

HAVING GOT RID OF TY COBB, THE YANKEES ARE NOW TRYING TO LICK TRIS SPEAKER

EX-CHAMPIONS INSIST ON STICKING TO GAME AND NOW KID WILLIAMS AWAITS CHANCE TO REGAIN TITLE

Come-backs of Most Champions Are Failures, but Baltimore Boy Insists He Can Take Measure of Pete Kid Herman, Even in Six Rounds

KID WILLIAMS, dethroned king of the bantams, is toiling hard every day for his six-round bout with Pete Herman, his conqueror, before the Olympia A. A. next Wednesday night.

It's funny how ex-champions persist in sticking to the game after they have been counted out or otherwise beaten by an opponent.

WITH Williams, however, conditions are changed. He doesn't seem to have gone back any and those who have seen Herman in action believe that the former champion is the better man.

Won the Championship From Johnny Coulon in 1914

BEFORE winning the title from Coulon, Williams met and defeated two of the foremost bantams in the world. It was necessary for him to prove that he had a right to meet the title holder, and the toughest opponents were picked out for him.

The fight was held on June 9, 1914, and Williams won in the third round. Since that time the Kid has met all of the leading bantams and featherweights in the country and emerged with a long string of victories.

The bout to be held here calls for the men to weigh 115 pounds ringside. If either boxer weighs more than that—even a fraction of a pound—the other will collect the forfeit and has the privilege of calling off the bout.

THE forfeit clause carries a provision which prevents either boxer from appearing in boxing shows held in Philadelphia until after June 13.

Kilbane Ready to Meet Benny Leonard at 133 Pounds Ringside

BENNY LEONARD is about to be annoyed by a persistent challenger, Johnny Kilbane, king of the featherweights, has donned the war paint, unsheathed his tomahawk and started out on the trail of the most recent boss of the lightweights.

"Kilbane's recent victory over Welsh was a big factor in the loss of Freddy's title. My theory is that Kilbane trimmed Welsh just enough to make him easy pickings for Leonard.

"I am not attempting to take away from Leonard any of the credit he so rightfully deserves in his victory over Welsh, but I am confident Kilbane is the master of the new champion, and I am not alone in that opinion.

"I CAME east for the express purpose of signing the winner of the Leonard-Welsh bout to meet Kilbane. Leonard's decisive and spectacular victory in acquiring the title does not alter our plans in the least.

EDDIE CICOTTE'S New Ball Discovery of the Season

SINCE Russ Ford's famous emery ball that broke both ways has been taboo, occasional report has arisen of other freak deliveries that caused batsmen to worry.

Cy Falkenberg is credited with being able to make a ball take queer movements by means of the use of licorice, but it is Cicotte's "shine ball" that is the big noise just now.

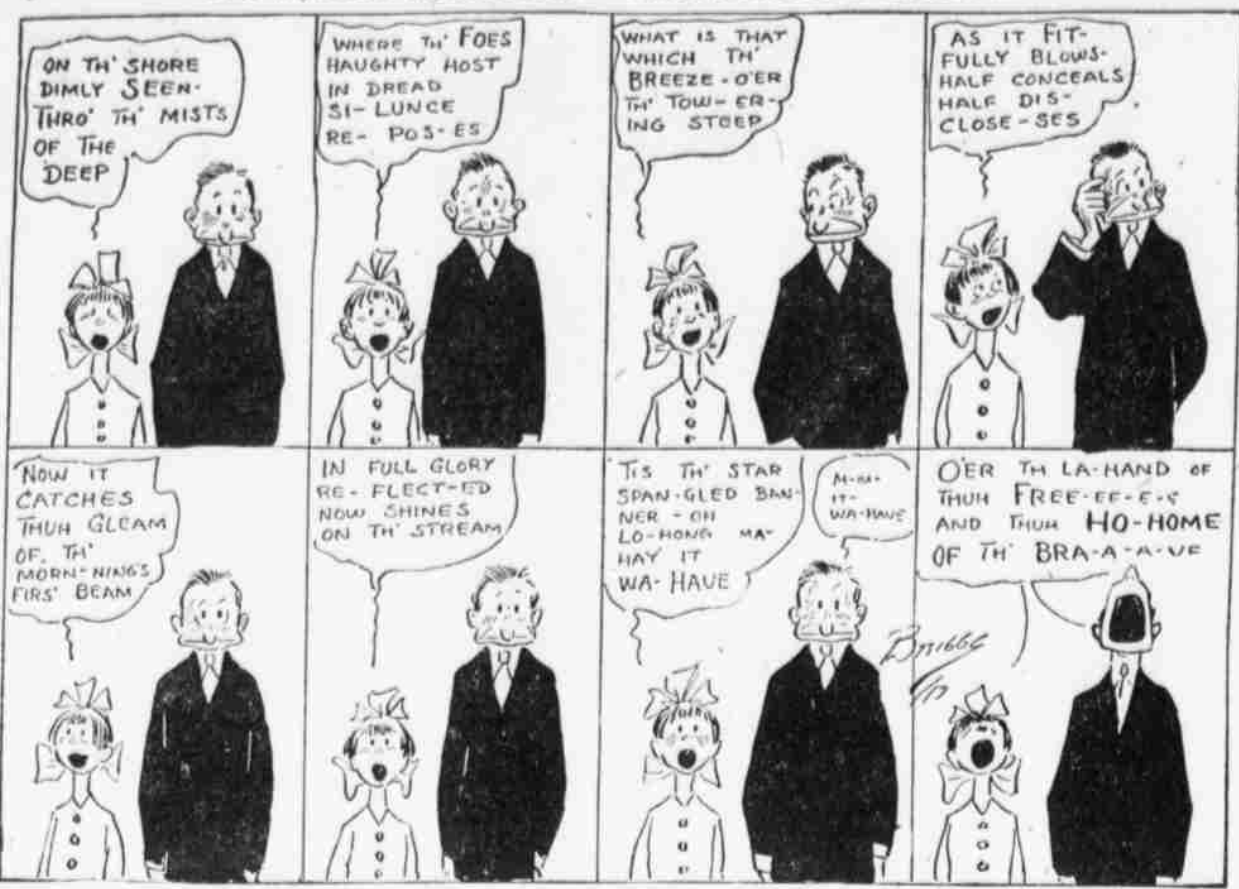
Cicotte's new stunt, which is technically O. K., having already been ruled on by Ban Johnson, is merely an adaptation of the spitter.

