

first started racing as a boy of thirteen. Accompanying Robl and Dickentmann are their pacers and six pacing machines, viz., four motor tandems and two motor bicycles. All these machines are built on models designed by Robl and Dickentmann."

The victory of S. F. Edge in the great Gordon-Bennett motor road race decided in France last year makes it incumbent upon the motor association of the country to which the winner belongs to hold it in that country. This is a condition under which the competition is contested. Mr Edge hails from Britain, but owing to the drastic regulations regarding motor pace on the public roads in England, which is limited to twelve miles an hour, it cannot be held in that country. It seems that the only chance of running it in the United Kingdom is to find a suitable course in Ireland, where the speed limit does not apply, and this, unless the authorities object, will probably be done.

THE AUSTRAL WHEEL RACE.

FINAL HEAT.

F. Auger, 240yds	1
A. C. Forbes, 50yds	2
M. Lewis, 90yds	3

Fifteen riders started in the final heat for the big Austral Wheel Race, the great event of the cycling year in Australia. Two laps from home the New Zealander Forbes was in front followed by Auger and Lewis. The effort to catch his men, however, had taken too much steam out of Forbes, who when challenged by Auger at the turn was unable to successfully respond, and suffered defeat by a length and a half. Time, 4min 26 1/5sec.

THE RING.

THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA.

SOLDIER THOMPSON DEFEATS SNOWY STURGEON.

Over two thousand people paid for admission to the National Sporting Club in Sydney to see the battle for the Middleweight Championship of Australia between Jack Thompson and Snowy Sturgeon. "The Amateur" gives the following interesting account of the combat:—

Don. McDonald was referee, and "Silver" Bryant timekeeper. Behind Sturgeon were Bob Turner, George McAulay, and Monty Andrews. Bill and Alf. Thompson and Jim Scanlan tended on Soldier Jack. A good deal of money was wagered, at 6 and 7 to 4 on Sturgeon. From first to last it was a determinedly fought struggle, that fairly bristled with exciting situations, and had the crowd cheering almost incessantly its admiration of the pluck and fighting powers of both men. Thompson used right and left effectively often, and forced the game throughout, albeit Snowy was never idle too long, and not till the last couple of rounds did he appear in the light of a possible loser. Early in the first round Thompson's head bumped Sturgeon's left eye hard and brought a stream of gore from it. Then Thompson drove a heavy right on the shoulder, which caught Snowy as he was moving away, and sent him to the boards, but only momentarily. The engagement was a fierce and vimful one, even at this early stage, and at the close offers of even money Thompson were not too eagerly snapped up.

They were at work like tigers in the second round, and a weighty right in the ribs floored Thompson for 3sec. Sturgeon rushing to finish, swung himself down. Snowy rolled into his man now, and made play at a great rate, the crowd cheering again and again, and they went to their corners amid a roof-lifting din. In the third round Snowy's head banged Thompson's left eye, and the blood coming freely from it they were even in this respect, but Thompson's looked the worst of the two, and as their bodies clashed the crimson fluid spread and gave them both a very sanguinary appearance. Nevertheless, each fought strong, and with pluck that was a revelation.

Snowy charged like a bull in the fourth round, and forced Thompson to the floor for 9sec, and it was noticed that the white haired man fought better than had been the case before. Sturgeon drove a hard left in the stomach and chopped a right on the jaw, and the ringers yelled uproariously. Both slowed a little towards the corners.

It was a raging thing in the fifth round, throughout which Thompson shone, sending in sinful punches with both hands. A forceful right on the jaw as Snowy came in dropped him for eight seconds, and a right on the head, followed by a heavy chop, sent him down again.

The sixth was the last round, and was all Thompson's. Early the Soldier landed right on the ear, and cut it badly. Following up, Thompson nearly had his man out three or four times. The bell was rung by mistake, and they separated, going to their corners. Upon resuming, right and left and right from Thompson sent Sturgeon prone once more for 9sec, and he looked pretty well done, but rising, Snowy fought hard, only to be sent prostrate, and then he was counted out.

Soldier Jack Thompson has done well during his short innings at the game. His first success was in a middle-weight tourney; then he beat Davis in 2 1/2 rounds, and Jack Conlon in 4 rounds. Thompson lost on a foul to Harry Dawson next, after eight rounds of hard fighting, and then he contested a draw of six rounds duration with Ike Stewart. He beat Starlight convincingly, in 2 1/2 rounds, and Bill Jennings in five rounds, and subsequently Jack Conlon in three.

Thompson is a well set up young fellow, just 23 years of age, and a native of Inverell. He is 5ft 9in high, measures 14in round the biceps, and 12in round the forearm. His chest normal is 35in, and expanded 40in. He is 21 1/2in round the thigh, and 12 1/2in round the calf.



(By "Gillie.")

Mat. Rosegrave, the well-known hurdler, will represent Auckland at the big shoot of the Palmerston Gun Club. The "boy from Galway" won a hundred pounds trophy and a gold medal not long since from the 33yds mark, and is a very fine shot indeed. He will be going against some pretty warm men this time, however, for among the entries appear the names of A. W. Eales, the Australian champion, C. H. Gorrie, the champion of New South Wales, and Eccles, the New Zealand champion.

