

AMATEURS NIFTY WITH FISTS

Many Really Great Boxers Are Not Seen in the Ring.

CONKLING TACKLED JEM MACE

Edwin Forrest, John McCullough, King Edward, Squire Abington and President Roosevelt in Boxing Game at Times.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—There's many a husky fellow chopping down big trees in the back woods all winter who could wallop the life out of Jack Johnson, the con champion, or big Jim Jeffries if cornered by either of these professional pugilists.

Edwin Forrest, the greatest actor this country ever knew, has followed the prize ring instead of the stage he would probably have been champion of the world. Forrest had a wonderful physique. He was a natural athlete, a finished boxer, fencer and wrestler and always prided himself on his condition.

Forrest Wallows Thieves. "One night, after a long, tiresome performance Forrest started out to take the air alone. He roamed away from the high ways into the byways of old London when suddenly three footpads jumped out of a dark alley and grabbed the actor in a desperate manner. Forrest was a short struggle in which Forrest shook the thieves off like so many rats, and with his heavy cane and ready fists he soon had them yawning in the gutter.

Conkling Late of the Chandler. "Conkling soon proved himself to be the more scientific and proceeded to land a few smart blows on Chandler's paunch. The latter, very red in the face, did not relish this at all and quickly sailed in to get square. There was a warm mix-up, and Conkling, finding his opponent was getting a bit rough, crossed him with his right.

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Stratton Was Laid Low. "As 'Brown' came up for the third round it was noticed that Senator Chandler whispered something in his ear, which 'Brown' answered with a nod. Conkling then let go his right and left in quick order as the men toed the mark, but both blows missed the mark. Suddenly 'Brown' lapped Conkling with a stinger on the top of the nose, and the senator looked both puzzled and astonished.

That will do," cried Chandler, as he jumped in and pushed 'Brown' into a chair. Conkling arose slowly and with much injured dignity demanded to know who Mr. Brown really was.

Rein Visit Chicago Auto Show. George Rein, sales manager for R. R. Kimball, has gone to Chicago to look over the Chicago automobile show to gain pointers for use at the Omaha show. R. R. Kimball will have one of the most attractive exhibits at the show, including the new racing car belonging to Fred Hamilton.

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