

# The Early Bird Catches the Chromo

# Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



CAREY WILSON  
501 TIMES BLDG.  
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BACK 25 CENTIMES  
TO SEND THE  
FOLLOWING WIRE  
FROM JERSEY CITY,  
"CORK FIVE, BOTTLE  
DOLLAR FINE, THANK  
YOU CAREY WILSON"  
CAREY'S TELEGRAM  
ARRIVED AT 4:31 A.M.  
SO CAREY COPPED  
THE CHROMO.  
CAREY, WHAT  
WERE YOU DOING  
UP SO LATE?

## JUDGMENTS

It is an old theme of discussion, but nevertheless, a live one, that the modern pitcher, though more highly paid, does not put in the ticks the old-time twirler did. A pitching staff today consists of at least half a dozen men, which means that ordinarily each has his turn not much more than once a week. And he seldom tries to do more than pitch and field his position. The old-timer hit and run bases as well. Often he was one of the sluggers of the team. He certainly did not consider his day's work done until he had done his best at the bat as well as in the box. It is often disgusting today to see a pitcher in major or minor leagues go to the bat. He lumbers up to the plate, probably with his sweater on, and makes motions in the air as if he had never swung a bat before. If he happens to connect with the ball and it goes out of the diamond he throws himself down to first base with as much indifference as the team batted and grins as he plants himself, corner-foot boy fashion, on top of the base, as if he had contributed something extra above his day's work to the team. And very frequently, especially if he thinks the play will be close, he doesn't take the trouble to run out the hit. Yet this youth, sometimes the biggest and strongest man on the team, pitches about one-fifth as often as the slammers of other days and is jerked and relieved the minute he weakens. What a snap such a life would have been to "Old Hows" Radbourne, pitching his twenty-four consecutive games, or Bobby Caruthers and Dave Fouts, alternating in the box and the outfield and hammering the ball above .300. And the old pitcher was not favored by the foul-strike and several rules of the present. Why the difference? For one thing, it goes to emphasize the magnified importance of pitching today. It has been made the pivot of the game, so much so, some think, that logically every thing is done to conserve the pitcher's strength and endurance and it must be popular or it would not be so. Yet it surely would not be unpopular for the pitchers to do a little more honest work at the bat.

The Western league race, at least including six teams, is a very good one, but should improve, and we believe, will. When Denver's longer absence from some set in means that they may be looked for, it will be remembered that the Grizzlies dropped three games in Omaha. They have a good team, of course, but from now must fight even harder than they have up to date to hold the top round. Just now not half a dozen games separates first and fifth teams. That is the kind of race to be had. Omaha, we feel sure, will gain on the teams ahead of it in the next two weeks. Its only questionable department has been in its pitching and that is steadily improving. In fielding, hitting and base running, the team is a leader. It is questionable if it ever had a faster infield, or outfield, either, for that matter. And, better still, it has a hitting outfield. Consolation brings great additional strength all round. He is one old-timer it paid to get.

Cincinnati was picked by most critics at the opening of the season for at least a first division team. Its continuance in the cellar certainly is disappointing and must be now getting on the nerves of Manager Joe Tinker. The New York Highlanders had no license for expecting to get out of second division, yet they could hardly have been expected to make so poor a showing as they are. But one thing we venture, that if given time, Chance and Tinker will work out their salvation. It certainly requires time for a man to mould into a team the conglomeration Chance has with Tinker. His aggression includes some mighty fine and well seasoned material.

Perhaps you have noticed how regularly old Jawa Gonding is catching, and hitting, and how regular his team at Columbus is winning. Old Jawa may have several summers of his work in him yet, after the few score summers' of work he has yielded.

Charles Webb Murphy announces that he will file the first one of his players he catches taking base ball with a reporter. Under what provision of base ball law would such a fine be levied, we wonder.

We note with pleasure that Umpire Cofflower is back on the job. We thought we detected a head of cabbage in the middle of the diamond recently.

