

Inevitable That There Should be Disagreement Between Aggressive, Live Players, But Rowdy Tactics No Longer Allowed-Some Interesting Incidents.

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Rowdy tactics no longer have any place on the ball field, but there is no getting away from the fact that trifling arguments are one of the component parts of the sport.

When players no longer express any kind of disapproval over decisions of the umpires when players fail to two strikes and two balls on him, forget that when the game is on when Chesbro sent up a fast one that friendship is for the time forgotten, then will baseball begin to lose some of its popularity.

The aggressive ball player, the player who has his heart in the game and is out to win, is bound to disagree on many of the close plays that are always sure to go against his team. While no fan likes any action that borders on the rowdy, still he likes the player who is full of pepper and ginger, and who is ever ready to stand up for his rights, but to do it in a gentlemanly way. The ball field would soon become a mighty tame place if no argument ever featured any of the thousand and one close plays that are bound to come up each season

There never will be a perfect umpire, an arbitrator who will render perfect decisions on every play, a judge of play who will always meet with the approval of the crowd. If there was such am an, no president would be able to pay him the salary that he would be able to command. It's also a question if such a man would meet with favor among the fans.

Think of all the fun and satisfaction a lot of fans get out of blaming the defeat of the home team on the umpire. Every umpire gives the plays history that Delehanty was struck as he sees them and to the very best out.

in answer to their arguments, still most of them delight to mix things up with Sir Timothy just to hear him turn loose some of his copyrighted line of talk.

During the same series in New a little argument that Tim has never quite forgotten.

Delehanty was at the bat and had Catcher Kleinow thought was a strike. Tim thought otherwise, called it a ball and made the count stand two and three on Delehanty.

"On the square, Tim, I don't see how you could miss that one; it was straight and fast and right over the heart," said Kleinow.

"It didn't look good to me," responded Tim. The ball was wide of the plate, in fact I'm so positive that it wasn't a strike that I'll leave the argument to Delehanty."

Imagine Tim's feelings when Delehanty responded: "You were wrong. The ball was right over the heart of the plate. If you couldn't see that one right you must be blind."

Of course, Kleinow laughed with much glee over the reply, while Tim simply boiled over with indignation and

For a Moment was Speechless, . but he finally came back strong and won out.

"Well, if I missed that one according to your way of thinking, Mr. Delehanty, I'd advise you to strike at the next one if it's within a foot of the plate, as I certainly don't intend to miss any more on you.'

How good the next ball really was no one but the trio knows, but it's

## JIM J. JEFFRIES IS STILL CHAMPION

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Was Never Beaten After Securing the Belt and Did Not Give It Away-Johnson is Only Champion of Australia and England-Championships Since 1719.

of a line.

OWS:

The recent statement by James J. I'y refused to fight Joe Walcott, the Jeffries that he never gave away the Giant Killer who was welterweight title of heavyweight champion, but took it into retirement with him, has caused no end of discussion among followers of pugilism. Those who were present at the Hart-Root fight, when Jeffries is said to have handed over the title to Hart, still insist that Jefiries stated positively after the fight that he was still the heavyweight champion of the world. If this is a

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fact, therefore, Jeffries is the holder of the title, and Hart, Tommy Burns, and Jack Johnson have been masque rading under the mistaken impression of the sporting fraternity. If Jeffries aid not give his title to Hart, then York, Tim and Jim Delehanty got into Burns when he defeated the latter, ould not have won it. It appears that Burns, not holding the American championship, defeated Moir for the English title and Squires for the Australian title, but did not fight Johnson, the negro, for the championship of the world. Though Johnson beat Surns to a pulp, he cannot rightfully lay claim to such a title, especially as Jeffries, unbeaten, says he never relinguished it. Johnson, perhaps, can call himself the champion of England and Australia, but he cannot be recognized as the champion of the world

until it is definitely known that Jeffries will refuse to make a match with him and will remain permanently in retirement.

It is not intended to detract from the real worth of Johnson as a pugilist, but to set forth the tangle in the heavkweight class as it exists at present. Juffries is supposed to be in retirement, and while he remains there Johnson is recognized as far and away the best heavyweight pugilist in the ring. By many experts it is believed hat Johnson can defeat Jeffries if the latter ever consents to fight the big negro, while others are positive in their arguments that the boilermaker, reducing 40 pounds to be fit in the

space of six months, can easily regain his wonderful form and trim the conqueror of Burns in easy fashion. Has Clear Title.

Jeffries, it is declared by numerous students of ring matters, is one of the few champions who have a clear title to the world's champion- the title.

hampionship battle at Chantilly,

Corbett he was simply champion of

America, having won the title from

Paddy Ryan and defended it success-

fully against Jake Kilrain. Corbett

had fought a draw with Jackson,

which did not entitle him to a just

laim for the Australian champion-

ook away from the Cornishman at

When Jeffries was supposed to have

Not in Jim's Class.

oney Island in 1899.

