

John L. Sullivan in History

May Never Be Attained by Squared Ring Men of Today

Not only was John L. Sullivan the best-known of all American pugilists but it cannot be denied that the great majority of his fellow-countrymen, no matter how much they disapproved of prizefighters and prizefighting, had for this particular product of the square ring a feeling in which there were appreciable elements of pride and affection, states a writer in the New York Times.

He was, of course, for many years the idol of all to whom such prowess as his appeals, and there seems to have been no doubt that the man had the able qualities in addition to his courage—which is a quality that earns and wins respect, no matter by whom displayed or how.

A tale used to be told of some body who ventured to converse in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury about an approaching battle between the then heavyweight champion of Great Britain and the United States. According to the best of the professor's proper ignorance of such matters, but could not refrain from adding that nevertheless it seemed to him probable that the Englishman would win. So Sullivan even in his most robust days was expected to win by the whole American public, and when at last he fell there was more sorrow for his defeat than acclaim for the victor.

No other pugilist ever has gained in America the position Sullivan held and probably no other representative of his class ever will do so. There was something amiable, even in his follies and weaknesses, and he was picturesque and quotable long after his inevitable fate overtook him.

LITTLE HATS WITH FRILLS



The little maid who wants a hat with frills for Easter is not to be disappointed. Hats of this kind arrive long before the first robin and are just what is sure of a welcome. Some of them are of silk or crepe and some of lace and braid. Of the two pictured, one is made of black plaited taffeta trimmed with a wreath of little flowers and it has an under-frill of thin white silk; the other is blue and gray-blue silk in the frill and shirred trimming and gray crepe in the shape.

TOPCOATS FAVORED IN PARIS

Overgarment Is Found to Be Quite Necessary for Wear With One-Piece Frocks, Notes Writer.

No doubt topcoats are going to hold their own this spring. Indeed, Paris approves the topcoat enthusiastically—even almost to the extent of ignoring the tailored suit, a fashion authority states. American women, however, insist upon the smart, trim, little coat and skirt costume for some occasions and agree with their English cousins that there are times when only a correct tailor-made will convey the right impression in costume. The topcoat, though, will be the backbone of the spring wardrobe, and of course this is due to the extreme popularity of one-piece frocks, which everybody is wearing now—morning, afternoon and evening. Many of the new coats are long enough to cover the frock completely; others show an inch or two at the hem, and still others—occasional models—are in three-quarter length. A Worth coat, just brought over to make part of an Easter trousseau, exaggerates this effect, suggesting a turned-up coat edge to show the skirt beneath. Worth calls it a sport coat, but it is really a very smart traveling coat which will cover, or partly cover, a going-away gown of blue-gray mohair and taffeta. The coat is black and white; rather an unusual choice for a bride, who usually leaves black and black and white effects severely alone, but for some reason or other black and white is a great trousseau choice this season and is regarded as one of the gay color schemes.

PLAIN CLOTHES ARE POPULAR

Frocks for Early Spring Are Characterized by Their Real Simplicity and Accompanying Smartness.

The more one sees of the frocks for early spring wear, the more one realizes the plain lines and real simplicity that characterize the new season and emphasize more strongly than ever the true smartness of the simple gown. Frocks all frilled with many furberies are always more easily copied by amateurs than the more severe models. Women who understand realize that the simpler the effect of a gown, the more skill has been required to make it. Whether it is a morning frock of cloth, or a Southern wear, a tunic for street wear, or a more aspiring dinner frock, where good style reigns, they seem to vie with each other for the success of plain lines. There is a lack of complexity in design formerly so much loved by those who doted on anything from Paris with a mystery in closing, in trimming and in cut.

TIPS FOR GOOD DRESSERS

Beading is out; stitchery is in. Compose frocks are made of serge, jersey and satin. Bands of hemstitching form ladder-work designs. Double-faced ribbons are applied to "pink de chine" undies. Hand-made laces used on lingerie show outlining achieved in color. Camisole and knickers form the new combination suits of satin. Porcupine quilts appear in the composition of new chapeaux. Sailors, tricornes, tams, cloches and high and low turbans are all good styles. Double rickettes of uncurled ostrich are laid on the brims of georgette sailors. With knitting bag, purse, muff and pockets, woman ought to be able to carry her burdens. Knitting bags made from Panama hats are being exhibited at Palm Beach. Neutral shades are first choice for spring millinery. Grays, browns, beige and tans are safe selections.

Catholic Notes

of Interest.

"Jerusalem Delivered," the great Italian epic, was published in 1580.

The new orphanage at Quincy, Ill., will cost about \$35,000 and will have the dimensions of 89x50 feet.

Last year the Archdiocese of St. Paul contributed the magnificent sum of about \$25,000 to the foreign missions.

Catholic historical societies in the United States are on the increase.

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in behalf of the Colored race, have assumed charge of the Negro Catholic schools at Beaumont, Texas, at Montgomery, Ala., at Biloxi, Miss., and in the parish of Corpus Christi, New Orleans.

Boston has a sodality or guild of Catholic professional women.

Fourteen building sites have been secured in Bismarck, N. D., as a site for a cathedral.

Candlesticks are of very ancient origin. In the year 1491 B. C. Bezalel made a candlestick of pure gold.

Our State Department and the War Department have decided on limiting their foreign aid outlays to \$800,000 a month.

A precious fourteenth century manuscript entitled "The History of the Cistercian Order," was recently presented the Catholic University, Washington. It contains 400 pages, and is well written, and is in its original binding in wood and leather, bearing traces of its original ornaments of hammered brass with great jewels.

Due to the initiative of the Holy Father, an exchange of Belgian and German civil prisoners was recently effected.

In Tahiti, at Mannihiki, Oceania, Rev. J. Kerdel, celebrated Christmas Mass in a new chapel, 36x18 feet and 10 feet high.

Beginning with the Pope Leo XIII, in 1861, the vestibule of the Vatican began to be the official mausoleum of the Popes. The tombstone of Pope St. Gregory the Great has been so worn by the feet of pilgrims that only out of many hundred letters of inscription eighteen remain.

The Spanish Episcopate has issued a collective letter of great length on the condition of things in that kingdom. It is an admonitory and directive document.

The clergy of Paris renewed their vows at the Procure of St. Sulapice, the Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris presiding, assisted by the Bishop of Belley.

COLUMBIAN KNIGHTS OBTAIN \$3,128,489.

New York, March 25.—The Knights of Columbus have obtained \$3,128,489 Monday night at the close of their campaign to raise \$2,500,000 in the archdiocese of New York to support the welfare work which they are conducting among American troops in this country and overseas.

Reports from many parishes are lacking, and it will not be known for several days by how much the goal has been exceeded.

FAVORS ENGLISH K. OF C

Favoring the establishment of the Knights of Columbus in England, a correspondent of the London Catholic Times writes as follows: "Having at various times read in American newspapers of the activities of this Order, described in the Catholic Times, and hearing glowing accounts of its work from a relative of mine who has returned from America, I think that if it were possible for the organization to be established in this country it would be a splendid thing for Catholic interests and progress here, embracing as it does Catholics of all nationalities, trades, and political opinions. It would supply a long-felt want."

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL, EASTER MONTH.

Easter Sunday

- 31 S St. Balbina V. M.
1 M St. Hugh Bp. C.
2 T St. Francis of Paula C.
3 W St. Richard Bp. C.
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