IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Weekly Grist of the Things Athletic that Interest the Redhots.

SOME PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Gossip About the Men Who Will Soon Fight for Championship of the World—Other News of the Squared Circle.

The world of the glovemen is in a state of unusual quietude just now, a sort of reaction after the prosperous winter of the game that has just closed. Some of the topnotchers are indulging in little dinky affrays, but the big majority are taking a much needed rest. About the only battle that looms up above the fistic horizon of the near future is the coming struggle between Fitzsimmons and the burly Jeffries, the articles for which were signed by the principals and the Coney Island Athletic club last week, a $2,500 forfeit being posted by each of the parties at the same time. This is to be another daylight battle, as it is slated to take place between noon and 2 p. m. on the afternoon of May 26. This is to enable the moving picture men to get a shot at the men, for the club that pulls off the affair and the two principals expect to get the biggest profits from the fight in this way. Dan Stuart is said to have cleared up a mint of money over his moving picture representation of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, but the thing was a novelty then, and it is very questionable whether the views of the forthcoming fight will take as well unless Jeffries succeeds in grasping the last chance by pulling away from the wasp-waisted blacksmith a winner.

That the big Californian is eager to meet the champion was well shown in the spirit with which he accepted the articles of agreement. In no clause is this better indicated than the one in which George Siler is named as the referee of the bout. Fitz and Siler are as close as peas in a pod and when the Chicago sporting writer's name was first mentioned, Jeffries demurred. He did not question Siler's honesty or competency, but he did intimate that he had too friendly a feeling for Red Robert. No other name was mentioned by the champion for the refereeship, however, and rather than have the meeting postponed or perchance declared off altogether, the boilermaker gracefully acquiesced to the wishes of the blacksmith.

In talking about the coming battle Jeffries is more free from the petty jealousies that poison the judgment and warp the hard common sense that the average boxer. He does not seem to be swelled up like most of the glovemen upon whom Dame Fortune smiles. "Fighting is a business proposition, just the same as a drummer selling a bill of goods," is his quaint philosophy. "My father is a minister, an evangelist, at Los Angeles. When I made up my mind to earn my bread and meat with the stuffed mitts and tossed aside the hammer and the rivets of my trade, my old daddy said: 'Jim, fighting is as honest as boilermaking if you are honest, and if there's more money in it, wash the grime of your trade from your hands, pull on the gloves, and show us the mettle of which you are made.' But father also advised me to go back to tivcting in the boiler shop if I could not become a master mechanic at the glove was trade. Daddy will stand for a fighter in the Jeffries family, but if the blacksmith should make of me a lobster I must hang up the gloves and put on the jeans and return to the boiler shop, so he says. There are two ministers of the gospel whose sons are in the ring, Benny Jordan, the clever little Englishman who bested George Dixon, and yours truly, James J. Jeffries, jr."

The star of the erstwhile aspirant after the laurels of the heavyweight championship, "Kid" McCoy, was in the ascendency again a week ago when he crossed arms with that old veteran of the prize ring, Joe Choynski. The man who read the accounts of that affray must agree with the critic at the ringside who declares that it was but kindness on the part of the young Hoosier that saved the Californian from the humiliation of a knock-out. In the last rounds of the battle it was a case of "going, going," for Choynski, and it was but McCoy's will that the final "gone" was not sounded. The many battles in the ring and the many years of training that Choynski has experienced have been as successful in sending him to the passe class as Bob Fitzsimmons would be capable of doing. There were also signs in McCoy's condition during the fight that sounded a note of warning to the clever Hoosier. Heart disease and what not are named as the possible ailments of the fighter, and the diagnosis was serious enough to send him to the mountains and a rest from the game for a time. This may shatter a chance for Omaha lovers of the game to see the slender young fighter, for he was figuring on appearing in this city this spring, but if a temporary rest will put him in repair he may still pay Omaha a visit. His condition, however, will necessarily put an end to his negotiations looking toward a return match with Sharkey and another bout with Tommy Ryan.

Tommy Ryan is having his busy day just now and is sailing all over the country in pursuit of easy marks, which pursuits nets him a pretty penny, by the way. In the early part of this month he will land in Chicago and go a journey that it will be worth while the sports of this city to see. He is matched to take on a pretty hard customer in Billy Stift, who is heavy enough to give the wily Thomas a hard run for the money.

