

Eakins and the Biglin Brothers on Boathouse Row

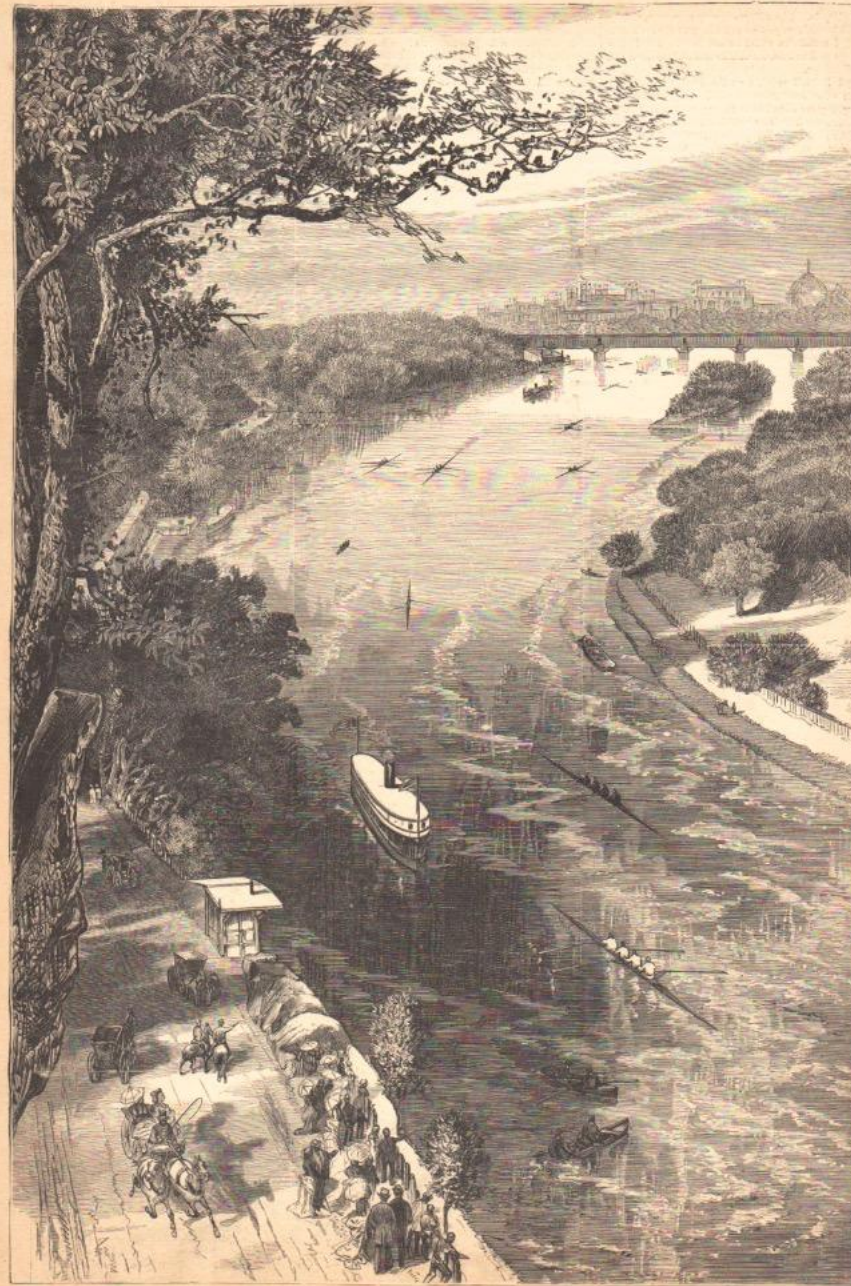
(And Fred Plaisted on the River)

By

William Lanouette

Malta Boat Club, Boathouse Row

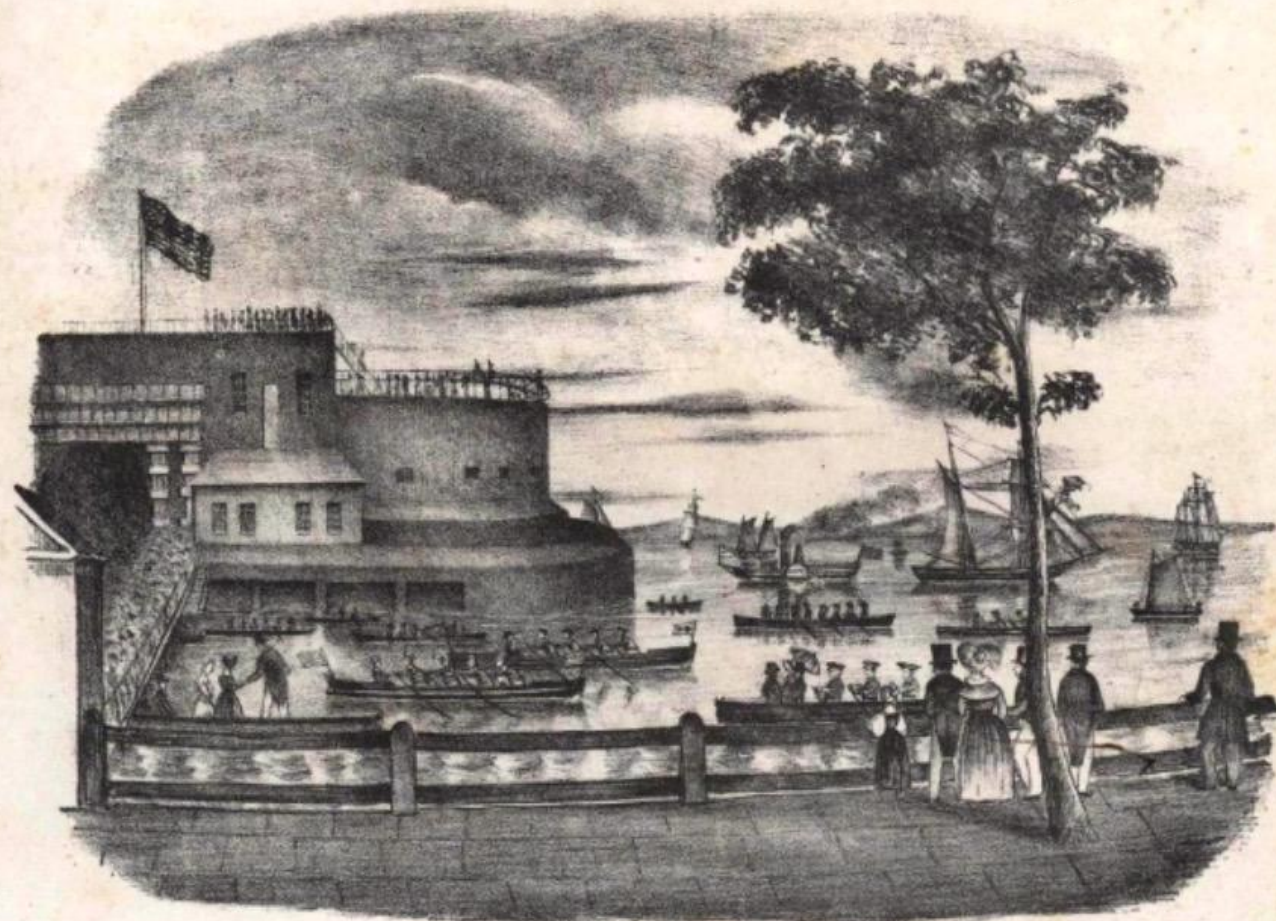
October 28th at 7pm



THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER RACECOURSE, SELECTED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ROWING MATCHES.

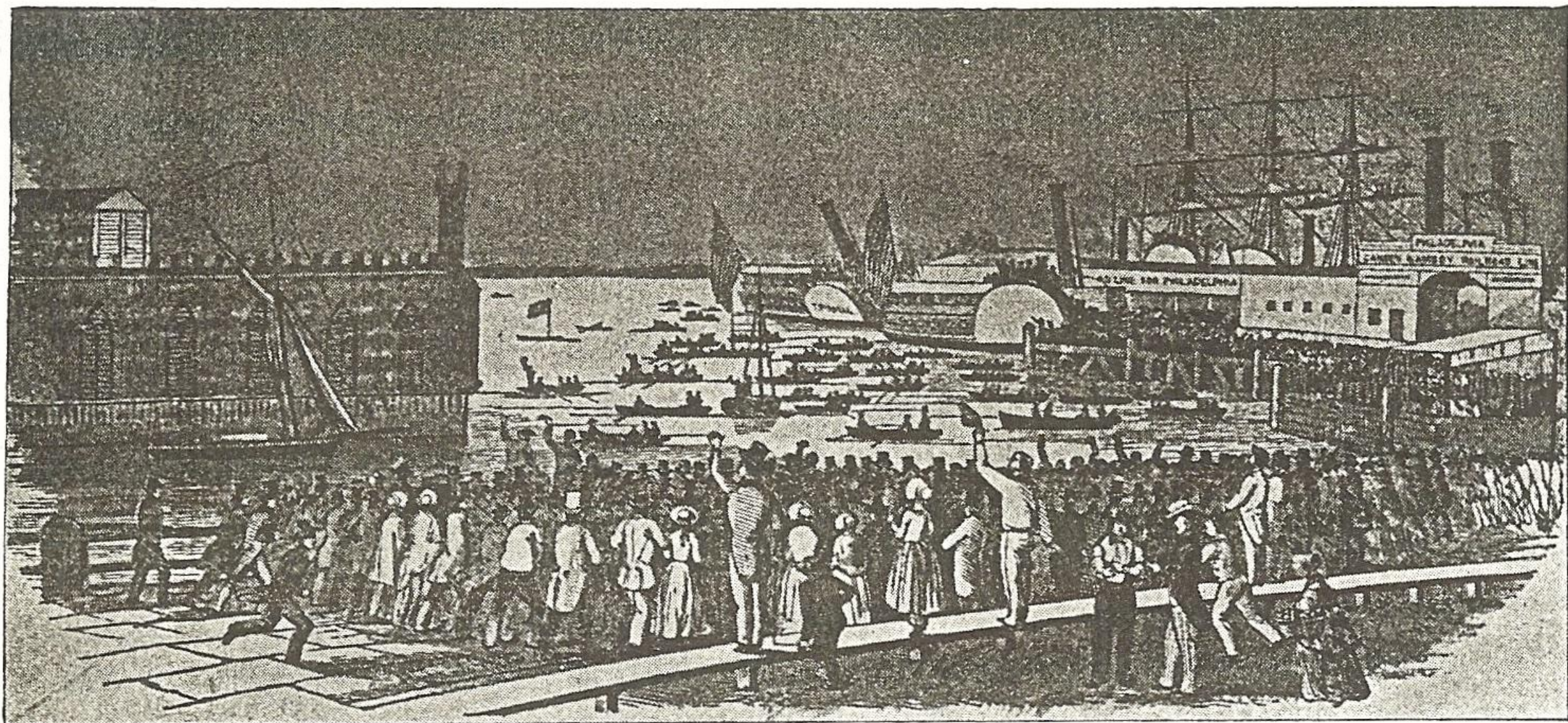


LIGHT MAY THE BOAT ROW,
5th EDITION.

