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GOTCH DEFEATS DE ROUEN

Big Frenchman Thrown Twice by Champion at Kansas City.

FAMOUS TOE HOLD DOES WORK

Giant Greatly Weakened in First Bout, During Which He is on Defensive Nearly All the Time.

KANSAS CITY, March 26.—Frank Gotch of Iowa, champion of the world, last night retained his title by defeating Raoul De Rouen of France in straight falls. The winning fall was won with Gotch's famous toe hold. The Frenchman allowed his shoulders to be put to the mat almost without an effort. De Rouen was repeatedly cheered for his gameness.

The champion was never in serious trouble, and it soon became evident that his ultimate victory was only a matter of time. Gotch really won the bout in the first fall, when he so weakened his opponent with the toe hold that De Rouen did not care to repeat the experience in the second fall. The time of the falls was 34:45 and 13 minutes flat, respectively.

Big Crowd Sees Match.

One of the biggest crowds that ever witnessed such an event in this country was present. W. D. Scoville, manager of the Missouri Athletic club, which put up the $8,000 purse for the match, estimated the attendance at over 10,000. Of this number 2,500 were from out-of-town points, including Chicago, St. Louis and Denver. The winner's end of the purse was $5,000. Both contestants were in excellent condition. Gotch, who weighs 212 pounds, was a 10 to 9 favorite, though De Rouen was forty-nine pounds heavier.

As they entered the arena, the Frenchman appeared nervous. The gong sounded at 9:30. De Rouen was the aggressor, while Gotch seemed to take it easy. They went to the mat at 9:37, Gotch throwing De Rouen with a leg hold. De Rouen seemed to have all he could do to defend himself. Gotch tried for the toe hold. De Rouen several times tried to strike Gotch in the face with his elbow. In the struggle both men got to their feet. Gotch in a few minutes again secured a leg hold on his opponent and brought him to the mat. Gotch secured a toe hold on the Frenchman, whose face showed extreme agony. He struck Gotch feebly with his elbow, but soon lay still with his chest heaving. Then he slowly rolled over, but finally broke the hold by bridging and rolling clear over.

Frenchman on the Defensive.

Gotch then secured a bar lock and only a supreme effort saved the Frenchman, who made no effort to take the offensive. Referee Dave Porteous brought the men to the center of the ring. After a few minutes' sparring, Gotch secured a hammerlock. De Rouen bowed again and broke it. The Frenchman regained his feet and Gotch pushed him backward over the ropes. Gotch for the third time threw De Rouen with a leg hold and in a moment secured a full Nelson and put his shoulders to the mat in 34:45.

When the men re-entered the ring for the second time the Frenchman advanced as at first, but with extreme caution. After eight minutes' sparring, Gotch repeated his former feat of catching De Rouen's leg, and they went to the mat, Gotch uppermost. Twice the men rolled through the ropes and were brought back. Finally Gotch felt the toe of his opponent cautiously, smiled, gave it a quick twist and De Rouen's face became distorted with pain. A moment later Gotch was proclaimed the victor.

There were two preliminaries of two falls each. Tommy Mowatt of Chicago and "Dago Kid" of Kansas City each won a fall, the last one going to Mowatt. Charlie Blaker of Table Rock, Neb., won two falls from Nick Snider of Kansas City.

MORNINGSTAR DEFEATS CURE

New York Billiardist Wins Evening Game by Decisive Score.

STANDING OF THE PLAYERS

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Morningstar	2	2	0	1000
Slosson	1	1	0	1000
Cure	2	1	1	.500
Sutton	2	1	1	.500
Demarest	2	1	1	.500
Cutler	2	1	1	.500
Cline	3	0	3	.000

NEW YORK, March 25.—Ora C. Morningstar of this city won from Louis Cure tonight by a score of 500 to 322 in the 18.2 balk line international billiard championship contest. Both men played carefully, but the French expert lost ground in the first ten innings, during which he scored only four points, while Morningstar scored 144. Morningstar toward the end of the game gave a fine exhibition of open table work, as well as intricate nursing.

George Sutton of Chicago defeated Harry P. Cline of Philadelphia in the afternoon game by a score of 500 to 371. Sutton in his fourth inning made a beautiful run of 129, carrying the ivories by careful nursing twice up and down the table. Cline was outclassed after the third inning. The score:

Sutton—30, 51, 30, 129, 1, 67, 0, 0, 13, 15, 0, 14, 93, 0, 9, 0, 7, 6, 15, 0, 30. Total, 500. Average, 23 17-21. High runs, 129, 93, 67.