Old Peter Maher, who has steadfastly refused to take on Gus Ruhlin, although he has threatened to "poonch" him out of the business, has finally come down from his perch and has signed articles with the Akron lad. The two are to meet at the Lenox Athletic club in New York on April 11 in a twenty-round affray. Maher has been the unconscious comedian in the heavyweight circles of the country during the last two years. There is enough yellow in his makeup to supply a carload of oranges with coloring extract, but he has been insistent that he would take on no one except Fitzsimmons or Sharkey and would not look at those until a $20,000 purse was offered. Every student of the boxing game knows that the Irish champion has a jelly fish for a backbone on every occasion he confronts a first-class man and the admirers of the ring would steer clear of any entertainment in which he appears against anything else except an easy mark.

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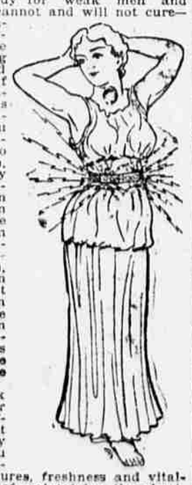

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TIMELY CHAT FOR THE FANS

Items of Interest in the Realm of the Sport that Will Soon Be All the Go.

There was never such a muddle in upper base ball circles as exists at the present time. The nabobs are scrapping like so many felines and canines with every indication that they propose to keep it up. The schedule that was adopted last week indicates that the big league will at least start the season with a dozen clubs and may continue through the year with the same number of stations, but the strife that is now tearing the ranks of the magnates asunder is nothing more than a premonition of the dissolution that is bound to come when the ten years' agreement expires in 1901. The hotbed of dissension just now is Louisville, which is very much dissatisfied with its place on the schedule and applies such pet terms to the men that made it up as "worse than midnight assassins, robbers of a more delicate caliber than highwaymen, etc., etc." The schedule gives Bourbonville but six Sunday games at home instead of the usual seventeen or eighteen. As Louisville is a poor ball town and gets all its receipts from the Sunday games, this schedule has given rise to the cry that the magnates, such as Hart, Brush and Soden, have conspired to freeze out Louisville and the other clubs which refused to gracefully withdraw from the league or to sell out at a reasonable figure. This is but a specimen of the wrangling that is going on and shows how the wind is blowing.

Another storm center of the squabbling is New York City. Andy Goose Freedman is apparently in the fight for keeps. He absolutely refuses to satisfy Rusie, Meekin and Seymour, the trio of pitchers who have gone on a strike, and as flatfootedly refuses to release or sell them to any other club. He has taken no steps whatever to boost up the outfield of the Giants, which is admitted to be the weakest in the whole league. The team is so short of men that a regular practice cannot be played. Those who have watched Freedman's actions declare that all this is with a purpose. They insist that he wants his team to be so weak that no other of the clubs will get a whack at the former big gate receipts in the metropolis simply in order to play even with the magnates for the slights they put upon him in the past. But Monsieur Freedman is likely to suffer the experience of the man who bit off his nose to spite his face, for the fans will unquestionably patronize the games of the Trolley Dodgers in preference to witnessing those of the Giants. Freedman's base ball expenses for the year are estimated to be $100,000, and he himself will have to stand more loss than any other of the magnates, for there are other base ball towns in the country besides New York.

In comparison with this disturbed condition of affairs on the big league circuit the situation of Yankee Doodle's game in Omaha is like unto the calm of a pond. To be sure there is not much to it, but still Omaha fans will have a chance to see a little of the game as played by amateurs. "Amateurs are generally put down as dubs," says Harry Sage, who has been connected with Omaha baseball for a number of years, "but they're not so worse. I have run up against many a professional in knocking around this part of the country, and I've seen the sprightly amateur play rings around the ball tosser who earns his daily bread by the sweat of his brow. I am not referring to the scintillating star such as graces the base ball upper tendom as illustrated by the big league, but I do refer to such a lot of lobsters as made up the Omaha team in the Western league circuit last year. I'll venture to wager that amateur teams will give as good exhibitions of America's great game as the Babes of last season, but a thirteen-inch persuader, aided and abetted by a stick of dynamite, would fail to drive the fans to their games in the same numbers. There's the difference between the professional and amateur. There is a sort of halo, in many cases of tin, around the brow of the professional in the opinion of the average fan, that completely throws the amateur in the shade."