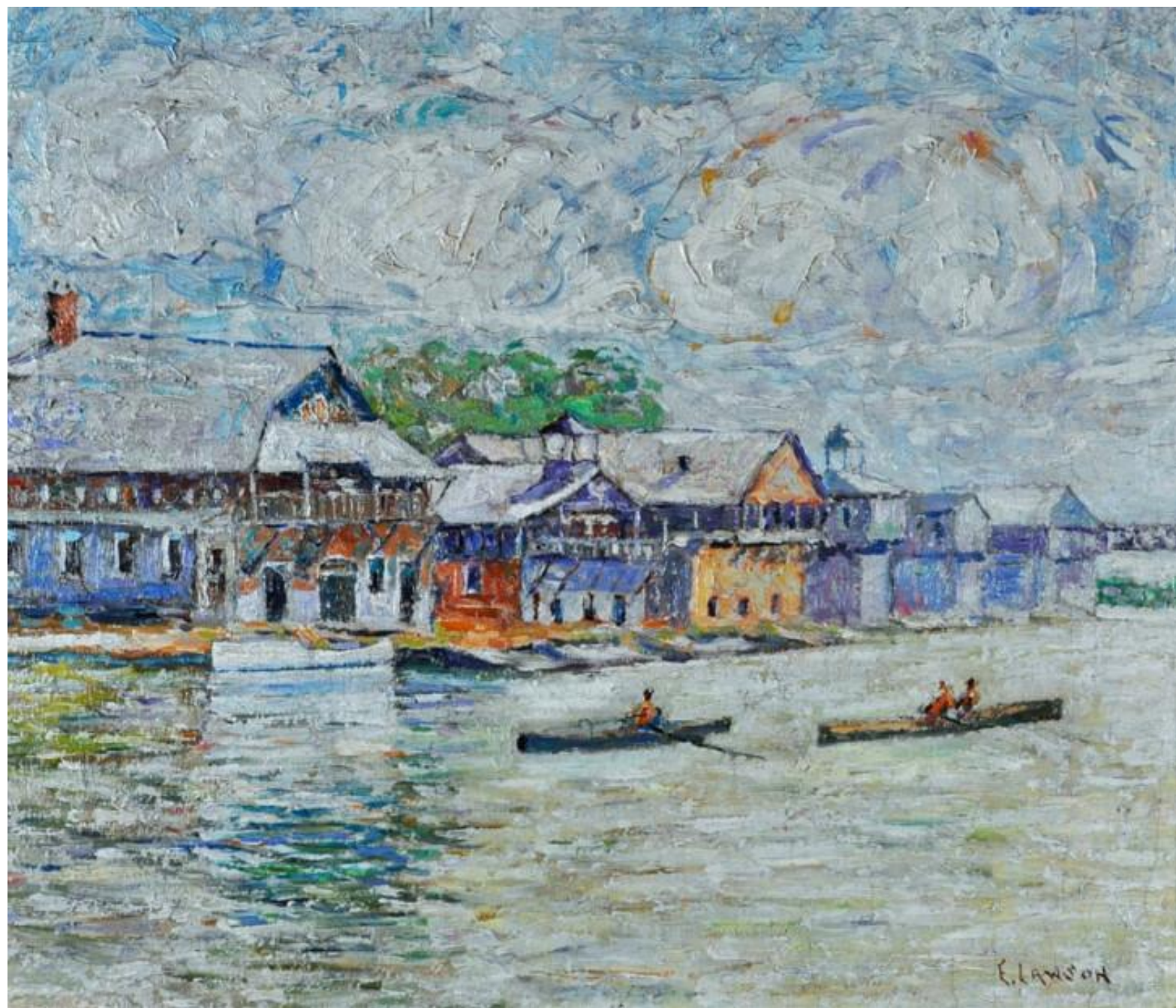


Look of Coast, 1848.

A DUET.



161 Scull Race between William Decker and James Lee from the Battery to Bedloe's Island and back, from *Gleason's Pictorial*, August 16, 1851

