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An Old Paper Has Good Stuff on Curling and Its History.

We are sorry not to be able to tell our readers of the source of the following material. It came from some New York paper originally found the clipping was yellow with age. Here it is.

The birth of curling is surrounded with mystery. Not even the sage curler knows when the game originated. It is, at any rate, a very ancient sport, as it has been popular in Great Britain for over 300 years.

The game is said to have originated in Holland. The word curl may have been derived from "kurf-well," a game, and "tee," the central mark toward which the curlers slide their stones, might have sprung from "tighen," a Teutonic word meaning "to point out." Bonspiel is a combination of the Belgic word "bonne," meaning a district, and the word "spel" a play. The word rink, it has been said, might have been derived from "brink," the Saxon for a strong man, though this modification is not very probable.

"Kuting," as curling is called in some parts of Lanarkshire and Ayrshire, closely resembles the Dutch word "coete," meaning a quott. Thus it is generally supposed, from the similarity of certain words in the Dutch vocabulary, that the game was introduced into Scotland from the Low Countries. The date of the introduction is not known, but it was so many years ago that curling has become as much a part of Scotland and the Scotchman, as has the rough burr of the thistle become the emblem of the country north of the River Tweed. It is generally accepted that the game was introduced into Scotland sometime during the sixteenth century, as in 1607 "plenty of excellent stones for the game called curling" were to be found in the Orkney Islands.

At first rough, misshapen stones were used, just as they were found on the hills of Scotland, but later the "curlin' slane" became the symmetrical and polished stone of today, averaging from 30 to 35 inches in circumference and weighing from 25 to 50 pounds.

Peter Ross in his well-known "Scotland and the Scots" writes: "Curling is a sport which has everything to commend it and is wholly without any of the drawbacks which are too often urged with justice against other outdoor sports. It is free from such vices as gambling, betting, or professionalism; it is health-giving and invigorating, and equally adapted for the old and the young; it is cheap, its implements cost little, and it requires no costly grounds or tracks for its full enjoyment; it inspires friendliness, brotherhood, and charity among its devotees, and teaches the value of a cool head, a steady hand, a clear eye, and a cautious judgment. It teaches men to accept defeat gracefully and to wear the honors of victory modestly. It is thoroughly democratic in all its tendencies, and on the ice all men are equal, except that the best player is the best man. Its season is one when work is scarce with most of outdoor toilers, and its practice keeps the hand and the frame ready to take up the struggle for existence with renewed activity whenever the opportunity offers.

"Surely these are advantages enough to commend a game to the kindly sympathies of all who love sport for the sake of sport alone. But curling has still another advantage. It is almost the only athletic

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As You Face Obstacles

When you enumerate the obstacles against which you must contend, it is very important that you should have the right purpose. It does not do to underestimate your adversary nor your hardship, but a makes all the difference in the world whether you expatiate on the difficulties in your way in order to excuse yourself for failure, or in order to brave yourself up to the most intense effort. Bright people look upon the bright side of life.

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

Go, as if it is not enough like spring some person or persons now have to spring on us "The Messenger of the Bluebird." First thing we know "Mike" Flanagan will be growing early lettuce and violets in the Jock Harty Arena.

The Kingston curlers are determined to have a good time whether or not they curl. So they held their opening tea, night in spite of the weather. "But what's a bit of weather When good Scots are called together?"

Another fraternal society is invading Kingston. Better go out and win another football title, Queen's. It will mean another dinner for you some time next fall.

To-night, if the weather holds as it promised to when this was written, the Bay of Quinte Hockey League will get a start at the Harty Arena, with Point-Anne and Kingston officiating. After so long a rest the fans should be out for that.

How about field hockey? The girls up at Queen's will gladly teach some of the city leaguers the all-weather game, we think, and those sticks of theirs would make good shillelaghs. Please excuse the writer from being the referee. He has an important engagement elsewhere.

Sure we're going to have hockey. But, oh, doesn't that artificial ice proposition sound good? We'll say so.

JUST FOUR REAL BOXERS IN GAME

McAuliffe Names Dempsey, Britton, Leonard and Dundee.

"Boxers, Bah. There's no such a bird any more. Not a half dozen fighters in the business to-day know the first principle of boxing and not a fan of the new school has the slightest idea of the real art of boxing."

Jack McAuliffe, the retired undefeated champion, unburdened himself of some weight off his chest, recently after he had taken an evening off from pinocchio to venture down to Madison Square Garden.

Sammy Mandel and Sid Terris are working up there tonight. Jack said in the way of an opener for a ticket. "The boys are saying that they are the two greatest boxers to come up in years. Give me a ticket and I'll give you the low down."