1803-Jem Belcher. 1805-Pearce (Game Chicken.) 1808-Gully. 1809-Tom Gribb received a belt, not transferable, and a cup. 1824-Tom Springs received four cups and resigned the title. 1825-Jem Ward received a belt, not transferable. 1838-Deaf Burke claimed title. 1839-Bendigo (W. Thompson) beat Deaf Burke, claimed champion-

1785-Jackling Tom Johnson.

hampion, and gave as a reason that

he had tackled Jackson in a 61-round

draw. Corbett also refused to meet

Fitzsimmons until public opinion endd in his downfall. In addition to re-

using to make a match with Peter

Jackson, John L. Sullivan avoided Joe

Goddard when the latter challenged

im in Australia, Fitzsimmons met

all comers and never drew any kind

Going back to the early days of

pugilism, Sam Austin, sporting editor

of The Police Gazette, has compiled a

list of heavyweight champions from

1719 down to the present time, as fol-

1719—Figg. 1730—Pipes and Greeting.

1734-George Taylor.

1750-Jack Slack.

1760-Bill Stevens. 1761-George Meggs.

1765-Bill Darts.

1769-Tom Lyons.

1780-Jack Harris.

1792-Mendoza.

1772-Henry Sellers.

1790-Big Ben Ryan.

1795-Jackson (retired.)

1734-Jack Broughton.

ship and received a belt from Jem Ward. 1841-Nick Ward, brother of Jem, beat Caunt, February 2d. Caunt beat

Nick Ward and received a belt by subscription. It was transferable. 1845-Bendigo beat Caunt and got the belt.

1849-Tass Parker beat Con Parker for £100 a side and the championship.

1850-Perry, the Tipton Slasher, after his fight with Paddock, claimed

that city.

years.



good looks."

of getting a ride.

The automobile capital of the na-ion is \$187,000,000, and the automoile industry gives employment diectly to 108.000 people and through elated trades to 100,000 more.

Arrangements for the Savannah hallenge trophy race in March are eing held off by the Savannah Club ending final decision regarding the aces at Daytona, Fla., and in Cuba.

An excellent method of protecting rass work for the winter is to satrate cheesecloth with clarified light nineral oil and wrap it about the

Largely as a result of agitation by the local motor club, Wilmington, Del., will spend about \$250,000 on street paving next year.

he Grand Prize race to advertising

The decision of the Automobile

Club of France to abolish the Grand

Prix this year has provoked consid-

erable comment on the part of the

English papers. Most of them look

upon the decision as an unfortunate

one, the general argument being that

it is not a wise policy for France to

give up the struggle in the automobile

wipe out the defeats for the last three

The Morning Post sees in this de-

ision an attempt upon the part of the

French club to escape from the di-

lemma caused by repeated defeats,

but the writer hopes that firms which

have not hitherto raced and the few

foreign firms which always do race,

will come forward and send in the

necessary forty entries. The Autocar

considers that the sporting committee

of the club has not acted fairly espe-

cially towards the people of Anjou,

who have been led to subscribe money

and to make arrangements for the

contest on the strength of the promi-

of the French club to fear of the

smaller French makers, who are

known to be particularly clever at

uilding engines of 130mm. and un-

der, and who might very easily come

to the front in a contest this year.

It thinks that under the circumstanc-

es it would be a bad thing for the

British Automobile Club entirely to

abandon racing as at present suggest-

ed, and there is an excellent opportu-

nity for organizing an international

California's good roads movement,

which received a setback by the action

of the voters of Santa Barbara coun-

ty in refusing to authorize a bond is-

sue of \$1,250,000 to aid the construc-

tion of a through , road from San

Francisco to Los Angeles, has received

fresh impetus through a plan said to

be favored by Governor Gillette, for a

system of State roads somewhat

along the lines of those in Massachu-

setts. It is said the Governor is con-

sidering a recommendation to the

Legislature favoring an issue of bonds.

amounting to \$18,000,000 for State

Approximately 20,000,000 tons of

blast slag are produced annually in

the United States, most of which is a

total waste. Slag has been used very

slightly as a road building material

for the reason that it is exceedingly

difficult to maintain a well-bonded

surface. The office of public roads has

roads.

contest on the Isle of Man.

The Autocar ascribes the attitude

ses of the committee.

The Savannah Automobile Club has



of his ability. Every Umpire Will Make Mistakes

is blamed for.

the hitting is light, the work of the best umpires in the business. He has umpire plays a very important part, profited by experience and knows in the game. Contest after contest was won and lost in the various leagues last year by one run; and, in many instances, certain decisions of the umpire played prominent parts in the outcome of the game. Thus the deciding factor.

