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Some years ago a good man came With kindly eyes and winning smile; They said St. Patrick was his name— He drove the snakes from Erin's Isle.

A new St. Patrick takes his place, He wields a sword in mighty hand— Just watch him as he starts to chase The "kiltured" snakes from Belgium land.

CLUB OWNERS BAR FREAK DELIVERIES

Spit and Emery Balls Must No Longer Be Used in Western League

McGraw Loses Robertson

Benny Kauff Does Not Claim Exemption in Draft—Lee Magee Traded to Matty's Reds

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, March 14.—All 16 major league club owners have agreed to bar the spit ball, the emery ball, and every other kind of freak delivery.

Manager McGraw of the Giants apparently will not get Davey Robertson this season. Davey appears determined to stay on the retired list. Lee Magee has gone to the Cincinnati Reds from the St. Louis Browns in a three cornered deal. St. Louis trading him for outfielder Tim Hendryx of the New York Yankees. Magee was once considered one of the game's great outfielders. He got a big bonus from the Federal league and ran Benny Kauff a hot race for the batting championship. Magee was purchased from the Federal league by the Yankees for \$25,000. He came with a three years' contract to receive \$5,500 annually. The contract expired last fall. His salary now is reported to be cut in half. Charlie Herzog is still keeping the managers guessing. McGraw says Herzog will be the well known persona non grata if he refuses to go to the Boston Braves as ordered. Benny Kauff, the Giants' star outfielder, called in the draft, has not claimed exemption.

CLAIMS JACKSON WAS THE BEST BIG BOXER

Eugene Corri, English Referee, Boosts Colored Marvel

Eugene Corri, the famous referee and conspicuous figure of the National Sporting Club of London, has a timely article in London Answers on the subject of real boxing champions. Corri was asked to name the best of the great quartet—Bakkefistmouze, Peter Jackson, Jack Johnson and Frank Slavin. The last named, by the way, although 55 years old, is in the Canadian army and recently returned to Toronto on a furlough from the French front. Corri decided in favor of Jackson, the big West Indian negro whom John L. Sullivan never would meet who knocked out Slavin in ten rounds and a year later fought a 61-round draw with Jim Corbett. If Jackson had not turned an ankle several days before the fight the result might have been altogether different. Says Corri:

I had to think before giving my verdict. This was how I worked it out. I imagined all four great heavyweights alive, and in their fighting prime at the same time. I made an imaginary tournament of them, putting Jackson and Johnson, the black men, in the first heat, and Slavin and Fitzsimmons in the second. Well, Johnson put up an amazing display of defensive fighting, while Peter Jackson, the bronze statue, taxed his tactics to the uttermost. Neither knocked the other out. But I gave the verdict points to Peter, and the audience applauded my decision.

"The next heat was between Slavin and Fitz. That was the grandest display of brawls ever witnessed between two white exponents of glove fighting. Keep in mind that it never happened, except in my imagination, as I tried to answer the question addressed to me from the men in the trenches. It makes me hold my temples as I create the great spectacle. Slavin, a picture of physical proportions; Fitz, angular and hard as hewn stone, not a picture, but a terrible power for punching. On rushes the fray for 10 of the 20 rounds. Slavin holds the balance on points, but Fitz comes up for the last round breathing fire and danger. His eyes burn like red coals; his mouth and nostrils are seething. Fitz smiles sweetly, as much as to say: 'The knockout is coming very soon.' 'And it did. With a punch that would almost have staggered a tank the Cornishman plunged his Sahara right fist into Slavin's solar plexus, following with an uppercut to the chin the way he finished Corbett, in reality, at Carson City—and down drops Frank Slavin insensible to the boards, where he is counted out. Jackson and Fitzsimmons are left in the final, and to cut my imaginary tournament short, the splendid and unparalleled negro, 'Gentleman Jack,' as we used to speak of him, wins on points. He could not but Fitz out, though by the skill of his boxing he wore him well down. Nobody ever could hope to knock out Fitzsimmons in his prime. So I voted Jackson as the greatest man in that group of four immortal gladiators."

WISE GOTHAMITES PROVE EASY MARKS

\$1,000 a Minute Cleared in New York Gambling Houses de Luxe

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Geography in the A.E.F.

