greatest essentials of track athletics, he asserts, and by continuous meets he thinks a lot of valuable material will be developed for use in the regular conference meets.

"The open competitive meet will meet the criticism that college athletics is meant for a few, at least," said Reed. "and in doing this, it will have served its purpose."

GOPHERS RELUCTANT TO BATTLE NEBRASKA

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ple has been in Canada and visited the scenes of his college days the early part of the week. He was delighted with the excellent system of record, which the school has kept of the gridiron heroes and left the money with Stehm for the purpose of boosting an alumni fund for the support of Cornhusker athletics. The money will be spent in the purchase of additional equipment.

Nebraska university will send to Kansas City March 7 a relay team to compete in the big indoor meet there. The Cornhuskers will compete against the pick of the University of Missouri stars. Besides the relay team, the Huskers will enter a pair of pole vaulters and two sprinters in the dashes. The Kansas City meet is the series of indoor and outdoor conference events where the Huskers expect to make a good showing next spring.

Zumwinkle, Scott, Bates and Lindstrom are the probable selections for the relay team. Captain Reava of the track team will enter the vault with Lindstrom, while Wherry and Reese will enter the sprints.

To Invade Iowa. The star Cornhuskers basket ball five leaves next week for its second invasion of Iowa, first meeting the strong Simpson college five at Simpson Wednesday night. One game will be played, with Drake Thursday night and Friday, and Saturday the Huskers will play two championship games with Ames. The Huskers promise to make an unrivaled record in basket ball. Minnesota has been twice defeated. The only game lost was to Wesleyan with a substitute lineup after the Huskers had suddenly drubbed the Methodists at the preceding evening.

The rubber will be played between Nebraska and Wesleyan on a neutral floor. The regents of the University of Nebraska at the meeting Monday will pass upon the recommendation of the athletic board that Coach Jumbo Stehm's salary be raised to \$3,000 and a three-year con-

tract. The threatened opposition of certain faculty members is not likely to materialize. The faculty members found a well grounded feeling among the graduates and undergraduates that Stehm had the raise coming to him and to oppose it would court unpopularity. It is practically conceded the board will approve the athletic council's recommendations.

American Team Will Enter Swimming Race

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 14.—A team of American swimmers will compete for honors in the grand mid-Pacific aquatic carnival in Honolulu on February 20 and 21. The team will be composed of William McWood of the Olympic club; Scott Leary and Walter Pomery, also of the Olympic club, the one-legged marvel; Lincoln Johnson, the San Francisco Young Men's Christian association star; Bob Small, unattached, and Dorothy Decker, 14 years old, who aspires to startle the swimming world.

JOHNNY DUNDEE IS AFTER THEM ALL NOW.

Johnny Dundee, the fighting Italian with the Scotch name, who hails from New York, who has been acquiring a notable reputation under the skillful management of Scotty Montfeth, Dundee has been coming rapidly to the front in the lightweight ranks since his graduation from the featherweight class. He is unusually fast and has cultivated a punch that it not at all to the liking of those who have had the misfortune to experience its punishing powers.



CHESS

The Omaha Chess and Checker club extends an invitation to all who are interested in either chess or checkers, whether experts or beginners, to assure themselves of many afternoons and evenings of pleasure by joining the club. The monthly dues are a mere trifle and the benefit to be derived is enormous. The club contains many experts who stand ready to instruct the beginner or to cross swords with the master. The club-room is on the third floor of the Continental block, at Fifteenth and Douglas streets.

The "Garden of Allah" company, playing at the Brandeis theater this week contains a number of Arabs who are experts at chess. They have made arrangements to appear at the Omaha Chess and Checker club and have challenged all comers. Record-breaking crowds of experts and enthusiasts are expected, and some fine games should be played. In accordance with the custom of the club, no admission fee will be charged, and a cordial invitation is extended to all chess and checker fans to visit the club and enjoy the contests.

Newell W. Banks was again the attraction at the Omaha Chess and Checker club last Thursday evening. He was billed to play simultaneous chess and checkers, and afterwards to give an exhibition of blindfold playing both chess and checkers, but owing to the late hour at which the simultaneous games were completed, the blindfold contests were confined to checkers. He had better success than on his former visit, winning all his chess games with the exception of a draw to F. A. Shoemaker, and winning all his checker games except a draw to F. E. Phipps in the simultaneous contests, and two draws, one to Phipps and one to Wills, while blindfolded.

Banks ends his invasion of Omaha without having suffered a single defeat at checkers, all the laurels being won by the chess players. We shall await with interest the outcome of his match with Jordan for the checker championship, as well as the results of his invasion of Pittsburgh and other noted chess centers.

The hosts of friends which he gained during his short visits with us will wish him the height of success in these encounters, and will be unit in the endeavor to accord him a hearty welcome when next he comes.

From the American Chess Bulletin we learn that the much-heralded "Marshall's Swindles" will be ready for the public in about two weeks. While Marshall may not play with the steadiness of a Lauder, his wit shines a brilliance which the champion has never shown, and this book contains 125 of his games annotated by himself, and abounding in plays that nonplayed the great players of the old world and resulted, for the want of a better term by which to describe his fiendish skill, in the collapse of the term, "Marshall's Swindles." This is not a term of reproach, but rather of respect and of wonder at the accomplishment of the seemingly impossible. In base ball parlance, Marshall has "put one over" at the expense of every master he has ever met, and that list includes names that will never cease to live in chess history. In this book Marshall also contributes a discussion of the principles of over the board play, and a new analysis of the Queen's Gambit, the King's Gambit and the Rice Gambit.

