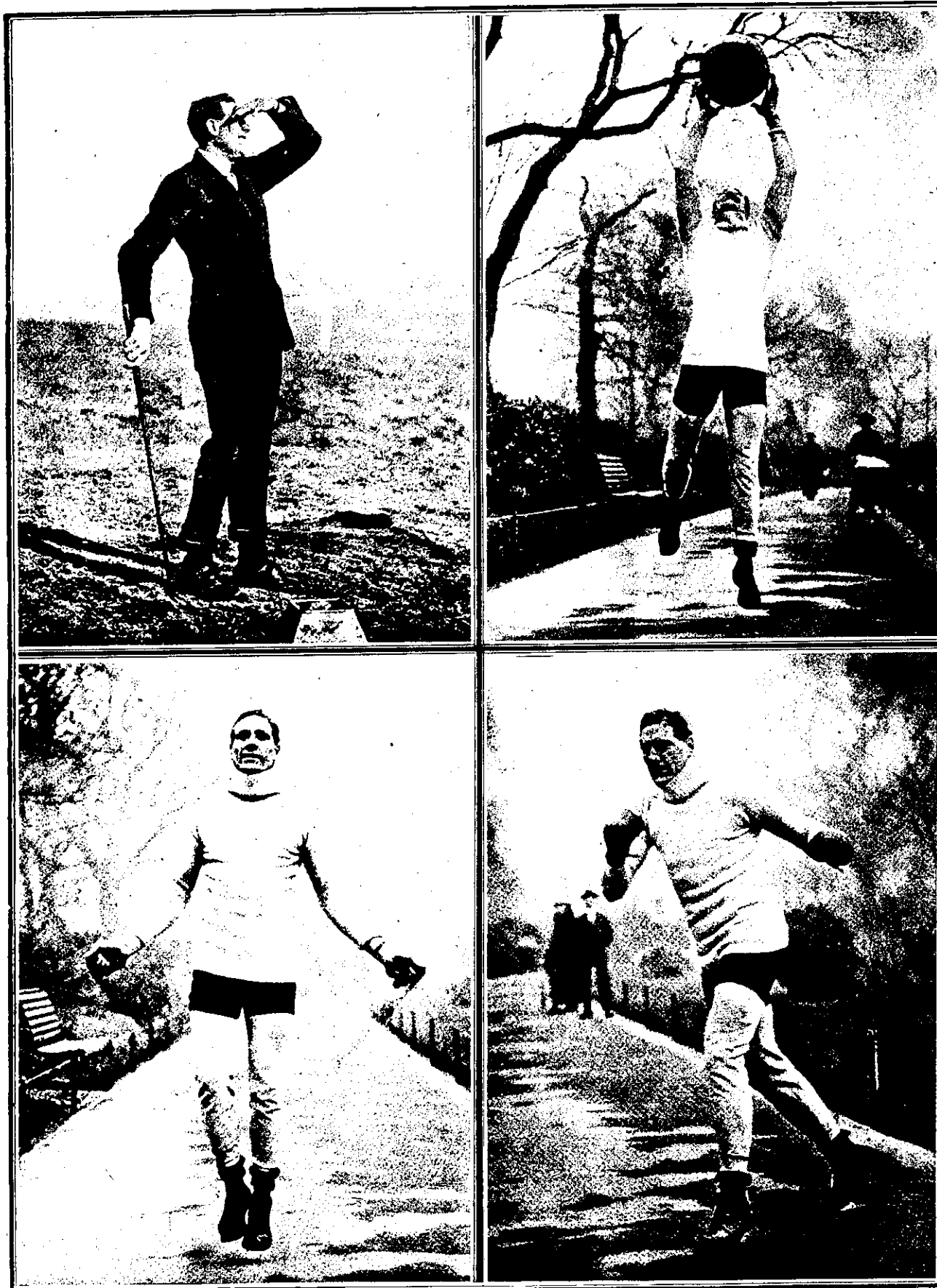
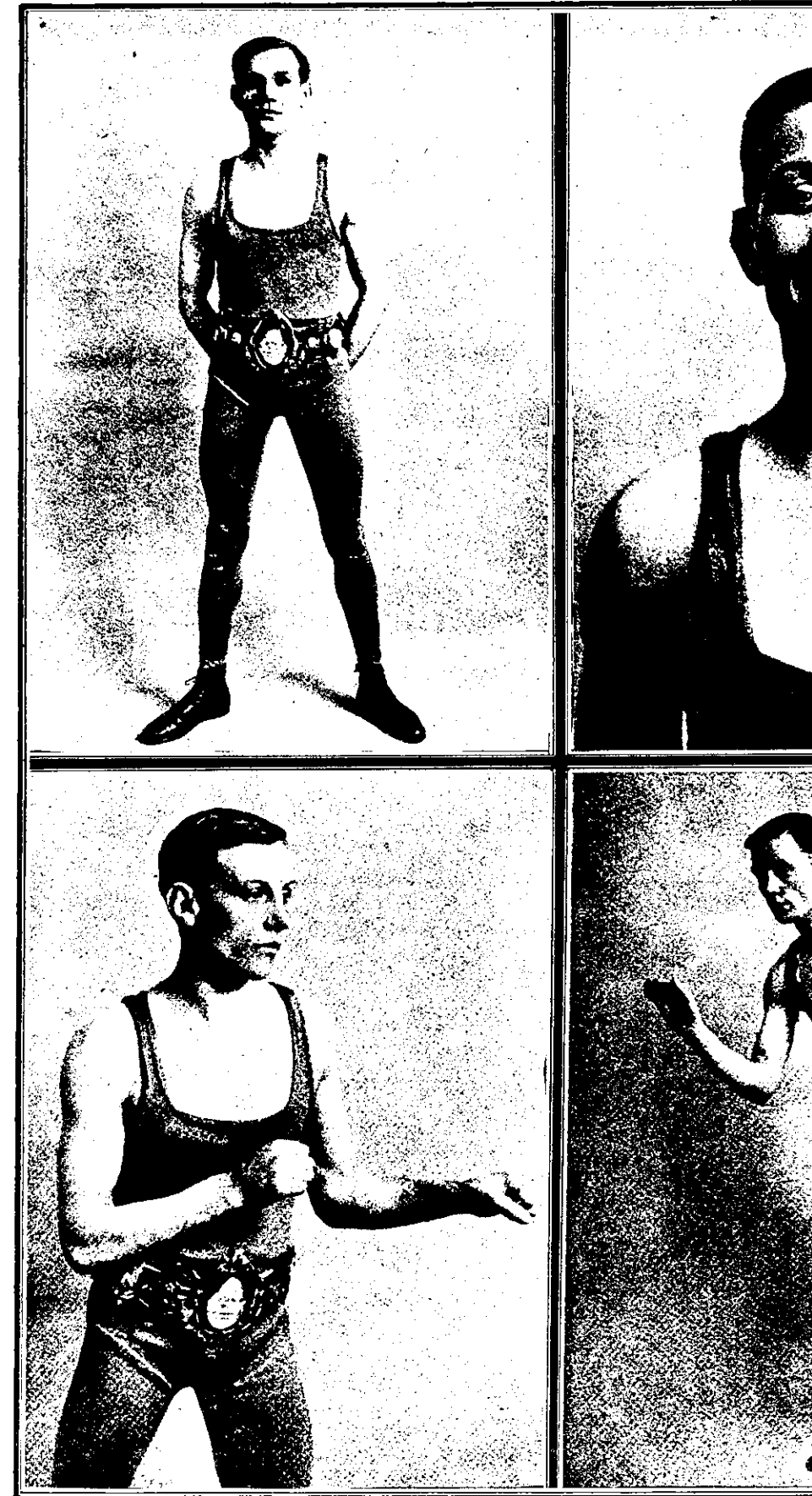