Vitt, Vesch, Claus, Daus, Deal, Klawitter, Reddick, Dubuc, Zamloch—Detroit evidently means to find out whether there is anything in names or not.

Don Ragan won his Memorial day game from Boston by holding it to two hits. The Omaha had its holding to be a regular Rucker and Johnson combined.

Ty Cobb is slipping, we were told before he signed. Slipping toward the summit, evidently, as he is batting somewhere around .500.

Water and the St. Louis Browns will seek their own level.

## AMATEUR GAMES FOR TODAY

Storz Triumphs Will Play Alamitos at Rourke Park at 3 o'clock.

WORKMEN MEET JABEZ CROSS

Advos and Krug Team Will Meet at Luxus Park in First Game of Season—Overlands Will Battle Moose.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.  
Two games will be played up on the green platter at Fort Omaha this afternoon. The first game will begin at 1:30, O. D. Kiplingers against Wagnmans. After this melee has entered the discard the Jabez Cross warriors will battle with the Ancient Order of United Workmen congregation. The last offense between these two organizations resulted in a ten-inning battle. Lineup for second game:

A. O. U. W. CROSS.  
W. Quigley..... First ..... Grossman  
Wheeler..... Second ..... Kelly  
Stephan..... Third ..... Gilman  
McCreech..... Fourth ..... McCollough  
Mongerson..... Left ..... Jacob  
Pfeiffer..... Center ..... Bohan  
P. Quigley..... Right ..... Overman  
Coe..... Catch ..... Johnson  
Holland..... Pitch ..... Beber  
Cass..... Pitch ..... McKee

The main attraction at Rourke park today will be the fight between the Alamitos and the Storz Triumphs. The Alamitos have the distinction of being the only local aggregation that Manager Bradford has recognized to date. Said recognition consists of giving the Alamitos a game at Rourke park. Manager Muller of the Alamitos bolstered up his lineup last week. He grabbed Bert McAndrews from the Ancient Order of United Workmen team. Both teams look fine, so a battle worth the change and then some is anticipated. The Alamitos are a bunch of heavies with the pole and during their games to date they have made the opposing hurlers feel chilly. Kelly, Olson or Alderman will whip 'em for the Brewers and Morearty, Adams or Cavanaugh will leave them for the milk factory dudes. Lineup:

