HOMER WAS THE FORERUNNER OF THE MODERN REPORTER.

Would Be Rejected by the Average Sporting Editor-His Wrestling Bouts.

pugilist as it is now. Such a man was | Ecorn.-New York World. then appreciated at his full value, even taking as the measure of that value his own opinion of himself. He who could meet all comers at the Olympian games ceased thereafter to be an ordinary mortal. The government supported him for life, he was exempt from taxes, he had a free pass to all public entertainments, his name was engraved on marble tablets and his statue was erected in the sacred grove of Elis, beside the gold and ivory Jupiter of Phidias. The games themselves in which he had won honor formed epochs in history, by reference and cough. We have used to which the dates of other events were

Homer, in describing the games held by Achilles at the funeral of his friend, Patroclus, tells how the hero put up as "prizes of the violent boxing match" a valuable mule, warranted sound, for the victor and for the vanquished a two handled cup. It was to be a free to all. ko as-you-prose, fight, and from all that appears no betting was allowed.

Homer continues: "Forthwith arose a man great and valiant and skilled in boxing, Epeos, son of Panopeus, and laid his hand on the sturdy mule and said aloud: 'Let any one come and take the two handled cup, but the mule I say none other of the Achaians shall take for victory with his fists, for I claim to be the best man here. I will utterly bruise mine adversary's flesh and break his bones; so let his friends abide to-

Our modern gladiator has publicly voiced practically the same sentiment, thus: "I am John L. Sullivan and I can ick any man in this crowd."

The poet goes on: "Alone arose against hi Euryalus, a godlike man, son of King Mecisteus. Tydides, famous with the spear, made ready Euryalus for the LADIES AND CHILDRENS CLOAKS fight, cheering him with speech and greatly desired for him victory. And first he cast about him a girdle, and next gave him the well cut thougs of AND CHILDRENS fine hand-made the hide of an ox of the field, and the two boxers, being girt, went into the midst of the ring, and both, lifting up their stalwart hands, fell to, and their Oct. 14-92tf. hands joined battle grievously. Then was there terrible grinding of teeth, and sweat flowed from all their limbs. And noble Epeos came on, and, as the other spied for an opening, smote him on the cheek, nor could be longer stand, for his fair limbs failed straightway under him. And as when beneath the north wind's ripple a fish leapeth on a tangle covered | LU LU | beach, and then the black wave hideth it, so leaped up Euryalus at that blow. But great hearted Epeos took him in his hands and set him upright and his dear comrades stood around him and bore him from the ring with trailing feet, spitting out clotted blood, drooping his head awry, and they set him down in his swoon among them and themselves went back and fetched the two handled cup."

Euryalus was knocked out in one round. Such a description of the similar New Orleans contest would perhaps not aim to give information merely. He oils. Harness carefully repaired at low seeks rather to present a picture, and prices.

the picture is there.

It will be noticed that there were no "clinches" in this struggle, but it is otherwise in the next game which the greatest of epic bards goes on to describe. Achilles offers a triped for use before the fire as a prize for the winner in the "grievous wrestling match," and, speaking to the assembled Greeks, opens the contest with these words. "Rise all who would enter this combat."

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win the wrought tripod." After this sort of thing had gone on for awhile it "began to irk the well | well greaved Achaians"-i. e., it made the crowd tired. To settle matters, Ajax, by agreement, first lifts Odysseus and tries to throw him, but he "struck deftly from behind the hollow of Aias' knee and loosed his limbs and threw him down backward, and Odysseus fell upon his chest, and the people stared and wondered. Then in his turn much enduring, noble Odysseus tried to lift, and moved him a little from the ground, but could not lift him, so he crooked his knee within the other's, and both fell on the ground near to each other and were soiled with dust."

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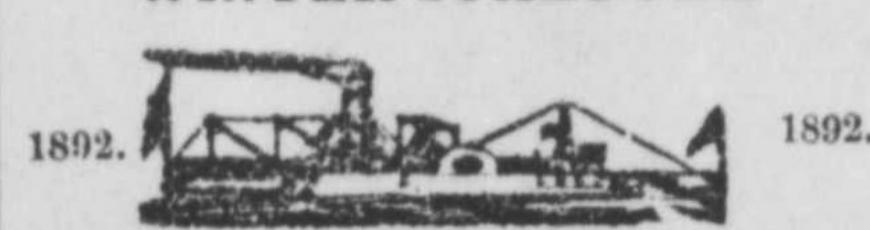
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