Buck Keith's Originals of last year will be rejuvenated again this season and Buckerine predicts that they will constitute the premier band of ball tossers in these parts. The aggregation will be made up much the same as last year, the positions being filled as follows: Taylor, Murphy and Scully, pitchers; Bowman and Shannon, catchers; Dorcas, first base; Bradford, second base; Waller, shortstop; Lawler, third base; Jellen, left field; Whitney, center field; one of the twirlers, right. The grounds of the team will be the old Nonpareil park at Fifteenth and Vinton, which is to be decorated with a number of improvements. The bleachers will be repaired, the diamond will be smooothed, and a bathhouse and dressing room will be built. Buck has not arranged his schedule as yet, but he promises a good series of games during the season.

The comparatively few players who represent Omaha in the ranks of the big leagues have flown the city. Base ball fans of the city will be pleased to learn that Lou Camp has been asked to attach his autograph to the bottom of a New York contract. He received the invitation to join the Giants last week and left for their training grounds at Paterson, N. J., on Friday. He has no idea where he is to be placed in the makeup of the Giants, but is probably slated to do at least a substitute role in the outfield, where New York is lamentably weak. Joe Dolan has been signed with the Richmond, Va., team, and also left to join his band last week. He has absolutely tabooed everything that tends to break down a man during the winter and has failed to look upon the wine when it is red. He is in first-class shape and has no sign of the glass wing that hampered him last year. Mellvaine, the twirler who cut so much ice in the Canadian league last season, will stay there during the coming year, and promises to duplicate his record of last season. Finally, Jack Haskell has been offered an umpireship in the Western league again, and it is up to him to accept.

The Western league will not adopt the new balk rule that was incorporated in the regulations of the big league at the spring meeting. At the meeting of the Western league nabobs it was determined to stick by the old rule, but the umpires will be instructed to see that it is more rigidly enforced.

Dusty Miller, the outfielder of the Reds, has manipulated high balls of liquid manufacture far more than the other sort since the spring training of the Ewingites commenced and he has been sent to Cincinnati. He claims that the weather of the training quarters at Columbus, Ga., does not agree with him. This looks as if McBride were slated to cover the right lot for the Reds this year. Jack Taylor, the thirsty twirler from St. Louis, has also been dallying with the flowing mug quite frequently since the practice season has opened and a ticket of leave has been flashed in his face as a threat by Buck Ewing.

It is reported that Frank Chance, who graced the utility list of the Orphans last season and who is slated for the same role this year if he is retained by Chicago, has been farmed out to St. Paul. Chance is willing to join Comiskey if it is an out-and-out sale, but promises to balk if he is tied to the Orphans.

Jack Boyle, the veteran backstop, who was released by the Quakers last season, has been offered a Cincinnati contract. It is not believed, however, that he is intended to grace the windpad of the Reds, but that he is to be farmed out to Indianapolis. If such is the case a scrap is likely to take place between the Hoosiers and Jimmy Manning, for the latter has claimed Boyle for the Kansas City team.

The Kansas university base ball nine is commencing to work down to hard pan, having been scurrying over the emerald diamond for the last two weeks. Its season opens next week, when it plays a series of three games with the team of the Haskell institute. Frank Jewett has been elected manager and Ad Housh captain of the team.

NEWS OF SCHOOL ATHLETICS

A Number of Items of Interest About Iowa and Nebraska Amateur Field Sports.

The coming spring promises to be one of the most interesting in the history of field sports in Nebraska. Omaha will get a share of the prosperity of this branch of amateur sport, owing to the fact that the budding athletes of the High school propose to figure in it to a considerable extent. The youngsters have been engaging in indoor training at the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian association under the direction of Superintendent of Athletics Barnes and if winter ever evacuates the lap of spring they will soon be engaged in outdoor practice. They will make their first public appearance in the early part of May, when a competitive meet will be held in this city. All of this will be simply preparatory to the meeting of the Nebraska Interscholastic Athletic association at Lincoln, where they expect to carry off a good many of the firsts and seconds. The meeting will be held in connection with the university field day of the Nebraska university on May 13. According to a recent communication received by the sporting editor from Athletic Director Hastings of the State university, who has interested himself in the High school athletes and the welfare of their association, the preliminaries of the meet will be run off on the morning of that date and the finals will be sandwiched in between the university events in the afternoon. Director Hastings has not received all the entries for the trials, but expects that a considerable number of schools will be represented with teams.