Germany—A constantly dwindling country situated in Middle Europe, the inhabitants of which are fed solely on lies and promises. Austria—See Germany first. Turkey—See Germany. Bulgaria—See with a microscope. Russia—A large country situated half in Europe and about half in Asia, not ruled by anybody in particular and not caring much about being ruled by anybody. Great Britain—An island which might for its size be dropped in Lake Michigan, but which instead has dropped on Germany's neck like a thousand of brick. France—A country populated in the main by the soldiers of the civilized nations of the world, possessing great extremes of heat and cold, and in its upper or fighting portions given over almost exclusively to the production of mud. Belgium—A country with guts. Mexico—The home of the rattlesnake, the tarantula, the tropic sun and the fever, but, at that, a lot more civilized than Germany. America—See Heaven.

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COLLEGE SPORT NOTES

The entire first string football men on Williams' eleven in 1916, comprising 19 men, are now in the service. This is some record to equal. The University of Michigan has decided to drop out of the Eastern intercollegiate this year. The Michigan Aggies will have six hard games scheduled on the gridiron for next season. Ransom, Beloit college's star athlete, formerly a well known performer at Hyde Park High, Chicago, has won a commission as lieutenant at Camp Logan. Northwestern University's crack swimming team has been badly crippled, as 20 of the star swimmers have joined the service. Baker Olinbaugh, football hero at Purdue and West Point, is to be married shortly to Miss Barbara Benedict at New York, according to the American papers. E. W. Anderson has been elected captain of next year's basketball team at Illinois. John Whalen, a catcher, famous in his day in the minor leagues, when the minors competed with the majors for stars, is dead at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., at the age of 59 years. In the early '80's he was the battery mate of Lady Baldwin, who became a famous pitcher.

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WALLOP DEAR TEACHER WITH A HAND GRENADE!

Hist, you heavers! Lamp this line that our American staff correspondent just flung into the capacious maw of the panting cable company. "The gentle hand grenade has become a feature of most of the country's amateur athletic meets. The Rocky Mountain conference has decided to add it to intercollegiate sports. It may become an important scholastic implement of indispensable facilities. "Unobtrusive facilities," our otherwise careful and tall sailing correspondent has indulged in a totally superfluous word, "Unobtrusible" applied to facilities? It's redundant. All facilities are unobtrusible—not only in themselves, but they are composed exclusively of unobtrusibles. Oh, joy! Think of winging a good old hand grenade at the dome-like bono of Old Man Whoozle, who flunked us in European History! That would be a little fact of modern European history that he ought to get firmly fixed in his mind. And think of lofting the old grenade in fine parabolic curve at the medulla oblongata of Old Whoozle who flunked us for not knowing all about parabolic curves and angles of elevation and all the rest of the rot that you never use outside the artillery! And, too, think of plunking old Herr Professor Schweln right in the solar plexus—old Schwein, who told us that the Germans were a good and kind and loving peaceful people! But the prize grenade target of all is yet to come. Swing your arms and practice up with your grenades, all you ex-college and prep-school twirlers, shot-puffers, hammer and discus throwers! Prepare to aim your last, your most telling grenade, longed for the puts of old Fatherall, the philosophy prof, who told us all solemnly that there never could be another European war!

STAR SHELLS

By Q.M. SGT. STUART CARROLL, Q.M.C. PECULIAR HORRORS OF WAR "Suppose, on returning to citizen's shoes," Said Corporal Andy McPhee, "I find that the girl I had hoped to lose Is faithfully waiting for me." "Chicago Tribune." "Suppose, when I doff the old khaki for myc, Said Top Sergeant Terry O'Moore, "That the girl I allotted one-half of my pay Has married the slacker next door." Prof. James Naismith, professor of physical education and hygiene at Kansas University, and inventor of the game of basketball, is in France. Presumably he will aid the U.S. bomb tossers in locating the Gothic baskets. But Prof. Jimmy should remember that over here we don't call any personal fouls and that the enemy says he's got the referee fixed anyway.

YANKEE GALLERY SEES BOAR HUNT

Beast Finds Zone Just Behind Front Line Safest Spot in France When there isn't Boche hunting to be done some of the American sportsmen up front find time to hunt the wild boar. A visiting correspondent recently came upon a company of them on the Lorraine line following the sport of kings with zest and interest. True they were only engaged in the hunt to the extent of cheering on a half-dozen polius who were racing across country after a bored