

STRONG MEN CAN'T AGREE.

Cyclops and Cyr Unable to Fix the Terms for a Contest.

"DAVE" PULSIFER'S COUP.

Guttenburg Bookmakers Hit Hard—
Entries for To-day—Good Ring
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Sporting Gossip.

ATHLETICS.

Trouble With the Strong Men.

Last night there was an expectant crowd at the Lyceum theatre. They wanted to see Cyr and Cyclops. They saw them and they heard about an hour's wordy warfare, but they did not see what they came to see. They thought they were going to see a competition of strong men. They heard a competition of strong voices and that was all. There was a very large and healthy pandemonium developed during the course of the evening and the man who had the hardhood to go on the stage and address the audience ought to get the Victoria cross or some other equally meritorious order. There was one thing made very apparent, and that is that the spirit of fair play does not seem to be a very prominent constituent in the make up of an average audience at a theatre. A scientific set-to with large gloves does not satisfy them. Their average understanding of boxing is mixed up with slugging, and if there is not gore sufficient to make the floor slippery they don't think they have got the worth of their money. It is much the same in weight-lifting or tests of strength generally. It is natural that popular favor will carry away people's feelings to a certain degree, but in this case the people who were howling and hooting hardly knew the difference between a dumb-bell and a bar-bell, and knew about as much of a fair push up from the shoulder as they do about elevating a church tower. Under such circumstances it was an impossibility that any agreement could be arrived at on the stage. There was a possibility of bringing the men together in the afternoon when their representatives met at the Exchange hotel, but the insuperable difficulty was that neither party could be brought to accept the other's conditions.

In the first place Cyr offered to do all the feats of heavy lifting performed by Cyclops and at the end of the competition the greatest aggregate of weight lifted to win the contest. This would not be agreed to by Mr. King. He wanted a set programme of different feats of strength performed by both parties, point for point and the greatest number of points made to win. Mr. King wanted to count points and Mr. Cyr wanted to count pounds. That was the crucial point, and it was made apparent right away that two years' talking would be as big a failure in bringing the men together as the two hours that were occupied. Then Cyr made the proposition to put up a 250 pound bell with one hand, touching thigh and breast and pushing up from the shoulder. King wanted to use both hands and raise to the shoulder without touching any part of the body and then push up the bell. No agreement possible on this point either. The next thing under discussion was lifting heavy dead weight with the back, and Cyr offered to lift 200 pounds more without harness from trestles, than Cyclops could lift with harness. The objection raised by Mr. King was that he would take the proposition if the weight lifted was a foot clear from the ground. Of course Cyr could not agree to this. Then King offered to take the back lift if Cyr would carry the platform clear off one set of trestles and put it on another. This was not agreed to and Mr. Cyr made a candid statement. He said he did not pose as a strong man for feats of endurance. He acknowledged that Cyclops could defeat him at that game; his specialty was lifting dead heavy weight and at that he said he was confident of beating anybody in the world. He did not pretend to juggle dumb-bells, but he was ready to lift more weight without harness or put up a heavier dumb-bell in his own style than anybody living. Mr. King wanted his style and there was another deadlock. Then Cyr made the following proposition: "I will give \$100 to Cyclops if he will lift my heavy dumb-bell with one hand in the same style as I do." King wanted to use two hands without touching. Another deadlock. Then Cyr offered to take heavier weights in both hands and raise them to the shoulders. King said he would accept this if the weights were raised above the head. Then the same subjects were talked over again and another hour wasted. It was suggested that each party appoint a well known citizen, these two to name a third and they were to draw up a programme for both men to perform. Mr. W. H. Curtis, of the *Spirit of the Times*, was suggested as sole judge, but as Cyr leaves for England on Friday this scheme was not considered feasible. Finally Cyr said he would go to the Lyceum with all his apparatus, put them on one side of the stage and do his feats. He was not looking for money; he just wanted to show the people of Montreal what he could do in the way of lifting. Mr. Moore, the proprietor, had given him permission to come and he would be there. It was just here that Mr. King did what looked very much like a crawfish act and said that he had rented the theatre for a week and he would not permit Mr. Cyr's outfit to come into the theatre. He kept his word, too, and did not get much credit for so doing. This showed that there was no possibility of coming to an agreement and the party broke up. The next meeting was at the theatre and there was too much noise and not even so much business talked as at the afternoon's seance. After the amount of talk that has been going on it is doubtful

READ THIS, STRONG MEN.

