

Uncle Sam's Incipient Seamen



DINNER FORMATION

"BOOM! Boom!" sounds and reverberates the reveille gun of the Naval academy at 6:30 a. m., and as it echoes and re-echoes along the shores of the Chesapeake and is answered by the drum and bugle corps of the Marine quarters, a mile north of Hancock hall in a lively martial air, a stirring scene begins in the midshipmen's halls. The bugle blares up and down the corridors and the captains of companies begin to call up the sleepers, who leap from their cots and commence active operations to dress, and put their rooms in order. Immediately upon the bugle call, the inspecting officers begin the work of visiting the rooms of the midshipmen to see that they are out of bed. They must be up and stand at military attention when the officer enters. Then the midshipman dresses, opens the window, and turns down the bedding for an airing, and hurries below for the first formation and roll call of the day, which is at 7 a. m. At the bugle call, the roll begins, and up to the last second belated ones are hurrying down the steps and "falling in" just in time to save themselves from being reported "lardy" and demerited. Here, demerits count.

Regular Routine.
Immediately after breakfast the chaplain reads the prayers of the day, and the brigade, that, when at its average complement, numbers between 800 and 900, make for their rooms, for these few minutes left them before recitations begin, are the only periods for them to put their rooms in order for the daily inspection that begins at 10 a. m. At 8, study and recitation periods commence. They are of one hour each. If a midshipman has a recitation, he, with the other members of the section, somewhere in the neighborhood of 10, assemble at the proper place, and march off in military order to the section room where the instructor awaits them. All stand until he is seated. At the end of the recitation, the section march back to their quarters, are dismissed, and each midshipman goes to his room. In these marches to and from the ranking midshipman takes command. This rank may be held by appointment as a cadet officer or may arise from being the leading scholar. If it should happen that only two are in the section, the ranking midshipman assumes command, marches his "company" and himself off and brings him back, halts the squad, brings his one man to attention, and announces: "Squad dismissed!" as though there were a hundred in his command. Everything is military here. When a midshipman usher, at chapel service, escorts a visitor to his or her pew, he halts at the place selected, turns on his military heel like a pivot, and assumes a martial "attention" until the guest is seated. The brigade comes into church in regular order, the superintendent has his appointed position, and no one leaves the chapel after service, until the brigade was marched out, and none dare drop from the ranks until it has been regularly dismissed.

If a midshipman should have no recitation during any of the morning period, he must stay in his room, and it is a serious offense to visit, or receive visitors during study hours, or even to leave the floor to get a drink of water if none happens to be in the cooler on that floor. Yet midshipmen will risk demerits and run the gauntlet of detection. One day an officer of the department of discipline, that branch of the work of the academy that has the management of the midshipmen in charge, whose business is, said one of the officers, "to know at all times where every midshipman is, and to be able to put your finger on him," made an inspection of one of the rooms. He saw by the manner of the two occupants of the apartment that something was wrong. He could not ask the midshipmen themselves what they were

TRIAL YACHTS ARE FAVORED

Yachtmen Are of Opinion That Four Vessels Should Be Entered in the Elimination Races.

Racing yachtmen of the United States are of the opinion that in order to insure a successful defense of the America's cup next year against Sir Thomas Lipton, it will be absolutely necessary under the present conditions to build no fewer than four yachts to enter the elimination races, which should take place some time next August, after contesting in as many races during the summer as possible.

It is conceded by many that building a 75-foot sloop under the present rules for the first time, even by the Herreshoffs, is more or less of a risk when there is no vessel of that dimension ready to use as a trial horse. For this reason it is deemed advisable to build as many sloops as possible, and by different designers, so as to give both the yachtmen and their crews plenty of practice in racing, that the best boat may be chosen to meet the Shamrock IV off Sandy Hook next fall.

The material for the building of the first yacht—the one that the syndicate headed by Henry Walters has ordered—is being assembled at the Herreshoff yard at Bristol, R. I., and it is understood that the keel of the new boat will be laid before Thanksgiving day.

It is quite likely that the keel of the Shamrock IV will be laid about the same time as that of the Herreshoff's sloop. As usual, the utmost secrecy will be maintained from start to finish in the construction of both vessels, so that no information may leak out concerning the details of the design of either hulls or sail plans until they are ready to race.

MAHMOUT KILLED BY BANDITS

Noted Bulgarian, Who Met Many American Wrestlers, Meets Untimely Death Near Sillistria.

Yussif Mahmout, a Bulgarian wrestler, who met a number of American matmen, including Frank Gotch, by whom he was defeated, was killed by a band of Bulgarian bandits in the



Yussif Mahmout.

mountains near Sillistria, his home, according to a story told by two Turkish wrestlers who arrived in this country recently.

Mahmout was petty officer in the Bulgarian army during the late war, and, according to their story, went to the town to draw his money to pay off the men in his command. Sixteen bandits, learning of his return, but because Mahmout had procured only orders instead of gold coin, they killed him.

Considerate of Mother.

Captain Clem Fenker, Cincinnati university's star quarterback and one of the most sensational players the varsity has developed in years, does not want his mother to see him play. "I have a peculiar notion that if my mother were to sit in the grandstand and I knew it, I would not be able to play my best game," explained Captain Fenker. "I feel I cannot enter the contest with the same fighting spirit as when I know she is at home. My mother is of a rather nervous disposition. Football is no child's game, and a player is liable to be hurt at any time. I would not want to let her see me injured."

Athletic Coaches Costly.

The sum necessary to maintain Harvard's position as a factor in intercollegiate athletics will this year alone exceed \$35,000 as salary for the coaches in the different sports.

