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After-Stock-Taking Clearance-Sale

Tomorrow, Further & Final Cuts In the Already Reduced Prices

We have gone over every dollar's worth of stock in the entire store and set aside every piece of merchandise not forming a part of a complete line. This means that **thousands of dollars' worth of desirable merchandise MUST BE CLEARED AWAY at once—odd lots, remnants, depleted lines, goods mussed from handling, together with several delayed shipments of new goods—ALL MUST GO.** The clearing away takes place tomorrow. **The prices speak for themselves**—values that should pack this store from top to bottom tomorrow. Many of the lots are small. It will pay to be prompt.

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Howard and Lexington Streets
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CLEARANCE OF A LARGE LOT OF

$12.50 to $16.50 Women's SUITS **$6.85**

Many Are New Spring Styles

Complete clearance, together with brand-new Spring Sample Suits in approved and practical plain tailored or trimmed styles. Of fine WOOL SERGES, BASKET WEAVE, MANNISH WORSTEDS, WIDE WALE CHEVIOTS and PENCIL STRIPES and NOVELTIES, in Black, Blue, Brown, Gray, Green and Black and White Mixtures. Some have silk collars or revers set off with braid; various style skirts; some button trimmed. All sizes are included in the lot. —Second Floor.

CLEARANCE OF WOMEN'S COATS

$8.50 Women's COATS of Brown Mixtures; semi-fitted back..... **$2.75**

$8.50 and $10.00 Women's Chinchilla or Zibeline COATS..... **$5.00**

$15.00 and $18.00 Chinchilla COATS; Gray, Navy and Brown..... **$9.98**

All Winter MILLINERY Almost Given Away

Fancy FEATHERS, Worth to 59c **10c**
Novelties, Stick-Ups, Wings and Fancy Feathers of all kinds.

$3.50 Ostrich PLUMES & NOVELTIES **$1.98**
All colors and shaded effects.

Untrimmed BEAVER HATS, Worth to $5.00 **$1.98**
Finest quality Fur Beavers—White or Black—in latest shapes.

Trimmed HATS That Were Priced Up to $5, for **$1.98**

Trimmed HATS That Were Priced Up to $15, for **$5.00**

HATS TRIMMED FREE. —Second Floor.

Laces & Embroideries

8c to 12½c Trimming LACES
Torchon, Imt. Cluny, Novelty and French Val. Edges and Insertions, in good patterns and desirable widths. Some wide Lace Bands are included... **5c**

Lace EDGES & BANDS, worth up to 39c **15c**
Venise and Macrame Lace Edges, Bands and Insertions—all tasteful effects. White and Cream.

Lace EDGES & INSERTIONS, worth up to 75c **33c**
Venise, Macrame and Ratine—rich effects, up to 5 inches wide. White, Cream and Ecru.

Wide EMBROIDERIES, Worth to 25c **12½c**
Wide Edges and Insertions; also 18-inch Swiss and Cambric Flouncings and Corset Coverings.

Embroidered FLOUNCINGS, worth to 39c **15c**
Swiss and Cambric Embroidered Demi-Flounces, Edges, Insertions and wide Bands. Some 27-inch-wide Embroidered Flouncings are included.

75c to $1.00 Wide Embroidery FLOUNCINGS **42c**
Truly phenomenal values. 40 and 45 inch wide Flouncings and Allovers—good work and attractive styles.

Children's HATS, Worth to $1.50 **39c**
A little lot of stylish Felt Hats; 3 to 6 year sizes. —Infants' Wear Section, Second Floor.

$3.00 Children's Red Cloth COATS **$1.79**

Full-length Double-breasted Coats of bright red all-wool cloth, with collar, cuffs and pockets trimmed with black silk braid; large brass buttons. 2 to 6 year sizes.

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75c CORSET COVERS 49c

Six exceedingly pretty styles—with perfect Covers of fine sheet Nainsooks; mostly round neck styles with yokes of combinations of fine wide Laces, Insertions and Embroideries, Silk Ribbon Medallions and drawn beading. —Second Floor.

