

## THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

**JERSEY JOE WALCOTT** is not one of those great all-time heavy-weight fistic champions. But he is a most unusual one. He is a fine man, deeply religious, very sincere, and a long and often disheartening career in ringdom has neither embittered nor disillusioned him.

We met up with Jersey Joe in Montreal not long ago, at a press conference. Someone asked the big quiet Negro, who pleasant white-toothed smile, how long he intended to keep on fighting, and he answered in his easy, level tones: "Just as long as God allows me to keep feeling fine as I feel today." He said it with a sincerity that left no doubt about his reverence, which surprised no one. For long ago, Jersey Joe had expressed the profound belief that he was destined to be the world's fistic champion, because he had long prayed that he might achieve this success, and that he had complete faith in prayer.

"My next fight," said Jersey Joe, "will probably be against Rocky Marciano."

"Then you'll try to avenge Joe Louis," said one of the scribes.

"No," said Jersey Joe. "I am not a vengeful man. And he quoted the Biblical Phrase: "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay."

"It isn't a matter of vengeance at all," he said. "Marciano went in to beat Louis, and he beat Joe fairly and squarely. He is quite a good fighter, and fighting is his business. There is no hatred, no vengeance, in these things. You fight as best you can, you try your best to win, but you don't have to hate."

Fistic champions and, indeed, the champions in most sports are more prone to talk about themselves, than about anybody else. Walcott is different. When we talked to him, he continually switched the topic of conversation to Joe Louis, who a few days before had been indignantly knocked out by Marciano.

Said Jersey Joe: "I wasn't surprised at Joe's defeat, but I felt very bad, for Joe Louis had been a very great man for boxing, a very great man for the Negro race, because all his fights were so honest, and because there never was any scandal or suspicion about them."

"But I was very sorry to see him go that way. I knew he wasn't the Louis of his great days. It was getting more plain every day that he was turned out. The referee were gone and these days don't come back."

"So I hope Joe Louis will retire now. I know that as soon as I feel I have passed my peak, I'll retire, even if I'm champion. I don't want to go the way Joe Louis did."

Not a great champion, perhaps, as measured by the fistic standards of Jeffries, Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Dempsey. But as fine a man as any of these is quiet Jersey Joe Walcott.

Your agent remarked at the outset of these paragraphs that Jersey Joe is not one of the great all-time champions. But then, perhaps, he is by no means the worst. He is certainly not the least courageous, for he overcame tremendously disheartening difficulties, including a defeat by Joe Louis that really was a win, but he continued to pray, to believe that one day he would be champion.

It isn't wise to use adjectival superlatives in athletic ratings. That way lies danger. Years ago, there was a very good second middleweight champion, named George Chip. He was the best of his weight in the business, or so he was rated. He was matched up, quite casually, to box a four-year-old middleweight named Al Rudolph, a young man who boxed as best he could under the name of Al McCoy. The result was a knockout for Al McCoy.

For the champion. There was no comparison, in the minds of the expert viewers, between the two. But Mr. Rudolph showed an expert lack of respect for the opinions of the expert viewers. As soon as the bell rang, he stepped right after the corner and smote Mr. Chip heavily on the greatest, quietly collapsed. Mr. Rudolph, the not-so-great, was suddenly champion and continued to rule that division for three years.

Jersey Joe is the Mr. Rudolph of today. A champion is one who is the best among those who are engaging in the same type of contest. Jersey Joe, despite his age, is all of that. And there hasn't been a finer man to hold the title.

Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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## How To Conquer Stubborn Stains

Candle wax dripping on furniture? Get after it as soon as you can, using a piece of stiff cardboard to scrape off the wax. Wash off the residue with thick, warm soap suds, rinse with a clean damp cloth, then polish.

Has a young 'un applied his idea of wax crayon decorations to wall paper or furniture coverings?

If so, scrape off wax gently with a blunt-edged knife. Next, apply a paste of cornstarch and carbon tetrachloride or other cleaning fluid that dissolves grease. When dry, paste may be brushed off and process repeated until the paste takes up no more color. Care should be taken not to roughen wallpaper. Brushing may be used in the case of fabrics or furniture.