The sporting editor has received a communication from President Berry of the Iowa State High School Athletic association, in which he expresses a desire to arrange a dual meet with the Nebraska association. Prof. Hastings believes that the Nebraska league is still a little too young to undertake to compete with the Iowa lads, but has not absolutely vetoed the idea. Prof. Bernstein of the local High school, who is president of the Nebraska association, is quite taken with the idea.

The High School association of Iowa is looking forward to a successful season. President Berry writes that the state meet will be held at Davenport on May 19 and that it promises to be more successful than any previous meet. The association is planning to send a good team to represent the state at the interscholastics in New York City and is also arranging a dual meet with the High school lads of Illinois.

The prospects of a dual meeting between the University of Nebraska and the University of Iowa are bright, although no definite arrangements have as yet been made. If the event should take place, however, its scene will be neither Omaha nor Council Bluffs, as the negotiations for grounds have not been satisfactory. The meet will in all likelihood be held in Iowa City and the date will be about May 6. In a letter to the sporting editor Manager McDonald of the Iowa track team is enthusiastic over the team of his university. He writes as follows: "Iowa's prospects are good. A larger number of candidates than ever before are trying for the team. A few of the old standbys, such as Brown, the distance man; Williams, the walker, and Louis, the high jumper, are again in school and can be relied upon to take places. Iowa this year meets the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis on May 12, Grinnell on May 19, takes part in the state meet on May 26 and the intercollegiate on June 3."

The dual indoor meet between the State university and the Young Men's Christian association, which was to have taken place on April 7, has been postponed for a week. Athletic Director Barnes of the association has a considerable number of men in training and expects to have a good team for the affair. The selections are to be made during the coming week.

NEBRASKA 'VARSITY BASE BALL

State University Will Have a Good Team and Has Arranged a Full Season's Schedule.

Despite the rather vague promise of spring given by the weather man the athletes of the State university are awakening. More interest than has been displayed in past years is being shown in all branches of sport and this is particularly the case with base ball. If the sun chances to be out the coming week the ball grounds will be the scene of much activity. Captain Reeder has gathered together enough material for two good teams. For the last six weeks daily work has been done in general body building in the gymnasium and work in the cage. Outdoor runs have been taken with regularity, with some battery work, though the weather has been rather too conducive to stiff fingers and rheumatic joints.

Base ball has rapidly developed in the university in the last five years and this year's team promises to surprise some of the best colleges of the middle west which will be met on the long spring trip. The work of last year's team was very satisfactory considering the manner in which the team was cut to pieces by the war fever. Of the old men seven have returned, among them the entire old list of pitchers, which fact, without regard to some new material, guarantees first-class work in the box.

Of the pitchers Meiford is probably in the lead. He is a typical college athlete. He captained the pennant-winning foot ball team of last year and at center for the last four years has been unrivaled in the west. He is a strong, heady pitcher and has good control. Manager Bliss, Gordon and Rhea are the other old twirlers. Bliss is a southpaw with a good arm. Gordon needs only to get in his old form to make a very effective player. He is very speedy and has good control when at his best. Among the newer men Stringer and Bell are both anxious to show what they can do on the rubber. Stringer shows as speedy a delivery as ever seen on the university grounds. He has become a little heavy since the foot ball season, but can get into condition with hard work.