$1.50 to $2.50 PETTICOATS **98c**

Limited lots of Women's Long White Petticoats—made of fine Cambric with deep flounces of handsome wide embroidery, combination laces and fine tucks.

$1.50 Handsome NIGHTGOWNS **98c**

Ten very choice and select new styles of particularly good quality Nainsooks and Cambrics, with yokes effectively trimmed with Val. or Torchon laces, or tasteful embroideries; butterfly, elbow length or long sleeves; Empire, Slip-On, high, low or V neck styles. Some have handsome embroidery medallions. Also numerous other models, profusely trimmed. **One style like picture.** All REGULAR and EXTRA SIZES.

LOWEST PRICES EVER KNOWN ON 1036 Pairs Of Women's & Children's SHOES

ARRANGED ON TABLES FOR EASY CHOOSING.

25c for Women's, Misses' & Children's SHOES and SLIPPERS. All kinds; 158 pairs. Not all sizes.

50c for Children's Button & Blucher High SHOES. Patent and Gunmetal Calf. Not all sizes; 75 pairs.

75c for Women's High SHOES. Worth $2.00 to $2.50. Broken sizes; 209 pairs.

$1.00 for Women's High SHOES. Worth up to $3.00. Nearly all sizes and kinds; 409 pairs.

$1.00 for Boys' & Youths' High SHOES. Worth up to $2.50. Good wearers; all sizes; 185 pairs. —Basement.

SPECIAL LUNCH 12c

Choice of Oyster, Chicken Salad, Ham or Tongue Sandwich, Cup of Hot Chocolate or Coffee with whipped cream, Harlequin Block or Vanilla Ice-cream, or choice of any Sundae, together with a slice of New York Pound Cake, all for 12c. From 11 A. M. to 3 P. M. at the Fountain.

Our Annual Sale & Big Showing of Brand New Mourning MILLINERY

Advance Spring style Mourning Millinery from a famous New York maker who specializes and excels in this particular. Also extremely tasteful and correct models from our own workrooms.

Every wanted kind of stylish, tasteful and becoming Headwear is included in this sale—from the neat and trim little bonnet to the latest medium and extra large swell shapes.

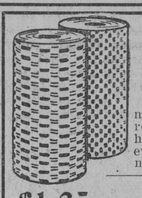
$3.50 MOURNING TURBANS of Silk, Full Draped **$1.98**

Other Styles at $2.98 and $3.98

TRIMMED MOURNING HATS
Tasteful, new and correct; made on latest shapes. Of best quality Mourning Silk or Silk and Crepe or all Crepe.
At $3.98, $5.00, $7.50 to $10.95

MOURNING VEILS—Hundreds of Styles
All widths and lengths. Of Grenadine or Crepe; plain or with ribbon or crepe edges. All draped by experts—FREE.
59c, 98c, $1.25, $1.49, $1.98 and Up

20c and 22c China Mattings 15c



48 rolls 60-65 and 65-70 lbs. China Mattings, in neat check and stripe designs. These are full rolls of new, fresh goods that will withstand hard wear. These qualities will later be sold everywhere for 20c and 22c yard. Choice of lot now, yard, 15c. —Third Floor.

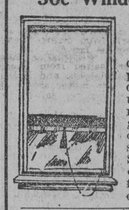
$1.25 and $1.50 Rugs .. 79c

Wool Brussels and Velvet Rugs, in choice and richly colored Oriental, floral and animal patterns; size 27x54 inches; $1.25 and $1.50 values for 79c.

28 ROOM-SIZE Brussels Rugs At Nearly HALF (½) Price
Our remaining stock (28 Rugs) in three lots.

Size 6x9 Ft.	8¼x10½ Ft.	9x12 Ft.
$8 to $10 RUGS	$11 to $14 RUGS	$15 to $20 RUGS
$5.00	**$8.00**	**$10.00**

30c Window Shades **19c**



Smith's second quality, sun-proof opaque, in dark and medium green only; mounted on new guaranteed (concealed ratchet) spring rollers. Size 3x6 feet; complete with fixtures, cords, etc., 19c.