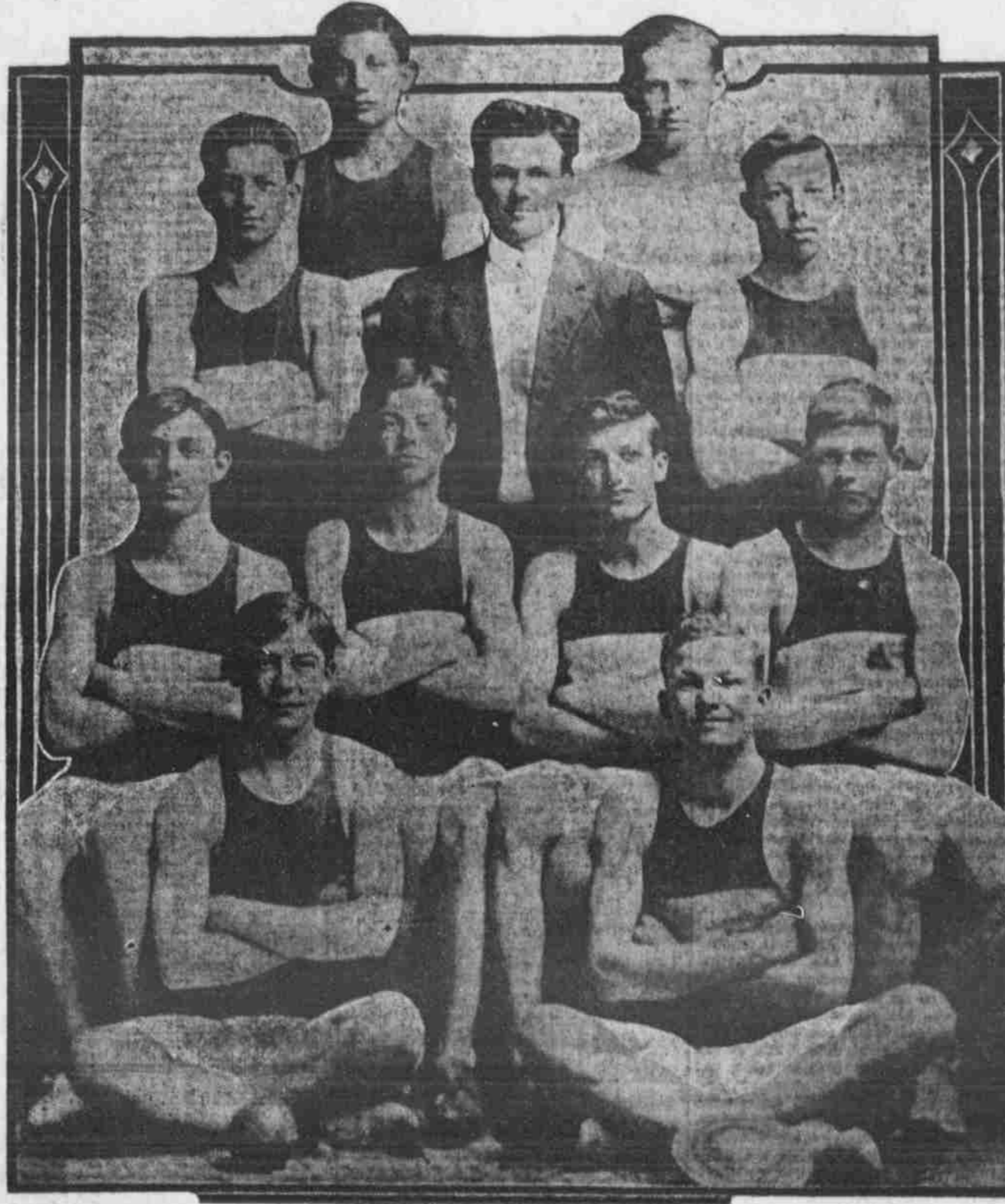
ALAMITOS.  
Drumery..... First ..... Vanden  
Graham..... Second ..... Hall  
Daugherty..... Third ..... McAndrews  
Duke..... Left ..... Minikus  
Prucha..... Right ..... Dougherty  
Falconer..... Center ..... Murray  
Welch..... Right ..... Front  
Crawford..... Catch ..... Cavanaugh  
Kelly..... Pitch ..... Morearty  
Olson..... Pitch ..... Adams  
Alderman..... Pitch ..... Cavanaugh

At Athletic park, across the river, the Townsends will endeavor to make the Council Bluffs Merchants' record. Crinson Top Peterson will be on the mound for the Bluffers. The lineup:

MERCHANTS.  
Kriger..... First ..... Dennison  
Coady..... Second ..... Wash  
Baup..... Third ..... Phillips  
Barnard..... Short ..... McLean  
Leish..... Left ..... Schaefer  
Kemp..... Center ..... Seaton  
Kemp..... Right ..... Robinson  
Noone..... Right ..... Duff  
Adams..... Pitch ..... Duff  
McGuire..... Pitch ..... Duff  
Parish..... Pitch ..... Probst

