

News and Gossip in the Field of Sports

Idle Talk of Secession in Coast League—Corbett Eager to Meet Britt—Northern Horses Winners.

Sporting Comment of the Week

Brief Opinions on Happenings in Athletics—Gans-Britt Fight Gives Pugilism a Black Eye.

CONSIDERABLE speculation is rife as to the high jinks that will come off at the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast League. In California the Northern talk of breaking away is looked upon with indifference. In short, the California wing of the league does not care whether the North drops out or not, for the Southerners say, and not without something to back them up, that there has been nothing but trouble and discontent since Portland and Seattle were taken into the fold. The Southern moguls say, "Let us know what you want up there. If it's a case of going back into a Northwest League, we're willing."

With this attitude abroad it goes without saying that when the moguls meet the Northerners will be given attention, but if they want too much, there is sure to follow a rupture. So far as Portland is concerned, there has been no talk of quitting the Coast League, but in Seattle, where they howl their heads off, there has been lots of secession talk. There has also been a rumor that Tacoma was to be dropped for Spokane. This is idle talk also, for the league cannot burn up the money of those who are interested in the Tacoma club without first giving the stockholders a run for their money. Spokane will be taken in, if a fourth California city can be added to the league, but otherwise there is little chance of Spokane becoming a Coast League city.

Just what will be done with Portland is not known. This matter will also come up at the meeting. It is pretty firmly established that the team cannot agitate through another season under the present management. One of the best baseball towns in the league is about to be ruined by bad management and a tall-end team. The Californians know this, and they undoubtedly will take an important part in settling the question when Portland's troubles come up at the annual meeting. The town will not stand for another tall-end team and no amount of assurance on the part of the present management will make the fans believe, in case it is again in control, that it will give Portland a winning team. In the first place, the sale of the Portland franchise to the Elva was never sanctioned by the league managers. This is another matter that will be thoroughly threshed out at the meeting.

THE GANS-BRITT fight has not helped pugilism matters in California, the only city in the country where big fights can be pulled off without interference. Fight followers are still up in the air over the questionable and unsatisfactory ending of the fight. The truth of the matter is that the whole affair smacked of too much Herford and Gans. These worthies have given the boxing game the worst black eye of any two men who ever followed the game. San Francisco and Baltimore, where Herford's money has cornered things, are the only two places where Gans and Herford can fight, and if the "Prisco sports" stick to their declaration, Herford will have to confine his operations to Baltimore hereafter. There was some talk of matching Britt and Gans again, but the match was received with a knockout punch in the first round.

