THE SPORTING

Great Muscular Development Makes the Man Seem Deformed.

HITS A TREMENDOUS BLOW

Big Shoulders, Buck and Shoulder Blade Give Lim His Awful Punching Power-Secret of His Success in the Ring.

One blow from Fitzsimmons' fist knocked Maher out and made Fitzsim-mons the champion puglist of the world. One blow from this same fist knocked out Jim Hall at New Orleans. One blow from Fitzsimmons' same fist knocked his sparring partner, Riordan.

knocked his sparring partner, Rordan, dead at Syracuse a year ago. The man never recovered consciousness. One blow from this awful fist will knock senseless any man or animal that ever lived. One blow from this Fitzsimmons' fist will crush the skull of any ordinary man or beast. What is the secret of this extraordinary fist of Fitzsimmons? What is the mystery of this human battering ram? The explanation is a physiological one—the planation is a physiological one—the secret of Fitzsimmons' anoexout blow is the enormous shoulder power. For Fitzsimmons has the largest and long-est shoulder blades, probably, of any

LIKE A MULE KICK.

When Fitzsimmona' 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 is in these large shoulder blades that the great power conanates which so suddenly has won him the fame and title he now pos-

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 list of the new champion. And still there are a multitude of peo-And still there are a multitude of people who say that every fight that the Australian blacksmith has won in this country was won by a chance blow. If these doubting Thomases will study a picture of Fitzsimmons' abnormally developed back and shoulder blades and notice how far down the latter extend, they will no doubt see that there is a wonderfully well developed territory to supply the force when he swings his long and rather slender arm with a big, hard, bony fist at its end.

When that arm and fist are swung with the tremendous and perfectly de-veloped muscular strength behind it, the object on which it lands is almost as sure to go down and become senseless as the sun is daily to disappear.

CORRETT-SULJAVAN. Far bigger men than Fitzsimmone have hit Sullivan in fights during his palmy days, but he was seldom knocked down, and never actually knocked genseless. Corbett hammered at him for over twenty rounds when he was in a physical condition totally unfit to light, but he didn't beat him down with any such neathess and dispatch as Fitzsimmons did Maher, a younger, stronger and better trained fighter than Sullivan was during his battle

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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 lighter living, barring the champion himself. The betting, just previous to the battle, showed Hall to be the superior man, according to the views of the public. Yet after fiddling away. the public. Yet after fiddling away three or four rounds without fighting much, Fitzsimmons swung that big right flat and landed it on Hall's jaw. This blow, as recently described by an eye witness of it, was of sufficient force

) have felled an ox. Nearly ten minutes clapsed after Hall eccived this terrible swinging blow be-fore he recovered his senses, and for a short time many of the onlookers feared that he might have been fatally in-

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. As weakness generally accompanies de-formity, Fitz need have no lear of ever being accused by any of his adversaries of the latter affliction.

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 Syra-cuse theater over a year ago. Some stage imitators of Fitzsimmons.

who go about the country giving imitawho so about the country giving innu-tions of the famous blows of famous boxers, have characterized his knock-out swinging blow as "sure death." Fitzsimmons himself admits the 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. One of them is a vicious under jab on the point of the jaw which he thinks will take all the fight out of the person it lands on.

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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 Inline and his train. manager, Martin Julian, and his train-ers. When the services of these at-taches are required they pay particular attention to administering friction to Fitz's back, which is in reality all shoulders. Fitz seldom speaks of backs except when he objects to some of the pranks of his lion, Nero, and threatens to break the brute's back with one of his famous swings.

EDGAR MURPHY WON.

He Defeated George Work in a 200 Bird

Motch. 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 Cateret 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 that occasion also the Larchmont clubman came out victorious with 177 killed, against

The weather conditions were such that, though defeated, Mr. Work is fairly entitled to look upon the result as inconclusive. Worse weather for the purpose is barely possible, unless, per-haps, the match had been shot off in a blizzard or a dense fog.

STILL LIKE ZIMMY.

Australian Enthusiasts Claim the Ameri

can a Very Sick Man. The Australians themselves do not believe that Zimmerman was van-quished by real superiority in the races in which he was defeated while on his recent trip to that country. The Aus-tralian Cyclist says, in speaking of the defeats:

defeats: "After Walker had beaten Zimmer-"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 dug deep into 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 it. We felt a pride at seeing our own

men lick the Yankee flyer in a fair and square race, but did not say so. Harris gave a turn on his heel, and with one of his eyes half closed, said knowingly: "That isn't Zim that was racing." Who is it then?" we said. 'Not him at any rate. I wouldn't know him,' "Well, who is it?" it's Zim's shadow, that's who it is. He's riding rotten; and I never saw such a change in a man."

Wilkes Barre Is Fasy.

