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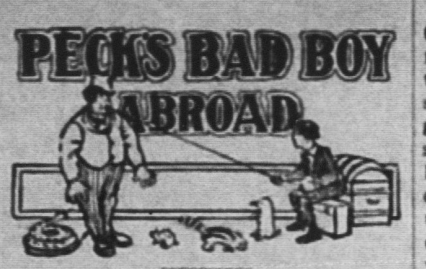
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PECK'S BAD BOY ABROAD

The Bad Boy Goes to Belgium—Dad Buys Fake Souvenirs at Waterloo—He Goes Swimming with King Leopold and the Bad Boy Ties Up Their Clothes.

BY HON. GEORGE W. PECK. Brussels, Belgium.—Dear Old Skate: "What is the matter with our going to Belgium?" said dad to me, as we were escaping from Germany.



AND BEGAN TO SELL THINGS TO DAD

could give the sultan of Turkey cards and spades and little casino in the harem game. "You will go along, won't you, bub?" and he gave my thumb another twist, and I said: "You bet your life, but I won't do a thing to you and Leopold before we get out of the Belgian hare belt," and so here we are, looking for trouble.

It is strange we never hear more about Belgium in America, but actually, I never heard of a Belgian settling in the United States.

Well, sir, this is the place where that ball took place, which is described in the peace I used to speak in school, but I never thought I would be here, right where the dancers got it in the neck.

Well, sir, of all the frauds we have run across on this trip the battlefield of Waterloo is the worst.

they dropped their work and made a rush for us, and one fellow yelled something in the Belgian language that sounded like, "I saw them first," and he got hold of dad and me, and the rest stood off like a lot of hack drivers that have seen a customer fall into the hands of another driver, and made up faces at us, and called the farmer who had caught us the vilest names.

He showed us from a high hill where the different portions of the battle were fought, and where they caught Napoleon Bonaparte, and where Blucher came up and made things hum in the German language, and then he took us off to his farm where the most of the relics were found, and began to sell things to dad, until he had filled the hind end of the wagon with bullets and grape shot, sabers and bayonets, old rusty rifles, and everything dad wanted, and we had enough to fill a museum, and when the farmer had got dad's money we went back to Brussels, and got our stuff unloaded at the hotel.

Dad kept one three-cornered hat that the farmer told him Bonaparte lost when his horse stumbled with him, and it had drifted under a barbed wire fence, where it had lain until the day before we visited the battlefield. Say, that hat is as good as new, and dad says it is worth all the stuff cost, but I would not be found dead wearing it, cause it is all out of style.

Well, sir, you'd a dide to see dad and Leopold make a rush for that swimming place. The king put his hand in the water, and said it was fine, and dad took off his clothes, and the king made a jump and went in all over, and came up with his eyes full of water, straggling because he did not hold his nose, and then dad made a leap and splashed the water like an elephant had fallen in, and there those two old men were in the lake, just like kids.



THE KING BEGAN TO PEEL HIS CLOTHES OFF.

He had a pond in the palace grounds, stocked with old fashioned fish, and every day he took off his shoes and rolled up his pants, and with nothing on but a shirt, and pants held up by one suspender of striped bed ticking, he went out in a boat and fished as he did when a boy, with a bent pin for a hook, and he was never so happy as when so engaged, and they could all have their grand functions and balls and dinners and Turkish baths, if they wanted them, but give him the old swimming hole.

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THE KING GAVE THE GRAND HAILING SIGN.

when the goats began to chew the clothes I took the dog and went back to the entrance of the park, and dad and the king swam back to where the clothes and the goats were, and when they drove the goats away and couldn't untie the knots, the king gave the grand hailing sign of distress, or something, and the guards of the palace and some cavalry came on the run, and the park seemed filled with an army, and I bid the dog good-by, and went back to the hotel alone, and waited for dad.

I asked him if the king was actually mad, and he said no, that he always enjoyed such things, and wanted dad and I to come the next day and go fishing with him, barefooted.

RUSSIANS LIVING HIGH.

Aristocrats of St. Petersburg Spend Much Time Over Pleasures of the Table.

War or no war, the aristocratic Russian pursues his pleasures with an abandonment that speaks of unlimited resources or unlimited recklessness.

He Got It. Boah—I knew a man once who had never met with a disappointment in his life.

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BOXING IS PRETTY WOMAN'S PASTIME

MISS HAYS IS NOT AFRAID OF A BRAUNY FIST.

DONS THE GLOVES DAILY

Physically She Is a Match for Jeffries and Puts Her Talents to Use—An Indiana Product.

In a New York woman's club at No. 137 West Forty-third street, Miss Catherine Hayes and a sparring master box at least six rounds every day.

Miss Hayes has proven herself more than a match for the average male athlete in a five-round bout. She weighs 264 pounds, not one pound of which is superfluous flesh, stands five feet 11 inches in her stockings and has never met any two women who were able to last in a five-round bout.

She excelled the others and soon her records were considered extraordinary. The sisters still marvel at her performances, the results of which are tables on the old walls.

Miss Hayes has put her knowledge of the art of boxing to good account. She was returning from Brighton Beach two years ago with her sister. They were the only passengers in the car, and as the conductor entered to men tried to stop the runaways by stringing across the street and waving their hands.

Reaching the top the horse hooped it across the cracking floor into the bedroom, where he seemed preparing to take a nap on the large double bed.

A week later he came to Presque Isle looking for Judge George H. Smith, whose reputation as a lover of pets is widely known.

A MAINE SHERIFF REPLEVINS A BEAR.

Thought It Rather an Unusual Piece of Professional Work to Be Asked of Him.

Bangor, Me.—Deputy Sheriff Mark Huson of Presque Isle had an unusual piece of professional work the other day.

Quick as a flash her fist shot straight for the ruffian's eye and he was reeling sprawling. After that he remained on the platform, sullen and silent; but looking for no more such punishment.

The club's instructor, who weighs 160 pounds, looks like a stripling when sparring with her. Even his clever footwork does not save him at times from the rushes of this woman.

When asked how she came to take up such strenuous exercise as a pastime Miss Hayes replied: "In school I was always active and my health was good.

On all sides are signs that point to the fact that New York women are beginning to realize the benefits of taking part in sports that were formerly considered as being distinctly within the province of men.

Lying-Down Dance. One of the attractions at the Palace theater, London, is a "dance" in which eight girls take part, lying flat on their backs and going through the motions of a dance with their feet.

HORSE CLIMBS STAIRS, LANDS IN BEDROOM.

Wholly Uneducated Equine Seeks Refuge in Second-Story Room After Startling Stunts.

New York.—Two large black horses belonging to a condensed milk company, while being led through York street, Brooklyn, became frightened and ran away.

The street is narrow, and many children were playing in it at the time both horses took fright. A number of men tried to stop the runaways by stringing across the street and waving their hands.



DASHED UP A FLIGHT OF FIFTEEN STAIRS LEADING TO THE SECOND STORY.

After knocking over several children both horses reached the entrance. Here was a baby carriage with a two-year-old boy in it and with an eight-year-old girl at its side.

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