A carbon tetrachloride spot remover takes out grease stains, especially from clothing; a powder such as Fuller's earth or French chalk, absorbs grease stains from fabrics; clean white blotters soak up grease.

For stain removal on household linens, include one mild bleach, peroxide. A small bottle of turpentine should be at hand to take care of paint stains, if junior tries out that new set of paints. And don't think that adult artists are not prone to fling about the colors, too!

Stubborn stains will often yield to a combination of potassium permanganate and oxalic acid solution.

Keep these, indeed, the whole contents of your first-aid stain removal kit, far away from youngsters, and keep medicine drawers handy for applying such stain agents, rather than dabbling them on.

Inks differ in composition, so it is impossible to find a remover that is effective on all types. Denatured alcohol, carbon tetrachloride and benzine often work on India or drawing inks. Writing inks may require absorbents such as corn meal, salt, French chalk.

They may respond to glycerine and water or to soap and water. Or they may require a bleach, such as oxalic acid or hydrofluoric.

As a matter of fact Bill Terry and Harry Heilmann are the only men who hit over 400 for a season and who are still on the outside of the H. of F. Heilmann was four times batting champion of the American League and had a mark of 403 one season. Last year, when they knew he had only a few months to live, friends tried to get Heilmann elected while he was still around to enjoy the honor; but poor Harry died while the idea was still a-borning, more's the pity. It's to be hoped that he makes it this year because, in his term as the most colorful player in the world, and human memories are short.

Besides Heilmann and Terry, there are three left deserving of election? Only players who were active between 1926 and 1950 can be voted for, which rules out old timers such as Ty Cobb's slugging team-mate Sam Crawford and the lot of old-timers—also the likes of Joe DiMaggio, who played during 1951.

Personally, we believe that Dizzy Dean belongs in there. His term as greatness was short—only five years he was at top-bat, when he had his stuff, no pitcher since



Mushing Through Detroit—Leonard Chouinard solved his transportation problems through Detroit's big snow with a sled and a team of six Samoyed dogs. What Chouinard likes best about the eager dogs is that they never get stuck and they're easy to park.



## Tips On Handling Those "Tiny Tots"

Children develop finger skill, neatness and judgment by learning early to draw and cut out pictures.

You want to encourage your preschool youngster but may have to protect walls and curtains. Tie blunt scissors and pencil to table leg with stout string so they can't be carried off to do mischief.

An old-fashioned pen used by a child to 'write' can be filled with clothes bluing and water or one of the washable inks. Stains on clothing will then come out easily in the wash.

Crayons will last longer if sharpened without waste. Hold them over the stove until softened by the heat.

At home, squares of waxed paper kept on a nail inside the kitchen door will serve as a bulletin board for notices, reminders, or even a place to hang separate iron, grill or heater cords where they'll stay cool and unknotted.

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## Taking Care Of Electrical Appliances

There's a pop-up electric toaster in our house that started making life with us nearly eleven years ago. It hasn't failed or faltered in all that time, writes Bob Glomac in the Country Gentleman.

A little of the right kind of care and respect is all that's necessary to keep a toaster or any small household appliance putting out excellent help for many years.

Do's and Don'ts for All Appliances

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## Winter Is Time to Purchase Budget-Priced Cottons

BY EDNA MILLS

The bright look of cotton separates has become, for 1952, brilliant. But it's a disciplined brilliance, with colors carefully coordinated to get the maximum in a dramatic effect.

Color combinations, instead of being haphazard, are balanced. Blouses and skirts are planned to be matched or mixed, according to the wearer's preference.

Thinking of cotton now, in the middle of winter, may seem a bit like shopping for Christmas in July. But many thrifty women have learned that this is the best time to buy budget-priced cottons. These separates are forerunners of summer fashions to come. Put neatly away until warm weather, they eliminate the necessity for last-minute hurried shopping in late spring.

A hobo skirt and shirt, designed by Brannigan, are in permanently crinkled cotton. The sleeveless blouse has a Peter Pan collar. Its buttons are picked up in the color in one of the patches apertured over the gathered skirt.

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## Gertrude The Camel

We roll into the lovely oasis of Biskra. This is the Garden of Allah, of the H