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WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS.

Written Exclusively For the Whig By a Boxing Enthusiast

No. 2.—James J. Corbett. When James J. Corbett stepped into the ring to exchange jaw-breakers with John L. Sullivan he was regarded as an easy mark for Sullivan—when he stepped out of it he was the World's Heavyweight Champion and the idol of a nation. How the lithe, scientific but light-hitting Corbett could beat a hard puncher like Sullivan was a mystery to the Boston Boy's admirers. They failed to see that clean living has as much to do with Jim's success as any ring knowledge.

For Corbett was the ideal boxer in many ways. He never tasted liquor, was quick, scientific and always kept in good condition. (To this day Corbett keeps in training, and it is his intention to enter the ring and fight the world's champion in 1926, when he will be 60 years of age. And it will be a fight!)

"Gentleman Jim" was born in San Francisco, California, on Sept. 1st, 1866, and at the early age of fourteen became a bank clerk in a Los

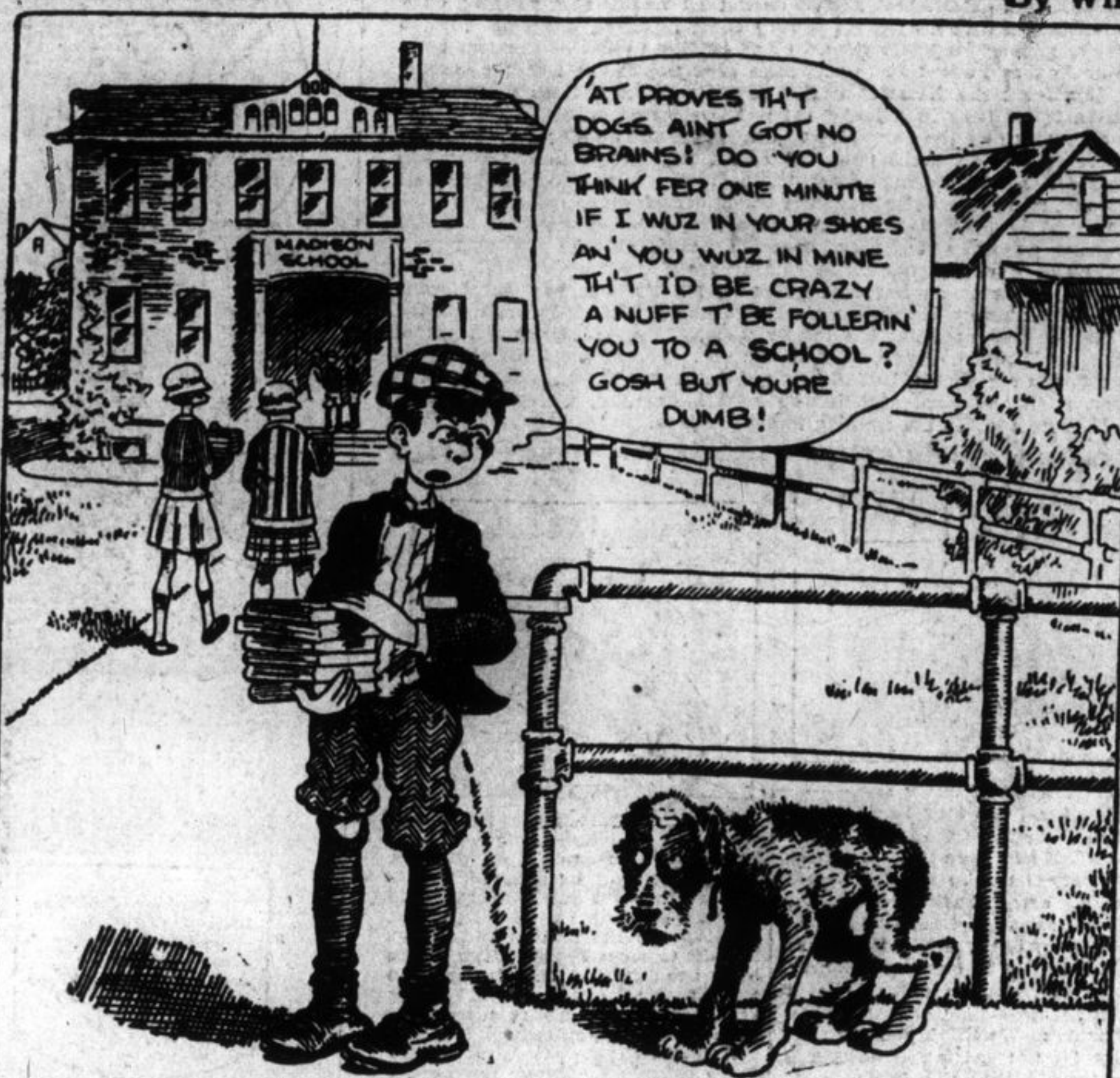
Angeles bank, a position which he held until he became 20 years of age, when he chose the boxing game for his profession. During the eighteen years that Corbett spent in the ring, he never had a black eye or a bloody nose, which is something of a record. Among his many victims in the squared circle were Jos Choynsky, Kid McCoy, Charley Mitchell, and Jake Kilrain. He lost to Sharkey, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, but he was an old man when he fought Jeff.