The angler who indulges in fly-fishing as well as others who see the artistic imitations of may-flies made out of mallard and other feathers must often wonder at the cleverness shown in their making. More than half of the ingenuity here shown is thrown away. Just as all colours are alike in the dark, so is it with objects seen in front of a strong light. Fish, it is claimed, judge of things seen above them, merely by outline, for many wary trout have been taken with bright blue and scarlet may-flies, which are in colour, very far indeed from the real insect. This statement does not prove that fish are colour blind as to objects under water, but it narrows, very much, the field in which the discrimination between hues could be of use to them.

The first account of the use of artificial flies in angling was written by Aelian, A.D. 230. He also gives appropriate figures as to the original world's record for distance casting: "I have heard this account of a mode of fishing in Macedonia. In a river called Asraous, which flows between Barea and Thessalonica, are found

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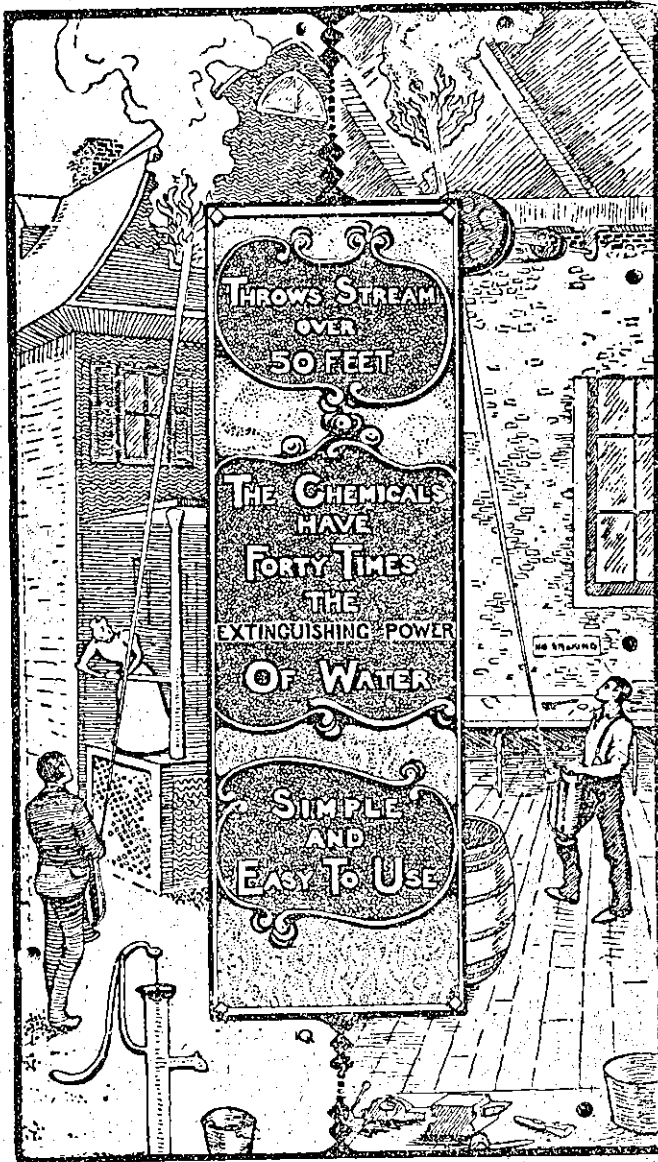
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fishes marked with various colours. These feed upon flies that play upon the water. The fish see these as they sport upon the surface, and, moving slyly through the water till they get under the insect, leap upon it as a wolf upon a sheep in a flock, or an eagle upon one out of a flock of geese, and seizing their prey sink again into the deep water. The fisherman could not use these for bait, as when caught in the hand they lost their colour and wings. But in the course of time as their angling science advanced they learned to outwit the fish by their ingenuity. They first wrapped around the hook some Phoenician wool, and tied on two feathers or the wattles of a cock's neck of a wax colour. This they threw with a pole or reed four cubits (seven or eight feet) long, and a line the same length. These cunning artifices they threw on the water, and the fish, attracted by the appearance of the pretty insect they feed upon, seized the bait and were caught."

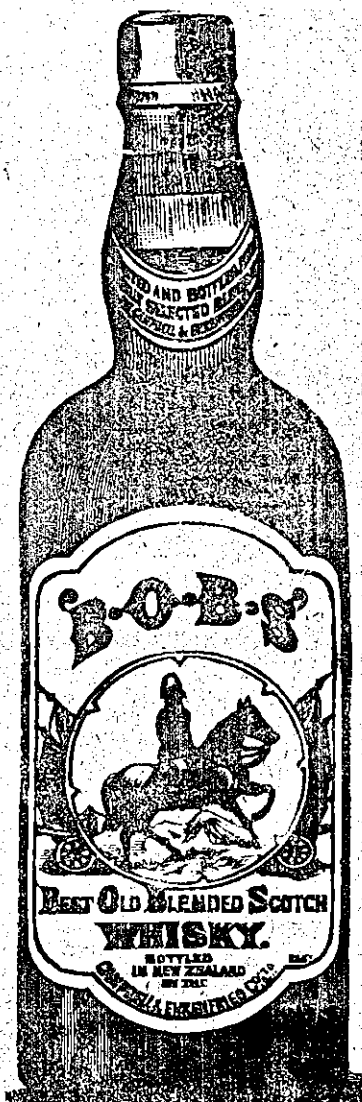
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