

SPORTS

by A SIXBIT CRITIC

Boxing fans of a generation or so ago often ask what happened to Sid Marks, a far-better-than-average scrapper who fought in Canada—and other parts of the world—back in the early 1920's.

Marks, on his all-round skill and punching ability, seemed destined to go to the very top; but all of a sudden, just when the welterweight title appeared to be within his grasp, he dropped clear out of sight.

We personally have often intended to make inquiries as to whether he was still alive, but never got around to it. But just the other day, the puzzle was solved—and, of all people, by the very man who Marks was just about due to battle for the championship.

He is none other than Mickey Walker, who turned from hurling leather to pounding a typewriter, and who writes a most interesting department in *The Police Gazette*. And here is what Mickey has to say about Marks who, even if he wasn't Canadian-born, has roots in the Dominion. We haven't as yet read Marks' book which Walker refers to, but if it's as good as his fighting used to be, it's worth looking for.

Sid was a newboy in the Limehouse district of London when World War I began. Although only fourteen years old, he enlisted in His Majesty's Navy, where he learned to box as the result of the oddest circumstances I've ever heard of.

Two years of Navy combat life turned Sid into a seasoned "tar." One day a German torpedo hit his ship. Sid was blown into the water, and when he was picked up by a British patrol boat, he couldn't move his right leg.

Rushed to a British Navy hospital, he was still recuperating when the war ended. He eventually left the hospital, with his leg still crippled, to join the crew of another battleship. A navy doctor advised him, "Plenty of real exercise will make your leg normal again."

On board ship Sid remembered the advice. He fought, a boxing tournament was arranged for the members of the crew. Sid had never seen a boxing glove, but he entered the tournament with the idea of exercising his leg. As his opponent, he "drew" the ship's champion.

At the sound of the bell, Sid tore across the ring. He threw a wild right. Ten seconds later, he was the new welterweight champion of a British battleship.

In due time, Sid became a civilian again. He had a strong desire to live in New York, and before he realized it he found himself on a cattle boat sailing for Canada. A wealthy Canadian farmer, who was a friend of Sid's father, met him at the dock.

A mutual admiration developed at once. In the following weeks, Sid plowed Canadian pastures on his new friend's farm. His dreams of New York quickly faded away. He learned to live the daily routine of farm life. But one day, through no fault of his own, farm life faded away like Sid's thoughts of the Big City.

The farmer occasionally went to town and tried to print it red. The town happened to be Montreal, and he visited every tavern he came to, bragging in each one about his new farm hand's fistic abilities. He'd end every monologue with the words, "Sid Marks' welterweight champion of the British Navy!"

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When a two-year-old American girl fell of a stool and broke her thumb, mother got her ready for hospital. Anxious to help, her four-year-old boy ran to open the door and cut his face on a glass panel. Worse followed. Slipping on the hospital steps, the mother broke her ankle.

A milk bottle caused chaos in Kensington. Falling from a cart it scared a pony, which bolted in the path of a bus. The driver slammed on his brakes, shaking the passengers. The pony ramed a confectioner's window. On the pavement an elderly woman collapsed.

Who would imagine that a house would burn down merely because the kitchen shelf was shaky? In a Connecticut home a cake fell off the shelf on to a tap, turning on the water. The cake clogged the sink, the sink overflowed, and the water caused a short circuit which lit the house alight.

"Watch out for bees! One flew into the cabin of Twickenham trolley bus and made the driver's eye its target. He swerved, and the bus crashed into the parking lot of a railway bridge. One nearby house could see the bus overturned above them.

Another bee blacked out half a town. It stung a Pennsylvania motorist on the nose, he rammed a pole carrying the power lines, and all the lights in the neighborhood went out.

There would seem to be more to a bee than just its sting.

Too Many Corpses
Near Oklahoma City in 1933, a plane smashed into a hillside, killing everyone aboard. Fourteen bodies were found in the wreckage. But to the consternation of airline officials, their records showed just ten passengers and three crew members. Who belonged to the extra bodies? Police investigating unscrutinized some helpful facts taken advantage of the opportunity that for mad men, dissatisfied with their wives, the point of neuroticism, comes but once in a lifetime.

