

Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Fractured Wrist Latest Prank of Leonard Hoodoo

Benny Dogged by Series of Misadventures—Cold Kept Lightweight King From Meeting Freedman.

Has Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion, joined the ranks of hard luck pugilists?

It begins to look decidedly that way, for the boss of the boys in his class seems to have struck a streak of ill luck which refuses to submit to a knockout. The latest misfortune to sock Leonard came last Monday when he fractured his left wrist while training for an eight-round championship tilt with Lew Tendler, a bout billed for Philadelphia last Friday.

Boxing with a souped-up named Jack Toland, Benny slammed his left hand to Toland's head, and when he took it away it wasn't the same strong punching weapon which had been responsible for the glory and the kale the champion has stacked up. It was cracked, and forced Leonard to notify the Philadelphia promoters that he would be unable to battle Tendler as scheduled. It's rough on the promoters and it's rough on the champion.

Like Tendon of Achilles. The big bugbear of boxing men for years has been injuries to hands. We might tell how many of them have had chances for titles and wealth thus ruined, because their weakest spot—like Achilles' famed heel—seems to be their hands. But this is a story about the lightweight champion, so we stick to the original line and tell a few things about Leonard.

Benny's hard luck seemed to have sprung into being a couple of months ago when he was unable to engage Sailor Freedman in a bout at Benton Harbor, Mich., because he made the mistake of getting in front of an electric fan.

The breeze of the fan gave the champion a cold, which settled principally in his neck. The result was a stiff neck and considerable accompanying pain, which responded only slowly to treatment, and Leonard was forced to cancel that bout. In \$15,000, for that was the sum that had been guaranteed him, according to Promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons.

Injury Costs Another Wad. But that was a minor misfortune compared to what happened to the left wrist of the champion while training in his gymnasium at New York for the Tendler scrap. When Benny and his manager, Billy Gibson, signed for this bout their demands were heavy, because Tendler is practically the only man in the lightweight ranks who is conceded a chance of dethroning the man from the New York Bronx.

Never So Tender Afterward. Such injuries as that which have laid Leonard on the shelf for the present invariably prove a handicap to the future milling of the man sustaining them. Leonard probably will be out of the ring for several months, and it is possible that his left punching weapon won't be quite as good after he returns to battling, because he undoubtedly will favor it. Of course, he has his knockout right intact. Nevertheless, it's tough luck for Benny.

Tilden in Need Of Long Vacation

Vincent Richards Says Tennis Champion Is Overplayed Or Stale

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Vincent Richards does not agree in the opinion expressed in some quarters that William T. Tilden is going back in his play. He says: "My own personal opinion of the champion is that he is overplayed or stale." No player can expect to play as much tennis as Tilden and still expect to feel keen about playing at the end of such a long campaign.