Cline—12, 69, 54, 8, 0, 0, 12, 0, 30, 36, 36, 1, 2, 3, 52, 7, 5, 1, 1, 2, 39. Total, 371. Average, 17 14-21. High runs, 69, 54, 52.

Louis Cure, the French champion, and Ora C. Morningstar of this city were the players in the evening game. Both started off poorly and it was not until the sixth inning that either man rolled up a good score. Then Morningside made a run of Eighty-four. Cure by daring open play interspersed with nursing on the long and short balk lines made a run of 140 in the eleventh inning, failing on a single cushion shot. This brought his score up to 144. Morningstar meanwhile had garnered 156 buttons.

Morningstar almost ran out in the twenty-first inning, gathering ninety-nine by beautiful billiards, but failed on a two-cushion shot the full length of the table. He ran out the game in the next two innings, defeating the Frenchman by 178 points. The score:

Morningstar—1, 13, 4, 0, 0, 84, 17, 3, 21, 1, 12, 38, 28, 0, 1, 5, 6, 97, 50, 6, 99, 3, 11. Total, 500. Average, 21 17-23. High runs, 99, 97, 84.

Cure—0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 140, 46, 20, 15, 16, 0, 9, 0, 0, 57, 1, 1, 13. Total, 322. Average, 14. High runs, 140, 57, 46.

Referee: Edward McLaughlin.

NEW MOTOR CYCLE RECORD

Goerke Makes Sixty-Nine Miles in Less Than an Hour at Daytona.

DAYTONA, Fla., March 26.—The third day's tournament of the Daytona beach races was confined almost exclusively to motor-cycle and bicycle races, there being only two automobile races, the Daytona handicap, which was run twice, a distance of four miles each.

The principal feature of the day's events was the breaking of the "one hour" motor-cycle record by Walter Goerke of Brooklyn, N. Y., who covered sixty-nine miles in 58 minutes 25⅘ seconds. The former record was sixty-nine miles 1,380 yards, made in one hour on the Brookland cement track in England. Goerke also established a new world's record for the kilometer, covering the distance in 27⅘ seconds. Robert Stubbs of Birmingham, Ala., also lowered the world's one-mile motor-cycle record, made yesterday by Goerke, making it in 0:45⅘, against Goerke's time of 45⅘ seconds.

The Buick team, composed of Strang, Burman, Myers and Dewitt, left today for Atlanta to enter into the hill-climbing contest. The big record-breaking Benz, after breaking its piston, was shipped back to New York today. H. J. Kilpatrick also shipped his "Red Devil" back to New York today.

It was formally announced tonight that the eighth annual Daytona beach tournament will be held on this famous racing course the last week in January, 1910, and a large sum of money will be deposited for cash prizes.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

King, a 40 to 1 Shot, Wins First Race at Emeryville.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 26.—King, a 10 to 1 shot, was the surprise at Emeryville today, the Stover youngster winning the 2-year-old event in clever style. Gilpy beat the barrier and set the pace, but quit in the last quarter. Duke of Ormonde, starting for the first time, was well fancied, but he ran greenly. Fine weather prevailed, but the track was muddy. Summaries:

First race, four furlongs, purse: King (109, Borel, 40 to 1) won, Gilpy (112, Walsh, 10 to 1) second, Sallan (109, Ross, 8 to 1) third. Time: 0:50⅘. Twin Screw, Waldo, Matronus, Asahel, Duke of Ormonde, Fusileer, George N. Randel, Bit of Fortune and Dodo also ran.

Second race, one mile and twenty yards, selling: El Picaro (106, Butler, 11 to 2) won, A. Muskoday (115, Deverich, 9 to 2) second, Steel (103, Scoville, 7 to 10) third. Time: 1:47⅘. Caronia, Cayenne Cora, Melar, Lareose, Taunt and Cuernavaca also ran.

Third race, futurity course, selling: Bellwether (111, Sander, 13 to 5) won, Jacobite (113, Burns, 5 to 1) second, Fordello (108, Lee, 9 to 10) third. Time: 1:12⅘. Early Tide, Bucodic and Tom Shaw also ran.