UMPIRE BILL EVANS is a keen critic of the fine points of the game and he has made a study of Cicotte's new delivery. He says that it is worked on exactly the opposite principle from the emery ball, and describes its operation and effect as follows:

Rubs Ball Until It Is White and Smooth

CICOTTE is working on a theory exactly opposite to the emery ball," explains Evans. "He wets a spot on his uniform and on this he rubs a ball until one side is very white and smooth. The other is rough and soiled.

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Baseball League Race Is a Close One and Teams Evenly Matched

S. & C. TO MEET MARINES

"Never in the history of the Main Line League has such interest been shown or the fight teams been more evenly matched" was the assertion of Frederick L. Rose, president of that organization today.

We decided to split the season's games for numerous reasons. Of course, it was agreed on with an idea of adding impetus to the race, which it has already done.

Inexperienced Players Will Have Better Chance, Can Enjoy Practice and Club Privileges During Meets and Make Contribution to Red Cross

By PAUL GIBBONS

KEEN followers of tennis are curious to know whether the various sanctioned patriotic tournaments will be uniform successes or are doomed to fall through lack of interest.

Then, too, there is another feature, and a most attractive one, attached to playing in the tournaments, it being the new acquaintances made thereby. It would be impossible to get to know so many desirable persons so rapidly and so well in any other manner.

Novice Player Welcomed

Those who may feel that they do not play well enough to enter the tournaments and who heretofore have not done so will be particularly welcome.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

TWENTY thou' is a large chunk of lucre, and if a purse of that denomination proves large enough for Billy Gibson to adjust his signature to a contract, Charley White, from out Chivalry, will beat Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion and lightest weight sensation, to a whack at Benny Leonard's newly polished crown.

Johnny Dundee and Joe Walling meet in New York tonight. Promoter J. J. Johnston is quoted as saying that Leonard will meet the winner.

Jack Saxton, New York bantam, has a good youngster looking like future champion.

BASEBALL TODAY SHIBE PARK Athletics vs. St. Louis

SPECIAL—50-MILE MOTOR-PACED RACE

OBITUARY Note

It has been reported from Boston that Fred Fulton, the President, Plasterer from title, who once applied to Jess Willard's club courts for several days previous to the opening of the tournament, and even though he should be put out in the first round, he may continue to use the courts for practice matches with others who have met a like fate throughout the tournament.

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BROADWAY A. C. TONIGHT

QUEER ANGLES THERE BE TO THIS HECTIC SWATTING DUEL BETWEEN TYRUS COBB AND TRISTAM SPEAKER

After Trailing Younger Rival Seven Seasons, Texan Slugger Conquers Georgia Peach at Age When the Average Ballplayer Is Done For

By GRANTLAND RICE Thoughts of a Halfback Going to War (More football men than any other class have gone in, and it is generally agreed that football is the best training for war.)

The game is the same, I know, in any sane degree; The rules are slightly altered In the good old college game;

We've been taught to take what's coming In the good old college game; To spill our gore in plenty As they stamped along our frame;

THE duel between Tris Speaker and Ty Cobb presents one bizarre angle that few have ever considered.

One writer has even gone so far as to say that age is beginning to tell on Ty, and that "the younger Speaker has overhauled the veteran at last."

The intimate details are somewhat different. In place of being young, Speaker is three years older than Ty, or nearly so, and it has therefore been the older man who overhauled the younger.

While Cobb is younger than Speaker, he had served three years under the Main Tent before Tris broke in. Ty entered major league service at eighteen, whereas Tris was twenty-five before he donned the harness of big league service.

But two years after this landmark the irrepressible Tris suddenly absorbs a new grip on youth, and after trailing for seven campaigns dashes on past his main rival and holds that advantage for eight months' actual combat, embracing 180 games.

Speaker has always been a great ball player—one of the greatest. But he upset tradition and the pop-eyed dope by delaying his drive to the main peak at the age of thirty-three and holding it at thirty-four.

Speaker—It's Pre-sterious!

Sir—There must be something queer about Benny Leonard, the new lightweight champ. He is willing to fight, he is ready to make the weight, and he is going to win. I can't make it out.

In re-editing the list of famous veterans one should overlook the red dome of Leon K. Ames. Red was a budding young star thirteen years ago; four years ago he was figured through; and here today he is outpunching most of the good ones, old or young.

"Golfers," says an exchange, "should be put to work on farms with heavy spades. Why take away their niblicks, which can tear up more earth than a hoe, spade, plow

Acquires Al Dick for \$20,000 Harvester Bought by Kuhn at Fancy Figure

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