#### The SPORTING WORLD

Fitzsimmons to Re-enter the Ring. Bob Fitzsimmons, hero of many a ring battle and former world's heavyweight champion, will enter the ring again. Fitz recently arrived in Eng-iand and announced that he would aght again after he has tried to ele-vate the English stage for several



BOB PITZSIMMONS.

weeks, and for a starter he has named Gunner Molr, Jem Roche and several other British pugs as his proposed vic-

The cause of his return to life is an offer of \$25,000 (reported) to fight four battles before the National Athletic club of London, Ruby Bob had been living quietly on his New Jersey farm for some time and but for the big money noise might still have been liv ing there just as quietly. But Fitz could not resist the temptation to bounce his freekled fists off some one's head with all that money at stake;

Hughes Huris Challenge at Dorando. The intest defi of Dorando Pietri, who defeated Johnny Hayes recently, that he is willing to meet any man in the world at any distance from twenty-five miles upward, has brought a swift challenge from John (Lepper) Hughes, the old time distance runner. Hughes, who is over sixty years old, surprised his friends a few weeks ago by an exhibition of speed endurance and has received backing for several thousands for a match with Dorando in a twenty-four hour contest. Matt Clune, who was one of the backers of John L. Sullivan when he held the championship, has great faith in the staying powers of Hughes and is willing to post \$1,000 to bind a match with

White Sox Players to Quit-Maybe.

Will there be any Chicago Ameri-cans in 1900? Fielder Jones says it's a sure thing that he won't be back. Dougherty says his oil wells need his entire attention. Donohue says his health will keep him out of the span-gles. Isbell wants to stick with Wichita. Tannehill is after the South Wichita. Tannehill is after the South Bend (Ind.) club. George Davis desires to become an Eastern league boss. Sullivan is through. But spring-time will see a lot of changed plans.

Cy Young to Retire After Next Season. The veteran Cy Young says that next season will wind up his career on the baseball diamond. Young also has in-duced the Boston American league club to retain his old side partner, Catcher Criger, for whom Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis recently made flattering offers. Young and Criger have been one of baseball's greatest batteries, and they want to stick to-gether until they decide to leave the national game for all time.

No Football For Swarthmore.

The most startling and discouraging phase of the present athletic situation at Swarthmore college, from the footat Swarthmore college, from the foot-ball enthusiast point of view, was dis-closed recently when one of the high-est members of the faculty said that intercollegiate football at the college was impossible. This news was discouraging as well as unexpected to the student body, who to a man con-fidently expected the resumption of the sport next year.

Horse Racing For El Paso, Tex.

Plans for a sixty day race meeting at El Paso, Tex., were consummated in New Orleans recently. Dan T. Murray of Chicago has been selected as one of the judges, and the other offi-class will be turfmen who have fig-ured conspicuously at the New Orleans tracks during the last ten years.

Hughey Jennings Now a Banker. Hughey Jennings, manager of the Detroit Americans has gone into the banking business. He is one of the organizers of the Old Forge-Duryen Discount and Deposit bank in Scranton, Pa., and is one of its rectors, W. A. Jennings, Hughey's brother, also is interested in the proposition.

College Regatta June 26.

The intercollegiate regatta at Pough-keepsie, N. Y., next year will be held on Saturday, June 26. The crews will row upstream, starting one mile be low the bridge and finishing just south

Yale's share of the receipts at New Haven recently was \$33,000. Yale's

earning at Princeton on Nov. 14 was \$28,000. If is estimated that Yale's earnings for the senson was about \$70.

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#### THE RUBY GIRDLE

daughter, Marjorie Dure, the sum of (5,000) and the ruby girdle concealed in the partition of my old writing

So read Lawyer Hale, Colonel Dure had been dead just a year when, according to directions, the lawyer had requested the immediate relatives to assemble at Rains forth Hall for the opening of the colo

after bequests to all the near rels tives and the old servants the hall and the entire estate, with the exception of the above clause, were left to his son

There was a blank look on the faces of all present. No one had ever heard of the ruby girdle, and it seemed pre-posterous that the colonel should not ave made ample provision for his favorite child.