Cyclops and Sandow, the German and English strong men who have been creating a sensation in this city by their feats of strength, will have the opportunity of testing their abilities

R.K.

JULY 25, 1891.

with Louis Cyr, the "Police Gazette" champion. Cyr has sent the following challenge from Montreal:

MONTREAL, JULY 7.
RICHARD K. FOX—State I will make match with Cyclops and Sandow, now in New York, to compete in the following tests of strength:

Lifting the heaviest dumbbell fairly according to rules, and elevate it with one hand from the shoulder; lifting a platform weighing 750 pounds carrying the most weight from 2,000 pounds to 4,500 pounds; holding the heaviest dumbbell in a horizontal position straight from the shoulder with one hand and the heaviest dumbbell in two hands; lifting the heaviest weight with one finger; shouldering a barrel of iron, weight 300 pounds, with one hand to the shoulder; lifting the heaviest weight from the ground with one and two hands.

The party accomplishing the most feats to win, the stakes to be \$1,000, and Richard K. Fox to be final stakeholder. The judges to be H. E. Boermeyer, of the N. Y. Athletic Club, and Wm. E. Harding, of the *Police Gazette*, and Wm. B. Curtis, of the *Spirit of the Times*, to be referee. The contest to take place in New York city two or three weeks from the signing of articles. If Cyclops and Sandow deposit \$500 I will cover it and arrange match.
LOUIS CYR, Champion of America.

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Fonds d'archives Louis-Cyr.

Service des archives et de gestion des documents.

Université du Québec à Montréal.

The Lowell Morning Times.

The following special cable was received at the POLICE GAZETTE office yesterday:

LONDON, March 11, 1892.

RICHARD K. FOX—Louis Cyr, the American champion strong man of the world, who has been creating a furor in the Aquatic Club by his wonderful feats of strength, called for America to-day. Since Cyr has been in this country he has beaten the record by elevating a dumbbell weighing 274½ pounds, on his head. Cyr will challenge Cyoga, now in New York, on his arrival, and states Richard K. Fox will back him for £1,000. It is reported that Tony Sage, of the Albert Club, of Dublin, and Dan Lowery, lost over £1,000 on Peter Maher, the Irish champion.

Why Jim Corbett is so strong.

CYR, THE STRONG MAN.

He Breaks Four World's Records at Heavy Lifting.

Louis Cyr, the French Canadian whose home is in Lowell, attempted to beat Eugene Sandow's record of lifting a 260-pound dumb-bell at the Royal Aquarium, London, recently. Cyr secured the largest dumb-bell that could be obtained and loaded it up until the beam tipped 273½ pounds. Archie Sinclair, the noted heel and toe walker, was the clerk of the scales.

Cyr grasped the bell and lifted it on to his thigh; then with a mighty effort he raised the immense piece of iron to his left shoulder. It was quickly shifted to the right shoulder, and then the big bell was gradually raised in the air. Before the body could be got perfectly straight, the bell turned in Cyr's hand, and the big piece had to be dropped to the floor. He tried it again and again, but failed.

A few days afterward Cyr again attempted the feat, and was successful. He put up the bell at his first trial. Grasping the 273½ pounds of iron with the right hand alone, he raised it to his thigh, and then got it to his shoulder; then, getting a good grip on the bell, he slowly raised it in the air until the arm was perfectly straight and the athlete's body was erect.

It was a splendid and clean performance, and beat his American feat of putting up 255 pounds.

