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JUDGMENTS

the first time in two decades America has a man who can throw any other man in the world-the champion wrestler. For the first

time since the days of the invincible Muldoon, a native son of the United States has arisen and beaten the best man the old world had to offer. The victory of Gotch over Hackenschmidt is clean-cut and decisive. Hackenschmidt says so. The fact that the Russian Lion's shoulders were not touching the mat when the pat of the referee crowned Gotch the world's champion is but a minor detail. Hackenschmidt surrendered, and after his surrender he declared that he had met a man whom he could never hope to beat, and that continuing the match was but prolonging needlessly his own humiliation. The struggie was more of a conflict between herculean strength and scientific skill than was ever anticipated. Yet, Gotch, with all his amazing science, had depend, the very lack of which cost Hackenachmidt dearly. Gotch had his nervocool, relentless, undying nerve-and on that nerve he stood, an implacable foe to the supernatural strength of his antagonist. ball fans in the United States. Hackenschmidt lost what little perve he had, and when he did he also lost his proud with foul language. Fights in the grand and vaunted title. Again, this match ought forever to settle the question as to the relative merits of the two schools of wrestling. Graeco-Roman and catch-as-catch-can. Hackenschmidt, up to three years ago, did and bottles were gayly tossed at the umpractically no wrestling of the latter style: pire and players. he never wreatled, therefore, below the

old Chris Von Der Ahe down at St. Louis, on the part of the spectators, gave the Thursday, when the proceeds of the Car- Cleveland ball park the go by. Thus the dinal-Brown game at old Sportsman's game in Cleveland fell into a morass that park were turned over to "der boss man-But why not pay him the tribute? Chris Von Der Ahe is on record as owning the only team that has ever been able to won 'em four at a time, or four in a row, builded, though himself never a real manager of men. The striking similarity in the physical conditions of Chris and Sportsman's park, the old home of his famous Browns, where the benefit game was played, must have come home with force to some of the most abservant. As Chris has been reduced from wealth to poverty Versa.

A call for the preliminaries to the formation of the American team for the London the next two months, so that the athletes may determine by actual competition which and to secure for the team representative men at each branch of field and track athletics, and ought to produce the results its advocates expect. In the meantime, the American committee is calling for money o defray the expenses of the team abroad. This call should be responded to. Omaha is sadly deficient in one respect Not enough attention is given to purely amateur sports here. Professional games are well patronized, but, aside from base ball and tennis, no amateur games thrive. The Young Men's Christian association used to lead in the outdoor games, but has been without a field for several years. This would seem to be a good time to begin the agitation for a park where amatours may indulge in the outdoor sports that do more to develop men than indoor work can ever hope to achieve.

And the Players Must Set the Example, Says an Owner.

ARMOUR ON PASSING OF ROWDYISM

Explains How Cleveland Was Reformed-Boston, He Thinks, is the Fairest-Too Fair. Players Say.

Bill Armour, once the manager of the Cleveland ball club, later in charge of the Detroits, and now manager and part owner of the Toledo club, recently philosophized a bit about the state of the national game.

"The days of rowdyism on the bail field, as well as among spectators at ball games, are about over, I think," he said. The passing of the tough baseball player foreso many years ago-even while I was managing the Cleveland club- Cleveland had the rowdiest lot of baseball fans in the United States.

"There was a time, and not so long ago either, as seasoned fans will remember, when the rowdylam of the rooters in some of the major league cities made it poslanother element back of that on which to lively uncomfortable for decent, well behaved fans to attend the games. Take, for example, the case of Cleveland. Not so many managing the Cleveland club-Cleveland had the rowdiest lot of base-

"Day after day the players were greeted stand and bleachers between quarrelsome defenders or knockers of different players were frequent and bloody. Such missiles as torn out seats, seat cushions, glasses

"The attendance of women at the games waist, and his ignorance of leg and toe feil away almost to nothing. Well beholds cost him his all when the test came. haved Cleveland fans who liked to see a game of ball played on its merits, without That was a graceful tribute they paid any rag chewing on the lot or ruffianism

> came mighty close to swallowing it up. Newspapers Helped Reform.

"How was all this changed?" Well, the Cleveland papers got busy. They certainly so much in the line of winning pennants did the job up thoroughly too. They began in St. Louis. And the team he owned to point the finger of shame at the rough Cleveland fans. They did this in their leaving an ineffaceable imprint on the editorial columns, not in their news repages of base ball history. He can well be ports of the games. They didn't use any regarded as one of the pillars on which the dainty words in describing the ruffianly glorious superstructure of base ball is spectators. They went at the situation with a meat axe. The papers alluded to the tough crowds attending the Cleveland games in language that had a bite to it. 'The bunch of loafers who attended yesterday's ball game,' they'd say; or "The pack of bullet heads who disgraced themselves and the national game yesterday' or 'The shameless bums who destroyed since those days, so the old diamond has game,' and so on. Then they'd go ahead ing where center field used to be and vice of the misconduct of the spectators, and

if the players had offended too rip them up the back for fair by name.