Moore, last year's catcher, will have to look to his position. Lehmer, an Omaha High school man, will beat him out if hard work can do it. Moore is handy with the big pad, throws well to second and has the advantage of being strong with the stick. Both of the men understand the backstop business. At first "Dusty" Rhodes will continue to hold forth. "Snapper" Kennedy thinks him a very promising player. If "Dusty" can only get to finding the ball es safely with the stick as he does with his long arms he will be an ideal first bag man. As yet second base belongs to anybody. McDermott, captain of the Virginia State university team for the last two years, seems a little in the lead at present. Kingsbury, the strong left tackle of this yar's foot ball team, and Crandall, who played with the Omaha High school team, play the position satisfactorily. Third will be in Gordon's care when he is out of the box. Reede will be out with good weather and is expected to show good form. Captain Reeder will direct the game from short. He is an active player and conscientious with his men, giving everybody plenty of chances to show what he can do. The outfield will be cared for by the extra pitchers and one or two new men. Rhea is probably a fixture at right. Cascadden and Cortelyou, both of the Omaha High School, Liebman, Ryons and Johnson are all good men.

Freddie Barnes and "Snapper" Kennedy have been with the boys for the last month, coaching in the cage and on the grounds. Barnes is an old university boy, with a pitching record. They both leave for the east soon.

Manager Bliss has secured a fine schedule. The list following includes the games thus far arranged, subject to some minor changes:

Home Grounds.

April 15—Washburn college.
April 27—Missouri State university.
May 6—Kansas State university.
May 9—Nebraska Indians.
May 11—Nebraska Indians.
May 25—Iowa State university.

Eastern Trip.

May 11—Kansas Agricultural college.
May 12—St. Mary's college.
May 12—Washburn college.
May 13—Kansas State university.
May 15—Missouri State university.
May 17—Indiana State university.
May 18—Wabash college.
May 19—De Pauw university.
May 20—Purdue university.
May 23—Beloit college, Wisconsin.
May 24—Wisconsin State university.
May 27—Notre Dame.

The team will also be seen in Omaha if arrangements are successful. The series with Iowa State university is for the possession of a $50 gold cup.

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

A Little Gossip About Men and Things Pertaining to the Shot Gun and the Fish Pole.

The season of the ducks and the geese ought to be in full blast in this section of the country, but seems to be supplanted by the everlasting winter with which the weather man persists in inflicting Omaha. Conditions are not so unsatisfactory further to the west. The sand hills are still frozen, but the western length of the Platte has become open and the sportsmen out in that section of the country send in exasperating reports of the big flights of ducks and geese. These announcements are becoming so numerous that the local hunters are seriously considering the advisability of passing up their duck grounds hereabouts and making incursions into the wilderness.

During the last week or so local hunters have been making trips up and down the river and to nearby lakes, but they all return with the same tale of woe. Judge Ives, M. C. Peters and M. A. Hall took a trip to Quinnebaugh and came back with hardly enough birds to make a division. Frank Smith and Billy Marsh, Weiseman, Walter Watt and Charley Curtis were among those who dallied about Florence lake and the river to the north of the city, but they returned with less than a duck apiece. Frank Vanderburg, the telephone man, reaped the biggest harvest of all by securing a bag of twenty-seven birds.

Billy Brewer and C. W. Bishop formed a pair that took a little trip up the river a week ago. They tramped around all day without getting within gunshot of a brace. Finally, however, a flock of seven or eight redheads alighted among the decoys that the two were guarding and their eyes watered at the opportunity that was offered them.

"Let me take a shot at 'em," whispered Brewer, and Bishop assented. Billy leveled his gun and blazed away at them, but the whole bunch of birds climbed the air, not one remaining behind, although Brewer sent the other barrel after them. That was the last chance of the day. An investigation developed that Brewer had no charge in his gun.

"Billy thought he could shoot birds with air and profanity," Bishop said after the couple returned home without a bird.

FREMONT, March 30.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: What is the best thing to do with the enclosed fish story by a preacher of Indiana? I wish Nebraska had the fish laws that I also enclose, but I can hardly stand the story without help. If you say I should believe it I will try. Respectfully yours, J. M. CROSBY.

One of the clippings sent in Mr. Crosby's letter was the following:

"Carl G. Thompson of Warren owns a pond 60x100 feet surface dimensions and from four to six feet deep. In May, 1895, he placed in this pond four pairs of small-mouthed bass. Fifteen months later he seined the pond and took from it 1,017 bass, averaging one pound each. In addition he took between 600 and 700 yellow perch, worth $100 in the market."