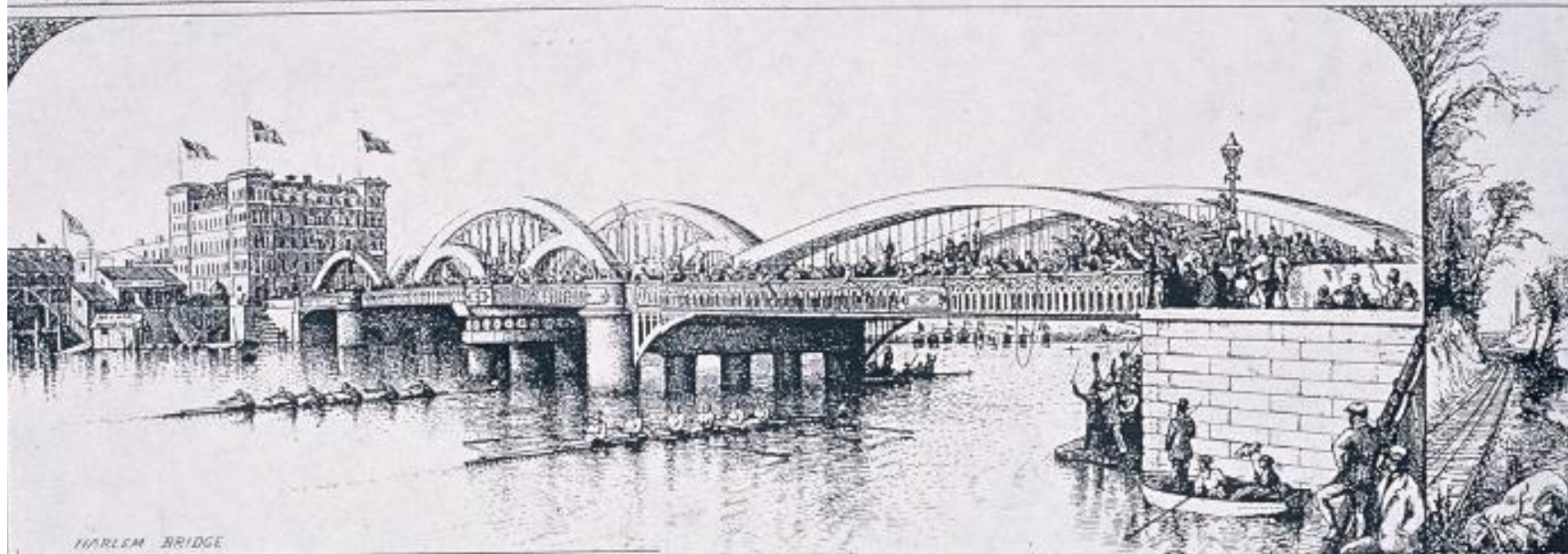




TEAMWORK AT THE CLUB



THE COURSE



HARLEM BRIDGE



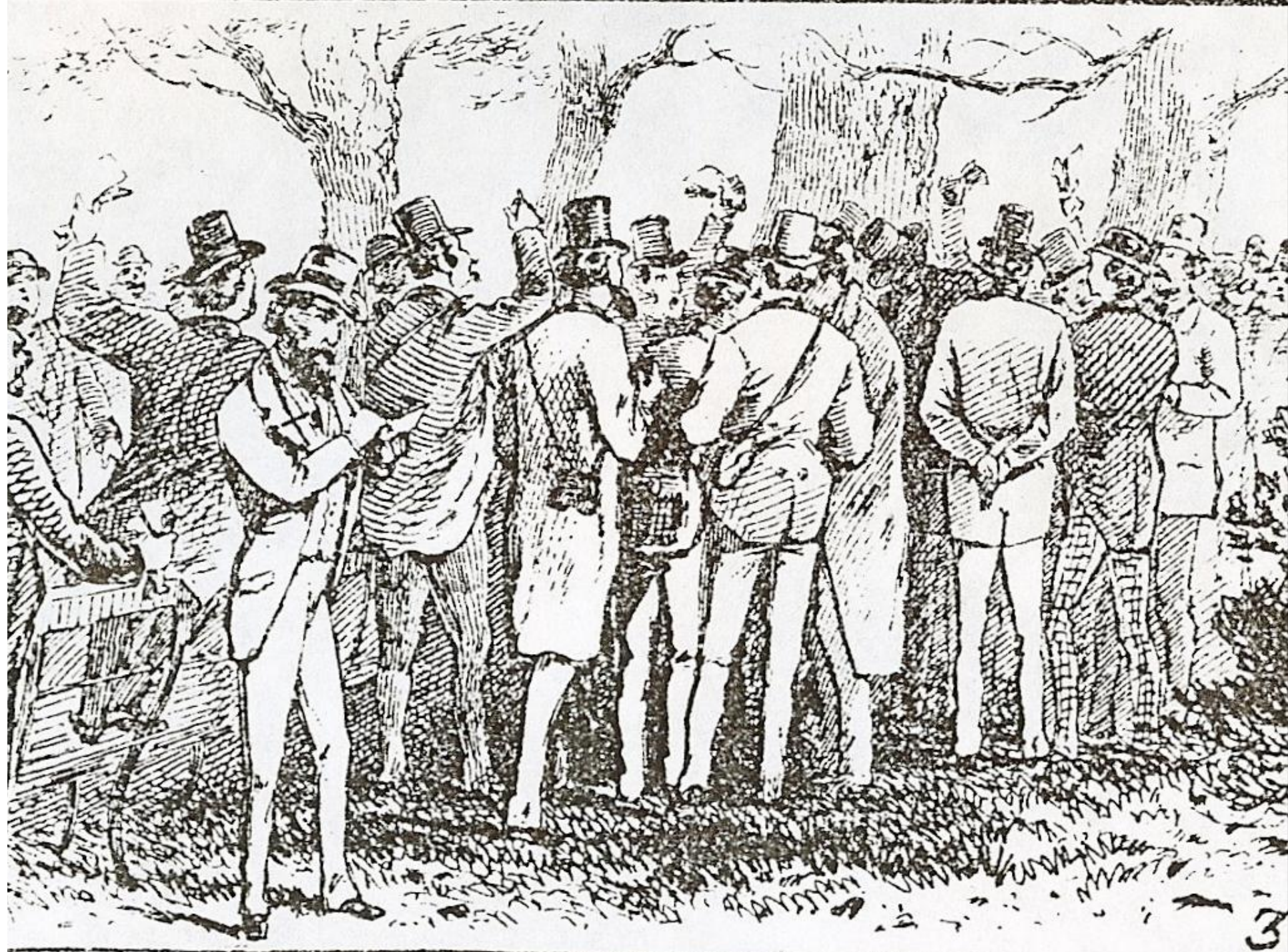
A REGATTA - SCENE ON THE RIVER



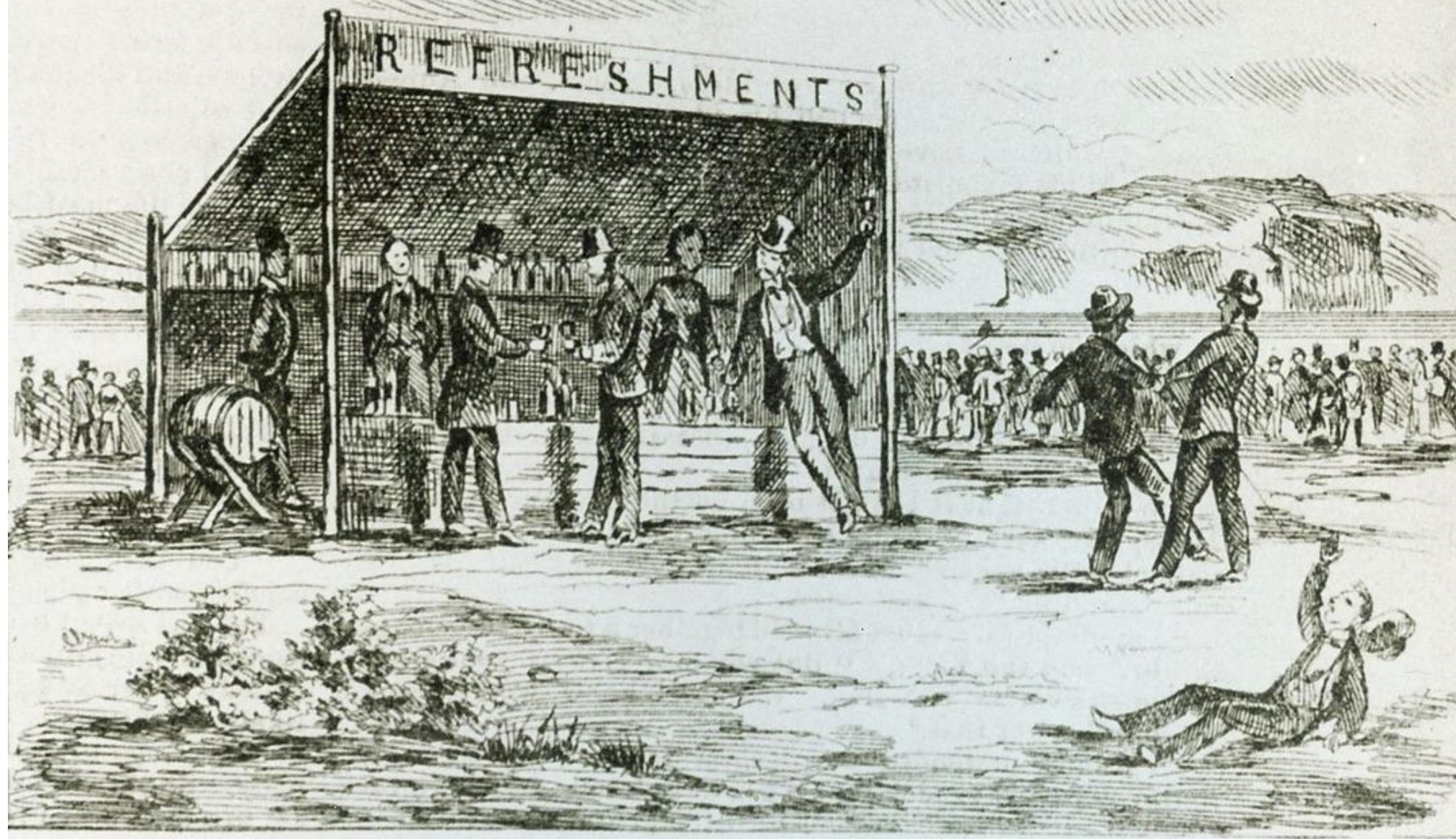
1908 Boat Club Parade Harbor River
Columbus 1908 F.R.K.

