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The SPORTING WORLD

Longboat Remains an Amateur.

There is a good deal of satisfaction among college and amateur athletes over the announcement that Tom Longboat, the famous Canadian Indian, has refused to become a professional.

The temptation to Longboat was very strong, for had he been willing to give up his amateur standing he could



TOM LONGBOAT.

have made considerable money, by running against Alfred Shrubbs, the English and world champion distance runner.

It was in the hope of persuading Longboat to turn professional that Shrubbs crossed the ocean.

Having failed to secure a race with Longboat, who won the Boston Marathon race, Shrubbs has come forward with another offer. Shrubbs says he will run against any two men in America for five miles for a purse of \$500, each of his opponents to run two and one-half miles, while he runs the full distance. Shortly before Shrubbs left England he ran in a similar race, winning handily a four mile event in which a new man opposed him in every succeeding mile.

Jim Bumps the Fight Fakirs.

Jim Jeffries put his seal of disapproval on pugilistic fakirs the other day when he said:

"I shall never meet a man who has been mixed up in any crooked prize fight. The boxing game in the country will be killed if managers allow themselves to be imposed upon by these self confessed fakirs. There is no reason why bouts should get fought on the level.

"Fugilists nowadays are getting more money for their fights than the old timers received, and twenty years ago a scandal in championship contests never was hinted at. The fighters were afraid to take a chance then, as the public would never go out to see a battle between men whose reputations had been tarnished by suspicious deals.

"If I am ever called upon to defend my title, it will not be against a man who has been a party to a prearranged fight. I have as much contempt for these fellows as the general public has, and I will not hesitate to expose any fakirs if I ever learn about their crooked affairs. I would rather fight a darky than take on any of that class of cowards."

Hints For Ring Reform.

Under a heading "Remedy Suggested by the O'Brien-Burns Fiasco" one of our exchanges prints the following: "The gambling feature must be eliminated and the game placed on a pure sportsmanship basis.

"Cut the number of rounds to such a standard that in every second of a fight the men must put forth their best efforts or have the match declared no contest.

"Cleanse and keep clean the club or clubs handling fights, so that all attempts at shady work may be nipped in the bud.

"As a final resort pass an ordinance prohibiting boxing if there is the least taint of scandal."

And after that the millennium!

Lawson to Take Ball Team to Cuba.

Manager A. W. Lawson of the Reading (Pa.) Atlantic league ball team, is making arrangements to take the club on a trip to Cuba at the close of the present season. He has been in communication with several baseball promoters at that place, who want to arrange a series of games for the team. Fifteen years ago Manager Lawson took an all American club to Cuba, where it met with success. He says that, besides being a vacation for his players, he will make lots of money, as baseball pays in Cuba.

Jack Grim Still on Earth.

Jack Grim, Amos Rusie's first catcher, who had much to do with bringing out that great pitcher, intends to get back in the harness. He will play with the Indianapolis Gun club team, under the management of Lew Mazur, who formerly managed the Reserves. Grim is of the opinion that his arm has come back. He formerly caught for the Indianapolis and Brooklyn National league teams.

Helman Cornell's Leader.

Frederick Helman of Greenville, Pa., was recently elected captain of the Cornell baseball team for 1907-08. Helman is a law junior and has been varsity shortstop for three years.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

Grinding Corn For Hogs.

For the past nine years the Wisconsin experiment station has been conducting tests to determine whether grinding corn for hogs is desirable. In the tests previous to 1903-04 middlings were fed with the corn. That year corn was fed alone, but the results were as unsatisfactory as regards thrift, appetite, gains and feed consumed per pound of gain that it was not considered desirable to omit middlings in subsequent years.

The results have varied a little from year to year, but considering the average of all the tests 117 hogs fed dry shelled corn and wheat middlings made an average gain of 96.8 pounds each, while an equal number fed corn meal and wheat middlings gained 110.9 pounds each; the feed required per pound of gain in the two cases being 5.19 pounds and 4.88 pounds. The saving from grinding, therefore, has amounted to 5.7 per cent.

Shredding Corn in South.

