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THIS issue finds the irons clinking in almost every state in the Union . . . Weather is warmer and the summer season is on . . . A few letters have been received regarding Carroll Jackson's tournament plan, as printed in the April issue . . . let us hear from you . . . In this month's news bobs up our old friend A. F. King, Akron pitcher, who for some time has been in Phoenix, Ariz., and as you might expect, he is the guiding light in the horseshoe league there . . . Stanford University, the great alma mater of our great President Herbert Hoover, plays a part in his month's horseshoe news . . . Well, just turn the pages and read all the good things yourself.

Check the date on the wrapper on this magazine. Do not let your subscription expire.

MAY, 1929

Congratulations, Canada!

WE extend hands across the border to a friendly band of horseshoe pitchers in Canada, who are showing keen interest in the horseshoe game and offer our heartiest congratulations.

A meeting was held in London, Ontario, recently that offered the beginning of a Dominion Horseshoe Association. It was a good start.

Keep it up, boys. We are with you!

OUR READERS COME FIRST

In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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A 10-team league has been organized at Clinton, Mass. E. A. Parker is secretary.

W. S. Emmons is president of a club of 50 members at Culver City, Calif.

A miniature newspaper entitled "The Bunk" is published "now and then" by the Central Horseshoe Club at New Albany, N. Y. It is quite clever and must go a long way toward putting "pep" into the club. Those who wish to try the same idea might write John S. Conklin, Corner 10th and Oak Sts., New Albany, Ind., for a copy.

Some of the paragraphs found in "The Bunk" are: "Don't talk to your partner while he is pitching, as this causes too many accidental ringers and then the b'g bozo thinks he is good." And "don't tell us how you pitched horseshoes when a boy; do it now and we might believe you."

D. P. Cera, horseshoe pitcher and employe of the Soo Line, who formerly was located at Junction City, Wis., has been transferred to Abbotsford, Wis. We are counting on D. P. to start the game in Abbotsford, if they don't already have a club there.

A. D. McAllister was made recipient of a gaily decorated horseshoe, a purse of money and an appreciative address by the Dundalk Horseshoe Club of Dundalk, Ont., in appreciation of his courtesy in providing a place of meeting.

Robbins, Calif. pitchers have formed a club.

We clip the following from the Lakeside Association, Lakeside, Ohio:

The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of America has granted to the Lakeside Association authority to hold at Lakeside this season an official State Championship Horseshoe Tournament. Cash prizes of not less than \$300 will be offered and many of the best pitchers of the state are expected to enter. The dates of the tournament are August 12-17. The annual Lakeside tournament will be held during the week preceding the

State Tournament. Anyone desiring further information or literature regarding the tournaments should write to the Lakeside Association.

Letters to the Editor

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Mr. R. B. Howard,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading The Horseshoe World, and it occurred to me to write a few lines for your paper from this locality. Horseshoes have grown in popularity in leaps and bounds in the tri-cities—Moline, Rock Island, Ill and Davenport, Ia.—in the last few years. Where but a short time ago there were but few places where a horseshoe game was to be seen, there are now courts located in alleys, backyards, parks and some on sidewalk boulevards.

Rock Island, Moline's twin sister, took the initiative in building the first real clay courts two years ago at Long View park. Eight courts were built and a league of eight tri-city teams (six men to a team) was formed playing a schedule of some 40 games, four games a week. Last season the courts were moved to a better location, improved with an attractive fence, crushed rock between the stakes as well as benches for spectators until we boasted of the best courts to be had. There were three leagues of men players formed and one of women. The Moline Wildcats won the championship of all leagues, winning 54 out of 56 games played in their own league and defeating the other league champions in a post-season series. Players on the Wildcat team were A. Davis, C. Davis, Tom Fraser, Jess Goar and Dave Swanson, Capt.

Frank Jackson, ex-national champ., and his son vuril, have appeared at Rock Island for the past two seasons, playing exhibition games with local players followed by some classy stunt pitching. These two men competed in the Eastern, Ill.-West Iowa tournament, now an annual affair, at Long View Park, last Labor Day, Jackson Sr., placing first and Junior taking second. About 60 players pitched 50 shoes apiece for points, to determine class, first eight high for Class A, second eight high for Class B, and so on, the 40 highest being eligible to compete. There were 40 prizes.

