

ROUND THE SPORTING WORLD

FITZ' REMARKABLE BACK

Great Muscular Development Makes the Man Seem Deformed.

HITS A TREMENDOUS BLOW

Big Shoulders, Back and Shoulder Blades Give Him His Awful Punching Power--Secret of His Success in the Ring.

One blow from Fitzsimmons' fist knocked Maher out and made Fitzsimmons the champion pugilist of the world. One blow from this same fist knocked out Jim Hall at New Orleans...

LIKE A MULE KICK

When Fitzsimmons' fist strikes it lands with the force of a mule's hind leg. The muscles which grow over and under and about those huge shoulder blades are worked with a giant lever of bone.

It doesn't matter how clever a pugilist Corbett may be or how much more superior he is as a boxer, he would never stand up for more than one blow from the fist of the new champion.

CORBETT'S SULLIVAN

Far bigger men than Fitzsimmons hit Sullivan in fights during his palmy days, but he was seldom knocked down, and never actually knocked senseless.

When Jim Hall fought Fitzsimmons at New Orleans, a few years ago, he was considered, and, in fact, was pronounced by Corbett to be the best fighter living, barring the champion himself.

FITZ IS SENSITIVE

Fitz is somewhat sensitive on the subject of his big shoulders, as they give him the appearance of being round shouldered or slightly deformed.

Another instance of the tremendous power which emanates from Fitz's back and shoulder through his fist was the fatal termination of a blow he landed on his sparring partner in a Syracuse theater over a year ago.

Some stage imitators of Fitzsimmons, who go about the country giving imitations of the famous blows of famous boxers, have characterized his knock-out swinging blow as "sure death."

Fitzsimmons himself admits he has several other blows "up his sleeve" which are almost as fatal to an adversary as the "sure death" but he has never been called upon to use them to win a fight.

Fitz's chest is nearly as well developed as his back, and it would be hard to find a man of his height who is worthy of comparison with the new champion in this respect. The big long and low shoulder blades of the champion are the pride of his brother-in-law and manager, Martin Julian, and his trainers.

EDGAR MURPHY WON.

He defeated George Work in a 200 Bird

By a lead of two birds only, in a match at 200 pigeons a side, Edward Murphy, at the Westminster Kennel club's traps, at Babylon, has once more defeated the crack "cove" wing shot, George Work. Murphy is well-known in Scranton. It is four years since these two men met in a match at a like number of birds, and on the occasion also the Larchmont clubman came out victorious with 177 killed, against Work's 172 grassed.

STILL LIKE ZIMMERY.

Australian Enthusiasts Claim the American a Very Sick Man.

The Australians themselves do not believe that Zimmerman was vanquished by real superiority in the race in which he was defeated while on his recent trip to that country. The Australian cyclist says, in speaking of the defeat:

"After Walker had beaten Zimmerman, Harris walked up to the winning post, with his usual smiling face and knowing look. The little champion had his hands deep in his pockets, and he seemed much amused at the excitement the defeat of Zimmerman had created. 'What do you think of it, Mr. Harris?' we said. 'What do you think of it?' was the answer. We confessed that we did not know what to think of it. We felt a pride at seeing our own

BASE BALL OF LONG AGO

Yarns Spun by Some of the Old-Time Magnates.

TRICKED BY PALMER O'NEILL

How He Succeeded in Selling Sunday to Colonel Rogers--The Great Eye of Empire Billy McLean Was a Corker.

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BASE BALL GOSSIP.

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The Reward of Devotion.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

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Advertisement for Remington Cycles. Features text: 'Our Wheels Are Sold on Their Merits and Are Fully Guaranteed. They Always Give Satisfaction.' Includes images of a bicycle and a hand pointing to the text. Contact info: Foote & Shear Co., 119 Washington Avenue.

Advertisement for Spalding Bicycle. Text: 'We Carry the Only Complete Stock of... IN THE CITY.' Includes image of a Spalding bicycle. Contact info: C. M. Florey, 222 Wyoming Avenue.

Large advertisement for Bittenbender & Co. Text: 'And Control the Leading Makes of the Country, as You Will Note by the Following List: STEARNS, SYRACUSE, BARNES, FALCON, PEERLESS, FENTON, AMERICA.' Includes images of various bicycles. Contact info: Bittenbender & Co., Temple Court Building, Spruce Street.