It is only natural that after the home team has lost a game by a single run, and that tally was made ington was playing Detroit, and the possibly by a decision of the umpire, which went to the visitors, that they seek rellef in blaming the arbitrator for the downfall of their favorites. going against him, and while he want-Maybe he was to blame, and then again, maybe he wasn't. In most cases if the decision went against the home team the ump was a robber, but ment from the game. After a particif it favored the home boys then the ularly close play at third that went man in charge of the game was pronounced a cracking good arbitrator.

It's an old story, has been the same since the game originated, and perhaps always will be. The umpire by his duties is bound to be the fall guy for his mistakes as well as those of others.

Naturally, with so much depending on the many decisions the judge of ought to know how to behave toplay is called upon to make, it is wards one," was the greeting that really surprising that there are not came to Joe as he neared the bench. more arguments than really take It was just the cue he had been waitplace. Despite the fact that the um- ing for.

pire always wins; despite the fact that the player seldom gains any advantage through his kick; despite the fact that it often results in his ejectment | the field. Then he ducked under the from the game if he

Gets Too Demonstrative, still the fans relish a certain amount though he looked daggers in the diof excitement that comes from clashes | rection of the Washington between player and umpire and play- | Cantillon escaped with his scalp. er and player.

cent, jumping pedestrians, the pe-

destrians have begun to take an inter-

show is highly interesting.

his question as a joke.

New York.

THE PEDESTRIAN

Few managers have anything on ship. He won this title when he de Joe Cantillon when it comes to telling feated Robert Fitzsimmons, for he -will make a lot of them-but still an'umpire what he thinks of his work had previously knocked out old Peter he doesn't make half as many as he and getting away with it without Jackson, the champion of Australia, drawing a notice of ejectment. Joe, while Fitz had beaten Corbett, who won the American title from John L. In these days of modern ball, where in his day, was regarded as one of the Sullivan and the English title from harley Mitchell. how to say things and still keep his

standing good. One of the American League staff of umpires will never forget a cruel thrust Cantillon hurled at him during Peter Jackson for the title and was a game at Washington last year. It unable to beat Mitchell, then chamumpire was, on many occasions, the cut in deep, but really offered the umpion of England, in the memorable pire little excuse for tagging Joe for France, When Sullivan fought Jim the club house.

On the afternoon in question Washgame was a battle royal, with everything close on the bases. Most of the decisions, according to Cantillon, were ed to express his

**Disapproval** in Forcible Terms hip, but after beating Sullivan, Genstill he was afraid, fearing banishleman Jim put Mitchell away and got the English title. Fitzsimmons was the recognized middleweight against the Nationals, Cantillon stopchampion of the world when he snocked Corbett out, and as he had ped at the plate and engaged in a hot argument with the man who was beaten Jim Hall, who had previous-

working the game. y trimmed Robert in Australia in a Cantillon's actions failed to please a queer" bout, he was immediatespectator who, strangely, was a friend y hailed as the champion heavyof the umpire. veight of the world, the title Jeff

"What's the matter with you, Cantillon, you used to be an umpire and given his title to Hart, the latter soon

sion that Hart was the title holder, so he lost no time in proclaiming himself tillon's reply in tones audible all over the champion of the world.

The laugh was on the ump, and albench.

While few players have ever gotten that bout, the final decision is sure anything but a smile from Tim Hurst | to go to the umpire concerned.

and More Innocent Pedestrians-Articles of Inter-

est to the Unitiated.

made a match with Tommy Burns, who won on a decision in twenty rounds. Burns was under the impres-'When I umpired, that's what I used to do, not four flush," was Can-

cover of the bench

While Joe had a trifle the better of

Jeffries made no protest all this ime except to say that Burns was not in his class and therefore could not have a match; also that Johnson

was barred because of his color. After Burns had double-crossed Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and got a decision over him in twenty rounds, the sporting world began to recognize Eurns as the best heavyweight in the ring with Jeff in retirement, so that Tommy went to England, still proclaiming from the housetops that he was the real thing. This was after he GETS POINTERS had knocked out Squires, the lemon, in a punch and thereby had annexed the Australian title. After that he beat Moir, Palmer, Roche, Smith and Squires twice more, while he was per-Each Year the Great Auto Show is Visited by More sistently ignoring the challenges and the forfeits posted by Johnson to bind match. Yet Burns is no more deerving of criticism because he turned Johnson down than is Jeffries, who drew the color line before he retired. In either instance it was a case of a

champion refusing to fight a challenger, something that was unheard of in olden times, when a title-holder had to fight or forfeit. Johnson is the only man that Jef-

ries ever refused to meet as champion. But Jeff once decided to tackle he weak-lawed Steve O'Donnell in a ten-round bout after the boilermaker had twisted his thumb in a vain attempt to stop Bob Armstrong, a negro, in a similar bout the same evening. Corbett while champion positive- I rounds.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO AUTOMOBILIST.

