

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Discussion of Walcott-Choyanski Fight Continues to Abhor Sportsmen.

WALCOTT AGREES TO ANOTHER ENCOUNTER

Characteristic Conversation Between Three Colored Fighters—Match Has Been Arranged Between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey.

Although Joe Walcott, the "Barbados demon," has been a figure of more or less prominence in pugilistic circles for the past ten years with a record of ups and downs incident to a pugilist's career, he has, since his defeat of Joe Choyanski, sprung to the very front of interested speculation and discussion on the part of followers of fistiana.

This fight with Choyanski was surely a peculiar one in the light of subsequent events, and has created more general comment than any affair of a like nature in many moons. No one disputes that Choyanski was defeated on the level, and, as is customary under such circumstances, few people have any special sympathy for the vanquished one, although it should be admitted that the result of the fight was most surprising, for Choyanski was picked on all sides for the winner.

The unusual interest created in this mill arises from the post-fight statements made by Choyanski and it is generally conceded that Joe made a mistake in not accepting the proposition. He stated that he was out of condition when he entered the ring, having a severe attack of the grip as well as suffering with a broken rib. This, instead of creating sympathy for Choyanski, has aroused considerable censure on the ground that if he were so incapacitated he should have made the fact known in advance in order to protect his friends who were backing their confidence in his ability to win the match with any amount of coin of the realm.

There is no mistaking the fact that Choyanski is an adept exponent of the principles of fistiana, and even now has many friends who believe him a better man than Walcott. His intimate friends, however, concede that he acted most injudiciously in not accepting his defeat gracefully and waiting for an opportunity to retrieve his lost laurels.

When it is admitted that Choyanski is a good fighter it must be said, too, that Walcott is by no means a novice in the arts of the squared circle and the honors attendant upon his victory over Choyanski are certainly justly due him. O'Rourke, Walcott's manager, has agreed to give Choyanski another chance at the Barbados black is a good proposition should it put a stop to all the backing and if Choyanski is really out of condition when Walcott defeated him, he had better embrace the opportunity for another meeting, get rid of his case of the grip, get his broken rib repaired, and show that his former defeat was a mistake.

Walcott's next ring appearance will probably be with Frank Childs, the Chicago colored heavyweight. Immediately after Walcott's victory over Choyanski his manager, Tom O'Rourke, issued a challenge to any heavyweight fighter. It was passed up by all except Childs and O'Rourke objects to him, claiming that the Chicagoer is not of sufficient prominence to justify a meeting with his proteges. Childs, however, is looked upon in Chicago, where he is best known, as the possessor of considerable ability, and the match will likely be arranged, although it will be limited in all probability to a six-round exhibition.

Now that the Barbados black is the center of pugilistic interest the following from an eastern journal will be read with some enjoyment: "I beat that white man good and plenty," said Joe Walcott to George Dixon and Joe Choyanski after their fight, when he arose from his slumbers and proceeded to pack his grip for a trip to his Boston home.

"Deed you did, and I was mighty glad to see it," answered Dixon. "I think, Joe, that you have a loser in with Sharkey." "Why, child, I'd just naturally cut that air Irishman all up if he'd only fight me. He's afraid, dat's what. He dun drew de color line just to get away from me. I got a line on dese hebbies. Mah goodness, but dat Knooki was a pipe. Gawd, I really did hate to hit him dat last good right-hand wallop. It certainly was a wallop. Do you think that you have a chance with Corbett?" asked a bystander.

"A chance? Huh! On de level, I ain't kiddin' when I tell you dat if I ever did swing dese breadwinners on dat long body I'd just naturally beat him in ten. Oh, Landy, don't ask me to ebber go against nobdy" harder dan dat air dud, Corbett. I kin beat 'em all if they'll fight me, but you sees how dey drew de color line. I guess I'm a bad nigger. I guess I kain't fight hebbies. I guess dat las' fight doan gib me no right to de bout Friday night between dese two little men terminated exactly as everyone knew it would, the only question being the number of rounds Gardner could stay. That he lasted into the third is of itself worthy of note and indicates that he was in better condition than when Tommy White bested him in their recent match at Chicago. McGovern has about exhausted the possibility of further fights in his class, and will either have to rest contented with holding the feather-weight championship until some new "wonder" springs into existence or run the long chance of meeting fighters outside his class and consequently be handicapped in any such match he may encounter.

