

AMERICAN BRAUN and MUSCLE AT THE GREAT OLYMPIAN GAMES AT PARIS.

Our Champion Athletes, Who Could Hold Their Own Against All the World When the Big Tournament of All the Nations Comes Off at the Paris Exposition.



CAPTAIN DUFFY OF THE BOSTON EDMUNT WINNERS.



BEATRIX HOYT, CHAMPION WOMAN GOLFER.



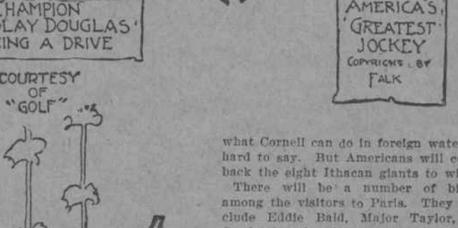
TOD SLOANE, AMERICA'S GREATEST JOCKEY. COPYRIGHT BY FALK.



ORTON, PENNSYLVANIA'S LONG DISTANCE RUNNER.



CORNELL'S FAMOUS CREW AT POUGHKEEPSIE.



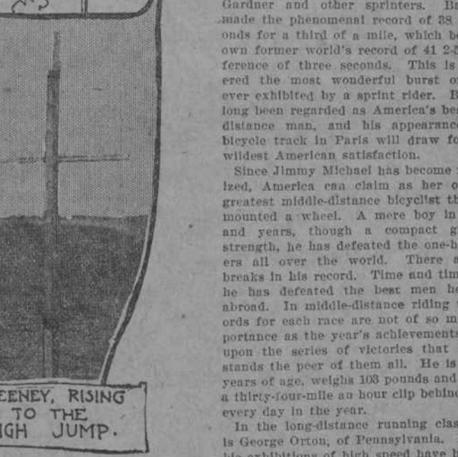
CHAMPION TINDLAY DOUGLAS MAKING A DRIVE.



MIDGET MICHAEL, INVINCIBLE AT MIDDLE DISTANCE.



CLAPP - YALE'S GREAT POLE VAULTER.



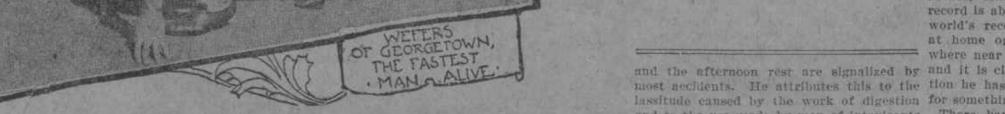
SWEENEY, RISING TO THE HIGH JUMP.



EDDIE BALD, THE CANNON-BALL SPRINT RIDER.



J. FLANNIGAN, THE GREAT HAMMER-HURLER.



WEFERS OF GEORGETOWN, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE.

what Cornell can do in foreign waters it is hard to say. But Americans will certainly back the eight Ithaca giants to win. There will be a number of bicyclists among the visitors to Paris. They will include Eddie Bald, Major Taylor, Elkes, Gardner and other sprinters. Bald has made the phenomenal record of 33 2-5 seconds for a third of a mile, which beats his own former world's record of 41 2-3, a difference of three seconds. This is considered the most wonderful burst of speed ever exhibited by a sprint rider. Bald has long been regarded as America's best short distance man, and his appearance on a bicycle track in Paris will draw forth the wildest American satisfaction.

Since Jimmy Michael has become naturalized, America can claim as her own the greatest middle-distance bicyclist that ever mounted a wheel. A mere boy in weight and years, though a compact giant in strength, he has defeated the one-hour riders all over the world. There are few breaks in his record. Time and time again he has defeated the best men here and abroad. In middle-distance riding the records for each race are not of so much importance as the year's achievements. It is upon the series of victories that Michael stands the peer of them all. He is twenty years of age, weighs 103 pounds and can set a thirty-four-mile an hour clip behind pacers every day in the year.

In the long-distance running class there is George Orton, of Pennsylvania. Most of his exhibitions of high speed have been unofficial, yet it is said of him that he is the most promising man to-day for the long distance future. He is said to have made a mile under 4 minutes 12 seconds, which is remarkable, and his two-mile clip was close inside of 9 minutes 11 seconds. Orton has remarkable endurance and sets a pace from the jump that wears out his opponents before they really get a chance to approach his gait. Orton represents about the best there is in college athletes in his class.

Of golf there is much being written of late. Mr. Findsay Douglas, the young Scotchman of the Fairfield County Golf Club, is by far the best amateur in America. His recent match with Walter Smith showed his marvellous playing and at once put him at the top of the heap. Few golf players even in Scotland have a better understanding of the game than Douglas.