In using calcium chloride as an anvarious parts of the State. This is the time of year when the

1851—Harry Broome and won the title.

1853-Perry again claimed the title Harry Broome, after having forfeited £200 to him in a match, retired from the ring on August 1st.

1857-Tom Sayers beat Perry for £200 a side and the new belt.

John L. Sullivan, by the way, was 1860-Tom Sayers retired after his lever champion of the world, in spite fight with Heenan, leaving the belt for competition. of the fact that he was frequently hailed as such. He refused to fight

1860-Sam Hurst, the Stalybridge Infant, beat Paddock. Both claimed the title of champion. The belt handed to Hurst.

1861-Jem Mace beat Hurst. 1862-Jem Mace beat Tom King for £200 and the belt.

1863-Tom King beat Mace and claimed the belt, which he subsequently gave up, declining to meet Mace again. Mace again claimed the belt.

1865-Joe Wormald beat Marsden for £200 a side and the belt, both having claimed the championship. Bell handed to Wormald, Forfeited £120 to Mace, who again claimed. 1866-Jem Mace and Joe Goss,

draw £200 a side and the belt. 1867-Joe Wormald received for

feit from E. Baldwin, £200 a side and the championship. Baldwin absent Wormald claimed belt.

1867-Jem Mace and Baldwin, draw, £200 a side and the championship. Belt in abeyance. 1868-Wormald and Baldwin

draw, £200 a side and the title in America.

1869-McCoole beat Tom Allen in America for championship of the world.

1872-Mace and Joe Coburn fought a draw for £500 a side and the chamnionship.

1882-John L. Sullivan defeated Paddy Ryan for the championship of America at Mississippi City, London rules. 9 rounds.

1885-Jem Smith beat Jack Davis, £100 a side and the championship of England.

1887-Jake Kilrain and Jem Smith, draw. 1889-John L. Sullivan beat Kil-

rain for \$10,000 a side and The Poice Gazette belt Richburg, Miss. 1889-Jem Smith and Frank Slavin, a draw, £500 a side and the cham-

pionship of England. 1891-Fitzsimmons defeated Jack Dempsey for the middleweight championship of the world.

1892-James J. Corbett beat John L. Sullivan for the championship of America in 21 rounds. Purse \$25,000. 1897-Fitzsimmons won title from

Corbett in 14 rounds. 1890-Jeffries won world's title from Fitzsimmons in 11 rounds.

1899-Jeffries defeated Sharkey challenger for the title in 25 rounds (decision.)

1902-Jeffries defeated Fitzsimmons, challenger for the title, in 8 rounds.

1903-Jeffries defeated Corbett challenger for the title, in 10 rounds. 1906-Jeffries retired. Title void. 1908-Tommy Burns defeated Squires of Australia, Moir of England and Roche of Ireland; was knocked out by Jack Johnson, colored, in 14

February 16th, 17th and 18th. There will be 16,000 feet of exhibition space and excursion rate on raildiads from

during the last year inaugurated experiments in the buildings of roads of slag in combination with tar and asphalt preparations along original lines. It is hoped that these experiments will not only open the way for

a more general use of slag as a road material, but that the addition of bituminous binders will result in much progress in the development of dustless roads.

'REGULAR REPUBLICANS" STILL CONTROL GEORGI

This Was Evidenced by Confirmation of Sibley to Succeed Himself at Milledgeville.

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est in the great annual auto show in a tiny wee bit. It sounded like a giant The "pedestrians' corner" of the grunting with the colic. Whether the innocent pedestrian would die easier The auto show people don't take under a good heavy machine than by any great pains to give information being frightened into a death fit by one of these is a question. There is also some lovely French horns that cost from \$12 to \$35. They

play only one note, and a perfumery

A new form of goggles are of in-The horn department is visited by terest to the pedestrians' department. ti-freezing solution, care should be many pedestrians. One of them hears There is no glass in them; they are a taken that it is chemically pure, and. these horns and sirens, but rarely sees solid sheet of steel

New York, Feb. 5 .- With civiliza- is hard steel and about the size of a tion divided into autoists and inno- pie plate. The mouthpiece would accommodate your hat. This construction was shown in the basement, so the man tooted it just

regarding their wares to inquiring pedestrians. In fact, a worried and earnest-looking pedestrian, who went about inquiring for "perfumed gaso- are just like band horns, but they line," was threatened with ejection if he didn't stop making the exhibitors | bottle bulb takes the place of Gaston's laugh. The autoists, it seemed, took lungs.

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