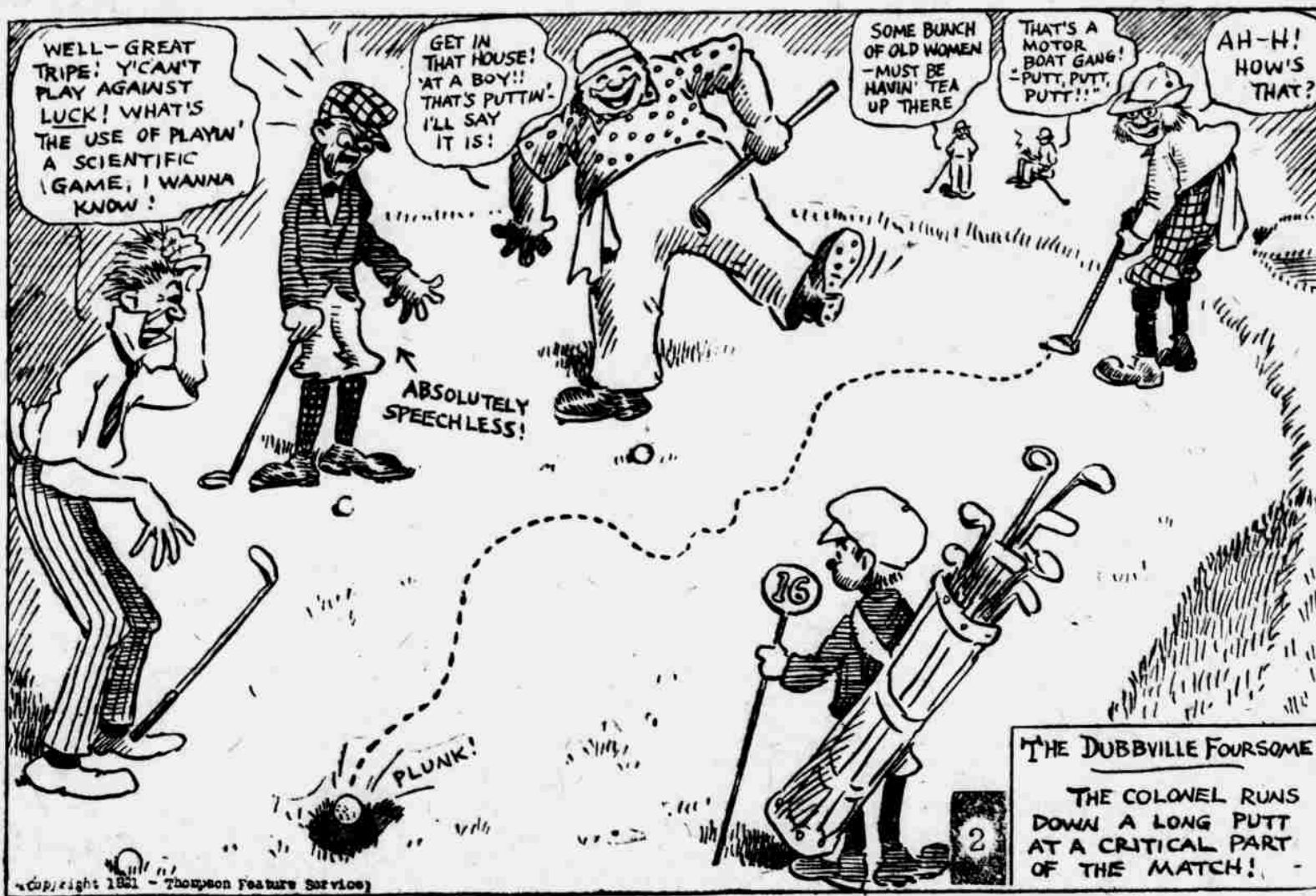
When we stop to think about it, he has been playing close to one year without a letup in nearly every place in the world. Who can do that steadily for a year? I really think Tilden is the only one who still could accomplish this feat and still look a racker in the face. In our recent match I tried some new tactics, that is to say, instead of trying to keep the ball close to the lines I played the center of the court almost continually. This is called the "center theory." As the world's champion is a large man he naturally likes a ball at arm's reach, and not getting it there he is forced to cramp his style to make a return.

"I think it was this theory coupled with an exceptionally good day that helped me to defeat the champion. A long rest with absolutely no tennis, I think, will do Mr. Tilden a world of good."

Army Can't Compete
Trophies held by army rifle teams will be surrendered this year at the annual tournament at Seagrass, N. J., August 12 to 27. The War department said there was an "inadequacy of funds to pay for transporting teams and the entrance fees."

To Try Channel Swim
Ambitious to swim the English channel, Omer Perrault, 21-year-old aquatic expert of Quebec province, sailed for England from Montreal recently.

"The Dubbville Foursome"—By A. W. Brewerson



Willard Eager To Box Dempsey

Champion Apparently Wants Some More of Big Championship Receipts.

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Once more the ominous bulk of Jess Willard of Kansas, casts its shadow athwart the local fight pathway. Tex Rickard evidently cannot believe that Willard is as inferior to Jack Dempsey as he showed himself to be at Toledo on July 4, 1919. Rickard really felt sorry for Jack Dempsey when he made that match, and indications point to his feelings for a return bout between the two on Labor day.

