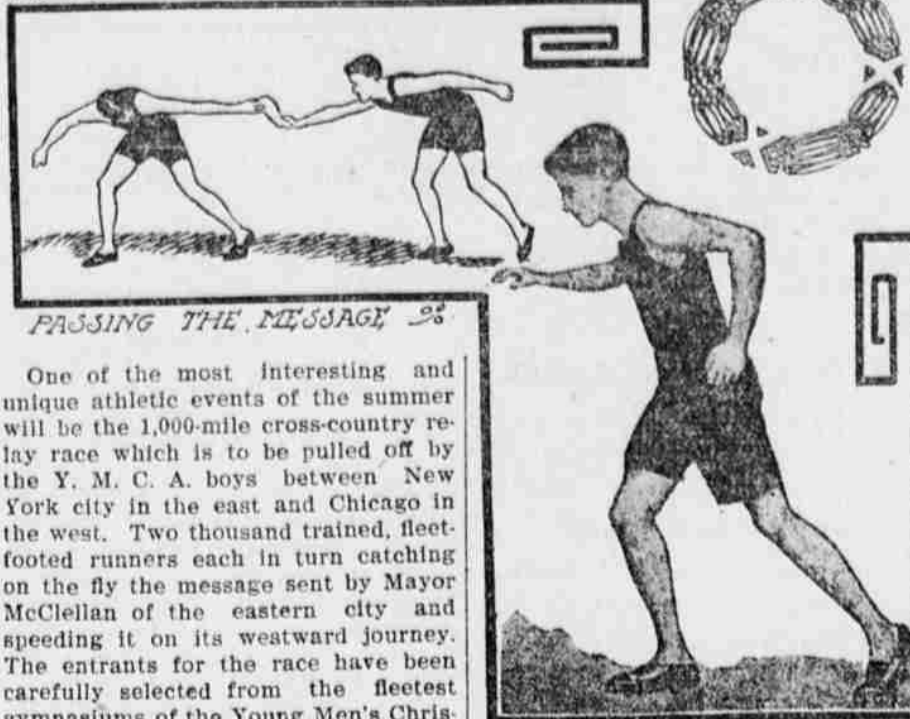


# REAL CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

REMARKABLE NEW YORK-CHICAGO RELAY RACE BY Y.M.C.A. BOYS



PASSING THE MESSAGE

One of the most interesting and unique athletic events of the summer will be the 1,000-mile cross-country relay race which is to be pulled off by the Y. M. C. A. boys between New York city in the east and Chicago in the west. Two thousand trained, fleet-footed runners each in turn catching on the fly the message sent by Mayor McClellan of the eastern city and speeding it on its westward journey. The entrants for the race have been carefully selected from the finest gymnasiums of the Young Men's Christian associations of New York and Chicago, and by those of the numerous other branches of the association which line the 1,000-mile route.

It will be a race against time, a contest between the flying feet of the young athletes and the fugitive hours. But although the race is against time there will be the zest of keen rivalry to spur the racers on. An automobile carrying official timekeepers will follow the racers over the entire route, making careful record of the speed of each relay. Besides this individual rivalry there is the rivalry of the numerous associations, each hoping that as a body its champions will show a higher average than the others.

The direct mail route to Chicago is 900 miles. The more winding highways that the boys will traverse is estimated at 1,000 miles. There will be nearly 2,000 boys in the race, and it is expected that it will be run well within five days.

The start will be made from the city hall of New York at nine o'clock on the morning of July 15. There the speediest runner of the Twenty-third street branch of the Young Men's Christian association will receive from Mayor McClellan a message addressed to Mayor Busse of Chicago. The message will be inclosed in a silver tube. The starter will give the signal, and the youth will sprint up Broadway, followed by the automobile which is to accompany the racers to Chicago.

The route will be up Broadway, and at a half-mile from the starting point the bearer of the silver tube will toss it to the fleet-footed youngster awaiting him there, and he in turn will set a flying pace to the next half-mile point where another eager youth will snatch the tube and after his half-mile race will pass it to the next in the relay line. So it will go day and night until the tube, which by the time it has reached Chicago will have passed through nearly 2,000 hands, is delivered to the mayor of that city.