40c Floor Oil Cloth **25c**
Extra heavy quality, in dark and medium colors. These are full rolls (2 yards wide) of guaranteed-to-wear grade; all perfect. Square yard, 25c. —Third Floor.

12½c Drapery Madras **5c**
20 pieces 36-in. Drapery Madras, in pretty designs; dark and medium colors. Suitable for door or window drapery. 12½c value. Yard, 5c.

Domestics, White Goods, Linens & Bedwear

12½c OUTING FLANNELS **5⅞c**
6,500 yards of extra heavy Outing Flannel; in pretty stripes, checks and plaids.

10c and 12½c MUSLINS and CAMBRICS **6¾c**
Yard-wide Bleached Muslins, Cambrics and Longcloths, of various weights and smooth, soft finish.

12½c Yard Wide PERCALES **7¾c**
4,500 yards of good-wearing Percale, in neat figure effects and stripes; suitable for house dresses, children's wear, etc.

12½c Pure Linen TOWELING **8½c**
18-inch-wide Pure Linen Crash Toweling; bleached or unbleached; plain or with blue borders.

69c Seamless BED SHEETS **49c**
Double-bed-size Sheets, made of one of the best grades of Sheeting; good weight and soft finish; 3-inch hems.

50c Bleached Table DAMASK **29c**
60 inches wide. Durable, mercerized Damask, with a high satin lustre, not affected by washing; in dots and beautiful floral designs.

19c White Mercerized MADRAS **12½c**
Extra fine quality Mercerized Madras, with new woven silky dots, stripes and neat figure effects.

$1.25 English LONGCLOTH **98c**
10-Yard Piece for Yard wide, extra fine, smooth and even thread Longcloth, with pretty, soft chamois finish.

35c BOLSTER CASES **25c**
50 dozen Bolster Cases, of very serviceable Bleached Sheeting, well made, with 3-inch hems on each end. —Basement.

$1.39 BED Spreads **95c**
Full double-bed-size White Crochet Bed Spreads; heavy and closely woven in pretty raised Marseilles patterns.

25c to 39c New WASH GOODS **15c**
MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLE PIECES (not short lengths), consisting of 5,200 yards of fine quality Spring 1913 Wash Fabrics, including Voiles, Foulards, Figured Pique and Shirting Madras, in very select and novel designs and handsome colorings. —First Floor.

$1.98 White Wool Nap BLANKETS **$1.19**
200 pairs to sell. Extra large size, good-weight Wool Nap Blankets, with pink or blue borders. Soft, warm and serviceable.

$5 White Wool BLANKETS **$2.98**
Good weight, 11-4, soft and warm Double Blankets; well woven with close, downy fleece; pink or blue borders and silk tape binding. —Basement.

CLEARANCE Of Notions and Sewing Needs

BASTING COTTON—100 yards; regular 5c a spool..... **1c**
DRAGON SPOOL COTTON — all numbers; a dozen..... **16c**
CLARK'S O. N. T. SPOOL COTTON — all numbers; a dozen..... **50c**
CARRENO SPOOL SILK—good quality; 3 spools for..... **10c**
PEARL BUTTONS — extra quality; 2 dozen..... **5c**
5c. LINEN THREAD—Black. A spool..... **2c**
DRESS SHIELDS—Odds and ends. A pair..... **5c**
3c. DOZEN SAFETY PINS—All sizes. 3 dozen for..... **5c**
GEM ENGLISH PINS; extra quality; paper.... **3½c**
5c. CUBE PINS—Jet heads..... **1c**
5c. IRON HOLDERS—Asbestos kind..... **3c**
5c. KING METAL COLLAR BUTTONS. One dozen on card..... **3c**
5c. CORSET LACES—2½ yards; all linen..... **2c**
5c. WARREN'S COLLAR FORMS. 3 for.... **10c**
STRATFORD HOOKS AND EYES—All sizes. A card..... **1c**
HAIR NETS—To close out. Each..... **1c**

Dress Goods & Silks

89c 50-inch STORM SERGE **49c**
Good weight, well-woven Serge, with double-twisted warp; a sturdy wearing quality. Black and Navy Blue.