Those who have been neglecting their corn fodder in the south would do well to heed the following advice from Southern Cultivator: Shredding corn is one of the economic problems of the farm. No farmer should think of wasting anything that has food value. The food problem is the greatest problem we have for solution. It is much larger than "king cotton." We must learn to grow and save food for plants, animals and people. To feed animals and thereby save the manure to feed our plants should demand our very best skill and efforts. Prepare to save your cornstalks.

Poultry on the Farm.

Farmers are coming to realize that nothing on the farm pays larger returns than poultry for the money and time invested. Therefore they are giving more and more attention to their poultry each year and seeking the best ways to improve their flocks. Many flocks are earning big profits for their owners, but these owners are men that give poultry the place on the farm that it should fill. The care of such flocks takes thought, time and money, but they give ample return for each and all of these expenditures. Why not try it yourself?—M. L. Dawson in Successful Farming.

To Give Medicine to Horses.

Ordinary remedies can be administered to horses in the form of a drench by adding a pint of water or a ball by mixing with linseed meal and molasses and making a roll half an inch in diameter and two inches long. Harsh remedies should always be given in water, gruel or beaten up with an egg. To make a horse eat medicine in a mash, or in grain, take some of the medicine and rub the horse's nose with it before you allow him to smell the grain. The smell of the medicine on his nose deceives him, and he will eat the grain without any trouble.

Starting a Sheep Flock.

A successful sheep grower of wide experience says: The flock of twenty or more will yield better results per head than 100 and 100 better than 300. There are a great many things about handling sheep that cannot be put on paper, nor learned through instruction, nor in any other way than experience. We know of no business in which there are greater returns for the money invested than in this, and we know none which so absolutely requires that the right thing be done at the right time and in the right way, so don't start with too many.

Dry Corn For Sheep.

Dry corn gives better results than soaked corn for sheep owing to the better secretion of saliva in eating the dry corn. Oats make a satisfactory ration when given to fattening lambs, but it requires about 25 per cent more oats than corn for a given gain. It requires about twice as much corn as grain for lambs. Roots should be fed in combination with grain. A ration of equal parts of corn and oats or two parts of oats to one of corn, fed with roots, is an economical ration for fattening lambs.—Farm Progress.

Remedy For Hog Cholera.

Here is a good recipe for hog cholera, which I wish you would publish, writes an Illinois farmer to Farm Progress. It's not a humbug remedy: Wood charcoal, one pound; sulphur, one pound; sodium chloride, two pounds; sodium bicarbonate, two pounds; sodium sulphate, one pound; antimony sulphide, one pound. These ingredients should be completely pulverized and mixed. Dose, one table-spoonful to each 200 pound hog.

The Hen in Summer.

Summer is the time when the farm poultry makes up for lost time. Fresh eggs are in demand, too—in fact, they are always in demand. It pays. Feed milk to the laying hens. It contains just the ingredients for producing eggs. Biddy likes it, too, so give her plenty of it if you wish eggs.—Western Life.

Provide Shade For Poultry.

The flock feel hot weather just as much as you do, so provide shade for them during the heat of the day and see that the houses are cool at night. It is a good idea to remove the glass windows and put a one inch wire netting in its place. The poultry will thus be comfortable and safe from all its enemies.

Stimulant For Poultry.

Good, old fashioned red pepper is about as reliable a stimulant as can be given to poultry. It is much better than some of the remedies offered for sale.

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Japanese Statesman-Sailor.

Admiral Baron Gombel Yamamoto of the Imperial Japanese navy, who is visiting this country, was minister of marine during the war with Russia. He was the guiding spirit of the Japanese fleet during that period, as



BARON GOMBEL YAMAMOTO.

much because of his courage and decision as that he was a member of the supreme council of war. Baron Yamamoto was fifty-four years old last September and is perhaps one of the youngest full admirals in the world. He is a graduate of the Japanese Naval college and first won distinction in the war with China. For his conduct in the naval battle of the Yalu he was promoted, after which his rise in the service was rapid. In 1900 he became a member of the Imperial cabinet. The organization of the Japanese navy on its present basis is accredited largely to the constructive abilities of the admiral.

A Mariage de Convenience.

Gelett Burgess at the recent dinner of the American Bookellers' association of New York said: "I once knew a San Francisco man who married a girl for her money. She was not a pretty girl, and as time passed and love cooled she developed a rather tart tongue. "One day her husband bought with his quarter's allowance a twenty horsepower automobile. He took the car home gayly and brought his wife out to the front door to look at it. She gave it one sneering glance and then said: "It's very nice, but if it hadn't been for my money it wouldn't be here."

