

King of the Prize Ring.

DEATH OF JEM WARD, THE CELEBRATED PUGILIST, AT AN ASYLUM.

LONDON, April 6.—Jem Ward, the celebrated champion puglist, died at the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, in London, to-day.

THE LAST OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

Jem Ward was a man of might long before the birth of many a modern champion of England, who has since run his mortal course and died and been well nigh forgotten. Before Mrs. Sayers brought into the world the infant christened Thomas, Ward had won his first champion's belt. He had two, and the first one was presented to him in the year 1825 on the occasion of his lowering the colors of the celebrated bruiser, Tom Cannon, whom he fought at Warwick, the stakes being £1,000 a side. Jem faced his man on a raised stage, and in the presence of an appreciative multitude polished him off in the short space of ten minutes. At nine years of age he was drudging for a shilling or two a week at rope making, and soon after he was on the river ballasting, and very often half the day up to his waist in water. For years after this he followed the laborious business of a "coal whipper" hauling crates of coal from the holds of the collier vessels, and shooting it into barges alongside.

HIS VICTORIES IN THE RING.

"I don't know who put it into my head to take to boxing," said the old gentleman to an interviewer recently. "I don't recollect that anyone in particular did—I took to it naturally, I think. Even when I was quite a boy, I'd walk miles to a public house where there was any sparring going on, slip in some how and see it. You see, from quite a young 'un, I had an eye for the science of it, and what I saw worth noticing, I treasured up. It was that that got over 'em. I could do as I liked with a strong grown man when I was quite a lad, as you may guess by my being matched to fight George Robinson for £20 a side when I wanted seven months of being sixteen years old. First and last I was engaged in twenty fights, and was never beaten but twice—once by Josh Hudson and once by Peter Crawley. It was altogether an accident that I lost that fight with Peter. I had him as good as settled, and I said to my second, 'I'll finish him next round,' I meant knocking him out of time with my left; but I must overdo it and try to give him my right as well, and in doing so I napped a swinging blow on the left temple. He might have hit me fair on the head with a hammer, and I couldn't have been much hurt at that time, but the rap on the temple did it for me. I scrambled through a dozen rounds or more after that, but I never had my senses properly all the time, and at last I had to give in. That was through wanting to be too clever, and it served as a useful lesson to me ever afterward. I stuck to the coal whipping all the time I was fighting—off and on I mean—and when I'd spent the money I won. Did I fight Tom Cannon for £1,000 of my own money? Bless your heart, no; I didn't have tuppence ha'penny, in a manner of speaking. The money was found, and to my knowledge those who found it won £10,000 by the bets they made. £2,000 was my share. It wasn't much considering, but taking it as a time job it wasn't so bad—£10 a minute. I never fought a public battle after I beat Simon Burne in 1831. I was good for it, but I couldn't get matched. So I turned my attention to the sporting public house line of business, and after 40 years of it you see where it has landed me."

PAINTER AND MUSICIAN.

Fate had "at length" landed this ancient man of many trades—river drogger, coal whipper, prize fighter, and after that forty years a publican—is an artist's studio. Oil paintings and water color drawings used to adorn the walls of his snug asylum refuge. There was one of the "old masters"—at all events a copy of one—which, for lack of space, was standing in the fender and peeping up the chimney, while on the sideboard and stacked four deep on the seat of a chair, where framed water color pictures, all the result of the gentle handling of the brush by the fist that had enabled him to achieve six of his eighteen puglistic victories in less than twenty minutes each. He attained quite a reputation as an artist, and once he had an exhibition of his pictures. His productions are very creditable works of art. They are chiefly landscapes, and he was good at bits of water and boats, and was curiously clever in his blending of colors. He was a self-taught genius, and besides being a painter could play three or four different musical instruments.

The Last Letter in the Alphabet.

"A dislike of what seemed to be a growing evil, one which has greatly increased within the past twenty years, the misnomer of the last letter of the English alphabet, by which it is called zee instead of zed, led me to investigate so far as the material was accessible to me into the origin of this usage," said Mr. Henry Phillips at a recent meeting of American Philologists Society of Philadelphia. The dictionaries consulted number 47 and range from the year 1856 to the present time and present the following results:—The name of the letters is given as zed in 24 and as zee in three, all of which were American,

none having been issued earlier than 1828; the name of the letter was not given at all in twenty. Zee seems to have made its appearance in the first edition of Webster's dictionary of the English language published in 1828. But in the editions of 1860, 1864, and 1869 zed is given for the English and zee as the American name of the letter. It is noteworthy that Webster seems to have no authority for his change of nomenclature, nor are any reasons for it found in his published writings, unless it be perhaps that some petty local peculiarity in the small country towns of New England led him to believe that no other pronunciation could be a correct one.

Suicide of a Dog.

With reference to the question of the suicide of dogs, a correspondent of the Pall Mall Budget writes as follows:—"A dog of a rough Scotch breed belonged to a neighbor of mine, who lived next door to me. This dog was often kicked and ill-treated by a German manservant of his, and this I saw take place in the back yard. I did not know my neighbor, and therefore felt reluctant to tell him of his servant's misconduct. I may be to blame in this, but that is not the question now. One day the dog went upstairs to the second floor and jumped out of the window into the yard. I enclose my name and address, and can vouch for the facts exactly as I have narrated them."

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