$1 & $1.25 WOOL DRESS GOODS **59c**
50-INCH, stylish and strictly all-wool fabrics, including good-weight SERGES, PRUNELLAS, CHIFFON PANAMAS, etc., in Cream, Black, Blue and all colors. These are in waist, suit and skirt lengths. Per yard, 59c.

$1.25 45 to 54 Inch Wool Dress Goods **79c**
Stormproof Serges, Diagonals, Broadcloths, Scotch Tweeds and Mannish Suitings; all stylish, good quality fabrics, in all the desirable colors and Black.

10,000 Yards of SILK REMNANTS Worth to $1.25. At, Yard **49c**
All yard wide, high grade, all pure silk fabrics, including Messaline Silks, Taffetas, Satin Duchesse and other handsome weaves, in a wide range of wanted colors and shades. Mostly in waist, skirt and trimming lengths.

50c HABUTAI WASH SILKS **33c**
Good weight, firmly woven, sturdy quality—guaranteed pure silk—in a variety of stripes of varying widths and beautiful colorings. —First Floor.

25c Men's Knitted or Silk TIES **12½c**
New and stylish Knitted or Silk Four-in-Hand Ties—plain or fancy effects. Subject to slight misweaves, but no holes.

$1 to $1.75 Men's Shirts For **67c**

Plain Negligee Shirts, in coat style; also, Pleated Negligee Shirts of thoroughly good Madras and Percales in select patterns and colorings. They are made with excellent workmanship and finish; cuffs attached; all sizes. A few of them have trifling factory defects, but nothing to impair their wear or mar their appearance. —First Floor.

50c Men's Negligee SHIRTS **35c**
Coat-style Shirts of good material, in desirable patterns. All sizes.

50c Men's UNDERWEAR **35c**
Fleeced or ribbed; Gray or Ecru. A few sizes missing.

$1.98 to $2.50 Sample Leather HAND BAGS **$1.50**
Sample Bags; beautiful styles, in the newest shapes and sizes; red, blue, black and tan. See window display.

$15.00 to $16.50 Men's OVERCOATS or SUITS **$7.50**

THE OVERCOATS are fully as good as any shown by any clothing house outside of THE LEADER at $15.00 and $16.50. Shawl, convertible, plain or velvet collars; Chinchillas, smooth, rough or shaggy Woolens—Gray, Blue or Brown. Also many other styles of thick, warm fabrics, plain or fancies, lined throughout, or fancy back materials, quarter lined. Also of Meltons, with self or velvet collar.

THE SUITS are in every correct, smart and conservative model—all the staple wool fabrics and "classy" novelties in weave, pattern and color; cut on thoroughly good lines and excellently tailored and lined. Sizes 34 to 44. —Third Floor.

$8.50 to $10.00 Men's Overcoats or Suits **$4.75**
Stylish and warm Overcoats of rough or shaggy wool fabrics or smooth Black or Gray Woolens, in smart belted back, convertible collar models as well as staple and conservative styles. Suits for men and youths of fancy and mixed effects, in Woolens, Worsteds and Cassimeres; in medium and dark effects and solid colors. All sizes. Choice, $4.75.

39c Boys' Knee PANTS **18c**
280 pairs of good-wearing Pants of wool materials; 4 to 14 year sizes.

50c to $1.00 Boys' HATS **15c**
This season's Hats of Cloth and Felt; many kinds and colors.

$6.00 to $7.00 Cotton Combination Mattresses **$4.69**

Monday only we will sell our "LEADER SPECIAL"—made of best American fibre, with cotton top, bottom, sides and ends; covered with good grade fancy ticking, closely tufted with roll edge. A good, soft Mattress that will retain its shape. In any size, for $4.69.

$3.00 to $5.00 Boys' OVERCOATS for **$1.75**

Plain, Belted Back; Convertible Auto or Velvet Collars; Astrakhan Trimmed and Russian Overcoats of especially good, warm, serviceable and dressy All-Wool Fancy Cheviots and Rough Fabrics, in Browns, Grays, Oxfords, Plaids, Mixtures, Stripes, including Astrakhan shawl collar; all well lined and tailored; 2½ to 10 year sizes.

