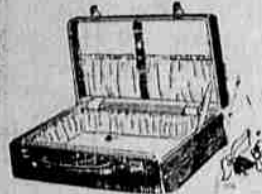
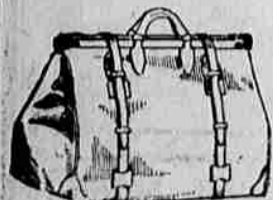


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BIG BEAR BEATS "GREAT" SHIRES

Little Arthur Pushed Over Three Times in First Round in Chicago

By Paul Mickelson
 (Associated Press Sports Writer)
 CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP)—No person ever hit "The Great" Shires as hard as Arthur "the Great" Shires has met his "big bear."

Flushed and self-admittedly great because of his unofficial one round victories over his erstwhile White Sox manager, Russell Blackburne, and his 21 second knockout over Dangerous Dan Doby, of Cleveland, in his professional ring debut a week ago, "the Great" Shires tackled George Traffon, the "big bear" of professional football, last night and got the beating of his life.

Before a howling throng of 5,000 spectators who packed the White City arena to its creaking rafters, Traffon met and decisively conquered the obstreperous, punch-slugging White Sox first baseman, packing thunderous blows behind his 220 pounds, he battered Shires to

the floor three times and won the decision by a wide margin after five rounds of toe-to-toe milling. It was the first setback for the "Great One" but it didn't finish his ring career. As a physician attended his split lip and damaged chin, he announced with no little hauteur he was ready and willing to carry through his agreement to meet the "Democracy of the Club circuit" Hack Wilson, sometime in January.

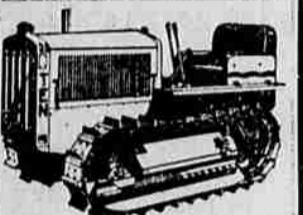
Halfway Admits Licking
 No did he feel disgraced by his defeat. He halfway admitted Traffon's superiority but pointed out that he was outweighed by 40 pounds.

"I didn't want to meet that big lumber and I've got a mind to seek my manager on the law," he growled. "But I fought the best I could and had my own laugh at the suckers—those silly fans who paid five dollars a seat. Let 'em laugh at me all they want to. Let 'em think I'm dumb. I got three grand (\$3,000) for the fight and I'll get \$10,000 more for swapping socks with Hack Wilson."

Shires fought a courageous fight last night but Traffon's great weight and superior boxing ability was too much for him. Only at the start of the battle did he look like the "Great One" who sent Doby to sleep. At the top of the bell, he leaped like a panther from his corner, rocking the "Big Bear" with a storm of wild rights and lefts, but his opponent, hardened by long months of football, was ready for him. He weathered the storm and carried the attack to Shires thereafter.

Three times in the first round, Traffon's looping left hooks sent the Texan to the canvas, while many times "Big Arthur" was sent reeling backwards by straight rights to his jaw.

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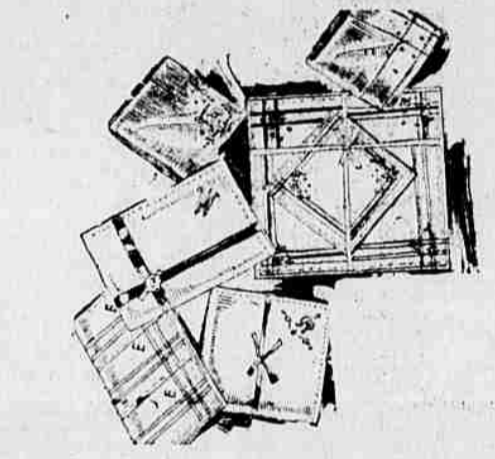
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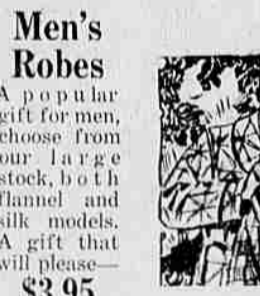


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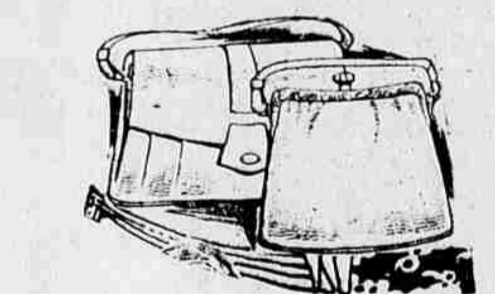
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