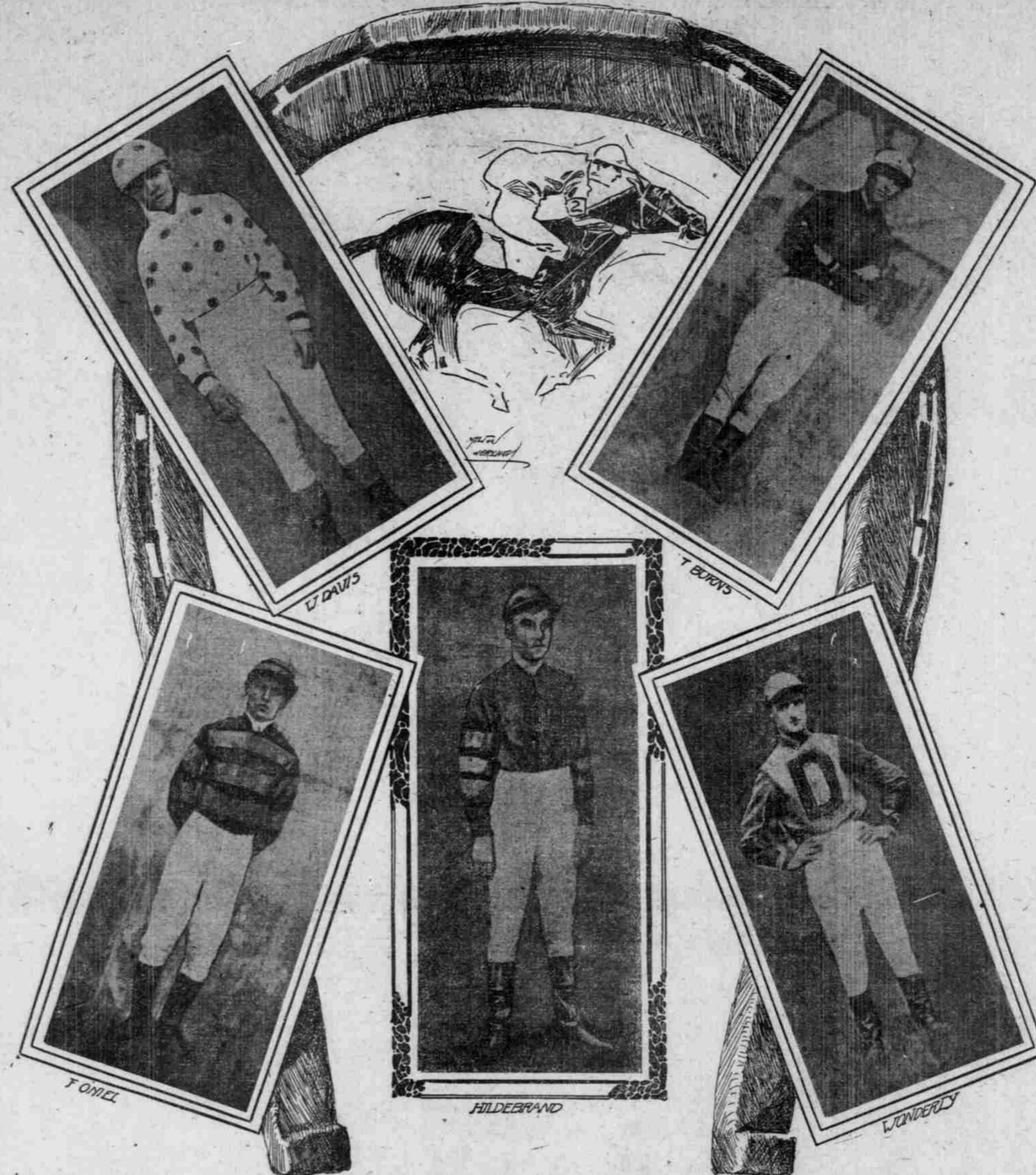
The fighting game in the Bay City has been on the ragged edge for some months and the Britt-Gans fight did not help matters. There is whispering that the next meeting of the Legislature will deal a death blow to fighting in the state, and it is positive that a bill will be introduced making prizefighting a felony. Whether Jimmy Coffroth, Harry Corbett and others who are behind the game can head off the bill is a question. They are already at work in an attempt to sidetrack such a bill in case it is introduced.

THE Lewis and Clark Fair Board will have no trouble obtaining all the athletic events it wishes next year. Communications are already coming in from the colleges and universities of the Northwest and states as far away as Montana seeking information as to what will be done here in the athletic line during the summer. As yet nothing has been done at all, and no information can be furnished aside from the general statement that all sports in the summer line will be taken care of. There is no hurry about the matter. And when the matter is taken up, if the Exposition authorities will accept a little advice, it would be well to place the athletic contests in the hands of the North Pacific Amateur Athletic Association, and the Interscholastic Amateur Athletic Association. The Multnomah Club has obtained for the coming year the annual meet of the North Pacific Amateur Athletic Association, to occur in June. If the college can get up another meet, and if the Pacific Coast Amateur Athletic Association wakes up from its present half-dead state to what is going on here, a general meeting of the whole coast and the Rocky Mountains might be arranged for the middle of the summer which would be the first of its kind and would no doubt prove one of the greatest athletic meets ever held.

THE Portland Rowing Club is taking a step that means everything for oarsmen in this part of the country. It is attempting to secure a professional coach for next year. For a long while the club has depended upon the voluntary coaching of old club members, but crews trained altogether by amateurs have not proved successful here or anywhere. Under the American system of rowing a coach must devote his whole time to the training of his crews to develop a quick, smooth stroke. The Canadians, with their system of a long, easy stroke, rhythmically timed, can learn to row a shell swiftly and smoothly without any trouble, but the American method requires constant coaching to keep the stroke from degenerating into a spasmodic jerk.

JOE WALCOTT, who was held in Boston on a charge of manslaughter for having shot another negro, has been acquitted. This does not mean, however, that Joe will ever fight again, for in the shooting scrape Joe was shot through his hand and it is reported that the shot put an end to his fighting career. While it may be a harsh thing to say, nevertheless it is true, that it is a good thing for the fighting game to have the Demon out of it. He should have been chased out of the business long ago, for next to Gans he is the biggest fakir boxing today.

LOCAL fight fans are looking forward to the day that boxing will be resumed in Portland. There is a bit of a mill on tap now between Dave Barry and Tommy Burns, but whether it will be pulled off is a question. There is no reason why the game should not open here. Local sports like boxing and it is conducted by the right people it should be a success.



