

# JEFF'S STUNTS DISAPPOINTING.

## Reports From Rowardennan Do Not Satisfy Sporting Public.

# TOO MUCH RELAXATION.

### Big Fellow Should Do More Sparring In Order to Bring Back the Quickness of Eye—Actual Training Narrowing Down.

By TOMMY CLARK.  
Reports from Jim Jeffries' training camp at Rowardennan vary so much from day to day that it is next to impossible for any one to get a correct line on the real condition of the former brawler from newspaper reports. That the grouch that Jeffries is charged with harboring has much to do with the unfavorable reports which are sent broadcast is no doubt true, but there may be reason, too, which warrants these statements. One day Jeff is as good as he ever was, and the next time he goes through some stunts he shows plainly that he is not in form. Jeff's desultory style of training has not been altogether pleasing to the followers of pugilism who have been watching from day to day the reports that emanate from Rowardennan. While it is conceded that the ex-champion and his trainers are in a position to know better than any one else what the big fellow requires to condition himself, there is another side to the story.

The old question of whether Jeffries will be able to stand up under the strain of a fight was to have been answered in part by his work in camp. That work has not been such, however, as to give any true line. It is quite true that he has done a world of road work, that he has toiled conscientiously in the handball court and gymnasium and that upon occasions he has worked furiously with the gloves.

There has, however, been too much relaxation mixed in with the boxing to satisfy people. For every day that

Photo by American Press Association.  
LATEST PHOTO OF JEFFRIES TAKEN AT THE TRAINING CAMP.

Jeffries has boxed he has laid off two and perhaps three, and of actual sparring he has had little or no work. In short, the stories from Rowardennan have been so regularly of a layoff and a trip to this place or another that suspicious have been aroused as to whether Jeffries dares to go to work in real earnest.

His preliminary exercising has been well and good, but it is high time that he take serious thought of his boxing, for a man so long out of the game as Jeff has been needs to regain that judgment in hitting and that

quickness of the eye that cannot come otherwise than with the gloves. Since he settled down in the mountains it has been announced that after the middle of June there will be no boxing lest there might be an accident to his hands.

That means the time for actual training is narrowing down. At the outside, Jeffries has not more than a month for actual work. He can afford also to do his work more in the open and where the crowds can see him.

It is all very well to designate the newspapers as the eyes of the public, but when there is too much secrecy the masses are quite apt to imagine things that are not so. All in all, it behooves Jeffries to get down to serious business and let his friends know just where he stands.

**Leifield Will Earn His Salary.**  
"Lefty" Leifield will have a fine opportunity to earn his salary this year. Fred Clarke says he will be disappointed if the veteran southpaw does not pitch at least forty games for the Pittsburg world's champions.

### MATTY HAS NEW TRICK TO CATCH SLEEPERS.

Christy Mathewson, the New York Nationals' great pitcher, has a new trick to catch the sleepers. In making the play Matty stands half facing plate and half facing first. As a teaser he tosses a few slow balls to the first baseman. That worthy is seemingly slow in touching the runner. Return the ball to Christy quickly, the hurler returns it with lightning speed and catches the runner flat footed off the bag. Of course the runner comes up with a bounce and runs off the cushion to get a good lead a few times before he is finally caught.

### DRY GOLD WASHING.

Portable Machine Adapted to Mining in Waterless Deserts.

It is a well known fact that there is gold to be found everywhere. The sands of the deserts are particularly rich in it, but the problem which confronts the prospector here is the difficulty of extraction, which has been heretofore impossible in the absence of water, the means of its extraction.

There has been recently devised a machine, readily portable and simple in construction, by which the gold may be entirely removed from the sand and stony particles by a dry process. It is claimed that the machine is just as efficient in its operation as the wet process and with much less labor.

The machine is operated by hand, one crank driving both the mechanism by which the soil is kept moving through the apparatus and also the blower by which the "color" is separated from the dross. The sand and gravel are fed in at the hopper on top and allowed to run down the sluice quite in the same manner as in hydraulic sluicing. Here, however, the sluice itself, operated by a simple eccentric, is given a side shake motion to further separate the particles and to increase the travel of the dirt through it.

The bottom of this sluice-way contains a series of riffles. These in themselves are unique and prove to be the vital part of the invention. Instead of projecting above the surface of the sluiceway, as in most sluice boxes, they consist of a series of depressions so arranged that in conjunction with the air blast, the precious particles are held and the other parts are allowed to pass down the incline. The pan used in this machine will hold about one-twentieth of a cubic yard, or about seven times as much as a hand pan, and this quantity can be run through the machine in five minutes.

It is said that this machine has

withstood the test of actual service in the west and has demonstrated its advantages. A great point in its favor is the fact that it may be taken apart and packed in two trunks of ordinary dimensions and readily shipped from point to point. After being set up it may be readily moved about without dismantling, so that the miner is enabled to shift his scene of operations until he finds the most satisfactory point for work.—Chicago Tribune.

### AIRSHIP PROPELLERS.

Built Up in Layers of Carefully Selected Wood.

Propellers for airships are built of laminated wood—that is to say, of wood built up in layers. For the making of a propeller six or eight feet in length there would be required to begin with a stick of timber six inches or thereabout square, and such a stick of solid wood, however perfectly seasoned, might check or crack. For this reason the propeller is built of laminated wood, of strips of selected and perfectly seasoned wood of the required width, which are planed down to the requisite thickness and then glued together under pressure, making a practically solid stick of material less liable to check.