Bohan has proved himself a capable umpire.  
Those Plattsmouth Boosters look all to the good this season.  
It is sure driving them this season for Orkin Bros. and the Luxus.  
Eisenhart is delivering the goods in the role of chief car at Fort Omaha.  
Last Sunday the Workmen team had five of the regulars on the job.  
Siegler, formerly with the O. D. Kiplingers is now slated to the Overlands.  
Alfred Adams is going to Norfolk, Neb., to catch for their semi-pro aggregation.  
When George Falconer cut first base his teammates said it was the unluckiest cut of all.  
Under the supervision of John McDermott the Independents are climbing the ladder.  
George "Shanty" Falconer has a good line chatter to disturb the opposing curver with.  
Coady of the Townsends has been playing stellar ball for the Creighton university crowd.  
Madam Rumor has it that the latest asset to the Brodegarads Crowns' twirling staff.  
The Union Pacific Athletics are looking for games on Saturdays. Call Bellman at Harney 1314.  
"Hack" Carter is gradually showing what a valuable asset he is to the Advos aggregation.  
Elmwood park is where a battle of merit will be jerked off this afternoon when the Independents guest the boys dial represent Orkin Bros. It will be some wrangle.  
The initial debate at Florence park today will be between the Florence Athletics and the Foresters. Both of these teams are going good and they should put up a circus catch in the field.  
Thorber played the star game for the Hectors last Sunday, getting three hits in his many trips to the plate, and pulling off a circus catch in center field, doubling the man at first.  
George Kennedy, of the Shamrocks is

## Champion Athletics of Custer County



The Broken Bow High school track team won first honors at the recent Custer county field meet. Reading from left to right, top row: Robertson, Holcomb, England, Fredmore. Bottom row: Haynes, Cornish.

Kota, has joined Clink Clair's Dallas, S. D. team.  
Moran and Rathke, the O. D. Kiplingers' horseshoe flingers, alternate on the mound and in the right garden.  
Captain Benson is organizing a team to take a six weeks' trip through this state. The team will ship about July 1.  
Bert McAndrews resigned his position with the Workmen. Hereafter he will work at short for the Alamitos.  
Up at Dallas, E. D. Clink Clair is the chief cook and bottle washer. He is going to get hitched for life this month.  
Some time this week Percy Jenkins will float out of our burg for Norfolk, where he will hold down the hot corner.

For games with the Auditorium Pharmacy address George Dougherty at 1177 Grace street, or telephone Webster 1281.

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still waiting for a crack at the Storz Triumphs. Bet George will be a good waiter before he gets a game. George takes a tip and get canned off the job.  
The Overlands will mix with the Moose club at Deets park at 4 o'clock. Of late both teams have been hitting the high places, so a fast and furious duel is expected when they collide. Bud Lawler will pitch for the Moose.  
The Advos played at Avoca, Ia., Decoration day. They say that they were treated royally. The adjudicator was on the square and the salaries were superb. Remember that pure food merchants are hard to please.  
Down at Plattsmouth, Neb., the Dundee Woolen Mills will bump up against the Plattsmouth Boosters for the second game of the season. The first argument resulted in a victory for the burgites in the time of 2 to 0. The Dundees say they can't repeat.  
Over at Crescent, Ia., the Brodegarads will swallow one of Crescent's big feeds and then endeavor to whip the village base ball manipulators. This town is famous for its chicken dinners. Here is hoping the Brodegarads cop the chicken and the bacon.  
Pontenale park is getting to be quite a Sunday resort. Great groves of fans and fannies are on deck every Sabbath to watch the games or games booked there.  
A game that should create barrels of anxiety is on the menu for today, viz: Pontenale Park's against Sherman Avenue Merchants.

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## Major League Fans and Players Start Criticism of Umps

NEW YORK, May 31.—The usual early season criticism of the umpire's work is rampant again. Both players and fans are without any preliminary practice after decisions in the major leagues. The arguments arising over these disputed verdicts have led to an interesting suggestion from a veteran follower of the game. This thirty-third degree fan proposes that the umpire be required to participate in the spring training in the same manner that the player is obliged to do in preparation for the pennant race. This critic says:

"I have been following the game too long to believe that the umpire can jump into the play and call decisions correctly without any preliminary practice after a winter of idleness.