Football has the biggest expense list, with an outlay of about \$13,000. Head Coach Houghton, who has placed Harvard on the football map, receives \$8,500; Leary, his assistant, gets \$3,500; while others on the staff get minor sums. The track coaches, Donovan and Powers, draw \$3,500, while Shrubb, the cross-country trainer, receives \$2,900. All the other coaches get generous stipends.

Plank Victim of Bear Story.

Eddie Plank, after pitching wonderful ball in the world series, is quoted as being on the retired list. Plank is thirty-nine years old and one of the wonders of this baseball age.

Senators Sign Two.

Otto Nye, an outfielder from Springfield, Ohio, and Herman Schwaartz, a pitcher from Brooklyn, have signed contracts to play with the Senators for 1914.

FRANK GOTCH CRUSHE S ITALIAN CHAMPION



Gotch With Half Nelson and Crotch Hold on Westgaard.

Leo Pardello, fun maker of the wrestling mat, at one time imagined he could down Frank Gotch. The Italian was heralded as one of the toughest men in the game and Gotch thought he was taking on a big contract in agreeing to an encounter with this fighting "demon" from sunny Italy. Both wrestlers were disillusioned November 26, 1906, at the Brooks' Casino, Chicago, when they met in a finish match. After this defeat Pardello devoted his talents to comedy, and as a mirth producer has made countless thousands of laughs.

Gotch had heard that Pardello was a bone breaker and a prize fighter. He was apprised that he would be fortunate to escape with both ears intact and all his teeth in his head after encountering the latest sensation from Latin Europe.

The night of the match found the pavilion packed almost to suffocation. Pardello rushed at Gotch like a wild man when the referee signalled the start, but Gotch side-stepped him. Gotch went to his hands and knees, lifted Pardello in the air and hurled him to the mat. This was the signal for Pardello to employ the rough tactics for which he was noted. He gouged Gotch with his elbow and slugged him in the mixups. The crowd hissed Pardello, but Gotch had learned his opponent's actual strength and took these thrusts lightly.

Soon, however, Pardello showed his temper and resorted to the Marquis of Queensbury code. He came to his feet and made a swing at Gotch and the crowd again hissed. Gotch lunged and brought Pardello to the mat again. Gotch was working for a hold to secure the first fall. He had slipped over a crotch and half nelson and was gradually forcing the shoulders of his opponent to the canvas. Pardello reached over in a fit of rage, grabbed the lowman by the hair and pulled a

GOSSIP AMONG SPORTS

Bonesetter Reese, the great friend of the ball players, has cured Howard Shanks' ankle.

Chief Bender has pitched nine games in different world's series and has won six of the number.

There are some things at which even a golfer will balk, among them playing in midwinter.

Joe Birmingham and his Naps claim the Washington Senators will not have anything on them next year.

The annual report of President Kearney of the Three-I league indicates that not a fine was collected from a player last season.

The reports from Detroit are that Ty Cobb is to get a salary of \$15,000 for his services next year. This is the largest sum ever paid a ball player.

The Federal Baseball league are merely "entering" many cities. It will have many months for departments, so might as well take in all.

If Gotch were president of the National league the toe hold might become a big factor in settling knotty problems and hair-pulling disputes.

Larry McLean is gaining fame every day as a bowler around Brooklyn, where he is living this winter. He recently averaged 206 for eight games.

The Senators made 117 double plays during the 1913 season. Gandil led all the players in taking part in dual killings, having figured in eighty-nine.

Manager Griffith will keep Nick Altrock and Dutch Schaefer on of the Washington pay roll next season. Griff considers the vets of great value to his team.

A Cincinnati sport scribe claims that the team that beats the Cubs next season will win the bunting. He says the Cubs have a strong pitching staff, and it's pitching that counts.

Martin Krug, who was with the Red Sox as sub when they won the world's title, but last year with Indianapolis in the American association, has been sold to the Omaha Western league club.

Connie Mack denies he picked an all star baseball team for a New York paper and omitted the name of Ty Cobb. The way to make Mack talk, it seems, is to accuse him of saying something.

Shanks' Ankle Fixed. Bonesetter Reese has cured Howard Shanks' bad ankle. The expert found a tendon out of place. The Washington outfielder now writes that he is as good as ever.

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CITY DWELLER UTTERS WALL
Among Other Things, He Seems to Have a Grievance Against the "Fresh" Egg.

An unhatched crocodile, according to a learned journal, utters a cry from inside the egg. As we dwellers in this metropolis know to our cost, the egg of our acquaintance—the domestic breakfast variety, to-wit—erics aloud after being placed under our noses. Eggs are usually regarded as a comic subject, and the late Dan Leno was wont to deliver a most diverting dissertation concerning them. Too long have we suffered, however, from that ghastly imposture, the "fresh" egg, which may go back to the days of good King George—the Fourth—for all we can tell. Eggs are far more uncertain than woman's love or horse races, and whenever I think of them I long to be in the country. For there the milkman brings them along in the morning and we have a guarantee that they will not revive memories of Methuselah. With all our boasted advancement we take re-

markable risks where provisions are concerned. Some of the thinned products observable in hucksters' windows I should be sorry to sample for a royal ransom. And I couldn't eat a winkie if you paid me \$50 down. It was Lizzie Cooter who used to sing: "Did you ever catch a winkie asleep?" Most of us would plead "Not guilty." As for seeing an oyster walk upstairs, the chances are hopeless. The oyster is a swagger mollusc today and would insist on being taken up in a lift—London Chronicle.

Another Anti-Fat Cure.
"You certainly have grown thinner in the last few months, my dear. Are you taking an anti-fat cure?"
"Goodness, no! It's only the anger the new cook is causing me that does that!"
"And are you not giving her no time?"
"Of course! But I want to work down to 70 kilos. Then out she goes!"—Meggendorfer Blaetter (Munich).

Bear in mind that opportunity only knocks. You have to do the rest.