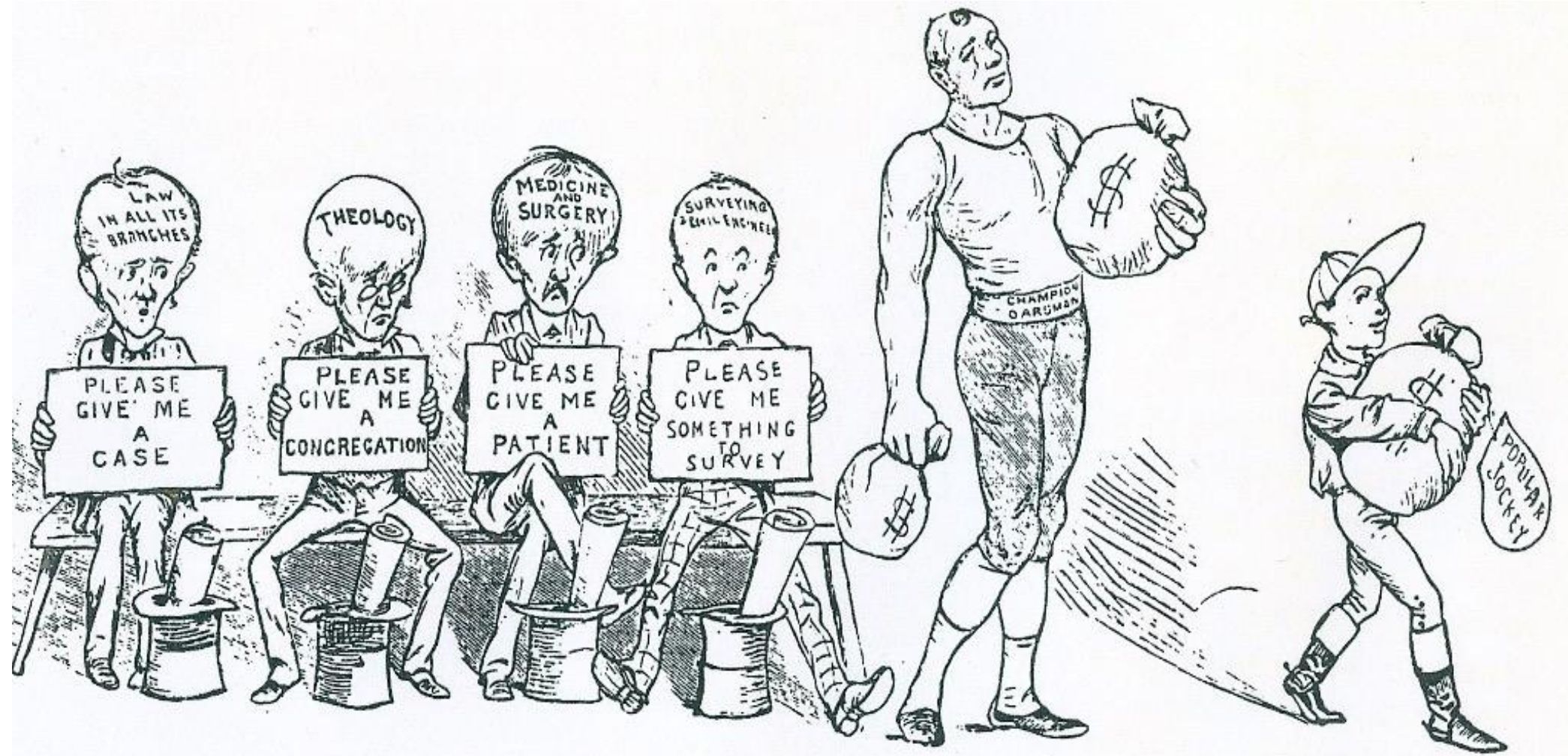






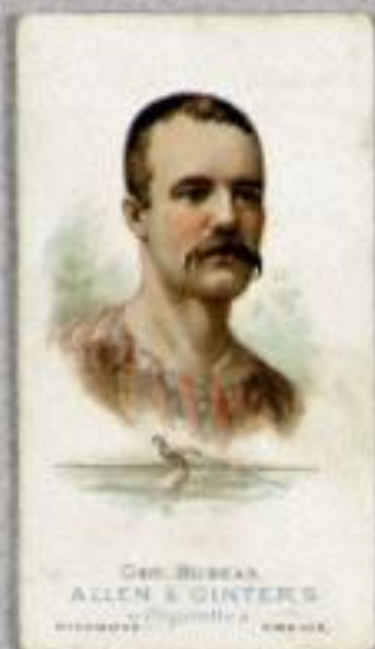
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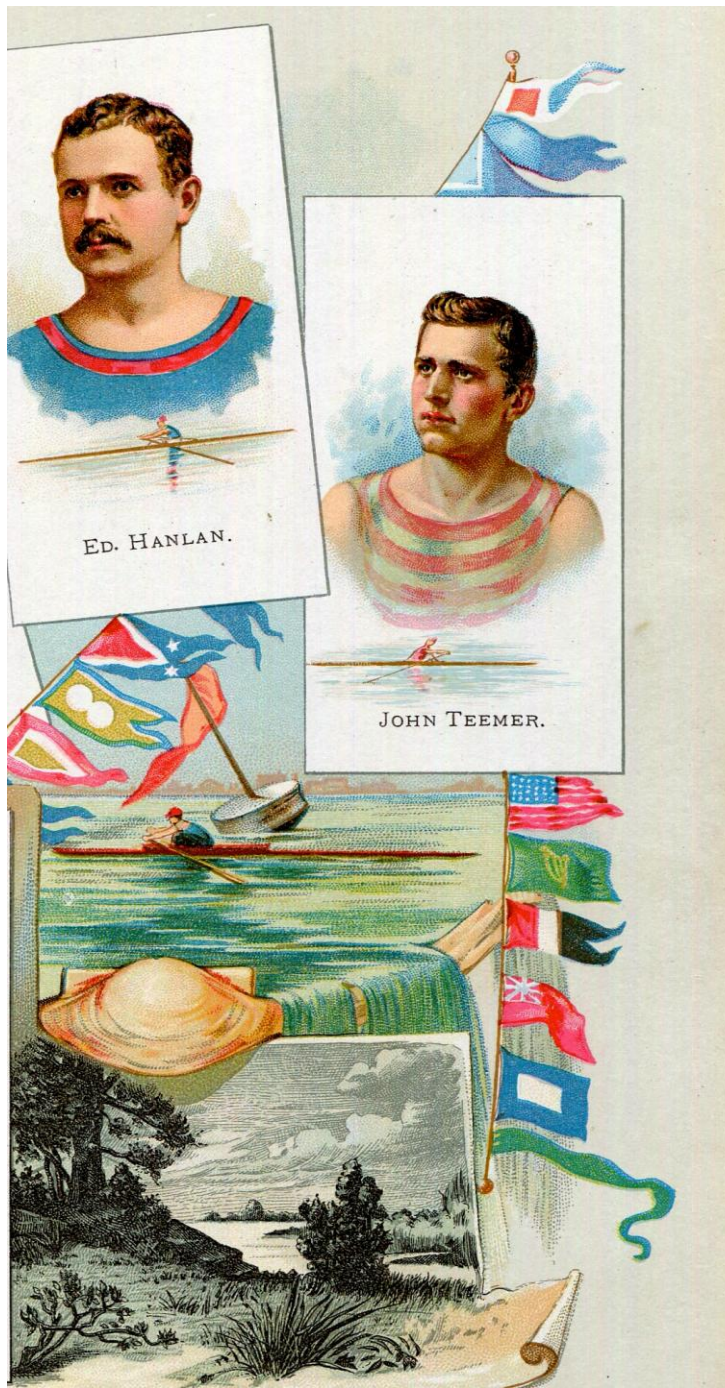




*This 1881 cartoon illustrates the material success
already surrounding the professional athletes.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 16th July 1881.*

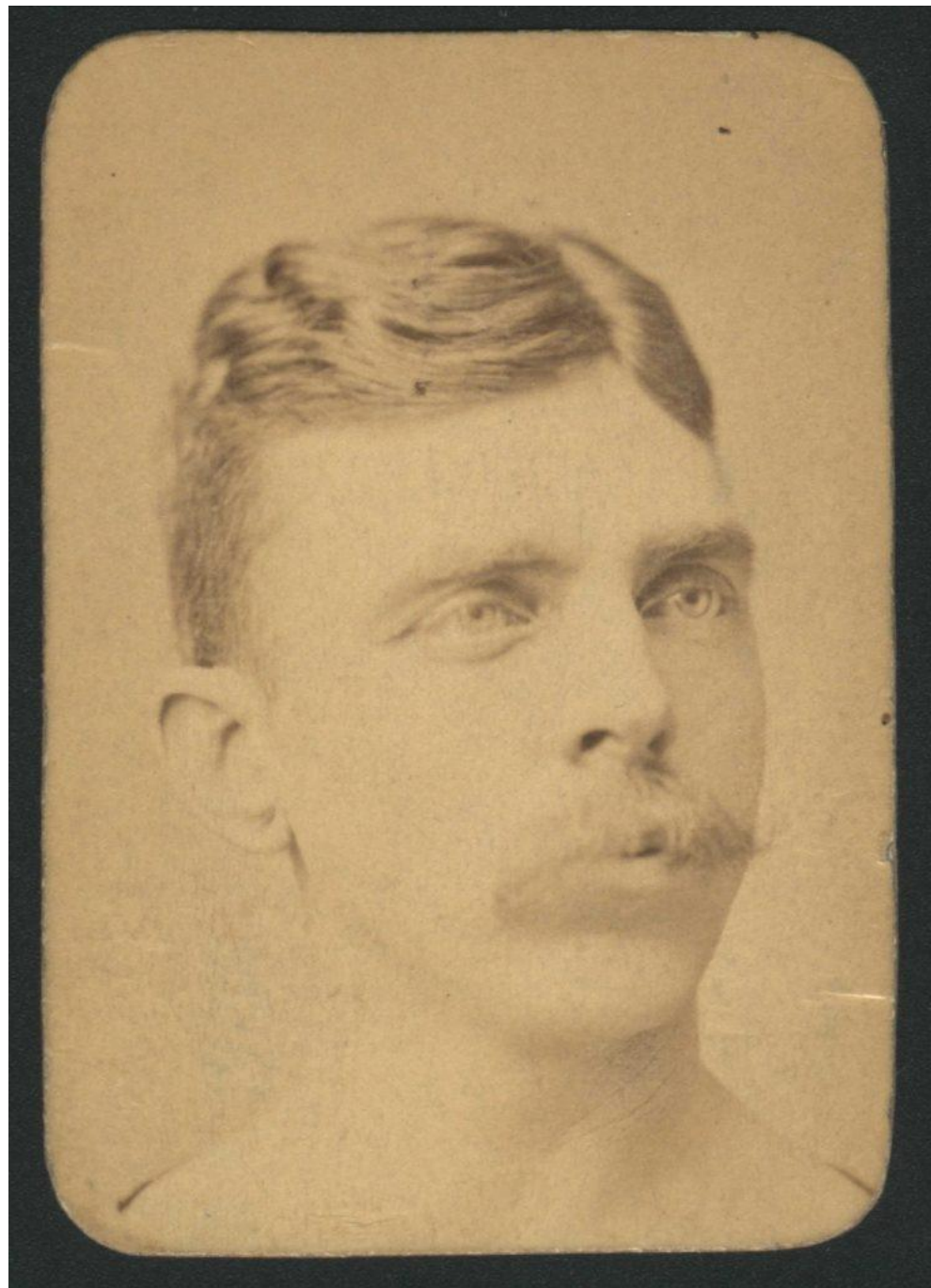




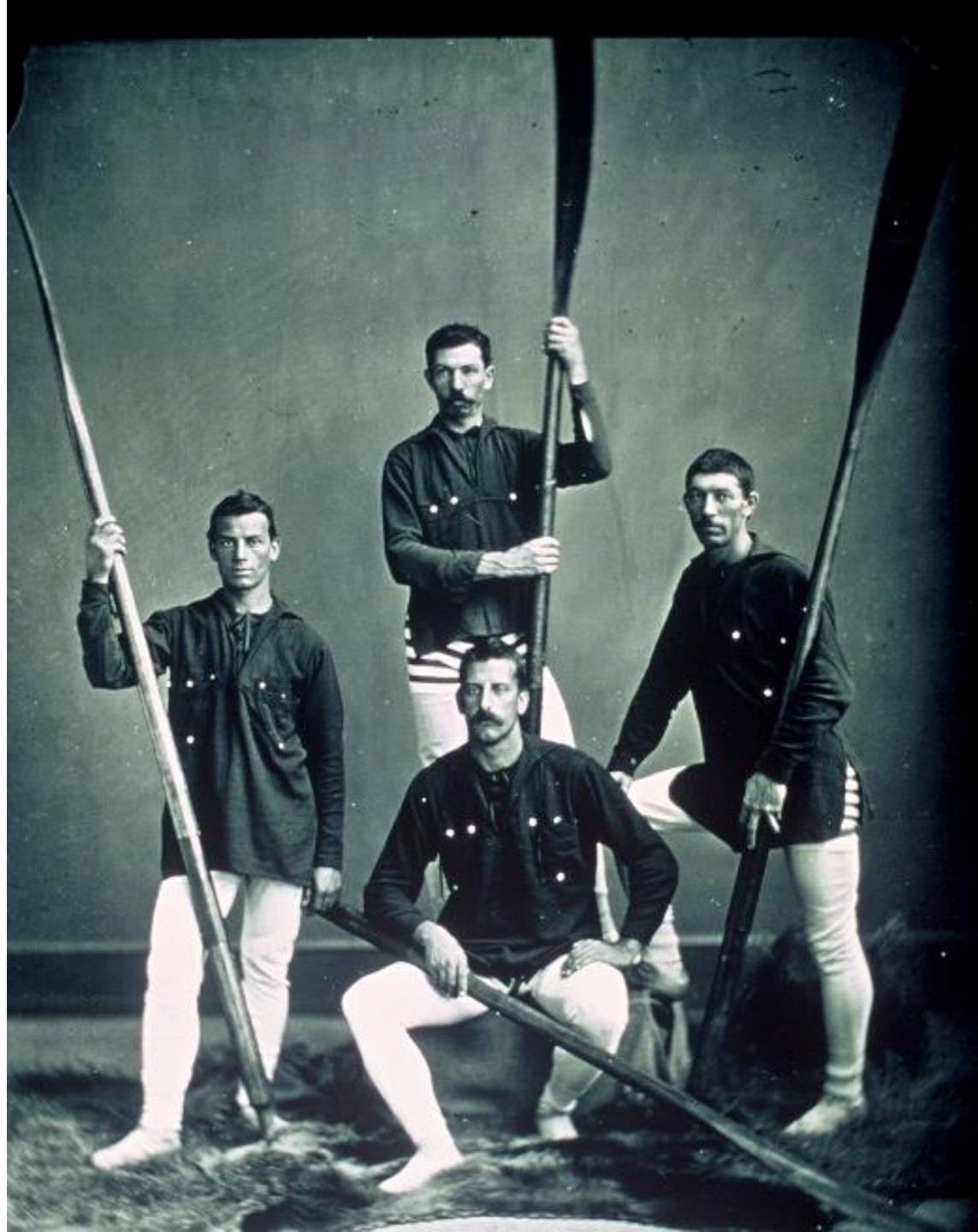


ED. HANLAN.