Cyr was not content with this performance, but he essayed another one, namely, that of elevating a bar bell weighing 301 pounds, using two hands in the achievement of this new record. The bell was raised from the floor to the chest with one motion, then slowly pressed to arms' length above the head.

After Cyr had taken a rest he tried two more records. With one sweep from the ground he raised to arms' stretch above his head a dumb bell weighing 174½ pounds. The right hand only was used.

Then the same feat was successfully tried with the left hand, breaking two more world's records.

The bells were weighed on the stage in full view of every one, and a committee of 25 gentlemen watched the weights and scales.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Twelve girls in Overseer Jewett's room in

THE MONTREAL DAILY WITNESS. SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1892.

CANADA'S SAMSON.

AN ELABORATE GOLD MEDAL FOR THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

Louis Cyr, the strongest man in the world, Canada's Samson, who was first "discovered" by Mr. J. N. Perrault, is in the city resting quietly. Since this modern Samson last exhibited his ponderous strength before his fellow-citizens he has travelled a good deal; in England, United States and different parts of Canada. In London he performed wonderful feats, surprising the Cockneys and rather depressing the feelings of the local strong men. He won much praise and several testimonials.

He returned to America and exhibited in several cities in the United States with much success. Afterwards he travelled through Western Ontario and then struck out for Manitoba and drew great crowds in the capital city of the Province. Louis Cyr has just recently returned to his home in this city, where he hopes to enjoy a season of rest and quietness.

The citizens of Montreal consider that Louis



Cyr, the temperance athlete, has done something towards bringing his native city in an honorable manner before the world, and that he deserves some recognition for the service he has rendered. Consequently, a committee was appointed to consider the form in which this recognition should take, and to collect funds for the same. Mr. A. J. Labatte was the president of this committee; Mr. Jas. W. Donahue, vice-president, and Mr. Wm. Garbutt, secretary. A considerable sum of money was collected, and the proceeds were applied towards procuring a gold medal, a sketch of which is given to-day. The medal is seven inches long, is of solid gold, and, as will be seen, of beautiful design. There is the beaver of Canada, the eagle of America, the lion and unicorn of Great Britain. Then there is Cyr himself, at his work. This medal will be presented to Louis Cyr on Aug. 10, by Mayor McShane, on behalf of the citizens. The subscription list will be handsomely engrossed and presented to him at the same time, as a slight token of the estimation in which he is held.



for the and will race there next Monday. I will also ride at Sarnia, and from there I will go to the races at Buffalo on Aug. 20. The Canadian riders will improve. It will do them good to ride against a fast man. I don't know yet if I will attempt to break Taylor's mile record of 2:11. I have been riding a great deal this summer and I would like to take a rest. It is very easy for a man to get out of championship form. It requires several years for a man to get into racing form. I considered Taylor was a good man last year, but he did not know how to ride until this year."

Zimmerman is also a crack jumper. Last year he won fourteen pianos at bicycle races.

STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH.

Louis Cyr at the Civic Holiday Picnic in Dundas.

The Canadian order of Oddfellows and Canadian order of Chosen Friends, of this city, went to Dundas yesterday, accompanied by the S. O. E. naval brigade band to fraternize and picnic with their brethren of Dundas. Several large train loads of excursionists went out on the Hamilton and Dundas railway, and Lynden, Rockton, Troy, Westover, Orkney and other county lodges also helped the Dundas brethren to make the picnic successful. A procession was formed, and, after parading the principal streets, proceeded to the driving park, headed by Louis Cyr, the strongest man on earth, driving a little pony in a dog cart. This gentleman was the principal attraction of the day. He is a wonderfully well proportioned man and without doubt is unequalled for physical strength, so far as known in the sporting world. A few of his measurements are: Height, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches; chest, 58 1/2 inches; waist, 49 inches; thighs, 33 1/2 inches; biceps, 21 1/2 inches; forearm, 18 1/2 inches. He wears a 22-inch collar, and a 7 1/2 hat. His hands and feet are comparatively small, his hands being smaller perhaps than the average farmer's or laborer's hands, though of course very strongly knit, and his wrist is not large. He wears a number 8 boot. He was born in St. Johns, P. Q., in 1864, of French parentage. He weighs in stage costume 325 pounds. Although the weight of the dumb-bells he put up yesterday was not verified, they were so heavy that those who tested them could with difficulty lift one of them; the largest one was stated to be 250 pounds. But Cyr gave conclusive proof of his great strength by lifting a heavy, iron-bound platform with twelve heavy men, aggregating 2,664 pounds, on his back.