Fourth race, selling, one mile: Don Enrique (106, Taplin, 18 to 5) won, Captain Kennedy (107, Walsh, 23 to 5) second, Colonel Jack (114, Sandy, 6 to 1) third. Time: 1:44⅘. Ketchemike and Kate Powers also ran.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling: Belmere (111, Sandy, 3 to 1) won, Brancas (111, McIntyre, 18 to 5) second, Military Man (114, Scoville, 20 to 1) third. Time: 1:54. Apt, Colonel White, Cheers, Colbert, Curriculum, Cigar Lighter and Netting also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs, purse: Bon Homme (108, Lee, 11 to 5) won, Prince Cal (108, Scoville, 11 to 5) second, Jim Gaffney (118, Walsh, 11 to 5) third. Time: 1:16⅘. Palo Alto, Fancy, Cleopat, Wilmore and Alice Collins also ran.

Summaries at Santa Anita.

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—Summaries at Santa Anita:

First race, one mile: Pelleas (105, J. Howard, 15 to 1) won, Azo (106, Musgrave, 4 to 1) second, Dolatus (107, McGee, 30 to 1) third. Time: 1:40. Guise, Guard Rail, Harry Rogers, Nattiere, Solus, Daisy Thorpe, Buck Thorne, Yankee Tourist and Robert Gray also ran.

Second race, 2-year-olds, four furlongs: Abihu (102, Ashendolp, 100 to 1) won, Plaside (104, McGee, 15 to 1) second, Mike Molett (109, Preston, 7 to 1) third. Time: 0:46⅘. Barney Mason, Lapetite, Inflection, Count Steffin also ran.

Third race, selling, seven furlongs: Montclairs (105, McCahey, 7 to 1) won, Hannibal Bey (106, McGee, 20 to 1) second, Financier (105, Musgrave, 20 to 1) third. Time: 1:25⅘. Pickaway, St. Elmwood, Galves, Lady Kitty and Entre Nouse also ran.

Fourth race, the Chinook handicap, six and a half furlongs: Glorio (112, C. Henry, even) won, Footpad (99, B. Wilson, 3 to 1) second, Green Seal (108, McGee, 10 to 1) third. Time: 1:19. Fair Annie and Philia also ran.

Fifth race, selling, six and a half furlongs: Meddling Hannah (102, Sweet, 12 to 1) won, Bell of Brass (105, J. Howard, 4 to 1) second, Pert (105, Rice, 9 to 10) third. Time: 1:19⅘. Teaset, Procla, Relta and Flenart also ran.

Sixth race, six and a half furlongs, selling: Harrington (105, J. Howard, 3 to 2) won, Rialto (112, McGee, 3 to 1) second, Waterbury (112, B. Wilson, 3 to 1) third. Time: 1:05⅘. Colonel Bob and Enfield also ran.

Seventh race, selling, six furlongs: Fundamental (112, Musgrave, even) won, Bill Eaton (110, V. Powers, 7 to 1) second, Otilo (109, Rice, 3 to 1) third. Time: 1:12⅘. Chaffinch, Egotist, Anderson, Grotto, Serience, Uncle Walter, Sandpiper, Stendal and Billy Bodemer also ran.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

The Hotel Loyal Jewelers won two games from the Nebraska Cycle company team last night on the basement alleys. Lof took all high honors with 234 for single game and 566 for total. Tonight the big game between Ortman's Stars and Schroeder's St. James. Score:

HOTEL LOYAL JEWELERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Gustafson	123	177	138	448
Lof	234	161	171	566
Jerpe	157	174	191	522
Totals	524	512	500	1,536

NEBRASKA CYCLE COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
R. Haster	155	161	156	472
Borghoff	219	152	186	557
J. Haster	170	165	130	465
Totals	544	478	472	1,494

The Birmingham Range company team put themselves another notch closer to the first place last night by taking three games from the Postoffice team on the Metropolitan alleys. Seaman took all high honors for the Rangers with 631 total and 213 for single game, while McRae took both high single game and high three-game total for the Postoffice team with 196 for single game and 531 for total. Tonight the Birmingham Range company team and the Luxus team or Beselin's Mixers and Blair, Neb. Score:

POSTOFFICE.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Camp	182	192	137	511
McRae	158	196	177	531
Lough	137	130	178	445
Baehr	154	186	176	516
Stapenhorst	159	148	193	500
Totals	790	852	861	2,503