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Doan dat let me in to fight for de championship?"

"It surely does," commented Joe Walcott, "but Joe, do you really think that prize fighting is an honorable pursuit? Haven't you sometimes wished that you had adopted a calling that was less rude and messy?"

"I doan know about dat. Mah folkses in de Barbados dese want to make a scholar ob me and I went to school for two. 'Fres' school, I know mah head was too thick to let de letters in. I guess dat's why dese scrapper break dere mits on mah cocoonut. I would like to have been a sane ragtime playah, but I ain't got no more chance to be no one dan a rabbit. I think dat I would have made a good playah if I'd 'a' started right."

"Did you ever hit a white man as hard as you could?" asked Gans. "F're de Lawd, I nebber did. I'm as scared to. You see I've got a punch dat I nebber uses for fear dat I'll kill de man in front of me. I'm a mighty easy punch and if a black boy dun kill a white man he'll get de rope broke 'tween into him. But da punch cert'ly ain't a frazzler."

"Why don't you dress up like Gans? Here he is, a fashion plate, and you look as though you had been in a rough house. 'I ain't stuck on dese clothes. I'm a savin' mah money. I note dat when a fightah dun get broke he's a bum and it's a lot worse when a black boy gets on de slide. Now, I'm just a-hangin' on to mah little wad and if dey ever does put me out of de business I'll have de money. Den, if some guy say 'Dere's dat Joe Walcott, he kain't fight. He's a deal one, and dey come and tell me about it, I'll just laugh and say: 'Who say dat? Why, dat no account man in a fightah, ain't he? I fought as. He's workin' at it yet, ain't he? Well, you all doan see mah working.' You see I'll hat de loss on 'em. Gib me de yaller boys and Gans he kin hab de glad rags."

A fight in which unusual interest attaches has been agreed upon between Tommy Ryan and Jack Root. Articles of agreement were drawn up February 28, each man consenting to the terms proposed, the principal ones being that each shall weigh 150 pounds and that the contest shall come off within three months from the time the articles were signed, which would make it not later than the last of May. Tommy Ryan has been in the ring a long time and his record is an enviable one. In point of experience he has the advantage of Root, who is a pugilist, however, occupies a unique position in that his record has not been marred by a single defeat nor a draw. He is young in the business, but is a level-headed, nervy fighter and ought to give Ryan a run for his money.

Champion Jeffries, considering in lieu thereof that a fight between themselves would do little about the proper caper and it is now certain that such a match will come off. It will undoubtedly be a big card. Both men are possessed of pugilistic degrees approaching by way of comparison the Ph. D.'s and J. D.'s of literary channels. Each is anxious to get a whack at Jeffries. Fitzsimmons that he may regain the championship honors wrested from him by Jeffries, and Sharkey that he may convince the public that Jeff's victory over him was all mistaken notion on the part of the referee. Fitzsimmons has not been advancing that a fight between Jeffries and either of these aspiring heavyweights is responsible for the meeting between them and it were well that it happened so. In all probability the fight between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons will result in the victory of one over the other, but being unlikely. The victor will have abundant claim then for a match with Jeffries, if he be then still champion.

This meeting between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey will not be their first. In 1899 the two met in San Francisco, and Sharkey, then a green hand at the business and a better sailor than a pugilist, won the fight on a foul. He has improved mightily since, and it is not presuming too much to say that he will have a shade the better of Fitzsimmons in the forthcoming match between them. For it must be remembered that the Fitzsimmons has not been advancing with the rapid strides characteristic of Sharkey's career. While Fitzsimmons may think so himself, there are few who believe he could have stood up before Jeffries for twenty-five fights as many Sharkeys, and even that at the end of his career. The fight was a draw. Of the two men Sharkey is undoubtedly the cleverer, but that as it may a match between them has created more interest perhaps than any pugilistic event scheduled for the near future.