A couple of "dead smooth marks" sprinted away with \$1,500 of Wilkes-Barre money the other day. One of these sprinters "came to town" with a these sprinters came to town with a hayseed "make-up" and showed the Wilkes-Barre sports how he could knock off 100 Yards in 1042, which he really did. His "pai" arrived a few days later, and the "double cross" was worked to perfection. It is seldom in late years that you hear of the sprint-ing "double cross" trick being turned. even in the most provincial of balli-wicks. The people are getting too wise, and that "horse on" the Wilkes-Barre sports doesn't speak highly for their smoothness as sports. Sprinters of the caliber of Harry Bethune and Jimmy Ryan, who could go out and win a \$1. 500 or \$2,000 trick twice a month, about ten years ago, are lucky in these days if they get "three squares" a day.

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

Toronto has signed a catcher, a brother of George Carey, the Star first baseman.

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Syracuse will play practice games with Atlantic and Pennsylvania league clubs, the piayers, to the number of eighteen, meeting Kuntzsch at New York April 5.

The Philadelphia club has given Catcher Buckley his unconditional release. It was thought best to make his announcement at the present time in order that he could secure any openig that may exist in the National league. Buckley will be busy coaching the youngsters at the University of Pennsylvania until April 1.

The players up to date which practically complete the Buffalo team, with the possible selecting of one more player, are as follows: Pitchers, Wadsworth, Henderson, Swartzell, Gannon and Gaffney; catchers, Urguhart and Alex, Smith; first base, Jimmy Fields; second base, Sam Wise; third base, W. Greminger; short stop, Leewe; outfielders, Clymer, Bottenus, Stable and Goodenough; substitutes, Rubland and Ritchie, Wadsworth and Clymer have not yet signed.

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"Pipe stories" seem to grow in virulence as the opening of the season approaches. The latest draw from the orangewood had offered \$10,000 just for the priviege of enjoying the society of Theodore Breitensich the coming season. Colonel John I. Rogers gave, to use a current colloquialism, the story an "fee hetze" haugh. "Time was," gald the colonel, "but not now. With our pitchers in shape-Taylor, Carsey, Orth and the resI-daptain Nash does not see the necessity of making additions to our staff."

WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL.

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Mayor Wurster will open the Brooklyn Cycle show on March 9.

Tae total membership of the League of American Wheelmen is 40,989.

Attorney J. W. Oakford has purchased a handsome Columbia Tandem.

11. C. Wallace, of Connolly & Wallace, is riding a new Yletor about the city.

A great many new patent saddles of all shapes and sizes are displayed this season.

ride for the Barnes Cycle company of Syracuse this season. Bald was employed by the Pope Manufacturing company ias:

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The Green Ridge Wheelmen will nominate officers to be elected at the April meeting next Tuesday evening. A lively meeting is anticipated, there being several tickets in the field.

The colored bicyclists of the east and west are corresponding with a view of forming one big organization for colored men's interest. The organization will have rules similar to those of the League of American Wheelmen.

John B. Courser, of last season's Sermiting the University of Pearsylvania. Courser has been chosen as one of the flyers to represent the athletic association of that institution on the bleyde track this season. His many Scranton friends wish him a long strug of victories.

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Ed. Bittenhender, sales agent for Bittenhender & Co., completed an extensive trip through the northeastern part of the state in the interest of the Stearns and Falcon wheels on Wednesday, Bittenhender & Co. have the agency for these makes for northeastern Pennsylvania, excepting Lazerne county. While away Ed. placed several sub-agencies.

Washington college, of Chestertown, Md. and State college sent word to Philadelphia Wednesday that they would enter teams in Pennsylvania's relay races at Franklin Field on April 25. Fifteen colleges have now accepted. In the championship race Harvard, Pennsylvania and Georgeiown will run, with the possibility of Yale and Princeton coming in, Myles Gibbons, of this city, is the business manager of the University of Pennsylvania Cymnastic chub, which will soon give an exhibition here for the benefit of the Scranton Bicycle club, Myles is gaining lauries continually as a trick bicycle rider, and if he continues to improve in the future as rapidly as in the past, will some day equal the fareous Maliby.

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The much-talked-of minstrel show to be given some time in the near future by the Green Ridge Wheelmen is now a "surething," Professor Lindsay has been engaged as conductor. The boys are all working hard, two rehearsts airoady having been held. There is an abundance of good material in the club, and under the able direction of Professor Lindsay will no doubt be fully brought out.

NOTES OF THE TURF.

Byron McCleiland and W. M. Wallace will send all their horses in training to Louisville about March 12.
Chateau, the horse belonging to the Eugeman stable, broke down while being exercised at the Brighton Beach track on Tuesday.
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James Furlong, of Philadelphia, who has purchased the horses of the Dixle stable, formerly trained by Arthur Worley, will ship them this week to Sportsman park, St. Louis. The lot consists of Pagin, Tancred, Romeo, Pomono, Belle, Siberia, Valkyrie, Charma, Milton II, Tiny Tim, Renard and Jo Jap.