BIRMINGHAM RANGE COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Seaman	213	205	213	631
Keyt	202	184	173	559
Martin	155	202	185	542
Thomas	156	189	172	537
Drinkwater	212	205	180	597
Totals	938	985	923	2,866

In the Association league last night the Omaha Nationals won three games from the Swifts, which gives the Nationals second place in the league. Tonight the Maloneys play the Union Pacifics. Score:

SWIFTS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Fanning	170	148	146	464
Kuncl	119	123	131	373
Hunter	156	140	180	476
Totals	445	411	457	1,313

OMAHA NATIONALS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Hughes	158	140	238	536
Edison	156	151	180	487
Changstrom	182	189	190	561
Totals	496	480	608	1,584

In the Omaha league last night the Onimods won two games from the Chancellors, but lost on total pins by one. Schunacher had high total of 588. Francisco high single of 225. Tonight the Gate Cityes play the Falstaffs. Score:

ONIMODS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
McKelvy	172	154	161	487
Tracy	158	177	155	490
Sherwood	146	179	158	483
Schunacher	192	215	181	588
Francisco	163	225	190	578
Totals	831	950	845	2,626

CHANCELLORS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Dudley	176	175	199	550
West	132	203	156	491
Goff	149	191	158	498
Coughlon	151	159	214	524
Frush	194	194	176	564
Totals	802	923	903	2,627

In the merry-go-round the scores last night were: Webber and Berger, 1,143; Francisco and Huntington, 1,091; Martin and Hand, 1,072; Francisco and Weber, 1,096.

FIELDER JONES OUT OF GAME

Expert Will Not Permit Comiskey to Make Him an Offer.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—"You have nothing to offer that will get me back in the base ball business."

"Not even if you write your own contract?"

"No. I am out of base ball for good. That's final."

This dialogue today between Fielder A. Jones and President Comiskey of the Chicago American team base ball club makes it certain that the former manager of the club will not return to Chicago.

All that was said during the interview was not revealed, but it is known Jones made a flat refusal before Comiskey had any opportunity to make an offer.

The men appeared to meet in perfect friendship and while Comiskey was wringing Jones' hand in farewell he seemed greatly affected.

BELLEVUE DEFEATS HIGH SCHOOL

Visiting Athletes Win 30 to 20 at Y. M. C. A. Meet.

Bellevue won thirty points against twenty for Omaha in an exhibition field meet held in the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium, Friday afternoon. Two records were broken at the meet, that of the mile run and of the half-mile run. A Kennedy, in an exhibition mile run, lowered that record 18 seconds to 4:50. The former half-mile record was 2:17, but Primrose of Bellevue lowered this to 2:10⅘.

Bellevue won first in the pole vault, third in the half-mile, first in the twenty-yard dash, first and second in the shot put, first in the delay race and third in the high jump. Omaha secured one first, in the high jump contest; second and third in the twenty-yard dash, third in the shot put, second in the half-mile, second in the relay race and second and third in the pole vault. Summaries:

Twenty-Yard Dash—Racely, Bellevue, won in 0:24⅘; Weirich, Omaha, second; McKinney, Omaha, third.

High Jump—Thompson, Omaha, won, height, 5 feet 6 inches; weirich, Omaha, second; Sincel, Bellevue, third.

Shot Put—Curtis, Bellevue, distance, 38 feet 7 inches; Enfield, Bellevue, second, 36 feet 8 inches; Weirich, Omaha, third, 35 feet 8 inches.

Pole Vault—Tempiin, Bellevue, won, height, 9 feet 8 inches; Weirich and Mills, Omaha, second, 9 feet 4 inches.

Half Mile—Primrose, Bellevue, won in 2:10⅘; Averigg, Omaha, second, 2:12; Ohman, Beellevue, third, 2:13.

Bellevue won the relay race by three-fifths of a second, the time lost by Omaha's last runner in a stumble. Bellevut's time in this race, which was for a half mile, was 1:42. Its runners were: Jenks, Sincel and Primrose; Omaha's were, Horn, Wood, McKinney and Weirich.

BUCK RETURNS FULL OF ZEAL

Captain Franck Says "Sure We Will Win the Pennant.

"Of course we are going to win the pennant," said Captain Buck Franck at the Smoke House Friday morning, anticipating any question which might be asked. "I never knew Omaha to have a team which was not up in the running all the time, especially since Pa Rourke has been at the helm, and this year will be no exception.