The other enclosure was a synopsis of the fish laws passed by the last legislature of Indiana after an agitation that has been going on for ten years. The following contains the gist of the new laws:

"Fishing in any way, except with hook and line, is prohibited between January 1 and July 1, except in April, in all small streams and lakes, though allowed in private ponds. The fish commissioner is permitted to license the use of seines from July 1 to September 30 upon the applicant's giving bond that the seines will not be used at other seasons. Trapping, spearing or poisoning fish or catching them by unlicensed seines in any waters except private ponds is punishable by a fine of from $10 to $50. Catching more than twenty-four pounds of bass in one day is punishable by a fine of $10 for each fish unlawfully taken. Fishing with a trotline having not more than fifty hooks is allowed except in May and June. The use of more hooks or of a trotline in those months incurs a penalty of $50 to $100. Entering upon the land of another to draw a seine without the owner's permission is punishable by a fine of from $5 to $200. Any person found with an unlicensed seine in his possession may be fined $200."

This latter clipping is respectfully referred to the men in Nebraska who are likely to throng Nebraska's legislative halls when the next session of the lawmakers takes place. There is a crying need for a change in the game laws of the state, but there is no branch of sport that needs more protection than the science of Izaak Walton. Seining is so common in this part of the state, in particular, that the fish commission has almost given up hopes of being able to keep the rivers, streams and lakes stocked and is inaugurating a policy whereby no fish will be dumped into the waters where fish are being scooped out by the wholesale.

AMES, Neb., March 30.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know the following in next Sunday's Bee: First, is there any other means of killing geese and ducks known than by the gun? We are not allowed to go shooting down here. Second, is there not some kind of a gun that makes no report? If so, where and from whom can it be obtained? Are air guns any good in this line? Incidentally, might mention for your information, the sky is almost dark here at times with geese and ducks. The Platte river is covered with them. Yours truly—George E. Keys.

I believe that some of the weezeegees who placed the present game laws on the Nebraska statutes were inventing some sort of a gun like the one you mention, but it has not been put upon the market yet.

Jack Owens and a little party invaded the country around Corning, Mo., in search of ducks, but came back almost empty-handed.

Con Young is the proud owner of a pointer dog that during the last week gave a specimen of its intelligence, which Con declares surpasses anything on record. Young sent the animal out to a ranch near Herman last week to allow him to browse. Two days afterward Con received a message from a local railroad baggage office to the effect that his dog had just reached town and ordered him to come after the animal or pay storage charges. The dog had tired of his country surroundings, jumped on a passing passenger train and returned home to this city.

A team shoot between city and county officials will be one of the sporting events of the immediate future if the municipal cracks accept a challenge which has been issued by the occupants of the county building. The challenge suggests a ten to fifty-bird race between teams of five or ten men for a supper and the price of the birds. The city fathers can select either blue rocks or live birds and they are given thirty days in which to work their courage up to the shooting point. County Commissioner Gus Harte will probably head the county team and President Bingham of the city council will act as captain of the city hall delegation if it concludes to enter the race.

Questions and Answers.

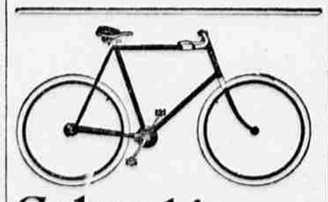
FREMONT, March 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I suppose you get numerous inquiries regarding the game laws. A great many shooters here would like to know in what shape the law is in at this time. Has any game bill been passed? If it has, what is it, and when does it go into effect?—Z.

Ans.—The only game law passed by the legislature is what is known as the Alexander bill. The only change that this makes in the present law is regarding the shipping of game. It prohibits any transportation company under heavy penalties from receiving game as baggage or freight, so that if it is technically enforced a man will have to walk or ride a bicycle, horse or wagon into town with the game he kills. The law will go into effect ninety days after the legislature adjourns.

Jo Flood, South Omaha: Postage rate on letter to the Philippine islands is 5 cents for each half ounce; letters for United States soldiers, 2 cents.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: How does Robert Mantel pronounce his name?—E. J. Masen.

Ans.—Accent on the last syllable.



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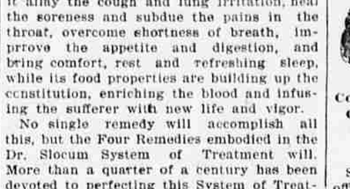

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