Through the efforts of Moline's park superintendent, Mr. Brandt, Moline

was last fall given eight as beautiful clay courts as are to be found; enclosed with a good fence; the finest kind of clay in the boxes, cinders rolled down hard as a floor between the stakes, and shade at all times. Well, it's one's own fault if you can't throw ringers, because the rest is all there.

Organizing teams for one or more leagues will take place as soon as the season opens (and that can't come too soon) and a merry time is predicted by all when that time arrives.

Yours truly,
DAVE SWANSON,
202 7th St., Moline, Ill.

AT NOLIN, KY.

After attending the National Tournament held in St. Petersburg, Fla., "Putt" Mossman, winning fifth prize, a former champion, on his return is stopping in different places and giving an exhibition of his horseshoe pitching, high kicking, turning somersaults in the air and a number of tricks with horseshoes.

Monday afternoon and night, March 25th, Mossman was in Nolin. People from neighboring towns came to see him. Everyone seemed to enjoy his entertainments.

Mossman blindfolded pitched the following 25-point game:

Mossman, 25; Harris, 13; Mossman 11 singles and 3 doubles; Harris nine singles and two doubles.

He also pitched a 50-point game with L. Akers, with the following result:

Mossman, 50; L. Akers, 22.

After the afternoon game Mossman went in swimming in Nolin River. His next place to pitch was Lexington, Kentucky.

Mossman is a high type gentleman from Eldora, Iowa, and an excellent sportsman in every way.

WANT TO BOOK GAMES

Canton, O., Horseshoe club wishes to book a few games with teams within a radius of 50 to 60 miles of Canton. Write L. E. Wright, 206 Tyler Ave., S. E. Canton, Ohio.

The Canton club has about 75 members.

CHAMPION TAKE NOTICE!

J. C. Hahn, 532 W. Main street, Ft. Wayne, Ind., desires to get in touch with Blair Nunamaker, new world's champion. Please write him, Mr. Nunamaker, as I could not furnish a definite address to him.—Editor.

Canadian Association Formed at London, Ont.

PIONEERING work of Walter Kane, of Sarnia, to organize and standardize the fast-growing sport of horseshoe pitching in Canada, brought splendid results at London, Ont., Canada, recently, when experts and enthusiasts from a wide area of Western Ontario spent an entire afternoon in the council chamber of the city hall to launch the first important horseshoe body in the Dominion—the Western Ontario Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

Central and Eastern Ontario will next be organized at the same time as the other provinces, and when the next Royal Winter Fair is held in Toronto the stage will be set and ready to form a Dominion Association there.

Although the meeting had been called with the idea of forming a Dominion-wide body at once, it was decided after much valuable discussion led by J. Labatt and D. Wilson, officials of the Royal Winter Fair, to begin at the bottom with a Western Ontario body and later enlarge it in a coast-to-coast organization when the other provinces had followed Western Ontario's lead and had organized themselves.

Officers Elected

When a motion embodying this was carried with practically no dissent, the following officers were elected:

President, Walter Kane, 141 Margaret Street, Sarnia.

First vice president, William Archer, Paisley.

Second vice president, Harry Storie, London.

Third vice president, John Lickman, Essex.

Secretary, Rev. Father Hogan, Lucan.

Treasurer, A. Johnson, Chesley.

The officers were given power to appoint a board of directors, representative of the different counties in the Western Ontario territorial zone, the limits of which will be established at an early meeting of the officers.

On recommendation by President Kane, it was unanimously decided to adopt the United States Horseshoe Association rules. All shoes approved by the U. S. rules will be adopted by the Western Ontario Association. Shoes weighing from two pounds to two pounds, eight ounces, are recognized by the U. S. governing body.

The fee for clubs joining the new

horseshoe body will be \$5. There will be an individual member's fee of \$1 where a club does not exist, said \$1 members to have no voting power in the club they affiliate with. Each club will set its own fees for its individual members.

The new organization went on record as being opposed to the game being called "Barnyard Golf" and other belittling terms used by some newspapers. They contended that horseshoe pitching had now reached a high state of skill and science that entitled it to respectful treatment.

