

## TALKING IT OVER

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NEW YORK, April 9.—The boys were sitting around chattering about William Harrison Dempsey and him. You may remember the gentleman better as Jack Dempsey, the prize fighter.

Some one asked Mr. Dempsey what he was the funniest experience he ever had in the prize ring.

"I was in a show once," he replied, "and what I read and was told, that must have been my funniest experience."

Not that it is entirely apropos, but when Dempsey lost to Tunney the first time the world was shocked. The one said that quite a few earnest souls accepted the notion that the champion hadn't tried to win.

A magazine article, semi-fictional in character, was written about the scene in which Tunney was pictured as having received the title on a carved ebony plaque.

Your correspondent happened to be in the office of William Gibson, manager of Tunney's, the day the magazine came bounding off the press. His character was asked up on the telephone.

"I'm a good fighter, so perfectly that I find myself

revering it much too often."

The fight was to follow a fight if he wanted to.

He wanted to believe he could, though it is a matter of record that he did take one on the chin from Fireman Jim Flynn some years ago. Tunney had a one-round knockout. Actually, it was the old "one round."

Dempsey explained the incident before.

That was the only way I could set the fight," he said. "I was too hungry and the \$500 looked like all the money in the world to me."

But the decision was a brought a flush to the Dempsey jowls or an aching twinge to the Dempsey conscience.

"I made sure of that I put my jaw where Flynn couldn't miss."

GETTING back to the show in which Dempsey was starred, the stooge was supposed to go out in the second round. Naturally, it was up to Dempsey to pull his punches. It meant nothing to him to knock out a stage hand.

An odd thing happened a few nights before the show closed. Ralph Smith was on the stooge. An old ball player, if you remember. They used to print pictures of him biting nails, bending horse-shoes, and all that sort of stuff. They called him the iron man of baseball.

Well, Dempsey hooked him to the chin in the first round. It didn't seem to be much of a punch, just a tap, which was good theatrical grunting to it to make every one hold his breath. It developed, though, that there was more power behind the punch than Dempsey had.

Our Pal Smith was supposed to go out in the second round. In the second round started a full minute earlier by Smith was still on his feet swinging madly at the punch. He passed was still standing up fighting with both hands.

He was still seriously the manuscript. Pretty well winded himself by now. Dempsey sat down on the floor and whispered to you know you are supposed to drop." But Smith was still on his feet, still fighting to throw punches until the bell sounded. Between rounds they brought him too with smalls and a few punches. He was still out on his feet by a real left hook.

Smith was still on his feet during the second round, so the dramatic action of the closing episodes had to be stilled while Dempsey had to be sent through the motion of knockout in an extra round.

DEMPSEY still thinks he could have whipped Tunney in his earlier days. This is a point on which expert opinion of the ring, such as it is, is sharply divided. Group A insists Tunney would have whipped Dempsey at Toledo, then admittedly at his peak. Group B thinks otherwise, if at all.

Dempsey was at the ringside the night Tunney fought his last fight against Tom Heeney. It was the first heavyweight championship fight Dempsey had ever looked at, and the first one of its species since 1919 in which he wasn't a principal.

Dempsey rarely comments on any fight. To him, it is just a game. He is something of a professional diplomat. But he professed to be shocked that a guy like a boxer could be so bad.

He did with Tunney.

I am not sure yet whether Tunney didn't stop him in two or three rounds.

Tunney, of course, was not that kind of a fighter. He didn't go in for quick knockouts or aimed jabs. He was educated, though, that the boxing guild emphasized and holding that the boxing guild had been flattened Dempsey in two or three rounds, and in the process had deloused him.

Tunney wrote recently that he was at his height in battles with Heeney; that never before had he reigned such a high noon. Tunney could have looked just as impressive as a large punching machine, mean to a avenging avenger, and looked a good against Heeney.

I am not sure, then, when he says that he was surprised than a battler of Heeney's mediocrities could qualify as a fighter in the ring.

"Richard asked me to go out to Heeney's training camp the day," says Dempsey. "He told the publicity."

I liked Tex and I wanted to see the show, so I went to see it. I turned my head and I kidded. I did. The guy had my sympathy.

Dempsey was reminded that he had said he could have whipped Tunney at his best, before he could have whipped Tunney at his best.

"Of course, I can't be sure about that," he said.

I still, the way I look at it, that all I still, and I didn't have the legs to beat him, and we fought. I always was a harder puncher, but I could not be considered as much untrained.

I am not sure, but what does it matter? I am not sure, but what does it matter? At Toledo, not Tunney. And if Dempsey's legs were bad at Chicago, can that be held against him or not? But Ruth? or what have you, and who cares.

## Race Entries Saturday

AT BOWIE

First Race (claiming; 3-year-olds; six furlongs)—Ship, Me, 116; Foul Tip, 114; (a) Captain, 114; Azteca, 14; Bright Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; Marie Getz, 111; Sweet Charlott, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Second Race (claiming; 2-year-olds; four furlongs)—Ship, Me, 116; Foul Tip, 114; (a) Captain, 114; Azteca, 14; Bright Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; Marie Getz, 111; Sweet Charlott, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Third Race (claiming; 3-year-olds; four furlongs)—Ship, Me, 116; Foul Tip, 114; (a) Captain, 114; Azteca, 14; Bright Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; Marie Getz, 111; Sweet Charlott, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Fourth Race (claiming; handicap; 3 years and up; six furlongs)—Ship, Me, 116; (a) Captain, 114; (b) Scotch Blossom, 111; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Fifth Race (claiming; handicap; 3 years and up; six furlongs)—Ship, Me, 116; (a) Captain, 114; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Sixth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch Blossom, 111; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Seventh Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch Blossom, 111; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Eighth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch Blossom, 111; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Ninth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Tenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Eleventh Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Twelfth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Thirteenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Fourteenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Fifteenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Sixteenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Seventeenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Eighteenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Nineteenth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Twentieth Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 114; (a) Royal, 116; (a) Marion, 114; (a) Parting Shot, 114; (a) Priscoville, 114; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 116; (a) Star, 114; Night Jasmine, 111; Hell Diver, 117; (a) Middlebury, and William Ziegler entry.

Twenty-first Race (claiming; 4 years and up; six furlongs; one-eighth)—Martini, 112; Star Lassie, 108; Rejuvenation, 105; (a) Star, 116; (b) Scotch

Blossom, 111; Miss Brilliant, 116; (a) Colony, 1