Willard is reported to be anxious to meet his conqueror again. Why shouldn't he? He no doubt figures that the least he can get for taking another beating is \$50,000. That would be pretty sweet for a fellow like Willard, who is over 40 years of age now.

Eastern Athletes Sore at Weaver

Resent Official Holding Positions of Both Starter and Referee.

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Ted Meredith says that the last of the track and field athletes who went to the national championships in Pasadena are back, and with them they have brought some very weird stories of how this meet was conducted. It is not a matter of "sour grapes" in any of the cases, as the stories of both the Boston and New York men agree in every way. The one thing that they kicked about was the acting of Bob Weaver, president of the A. A. U., as both starter and referee of this meet. This is something that had never been known to happen in any meet, no matter how small, and certainly never in a national championship. They are two jobs in a track meet that would conflict more than any other two, probably excepting starter and timer, which would be a physical impossibility in most of the races. The referee should be free from all other duties in order that he can see that the meet is run according to all rules and the decisions that are made justly.

Injury Causes Famous Miler To Quit Track

New York, Aug. 13.—Father Time has taken another great athlete away from the fans in the person of A. G. Hill, England's foremost mile runner, who has hung up his shoes. Hill came to this decision after suffering a pulled tendon during a period of training, the climax of which was to be his second assault on the mile record held by Norman Fabor, former Brown and Oxford university runner.

Columbia May Stage Grid Game in Morning

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Columbia may attempt an innovation in its foot ball methods next fall. Bob Watt, graduate manager at the institution, has about decided to stage his Thanksgiving day tussle with Colgate early in the morning instead of in the afternoon. He believes that many of the fans who are unwilling to absent themselves from the attractions of a turkey laden table late in the day to see 22 hungry undergraduates working up an appetite will attend the game if it takes place before the usual lunch hour.

Speaker Heralded as Greatest Outfielder—Plays With Same Matchless Grace As In His Youth

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Were the average base ball fan asked whence came the greatest of center fielders, his sole reply would be: "From the mesquite grown plains of Texas." Tris Speaker, according to the most capable critics of the sports, is the greatest outfielder in the game. More than that, Speaker is the greatest outfielder who ever played the game, these old-time sharps declare, and this with all due deference to Willie Keeler, Joe Kelly and the others who won fame in the old days when the batters could call for the sort of ball they wanted. This was born on the plains of Texas, and in the off season returns to the Lone Star state. There he follows such simple pastimes as riding bucking broncos, tying calves and at times he becomes reckless enough to bulldoze steers. Like every other man from the cow country he can ride and rope with the best of them, and is said to be a fair hand with a 30-30. These few little lights upon Spoke are not generally known to fans except those who know him best.

Speaker is performing his fielding stunts with the same matchless grace that marked his early work in Boston, when with Hooper and Duffy Lewis he made one of the greatest outfielders that ever played on one club at the same time.

Women Make Strong Headway Toward Honors in Trapshooting Field

One of the outstanding features of the current trapshooting season has been the development of women gunners. They are rapidly coming to the fore in this sport—so rapidly, in fact, that many experts agree that it would not be surprising to see a woman win a state championship in the not distant future. A few years ago there were few women stars. Miss Annie Oakley, Mrs. Ad Topperwein and a few others comprised the list, but today the women are taking so much greater interest in the sport that almost every state has its coterie of star shots.

WOODS and WATERS by LARRY ST. JOHN

When good luck is on the side of the vacationist and there is a surplus of fish, he often is confronted with the problem of shipping some to the folks back home. At some resorts where they have "knocked down" boxes and plenty of ice in the ice house, it is a simple matter, but the angler in camp, miles from an ice house and the railroad, has a different problem. If ice is to be had, by all means pack your fish in it. There is a tradition entirely without foundation, we believe, that fish lose in flavor if they come in direct contact with the ice. Commercial fish men, who know their business, pack fish that way with good results, but they use enough ice to prevent the fish from melting before the fish reach their destination. If the ice supply is limited, the fish may be wrapped in wet grass or wet paper and surrounded with the ice.