Praised by Roosevelt.

The bravery of Lieutenant Colonel Ayres of the United States army, whose wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Fairfax Ayres, has incurred the displeasure of officers of the Eighth cavalry, is unquestioned. President Roosevelt and Lieutenant Colonel Ayres were in the Cuban campaign together. The president was lieutenant colonel of the rough riders. One day the Tenth cavalry became involved in a skirmish, and Lieutenant Colonel Ayres, who was in command, distinguished himself for bravery. Colonel Roosevelt rode to his side when the smoke of battle had cleared away and, after saluting, exclaimed: "Sir, I would like to be a private in your troops."—St. Louis Republic.

Foe of Subpoena Servers.

John D. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, is a difficult proposition for process servers when he desires to remain in seclusion. United States Marshal Henkel of the New York district, who has subpoenaed Mr. Rockefeller, often than any other living man, said recently: "When Mr. Rockefeller has nothing to say he does not try to evade service of subpoenas, but tells me to serve them upon his attorney. But when he does not want to testify he lets me find him—and I don't find him."



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

most of his life has been spent in Ohio. He received a common school education and at nineteen was a partner in a Cleveland commission house. In 1865 he engaged in the oil business. Physically Mr. Rockefeller is far from a weakling. Above medium height and with a good pair of shoulders, he is stronger than most men of his years. The loss of his hair some time ago gave him a peculiar appearance, but that defect has been overcome by a wig. Mr. Rockefeller has always been a man of mystery even to business associates.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The King's X.

Every boy or girl who ever played a game of tag knows what it means when some one during the game calls out: "Fen tagging me. I have my fingers crossed." It means, of course, that it's not fair to tag the player who says this and that he's perfectly safe to do as he pleases.

Although we all know what this means, I wonder how many have heard the origin of the quaint custom. Years and years ago, in the times when men wore heavy iron clothes and iron pots for hats, and people like Robin Hood really lived outside of story books, men were wild and lawless. Education was sadly neglected, and about the only thing that men really knew well was how to fight and to defend their rights.

The poor stood little chance of justice, for the law courts were few and far between and seldom fair, and so by some of the higher class people, who had learned to know some law and order, places of refuge were provided for the persecuted poor. These sanctuaries were sometimes in the churches or perhaps in the king's own house. They were called the "king's cross" or the "king's X," and it is from these that the boys and girls of today get the idea of making a cross with their fingers as a sign of safety.—Washington Star.

New Version of Old Game.

A pretty flower game for children is a version of London-bridge. Two children clasp hands, holding them in the form of an arch as in the older game. Under this arch the rest of the party pass, the two children forming it singing meanwhile:

We're looking for a daisy, a daisy, a daisy.
We're looking for a daisy.

So singing they capture some child and add him or her to their lines, the prisoner choosing his captain as in London-bridge.

The song remains the same, but the name of the flower is changed after each capture. As the tug of war is considered rather strenuous for a company including little girls, dancing in a ring would be much better. The smaller ring dances inside of the larger one when all the flowers have been found.

Words Ending in O.

The best spellers among the boys and girls may be pardoned if they are sometimes in doubt whether to add e or simply o, when pluralizing a noun or simply o. There is a simple rule that governs such cases, however, and if they would remember that the doubt would be removed. English nouns ending in o preceded by a consonant take e in the plural, but those ending in o preceded by a vowel, take a only. Echo, motto and potato will serve as examples of the first, the plurals of which are echoes, mottoes and potatoes. Folio and cameo are examples of the second, the plurals of which are folios and cameos. The words solo, junto and canto and a few others have not been fully anglicized, and they take s only in the plural. Another exception is the word two, which is usually pluralized as twos, though some authorities prefer twoes.

Throwing the Heart.

Place an ordinary scrap basket in the center of the floor, divide the guests into two sides and give each side the same number of hearts cut out of cardboard, but of a different color for each side.

Let the opposing sides take turns at trying to throw the cards into the basket from a given distance. The side getting the greater number of hearts into the basket will be the winner. This sounds easy, but it is surprising to see how readily the hearts land anywhere but in the basket. A booby prize might be given to the individual who failed to get one heart in the desired haven.

