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A stubborn fountain pen has wrecked many a man's train of thought. The bore never leaves a hole in the memory of his victims. In a man's autobiography there is no such word as failure. Nothing is quite so foolish as an angry fool.

When speaking of amusement circles it is proper to include circus rings. A cheek of brass enables many a man to acquire gold. It's all up with a drummer when he loses his grip. Wise men make proverbs for fools to laugh at.

In the World of Sport

FOR SPORT IN WAR.
Meredith, Strong Advocate of All War-time Athletics.
Ted Meredith, one of the greatest middle-distance runners ever produced in America, sends an urgent plea from the trenches of France that his countrymen in the stress of war should not overlook the importance of maintaining a high development in athletics.
"It is the young athlete who is going to win this war for your Uncle Sam," writes the former University of Pennsylvania star. "I can see this better demonstrated each day that I am spending here on the fighting line. The youth who has had an athletic career is winning greater honors than his unathletic brother. This war is little more than a gigantic athletic struggle. Often I am reminded of the big college football game by the way one side pushes an opponent down the field only to be held on the ten-yard line by a marvellous bit of defensive work."
"The lad who has learned his lesson of taking a sound drubbing in athletics without showing the 'yellow streak' is the soldier that the Allies want over here."
"The tried veteran of the athletic field makes the superior soldier. If you follow my advice you will be all in your power to prove to the American people that athletics are playing a most important part in the big strife over here."
"To discontinue athletics at the present time would be to handicap the troops who are at present on the firing line, and supporters must be constantly backing up the lads in the first-line trenches or else the victory which we are all hoping for will be denied us."
"It is only by a thorough athletic training that the real soldier can be developed. To stop all sports would be to deny the overseas forces their just deserts. I am sure that when the real facts in the case are thoroughly known every person in America will be a most enthusiastic advocate of sport."



overcome. Spencer was a poor second, quitting in the last eighth of a mile. Alfred Grenda of Australia was third and Willie Spencer of Toronto, brother of the former champion, finished fourth.

Tener Resigns.
The resignation of John K. Tener as president of the National Baseball League was received in Chicago at National League headquarters. In a letter addressed to all the club presidents in the National League, President Tener said: "Having declined to serve further on the National Commission for the good reason familiar to each of you, I must ask that my resignation as your president, tendered last December, be now accepted."
"I am prompted to take this course out of consideration of the present situation and that you may more speedily select my successor, who will, if you desire, serve on the commission under the circumstances."
The resignation of President Tener will clear up the involved situation in the National Commission and expedite the work of that organization in preparing for the proposed world's series, scheduled to begin Sept. 3rd or 4th.

Griff Is Lively Choice.
The trend of baseball talk is that Clarke Griffith will be the next president of the American League. Griffith has gone in for the big stuff. His Bat and Ball Fund is a great enterprise, and he knows how to meet and talk with big men. He did all that was done at Washington to keep baseball alive this summer.

TOMMIES LEARN BOXING.
Trainer From the Dominion Talks of Manly Sport.
Boxing is to be an essential part of the training of every British soldier henceforth. The average training period of the British recruit now is not more than six months, but several hours of each week will be devoted to boxing, partly in an effort to counteract the deadening influence of continuous drilling, and partly because boxing is regarded as the best possible means of developing the "combative spirit" in soldiers. During the present summer a comprehensive program of boxing tournaments will be carried out in every training camp in England.
In an instruction leaflet Col. H. G. Mayer, Director of the Canadian Army Gymnastic Staff, says: "The cultivation of the fighting spirit is the greatest problem with which we are faced. For some time past the bayonet has been our especial weapon, and no other nation has ever achieved such success with cold steel. But there is something still lacking in the training. The soldier is taught the spirit of the bayonet, taught that he must strike hard to kill, but he is not taught to take as well as give, push and beat."
"There is practically only one pastime to give our men this essential experience. That is boxing. In no other sport is the spirit of give and take so strongly developed. And that is why a new era in the training of the British soldier has come into existence. We are going to try to teach our men that an offensive, combative spirit is the greatest asset a soldier can possess."
"In order to beat the Germans, the average soldier must realize that a tremendous effort has yet to be made, both physical and mental. Courage is created or largely based on confidence. Boxing teaches a man self-confidence, how to take a blow or a succession of blows, knowing that his opportunity is coming."
"What we owe to boxing and other sports in this crisis it is impossible to calculate, notwithstanding that only ten per cent. of the nation participated. The mere fact of watching boxing and other sports has tended in a measure to keep alive the combative instinct of the British race, although it must be remembered that watching a game may increase an individual's spirit, but does not improve his physique."

Gathered In About 600.
Jack Britton, the Chicago middleweight, and Soldier Bartfield, of New York, fought six fast rounds to a draw at Philadelphia last night. In the fifth round Britton dropped his opponent to the mat, but Bartfield came back strong in the sixth and earned a draw.
In the first bout on the programme Harry Greb, Pittsburg, won the popular decision over Battling Levinsky, of New York. Greb was the aggressor throughout.
Sam Langford, Boston, won easily from Jack Thompson, Kansas City. Langford had the better of all six rounds.
Before the first bout 300 Government agents went through the crowd and arrested about 600 alleged draft evaders.

A Hard-luck Horse.
The fact that Omar Khayyam has contracted a quarter crack that possibly will put him on the retired list for the rest of the season was matter of deep regret and disappointment to racing followers here. The champion three-year-old of 1917 was counted on to take a leading part in the big handicaps at the Spa. Turf followers were anxious to see him measure strides with Cudgel, Roamer, and other crack handicappers. He apparently had fully recovered from the illness that set him back early this spring and he promised to be just as great a sensation as he was last year when he ran off with every big three-year-old stake of the meeting.

Willard To Box For Benefit.
Jess Willard, champion heavyweight pugilist, will box in Chicago Saturday for the benefit of the Overseas War Fund of the Salvation Army. This announcement was made, based on a telegram from Willard at Lawrence, Kan., reading: "I have altered business arrangements and will be with you August 10th."
Gold brick purchasers are born often enough to keep the manufacturers from going out of business. It is as difficult for some young men to slow down rapidly as it is for some to make haste slowly. Nothing is more pointed than the finger of scorn. After all, there is no nerve food superior to good luck.

NEWFOUNDLAND PREMIER AT FRONT.



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It is easier for a girl to believe she is pretty than it is to make other girls believe she is. The man never knows whether a woman's hat is on straight or crooked. Some folks believe that money was only made to make. In the game of life, the one armed man plays a lone hand. Fruit is considered wholesome, but a banana peel will upset most any man's stomach. Religion is a good thing that does not cut a very wide swath in a horse trade. At the age of twenty-one a man has more ideals than ideas. He is indeed lost who is lost to shame.

BRINGING UP FATHER



By **GEORGE McMANUS.**

Panel 1: "THERE GOES THE FRONT DOOR BELL. I'LL HAVE TO ANSWER IT AS THE MAID IS OUT."
Panel 2: "SIT DOWN. DO YOU THINK I WANT ANY OF OUR SWELL FRIENDS TO SEE YOU LIKE THAT. I'LL GO!!!"
Panel 3: "OH, ER - A - HOW DO YOU DO. JUST WAIT A MINUTE."
Panel 4: "I GUESS YOU HAD BETTER GO TO THE DOOR. YOU LOOK ALL RIGHT."
Panel 5: "WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME GOIN THE FIRST PLACE."
Panel 6: "HERE'S THE ICE BILL."
Panel 7: "?? + = !! ??
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