"It worked and worked well. It didn't take long for the roasting to have its ef-Olympiad is out. Tryouts will be held in fect. The players were the first to get different sections of the country during together and swear off on rowdylam; they onstration of this fact. The game was couldn't stand the gaff, and moreover they played on the afternoon of Bunker Hill saw the justice of the attacks that were day, a holiday in Boston, and there was is best fitted to represent America in the being made upon them every day for their an immense crowd at the game. The Deworld's games. This method is expected rowdyism. Then it was clearly proven troit club had clearly walked away with to do away with all charges of favoritism, that the fans indicate the example of the three games of a series of four in Boston.

Timely Tips for Automobilists

they saw that the players were going to

be on their good behavior. Helped in Pittsburg.

baseball fans Pittsburg used to have, solely, as I take it, because the Pittsburg icism, and last season was the decentest the Pittsburg club ever had.

hold of its Chicago crowds during the scoop-up of it. coming season.

Bottle Throwers in Chicago. "The Chicago and St. Louis fans used to with every evidence of affection.

be the great bottle tossers. In Chicago particularly, where bottled beer has alstands and bleachers, this practice prevalled among the toughs who were seized by the irresistible impulse to damage up mebody in the ball yard who displeased them. But during quits recent years the Chicago bottle tossers have so far succoeded in restraining themselves that they at umpires or players. Once at a Sunday quarters of the crowd of about 25,000 fans seilers had been busy in grand stands and escort from the lot, bleachers and it seemed as if nearly every other man at the game had an em-

avalanche of bottles,

All at the same instant, it seemed to me, a thing to listen to as it was, in its way, sometimes aggressive resentment." entertaining to watch

"As to the comparative fairness of the fans, I think Boston is entitled to stand at the top of the list in this respect. In fact, the Boston players of both major league clubs declars that the Boston fans are inclined to carry their sense of utter fairness to an extreme Example of the Boston Spirit.

"A few years ago, when I was managing the Detroit team, I saw a remarkable dem-

to buck up and behave just as soon as league team had hit the toboggan. But if they were surprised the Boston fans certainly were not sore. That game on the afternoon of Bunker Hill day was the

"Pittsburg adopted this system too. fourth and last of the series and in the Everybody knows what a tough gang of ninth inning the score was a tie at 5 to 5. "With two hands down Parent of the Bostons punched a fly out to short center. players, particularly in their relationship Dick Cooley was playing center field for to the New York club of the National the Detroits that day. Dick measured the League-which wasn't blameless itself, re- ball's speed from the crack of the bat member-conducted themselves like hood- and he ran in on the flabby one. He was lums on the field, and often enough off just there in time, by a face, as the racing the field. But the Pittsburg players and folks say, and he got the ball with his left fans were shamed into behaving them- hand about two feet from the ground selves by steady and vitriolic public crit- There wash't a man in the grandstand or bleachers who didn't give the catch to Cooley as a corking one and they stood

"A certain amount of rufflanism still up and gave him the big hand for the lingers with the Chicago fans, but the catch. The applause was still going on campaign against the bully boys who start when Silk O'Loughlin, the umpire, who something at a good many of the games makes mighty few mistakes of this sort out that way has been a pretty warm one | waved to Parent to slick to first hase. The of late years, and it's a pretty good Detroit players, of course, surrounded the gamble that the up to date, modern spirit umpire, and Silk told them that Cooley, inof good behavior and fairness will take stead of catching the ball fair, had made a

"Now, here was a swell chance for the "One thing that won't happen at the Boston fans attending the game to stand Chicago and St. Louis games any more, pat and whoop with delight over the umif I'm any prophet, is the chucking of pire's decision. As I say, the Boston club bottles at the umpire and players. I think had lost three straight games, and there the lesson taught by the case of the um- they were tied in the ninth for the fourth pire who was nearly killed by a huried game, with a bumper holiday crowd watchbottle at a game in St. Louis last season ing the contest. There was every reason will serve to stop any further bottle toss- to suppose, judging from the conduct of most base ball crowds, that the Boston fans would hanker to embrace the umpire

"But they didn't. They set up the long 'rotten, rotten,' yell at Silk, and they made ways been sold to patrons of the game in it hot for him for a full fifteen minutes.

Silk Glad to See Police.