JOHN TEEMER.



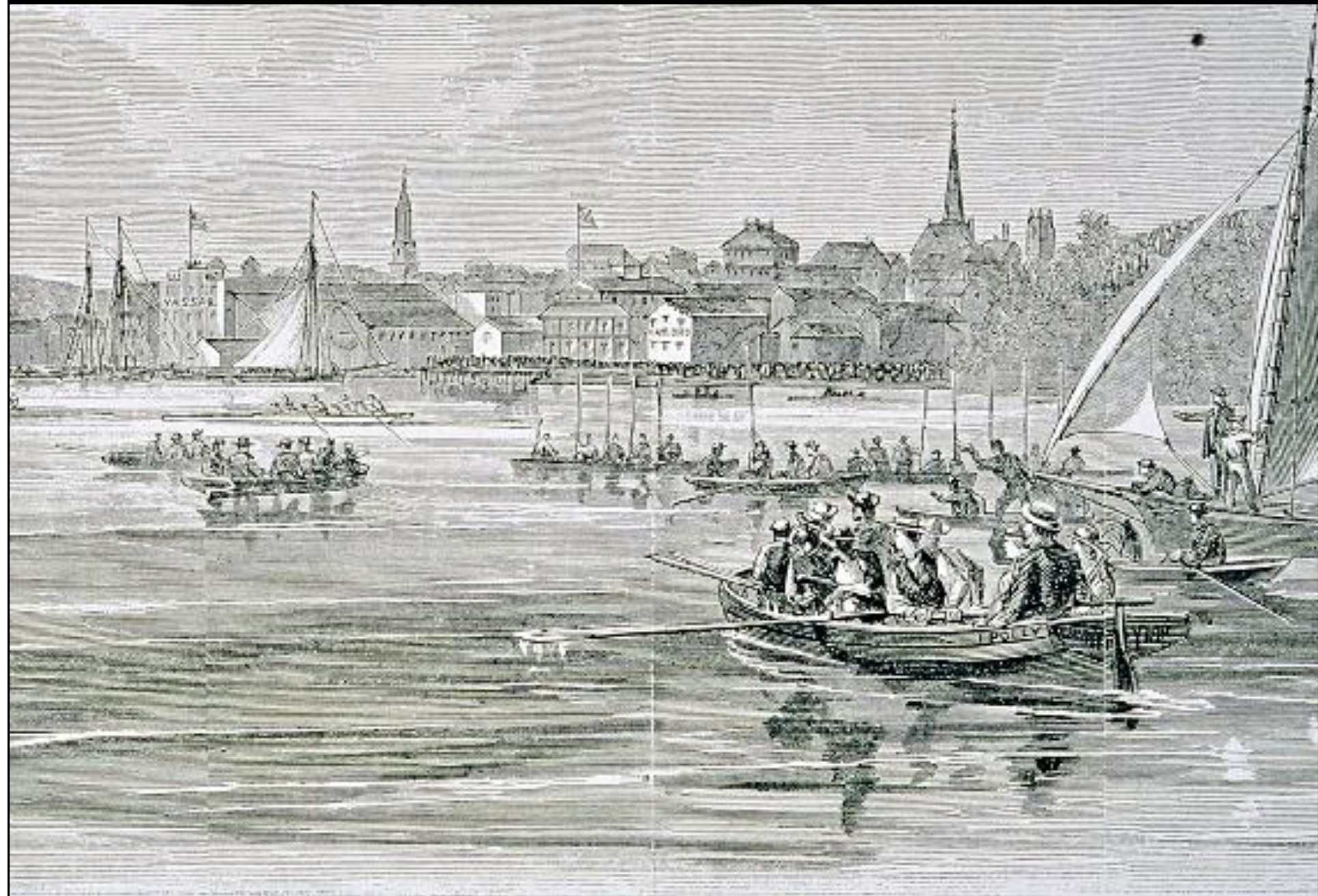




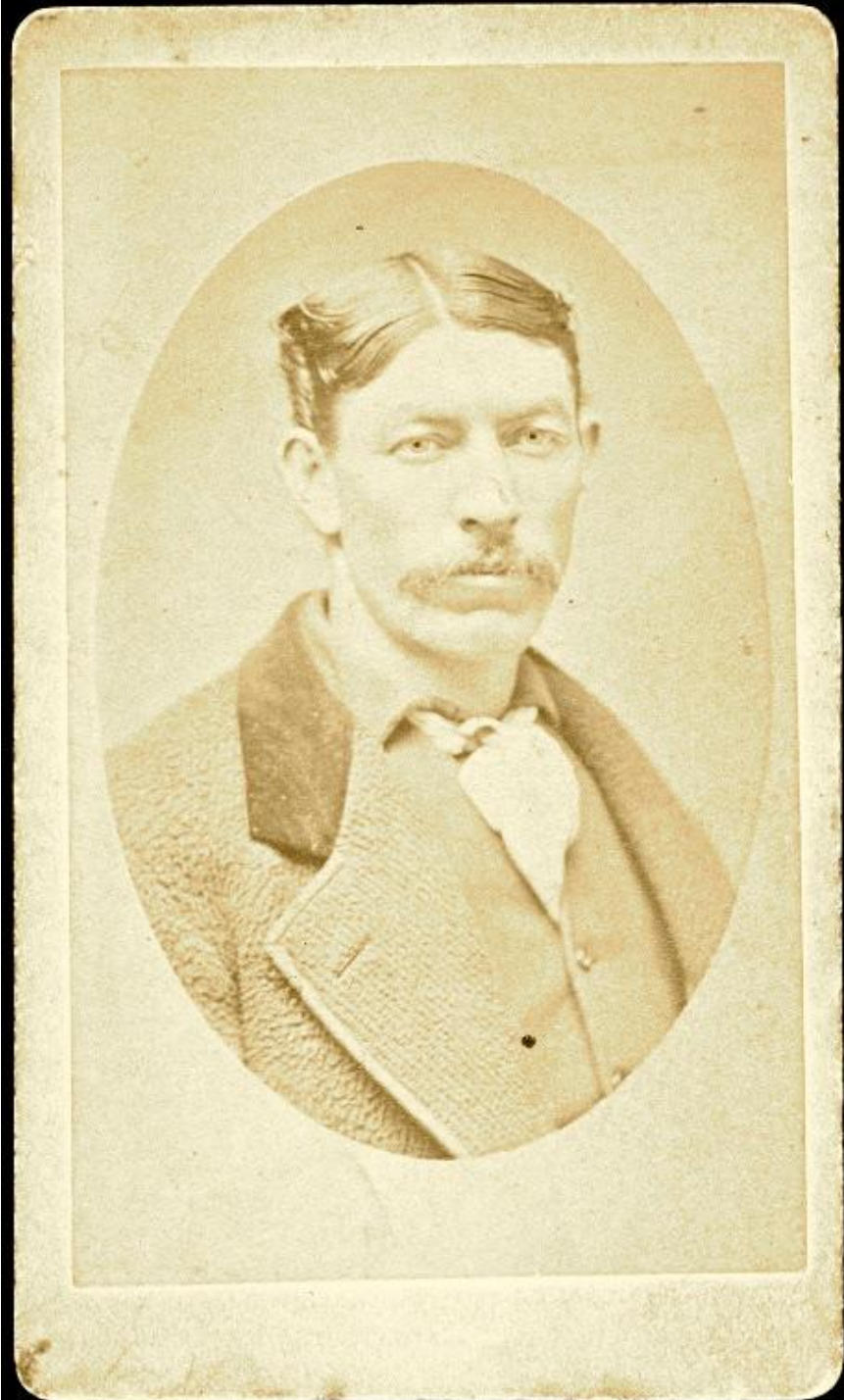


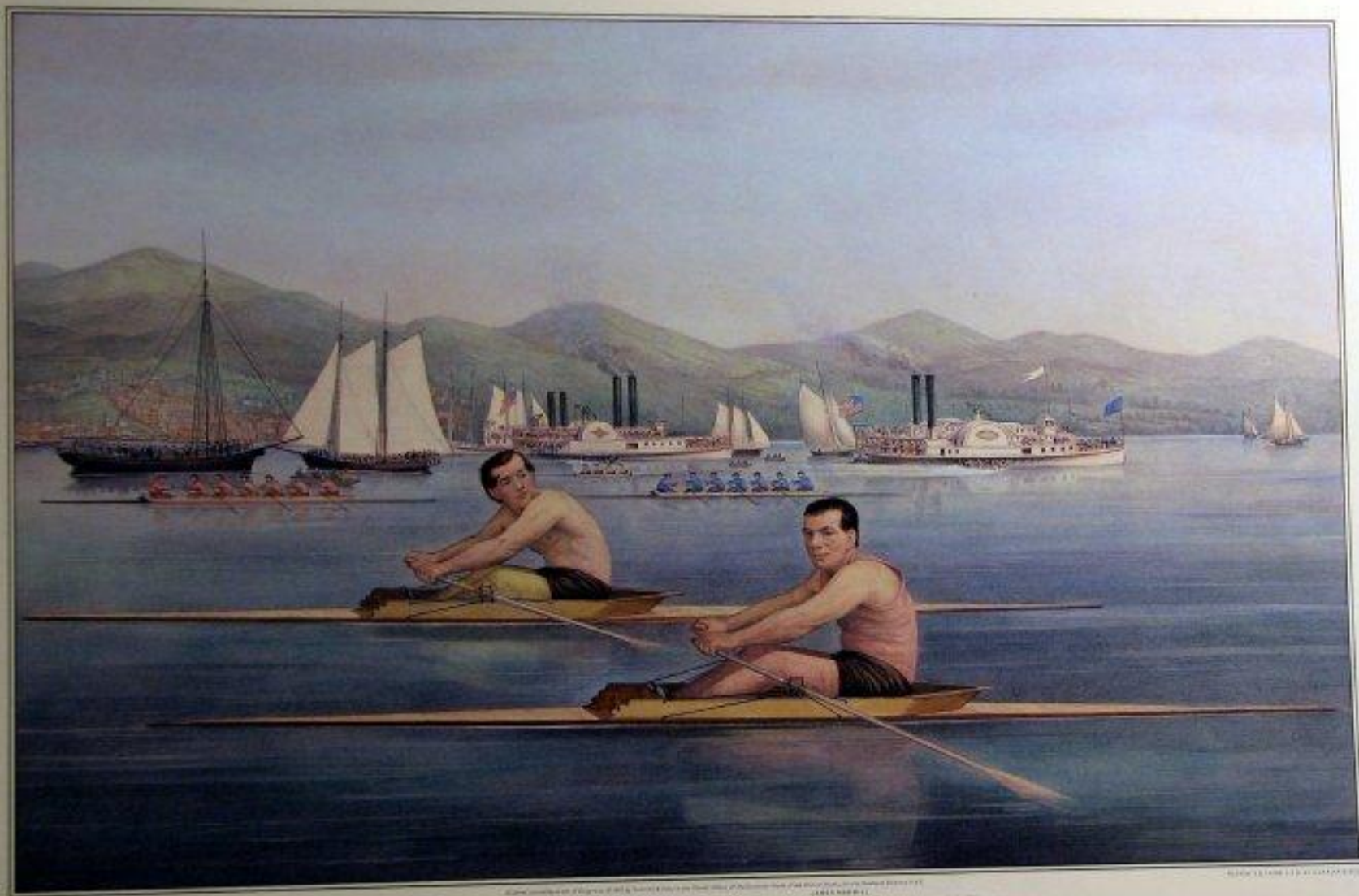


GREAT FOUR-OARED BOAT RACE FOR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AMERICAN WATERS, BETWEEN NEW YORK AND NEWBURGH, ON THE HUDSON RIVER AT SING SING, N. Y., MONDAY, SEPT. 26—THE NEWBURGH CREW VICTORIOUS.



THE BOAT-RACE AT FOUCHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK, JULY 19, 1865.—SKETCHED BY T. B. DAVIS.—[SEE PAGE 430.]