Joe Gans, the colored lightweight, has two fights on his hands within three days of each other. The remarkable feature of this is the colored man's confidence in coming out of his battle with Frank Erne for the lightweight championship of the world in the bout Friday night between dese two little men terminated exactly as everyone knew it would, the only question being the number of rounds Gardner could stay. That he lasted into the third is of itself worthy of note and indicates that he was in better condition than when Tommy White bested him in their recent match at Chicago. McGovern has about exhausted the possibility of further fights in his class, and will either have to rest contented with holding the feather-weight championship until some new "wonder" springs into existence or run the long chance of meeting fighters outside his class and consequently be handicapped in any such match he may encounter.

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AMONG THE CHESS PLAYERS

One Section of State Match Players Its Play—Nebbraska to Be Fitted Against Mississippi.

During the last week the unfinished games have been completed in section A, second annual tournament of the Nebraska Chess Association. The players rank as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Rank. Includes names like A. Rasmussen, South Omaha, H. B. Hammond, Wymore, etc.

The first four are prize winners, each being entitled to a book on chess. Messrs. Rasmussen and Hammond end the final round, competing for the correspondence championship of Nebraska.

Some days ago Secretary De France of the Nebraska Chess Association sent a challenge to the Mississippi State Chess Association to play a match by correspondence, six to ten players on a side. A favorable response has been received from M. D. McGrath, Brookhaven, Miss., president of the Mississippi association, and preliminary arrangements will be completed as soon as possible.

W. Wyckoff of York has applied for membership in the Nebraska association. Lee Edwards of Lincoln has accepted a position at Logan, Ia., and the Nebraska association thus loses a valuable member.

An Omaha chess enthusiast has undertaken the task of organizing a local club for practice in the royal game and offers membership to all lovers of chess on exceptionally favorable terms. The enthusiast has secured the use of convenient quarters in a large downtown hotel, where rent, heat and light will be had gratis, the proprietor wishing to attract his hoteliers known as chess headquarters. All persons interested are invited to notify the chess editor of The Bee when a meeting will be called and an organization effected. The only expense which it will be necessary for the proposed club to meet will be in the matter of boards and pieces.

The international chess match will be entered upon in two weeks for the Newnes trophy. Twice have the Americans won, and many times have the Britons been victorious. The last success of the Americans was not secured by either side. America won last March, and if it can follow that success with two others the trophy will rest on this side of the Atlantic permanently.

Records of game played at table No. 5, Pillsbury's blindfold exhibition at Lincoln, in which W. E. Hardy of Lincoln secured a drawn game:

Table with 2 columns: White-Philibury, Black-Hardy. Lists chess moves like 1-P-K4, 2-P-K3, etc.

TOUR OF BASKET BALL TEAM Association Players Will Visit the Sunflower State—Monaghan Replies to Andreessen.

ACROSS THE WHIST TABLES

Score of an Evening's Play at the Omaha Club—Pointers on a Pretty Deal.

The Omaha Whist club held an interesting session on Wednesday evening. Martin and Bailey held the high score for North and South by a large margin. Richardson and Wesells were the leaders on the East and West side. The score was as follows:

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A cyclist who is ever careful of his "mount" goes over every part of the machine after every long ride. The chain should be cleaned as frequently as any other part and should be lubricated frequently. Many cyclists advocate dipping a chain into boiling mutton tallow, so that every link becomes thoroughly lubricated. Good lubrication, oil, however, has a better effect, as mutton fat or tallow contains certain portions of acids and glycerides. If the chain is not thoroughly cleaned frequently after lubrication with animal fat, it will in a short time turn green with verdigris, showing that the metal is being attacked.

One of the first requisites for woman bicycling, writes Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson in Leslie's Weekly, is to be in good health or strong, in moderation. Riding for speed robs the end of the exercise—it is like rowing or running or doing anything else for speed, it finally conquers the conqueror—and the most sickening, harrowing sight is the continuous race for speed. Another essential, especially for women, is an appropriate dress, and there is no law against a man also being appropriately dressed. The writer never could understand

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