Corbett lost the heavyweight championship to Bob Fitzsimmons on March 17th, 1897. It was in this battle that the famous "Fitzsimmons Shift" came into prominence. The fight was a wonderful display of skill and courage, and was thought by many critics to have been the greatest ever staged.

Later Pompadour Jim fought Jeffries, Sharkey and others, but though his skill was as great as ever, he did not possess the stamina to last through a long battle.

(Tomorrow—Bob Fitzsimmons.)

OUT OUR WAY



ABUSE OF LIBERTY.

By Williams

BASEBALL SCORES

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES.

National.
Chicago 5, Brooklyn 6.
St. Louis 9, Philadelphia 4.
Cincinnati 6-3, Boston 7-5.
Pittsburgh 2, New York 4.

American.
New York 2, Cleveland 0.
Washington 6, Chicago 3.
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 2.

THE STANDING.

There is no change in either the National or American League races yesterday, all the chief contending clubs winning their games. The only defeat of note being that of Pittsburgh at the hands of the Giants, the loss making almost certain the elimination of the Pirates from the race, the club now being three and one-half games behind the Giants, with six games to play. Brooklyn, by defeating the Cubs, held on to their slim chance of coping on the honor.

The standing of the three leading clubs in each race, together with the

number of games each has to play, follows:—

| | National. | | To Play |
|------------|-----------|------|---------|
| | Won | Lost | |
| New York | 31 | 59 | 607 |
| Brooklyn | 31 | 61 | 599 |
| Pittsburgh | 36 | 61 | 585 |

| | American. | | To Play |
|------------|-----------|------|---------|
| | Won | Lost | |
| Washington | 30 | 60 | 600 |
| New York | 38 | 62 | 587 |
| Detroit | 34 | 67 | 556 |

RUGBY NOTES.

Major Greenwood, with several well-known stars and not a few boys he trained himself at Royal Military College, seems to have the material for a good M.A.A. team and the Big Four may get a long-awaited surprise from the Montreals.

Ottawa Big Four team has an extensive list but apart from Connell, Timmins and one or two others the names do not mean anything to the ordinary fan.

We don't hear where Lionel Conacher will be this year nor do we

care but it is safe to bet that if any other athlete were to imitate his various shifts the A.A.U. of C. would have held a special meeting before now.

Ray Marchand, by way of diversion until the hockey season arrives, is coaching the soccer team down at West Point. Well, we have an R.M.C. soccer team, also, if they wish a match any time.

"Fug" McLeod is going to be badly needed this season as an outside or flying wing. He looks to be in good shape. A couple of the boys who arrived from Toronto look like good outside men.

"Stubby" Chantler, last year with 'he seconds and thirds, is punting, 'tching and running beautifully 't even though diminutive will 'e some of the senior players step ng lively to keep in the races.

We've seen Queen's lick Varsity at home and win the Dominion title twice in succession and our only desire now is to see a good Canadian team play a good American team with the rules divided half and half.

THE NUT CRACKER

By Joe Williams

London—Official England doesn't know what to make of the disqualification of Wales in the potato race. This does not come as a surprise. Official England seldom knows what to make of anything.

London—The royal family was reported as bearing up tolerably well under the disgrace brought upon them by Wales' latest social blunder. The king, especially, is standing the blow with Spartan-like fortitude. "Boys will be boys," he says philosophically, "and by the same token potatoes will be potatoes."

Dublin—Irish government vigorously denies any connection with

disqualification of Wales, add scoffs at insinuation it is all a vicious plot born out of racial hostilities. "In the first place there is no proof that the potato involved was of Irish origin," point out local authorities.

New York—Officials of the Farm Products Association declined to comment on situation, other than to suggest that some one may have run in an untamed Idaho baked on H. R. H. "It's a tough job, for a native potato puncher to stay on a bucking Idaho spud, let alone a royal tender-foot," they say.

Hollywood—Lurid reports that prince attended wicked potato orgy, at which bery seductive young blond potatoes of opposite sex danced uncensored shimmy with jakeis off, receive little credit here. In fact, this is tough place to get credit of any kind.



DESMOND BURKE, winner of the King's prize at Bisleigh, who has entered Queen's University, Kingston.