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JAMES HANNUM, AND WALTER BIDWELL, IN THEIR

GREAT FIVE MILE ROWING MATCH FOR \$4000 & THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AMERICA.

AT NEWBURG BAY, HUDSON RIVER, N.Y. SEPT. 9TH 1869.



THE FOUR-OARED INTERNATIONAL BOAT-RACE AT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.—FROM A SKETCH BY J. W. GRAY.—[SEE PAGE 505.]



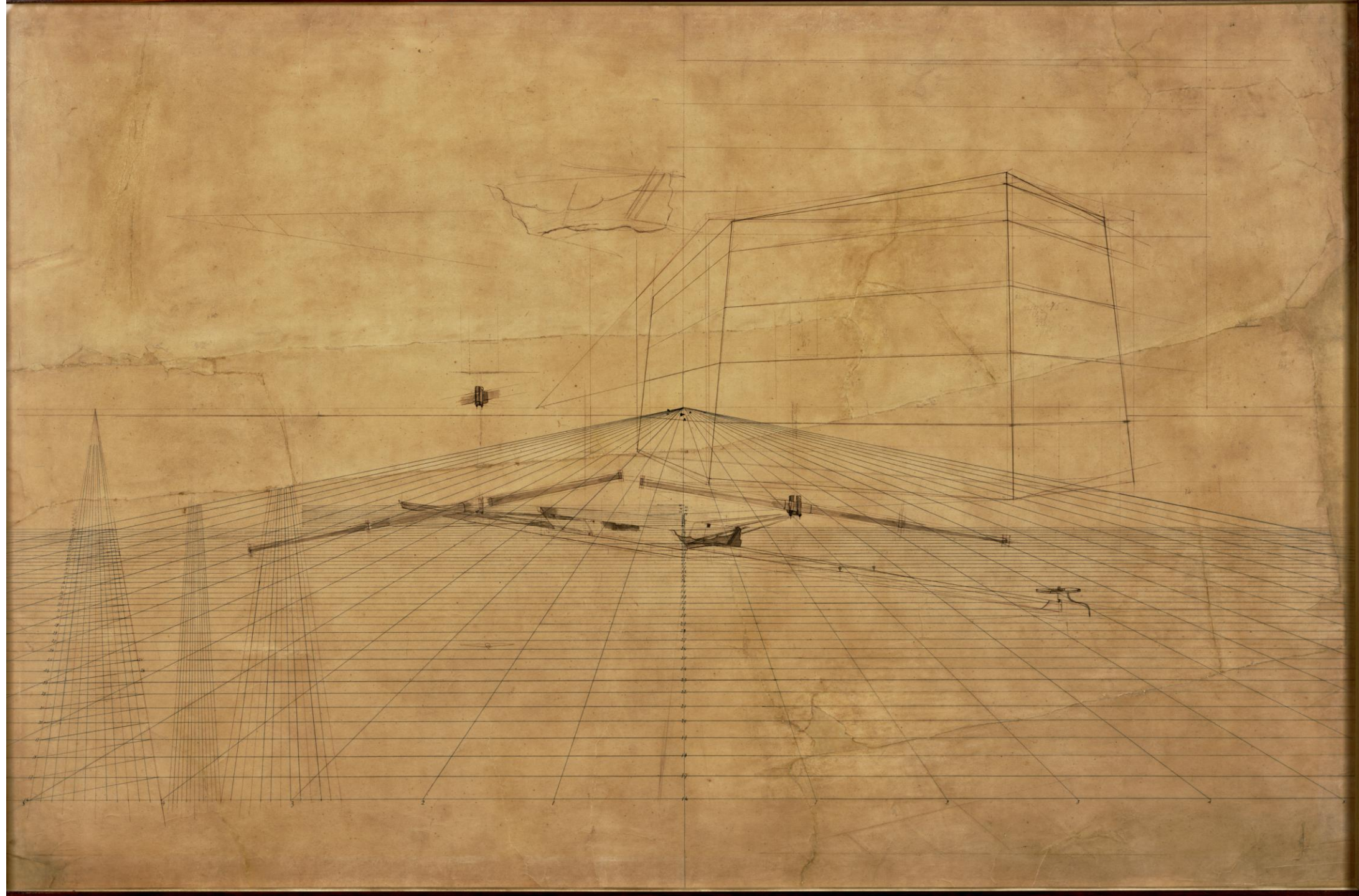
INTERNATIONAL FOUR-OARED BOAT-RACE ON SARATOGA LAKE, SEPTEMBER 11, 1871.—FROM A SKETCH BY THOMAS NARE.—[SEE PAGE 900.]

