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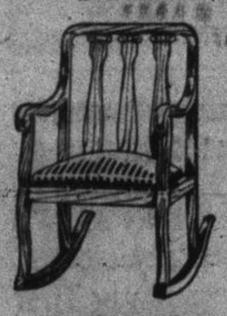

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# In the World of Sport

## SADDLE AND SULKY

SPORT SADDLE AND SIN BOR.

The jockeys R. Mitchell and Peart, who were attached to W. K. Vanderbilt's stable in France, have joined the British army.

The Hearst papers in San Francisco and Los Angeles are among the influences opposing the bill for the restoration of racing in California.

Brisbane Observer:—In spite of all the difficulties, the Queensland Turf Club meeting was financially one of the best on record. The postponement necessitated by the heavy rain a forthight ago may have been responsible for some slight disappointment in connnection with Derby Day, when the attendance was comparatively small, and a shortage occurred in the totalizator figures, but the discount was fully compensated for by the success of the subsequent days.

"Inside" information is not necessarily valuable. At a recent South Australia race meeting the First-class Plate was won by what the bookmakers call "a skinner." The winner was an extreme outsider, Lady A. B., whose owner thought she had no chance, and whose rider was so careless that he lost both stirrups early in the race. She was absolutely unbacked in the straight machine, and a soldier who had the only place ticket sold got all the money in the place machine, about 310 to one.

### PARES DOWN SALARIES

**Ebbets Uses Knife on Stipends of Several of His Stars.**

While the major league club owners have maintained that there was no general movement among the clubs to cut salaries, it has developed that the Brooklyn club had cut the salaries of eleven of its players.

According to President Ebbets, six of the players whose salaries were reduced had forced the club to cancel contracts under which they were playing, and to sign them at larger salaries for long term contracts by threats to jump to the Federal League between seasons. "The salaries offered these eleven men," says Mr. Ebbets, "are based on the normal conditions in 1913, and in each instance except one they are offered an increase over what they received in 1913. Under no conditions will we continue war-time salaries in making new contracts.

"If the players hold out," says the Brooklyn owner, "we will fill the places with ambitious youngsters who will give more thought to the playing and less to the unfair tactics of the old players. Once we have filled a striker's place with an ambitious youngster, the newcomer will not be removed to make room for the hold-out to return."

**Football a Misnomer.**

Football is a fraud, so far as the name of the sport is concerned, and it's a Harvard alumnus who makes the discovery. Because of that, Richard S. Francis of Philadelphia wants the name of the gridiron pastime to be changed Football leads one to believe that there is some connection between the foot and the ball. There generally is, when Charley Brickley or some other of the wondrous drop-kickers of the age are doing the trick, but Mr. Francis, by delving into the mathematical phase of the game, has discovered that on the average the ball is kicked only once in nearly twenty plays, and that "football" as a title for the game is a gross misnomer.

**Lose Faith in Hull.**

The Toronto World says: Ottawa sent out reports that most of the ice racers from hereabouts would go down for the Hull meet. This is stretching the truth. As a matter of fact not more than ten horses will go to Ottawa from here, and only a few of the merry contingent of 50 or 60 who annually used to go east on a special car. The horsemen have lost confidence in Ottawa, where the methods in vogue on the ice the past two or three seasons cannot be expected to get by.

American papers are waxing indignant over Freddie Welsh and his ten-round bouts. Meanwhile Harry Pollok and his meal ticket are raking in a lot of easy money.

### CORNWALL HOCKEY MAID

**Has Her Own Manager and Is Paid For Playing.**

When the Cornwall ladies' hockey team played in Ottawa the other night, Albertine Lapensee, the Miracle Maid of hockey, scored five goals for the club. Last Saturday night against the Westerns, of Montreal, she notched two goals, and as Cornwall defeated the Montreal team 2 to 1, it can be truthfully said that Miss Lapensee won the game single-handed.

Ottawa advices claim that Miss Lapensee is vehicled like a stage celebrity. She is said to have a manager and receives a percentage of the gate receipts on every appearance. The Amateur Hockey Union of Canada waives jurisdiction over feminine hockeyists, else Miss Lapensee would probably have long since been classed with the athletes who make up the N. H. A.

Last year there was a few rough spots then noticeable in the repertoire of the Cornwall maid. This winter the rough spots are gone altogether; she skates and handles herself like a seasoned professional.

**Weegham Stands Pat.**

President Weegham of the Cubs says the plan for reducing bleacher capacity in National League parks will not affect him, and that there will be no reduction at the North Side park. The action for a better balance in admission rates was aimed at Philadelphia and St. Louis, he says. The complaint was made that in St. Louis some days the 25-cent admissions outnumbered the grand stand patrons.

**New Indoor Record.**

J. G. Loomis, star of the C. A. A. track team, established a new record at the North-western University indoor track meet at Chicago. Loomis did the 50-yard dash on a dirt track in 5 2-5 seconds, equalling his own record on a wooden track made at St. Louis in 1916.

**Soldiers' Team Retires.**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the 230th Forestry Battalion hockey team has dropped out of the Eastern Ontario League. This will necessitate a revision of the schedule, which will be done at a special meeting of the executive to be held at Brockville on Friday next.