If the fish are shipped without ice, they should be opened and cleaned, but not washed, the gills removed, each fish wiped perfectly dry and wrapped in numerous thicknesses of thick paper, or paper and hay; grass should not be used because it "heats." Fish that are shipped wet should never be allowed to dry until ready for use, and fish that are shipped dry should be kept free from moisture.

Fish shipped in ice and frozen should be thawed in ice water before being cooked. Incidentally, we have observed that fish are washed too much before being cooked. Walton and the other old fishing writers, who were experts at cooking fish as well as at catching them, took great pains to warn the reader about too much washing, and they always direct the cook to wipe the fish with a cloth before cooking them.

The angler camped in an out-of-the-way place should smoke his surplus catch in warm weather. Smoking fish is not at all complicated, nor does it require a great deal of apparatus.

Thrilling Grid Games Promised

Princeton Eleven to Play Navy—Harvard to Tackle Center College.

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—For those who find all the thrills of sport in a hard-fought foot ball game the season ahead promises more treats than usual.

The chance of seeing in action Princeton's great eleven, welded into an even smoother machine by an added year's experience, is great enough in itself, but the additional promise of a schedule that includes games with Chicago, Navy, Yale and Harvard is a glory beyond re-counting.

Harvard, too, undertakes a man-sized job in facing Center, Penn State, Princeton and Yale in one and the same year, and that without the Briceleys the Mahans, the Caseys and the Hardwicks of seasons gone.

Three of Eight World's Champions Use Names Assigned by Parents

Of the eight recognized weight divisions in which world's boxing championships are fought for, six titles are held by American glove artists. France and Great Britain share the other two. Only three of the eight world's champions fight under the names their parents gave them. The others would not be known to most followers of the sport by their true family names.

Of the six American champions, two are Irish-American, one is Scotch-Irish-American, one is Jewish-American, one is Jewish-American, one is Jewish-American.

Heavyweight—Jack Dempsey (William Harrison Dempsey), Scotch-Irish-American.
Light Heavyweight—Georges Carpentier, Frenchman.
Middleweight—Johnny Wilson (John Pankas), Italian-American.
Welterweight—Jack Britton (William J. Breslin), Irish-American.
Lightweight—Benny Leonard (Benjamin Leinert), Jewish-American.
Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane, Irish-American.
Bantamweight—Pete Herman (Pietro Girolini), Italian-American.
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde, Welshman.
(William) Bryan Downey, recognized bantamweight boxing champion, following recent bout with Wilson at Cleveland. Downey is German-Irish-American.

New York Swimming Club Has a Wonder Swimmer in Girl, 14

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Once more the New York Women's S. A. has produced a young wonder swimmer. Miss Gertrude Ederle, barely 14 years old, has performed two feats which place her ahead of all mermaids of her age in a meet at Springlake, N. J. She thrashed 50 yards in 30.1-5 seconds and 100 yards in 1 minute 8.2-5 seconds in the 75-foot pool of the Bathing and Tennis club. The former time is equal to the figures returned by Miss Charlotte Boyle in winning the national half-century championship last winter. The latter is by long odds the fastest ever made by a girl under 14, and it is worthy of note that Miss Ederle won her previous race at the 100 in 1 minute 13 seconds, which indicates an improvement of more than four seconds since early summer. At the rate she is developing Miss Ederle may cause titleholders to worry before long.

Baltimore Team To Enter Toronto Meet

An all-star athletic team from the Baltimore collegiates will visit Toronto, September 10 for the big exhibition track meet there. October 8 they will return and compete against an all-star collegiate team under the auspices of the Sportsman's Patriotic Association of Toronto. The Baltimore team will be made up of 15 to 20 boys and 12 events will be run off.

Golfers of East And West to Vie At Title Tourney

Captains Named to Select Players for Two Teams—Meet on St. Louis Links.