One New Rule

In adopting the U. S. national rules it was also decided to accept their one recent change—the rule to cover a shoe accidentally leaving a player's hand by striking his knee or the stake when being delivered. The new rule says if a shoe starting in this manner does not land in the clay it is considered no pitch, and the tosser can have another throw.

Among those in attendance at the meeting were: William Lockyer, Camlachie; Walter Kane, Sarnia; Herb Dager and William Mead, Norwich; John Lickman, Essex; George Burgess and R. Burgess, Petrolia; William Archer, Paisley; A. Johnson, Chesley; Frank Hicks, Woodslee; Walter Rossell, Hamilton; C. Swantham, John Ostrom, J. Labatt and D. Wilson, Toronto; Gordon Southcott, Harry Storie, H. Howsot, W. Keough, S. S. Kent, B. G. Nash and W. H. Clark, of London.

A. F. KING GUIDES ARIZONA LEAGUE

Phoenix, Ariz., first official horseshoe pitching league opened its season March 25, representatives of 12 teams taking part.

The only important rule adopted at the meeting held earlier in the year was that all players must be employees of the firm they represent, and that they must be in the employ of the firm at least 30 days prior to the opening of the season on March 25. It was agreed that an eligible list of eight men would be furnished the Phoenix Horseshoe club at the start of the season.

The following teams are in the league:

Boston Store, Southern Pacific railroad, Arizona Planing Mill company,

Santa Fe Railroad, Phoenix National Bank, Union Oil Company, Postoffice, Phoenix Firemen, Phoenix Title and Trust Company, Valley Bank, Chambers Transfer Company, and Nielson Radio and Sporting Goods Company.

The schedule, according to A. F. King, Akron, O., man now in Phoenix, will cover 11 weeks and will feature one complete round of competition. A short schedule was deemed advisable inasmuch as several other leagues will be organized in Phoenix and it may be necessary to book several teams for any one evening.

All official contests, for the present, will be played on the courts in the city hall park, and will have each player competing in four 21-point games. This round robin competition was deemed to be the best system. In this way each contestant will play one game with each of his four opponents.

ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

The Horseshoe World printed a challenge from E. J. Stewart, of Adair, Iowa, last month, and now Ferd Drey, Beresford, South Dakota, a 69-year-old tosser has accepted the challenge.

We want to hear more about this contest after a place has been set for the match.

Mr. Drey's letter follows:

Beresford, S. D., April 19, 1929
Editor Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I saw in the April issue of Horseshoe World, the challenge of Mr. E. J. Stewart. Now I think he has taken in too much territory. Anyway, I challenge him to a match of three games out of five, or four out of seven, 50-point games, and will give him the choice of three places to meet. I will meet him at Sac City, Iowa, most any time in June or July; or at the Sioux City Fair this fall, or at the Spencer Iowa, Clay Co. Fair. They have horseshoe pitching nearly all week and also an old man's class, 65 or over. He can choose his place, but Sac City is preferred. I will be 69 years old this fall, so will be giving a few years to Mr. Stewart, but I think he will be easy pickings, so hope to hear from him soon.

Yours truly,

FERD DREY,

Beresford, S. Dak.

Here's What They Say About Jackson's Idea

Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.
Gentlemen:

I am with Carroll E. Jackson, "soul and body" in the new plan which he proposes for conducting horseshoe tournaments.

Further, I'm confident that, if the admirable plan he proposes, is put into effect, future interest and attendance at horseshoe contests will be greatly increased, with a corresponding boosting of the "grand old game."

Very truly yours,
M. M. WICKWARE,
Detroit, Mich.

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Editor Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have read with great interest Carroll E. Jackson's proposition in reference to different method of playing National Tournaments. I have studied his plan and think it would be a good thing for the audience, but not so good for the players. With his plan there is too much chance for good pitchers to be eliminated on the first round of play. A player that would have a chance of finishing second according to present rules might be eliminated in his first game with the proposed plan of playing.

I doubt if you get players like C. C. Davis or Frank Jackson to travel a great distance to enter a National Tournament if they thought they would play against each other the first round and one of them eliminated the first game and would receive only about \$33.00 prize money which would be their share according to prize list as offered in last national tournament.

The present plan I think is all right. I might add that the world's champion should have his expenses paid to the National Tournament, at least his railroad fare both ways. Everyone knows that the champion is the best drawing card, and with this additional offer he would be more apt to defend his title.