PRINCE GIVES GIRL PONY.

Miss Diana Guest, daughter of Captain, the Right Honorable, and Mrs. Frederick Guest, of Wheatley Hills, L.I., is happy with "Ashby," a polo pony the Prince of Wales gave her from his own string. The Prince made the presentation himself.

MY DEAR GASTON

By Billy Evans

In the spring a majority of the baseball experts picked the New York Yankees to repeat in the American League.

The belief that the world champs would again win the pennant in the American League was based on the strength of its all-star pitching staff.

Joe Bush, Herb Pennock, Waite Hoyt, Sam Jones and Bob Shawkey were referred to as the five-star pitching staff by the critics who favored the Yanks to win.

Pitching usually is the dominating factor in winning a pennant and it was generally conceded that the Yankees had it.

In the spring dope, one, Milt Gaston, rookie pitcher, was entirely overlooked. Coming to the Yankees from a semi-pro club, lacking professional experience of any kind in organized ball, Gaston was merely regarded as a likely looking youngster.

If the Yankees win the American League pennant in 1934, Gaston, the pitcher little considered in the spring, will have played a prominent part in the club's success.

During the first month or six weeks of the campaign, Gaston was sent in as a reliever pitcher in games that appeared hopelessly lost. In most cases he made a fine showing.

Then when the five-star staff began to falter and Manager Huggins was hard pressed for pitchers, a hurry-up call was sent to the Yankee scouts for experienced pitching material.

Deals were made with St. Paul for Cliff Markle, and with Reading for Al Mamaux, the leading pitchers in the American Association and the International League. Since both pitchers had previous major league experience, it was felt they would certainly help. Big money was paid for both men.

Markle failed and is back with his old club, St. Paul; Mamaux is meeting with indifferent success.

The failure of the two veterans to come through put much of the burden as extra pitcher up to Milt Gas-

ton. He has come through in fine shape. His brilliant relief work has saved a number of games for the Yankees.

In a majority of the games he has worked, some good break, favoring the Yankees, has decided the game. For that reason, to most of the players he is known by the nick-name "Lucky."

"He is the smoothest working young pitcher I have ever seen break into the majors. Inside of three years he should be a big star," says Shortstop Everett Scott.

"Gaston has everything," says Catcher Wally Schang, "and with his natural ability, plenty of courage." If the Yankees win, the name of Gaston will come in for much praise. He's a great looking prospect.

DO YOU KNOW

BASEBALL?

By Billy Evans

Questions.
1. Would you class Eddie Plank as valuable a pitcher as Rube Waddell? Who had the most stuff?—D. H. K.

2. If a player slides into a base with such force that he causes it to break loose, must he follow the base, or is he entitled to the base if previously declared safe?—S. A. H.

3. Umpire calls time as a ball is thrown onto the playing field. The pitcher does not hear the call of time and delivers the ball to the batsman, who hits for two bases.

scoring two runners who were on at the time. Do the runs count?—E. Y.

4. It is the first of the ninth and the score is 2 to 0 in favor of the home team. Two hits and a base on balls fill the bases with no one out. Regular pitcher is taken out and a substitute sent in. The three men put on the bases by the starting pitcher score before the side is retired. The home team is beaten 3 to 2. Who is charged with the defeat?—A. H. J.

Answers.
1. As a winning pitcher, Plank was perhaps as valuable as Waddell. He didn't have as much stuff, and lacked the color of the erratic Waddell, but was a brainy, winning pitcher.

2. The baserunner is entitled to the base. He cannot be held responsible because the bag broke away from its anchor.

3. The runs do not count. It is unfortunate, but when the umpire called time play suspended and no action was possible. Batsman hits over and players return to their original base.

4. The starting pitcher, who put the three runners on, who later scored, deciding the result, is charged with the defeat.

Holland—Thorough investigation into circumstances concerning princely scandal will be conducted by League of Nations at the Hague. Rumored here prince was caught trying to pass off potato chips for regulation ivory chips in poker game and was called for it. This, however, may be lot of potato sauce.



CARL MAYS.

Carl Mays wasn't good enough to pitch for the Yankees in the American League, so Miller Huggins turned him adrift.

"Go your way and blessings upon your fast ball," intoned the goodly Huggins.

It was the American League belief that Mr. Mays' fast ball needed blessings. It seemed to have little else.

Mays went to Cincinnati in the National League, a club with many star pitchers, including Donohue,

Rixey, Luque and Benton. Hendricks, who managed the club, told interviewers in the spring he was not counting heavily on Mays.

"If he comes through all right, it he doesn't we won't worry."

Mays was late starting, but once started he came with a rush. At times he has stood out as the star of the Reds' staff.

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