"Owing to the continuous course of training which our boys undergo," said Mr. A. A. Jameson, boys' work director of the Twenty-third street branch of the Young Men's Christian association, New York city, "it would be quite possible for us to pull this race off in a week. We have extended the time of the start, however, because of necessary road arrangements and the appointment of district superintendents. Our tryouts have revealed the fact that the boys' average speed is about 2.48 for every half mile. Making allowances for possible bad weather and poor roads, it is expected that the average speed of the race of 1,000 miles or more will be about a mile in eight minutes. When you come to consider that the age limit of the contestants is 18 years, and as the majority of these will not be over 15 years old, the plan becomes a significant test in athletics. The time I have mentioned will undoubtedly be improved, and by rough calculation we assume that the race will be run in five days. The first part of the race will be from city hall, New York city, to city hall, Yonkers, a boy being stationed at that distance for every half mile. We average a distance from New York to Yonkers at 18 miles, which will be covered by 25 or 30 of our New York city boys.

The schedule of our course from New York to Buffalo will be as follows: New York to Yonkers, Ossining, Newburg, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Catskill, Hudson, Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Johnstown, Little Falls, Utica, Rome, Syracuse, Auburn, Geneva, Canandaigua, Rochester, Batavia, Buffalo. The western division of the race will be in charge of Mr. M. D. Cracker, director of the West Side Boys' club of the Young Men's Christian association of Cleveland, O., who will direct the course from his town to the city hall in Chicago. Mr. Cracker deserves the credit of being the originator of this plan, as the outcome of the cross-country race he organized among his boys from Cleveland to Erie. Each boy will wear the athletic dress of the Young Men's Christian association, and will stand ready at his post to take the message from the hand of the boy who has just finished his half mile and dart off with it at full speed. An automobile will accompany each runner with an official timekeeper, who will register his time. In this automobile there will also be a relief runner, who in case of accident will jump out

ONE OF THE TWO THOUSAND

and carry the message at top speed. We have tried to figure out all obstacles that might prevent a complete success of this race as a test trial of speed against time. We choose the week of July 15 in the hope that we shall have moonlight nights to help the boys along on their night runs, and every boy's department of the Young Men's Christian association which is on the route of the relay race from New York to Chicago is training every day for the contest."

Dr. George D. Fisher, the senior secretary of the physical department of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian association, will be the official starter of the race. He said that nearly 2,000 boys would take part in it. Each of these, he explained, will be a representative American boy and a representative association member—that is, he will not be selected because of physical fitness alone, but because he qualifies from a fourfold standpoint of fitness. In other words, he will be a representative boy in mental equipment, in moral attainment, and in character; thus it will be truly a race by representative American boys.

"I approve of this race for adolescents," Mr. Fisher added, "because each boy will run only the distance of a half mile. Each will be subjected to a physical examination, and to avoid undue exposure the boys will be taken care of before and after the race in automobiles."

"The race represents a test of achievement. It is a scheme which requires co-operation; each boy will have to observe the rules to the letter or the whole scheme is a failure. It will demand pluck; each boy will have to finish his own race, and will have intrusted to him the responsibility of carrying a message noble in sentiment from a high official of one great city to another. It will create interest in wholesome, clean sport in which the only aim is noble achievement, the eligibility rules like those of the Olympiad, and the service void of personal gain or individual prestige."

### HEALTH FADS NOT NEW.

Dietetic Vagaries Were Practiced by Our Grandfathers.

What's the use of trying to be original? What man does to-day, his notions, his fads, were practiced yesterday, in the dim past, and if they vary a little, the same idea animates them all. For instance, the "new" fad, Fletcherism and the one meal a day, were preached centuries ago. Books on hygiene were concocted in the time of Shakespeare. Have you ever read "The Breviary of Health," compiled by "Andrew Boorde, Doctor of English Phisickian English man," printed at London, 1587? Because, in this quaint, black letter volume, are found many of the ailments which still afflict us, with the same advice that the specialist and the faddist bestow to-day upon a suffering world. This "one meal a day" is advised by Dr. Andrew Boorde, but he calls it "abstinence," and also cautions the gentle readers to eat with slowness! He fails to mention, nevertheless, the advantage of going without one's breakfast, and would never approve of the well known western lawyer, who goes to his important labors daily without breaking his fast and is, nevertheless, a model of physical and intellectual vigor. "The Breviary of Health" must be numbered among the curiosities of literature, but it will not be found on the shelves of the Boston public library. This is the only copy in America as far as known, and was the property of a reverend country doctor in Plymouth county. It doubtless served to preserve the health of our pilgrim fathers, and to help the mothers bring up their families.—Boston Herald.