F. M. BRUST,
Ex-National Champion, Columbus, O.

STATE CHAMPION



GEORGE W. FRENCH

Mr. French is champion of New Jersey, having won his title in July, 1927, at High Point, N. J., at a tournament, conducted by the State Grange. No contest was held in 1928.

Mr. French's home is in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

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SAYS ONE ISSUE WORTH YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION

Mossbank, Sask.,

March 15, 1929

The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Kindly find enclosed one dollar (billform) for one year's subscription to The Horseshoe World. Sorry I overlooked this. The last copy I received, telling all about the championship series was easy worth the price of subscription.

Here's for success to The Horseshoe World.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Dale E. Breakwell.

Box 56

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Fine Municipal Record Made By Hollywood Men

April 13 marked a very interesting match between Hollywood and Long Beach in the regular schedule of Municipal League games.

What is believed to be a world's record for municipal league playing was the scoring by the 20 Hollywood players of 1057 ringers and 189 doubles. There were 20 players on each side and games were 21 points, 10 being played.

Following is the ringer score of the Hollywood tossers:

Player	Ringers	DR
John C. Armitage.....	75	18
Robert Nunn	68	14
David Johnson	64	14
Dean Brown	61	14
Jos. Wiseman	61	14
John P. Paine	59	11
Wm. Younger	58	13
E. J. Johnson	56	12
O. Helgeson	54	10
C. A. Gray	54	9
H. M. Shallenberger.....	53	11
C. C. Bashore	51	10
Wm. Hilker	51	2
C. S. Rubert	48	8
H. E. Bunting	46	5
R. Ramberg	45	7
W. F. McKinley	42	5
J. H. Morgan	41	8
J. D. Jewks	35	2
C. Haslam	35	2
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	1057	189

The ringer score made by each team is given below:

Hollywood	1057	189
Long Beach	1045	179
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Total	2102	368

EUROPEAN TOUR

Dr. J. H. Becker, of Des Moines, has announced that preparations are being made by which America's 50 best horseshoe pitchers will take a free trip to Europe in the summer of 1930.

The only part of the plan made public at this time is that a big tournament will be held in Des Moines in June, 1930, to select the men who will make the trip.

NEWS, OFFICIAL
REPORTS, ETC.

From The SECRETARY'S DESK

D. D. COTTRELL, Sec'y
NORTH COHOCTON,
NEW YORK

Your secretary has just completed sending out a number of hundred of letters to secretaries of state, county and local fairs throughout the country inviting them to become members of the National Association on payment of the yearly dues of \$5.00 for state fairs and expositions and \$2.50 for others. He has asked each of these fairs to hold a horseshoe pitching tournament at their next meet and offered to sanction such tournaments for all that become members of the National and also to send an engraved certificate of championship to the winner of each such tournament bearing the seal of the National Association just as soon as the name and address of the winner is sent to him. This gives such tournaments official standing and the winner official recognition by the National. Under this plan a large number of fairs should hold these official tournaments this year and will if the pitchers that live in the territory of these fairs will see these fair officials and encourage them to hold such a tournament.

I have found that these fairs are generally willing to do their part in holding tournaments if the horseshoe pitchers in the surrounding country will do their part in trying to make the tournament a success. I hope that every reader of these lines will at once get in touch with the fair officials where they usually attend a fair and encourage them to put on a tournament at their next meet. If you do not have a tournament it will be your own fault. Write me about what you do and what the result was and I will do all that I can to assist you to get the result that you want.

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The certificate of championship mentioned above will be given to the winner of any championship tournament held this year by any club or state association on request and the receipt of a report of the tournament by your secretary and the name and address of the winner. This certificate is engraved and will bear the seal of the National Association and be signed by the proper officer. It is something that the winner of a tournament will be proud of to say nothing about the honor of being recognized by the Na-

tional Association as a champion. This certificate will not be furnished to any clubs or associations that are not affiliated with the National.

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Mr. Chester B. Leake who is Superintendent of Playgrounds and Recreation in the city of Rochester, N. Y., writes me that he has under way a three-class indoor horseshoe pitching tournament consisting of forty men. They are classed according to the number of ringers pitched out of one hundred shoes. Mr. Leake has been very active in making the New York State horseshoe pitching tournament the success that it has been at the Rochester Exposition for the past five years. The Exposition will again hold the state tournament this year beginning on Labor Day, September 2nd, and continuing through the week. A number of hundred dollars will be offered in prize money and any resident of New York state will be allowed to compete. Your secretary will again help in this tournament as he has for the past five years.