"We realize that we will have to do some hustling to fill the places made vacant by Autrey, Austin and Ragan, but Pa has what looks like a fine bunch of material lined up. While I have seen but a few of the new men I know from their records and from what the other players and Rourke tell me that we have some crack-a-jacks.

"Papa Bill is not going to take any chances, however, and last night wired a hot proposition for two players whom I recommended in California, and if we can get these I know we will have a great team right at the start. These are a pitcher and a first baseman. That will give us a fine line of material from which to choose a team."

Captain Franck came to Omaha from Oakland, via Los Angeles, where he picked up Kid LeBrand and brought him with him. He said also that Rourke had a couple of trades in sight which would tend materially to strengthen the Omaha team if they were carried out.

The captain says he has not touched a base ball since the last game he played with the Omaha team at Wichita last fall and is in fine condition. He made the mistake of playing winter ball a year ago and was not in very good shape when he reported last spring and had hard work getting in condition at all.

BLAZDEK DISAPPOINTS CROWD

Fails to Appear Against Buckles, but Good Card is Presented.

Fred Blazdek failed to appear before the Sterling Athletic club last night for his ten-round go with Guy Buckles, but the management pulled off a lengthy program of events, which was full of interest from the start to the finish. Earl Garrison and Glenn Murphy put on the first preliminary, six two-minute rounds, to a draw. Ralph and Paul Bates, known as the Bates twins, two remarkably developed boys, gave a boxing exhibition which won the plaudits of the crowd. Bill Dugan was given a trouncing by Smoke Jackson and the two McCarthy brothers gave an exhibition of their skill.

The star event of the evening was the battle royal, with even money that Spady would win it. He did, but not until after a hard fight of half an hour with Art Simpson, who was a foot and a half taller than Spady and gave a good account of himself.

Jim Harris of Louisville, Ky., challenged any man in the state at 148 pounds and the challenge was accepted by Buckles, the fight to take place before the Sterling club in a couple of weeks. Buckles goes to Gregory, S. D., in a couple of weeks to fight Lee Davis.

Mayor Dahlman and his lieutenants came in toward the close and turned the affair into a political meeting.

CORNHUSKERS WIN INITIAL GAME

Poor Fielding by Opponents Helps the Winners Along.

LINCOLN, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The Cornhuskers' base ball team opened the season this afternoon by taking a closely contested game from the Wesleyan collegians at University Place by a score of 3 to 1. A single in the second inning, which allowed two men to trot over the home plate, clinched the contest for Coach "Billy" Fox's tribe. Farthing twirled winning ball for the Methodists, but his support was ragged. He struck out thirteen of the Cornhuskers. Mathers and Olmstead did the slab work for Nebraska. A long running catch by "Pip" Cooke, playing center field for the Cornhuskers, was the only feature of the initial meeting. Score:

Nebraska	0	2	0	0	0	0	1—3
Wesleyan	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—1

Batteries: Nebraska, Carroll, Mathers and Olmstead; Wesleyan, Farthing and Stringfelder.

ROURKES COMING INTO FOLD

Captain Franck and Number of Others Are on Deck.

The first ball games of the season will be played at Vinton Street park next Wednesday and Thursday, March 31 and April 1, between the Omaha team and the Washington American league team, which will stop here on its way home from the west.

Manager Joe Cantillon of the Washington bunch has promised that one of the games will be pitched by Tommy Hughes, well known here, as he used the Omaha team as his jimmy in breaking into the big league. Snapper Bill Schipke will also be in the bunch.

Members of the Omaha team who had reported last night were: Captain Franck, Pendry, third base; Smith, a new infielder, and Vasbinder, one of the new utility men whose nafne, through some slip on the part of the telegraph company, was heralded as Vasbruders; Tracy Johns and Summa.

THREE BOUTS ON PADDED MAT

Benson Eagles Have an Evening of Fine Sport.

Three interesting wrestling numbers were on the program at the carnival of sports given by the Eagles of Benson at their hall Thursday night, and each event was full of ginger.

Tom Connors, champion of England, beat Pete Rooney in 18 and 25 minutes, the first fall by a half nelson and a crotch hold, and the second fall by a half nelson and a scissors hold.

Jack Kinney won from Powell in 15 and 18 minutes, and Johanson won two out of three from Conreid, the latter winning the second fall. The time was 25, 10 and 2 minutes.

Track Team Shows Up Well.