$2.98 and $3.98 Boys' Beaver HATS **$1.00**
27 stylish and perfect Hats—from 3 to 10 year sizes.

$3.00 Boys' RAINCOATS **$1.40**

Tan or Gray Rubberized Slip-On Raincoats; all well made, perfect and serviceable; 4 to 16 year sizes.

75c Boys' Corduroy or Wool PANTS **49c**
Knickerbocker Pants of extra sturdy wide wale Corduroy of well-woven Fancy Woolens; full cut and stoutly made; 5 to 16 year sizes. —Third Floor.

Toilet Goods

CLEARANCE 15c MUNYON'S TALCUM POWDER—a box... **5c**
15c MENNEN'S TALCUM POWDER—a can..... **9c**
30c. JAVA RICE FACE POWDER. A box..... **25c**
25c. MANOLINE FACE CREAM. A box. **10c**
50c. PEBECO TOOTH PASTE..... **30c**
25c. TOOTH BRUSHES—Good, hard bristle..... **12c**
25c. CLOTHES BRUSHES—Extra quality..... **10c**
15c. WHISK BROOMS—Fancy top..... **9c**

75c New BRASSIERES **49c**
4 good styles—made with rustproof boning, and prettily trimmed with embroidery. Sizes 34 to 44. —Second Floor.

$1.50 Royal Worcester and R. & G. CORSETS **95c**
Strictly correct models; long hips, low or medium bust; of strongly woven, good-weight coutil; well boned; 4 to 6 hose supporters attached. All sizes.

Stationery

CLEARANCE 25c LINEN WRITING PAPER—full pound package..... **10c**
25c. MONO'S FOUNTAIN PENS—Guaranteed..... **15c**
25c. FANCY INK WELLS. To close out. **15c**
25c. POST CARD ALBUMS. To close out.... **5c**
25c. BRASS ASH RECEIVERS. Special.... **12c**

$1.00 BAGS and Leather Goods **25c**
Odds and ends of Leather Goods, Velvet Bags, Opera Bags, etc. To close out, choice, 25c.

WOULD KILL THE SPORT ON COAST

SENATOR BROWN ANXIOUS TO STAMP OUT PUGILISM.

THE PROMOTERS ARE UNEASY

In the New Measure Drawn Up by the Los Angeles Representative Everything Bearing Upon Boxing Contests Is Made a Felony—Nothing In Shape of Side Issues Overlooked — Game Shorn of Many Objectionable Features.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

San Francisco, February 1.—Is boxing to be placed under the ban in California?

Senator Brown, of Los Angeles, says it is, but senators err in the prognostications at times.

Brown is anxious to stamp out professional pugilism in this state, and in pursuance of his purpose he has framed a bill which is to be passed upon by the legislature at present in session.

In the new measure everything bearing upon boxing contests is made a felony. Nothing in the shape of side issue has been overlooked. If a complement of fans want to discuss the possibilities of a scrap that is to take place in some other state they will have to go out into the sand dunes and talk in whispers.

It is such a prohibitory, air-tight, water-tight affair that there is a promise of it being self-strangled. Senators and assemblymen who ordinarily have little use for the sport of gloves are likely to conclude that the Brown Law is too much of a blue law and refuse to accord it their support.

At that the fellows who derive a sustenance from boxing are uneasy. It is felt that sobermess and severity comprise the earmarks of the 1913 legislature in California, and that any measure suggestive of reform is liable to be passed to print.

Popularity Never Wanes.

If the sport is tabooed it will be some time before San Francisco adapts itself contentedly to new conditions. This is one place in which the popularity of boxing never wanes. It is nigh onto 30 years since fighting was converted into an indoor sport in this city, yet the thing continues to flourish like a green bay tree.

And it is only fair to say that the game has been shorn of many of its objectionable features. The publis has become educated to it, as the saying is, and the chances of faking successfully have been minimized to such an extent that crookedness has been practically abandoned.

If the game goes under the older of the fans will content themselves with living in the past. And what a pugilistic retrospect San Francisco boasts. No other city in the world has housed the ring celebrities hat this city has during the past quarter of a centry.