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 Umpire Billy McLean Was a Corker.

mous in the base ball world as the leader of the Pittsburg National league team, which lost over 100 games, was in team, which lost over 100 games, was in town recently, says the New York Sun, and entertained a number of cranks with stories of the Brotherhood war.

"One day," he said, "the Pittsburgs arrived in Philadelphia with only five players. That's all we could bring on account of a lack of railroad tickets. When we had put up at a cheap hotel, I hustied out and picked up some local semi-professionals to help us out. Among the latter was 'Peek-a-Boo' Veach, the first baseman. We went out to the grounds and found a big crowd there. Before the game I tried to sell the release of Billy Sunday to Colonel Rogers, but the latter couldn't see it. Then I bought a big basket of flowers and walted for developments.

SUNDAY AT THE BAT.

SUNDAY AT THE BAT. "We played a great game, and Veach hammered the ball all over the lot. When Sunday came to the bat in the lifth inning. I rushed a man out to the plate with the busket of flowers. The crowd applauded moderately, but went crowd applauded moderately, but went wild when Sunday carried the flowers over to poor Harry Wright and made him a present of them. That convinced Colonel Rogers that Sunday was a favorite in Philadelphia, and he quickly offered to give me \$1,000 for his release. Did I grab it? Well, I guess so, and we all smoked perfecto cigars that evening. The best joke of all was, though, that we won the game, and when we finally left Quakerville for New York, I had money to burn. It was a great year for empty pockets, but we were just as happy as the Brotherhood people." Arthur Irwin, manager of the New Yorks, tells a funny store about the veteran league umpire, Billy McLean. veteran league umpire, Billy McLean. "The players were constantly kicking on McLean's decisions," said Irwin the

other day, "and finally persisted in telling him that he was growing old and consequently near sighted. This so nettled McLean that he used to sit alone in the hotel after a game and brood. He was simply heartbroken. M'LEAN GOT EVEN.

"One morning, however, a happy thought struck him. He got up at sunrise and walked a mile down the street to a place where there was a sign reading: "Carpenter and builder." Then he hurried back to the hotel and waited for the players to come down to breakfast. When they were lounging about the front door of the hotel McLean suddenly approached a group and ex-

A great hand sizes are displayed this season.

There is talk of building a first-class bicycle track at the Berkeley Oval. Such a track is needed.

The New York Division of the League of American Wheelmen enrolled ES new members last week.

"Tom" Cooper, who gained quite a reputation last year on the wheel, will race this season as a professional.

The Scranton Bleycle club will entertain their friends at a smoker in the club house on Friday evenig next.

M. T. Keller, the carriage manufacturer, is handling a line of wheels, Mr. Keller's son, Ben, is looking after the business.

Second hand wheels are not as saleable this season as heretofore on account of the good line of cheaper wheels which are being sold.

Eddle Babl, the one-mile champion, will read the sign over the door."
"Then McLean shaded his eyes with

his hands and said slowly, Carpenter and builder.' The gang roared, but were induced to walk a mile and find out how good Mac's eyes were. No-body tumbled until several days afterward, and then Mac's life was made

AMONG THE PUGS.

Young Griffo Intends to go to England. A Chicago writer says Corbett is as good as ever. He evidently means at talk-

ing.

Joe Goss has been matched to fight Frank Erne in New York the latter part of this month.

Manager Julian says that if Jack Ever-hardt defeats Horace Leeds he will take

him to England.

Fitz objects to the sobriquets of "Spin-dle Shanks," "Giraffe," "Kangaroo," and "Lanky Bob." He is sensitive about his

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Julian says: "Corbett must fight Slavin and Maher before I will maich Flizslimmons against him. Let him prove that he is a fighter and then we will give him a chance."

"Denver" Ed. Smith has received an offer of \$5,000 for a match between himself and Frank Slavin, before the Bolingbroke club of London. He has cabled his acceptance.

Elimer Haight, of Port Huron, Mich., defeated A. H. Gunn, of Chleago, in a 400-ball contest. Haight made a remarkable run of patting down sixty balls, which is claimed to be the world's record.

George Dixon and Jerry Marshall signed articles at the Police Gazette office to box fifteen rounds in Boston on March 17, under the auspices of the Prescott Athletic club. They have agreed to weigh 122 pounds.

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Some one has started the story that Fitzsimmons has an object in view in bringing up that flor cub of his in the way he is. The scheme is to evidently let the brute eat Jim Corbett, when Fitzsimmons's chase to the championship will be clear.

Santa Anita has been withdrawn from all the English handleaps except the Chester Cup, for which he is top weight, at 126 pounds. Of Mr. Croker's four entries to the rich Jubilee Stakes two were declared, leaving in Americus at 108 and Sir Excess at 108 pounds.

Steve O'Donnell was offered \$50 to box Bob Fitzsimmons four rounds at Madison Square garden Saturday night. O'Donnell said that he would meet Fitzsimmons in a six of ten-round bout before

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