Two Popular English Boxers--Bombardier Billy Wells and Jimmy Wilde, whose recent Matches have occasioned



THE POPULAR ENGLISH HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER, BOMBARDIER BILLY WELLS, TRAINING AT BRIGHTON FOR HIS RECENT FIGHT WITH JOE BECKETT, OF SOUTHAMPTON, FOR THE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP OF ENGLAND. Wells served in France as instructor of physical training at a convalescent camp, where he was a great success and very popular. It was recently announced that he had been engaged by Mr. C. B. Cochran for a singing part in the new musical play called "Afgar." With the revival of boxing after the Armistice an elimination contest was inaugurated to decide on the English representative to meet Georges Carpentier, the brilliant French boxer, who is champion of Europe. There were three claimants to this honour—Bombardier Wells, Sergeant Joe Beckett and Sergeant Frank Goddard. Wells, who held the championship of England, suffered defeat at the hands of Joe Beckett in the first of the triangular contests, while Beckett, the present champion, will box Frank Goddard in June to decide which of them will meet Carpentier.



CHARACTERISTIC POSES OF THE WELSH WIZARD, JIMMY WILDE, WORLD CHAMPION. Jimmy Wilde is the sensation of the English boxing world, and comes—French fly weights, Husson, Bonzone and others; the American boxers all English boxers, fly-weights and bantams, and even lightweights—his remark him as an exceptionally clever exponent of the fistic art. His late fights with the bantam-weight, who has no peer in America in the bantam division, Digger Evans, boxer, and Pal Moore (a prominent figure in American boxing circles), have attracted ring followers. Wilde was in hospital soon after he joined the Army, and he has not been in health since. It will be recalled that he had a great disappointment in his match with the American champion, given the verdict, over which there was much controversy.