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A Unique Method of Holding One's Own Against a Crowd of Assaultants—A Description of an Encounter Between Two Experts, with Instantaneous Photographs.

Professor Tronchet, of the San Francisco Fencing Club, who was formerly an instructor of fencing and is savate in the French army, consented to give an exhibition of the latter sport for the benefit of a San Fran-

ancing the knees are kept well bent, the savior maintaining a crouching attitude. The two men took their position with the left hand and foot forward. Professor Tronchet immediately commenced operations by feint at a lead with the left, but instead his right foot flew forward and landed on Anot's left shin. This blow, if well delivered with an ordinary walking shoe, will break the tibia or fracture the leg.

After the touch had been acknowledged, the men again assumed their positions. Anot feinted with his left hand and then brought his right foot forward as if to land a

blow on his adversary's shin. Professor Tronchet parried by bending the knee, but quick as a flash his opponent pivoted on his left foot and kicked the professor in the stomach with the bottom of his right.

A DANGEROUS KICK. After the touche Tronchet made a left hand lead for Anot's face, but the latter threw up his left elbow to catch the blow, at the same time planting the toe of his slipper directly on the professor's belt. This blow is one seldom given in practice, as it is very dangerous on account of the difficulty in gauging the force of the kick and the movements of the opponent, but it is most effective in a street fight.

In the next bout Anot attempted a lead with his left hand, but instead of countering as a boxer would, Tronchet planted his toe with the greatest precision over his opponent's heart.

PARRIED WITH THE KNEE. Professor Tronchet then made another left hand feint, but instead of kicking Anot on the shin or swinging his right fist for a knockout, he swung his right foot directly for his opponent's chin, but it was cleverly parried with the left wrist and the professor received a kick on the belt.

Immediately upon taking their positions for the next bout Tronchet made a change of guard, throwing his right foot and hand to the front. When Anot attempted to change likewise his forward movement was stopped by the side of Tronchet's knee being placed squarely on his throat.

After sparring for a moment Tronchet sprang forward quick as a flash, and throwing Anot's arms aside, tucked him squarely in the abdomen. Anot didn't have breath enough left him to breathe, but he acknowledged that he had been touched by sitting down suddenly and forcibly. Upon recovering himself he attempted to retaliate, but Tronchet's right knee flew up and caught Anot squarely on the forehead.

CAUGHT BY THE ANKLE. On taking their positions again Tronchet aimed a straight blow at his opponent's chin, but it fell short by an inch, and Anot grasped his ankle with both hands. It looked as if Tronchet must fall to the ground at the mercy of his opponent, but like a flash he turned and landed on his hands. Before Anot could take advantage of the professor's position and kick him in the stomach, Tronchet's right leg shot out and landed first on his opponent's chin and then on his belt. Anot let go of the professor's foot.

When they squared off again Anot sprang

agony into the air. Out went both feet, his stiff! they landed, one on Tronchet's stomach, the other squarely between his eyes. But not to be outdone, the professor feinted with his left hand and sprang into the air, at the same time landing both heels simultaneously upon Anot's chest.

A VALUABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT. Every blow during the whole exhibition was delivered with the greatest precision, and at the same time nearly every one was as light as the pat of a child. The accuracy in gauging the distance of an opponent was remarkable, evincing a keen eye for distance. "I once saw a man attempt to shoot one of the best Parisian savateurs, but almost as soon as his pistol was out of his pocket it was sent whirling in the air by a kick on the

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How can a man propose to a girl who sits straight up in her chair staring hard at him with a pair of bright eyes? But when she is bending gracefully over a bit of plain or fancy sewing, apparently absorbed in counting the stitches, and the arrows of her eyes are sheathed for a few minutes, he plucks up courage enough to offer her his heart and hand.

The average young man is helpful in such affairs, though bold enough at other times, and needs encouragement and opportunity. What sort of encouragement is a pair of bright eyes staring into his, watching his embarrassment? Listen to the advice of an old man who has been through it: "Drop your eyes and give the young man a chance. Remember this, girls, when the favorite young man drops in to make an evening visit; get out your bit of fancy work and look domestic, and with every stitch of your needle you will bind his heart more firmly to your own."

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