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Your secretary expects to leave St. Petersburg, Fla., where he has been since about the first of last December, for his home in North Cohocton, N. Y. He will make the trip by auto, probably stopping for a few days in Washington, D. C., and not arriving home until about May 15. This completes his eighth round trip by auto to Florida. When he made his first trip it was impossible to get into the state without driving in Southern Georgia and Northern Florida for miles in axle deep sand a great deal of the time in low gear. Now there are only a few miles between St. Petersburg and his home in Southern New York that the road is not built of concrete or fine asphalt and these few miles are rapidly being rebuilt into the same kind of good roads. At present there is only one detour of about 12 miles in the whole distance of about 1500 miles.

Now the roads are good to Florida from all parts of the North and West and the records of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce show that about 60 per cent of the tens of thousands of tourists that came this sea-

son made the trip by automobile.

Address all letters to your secretary at North Cohocton, N. Y. until about December 1, 1929, when he expects to return again to Florida. Remember that he is your secretary and doing all that he can to boost the horseshoe sport in this country and Canada, but he can do nothing without your full individual co-operation and help. Tell him about your horseshoe pitching activities and those of your club or locality. Tell him what you think should be done to help promote the sport and make it more popular. Don't be afraid to write to him for any help or advice about the game. He probably has been up against the same problem that is bothering you or knows who can help you if he cannot. Let's all work together in the closest harmony for the sport and try to make the coming season the greatest in its history. Will you do your part? Your secretary will do his best to do his. Let him hear from you.

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A letter has been received from Mr. E. B. Patterson, president of the Kentucky State Horseshoe Pitchers Association saying that the State Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament will be held at the State Fair in Louisville, Sept. 16 to 21, and be in charge of Mr. T. P. Storey, who has had considerable experience in conducting tournaments.

The new secretary of the state association is Mr. Wm. A. Hill, 2319 Winston Ave., Louisville. Mr. Wm. F. Payne, Press Representative of the association has secured the addresses of all the county papers and county fair commissions in the state and hopes to get a horseshoe pitching contest at every county fair. The work that these officers are doing in Kentucky is very commendable and is a good example for other state associations to follow. Mr. Patterson says that they look forward to a big season for the horseshoe game.

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The new edition of "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game" is meeting need among horseshoe pitchers and fans judging by the orders received for the book. No horseshoe fan should fail to read this book which is

the only one published about the game. It contains 80 pages of intensely interesting matter and the price is only 40 cents each or three for \$1.00 postpaid. Send orders to D. D. Cottrell, National Secretary, North Cohocton, N. Y.

Mossman At Louisville

Putt Mossman, the likeable young athlete of Iowa, not only thrilled the largest audience to witness a horseshoe pitching exhibition in Kentucky, but was himself thrilled by the steady flow of ringers that hooked the peg for him at the local Y. M. C. A.

Pitching in boxes two feet square and three inches deep, containing clay especially prepared by Keith P. Snyder, a noted local fan, and president of the Louisville Pottery Co, the famous young ringer artist started on his ringer spree by beating Wm. Nuttall, champion of Louisville, 25 to 1 and pitching exactly 80 per cent ringers.

In his game with Kentucky Champion Ed Beckman, he did still better, but Mr. Beckman was able to score four points to this 25, in this game Putt had three runs of four doubles each, having ringers on the peg in all but one frame, in which Mr. Beckman made his four points, and ran up his ringer average to 85 and one-half per cent.

After going through his regular routine of stunts, with which he afterwards said was the best success he has had, he devised new ones on the spur of the moment. As Grantland Rice the sports writer would say, "He solved the secret of rhythm," and he was well aware of the fact, for he successfully executed stunts suggested by the gallery which may in the future greatly change his exhibition.

After failing to think up any more stunts, Putt surprised the crowd with an exhibition of tumbling and high kicking and wound up by giving a short lecture on the game and advice to those just taking up the game.