Some airship propellers of laminated wood have been made with the laminations all of spruce. One New York concern making propellers produces them also of a combination of ash and mahogany, three layers of ash and two of mahogany.

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### The Horse of Glacial Times.

A small, slender limbed horse roamed over Europe in glacial times and was hunted and sketched, along with the mammoth, by the paleolithic dwellers in the British Isles. A curious method of reproducing the ancient animal has been adopted by Professor J. C. Ewart, the British naturalist. From the fossil remains available he has made a study of the species, which he has named *Equus agilis*, and has attempted to restore it by combining the essential characteristics as found in modern horses. His experiments have included the blending of seven different breeds—Connemara, Welsh, Hackney, Iceland, Hebridean, Shetland and Arab. He has succeeded in producing a number of small ponies of slight build and believes that they restore the horse of glacial times, not only in form, disposition and color, but in details of limbs and teeth. The ponies are yellow-dun in color, active and intelligent.

### Fecundity of Oysters.

The fecundity of oysters is unparalleled, according to Professor Herdman of the University of Liverpool, who says a single oyster is capable of producing sixteen million; that in the next generation, if these all lived and thrived, they in turn would produce two hundred and fifty-six millions of millions; in the third generation there would be four thousand and ninety-six million million million. In the fourth generation sixty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-six million million million million. Then when he came to the fifth generation that one oyster of the first generation would have become one million forty-eight thousand five hundred and seventy-six million million million million, or one hundred and thirty-one times the bulk of the earth.

# TOO MUCH WORK HURTS PITCHERS

## Examples of the Folly of Being "Iron Men."

### WALSH'S CASE IS CITED.

Chicago American Star Having Trouble With Salary Wing—Twirlers Are Foolish to Work in More Than Fifty Games a Season.

Does it pay to be an "iron man" in baseball? This question is now being asked on the big league circuit. Many twirlers think it a great honor to pitch fifty or more games a season or two, but in doing so ruin their salary arms. The most recent case is that of big Ed Walsh, the star pitcher of the Chicago Americans.

In 1908 Walsh was the "iron man." He pitched sixty-six games, winning forty, losing fifteen and tying one. What did spitballer Ed do last season? Not very much. He won fifteen and lost eleven games. That record



ED WALSH, STAR TWIRLER OF WHITE SOX.

does not compare favorably with that of the previous year, does it? Recent reports say that Walsh's arm is giving him considerable trouble and his career in the majors is short. Of course nobody can correctly prognosticate what Walsh may do later in the season, but if he again pitches star ball he can be regarded as more or less of a marvel. He is close to that in physique now, but the salary arm of the major league baseball pitcher is an entirely separate piece of mechanism from the rest of his constitution.

As the baseball world is aware, an "iron man" is one who can work at least four games a week and be ready to act as the main stem in a double header in between if any are carded to be played. The "iron man" must be always willing to unloosen some of the steel in his arm for the benefit of his club.

Joe McGinnity used to be the best "iron man" in the business. He could pitch a double engagement today and go in and wheel again tomorrow. And he used to win the majority of his games. That's why he was regarded as the best "iron man." Joe did his most superb work when McGraw was erecting pennant poles at the Polo grounds. This was over five years ago. Too many "iron man" entertainments made him lose his National league effectiveness. Now he is managing the Newark club of the Eastern league and pitching once or twice a week.

The "iron men" of the newer baseball era are no longer "iron men." Jack Chesbro, leading pitcher of the American league in 1904, is farming today on a big homestead in New England. Jack is done for so far as the use of his big league arm is considered. He is not beset with any financial worries, because he saved a great deal of what he made in the days of success, but the fact that it was Jack's steady pitching that enforced his retirement from baseball cannot be gainsaid. In 1904 Chesbro was the meat and bone of the New York Yankee pitching staff. He would have pitched that club into a championship but for an unfortunate slip of his spitball at the psychological moment in the last and deciding game of the season.

After the momentous campaign in 1904 Jack was pretty near ready for his baseball obituary, although he essayed to pitch until 1908.

Last year Harkness, now with the Cleveland Naps, gunned sixty-five games for Portland in the Pacific Coast league. As a member of McGuire's contingent he did not show any better than many minor pitchers who graduate and not nearly as good as some.

"Stoney" McGinnity worked in sixty-four games for Milwaukee last year. In nearly every game he has pitched since the opening of the present American association race he has been peppered by opposing batsmen. "Stoney" worked too hard in 1909.

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## Maxwell Wins

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The honors of the day were divided between Barney Oldfield, with his 200 horsepower Benz machine, and C. O. King, with his Maxwell 30 horsepower stock car. Oldfield lowered his previous record of one mile to 51.5-6, which is a new coast record for the circular track. With the exception of this performance, Oldfield had to take second place in the list of racing honors, as the world's champion met defeat in both the five and fifteen mile handicap events, and in both races King and his Maxwell were the victors. In fact, King proved the surprise of the meet, driving all of his races with much judgment and taking the turns with his car as close to the fence as did Oldfield. In the five mile handicap, Oldfield drove his Knox racer to the utmost, but the handicap was too strong and he could not get the lead away from King. Not only in the handicap events did King and his Maxwell prove stars of the first order, but in one of the first events of the day, the five mile race for cars costing from \$1200 to \$1600, which was one of the best matches of the meet.

The time for the five mile handicap was as follows: Maxwell, King, 4.40.30; Oakland, Nelson, 4.48.25; Chalmers, West, 4.49.30; Auto Car, finished fourth, and the Knox car, Barney Oldfield driving, fifth.

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