Is there any one in all Scotland who can manipulate a golf ball as skillfully as Miss Beatrix Hoyt, of the Shimnecock Hills Golf Club? Although but seventeen years of age, she drives the gutta percha ball further and with more accuracy than any of her sister players. Graceful, accurate and overflowing with the spirit of the game, she has made many a man hide his head in shame by ignominiously defeating him.

In the general push for laurels in Paris we can expect to see Flannigan and Mitchell, the two greatest hammer throwers and weight putters that we have in this country. These two powerful Irishmen vie with each other in the old Roman and Grecian games. In weight putting Mitchell perhaps has the advantage, and in casting the heavy hammer Flannigan shows a better average. Both are all-around athletes, and hold records that would fill this column.

America can count on "Mike" Sweeney to do more of his famous high jumping, as he holds the record for the world to-day with 6 feet 5 3/4 inches.

The great jockey of the year is Tod Sloane, of America, of England. He has brought royalty to his feet, and from the Prince of Wales and Lord William Bessford magnificent offers have been made. Tod won nearly half of all his mounts in England, and although he is to return next Spring, he will always be an American, as here he first saw the light.

About nine-tenths of the population in this country know that the Boston baseball team won the pennant this year and that Captain Duffy was very largely responsible for the victory. He therefore has claim to some recognition at the hands of the sports loving community. There will be an effort to take the team to Paris next year, and France will be introduced to a few American "rooters," who will show the generally approved by college cr...

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Copyright, 1898, by W. R. Hearst. HE whole world will hear from America when the Olympian games are held at Paris at the coming exposition. The muscle and brawn of the old country will find that on the Western Hemisphere men are made who are mighty in athletics as well as in war and in the arts which make for peace and progress. Our runners, jumpers, riders, hammer throwers, armmen and all-round athletes have broken old records, and the victors are looking with longing eyes toward Paris, where the world's Olympian games will be held. The college teams, the athletic associations, the professional and amateur athletes, will all be represented across the pond in the struggle for glory, medals and records. Never in the history of the world has such a remon been contemplated. Four years ago the first of the modern Olympian games were held at Athens on the spot made historic by the athletes of ancient Greece. That America can and should capture most of the rewards there is no possible doubt, as a survey of the year's work will show. Our most notable marvel is Bernard Wefers, the runner of Georgetown University. Wefers is by all means the fastest man alive. He has covered 100 yards in 9.45, and all attempts to beat or equal the pace have so far failed. It is said that he will be well backed abroad to even beat his American time. Experts regard him as the most graceful runner that ever stepped on a cinder path. It is safe to assume that the man who beats the famous Clapp, Yale's pole vaulter, will have to come pretty near to 12 feet, as Clapp's record to-day is 11 feet 10 1/4 inches, made in Chicago, June 8. This record is about five inches over the former world's record, and none of our athletes at home or even abroad has come anywhere near it. Clapp is booked for Paris, and it is claimed that in private competition he has made 12 feet. We may look for something astonishing from this source. There have been several ineffectual attempts to beat our great Cornell crew by injecting the English stroke into the rowing system of Harvard and Yale. Harvard imported Mr. Rudolf Lehmann as coach for that purpose. Cornell, under Coach Courtney, defeated Harvard twice in succession and the American stroke is now generally approved by college cr...

Time of Day Most Accidents Occur.

Only a palinstating, plodding German investigator would go to all the trouble of at what hour of the day. This is what has arising to find out by statistics on what day been done by Dr. Wolff, of Strasburg.

He bases his conclusions on 1,071 cases on the days previous, viz., Saturdays, Sun- of accidents among the working classes. It days and Thursdays. Fewer accidents hap- pen on Tuesday than on any other day of the week, because on no day are drinking accidents, and for this fact he accounts by the statement that the drinking shops are most frequented workmen in Germany fact that the hours after breakfast, dinner too.

and the afternoon rest are signalized by most accidents. He attributes this to the lassitude caused by the work of digestion and to the use made by men of intoxicants during meal times. He also establishes the fact that in factories where the meal hours are greatly curtailed there is an excess of accidents over the factories where the men are more liberally treated in this respect. A philosopher has said that you can prove almost anything by figures, and disprove it, and he has made 12 feet. We may look for something astonishing from this source. There have been several ineffectual attempts to beat our great Cornell crew by injecting the English stroke into the rowing system of Harvard and Yale. Harvard imported Mr. Rudolf Lehmann as coach for that purpose. Cornell, under Coach Courtney, defeated Harvard twice in suc- cession and the American stroke is now generally approved by college cr...