- A list of games was run off, the winners being:
- Half-mile foot race (open)—1, J. Ronan; 2, J. Millman; 3, T. O'Hara.
 - One hundred yard race (open)—1, T. O'Hara; 2, J. H. Smith.
 - One hundred yard race (open to members of C.O.O.F. or C.O.C.F.)—1, W. Riddell; 2, W. Henry.
 - Boys' race, under twelve—1, W. Burkholder; 2, H. Smith; 3, F. Hatfield.
 - Girls' race, under twelve—1, Mary Sheehan; 2, Lena O'Connor; 3, Jessie Burkholder.
 - Old men's race—1, Joseph Hopkins; 2, John Lewis.
 - Putting shot—1, J. Mahoney; 2, J. Keating.
 - Tug-of-war—1, Olive council, Dundas; 2, Rockton lodge, Rockton; 3, Maple Leaf lodge, Hamilton.
 - Standing high jump—1, Martin Simmons; 2, L. Stewart.
 - Hop, step and jump—1, Eugene McGowan; 2, B. Handall.
 - Sack race—1, T. Lavis; 1, P. McCullough.
 - Bicycle race—1, C. Hanson; 1, James Arnold.

The Athletics, of Hamilton, played ball with the Dundas Stars, the game resulting in a victory for the Stars by a score of 4 to 1.

There were band concerts in the afternoon and evening by the Seventy-seventh and visiting bands, and juvenile dancers in national dances; while a quadrille band in the pavilion furnished music for the waltzers. Altogether it was no slouch of a picnic, and the Dundasites showed good sense in staying at home and attending it.

HAMILTON'S HOLIDAY.



HAMILTON TIMES

HAMILTON, ONT., TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1892.

The Dundas Demonstration.

The grand demonstration held at the Dundas Driving Park yesterday under the joint auspices of Loyal Dundas Lodge, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, and Olive Council, No. 2, Chosen Friends, was, as it deserved to be, a great success. The Hamilton brethren of the two Orders assisted in the demonstration, a large contingent of them going out to the Valley City on the noon dummy, accompanied by the Sons of England Band and a number of the members of the Naval Brigade.

Louis Cyr, the French Canadian strong man, was perhaps the principal, as he was the most expensive attraction, \$125 being his fee for the day. His performance with the 245-lb. and lighter dumb-bells was something wonderful, while he amazed the spectators by shouldering a barrel of cement with one hand and by lifting on his back a load on which thirteen men stood.

The Harry Henderson family, Syrus, Willie and Gordon, and Miss Jessie McIvor danced Highland flings, Ghillie Callums and hornpipes to the music of Donald Campbell's bagpipes.

Mr. Charles Riddell, of Rockton, won the \$10 offered to the farmer bringing into the grounds the largest load of people. Mr. Riddell's waggon was not large enough to hold the fifty-four people he brought, so he had another waggon hitched on behind, after the fashion of the trolley trailers.

The games were run off under the superintendence of Mr. Mark B. Thomas, a Past Grand Master of the Canadian Oddfellows and a member of the Chosen Friends. Needless to say there was not a hitch.

32 \$125.-

THE GAZETTE MONTREAL TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 6, 1888

ATHLETICS.

The Champion Weight Lifter.

Some typographical errors having crept into an item which appeared in the GAZETTE a few days ago, with reference to Louis Cyr breaking the previous best record (his own) at lifting heavy weights, the certificate is reprinted:—

COLLEGE COMMERCIAL, ST. JOSEPH,
BETHLEHEM, PA., October 2.