"The spunky Silk stood pat, of course and fired me and a number of my players from the lot when we kicked. The Boston club went ahead and copped the game, 6 to 5, before the close of the inning, and yet merely hurl the bottles into the lot and not the crowd of fair-minded Boston fans were so sore over the way the goad had been game that I witnessed at the American handed to the Detroit club by that scoop-League Park in Chicago about three- up decision that they surrounded Silk menacingly at the close of the game, and present seemed to develop a grouch against Slik wasn't displeased when a dozen or so the umpire all at once. The bottled beer burly cops surrounded him and gave him

"Unfortunately, there isn't any practicable way to deal with some types of base pty bottle in his hand. When the long yell ball rooters. There are some rooters at over one of the decisions of the umpire nearly every ball game who, while not of began all over the park I stood by pre- the rowdy type, are ulter nuisances bepared to see that umpire buried under an cause of the complete pointlesaness and flatness of their would-be wit. When a "But the Chicago fans showed then how base ball rooter is really funny he conthey had learned to restrain themselves. tributes to the entertainment of the crowd. they just tossed their bottles out on to the clever rooters, especially those who take sandy Chicago lot, without trying to land seats in the main stand apparently for the on the umpire. The sound of several thou- express purpose of showing off their wholly sand beer bottles thudding on the sod at imaginery brightness, are capable of arouspractically the same instant was as curious ing a lot of suffering folks to deep and

"But the mere imitators of the really





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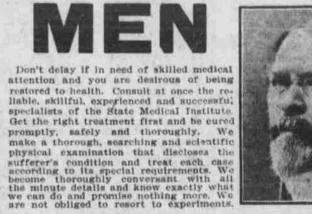


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Much regret is felt that the base ball season is to open with no serious effort to do away with the deadly spikes on the player's shoes. The spike is the greatest Rambler salesroom this week. menace to the safety of the player, and human ingenuity has failed sadly if that murderous equipment cannot be supplanted by something as effective and still much sufer.

Eill Armour notes the passing of the cowdy rooter as well as the rowdy player. And the game hasn't suffered in the least by the going of either. Base ball is surely the sport of sports, and it gets better as it gets older.

Papa Bill's boys are rounding to in good form for the season's start. It is Captain Buck's intention to make as good a start as possible and try to do business from the fail of the fing.

When one pauses to think of M. Thomas Burns on the Atlantic and the American fleet on the Pacific one cannot be blamed for feeling proud of one's oceans. Our oceans are certainly coming to the front.

It was Yankee pluck against imported brawn at Chicago, and the result surprised only the wise ones who bet their money on the brawn.

Gotch didn't keep the toe hold on Hack. but he certainly cinched one on those expert, name-signing prophets that will hold them for awhile.

Denver is to have a "boosters' club." Hope it will outnumber the knockers who have sat on the game so long out there.

Hackenschmidt became the strongest man in the world by practicing on lifting heavy weights. He had the wrong hunch.

Being a prophet is a hazardous undertaking with Cubs in the base ball world and Gotch on the mat, ch Denver?

Just to allay all anxiety, we may hote that Frank Owen is pitching for Mr. Comiskey's nine this year.

New York having won both pennants, it will scarcely pay Chicago to bother about Jack Pfeister.

Just think of the good American dollars that will not go to London. That helps some, tho.

Hack's yellow streak must be as big as the rest of his anatomy

Does Tom Jenkins still think he would like to wreatle Gotch?

lemon patch.

Charlotte, N. C., has 125 cars.

The Cleveland Chauffeurs' club now has nearly 159 members. Greenville, S. C., has joined the ranks of cities having automobile clubs. There are about 600 automobiles in Mex-

the majority of them of European makes. Seventeen entries have been received for the tour de France event for light cars and motorcycles.

Although only recently formed, the Mount Vernon (N. Y.) club already is arranging a hill-climbing contest.

A state association has been formed in Kentucky by the clubs at Louisville, Lex-ington and Owensboro.

The king of Saxony has ordered a flye-barrel, long-distance gasolinne storage out-fit from an Indiana concern.

The Automobile Club of California al-ready is planning for a four-day event in September, covering Labor day.

The Delaware Automobile association has decided to undertake the task of marking the roads throughout the state.

Carbide expands very considerably dur-ing decomposition; therefore generators must not be filled to their capacity.

The Briardiff race for stock cars in Westchester county, New York, April 24 will be started at 4:45 o'clock in the morn-

More than 125 sign posts have been arected in Hamilton county, Ohio, by the Cincin-nati Automobile club, which now has 250 manchers A club has been formed at Little Rock, Ark., and a state organization allied with the American Automobile association is under way.

