

## The Scrap Book

### Heaving the Lead.

The steamer was loaded with pig lead and was slowly picking her way up the dangerous river. The mate was forward, and as they approached a dangerous spot he turned fiercely to a deck hand.



"Why don't you heave the lead?" he roared. The mariner had only recently embraced his profession, and technical expressions were as yet somewhat beyond him.

"Heave the lead, is it, your honor? Sure! HEAVE THE LEAD!" Where should I HE ROARED, heave it?"

The mate turned purple. "Overboard, you fathead!" he cried. And straightway Patrick seized one of the pigs of lead and threw it overboard.

The mate felt that mere words were useless at a time like this, and he made an effort to save the pig as it went over. Alas, in doing so he overbalanced and went, with a splash, into the dark river.



Just then the captain took a hand in the discussion from the bridge.

"Now, then, you forward, why don't you heave the lead?"

"Please, sur, 'tis already heaved," said Pat.

"And how 'ARRAH," he said, much water is "DON'T YE BE SO THERE?"

Pat considered a moment. "Arrah," he said, "don't ye be so impatient. The mate's just this moment gone to find out."

### Many a Slip.

There's many a slip on the stony hillside Of life as we up to the summit would climb.

The pathway is narrow, the pitfalls are wide, And we can go only one step at a time.

Then what wonder so many have made a misstep And fallen. Let us pause ere their sin we rehearse And still the reproaches that come to the lip.

For aught that we know we might have done worse. —Helen Manville.

### The Arm of the Law.

In a certain Canadian city a lady was defending an action for a large sum of money which she felt she was not morally entitled to pay. When it looked as if the case would go against her she sold all her real estate and put the proceeds, some \$15,000 or more, in her pocketbook—which in her case, as is the custom with some women, was her stocking. The judgment was given against her, and because she would not pay nor tell where the money was she was sent to jail for a year. Her counsel tried to get her released. The following conversation formed part of the proceedings:

"You admit," said the judge, "that this woman had property to the value of \$15,000?"

"Yes, your honor," said the counsel. "And you admit that she sold the property and put the money in her stocking?"

"Yes, my lord." "And do you mean to tell me that the arm of the law is not long enough to reach it?"

### Proof Positive.

Former Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York was once city editor of the Sun. One Saturday night it was announced that all the saloons were to be closed next day.

Cummings called his star reporter, Murray. "Tom," he said, "go out tomorrow and find out if the saloons are selling liquor."

It was Thursday when Tom again appeared at his desk. "They were," he reported.

### Man's Ideal of Character.

Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not. This ideal may be high and complete or it may be quite low and insufficient, yet in all men that really seek to improve it is better than the actual character. Man never falls so low that he can see nothing higher than himself.—Theodore Parker.

### Family Secrets.

There is a most amiable woman in Louisville who is noted among her friends for her habit of "saying things without thinking." Her daughter was entertaining a young man on the front porch, and the mother was standing at the fence talking to the neighbors next door. In the yard of the latter was a baby a little over a year old, and it was trying to walk.

"You shouldn't let it walk so young," advised the thoughtless matron. "Wait until it's a little older. I let my daughter walk when she was about that age, and it made her awfully bow-legged."

The young man began to talk energetically about the weather.

## A FAMOUS HIGHWAY.

The "Old Turtle Trace" That Led From the Colonies to the West

One of the most famous Highways in America is the "Old Turtle Trace" through the valleys and the hills of the lower Appalachians, over which the early pioneers made their way from the colonies to the wilds of Tennessee, Kentucky and the great west. Its usefulness long since having ceased, it has been abandoned with a ruthlessness that causes something akin to pain in the hearts of people who love old things of a historical nature. It is doubtful if at this late day the course of the "Old Turtle Trace" can be accurately defined. I have frequently heard it remarked in east Tennessee, and twice in northern Alabama has an old roadbed been pointed out to me as the course of that historic highway. Presumably it passed over the Cumberland plateau, and a few miles from Tracy City, Tenn., it is most plainly marked. Its course can be followed easily, though the roadbed is now filled with the accumulation of years and the way barred by giant trees that have fallen crosswise or young trees that have taken root and flourished in the path of the rocking chaise of a century ago.

Obviously the name "Turtle Trace" was bestowed by the Indians. Local tradition says that the predecessors of the stage were the Indians of the Turtle clan, who led their war parties to the westward over this trail. Another and quite as well founded tradition is that a turtle's shell was the symbol of the stage line that traversed the route in the early days, a rather humorous play on the speed with which the line used to deliver its fares to the western terminal. At any rate, the "Old Turtle Trace" played no small part in the early development of our west and is to be considered one of the really historic roads of America. It is a very slight test of the imagination to stand by the side of the deep sea in the beautiful face of the Cumberland plateau and see the old chaise rocking along through the afternoon shadows. One can almost see Jefferson, Johnson, Webster and other notables of their time step therefrom, stretch their legs, cramped from travel, and take a refreshing pinch from their gold snuff boxes. Not a man is now alive who remembers the old days of travel on the Turtle Trace, but doubtless most of the men of the early part of the last century who figured in our country's formative period bowled back and forth over this road on their mission of historic making.—National Monthly.