Seeing the crash from his nearby farm, a cowboy walked into the kitchen, hit with a mallet, and put the body into the still burning plane. He then tossed it into the wreckage. Though farmer Saunders showed great imagination, he was the victim of a bad count, and was charged with murder.

He has voluntarily taken rare drugs to test their effects. He swallowed some curare, the drug which South American Indians put on their arrow-tips to paralyze their quarry. His breathing stopped temporarily, but he was kept alive by artificial respiration.

Once Dr. Kertiz allowed himself to be hung on a telephone pole with lineman's straps and climbing irons. He was then knocked out with drugs to give practice in treating a victim of shock without losing time taking him down.

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This One! — Roland Lo Storzo will be a well-fell challenger when he meets heavyweight Rocky Marciano Sept. 24. Training at Greenwood Lake, Lo Storzo selects a steak for dinner at nearby Long Pond Inn, while proprietor Eddie McDonnell watches.

ard, America's greatest boxing promoter, angled for a bout between Sid and me. But Boo Hoff, Philadelphia's leading matchmaker, wanted Sid to meet the welterweight K.O. sensation, Bobby Barrett.

Sid fought Barrett and sent him the way of most of Sid's opponents. This established Sid as the number-one title contender. He and Tex Rickard visions of promoting a big-money title match. But Sid suddenly dropped out of the boxing world. With Lou Darrow, he began to promote wrestling on the West Coast.

It was not until 1948, several years after I retired from the ring, that I met Sid Marks. Ake was my manager. He booked me to referee wrestling matches in California.

But that didn't end the ambitions of the one-time Limey newboy. He recently wrote to me about his new farm hand's fistic abilities. He'd end every monologue with the words, "Sid Marks' welterweight champion of the British Navy!"

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The cat which curled up close to a stove in a French home wanted to get warm. It got warmer than it bargained for. When fur caught fire it lived into a pile of hay and started a blaze causing damage estimated at \$2,000. The cat, incidentally, still has eight tails.

A United States woman started to search for a coin she'd dropped. She moved the car under which it had rolled, the car hit a parking meter and a building. The coin cost the woman dearly—she had to pay \$125 damages.

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RETHOUGHT BEFORE BIRTH

Unhappy Dr. Geell stood his ground. Calmly he pulled out a handkerchief and a dozen plugs of tobacco. His determination wavered. Soon bargaining began, and finally a price was determined on.

What Dr. Geell did on Bathurst Island was to halt race suicide. Under the tribal laws the old men each had from 10 to 25 wives, while the young men, aged up to 30 and even 40, had no women at all.

There was no courtship as we know it. All the girls were affianced from the day of birth or even earlier.

Young boys were allotted to mothers-in-law. These were given the girls of the tribe who were entitled to all the girl-children of the mothers-in-law. Such an arrangement meant that they were old men before this came about.

They might gain wives by inheritance — from relatives. But the custom in such cases was to give the girls of the tribe to old men and the old women to the young men.

Courtship—With Tobacco
When Dr. Geell arrived at Bathurst Island he found men of 60 with wives of 15, and boys of 15 with wives of 50 or 60. Children were rare.

Due to Bishop Geell's practice of "polygamy" over nearly 40 years, race suicide has been averted. His "wives" have been married to young men who have come under the mission's influence. The natives raise pigs, poultry, and other stock. They have a thriving timber industry, exporting to the mainland a type of pine which resists the ravages of white ants, which destroy most other timbers.

White ants has come to the mission aborigine. The young man who wishes to marry a girl offers a gift of tobacco. It is accepted and smokes it. It is the young man's chance to get a girl. He keeps in touch with his many "wives" and their families.

Odd Jobs
Who has the oddest job in the world? Not an easy question to answer, but we'd say the job of Alfred Johnson, Southampton man, takes some beating. He's a "chain tapper." It's his task to tap the links of the Queen Elizabeth's enormous bow anchor chain. Why? For exactly the same reason as the railway wheel tapper takes wheels — to test their soundness.

Woman with an extraordinary job is Mrs. June Lester, who earns money by screening. Her wonderful blood-curling shriek, once heard is never forgotten. It has been recorded for a sound effects library or broadcasting and films.

There's George Fry of Billington, North Carolina, who blew up his 50,000th at London Airport for passengers. He also tests each whistle supplied with a lifebelt. No he doesn't do these jobs with any personal puff. He makes good use of an electric air pump.

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