New York, Aug. 13.—Extra interest will be lent to the national amateur golf championship tournament at the St. Louis Country club next month through the addition of an East against West preliminary match. Arrangements have been made for teams representing the Metropolitan Golf association and Chicago District Golf association to meet over links of the St. Louis Country club Friday, September 16, the day prior to the opening of the championship.

Matters have progressed to the stage where opposing captains have been appointed. Oswald Kirkby, former metropolitan champion, will head the forces from this locality, while Robert Gardner, twice national title-holder, will act as captain of the Chicago lineup. So far as this end of the affair is concerned, Kirkby said that the metropolitan team would not be selected until after the players had arrived in St. Louis.

That will end in a wiser selection, as some of those preparing for the main event may be in much better form than others. There will be seven players on a side and the match will consist of a single round of eighteen holes.

The absence of Francis Ouimet from big tournaments this year is due to poor health. Ouimet made the trip across the Atlantic early in the spring with the American team for the British championship, returning home he competed in the Massachusetts tournament, only to be defeated by Fred Wright.

California Woman Leaves Her Four Children in Care of "Pop," to Win Tennis Championship for America

Santa Monica, Cal., Aug. 13.—Can a mother who has subordinated tennis to a place of secondary interest in order to care for her home and babies make a successful showing in combat with a girl whose entire life has been concentrated on the game?

Do marriage and motherhood retard a woman's chances in an athletic championship?

These are questions being asked by the many admirers of Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, who for the past seven years has submerged her identity as a champion tennis player in that of a contented wife and homemaker, and who has answered America's call to return to the courts to help protect the United States title in the tournament at Forest Hills, N. Y., August 15.

Tom Bundy, husband of the nationally known favorite, who has been "playing mother" to Billy, aged 18 months; Dorothy, aged 4 years; Nathan, aged 5, and Tommy, aged 7, during their mother's absence, believes his wife is taking a sporting chance, with the odds against her.

"Mrs. Bundy has not been in training, despite the games she has played for pleasure during the last seven years," he said. "As any tennis player knows, games for pleasure and playing to win a championship are two different things."

"Tennis is the whole life of Mlle. Lenglen. It is of only secondary interest to my wife, whose time has been taken up raising four strapping youngsters."

"But I am mighty hopeful, for Mrs. Bundy is young, strong and knows the game mighty well. She has a lot of determination to win the championship for America and that's a big factor."

Ball Clubs Soon Will Have to Go Scouting for New Managers

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Nor was it necessary for the manager to call attention to the mistakes of his men, if a player pulled a boner he did not wait until he got back to the bench to find it out. His pals would "ride" him all the way in after an inning, especially if he made a costly error. Nowadays it is not considered good form for one player to roast another on the field for a mistake.

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Out-of-Bounds Rule Unpopular

Few Clubs Enforce Regulations, But Majority Do Not, Substituting a Local Rule.

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—That the out-of-bounds rule is more honored in the breach than in the observance is established; that it is becoming more unpopular with the passing weeks of the golf season is evident from the opinion expressed by golfers on all sides. Some clubs enforce it, but the great majority of the clubs throughout the country have taken advantage of the clause in the rules as adopted by the United States Golf association which gives permission to alter this by a local rule in which the penalty is loss of distance only.

Three important championship tournaments have been played thus far—the intercollegiate at the Greenwich Country club. In this event the rules of golf were strictly enforced, and on a course where out-of-bounds is frequently encountered by those who wander from the straight and narrow. The rule worked havoc with the scores of many of the fine long drivers among the collegians.

The next of the big tournaments was the national open. Before the tournament there was a discussion as to whether the penalty of stroke and distance would be enforced. Officers of the U. S. G. A. decided that it would be because of the small number of holes where it was possible to go out of bounds. How many scores were wrecked and how many hopes were buried on the long fifth hole, together with the sixth and seventh, is something that probably never will be calculated.

Welter played the Field club course yesterday morning, accompanied by Francis Ouimet, Bruce Crawford, Jr. and Harold Palmer. They went off for Happy Hollow's fairway the day before.