### Long Distance Horseback Riding.

One of the most remarkable accomplishments in long distance horseback riding was in the early part of the last century when Squire Obaldstone, at Newmarket, England, on a wager of \$5,000, was to ride 200 miles within ten hours. The horses were changed at the end of the four mile circuit, some of them being ridden two or three times, and one, Franby, was brought out for a fourth mount. The squire had to mount and remount each horse from the ground, not using a mounting block, so saving time and taking more strain. In spite of this and the ground not being in good condition, the 200 miles were covered in eight hours and thirty-nine minutes. About thirty horses were ridden.

### Cat's Sense of Locality.

A kitten about six months old was taken to a house a few miles distant from its birthplace, confined in a room and tenderly cared for during a week and then set at liberty. It was supposed to have become habituated to its new surroundings, but it returned to its old home on the day of its release.

The sense of locality and direction was exhibited still more strikingly by an old tomcat which was stolen and carried a distance of twenty miles, confined in a bag. The cat was imprisoned, but made its escape and in a few days reappeared in a pitiable state at the home of its former master, which was separated from that of the thief by a high wooded cliff.—Scientific American

### Charles Reade's Method of Work.

Reade's literary work was, Sir Robert Anderson remarks, a rare combination of genius and plodding. A brass scuttle which stood by the fireplace held the illustrated and other papers which reached him week by week. From these he culled anything that took his fancy, and the cuttings were thrown into a companion scuttle, to be afterward inserted in scrap books and daily indexed. Materials for his novels and plays were thus supplied or suggested. The accuracy of his descriptions of events and places was phenomenal.—Westminster Gazette

## NELSON MAY MEET TARTAR

Lightweight Champion to Tackle Tough Nut in Wolgast.

ABOUT A GOOD BETTING ONE.

On Dope Wolgast Has Chance to Copy the Title—Recent Reports About Nelson's Poor Condition Not Verified. Bout a Good Betting One.

By TOMMY CLARK. If the followers of pugilism were to take seriously the many reports that have been sent out about the poor condition of Bat Nelson, the lightweight champion, they would think that the durable Dane was on his last legs and would be an easy mark for any good third rater. But such is not the case, however, and the man with the rubber neck and the iron jaw is at the present just as good as he ever was.

Recent reports were sent out that the hard training for past contests had sapped his vitality and that his breathing apparatus was causing him considerable uneasiness. Besides, it was said that he was growing deaf.

While hard training affects all athletes in the course of time, Nelson is probably an exception to the rule. Since he began his pugilistic career he has always taken the best of care of himself, has never dissipated and has lived cleanly. In fact, Nelson has rarely ever had to train as hard as most pugilists and takes on very little weight when not preparing for a contest. In regard to losing his hearing, Nelson said recently in Memphis, Tenn., that any apparent increase in deafness was due to the peculiar climate in the south at this time of year, which physicians say will aggravate ear ailments or catarrhal affections of any kind.

In his recent fight with Eddie Lange in Memphis, Nelson showed good form considering the fact that he did no training for the battle. Of course Lange is only a fifth rater, but nevertheless it gave the fight dopsters a splendid chance to see whether the Dane was on the toboggan or not. Nelson just toyed with Lange throughout the contest, and in the last round hung a sleep producer on the latter's jaw.

Nelson's next scrap will be a forty-five round bout with Ad Wolgast, "the Milwaukee Whirlwind," in Los Angeles on Feb. 22. In the latter the



AD WOLGAST, NELSON'S NEXT OPPONENT.

durable Dane will meet a tough one. In fact, in many quarters Nelson is picked to put the finishing touches on the Battler. Wolgast is a wallpaper from Wolloperville and has a punch with the force of a mule's kick behind it.

In many quarters it is figured by the adherents of Wolgast that Nelson is losing much of his power and cannot go on forever. They also think that the turning point will come soon and when the Battler meets an opponent of the strength and skill of Wolgast he will meet his master.

Wolgast's followers are basing their claims on the fact that the latter disposed of Lew Powell, one of the best boys California has produced in years, by the knockout route recently. They are also figuring on Wolgast's showing in a ten round bout with Nelson in Los Angeles several months ago, in which he clearly outclassed the lightweight champion in point of ring science.

It was this affair which convinced Wolgast that he could defeat Nelson in a longer battle.

When Nelson fought Wolgast the Battler was in poor shape and had practically no training. Besides, ten round affairs are not to his liking, the forty-five round route being his pet distance. Wolgast's recent poor showing against George Memsie, a second rater, was anything like that of a coming champion. Memsie more than held his own, and although Wolgast received the decision, the battle should have been called a draw.

The Nelson-Wolgast fight will no doubt be a big betting bout, for there are a bunch of fans who think that the Dane cannot beat this youngster. The Battler says himself that Wolgast is one of the best boys he has ever met.

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