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Obitunry.
-Chester H. Hull, one of the
brightest, wittiest, most original brightest, wittiest, most original
gertlemen who ever held $a$ pen died suddenly in San Francisco on the 31 st . Hull had a gen-
crous heart, was open - handed crous heart, was open - handed
as the day, and had a horror of anything unprincipled or mean.
As a concoetor of gigantic and plausible stories he had become
well known throughout the United States, and he never appeared
happier or more pleasel than when thousands of realers were biting
at some of his hoaxes. There were dark days in his life, however, state to laughing while he himself He was one who had not an enemy The Sacramento Bee says: "As a general newspaper writer, Mr.
Hull showed a tine sense of humor, keen wit and superior bril-
liancy. He was a goodtand asefal journalist, as well as a bright par--
sarapher. His scope of atility included editorials on subjects of eral topics, and the ordinary routine of reporter's work. He had good conversational powers, an
was a lively and genial associate.
-The absurd mania for walking out the country for some months past, culminated in New York last
week in a great international match for the champion's belt. Four men entered, and the object
was to see who could cover the greatest number of miles in six days. OLeary, who had won the champion's belt in England, broke
down and was obliged to leave the track. Rowell, an Englishman, came ont winner, walking 500 ries the belt back to England. wager that he would cover 485 his bet of $\$ 1,500$. Harriman, an Awerican, cane in last, but sucso saved his share of the gate money. The total receipts, at a were $\$ 54,000$, and people complain that these are hard times. Wo suppose this waiking mania, llike
the measles and the spelling matches, must have its run, but
when men walk until they go insane and fire pistols at their train-
ars who force them onto the track, and when women are dragged of their couches every ten minutes to to be supported around the ring, their faces deathly pale and eyes for the interference of the society for the prevention of cruelty to avimais.

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