We have seen John L. Sullivan in action with his old rival, Paddy Ryan. We have watched Jim Burke and Jack Dempsey swatting each other with bigger gloves than are used now and we saw Peter Jackson, Australian colored marvel, in his opening engagement on American soil.

Champions and near-champions from the four quarters of the globe have battled in front of San Francisco fight crowds. Among the little fellows we have had Frankie Murphy, the English boy; Australian Billy Murphy, Johnny Murphy, Tommy Warren and Jack Havlin.

Will we ever forget when doughty Abe Willis was imported specially from Australia to give George Dixon a fight for the championship and how Dixon almost settled the visitors' aspirations with vicious left rips in the opening round.

Who can forget the Dempsey-LeBlanche and the Jack McAuliffe-Jimmy Carroll bout. And doesn't the Jimmy Carroll-Sammy Blakelock affair linger in memory equally as vividly.

Blakelock was a British lightweight and Carroll an Irish cockney who, through long residence, had become Americanized. When the date of the contest at the old California Club drew near Carroll found he needed more time to train. He dislocated his knee one day while doing road work and Blakelock was mad clear through when a postponement was demanded. He was up to Carroll's tricks and knew that Jimmy could throw his knee out of joint whenever it suited him.

Makes Good His Assertion.

When they met at the club to select a new date Carroll smiled.

"Wot are yer grinnin' at?" asked Blakelock heatedly.

"I was jest lawffin ter think er the mug yer'll 'ave on yer goin' back to Lunnon when I get through with yer," said Jimmy.

"Soy," said Sammy, fairly trembling with passion, "I'll take yer houtside roight now and give yer a go with the raw uns."

But Carroll merely shook himself and lawffed the harder.

Sure enough, when Carroll got through with Blakelock the latter's mother would not have known him.

We also had to do with Ike Weir, the celebrated Belfast spider. Who will forget the night he boxed Billy Murphy from the Antipodes? The Spider just tied the other foreigner into a knot. Once he feinted at Murphy and when the latter unwound his arms from his head the Spider was over by the far ropes tying his shoe laces.

These are merely reminiscences that come to mind as I write. Mingled with these recollections are others of Joe Goddard, Jim Corbett, George Dawson, Bob Fitzsimmons, Tom Tracy, Dan Creedon, Jake Kilrain, George Godfrey, Danny Needham, Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll, Young Mitchell, Tommy Ryan, Shadow Maher, Jim Hall and a host of others who have no further place in pugilism.

Assuredly when the moving pictures of memory start unfolding a wonderful procession of old-time ring heroes pass in review.

KILBANE TO SHOW FANG

Feather Champion to Clash With Young Driscoll Tuesday Evening.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 1.—Johnny Kilbane, world's champion featherweight, is determined to show the New York fight fans that he is deserving of that title.

Kilbane fights Young Driscoll, a rugged little local lad, next Tuesday night, at the Irving Athletic Club, in Brooklyn, and a big delegation of Broadway enthusiasts will make the trip across the Brooklyn Bridge to give Johnny one more chance to prove that he is not a burlesque bearer.

AWAIT CHANCE TO TRY JOHN COULON

FOUR SPRIGHTLY BANTAMS AFTER TITLEHOLDER.

Kid Williams, Eddie Canpi, Frankie Burns and Charley Ledoux Have Their Eyes Turned in the Direction of Logan Square These Days. Champion Says He Was Ill When He Fought Baltimorean.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Chicago, February 1.—There are four sprightly bantamweights who have their eyes turned in the direction of Logan Square these days. Each thinks he will be the next champion of the class if he is lucky enough to be the first one to get Johnny Coulon into a distance contest. The lads we refer to are Kid Williams, the Baltimore sensation; Eddie Campi, the idol of Los Angeles; Frankie Burns, the New Jersey veteran, and Charlie Ledoux, the champion of France.