Lowyer Hale could throw no light on the matter except that the colonel had said, "Marjoric will be rich count, for I shall leave her the ma-harajah's girdle."

As soon as Marjoric had recovered from her surprise she begged the law-ter to look for the girdle.

He was sitting beside the old desk, d, openfire it, he searched thorough-in every pert, but nothing was to seen of the levels.

where the severe water turned to her brother and "Well, then, you have a penni-dear on your brinds." It's this near around her, Don "Wy father knew that you would

and talle rate to merit his confi-or Theo has whisper for her ear

attract."

I think recess to Marjorie's brow as the u-dit of the handsome fellow to us she had be easily plighted her the fire was the sou of the squire. m the had known all her life. Charofell was ten years older (that) them d had always thought

f her as a little girl.

When our war with Spain opened
be joined the rough riders. On his return home he found the colonel's dancher aimost a stranger to him. In that short time she had blos-

solined into a very charming young maiden and sedate. It fascinated the young soldler to see the beautiful LTM eyes droop before his ardent case, and in a few short weeks he was madly in love with his old playmate. The course of true heads unite. The course of true love s to run smoothly in his case, and they vere engaged.
The year of mourning for the colo

not having passed, they were to be married shortly, and one evening soon after the reading of the will the two lovers were slifting in the window seat in the library. They were talking of the pretty home that Eric had fur ulshed for his bride, and Marjorie said wistfully: "I wish, Eric, that I were not a portionless girl. Even a ruby beit would have been something. What do you suppose has become of

"I do not know, my darling, and ore less, only that it would please you to have it. Did your father never neution it in his letters to you from India?

have all his letters, and we will read them over and see. I will get them at

Marjorie soon returned with an old eather case, which she handed to As she sented herself and leaned est his shoulder to read the leters Eric could not resist kissing the uriful face so close to his again again. Then together they read is letters carefully, but found no aution of the girdle of the mahara-

Marjorle rerend a portion of the last one. It ran thus: "My Dear Ones-I hall always cheriah this old desk for the memories of the loving words I have written to you on it."

a bound Marjorle sprang to her feet, scattering letters and case on the floor. "Oh, Eric! You do not sur pose papa meant this old desk? He ,had it with blue in India."

"I enunct say, my dear, but we can soon tell," said Eric, almost as much excited as Marjorie. As Eric lifted the cover he said breathlessly. "I believe you are right. This cover is too heavy for an ordinary desk."

Taking his penknife, he gently pried velvet, lay a superb belt rubles. Marjorle gave a cry of delight as she gazed at the lovely thing and then let Eric closp it around her walst. On the quaint gold closp was

ber westiling day."

Terrs illed Marjorie's eyes as she thought of the tording father who could not give her his blessing on that day but Eric, drawing her gently to his server of "We westboart I will be. arms, said, "My sweetheart I will be

both father and husband to you."

Marjorie was comforted, and as they started to find Don and tell him the good news Eric said, "You cannot call yourself portionless now, my body, for

if I am any judge of stones that girdle is worth a king's ransom."

Marjorle turned, with a winsome smile. "If that is true, Erle, and you should ever lose all your money we could manage to exist on the 'malor's jah's ruby girdle,' "-Boston Post

Crushed. Crushed.
Fastboy-Really, dear, you shouldn't walt supper for me this way when I'm detaited at the office. Mrs. Fastboy-Supper, you falot! The maid Just laid.

The Little Things.
"What's the matter over there?"

"The sword swallower is being choked by a fish bone"-Sourire Is hereby given that the undersigned is hereby given that the undersigned city council of Medford, Oregon, on

Dated January 19, 1969.

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