We, the undersigned, certify that Mr. Louis Cyr gave an evening entertainment at the College of St. Joseph, of Bethlehem, where he distinguished himself in the highest degree by his feats of strength. No one would look for such astonishing strength in a native French-Canadian. The expectation of the spectators was more than satisfied, and Mr. Cyr did the incredible act of raising a weight of 3,336 pounds on his back without harness. Furthermore with a single hand he raised a dumbbell of 245 pounds weight, and that at the end of his arm. The steel muscled man received the warmest applause. In testimony whereof we have signed:

O. L. Marsolais, C.S.V.; Wm. Dugatt, P.G.V.;
Jos. M. Goyot, C.S.V.; John G. Remington, A.
J. Thibault, J. G. Belmaire, F. Meek, T.
Aube, Honore Bernier, N. J. Milette, F. Szoror,
D. Bourdon, N. Deland.

LOUISVILLE October 11, 1888.

We, the undersigned, certify having attended an exhibition of Mr. Louis Cyr, similar to that spoken of above, and we affirm that the facts referred to therein are strictly true and founded on fact.

J. E. Charbonneau, notary public; J. P. Rivard, M.P.; L. A. Plante, M.P.; L. H. Milette, mayor, prefect of Maskinonge county.

Louis Cyr also lifted with one finger 527 lbs. weight. The champion strong man is now travelling through the province giving exhibitions and is meeting with much success.

Public

A Travelling Samboon.

Louis Cyr, the famous strong man, passed through Montreal yesterday. He is now travelling through the province giving exhibitions of his strength and looking for competitors, but these last are hard to get, as no one seems anxious to pit his strength against the Canadian Hercules. Cyr always carries from \$500 to \$2,000 to back himself against any man in a lifting match. He is contemplating a European tour and will sail from this country May 15th next.

AQUATICS.

MacMahon Hall

M. LOUIS CYR,

l'homme le plus fort du monde, va donner un soir de tours de forces énormes, le 15 avril 1885. M. Cyr a 5 pieds et 10 pouces. Il mesure 56 pouces autour de la poitrine, et 20 pouces autour des muscles des bras. M. Cyr, ayant lancé un défi de \$100, et M. Michaud, comme le public le sait, ayant refusé de lutter avec lui voilà encore \$400 au défi pour n'importe quel homme. Voilà une bonne chance à M. Michaud. Comme il est annoncé plus haut, M. Cyr, va donner une soirée de tours de force MERCREDI le 15 AVRIL prochain il y aura aussi des tours et jeux sur la terrasse. Pour plus de détail voyez les programmes. Messieurs et messieurs n'oubliez pas le lieu et la journée, salle MacMahon rue Delisle, mercredi le 15 avril 1885. Portes ouvertes à 7 heures P. M., lever de rideau 1 1/2 hrs P. M. Admission 25 cts, enfants 10 cts, sièges réservés 10 cts extra.

*the Montreal Daily Star
March 17, 1886*

THE CHAMPION STRONG MAN.

He Defeats Michaud, the Late Champion at Quebec, and Starts on a Tour of the World.

Louis St. Cyr, of St. Cunégonde, Montreal, left Beauport Depot yesterday morning for Adonville, to give an exhibition of his great strength. After leaving St. Cunégonde, he went to Quebec to compete with Michaud, the champion of the world, who was easily defeated by Cyr, much to the chagrin of the Quebecers. Cyr actually lifted 300 lbs. more than the champion, and beat him on every point. Cyr is quite a young man, only 22 years of age, but his proportions of muscle and sinew are enormous. His weight is 278 lbs., height, 5 ft. 10 1/2; 53 inches round the chest; 21 round the muscle of the arm; 34 round the thigh and 18 1/2 round the calf. He has started upon a two years' tour through Canada, the United States and Europe, and has full confidence in his extraordinary powers. The feats of strength, which he has already exhibited, have fairly astonished the public, and he intends by strict training to develop still more wonderful points.

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