

BROTHERS IN RING ANNALS

Fame that Came to More Than One Member of Family as a Box Fighter.

SOME HAD AS MANY AS THREE

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NEW YORK, April 22.—They call Philadelphia the City of Brotherly Love. But the author or authors of this tender phrase evidently had never heard of St. Paul, Minn. It is really the latter city which should bear the affectionate title. The reasons are herewith appended:

St. Paul, Minn., harbors two pairs of brothers who have made their mark in pugilism. One of each pair is generally accounted with being the champion in his respective division, while the other brother of each is close to the top in the same class. And here is where brotherly love comes in. The near-champion in each instance wishes it to be universally known that his brother is his superior.

The Gibsons—Mike and Tom—and the Ertles—Johnny and Mike—are the lads we have reference to. Mike Gibson is as close to the middleweight championship as one can be without being the actual champion. But Michael insists that his brother Tom is a better man than he is.

HOW THEY LOVE EACH OTHER.

The case of the Ertles is similar. Johnny—nicknamed "Kewpie," is co-holder of the world's bantamweight title by virtue of a victory on a foul over Kid Williams, who became the legitimate champion by knocking out Johnny Conlon. But Johnny "Kewpie" would have it understood that Brother Mike could clean up the bantamweight class with less difficulty than Johnny himself could. And Mike Ertle is only a flyweight—he is topheavy at 108 pounds.

Such is brotherly affection. One would sacrifice his ring career so as the other may succeed. However, all four are well established in the ring game, and their earning capacities are in no wise affected because of their relationship.

Mike Gibson and Johnny Ertle are at present engaged in exploiting the prowess of Tom Gibbons and Mike Ertle, respectively. Mike Gibbons has assumed the management of Brother Tom, while Johnny Ertle has undertaken to guide Brother Mike into the championship of which he is joint holder.

ATTELL Brothers and Others.

Hung history contains the names of many brothers who have earned a livelihood by slinging the padded mittens. Of the old timers the name of Attell stands out prominently. Abe Attell was featherweight champion, while Brothers Monte and Caesar took down occasional pauses by their ability with the gloves. All three were featherweights.

Jim Jeffries, when he was heavyweight champion of the world, had a brother, Jack, who aspired to pugilistic fame. Jack's nearest approach to prominence was when he fought Jack Johnson and was knocked out.

Jack and Mike "Twin" Sullivan were heavyweights of note in their time. They were easily identified by their baldness. But they could fight, and were before the public for many years.

George and Jimmy Gardner were brothers and were classed among the leading welterweights. Jimmy, at one time, held the championship in that division. Another prominent pair of brothers in the welterweight class were Mike and Billy Gwynne. The latter is still doing good work in the ring, while Mike is proprietor of a gymnasium.

Jimmy Britt, when he was rated among the topnotch lightweights, had a battling brother, Willis. The latter, however, never fought professionally, but he showed great promise in the amateur ranks.

TERRIBLE McGOVERN TRIO.

Terry McGovern, once featherweight champion, had two brothers who perpetuated the name when Terry went on the retired list. Hughey and Phil McGovern possessed the vicious aggressiveness of their older brother, but they absolutely refused to train and passed out of the game without attaining any prominence aside from the fact that they were brothers of the once Terrible Terry.

Of the present crop of fighters, aside from the Gibsons and Ertles, the name of Leonard is most impressive. Benny Leonard, by his great victory over Freddy Welsh, is looked upon as the next lightweight champion. Benny's brother, George, joined the professional clan only recently and quickly gained a reputation as a knockout.

The Modie family of Philadelphia has no less than five fighting boys—Pal, Tommy, "Ready," Willie and Joe. In the Cross City of this city there are Leah, Phil, Dave and Marty. All have earned some money in the ring. Joe Chip and George Chip are both middleweights, George having held the championship a few years ago.

In Philadelphia there is Young Jack O'Brien, a brother of the original Philadelphia Jack, the first light heavyweight champion in the game. The older Jack retired nearly five years ago. About three years ago he presented his young brother—about sixteen years younger—to the boxing public. The lad started promisingly, but was rushed along too fast and received many severe beatings. He dropped out of the game for a year and now he is fighting in his old form again.

Omaha Marksmen on Punitive Invasion of City of Wisner

If the anti-predicarian crowd pre-sent in Wisner and Wisner is not in a position to protect itself against its status, Custer county is likely to go into mourning.

For a crew of Omaha gun club regulars whooshes are racing for Wisner today with the hot of battle in their veins. The Omaha shavers are thrashing for revenge. There seem to have revenge. And was he not that day if it is now reported.

The Omaha Gun Club track team is going to battle the Wisner crew soon for the Western trophy, which is evidence of the team championship of Nebraska.

Wisner and Omaha have settled before now in the annals of the Omaha gun clubs and associations. But it will not be that way this year, wrote Henry McDaniel, the secretary of the local Western. Things have been about the last two weeks.

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