Origin of the Word Pontiff.

A word with a queer origin is "pontiff," a high priest, the real meaning of which is "bridge maker." It comes from the Latin word "pontifex," which is made up of pons, a bridge, and factio, to make. The name was given by the Romans to their chief priest, because the first bridge over the Tiber was built by him. You will find that the second definition of the adjective "pontifical" is given by the dictionaries as "pertaining to the building of bridges."

About the Dead Sea.

The Dead sea is forty-five miles long and from five to nine miles wide. Its depth is from three to sixteen feet. Its surface is 1,308 feet below sea level.

Nature's Playmates.

There's a rich little lassie that people call poor.
But her playthings are plenty, her dolls are a score,
For they grow on the bushes, they spring from the ground,
And their dresses are dock leaves with grass stalks bound.
They fall from the pine trees, and they glisten with dew;
Like bright rainbows, they're colored with every hue.
For a garden-grows thickly right up to the door,
Of this rich little lassie that people call poor.
She has pebbles to build a white castle so strong,
Flower people to fill it, a wonderful throng!
Happy child! She has only to choose from her store,
This rich little lassie that people call poor!

Rolling Rocking Chair.

To instantly change a rocking chair into a wheeling or invalid chair is made possible by the recent invention of a California man. An ordinary rocker is employed, a pair of rubber tired wheels being journaled close to

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Home Hints.

The continual wearing of gloves at night causes the hands to assume a yellowish tinge. An occasional wearing is all right.

Large pores on the nose and chin may be reduced by applying several times a day a lotion made of lemon juice and glycerin or one of alum and water.

After using borax and rosewater for the removal of tan and freckles a little cold cream should be applied, as borax makes the skin dry.

A cure for hiccoughs is to inhale as much air as the lungs will hold and retain it as long as possible. If one inhalation is not enough, repeat as often as necessary.

A simple mixture of equal parts of lemon juice, honey and cologne is an excellent lotion for whitening the hands if they are abnormally red. Apply at night, rubbing well into the skin.

Bran Water For Cleaning.

Few people know the value of bran water for household use. For cleaning woodwork, and particularly paint, it is invaluable, for not only does it remove all dirt, but it also leaves the paint in as good condition as new, as it does not affect the varnish or finish, as does an alkali. Colored goods, prints, etc., which under ordinary conditions fade in washing, will never lose their color or newness if washed in bran water. In washing the hair it will be found a thorough scalp cleanser, and the hair will retain its natural color and appear glossy. The water is easily prepared. Fill an ordinary salt bag with bran, place it in a pall or other receptacle, then pour hot water over same, and it is ready for use. The hands never suffer from the use of this water. On the contrary, they are softened and whitened.

Raspberry Shrub.

Of all summer drinks this one is most considered: To eight quarts of berries allow one pint of acetic acid and four quarts of water. Put all the ingredients into a stone jar and allow to stand for forty-eight hours, stirring occasionally. For each pint of juice add a pound of sugar. Boil for fifteen minutes and bottle while hot. Pound the corks in tightly, cut close to the bottle and dip in hot wax to seal.

Rolling Rocking Chair.

To instantly change a rocking chair into a wheeling or invalid chair is made possible by the recent invention of a California man. An ordinary rocker is employed, a pair of rubber tired wheels being journaled close to

the center of the rockers. When the device is used as a wheeling chair, a rod attached to the framework is hooked to the axle of the wheels. To transform to a rocking chair the lever is released and the end hooked to the framework. Those who are intrusted with the care of invalids will instantly appreciate the usefulness of this combined chair. The invalid will also recognize the advantage of this simple device.

Preparing Salsify.

Women waste time in scraping the outside skin off salsify or oyster plants, besides discoloring their hands. Wash plants clean and boil whole in salted water until tender. Then plunge in



water for a moment, when skins will slip off as easily as from young beets. Slice and add to hot cream and butter, with a slight thickening of flour if desired.

Substitute For Corkscrew.
If you have no corkscrew handy take a cotton screw and tie a string around it. Now screw it into your cork and pull it out with the string. Or take two forks and stick into the cork on opposite sides of each other, not too near each other nor too near the edge. Then pass the blade of a knife through the forks and give a quick twist.

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