"If they were obliged by rule to go south and train their eye and endurance during the regular spring practice I think that there would be far less grounds for disputing their decisions in the early part of the pennant races. So far as I can see, there is no real grounds for objecting to such a procedure. It should work out well for both the umpires and players. My idea is to send the American league umpires to cover the National league training camps and vice versa. The expenses would be small and could be borne by the league treasuries without causing any noticeable deficit. The plan would be to custom the players to disinterested umpiring during the spring practice and do away with a cause for enmity between players due to personal arguments and disputes which have been known to disrupt a team's play in the past."

## Washington Crew to Poughkeepsie

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—The University of Washington rowing crew will depart for Poughkeepsie, N. Y. June 2, to take part in the intercollegiate boat races on the Hudson. The expenses of the crew's trip, \$2,000, have been met by a popular subscription.

## RITCHIE-RIVERS FIGHT MAY NOT BE ON FOURTH

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—It is almost a sure thing that Willie Ritchie and Joe Rivers will not fight on July 4. Tom McCarey, the fight promoter of Los Angeles, has Rivers signed to fight at his club, while Billy Nolan, manager of Ritchie, has signed articles of agreement with Eddie Grancy, the promoter of San Francisco, to fight in that city on the above holiday. It is likely that McCarey will match Rivers to fight Bud Anderson and that Grancy will get Tommy Murphy to meet Ritchie.

## Combing Country For New Pitchers

CHICAGO, May 31.—Eight scouts have begun a systematic search of minor leagues for pitchers for the Chicago Nationals. Practically the entire country will be scoured, under President Murphy's orders, to strengthen the staff, to whose weakness the poor showing of the team on its eastern trip is partly attributed.

## INDIANS AS BALL PLAYERS PICKS OUT GUNBOAT SMITH

Four Redskins in Major Leagues Prove Their Great Prowess.

ALWAYS POPULAR WITH FANS

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NEW YORK, May 31.—About the best rebuttal that can be framed for the often referred to "passing of the red man" is the quartet of Indians now shining with considerable brilliancy in the major leagues. The Indian may be passing, but those mentioned here are, as far as can be discerned, passing rapidly forward in the national pastime.  
There are probably no more prominent figures in base ball today than the Indians in the National and American leagues. John T. Myers, better known to the fans as Chief, the formidable backstop of the Giants, is likely the best known of them all because he happens to be with a team that is always followed with great interest, and because also ability as a batter is one of the assets of the team and a matter of deep concern to opposing pitchers. Chief, leader of the Athletics, whose pitching has helped to win two championships and as many world championships for Connie Mack, is a big figure, and James Thorpe and George Johnson have been added to the list this year to add to the prestige of the Indian in base ball.  
Thorpe, who is the world's best athlete even if he has been stamped as a "professional," has not had a chance to give much of an account of himself in base ball, but George Johnson, who is on the payroll of the Cincinnati Reds, has proved his prowess as a pitcher by winning practically all of the games that Thorpe's team has amassed this year.  
With the fans the Indians are always popular. Although Myers has been with the Giants for several seasons now, and one would think that the fans had become used to him, he is always greeted with more or less correct imitations of the warwhoop when he comes to bat. The chief smiles at it. He probably never emitted a warwhoop in his life or heard one except on the stage or in a Wild West show, but at the same time he knows that the warwhoop has the same relation to an Indian as water has to a duck, and therefore the greeting he gets when he comes to bat.  
Myers is a member of the old tribe of Spanish mission Indians of California. He is among other things a graduate of Carlisle, a lover of art and one of the most dangerous hatmen in base ball. The chief made his professional debut in the west. He played in the Northwest league for a season with the Butte team, and his ability to get home runs led to his being drafted by St. Paul in the American association. He served there until McGraw got hold of him. When the chief first came to the Giants Roger Bresnahan was doing the backstopping, and the chief did not fit into a regular job until Roger went to St. Louis to manage the Cardinals. Under the tutelage of McGraw he had, however, made big improvement, and when the chance came he was ready to fill a regular place. Myers has never broken any records as a base runner, but he only fell one hit shy of leading the National league in batting two years ago and was right up among the first few last year. He is always capable of hitting .300 or better.

