

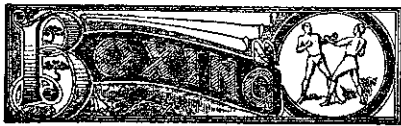
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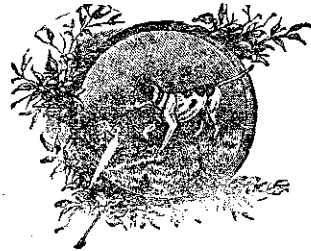
By "X.Y.Z."

Ted Lewis and Johnny Basham were fixed up to meet each other according to the last files from Blighty. This has been Lewis's ambition for a long time, and boxing patrons are sure to turn out in full force that night for this scrap. Lewis says, "If I succeed in beating Basham I shall know that I have accomplished one of the best performances of my career, outside beating Jack Britton for the world's welter-weight championship." Just read what A. G. Hales says re Lewis in a home sporting paper: "Lewis is, in my estimation, the finest fighter for his weight and inches Great Britain has turned out since Charlie Mitchell was in his prime. Born in London, of English parents in 1894 he is now at his zenith, and I am of opinion that fit and well he can whip any man his size of any kind or colour in the world. What is more, I am confident that, he can give away stones in weight and beat most of the much advertised middle-weights, light heavy-weights, and even heavy-weights, now basking in the sunshine of super-advertisement. He may yet have a shot at the heavy weight championship. Why not? He is heavier to-day than Charlie Mitchell was when the 'Lion of England' crossed the Atlantic to do battle with John L. Sullivan, in America, and there is something about Lewis that reminds me very forcibly of Mitchell. He has the same dauntless never-say-die spirit, the same contempt for mere size and weight, the same punching power with both hands, and a good deal of the same speed of head, hand, and foot. Is he as good a general as Mitchell? No, I do not think so, for Mitchell was fearless in that respect, but Lewis is no mean tactician. He is not Mitchell's equal, but he has more brains than most men. He is a savage punisher when he thinks the moment has arrived for him to open his batteries, and the way he hurls his punches into body and head of an opponent is a caution to see. He rips the left hand up the belly as George Dixon used to do, and sends in pile-driving rights under the heart in the real Fitzsimmons style, whilst his 'inside cross' for the point of the chin reminds me of Jim Hall at his best.

Amongst the multitude of present fighters I think few will live in ring history as Kid Lewis, of London, will live. He is great. Lewis won the feather weight championship at Home and then sailed for America, and there he cut a wide swathe in the ranks of the American fighters, giving away all kinds of weight to all sorts of men. His American record is dazzling. He does not only beat his men but makes hacks of them, for he has all the cunning and skill that came to him when a feather-weight. Ring tradition says that any man, who has been a crack "feather" in boyhood and has grown too big for that class is always dangerous, for a real top-notch feather-weight has almost invariably to be a great ring craftsman and master of tactics, and Lewis was all that when quite a little fellow. Had Lewis done as so many other fighters did, had he forsown his nationality and become a citizen of the great U.S.A., as he could easily have done, the Yankee press would doubtless have acclaimed him the greatest fighter of his size anywhere. Lewis was British and proud of it and stood by his guns. It is refreshing to know that for so many British fighters have become American citizens. In Lewis's career the figures six and ten seem to be very much in demand, for he has knocked out a small army of fighters in either the sixth or the tenth round. When a "feather" his fancy seemed to run a good deal towards the third or the fifth round. Now and again in his wonderful career his fights have run twelve rounds. Twice Johnny Coudon made him travel the full distance of 20 rounds, as also did Young Brooks. Alex. Lambert lasted seventeen rounds before Lewis found Alex's chin, and Duke Lynch and Joe Starnier, both made him go all out for fifteen rounds before he won from them. He was more brilliant in America than in Britain, and the way he trounced those Yanks who could be coaxed into the ring with him must have been a real eye opener to them, and to those critics who averred that the British are a played out breed as far as fighting is concerned.