While here, Mr. Mossman was the guest of Elmer Beckman, son of the Kentucky champion and promised young Beckman he would return for a week's stay this summer to indulge in tennis and baseball between stunts in the public park with the horseshoes.

Putt also received an offer from the Kentucky State Fair Association to pitch horseshoes and put on a tumbling and trick motorcycle riding exhibition at the fair here in September.

—Contributed.

Four California State Champions



S. L. Hiatt, 231½ Pacific Street, Long Beach, California, 1927 Champion; Dean Brown, Riverside, California, 1926 Champion; Robert Nunn, Oxnard, California, 1923, 1924 and 1925 Champion; W. R. Bradfield, Long Beach, California, 1922 Champion.

ENTRIES MOUNT

With an expected entry list of more than 150 shoe tossers, the prospects for The Oakland Tribune Northern California horseshoe tournament to be held at Mosswood park, May 12, are exceedingly bright. Already local enthusiasts are pouring in their entries in large numbers.

The bay cities horseshoe tourney is offering local tossers plenty of opportunity to prepare for the coming championship match. Competition in the present tournament is exceptionally keen and games are hotly contested.

Oakland and Alameda are now tied for the lead in the club standings with three victories and no defeats apiece. Dimond has dropped one game, while Golden Gate has lost two. Fruitvale and Mosswood have yet to win a game.

Nielsen and Elsen of the Oakland club pitched 58 per cent ringers in the matches last Sunday to aid in a 49-15 defeat of Golden Gate.

With the first round of play in the

Tribune title tournament scheduled May 12, the second round has been announced for May 26. The tournament will be held on the Mosswood courts, where a large entry can be well taken care of.—Oakland (Calif.) Tribune.

ONLY MANUFACTURERS OF PITCHING SHOES IN CANADA

The Diamond Calk Horseshoe Company, of Toronto, has recently established a Pitching Horseshoe Department for the Canadian market. The Toronto plant has been manufacturing Diamond calks and horseshoes. The addition of the pitching horseshoe department makes the Diamond Calk Horseshoe Company the only manufacturers of pitching shoes in Canada.

Sales of pitching horseshoes in the Dominion have been so increased that it was found necessary for the convenience of Canadian dealers to install a department of this nature.—Sport Goods Journal of Canada.

MOSSMAN BREAKS INTO LIMELIGHT IN MOVIE CITY

In a recent issue of the Hollywood (Cal.f.) News, Lloyd Brownfield makes the following comment about Putt Mossman and the horseshoe game in general in his sport "colymn":

Personality—this "Putt" Mossman, former world's champion horseshoe tosser and rated right now as the greatest trick shot in the racket, has enough to load half a dozen trucks and still leave plenty to equip a few motion picture celebrities.

"Putt" put on his famous exhibition at the Hollywood Horseshoe Club on Monday afternoon, and before he was half through he had the old-timers gasping in amazement. The things he can do with one of old Dobbin's slippers would make anyone stare in astonishment.

With a clear view of the stake, all the time in the world, and his own pair of shoes, the average hurler has an awful job getting one over the peg occasionally. "Putt" picks up anyone's shoes, has his partner sit directly in front of the peg, and rings it with a regularity that is almost uncanny.

He knows more tricks than a card sharp and goes through his stuff while carrying on a line of chatter with his personal friends in the gallery. He has just loads of this personality in addition to his skill at the ancient pastime.

The ordinary sportsman figures horseshoes the same way he used to figure golf. An old man's game. But get a load of this. Of the hundreds who took part in the preliminary and elimination tournaments held by Hollywood News on its courts at Sunset boulevard and Vine street, the great majority were under 21 years of age.

Mossman himself is but 22, and his opponent yesterday, a lad named Courtney, looked even younger. By the way Mossman failed by a point or two to defeat Courtney two to one.

Several of the best hurlers developed by Hollywood News during its campaign to popularize the game are mere lads. The high man in the elimination tournament, which included some of the veterans of the game, was but 16 years of age.

Mossman was questioned yesterday about the size of his factory—he's president of an outfit which manufactures shoes bearing his name. He ex-

plains, winning one on points, one by a knockout and getting a draw in the third.

Mossman weighs 138 pounds, but can dry out to the lightweight limit. He is thinking seriously of settling down in Southern California—maybe in Hollywood—and taking up the fight racket seriously.