Because Coulon did not show any too well in his battle with Burns at New Orleans last year, and in his clash with Williams in New York recently, this quartet hase become convinced that the champion, though only 23 years old, is getting ancient as a fighter and that he will be soft picking for the first rough boy that gets him. They all positively believe that John is all in and are having a mad scramble to get at him. Williams, in Chicago the other day, unloosened a tirade of abuse on the bald head of Johnny through his talkative manager, Sammy Harris. The Kid claims he showed Johnny up completely in their New York fray and asserts that he can trim him over any route. There is no question but that Williams is sincere in this statement. He feels he is Coulon's master.

Walsh Shooting Press Stuff.

Down in New Orleans, Thomas (Diagnosis) Walsh, who manages Frankie Burns, keeps shooting out press stuff to the effect that Burns was robbed outright when Coulon got the verdict over him last February, and that the champion is openly dodging a return match, though he promised to give Frank one inside of six months.

Campi, who has beaten every fast bantam in California, long has sought a match with the champion. Getting desperate in his quest of that opportunity he has agreed to fight it out with Williams for a crack at the kingpin. These boys will go over the 20-round course before Tom McCarey's club at Vernon on February 11. Unquestionably the winner will be entitled to talk business with the champion when the latter gets ready to defend his honors.

Ledoux, through his American representative, is hurling a steady stream of challenges at Coulon and is eager to come over from France any day for combat. Charlie stands a good show of getting first chance at that, because Coulon no doubt figures the international aspect of such a battle would greatly swell the gate receipts.

Coulon Now Recuperating.

In the meantime Coulon is resting and recuperating from a sort of physical breakdown. He was up in the Wisconsin woods a long time last summer and had pork for his meals three times a day. He blames the pork diet for his present condition.

But Johnny is coming along, all right. He looks much better than he did when he went East to fight Williams. John got a scare that night and does not propose to fight again unless he knows he is capable of doing himself justice. And he is confident he will be ready by March to take on a couple of easy ones and then meet his most dangerous challengers.

In talking of the Williams fight in Gotham Coulon said yesterday:

"I was an awful sick boy that night, barely weighing over 109. The Kid was in great shape and strong as a bear. He pulled that old stuff of jerking me around when we shooks hands and acted as if he were the champion instead of me. After we got started I found that wasn't there with all my usual strength. But I boxed with him and took no chances, and all the fair critics at the ringside admitted that I had the shade.

"A few nights later I saw him fight Billy Fitzsimmons. Billy used to be a sparring partner. He is a good boxer, but too old to beat a rough youngster. Well, he made Williams look like an awful sucker for five rounds and then blew up. Williams is not so much. He will be nice and easy for me the next time.

Has Beaten Burns Thrice.

"As for Frankie Burns, I have beaten him three times, but am willing to give him another chance whenever we can get the money. Burns can't make the weight very easily and every time we talk about a fight he wants to tilt the limit, and there is nothing doing along that line.

"If Campi beats Williams I may jump West and box him inside of a few months, and Ledoux can have my game any evening. I saw him box in New York, too, and am not afraid of anything he has.

"It's just a case of me knowing too much for the young fellows right now. Of course, a good machine always wears out some day, but I'm nowhere near that stage yet. My system is run down a bit, and the champion will be O. K. inside of a few weeks. I can feel myself getting stronger day by day.

"They are calling me an old man because I am getting bald. Do you know why that is? Williams and the rest of those fellows have missed my chin so often and struck me on top of the head instead that they have knocked some of the hair off."

SMITH AND CARPENTIER

Bayonne Middleweight Ready to Meet the Frenchman.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 1.—Jeff Smith, the middleweight of Bayonne, N. J., who has won five fights in succession in Paris, has been matched to meet George Carpentier, the ex-middleweight champion of France, for 20 rounds before Wonderland Club, of Paris, on Wednesday night. The above information was received in a letter from Al Lippe, who has several American boxers fighting abroad. Lippe also says that Carpentier met Marcel Moreau, the French middleweight, in a 20-round bout at the Cirque de Paris on January 8 and knocked him out in the eighth round. The gross receipts amounted to $18,942. The fighters got 60 per cent. of this sum, the winner taking 75 per cent. and the loser 25. Carpentier's end was $8,523.90 and Moreau's $2,841.30.

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