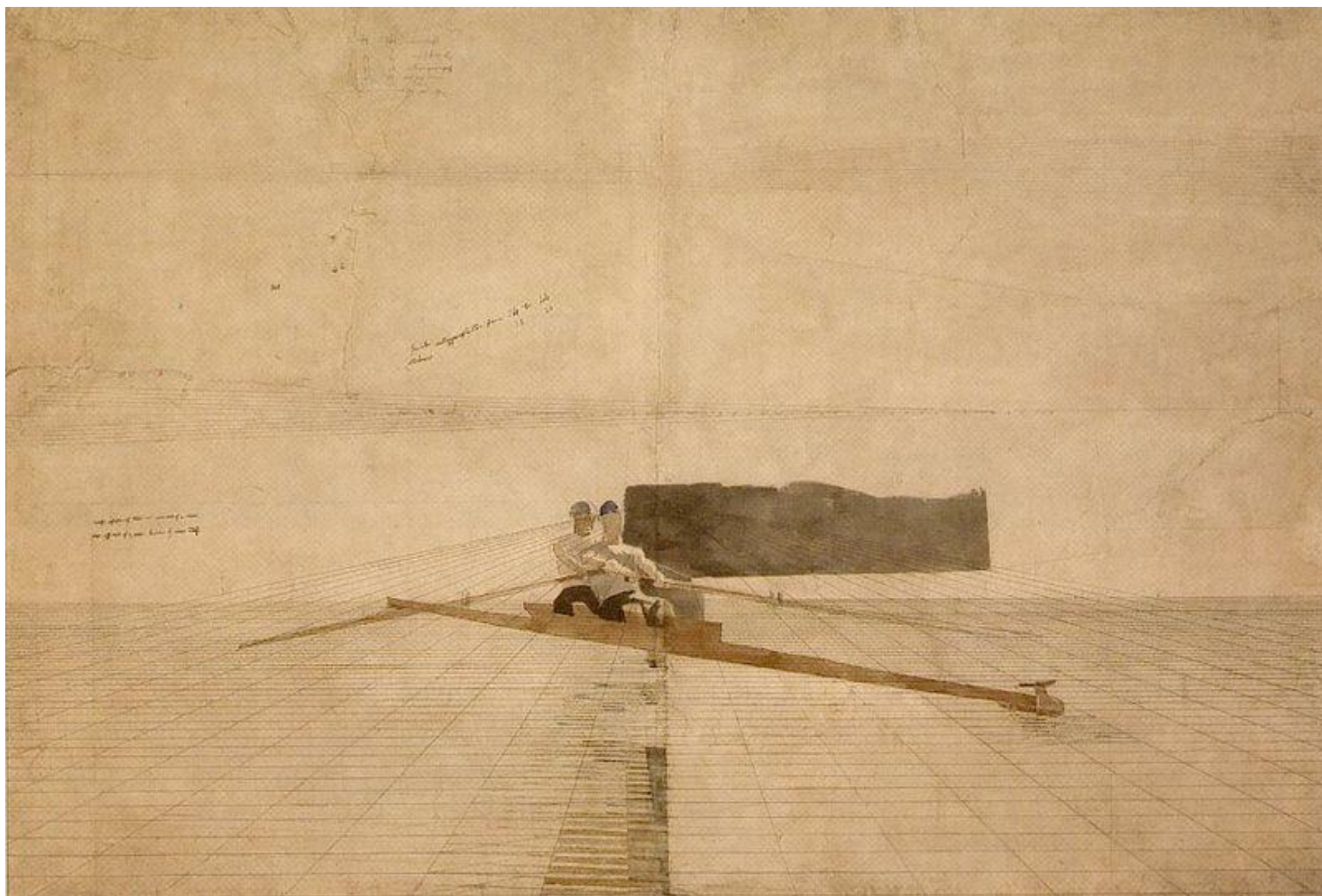








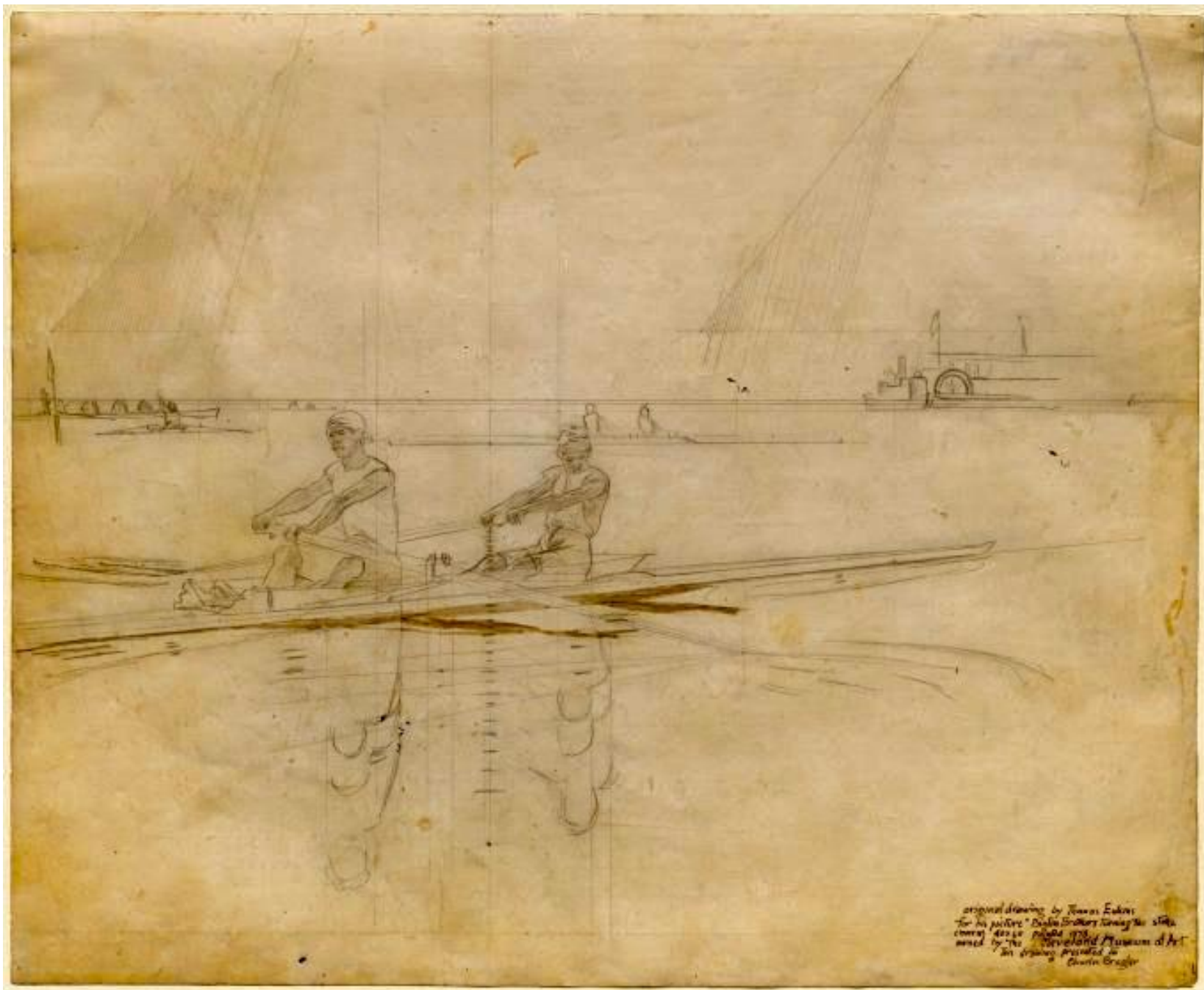












original drawing by Kawai Euker
for his picture "Kawai Euker's Boat"
shown at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair
now in the collection of the
Smithsonian Institution
in the original provided by
Kawai Euker









John Higley (professional rowman) in a single scull.