To Battle in San Francisco

Young Corbett and Nelson Match This Month Will Be a Hard-Fought Contest.

By Will G. Mac Rae.
YOUNG CORBETT and Beating Nelson will be the best pair of boxers that will face each other in San Francisco, November 30. This fight ought to be the best battle and the best baiting proposition held in the Bay City since the McGovern-Corbett fight, for both of the little fellows are noted for their slugging abilities.

So far not a breath of suspicion has been whispered against either of the little fellows, and the way both of them settled down to hard training after the Britt-Gans fight points plainly that the fight is not only on the square but for blood as well. In the articles of agreement under which they are to box is a clause that neither man while training shall leave his respective quarters. This is something that has not the fight fans to gossiping and offers a new phase to the fighting game.

Young Corbett Confident.
Naturally Young Corbett thinks he will beat Nelson. To Jack Grant and the writer, who visited Corbett at his training quarters the day after the Gans-Britt fight, Young Corbett stated that he never felt more confident of winning a fight in his career than he does of beating Nelson. He admits that Nelson is a tough customer, but he believes that the Chicagoan's style of fight and Nelson himself were made for him. The little Denver fighter is a much-changed boy since Referee Graney gave Britt a decision over him. His defeat naturally rankled, yet he has not the confidence that he will be able to do so when he beats Nelson and again meets Britt. Corbett was a close observer of the Britt-Gans fight, and like everybody else who saw the fight, refused to express an opinion the next day. He did say, however, that if Britt had fought him the way he did Gans, that he, Corbett, would have beaten the Californian inside of 15 rounds.

Eager to Fight Britt Again.
"I want to fight Britt again," he said, "and when I do I shall simply respect history. Throughout all of my ring career you will notice if ever I was defeated by a man, the next time I hooked up with him I beat him. I'll do the same thing with Britt. He was very fast the night he fought Gans, but if he will only come into me the way he did into Gans, he will be my pucking. I do not say this because I think Britt an easy mark. He is a clever fighter, but he has a bad offense, a flighty head. After getting his decision over me, and when we talked over another match, Jimmy was the greatest big dictator. Now, where's he? When he lost to Gans on the fool, Britt lost three titles and the featherweight championship which he won from me, the white lightweight championship and the chances of winning the lightweight championship, which he had in his glove, for he certainly had the negro beaten to a frazzle until he committed the foul. In this respect he is like me, without a title and without the right to dictate."

Britt in No Position to Dictate.
And looking at the matter on this angle Corbett is right. If the Californian ever meets the Denverite again he will not be in a position to dictate. Corbett states positively that he will make him do 136 if they ever meet. Those who know the ex-champion know that he means what he says. If he beats Nelson, the only boy that stands between him and Britt, he will be in a position to dictate to Jimmy, almost as much so as if he were the champion, for Nelson has beaten all of the boys in his class up to Corbett. The fact that Corbett can once more dictate means that he will make him do 136 if he fights the Denver lad, he will have to accept what is offered or do it. As much as the fight fans in the Bay City will have nothing of a return match between Gans and Britt, it is more than likely that Jimmy will consent to yield to Corbett in order to get a fight.

Jeffries and Johnson.
Since Britt met Gans, after so stoutly refusing to do so for so long, the talk has revived of a battle between Champion Jeffries and the big black, Jack Johnson. It may be that the newspapers will hound Jeffries until he takes on the colored man, but if Jeff does, he is little short of crazy. If he is not a champion, he is the only champion to hook up with, Jeff had better keep his title until he gets ready to retire. Sullivan, the greatest of all fighters up until Jeff's time, managed to wind up his ring career without fighting a dingy, and there is no reason why the champion should not do the same. The mere fact that Jeff does not meet Johnson, who is a big, strong, and powerful fighter, is no sign that he is afraid of him. There are enough fighters of both colors in the game to keep the color apart in the ring, and it would be the best thing for the game if managers refused to allow mixed fights.

Training Academic Eleven

P. W. Blanchard, Coach Portland Academy Team, Tells How Youthful Football Players Are Made.

ACADEMIC and school football games are taking a more important position each year in the athletic world. There are two good reasons for this. First, these same boys are the ones who, a little later, will be playing on our college teams. The other reason is that the schools play good, interesting games. They are usually close and fiercely contested by both sides. They are not happy-go-lucky games either, but are scientifically played. The school teams for the most part are coached and drilled by experienced men who thoroughly understand the game.