Understand he has been talking with Tom Kennedy about the game. It might not be a bad move. Lots of chances for exhibitions at his favorite sport, and if he can really fight, plenty of room to do his stuff.

Kennedy, who is in the fight managing business with Emmett Lodwith, has a fair stable of boxers now, and he could naturally play with the Hollywood Horseshoe club team. He carries a card to that club now.

Among other things, Mossman said yesterday that the Long Beach lads were more than a little bit riled over their defeat at the hands of the Hollywood players a couple of weeks ago. Which is not more than natural.

The Long Beach outfit claimed a perfect record in 20-man team competition until they ran into the squad organized by the big guns of the Hollywood club. Long Beach won the first contest, but dropped the second, and did they howl—you should have heard 'em.

NAME OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Kentucky Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, held in the sporting goods store of Bourne and Bond, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. B. Patterson, president, 1050 S. 7th, S. Louisville; E. L. Beckman, 1st vice president, R. R. 2; E. J. Young,

Tourney Committee, made a report, stating among other things that the Kentucky State Fair Board offers the Association \$150 for the Kentucky State Horseshoe Tournament to be held at the Fair Grounds at Louisville in September. This will be taken up at the April meeting.

WM. PAYNE, Press Rep.

HORSESHOE NEWS FROM IOWA

(Contributed)

The Iowa horseshoe pitchers are expecting 1929 to be a big year for barnyard golf.

The Des Moines club, which meets at the Des Moines Gun club courts expects to continue holding weekly tournaments with a meet for players from nearby towns every two or three weeks.

The most important tournament this year in Iowa will, of course, be the state meet at the State Fair in late August. Frank Jackson, the Lamoni artist, has had his own way in Iowa the last few years, and will be the defending champion. In last year's meet Jackson easily won the title. In three days of play he lost only two games, one to Lyle Brown of Des Moines, one to Cecil Freel of Murray

"Putt" Mossman, of Eldora, was subdued by Jackson and several other players in the 1928 meet are expected to furnish little opposition this year.

Lyle Brown and John McCoy, both of Des Moines, intend to get a lot of practice this summer, with the hopes of removing the crown from Jackson's brow.

It is hoped that a national meet will be held in the North this summer.

HAVE LIVE CLUB

Grand Ridge, Ill., has a horseshoe club of 21 members . Officers were recently elected and they are as follows: W. H. Rockwood, president; Z. O. Jackson, vice president and F. W. Neuman, secretary treasurer. Visitors are always welcome, states Secretary Neuman, who is the Postmaster at Grand Ridge.

CLUB ORGANIZED

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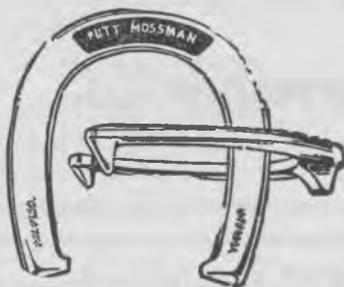
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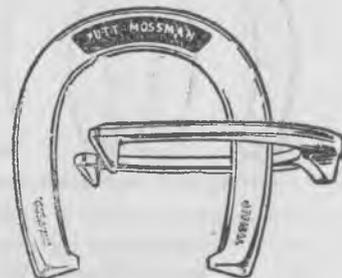
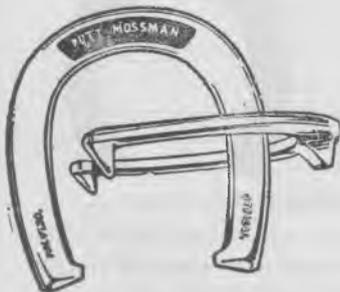
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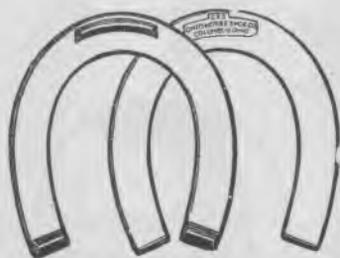
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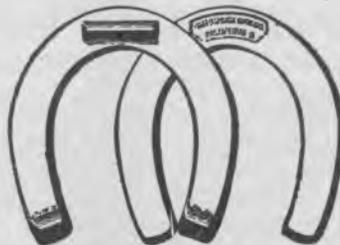
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