### Millions of Matches Used.

The civilized nations of the world strike 3,000,000 matches every minute of the 24 hours. Americans use up 700,000,000,000 a year. Some of the match plants are very large, one on the Pacific coast covering 240 acres, with 32 miles of railroad which supply the match machines with 200,000 feet of sugar pine and yellow pine logs a day.

### JUMPING AT A CONCLUSION.

Marriage Did Not Follow the Nineteen Year's Courtship.

In the amiable way of villagers, they were discussing the matrimonial affairs of a couple who, though recently wed, had begun to find the yoke of Hymen a burden.

"'Tis all along o' these hasty marriages," opined one caustic old gentleman, who had been much to the fore in the discussion. "They did not understand each other; they'd nubbut knowed each other for a matter o' seven year."

"Well, that seems long enough," said an interested lady listener.

"Long eno! Bah, ye're wrong! When a body's courtin' he canna be too careful. Why, my courtship lasted a matter o' 19 year!"

"You certainly were careful," agreed the lady listener. "And did you find your plan successful when you married?"

"Ye jump to conclusions!" said the old man, impatiently. "I understood her then, so I didna marry her!"—Tit-Bits.

### DOCTOR SAID "USE CUTICURA"

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### Sounds Dubious.

Citizen (proudly)—This is a city without graft.

Visitor (inquiringly)—Honest?

### VERY GOOD REASON.



Father—I told you not to go with that boy.

Bobby—I had to, father, 'cause he had hold of my hair!

### A Cold Lunch.

The pupils of a distinguished professor of zoology, a man well known for his eccentricities, noted one day two tidy parcels lying on their instructor's desk as they passed out at the noon hour. On their return to the laboratory for the afternoon lecture they saw but one. This the professor took carefully up in his hand as he opened his lecture.

"In the study of vertebrate we have taken the frog as a type. Let us now examine the gastrocnemius muscle of this dissected specimen."

So saying the professor untied the string of his neat parcel and disclosed to view a ham sandwich and a boiled egg.

"But I have eaten my lunch," said the learned man bewilderedly.—Lippincott's.

### A Good Turn.

"Here, wake up," cried Subbubs, appearing on his porch in his pajamas. "You've got a nerve to be sleeping in our hammock."

"Nerve?" replied the hobo, sleepily. "Why, I'm a benefactor; if it wasn't for me holdin' dis hammock down de mosquitoes would 'a' lugged it off long ago."

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### SMALL THING HE FORGOT.

May Have Accounted for His Proposal Being Turned Down.

Senator Beveridge described, at a dinner, an absent-minded farmer.

"The man was so absent-minded," he said, "that he couldn't open his mouth without making an arrant ass of himself."

"Once he courted a young woman. His suit looked promising for a time. Then, with a sorrowful visage, he ceased his courtship."

"Yet she seemed infatuated with you, Jabez," said I, one day when he came to me for sympathy.

"She were, too," Jabez agreed. "Well, what could have been the trouble?"

"'Dunno," said he. He filled his pipe. "Dunno; but when I proposed, she turned me down cold."

"Perhaps your proposal wasn't ardent enough?" I suggested.

"Oh, it was fiery," said Jabez. "Hot as pepper. I told her she was the only woman I'd ever loved, ever looked at, ever thought of, or—"

"But, said I, 'you forgot, then, you were a widower.'

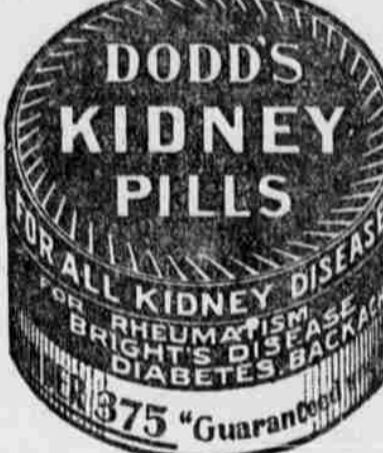
"'Jingo,' said Jabez, 'so I did.'"

### Why He Kicked.

Stella—My fiance refused to let me take charge of a booth at the church fair last week.

Mabel—What were you going to sell?

Stella—Kisses at a quarter apiece.



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