In these days football has been reduced to a science, we might say a military science. Each player has to learn his duties in both offensive and defensive work the same as a soldier. Expert generalship is required on the football field as well as on the battle-field. Many a game has been won or lost because of good or bad generalship.

Difficulties of the Coach.
The difficulties which a coach encounters are almost innumerable. They begin from the first night he calls the football squad out until the very end of the last game. Coming very often as he does, fresh from college, he is discouraged by the apparent want of material with which to make a team. In the first place he may not have even eleven men out. And those who do turn out seem wearily light and ignorant of the great game. Then begins a personal canvass for material. With pleadings and urgent exhortation he at last succeeds in getting quite a good sized squad. Luck indeed, is the preparatory school coach, that can get out 22 men and keep them out the whole season. And it is almost imperative to have two teams in order that the first team may have a team to practice against.

Jungle Horses Capture Purses

Racers That Won at Portland and Seattle Show Eastern Cracks Fleet Feet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Those lovers of good horseflesh have enjoyed a week and one day of California winter racing and, in spite of the hungry-handed railroad people, who have drawn the knot tight around horsemen who ship from the East, there are over 300 very fast horses stabled at Emeryville. On the first day and during the past week horses that raced at Portland, Seattle and through the bushes of the North have been moving down the Eastern crack selling platters and winning the money. This fact has surprised those horsemen who went to the expense of shipping their stables East and back again.

The reason that the horses which raced in the North are landing the purses, and at long and juicy prices at that, is because they did so well in Portland and Seattle. Horseman, who have returned to Emeryville from the North declare that their stables thrived in that country and that racing there was like giving the horses a rest. This means that horsemen will get wise and instead of shipping East next year, they will stay on the coast and race in the North. It also means a better class of horses for the Portland and Seattle circuit. Owners and trainers who raced at Portland are still talking about the splendid meeting which was held there last summer and about the clever way in which they were treated by the officials of the Multnomah Fair Association. They all declare that they will again race at Portland and are anxious that next season Portland get dates ahead of Seattle. They are looking forward to at least a 60-day meeting at Portland, with hopes that it will be stretched to 100 days.

The Examiner, in giving account of the opening day's racing, had this to say about the horses that raced at Portland and Seattle:
The despised jungle horses saved some ice. Horses that raced in the North and in California during the summer won four races during the afternoon, and were in the money no less than seven times. A study of the dope of the Portland and Seattle races will now be in order. Every year it is the same old story—the horses that have raced in the North get more than their share of the money.

Best Jockey in the United States

Two Years Ago Eugene Hildebrand Was Begging for Mounts at Seattle and Oakland.

EUGENE HILDEBRAND, who less than two years ago was begging for exercise mounts at Seattle and Oakland, finished his invasion of the East by leading all the jockeys for the season of 1904. Not only does he lead the Eastern division, but because he has ridden the most winners of any of the riders he is the leading jockey of the country. Hildebrand began his upward movement at Seattle. He kept up his splendid horsemanship at Oakland and at Los Angeles, yet there were a number of horsemen who said, "Wait until he hits the East, and then watch what happens!" The boy went East and somehow the mounts he received ran for him better than they ever did for any other rider, and it was not long before his services became in demand. When he went East he was under contract to Joe Yeager, bookmaker and horseman. Shortly after his arrival, it must have been whispered to Hildebrand and Yeager that better chances would be forthcoming if the combination was severed, and it was. Hildebrand rode just as consistently, and by hard work he has well earned his place at the head of the list. Like many other crack Eastern riders, Hildebrand will ride at Oakland and Ascot Park again this winter.

Following Hildebrand have been Arthur Rodfern, O'Neil, Martin, Burns and Shaw. There have been a number of meteoric stars on the turf this year, but the best of the lot is little Jockey Davis, who will ride for Walter Jennings this winter in California. The boy simply leaped into prominence and by his good, consistent riding he is well up in the list of good riders.

"Talk about Doc Rowell being hot because his horse won without a bet on him, I'm so hot you could cook a tamale on the top of my head," remarked Al Cooney after Venator had beaten Judge in the handicap.
"Last Spring Venator was a maiden and I played him to beat such horses as Hopiton," added Cooney, "and here he has beat me out of the biggest bet of the season for it looked to me like Judge was in."
"Oh," sneered the self-important lawyer who was cross-examining, "you think you know it all, don't you?" "Not quite," replied the witness. "For instance, I don't know how you manage to secure an occasional client."—Chicago News

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