Moving pictures of auto races and aero-

autical achievements are being utilized by everal clubs to add zest to their smokers

A feature of the annual Cordingly show at London was a section devoted to a dis-play of recently invented appliances to facilitate motoring.

William K. Vanderblit has given assur-ances that he has no intention of with-drawing as a director of the American Au-tomebile association.

In accordance with the plan it has fol-lowed for the last two years, the Albany (N. Y.) club will hold a five-day run this summer, beginning June 30.

Mr. J. Wort of the firm of Wort Bros. of Pleasanton. Neb., purchased a two-cylinder Rambier touring car in Omaha and drove same home Friday. The show which will be held at Mem-phis, Tenn., April 15 to 18, the local dealers who are promoting it say, will be the first over held in any of the southern states.

The fair mindedness of Boston motorists has been well shown by their support of the measure requiring all vehicles, horse-drawn and motor-driven-to carry lights at night,

Spartanaburg claims to have more paved streets than all the other cities of South Carolina combined, obtained largely through the employment of convict labor. There is every indication that the bfli providing for the taxation of automo-biles on a silding scale will receive favor-able consideration by the Massachusetts legislature.

"A state is not civilized until it has es-tablished a system of good roads." was the recent declaration of State Senator P. W. Ward of Ohio, an ardent good roads legislator.

sporting events this year, and will begin its campaign with a three-day endurance run over Michigan roads. One of the leading French automobile manufactories provided its employes with a wash room fitted with steel lockers for 5,000 men and wash basins fitted with hot and cold water for 1,100.

A Savannah street railway company obligingly removed its tracks at a point where they crossed the course of the recent faces when it was suggested that they might cause a serious accident.

A French inventor has brought out a meter to measure the amount of gasoline used by a car a different speeds. One dial registers the consumption of fuel and an-other the revolutions of the motor.

The sides of a new automobile ambu-lance in Paris are curtained instead of be-ing solid to admit more than the usual amount of fresh air when needed. Spare bedding is carried in a locker on top.

A feature of the smoker to be held by the Automobile club of America at New York, April II, will be the presentation of the cups, trophles and prizes won during carnival week, which engis that night. E. A. Benson of Sterling, Neb., purchased a two-cylinder Rambler touring car. The machine is equipped with tonneau and deck board, giving Mr. Benson practically two machines, a touring car and roadster. Although certain alkaline solutions, such

Although certain alkaline solutions, such as salt and water, sal ammoniac and water or even vinegar and water, can be used to rejuvenate dry cell batteries the extra period of life thus obtained is very short.

The Quaker City Motor club will hold a 90-mile roadability contest from Philadel-phia to Cape May, N. J., next Saturday for a \$500 silver trophy. Medals will be awarded to those finishing second and third third.

In order to assist tourists the Post-office department has requested 49,000 post-masters in small towns and hamlets throughout the country to post the names of their respective locality in front of their offices offlees

and banquets. A campaign is on to secure good roads leading into Kalamazoo, Mich., backed by prominent motorists of that city and of Benton Harbor. Maps showing ninety-eight routes are in-cluded in a handbook recently issued by the touring committee of the Minnesota State association. A feature of the annual Cordingly show at London was a section devoted to a dis-niaw of recently invented appliances to

Parisians blame the decline in the art of French cooking upon the automobile, say-ing the advent of the car has produced a race of humans who want everything done in such a hurry that there is no time for fine cuisine.

The French minister of war has an-nounced that he will purchase eight or ten of the machines that make the best show-ing in the commercial vehicle contest which the Automobile Club of France will promote next month.

Dr. Newell Jones of Central City, Neb., purchased a Mitchell runabout of the Ram-bler Automobile company and drove same tome last Tuesday. He reports a very sat-stactory trip, making the distance in seven hours' running time. bler Autor

Mr. E. Diefenderfer of Enola, Neb., is in the city and will drive home tomorrow a new Mitchell runabout, purchased of the Rambler Automobile company. This is the fourth Mitchell taken into that vicinity

Fourth Mitchell taken into that vicinity since the automobile show. A mixture of finely powdered sulphur and plumbago, stirred with the usual lubri-cant in such proportion that the latter still runs freely, is suggested by a French mo-torist as an efficient lubricant for bear-ings which are inclined to run hot.

As an evidence of the condition of the trade the maker of one well known car claims to already have received orders for 500 more cars than the 1958 contracts made with his agents covered, many of the con-tracts being signed before the depression horar.

disposal of Admirel Evans and the officers that city. The Australian Diet is considering a proposition to tax automobiles \$290 a year and motorcycles from \$20 to \$40, as a com-to highways. Bran thrown into a lock

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