IOWA CITY, March 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Coach Catlin's Iowa track team sprung a surprise here this afternoon by defeating the strong freshmen team, 56 to 35, in an indoor meet. Engstrom cleared five feet nine inches, easily in the high jump. Thomas ran the half mile on a poor track in 2:06, and Alderman put the shot 39 feet 6 inches.

Coursing Meet at Sioux Falls.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 25.—(Special.)—Some rare sport is anticipated during a coursing meet, which is to be held at Dell Rapids during April, the exact date not yet having been determined upon. Preliminary arrangements already are being made for the event. P. R. Soper, a member of the executive board of the American Coursing association, has arrived at Dell Rapids and will have immediate charge of the arrangements for the meet. George Holton, secretary of the Dell Rapids association, already is receiving letters from owners of dogs and others interested in the coming meet, who ask for particulars concerning it. A fund already has been raised to cover the expenses of the coursing meet. It is expected that a large number of dogs from eastern South Dakota and from surrounding states will be entered to compete for the liberal prizes which will be offered.

DUCKY'S FLAG READY TO FLY

Western League Pennant Will Be Unfurled by Rooters' Club.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 25.—(Special.)—The Western league pennant, indicative of the championship won by Sioux City last season after the most spectacular race in the history of the organization, has arrived at base ball headquarters. The flag, which is of regulation size and color, was forwarded from the office of President N. L. O'Neil at Chicago. The date of the flag raising has not been set by Manager Ducky Holmes. The exercises will be in charge of the Rooters' club.

Pa Sends for Jarrott.

Rulo Jarrott, one time terror of the Western league, and recognized as the hardest kind of a proposition in the pitching line three years ago, has written to Pa Rourke asking for the privilege of trying out for the Omaha team. For the last two years Jarrott was not very effective, owing to some trouble with his arm, but he writes that his troubles are past and he thinks he will be able to come back this spring stronger than ever. Pa Rourke has wired him transportation and told him to report at once.

Weston in Buffalo Tonight.

BATAVIA, N. Y., March 26.—Edward Payson Weston, refreshed after a good night's rest left Bergen at 6:45 o'clock this morning on his trip to the coast. He probably will remain in Buffalo tonight.

Former Catcher Leahy Dead.

CINCINNATI, March 26.—Edward F. Leahy, once a catcher with the Philadelphia base ball club, died yesterday at the home of his sister in this city. Since retiring from the diamond Leahy has been traveling for a New York mercantile firm.

MARRIAGE MADE A MOCKERY

Specimen of "Trial Marriage" and the Conclusions Reached by the Parties.

After five years of "trial marriage" a young San Francisco couple have decided that the experiment is a failure. Their contract having expired, the two people feel themselves free to choose other mates and try again. Presumably, each of them will keep on trying until a satisfactory mate is found—or until they grow weary of the sport and blighting old age cuts short their fancy's dalliance.

This world would be a fine place to live in if all people were free to repudiate a contract at their pleasure. Marriage would cease to be a matter of any moment, and the bringing of children into the world would belong among the trivial incidents of life. In business, when a man tired of his contract or found that what he had contracted to do was no longer pleasing to his whim, he would simply throw his contract into the waste basket and tell the other fellow to go to the deuce. It would work that way for a while; then, after a little while, there would be no business and no society; simply choas and anarchy.

Said the man-party to this easily broken contract:

"We are going to separate because we find our liberty has been too greatly restricted. I have been taking my wife everywhere I go, and I don't propose to have to do it any more. She feels the same way about her enforced deference to my wishes in many respects. We have given our contract a fair trial and have decided to quit."

They may have given their contract a fair trial, indeed; but if they are under the impression they gave marriage a fair trial they are wrong. Theirs was never a marriage. The Saxon terms fit to classify it are not pretty on the printed page. Marriage must begin in love and trust and the desire for inseparability. These things are permanent. The ceremony only announces their existence to society and fixes upon those who would enjoy them the responsibilities they engender. One can enjoy nothing without assuming the responsibility it entails. People who balk at this ceremony, which informs the world of their love and trust in each other, do not possess enough of these to make a marriage.

The "trial marriage" is an abomination, because it defies every law upon which society, business as such, and the recognition of human rights are founded. It is evil, because it questions and passes judgment upon the eternal nature of love. It is abhorrent, because it sets up the standard of selfishness in the human breast and would insist upon anarchy—no law but that of self—in the constitution of mankind.—Washington Post.

UNBREAKABLE RAIL A FACT

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