Puget Sound and Alaska will hold an immense water carnival next summer to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of their purchase from Russia. Battleships will take part.

Ad Santel claims to have qualified for a championship rassling bout against Joe Stecher. He trimmed Constantine Romanoff in three straight falls. Yes, after this memorable feat Santel deserves a chance. Make it unanimous.

## HOCKEY NOTES.

Ladies hockey is all the rage at Vancouver. Swastikas and the British Columbia teams played a tie last week.

After seeing the Montreal Wanderer hockey team in action one is convinced that all the fighters are not in khaki.

There's fresh trouble in the New York Hockey League. A Dutch-Canadian named McCarthy has caused the stir. They claim he is a professional.

Speed isn't the watchword in the National Hockey Association. It's over a week since President Frank Robinson promised to straigthen out Cy Denenny's tangle.

President Robinson of the N.H.A. has fined Harry Hyland of the Wanderer hockey team five dollars for shooting the puck at a fan who was ragging him during a game at the Montreal Arena last week between Wanderers and Quebec.

The referee question has become a serious problem in the Pacific Coast League, and it is intimated that the directors are negotiating for two of the best men in the N.H.A. The men referred to are no doubt Cooper Smeaton and Harvey Pulford.

### SPORTSMEN AWARDED ARMY DECORATIONS

**Boxing, Football, Racing, Cricket, Golf, Polo and Other Sports Prominent.**

British sportsmen make a splendid showing on the list of military honors issued a few days ago. Polo, football, cricket, boxing, racing and golf were all represented by men who have made their names famous in their respective sports.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was in his more athletic days a splendid polo player, having represented Oxford University against Cambridge in 1882 and 1883. He subsequently won distinction in interregimental competitions.

Edgar R. Mebbs, the famous English international Rugby footballer, who enlisted as a private at the outbreak of the war, and afterward raised a company for the Northampton Regiment, composed chiefly of Rugby footballers, worked his way up to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and is now awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Another Rugby international player to receive the D.S.O. is Lieut.-Col. B. A. Hill, the old United Service and Blackheath forward, who has played for England nine times. Another Blackheath footballer to get the D.S.O. is Lieut.-Col. D. S. D. Craven, who is a boxer of more than average merit, having won the Navy and Army heavyweight title in 1905 and 1906.

Cricket's representatives include Col. T. S. Bush, C.M.G., who is appointed Brevet-Colonel, and Lieut.-Col. H. S. Poyntz, who has gained the D. S. O. Col. Bush was captain of the Surrey county team, while Lieut.-Col Poyntz is equally well known as a member of the Somerset county club. Another cricketer, Capt. H. S. Altham (Oxford University and Surrey) has won the Military Cross, and a like distinction has been gained by Capt. R. O. Schwarz, who has played for England at Rugby football and against England at cricket while a member of the South Afican teams which toured the country in 1907 and 1912.

**Five Ineligibles With Renfrew.**

Brockville Times:—It was not stated in The Brockville Times that Alf. Anderson was ineligible to play with the 240th Battalion team against the Brockville seven because he was not in khaki, but because he, with four others, whom the Brockville officials protested, had previously played for Renfrew in the Ottawa Valley League, and were consequently ineligible to play in the Eastern Ontario League.

From all appearance Renfrew is anxious to cop the Ottawa Valley League and the Eastern Ontario League, which is affiliated with the former, by fair means or foul, but to do so they will have to travel a lot faster than they have been doing up to date.

**Sculling Champion in Trouble.**

Lieut. Bob Dibble, the amateur sculling champion of America, who went overseas with the Sportsmen's Battalion, is in the trenches in France, and in a letter to his father, Harry Dibble, himself an oarsman of note in the early days of the Don Rowing Club, he says there is plenty of water in the same trenches, sometimes up to the hips, and with all sorts of shells, whisbangs and bombs falling in their neighborhood, he is having a strenuous time close up to the enemy lines. Sergt. Harry Dibble is still in England, but there is practically nothing left of the 180th as a unit, so many drafts having been sent across the Channel.

**Yanks Pull For Giants.**

New York American League players can't see how any other team in the National League is going to keep the Giants from winning the pennant. The Yankees played the Giants an exhibition game for charity last summer while the National Leaguers were in the midst of a great winning streak, and Donovan's players frankly admit they never faced a classier looking ball club.

**Charge Welsh With Faking.**

Freddie Welsh, champion lightweight boxer, is summoned to appear before the Wisconsin Athletic Commission here on Feb. 5th to answer charges preferred by the commission that "he stalled and shammed" in his bout with Ritchie Mitchell here last Tuesday night.


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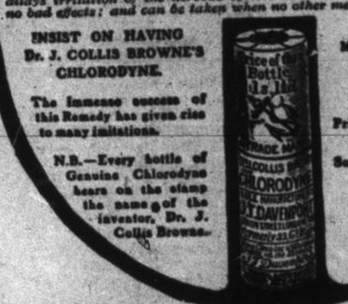

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