Bender is Crafty.  
Bender of the Athletics is not only a star pitcher, but he inherits much of the craftiness of his race and has used it to good advantage in base ball. Bender, who is also known as "Chief" in Philadelphia, is one of the most dependable of Connie Mack's hurling staff. Last season he experienced his first bad year in the game and it was due largely to his lack of form that the Athletics failed to win the pennant. But he is back in his old stride this season and the Athletics likewise are up at the top again, apparently intending to stay there.  
Bender exemplifies his craftiness in the manner in which he handles opposing batters. He is cool, deliberate and stoical. He is exceptionally keen eyed and seldom misses a chance to get the better of a situation. He is a mighty reliable pitcher under trying circumstances. It was said after the world's series between the Athletics and Giants in 1911 that Bender by his characteristic keen sightness had caught on to the signals of McGraw's team and that by this means the Athletics were enabled to forestall every move that was planned by the Giants. Bender was on the coaching lines a great deal through that series, and it was claimed that he kept his teammates posted on just what was going to happen.

Jim Thorpe, whose Indian name is "Brave-Who-Drag-a-Rope," is a member of the Oklahoma Sac tribe, and not of the Six and Fox tribes, as has been repeatedly said. He owes his presence in big league baseball to the fact that he was "found out" in athletics. But if he has any regrets he falls to show them. Thorpe has wonderful speed and lots of natural ability. It marked several seasons to make a finished player of him, but McGraw is keeping him this season for the purpose of developing him and it may be that he will be as big a star in base ball as he was in other athletics while at the Carlisle school.

## Fitzsimmons Chooses Him as Like-liest of Heavyweights.

Improvement Has Been Rapid

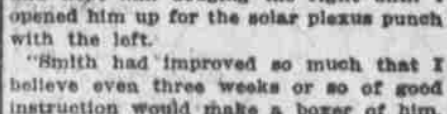
At First His Movements Were Clumsy, but After a Little Training He Showed Remarkable Fighting Ability.

NEW YORK, May 31.—"Bob" Fitzsimmons, ex-champion heavyweight fighter, says that Gunboat Smith looks like the best of the heavyweights just now. He's built for fighting and he has the one thing a man must have to get a championship and hold it. That's the punch. It's possible for a boxer to win a championship without having a punch, but it isn't probable to hold it.  
"I've seen Gunboat fight twice," says Fitz. "The first time was against a fellow named Stewart. They told me Stewart was clever. He didn't get a chance to show it. Smith did a fairly good job on him and stopped him with a crack on the back of the neck at the base of the skull. Still I've seen lots of sailors who could have fought about as well. He didn't use much science. He let a lot of wild swings go and there was as much luck about it as anything else.  
Improved Some.  
"Next time I saw Gunboat was when he knocked out Wells. From the way he handled himself in that one I thought he had improved a hundred per cent. He took a jabbing in the first round until he had a good idea of what Wells could deliver, and then in the second he went in with a rush. What I liked about his action was that he seemed to think a little. He bluffed Wells with a wild right and nailed him in the pit of the stomach before he could recover. That's one of my old ones. At Carson I knocked Corbett's ear with a right and graced my thumb out of joint, turning it back against my wrist. Then I bluffed him and kept him dodging the right until I opened him up for the solar plexus punch with the left.  
"Smith had improved so much that I believe even three weeks or so of good instruction would make a boxer of him, and then he'd be a dangerous man. I believe I could teach him enough in three weeks so that he could knock out the biggest of them. He weighs 185 pounds, and that's enough to fight anybody. As Carson I weighed 184 stripped, and won the world's championship. A man with Smith's build, light legs and the weight where he needs it for fighting, and good hands and knowing something about real boxing, doesn't need to fear the biggest man that walks."

## Horner to Try for European Honors

NEW YORK, May 31.—Edward Horner, the Georgetown university sprinter, will sail for England on June 11 to compete in the sprinting championships of the foreign countries. His first appearance on the other side will be in the English championships at Manchester during the first week in July.

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