

### Fortunes in Fists.

#### PRIZE FIGHTERS WHO RECEIVE PRINCIPLE SALARIES.

Young men who desire to follow occupations which offer flattering prospects of getting along in the world would do well to turn their attention to prize-fighting. Its pecuniary gains are enormous, and there is no profession in the United States at the present time which pays better. An account of a prize fight is of general interest, but the bank account of prize fighting has hitherto escaped attention. Yet mere fame in the "ring" is as nothing compared with a prize-fighter's income.

Mr. John L. Sullivan's attempt to solve the problems of dramatic art have excited laughter, and some people have been bold enough to say that he is not an actor. He is certainly not a Booth, a Salvini, or an Irving. Yet Mr. Sullivan receives a salary higher than that of any actor in America. His art and genius command \$2,000 a week. The art of self-defence pays better than the art of Shakespeare.

It is doubtful if any actor in the world, except Sarah Bernhardt, would command such a salary. Booth probably could not get it. A good actor who stands first in his particular line of acting is glad to get \$200 a week. But Mr. John L. Sullivan gets more than \$300 for standing on the stage five minutes, with a Grand street pose and a Bowers elocution. He earns more in five minutes than a first-class actor earns in a week. It is a striking example of the superiority of matter to mind.

Mr. Frank Slavin, of Australia, is another example of a man with immense earning capacity. His customary salary from the theatre managers is the modest sum of \$1,300 a week. Mr. Charles Mitchell, of England, commands the same salary as his colleague from the Antipodes. Mr. James Corbett is somewhat diffident on the salary question, and demands only \$700 a week. Mr. Peter Jackson, who hails directly or indirectly from the Congo Republic, receives \$500 a week for sparring in theatres and halls. He is paid more for one week's service than the average Afro-American clergyman receives in a year. Mr. Peter Maher, of Dublin, receives \$1,000 a week.

In prize fighting it is woe to the vanquished. This is true in a financial way as well as in every other way. While Mr. Sullivan gets \$2,000 a week and Mr. Jackson \$500. Mr. Jacob Kilrain receives only \$150 a week. Mr. Joseph McAuliffe, who at one time was considered a coming champion, was defeated by Slavin, and so he commands at present only \$75 a week. Mr. Joseph Choyinski was defeated by Corbett, and he accepts engagements at \$75 a week. Mr. James Daly, who was defeated by Jackson, gets \$50 a week.

Mr. Sullivan gets \$2,000 a week for forty weeks a year, which gives him an annual income of \$80,000. At this rate he would make almost a million dollars in twelve years. His income is ten times as large as that of a first-class actor, and three times as large as that of a first class lawyer or physician. He makes as much in one year as a college professor earns in twenty years. He receives higher compensation than any clergyman in the world.

If Sullivan should save his money, in a comparatively few years he would be a millionaire, and he would grow still richer by the annual increment of his fortune. If all the prize-fighters were saving in the course of time we should have such millionaire families as the Sullivans, the Slavins and the Corbets. The most successful of the prize-fighters would be among the richest people in the United States.

The prize-fighter is a popular hero. A minister who is a scholar and a thinker will preach to twenty people a sermon in which he has spent days of thought and labor. Did Sullivan ever spar to an empty house? After nineteen centuries of Christianity the gladiator is popular.—*New York Journal.*

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