Dr. J. M. Curtis of Calhoun honored the club with a visit last Saturday evening.

Rules of the problem tourney. Contestants must reside in Nebraska or Iowa. Journey consists of twenty-six problems, and the contestant solving the greatest number shall be declared the winner. In case of tie, problems shall be submitted to the contestants who are tied until the tie is broken. Answers should be mailed within two weeks after the appearance of the problem. Address all correspondence to E. M. Aikin, 111 South Twenty-fifth avenue, Omaha.

Tourney problem No. 7. BLACK, TEN PIECES.



WHITE, SEVEN PIECES. Mate in two.

Key-move to problem No. 4, B-E, Solved by W. M. Campbell, Lincoln; W. C. Findley, Bellevue; Howard Ohman, Omaha; F. C. Swearingen, Lincoln; W. R. Ellis, Bloomfield; G. E. Cypher, Polk; G. N. Seymour, Elgin; Dr. J. W. Brendel, Avoca, Neb.; A. L. Joseph, Grand Island; L. A. Tyson, Elmwood; Otto Krupar, Fort Calhoun; L. E. Miller, Omaha; Nels. H. Thomson, Mrs. R. C. Moore, J. G. Fort, Omaha; H. S. Nielsen, Blair; B. L. Darling, Fremont; W. E. Fenlon, Garrison, Mrs. L. H. Marr, Fort Calhoun; Ernest Fritsch, Glenview; Verne K. Vele, Norfolk; H. D. Lanyon, Little Sioux; W. T. Poucher, Tekamah; Dr. R. J. Murdoch, Blair; Jacob Sasa, Benson.

The attention of solvers is called to the contest rule that answers must be mailed within two weeks after the appearance of the problem. While we are

not inclined to enforce this rule rigidly we are, of course, unable to allow an entire week extra, as by that time the answer to the problem is published. A delay of two or three days makes it doubtful whether your solution will reach the editor in time to be credited in the proper issue of the chess column, so be prompt.

NEW WAY OF GIVING ODDS.

Not a few beginners find a reluctance to receiving the usual odds, because they are thereby prevented from gaining experience in the book openings. To remedy this I have sometimes adopted the following method of handicapping, in lieu of that by removing men from the board: I offer my opponent the odds of allowing him to retract any move, if he so wishes, after seeing my reply to it. But after altering his move it must stand. He cannot alter it again. Such handicapping permits of all gradations. He may have the privilege of retracting every one of his moves or any fewer number agreed upon. To allow every move throughout the game to be retracted may appear to be very great odds, indeed, but I have found from a comparison of scores with the same player that it is roughly equivalent to giving a rook. It by no means follows that after retracting a move, the best move will then be substituted for it. The method proves highly satisfactory to both players. It raises the standard of your opponent's play, and your plans are no longer marred to the same extent by his weak and unexpected replies; his direct oversights are all corrected and the value of the lesson to him is increased. Especially he gains experience in endings and pawn plays through the games becoming prolonged as they would be with equal players.

This is highly interesting, and certainly an improvement over the present odds of pawn and move, etc. It might be tried in some of the club handicap tournaments. One thing is certain, it will be more of an aid to the inferior players than the other odds, and will eventually result in better chess.—G. S. Carr, in the British Chess Magazine.

For the fourth time in the last six years Roy T. Black has won the championship of the Brooklyn Chess club. Following is the deciding game:

Table showing chess game notation and results for Roy T. Black's championship match.

McCahe Looks Good. If Manager Wilbert Robinson carries out his ideals about training the Dodgers at Anaheim, the club's chances in the league clubs had better keep an eye on Brooklyn during the coming season. Brooklyn, during the regime of Bill Dahlen, never paid much attention to inside hitting or base running. The runners were allowed to romp wild on the bases. These defects "Robbie" expects to eliminate before the Dodgers come north.

Catchers who will be given a trial with the St. Louis Cardinals next spring, hails from a little town in Missouri. McCabe started his base ball career with a troupe of barnstormers, and so deep was the impression made that the big league scouts grabbed him. He is said to be a capable, thrifty and an intelligent player.

Rheumatic Blood—THE Story That Millions Tell—The Way to Prompt Recovery

There is a host of pills, powders, tablets and what-not for rheumatism, but they all lack the first essential to being a natural medicine. To begin with, rheumatism is simply a name given to designate a variety of pains, and can only be reached by irrigating the entire blood supply with a naturally assimilative antidote. True, the pains may be eased with narcotics or the acids may be neutralized for the time being. But such methods merely temporize and do not even lead to a cure. There is a standard rheumatism remedy, and is sold in all drug stores under the name of S. S. S. Attempts are often made to sell something claimed to be "just as good." Insist positively that you will have nothing but S. S. S.

It contains only purely vegetable elements and is absolutely free of mercury, iodine, opium or arsenic. The remedies of all types of rheumatism by the use of S. S. S. is a fine tribute to the natural efficacy of this remarkable medicine, for it is assimilated just as naturally and just as well obtained as the most acceptable, most palatable, and most readily digested food. Do not fail to get a bottle of S. S. S. to-day. You will be astonished at the results. If your rheumatism is of such a nature that you would like to consult a specialist, write to the medical department, The Swift Specific Co., 307 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

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