The only unbeaten champion didn't show for several days. "I didn't have the heart to give you the word and break up a good story. They're the rottenest boxers I ever saw. They're both jump-jack leavers. They can spar, but that lets them out. They're just like the rest. Lot of fast footwork, lot of thrown punches, but it means nothing."

Only four boxers in the last ten years have known what it is all about, according to McAuliffe. "Of all the bunch of champions there are only three real good boxers," he said. "Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard and Jack Britton are real boxers. They know that the first principle of boxing is to lead and counter. They know what they are doing every time they make a

move. That's the reason they became champions. "Johnny Dundee, although he is not as skilled as Dempsey, Leonard and Britton, is also a good boxer, but he fell for a trick style that removed the effectiveness from his punches. "Dempsey is the best boxer I have ever seen among the heavyweight champions. He can fight along with it and he certainly can take it. Leonard also can box, hit and take it. Britton was not a great puncher, but he is perhaps the greatest boxer of all the modern fighters."

Three Minute Journeys

The Nursery Rhyme Town of Banbury.

What proud father has not crossed his legs and taken his youngsters for a gallop upon his foot, chanting the while the nursery rhyme which begins, "Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross."

These English nursery rhymes are never as nonsensical as they are reputed to be. They are replete with British historical and geographical references. The Cross of Banbury was one of a number erected by one of the old English kings to mark the night stops of the funeral procession of his dead queen across England on her way to her final resting place in the Abbey.

Banbury is noted also for the "Hot Cross Buns" which are baked the world over on Good Friday, they being a sweet biscuit with a cross of frosting on the top. Banbury cheese is also famous.

Banbury Cross was destroyed during the Puritan rebellion against anything cherished by the Roman

Catholic Church. The town itself is a very picturesque English small town, full of quaint old houses dating from the sixteenth century. The two or three inns are utterly unchanged from the days of stage-coaches and gentlemen of the King's highway. Tourists rarely visit Banbury and the world goes by it on the other side of the road. It is located in the county of Oxford, about 71 miles from London.



The houses are picturesque.

don. It is a market town in the old-fashioned sense and even the breweries, of which Banbury has several, date back a century or two.

The country surrounding Banbury is very beautiful. There are half a dozen famous castles within a short ride of the city and the beautiful English manor houses of the nobility and gentry may be seen in this district to better advantage than almost anywhere else.

Banbury held out against the American innovation of ice longer than most English towns. Even today most of the inhabitants put their milk bottles down the wells to keep them fresh and scorn all efforts of the ice-box salesman to put that modern improvement into their houses. It is a town of the days of "Merrie England" still doing business at the old stand, and in the old way.

Swedish Imports Increase. Stockholm, Jan. 10.—Sweden's imports for the first ten months of 1933 exceeded the exports by about \$54,000,000, as against an excess of \$10,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1932.

The principal commodities that helped swell the import volumes are grain, fuel, illuminating and lubricating oils, coal and vehicles including automobiles. The bulk of the imports in each class cited came from the United States.

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What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

Insulators on Warship Like Strings of Beads

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Automatic Gear to Replace Clutch in Autos

In the invention in England of an automatic automobile gear, which dispenses with the clutch, gear box, and the usual type of rear-drive axle, certain engineers see the beginning of a new era in the industry that will be marked by many revolutionary changes in the vehicle's mechanism. The device is said to instantly adjust itself to loads and grades without attention from the driver.

Phone Receiver Held to Ear by Bracket; Frees Hands

Free use of both hands is permitted a person using a telephone equipped with a folding steel arm recently invented, that holds the receiver to the ear. Clamped to the stand, it is easily adjusted to any position desired. With a single movement of the arm, the receiver hook is raised to signal the operator. To dis-



connect, the holder is folded back. Its weight is counterbalanced by a plate fitted under the telephone.

A Ski Toboggan

The exhilarating sport of sliding downhill on the snow crust has much to commend it. It also has its dangers, as the crust softens toward spring, and a heavy sled is liable to break through, catapulting its passengers headlong into the frozen snow, which breaks up and presents jagged cutting edges capable of in-



flicting considerable injury. A sled that is so built as to practically eliminate this danger is shown in the drawing.

It is made from a pair of old skis, securely fastened together by means of three crosspieces and two diagonal braces, as shown in the upper details. The top board and foot rail are attached to this framework by means of wood screws, and a hole is drilled through the end of each ski to take a 1/4-in. rope. This sled will slide just as easily and just as fast as any other sled, and will not break through the snow crust, or turn over, due to the weight of the runners. It is also light in weight and can be easily managed by children.

Cleaning an Oil-Soaked Belt

To clean an oil-soaked belt, coil the belt loosely in a box or tub and fill the box with whiting, being sure to get the whiting between the surfaces for the entire length. Let it remain thus overnight, and the whiting will absorb the oil and leave the belt clean.

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