Here's Jack's One Chance to Lick at Least One German

There is a chance for Dempsey to whip one German, for a challenge comes from Berlin in the form of a letter addressed to the New York Herald, part of which reads:

"A challenge for the world's champion, Jack Dempsey, by the German boxer, Franz Steppath. The fight to take place in 1922. Place and date to be set by Dempsey." Herr Steppath added the request that he be notified in case Dempsey accepts the challenge.

It seems likely, of course, that Herr Steppath will be disappointed, yet such a match might have this one advantage for Mr. Dempsey—after winning he could face his enemies with the record of having vanquished one German. The contest might attract quite a crowd if it were staged in Milwaukee.

Yale Eleven May Drop Closed Gate Grid Drill

Secret practice for the Yale football squad this fall will probably be abolished, with the exception of a short period just before the Princeton and Harvard games. Head Coach Tad Jones is understood to be opposed to the "closed gate" system all season. Capt. Malcolm Adrich has announced his desire for open daily practice to stimulate interest by the student body and promote better attendance at the early games.

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Intersectional Gridiron Games To Feature Year

Nebraska to Make Trip to Smoky City Again—Maroons to Battle Princeton Tigers.

Although four ball squads representing the institutions of learning throughout the country will not gather until early next month, the coaches and others closely identified with the popular college game are laying plans for what should be another great year.

While the usual number of struggles between ancient foes are again on the schedule, the year will be featured by more intersectional football between eleven of strength. In former years teams of little standing in one section have traveled to other parts of the country to give battle to eleven of known strength and possibilities.

Nebraska Will Tackle Pitt. Nebraska is scheduled to make another trip into the east. The Cornhuskers are slated to meet Pop Warner's Pittsburgh team in the Smoky City on November 5.

Last year Nebraska invaded the east and won from Rutgers, but was beaten by Penn State. Chicago will entertain Colorado Aggies, champion of the Rocky mountain conference last year, on Stagg field early in October, while a number of intersectional contests between minor college eleven will be played. The number of struggles between eleven of known strength, combined with the contests between those which are usually contenders for sectional honors, should make the season one of the most successful in years.

Chicago is an unknown quantity. Coach Stagg had a great defensive eleven last year, but the offensive power was lost when so many injuries occurred in midseason. When the season turned out for spring practice the best looking timber which has reported in years on the Midway was put through preliminary tactics. The men appeared big and strong, and a number handled themselves like veterans.

The exact status of Chicago will not be known until Coach Stagg receives his report from the faculty. Some of the promising candidates are known to have conditions, and upon their ability to work them off this summer will largely depend Chicago's chances of making a showing against Princeton and in the western conference race.

Clash of Representative Teams. With all indications pointing to Princeton's being a representative team of the east and Chicago having a good chance to be represented by a much stronger eleven than last year, it will be the first in years that the sections have met with representative teams.

When Michigan was out of the conference the Wolverines played Penn and Cornell, but at few times could the Ithacans or Quakers be rated the best in the east. Michigan had some strong eleven, but his absence from the fold, and when represented by such teams Penn and Cornell were defeated.

Indiana, which was represented by a good team last season, but had the misfortune to be beaten by Iowa early in the season, will be the first eleven to remain in the east to meet Rutgers on the Polo grounds in New York City on election day. Previous to meeting these two strong eastern eleven, Notre Dame will meet Nebraska, one of the strongest in the Missouri Valley conference.

Spotlight on Women Golfers Until Meet

New York, Aug. 13.—(Special).—Within a short time the women golfers of the nation will have gathered the center of the stage. Officially the women do not come into prominence until the close of the national amateur, the latter part of next month, but actually the feminine links gender will be featured from now until the United States women's championship is played at Long Branch, N. J., October 3 to 8.

The expected return of Miss Alexa Stirling, American champion, in the near future, will serve to increase interest in the doings of the fair swatters; and this interest will be intensified as soon as Miss Cecil Leitch, famous English champion, arrives here in company with her sister and Miss Joyce Wethered.