

time later I gave them something by which to remember the threats they had used to the Squire and against me.

"This battle for the middleweight championship of England took place at the training establishment kept by Rosser, the ring being pitched in the paddock, only ticket-holders being admitted, no charge being made for the tickets. It was fought in a 24ft. ring on a platform surrounded by stone walls. There was no trouble of any kind; everything went as merrily as a marriage bell. The men entered the ring at 11.25 on the morning of a very hot day. Mr. Bob Watson was referee. They fought with 4oz. gloves.

HALL'S NONCHALANCE.

"At the start Hall appeared to me to be taking things a bit too easily; he strolled leisurely across as cool as a cucumber and shook hands, and the men returned to their corners. At the call of time Hall glided towards Pritchard and at once planted his left on the face with a short jolt; Pritchard at once tried with both hands, but was a long way short, Hall gliding backwards with an easy motion devoid of all effort! Indeed, it looked as if a great professor were giving a pupil a lesson. This was the first time I had seen Hall fight, and his easy nonchalance puzzled me. Pritchard was as useless to him as a child, and did not land on him at all. When time was called Hall loafed back to his corner with a good-humored smile on his face; Pritchard's face bore sundry lumps and bumps, as Jim had confined himself exclusively to the head and face.

"Round two was a repetition of the first. Hall never moved his right, but hit his man wherever he wanted to with his left, and avoided all punishment with a consummate ease, his white skin hadn't a single flush on it from his foe's glove; but Pritchard was bleeding from nose and mouth, and he had bumps all over his face. I did all that was required in the corner for my man, and sent him up for round three. Hall went leisurely to his man and made a pass with his left; he didn't seem to think the other chap worth bothering about. Pritchard stepped quickly in and put his right heavily on Hall's ear, knocking him down on his quarters. Jim sat there not the least dazed, and as Pritchard stood right over him he coolly waved him away. The referee ordered Pritchard back; he only retreated one step, and then Hall bounded to his feet, and then, oh, my! what a different aspect! The blow had roused the fighting instinct in Jim, and put him fairly on his mettle.

"All his nonchalance disappeared, he sailed in and played the devil with Pritchard. With a left and right he spun his man round, and then waited with the utmost coolness, leisurely waiting until Pritchard faced him again. He was really entitled to punch whilst his enemy's back was turned, but he gave him a chance, for he was a scrupulously fair fighter always, and never by any chance infringed ring rules. He made a feint with his left, but it was only a throw-off; Pritchard shifted his guard, and Hall shot the right fair on the point and dropped his man in a huddled-up heap quite insensible. It did not look a hard blow, but was beautifully timed, and it was quite an hour before Pritchard regained consciousness sufficiently to recognise anyone.

"Thus ended the fight that made Jim Hall middleweight champion of England. Pritchard only hit him once in the contest."

An American boxing authority makes the following interesting comments on the recent battle between those great American middleweights George Chip and Jimmy Clabby: "The

Clabby-Chip fight was a great one. Jimmy could have beaten any man in the world. I have seen him in a good many fights, but I never before saw him fight as he fought Chip. I am not saying Chip is no fighter because Jimmy has won from him; he sure is; and he is always dangerous. With a punch like a heavyweight, he is just the kind of man that the fans in your city would admire. Joe Welling is to get his first start here to-night against Frankie Jones. Welling should win easily. It will only be four rounds. Lee Johnson had one fight here, and earned a draw. It is hard for him to win in this country on account of his colour. The papers said he should have won. Larney, Jimmy Clabby, Joe Welling, and Art McQueen wish me to remember them to you. Give my regards to Sugar Flanagan, Mr. Baker, Mr. Keesing, Mr. McPherson, Fritz Holland, and Jimmy Fitton. We will not have any boxing in this State after December. The law says we must stop. Some of the promoters are going to fight, and see what they can do with a test case, as they claim the law is not framed as it should be. There are loop-holes in it. I think Clabby will box Chip in New York City shortly after he (Clabby) is through with his theatrical engagements."

"London Boxing," in commenting upon an article which went to great pains to show that a boxer was to all intents and purposes useless on the field of battle, recalls the story of how David St. John, a Grenadier Guardsman, fell in South Africa:—"Like Shaw, the Lifeguard, a Welsh boxer named David St. John, of Resolven, was a giant who fell whilst fighting for King and country. An idea of his size may be gained by mentioning that when he sparred with Peter Jackson he made the Black Prince look puny in comparison. David St. John was with his regiment, the Grenadier Guards, at Belmont, South Africa, on November 23, 1899. He took part in that sensational assault on the kopje which decided the fortunes of the day. In the thickest of the fighting David was confronted with one of the enemy who was as big as himself. The two giants fought hand to hand, St. John using his bayonet with such force that he drove it into his opponent's body right over the hilt and cross-guard. To extricate his weapon was impossible, and while David stood thus practically defenceless he was shot through the head by another of the enemy, and fell dead upon the body of his vanquished foe."

Jeff Clarke outpointed Sam Langford, of Boston, in a ten-round bout at Joplin, Mo., on October 26 (says the New York "Police Gazette"). Clarke landed four blows to Langford's one. He beat the Tar Baby at infighting, and fought rings round him after the second round, showing spectre-like ability, avoiding Sam's punches. Sam was clearly up to his old tricks in that battle. He will fight a return match with Clarke sooner or later, and perhaps beat him badly before a crowded house attracted through the showing made by Clarke. In this case, as in most others, Langford will have two fights with one man, and thus gather up more than double what would have been his portion had he won the first engagement.

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