I was asked the other day if Charles Ledoux, the European champion bantam, had ever been beaten. Sid Smith, Digger Stanley, and Galliard, beat him, and in a brief American tour he lost to Eddie Campi and Kid Williams. When Jim Driscoll lost to him several months back at the N.S.C., the Welsh-Irishman was not strictly beaten by the Frenchman,

rather was it Anni Domini who intervened. For ten rounds Driscoll made Ledoux appear an absolute novice, and if the Cardiff boxer had only managed to have the necessary stamina Ledoux would never have found a spot to upset the retired champion. In fact, Driscoll seemed to collapse in a most unaccountable manner. Driscoll as a boxer was fearless.



Kennel Notes.

(By "Rover.")

"Glenmore Bristler" was made the best dog in the show at Ashburton. We extend to Mrs Bittell our sincere congratulations on her success. "Bristler" is a wise terror of more than ordinary merit possessing many of the good points which go to make up a good foxie. The same owner's Waisiki Wise Wench was also a winner. Contrary to her usual mood on this occasion she was showing herself to advantage. This Airedale is a good specimen, being fairly hard to fault and has a very good general appearance when taking things quietly.

The Ladies' Bracelets were not a large competition, both being won by cocker spaniels.

Mrs T. W. Richmond's "Edenvalde Zoe," winning the one, while Miss Spedding's "Millwood Blue Rose" won the other.

"Edenvalde Zoe" is one of the best black bitches in the South Island at present. Mr Richmond having persuaded Mr H. A. Taylor to put a price on her after the last Wellington show, where she was a winner. So far she has not met the best in the south, but the meeting of the good ones should eventuate during Christchurch Carnival Week.

"Millwood Blue Rose" is a tip-top blue roan. On her first appearance as a pup she had a great win at Dunedin. Age has made her a very desirable cocker.

Mr Edgar introduced some new blood and had a good win. His stock is from the most recent importations. In the near future we expect to see him with some of the best cockers in the land around him.

Mrs Geo. Lewis exhibited a very nice Pom but competition is not so keen at shows in the South Island, as it might be.

The Irish terriers were few in number and though one or two new faces appeared there was nothing ahead of the older exhibits.

The Wellington schedule is to hand and the show dates are Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7, 1920. Entries close July 23, 1920.

The Club has been rather fortunate in securing a good building for its exhibition, having secured one of the Harbour Board's sheds adjoining the ferry wharf.

Five different judges have been appointed, Mr C. A. Hutton of Dunedin, being the adjudicator of the bull-dog section. We anticipate a good entry of bull-dogs on that account.

Mr J. D. Graham, who judged Otago Kennel Club show in February, has the honour of deciding the winner of the Grand Challenge Stakes and Breeders' Puppy Stakes, the former class winner being declared the best dog in the show.

In all fourteen challenge classes have been offered, so competition should be very keen.

Special prizes are very numerous and embrace all breeds.

The following is an extract from Passing Notes, from page six, by "Jacques":— I see that the National Bank of New Zealand, with a subscribed capital of £3,000,000, and a paid-up capital of only £1,000,000, has paid a dividend of 14 per cent. for the year just ended. These figures, my masters, to leave a sweet taste in the mouths of shareholders. Even if the dividend is only on the paid up capital it has a very fat, comfortable appearance; but if, as is usually the case, and is so, I believe in the present one, the dividend is payable on the subscribed capital, then it meant that every pound paid in by the investors is yielding 42 per cent. profit, besides a fair wad put into the reserve fund—which will also come to the shareholders in one form or another later on. Those lucky ones must wear wide smiles these times. Young man, start a bank.

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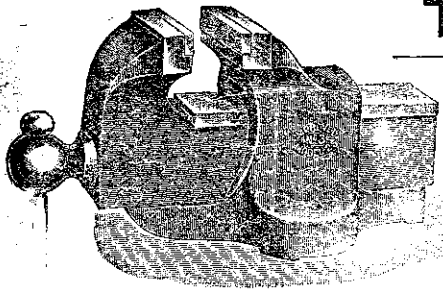
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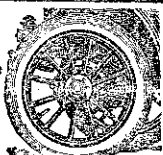
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