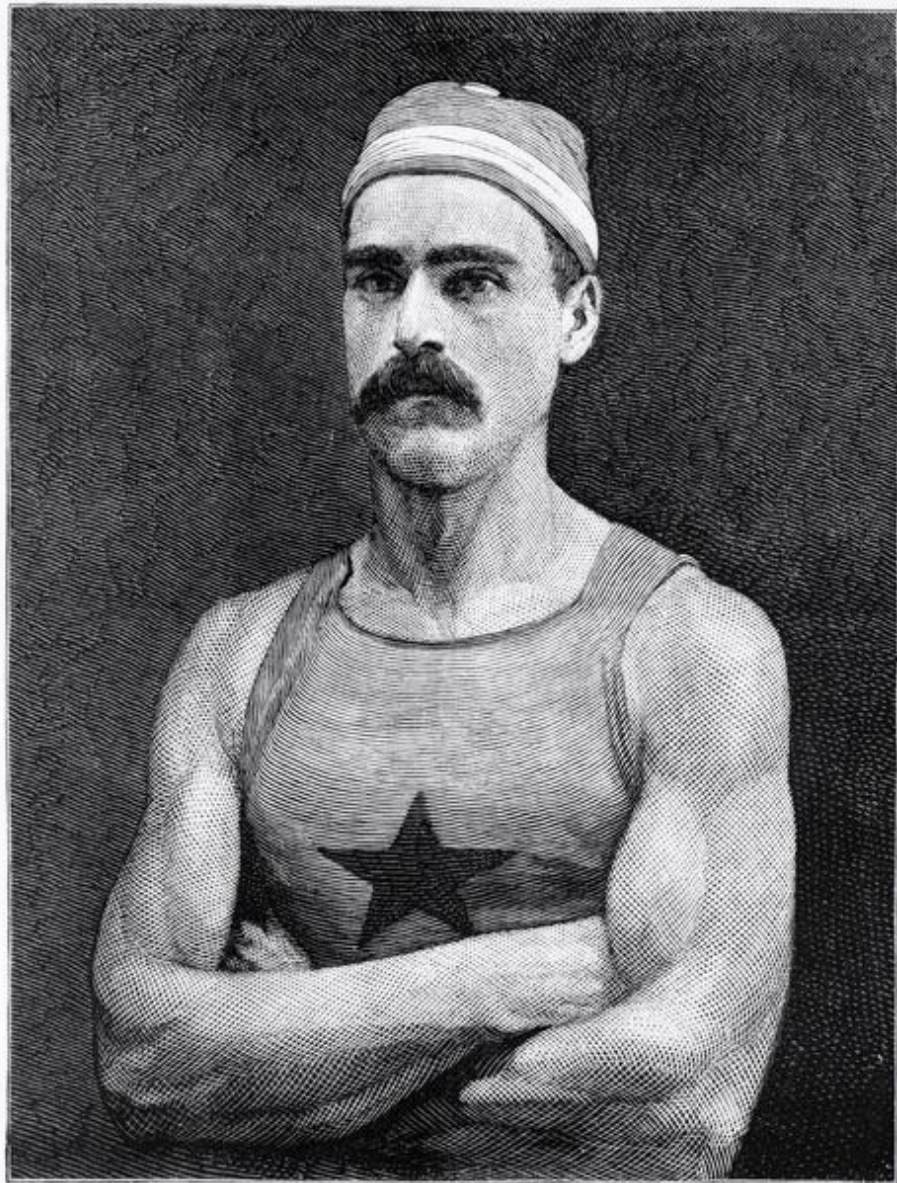
Thomas Ekins



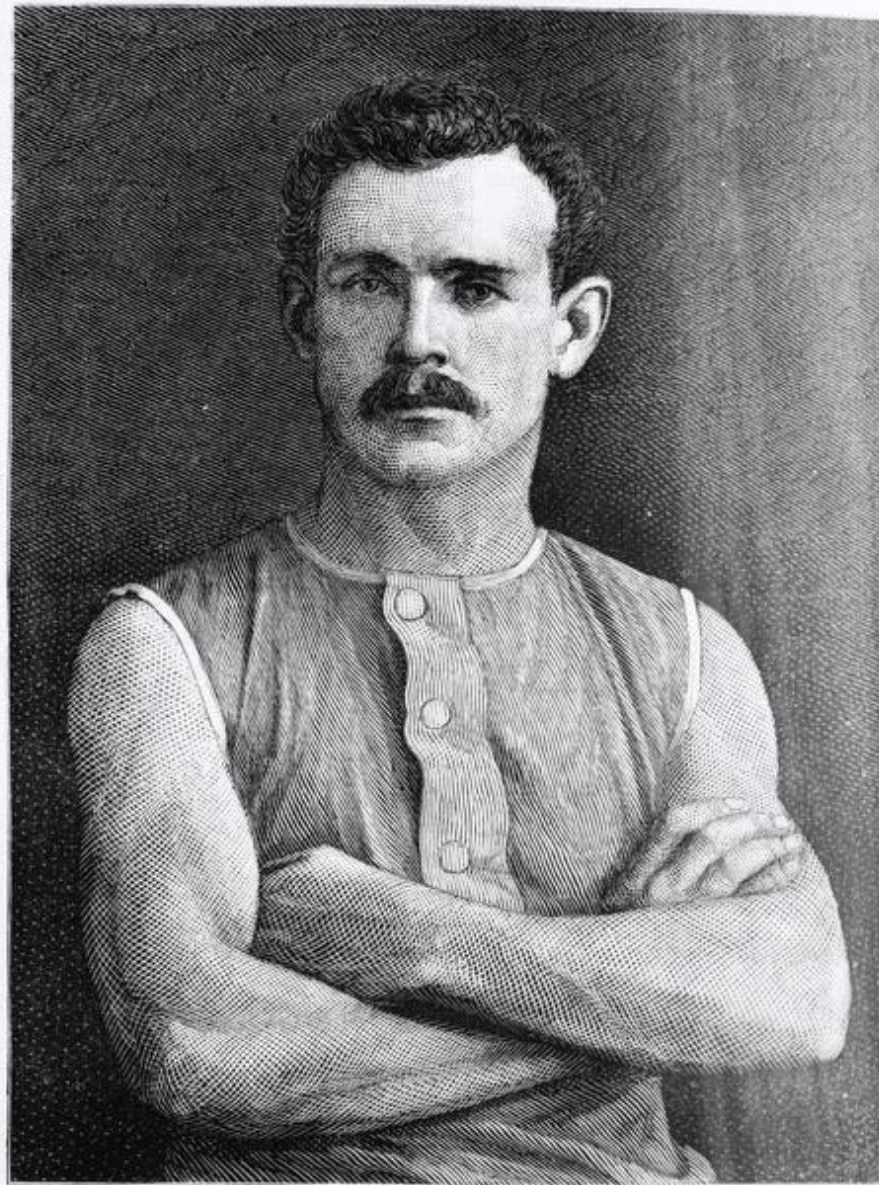








CHARLES E. COURTNEY.—[PHOTOGRAPHED BY ERNSBERGER & RAY.]



EDWARD HANLAN.—[PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. BRUCE & Co.]

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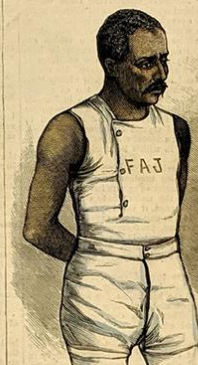
VIEW OF COURTNEY'S BOAT-HOUSE FROM THE WATER.



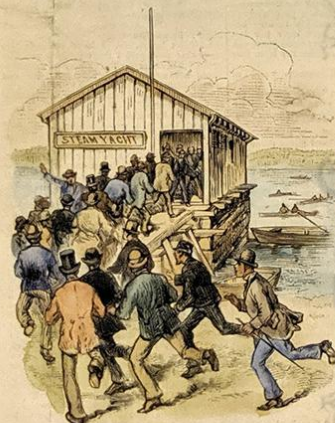
INTERIOR OF COURTNEY'S BOAT-HOUSE.



DISCOVERY OF THE MUTILATED BOAT.



"FRENCH JOHNSON," COURTNEY'S TRAINER.



SCENE AT COURTNEY'S BOAT-HOUSE AFTER THE MUTILATION OF THE BOAT.

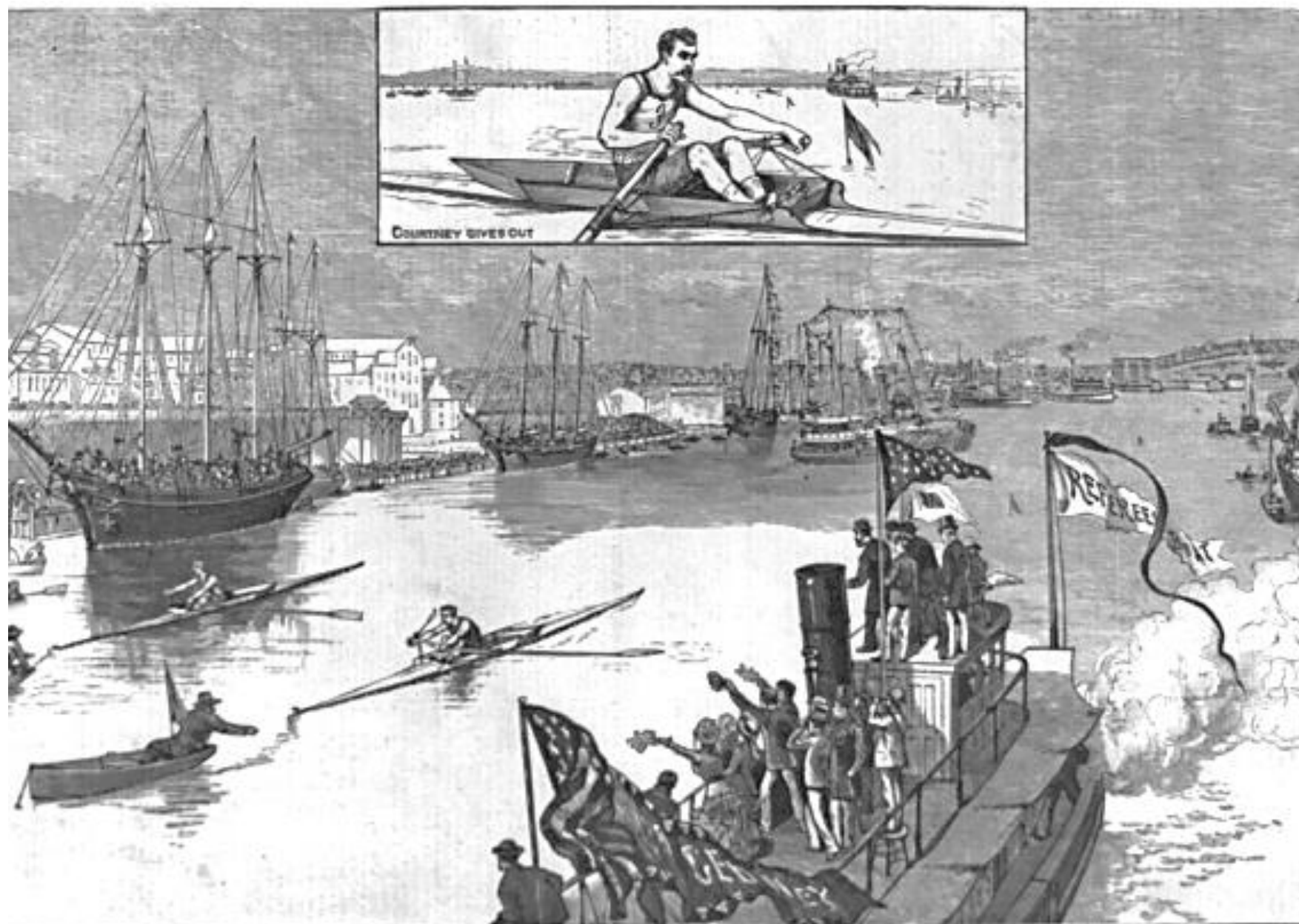


ARRIVAL OF HANLAN AT HIS BOAT-HOUSE AFTER THE RACE AGAINST TIME.

NEW YORK.—POSTPONEMENT OF THE GREAT BOAT-RACE BETWEEN COURTNEY AND HANLAN ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE—INCIDENTS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF COURTNEY'S SHELLS, OCTOBER 10TH.—FROM SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.—SEE PAGE 129.



THE ROWING MATCH ON THE POTOMAC.
Courtney, fully prepared for emergencies, goes to meet Hanlan.



STREET OF COLUMBIA.—THE HANLAN-COURTNEY CONTEST ON THE POTOMAC AT WASHINGTON, MAY 1892.—THE START OF THE GARDNER.—FROM A SKETCH BY H. A. OGDEN.—THE FARMER.

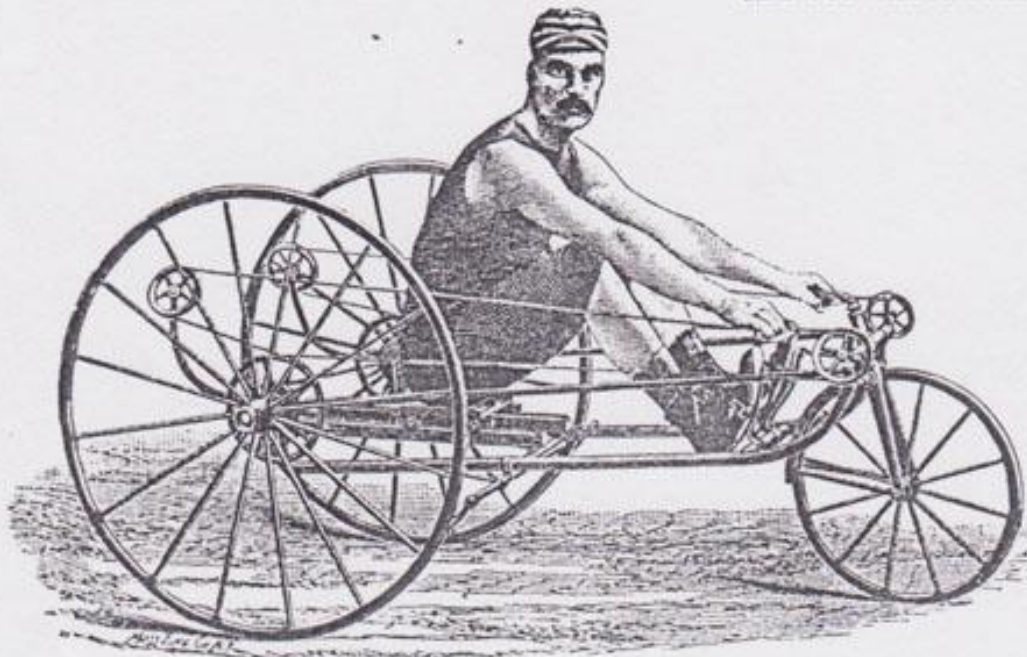
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, COMMENCING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7.

A DECIDED NOVELTY:

6 DAYS' ROWING RACE

ON THE NEWLY INVENTED

ROADSCULLER, OR LAND-ROWING TRICYCLE.



14 Champion Oarsmen

Are Entered, comprising all the Great Scullers of the World, as follows:

JOHN TEEMER,	WILLIAM O'CONNOR,
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ALBERT HAMM,	JOHN McKAY,
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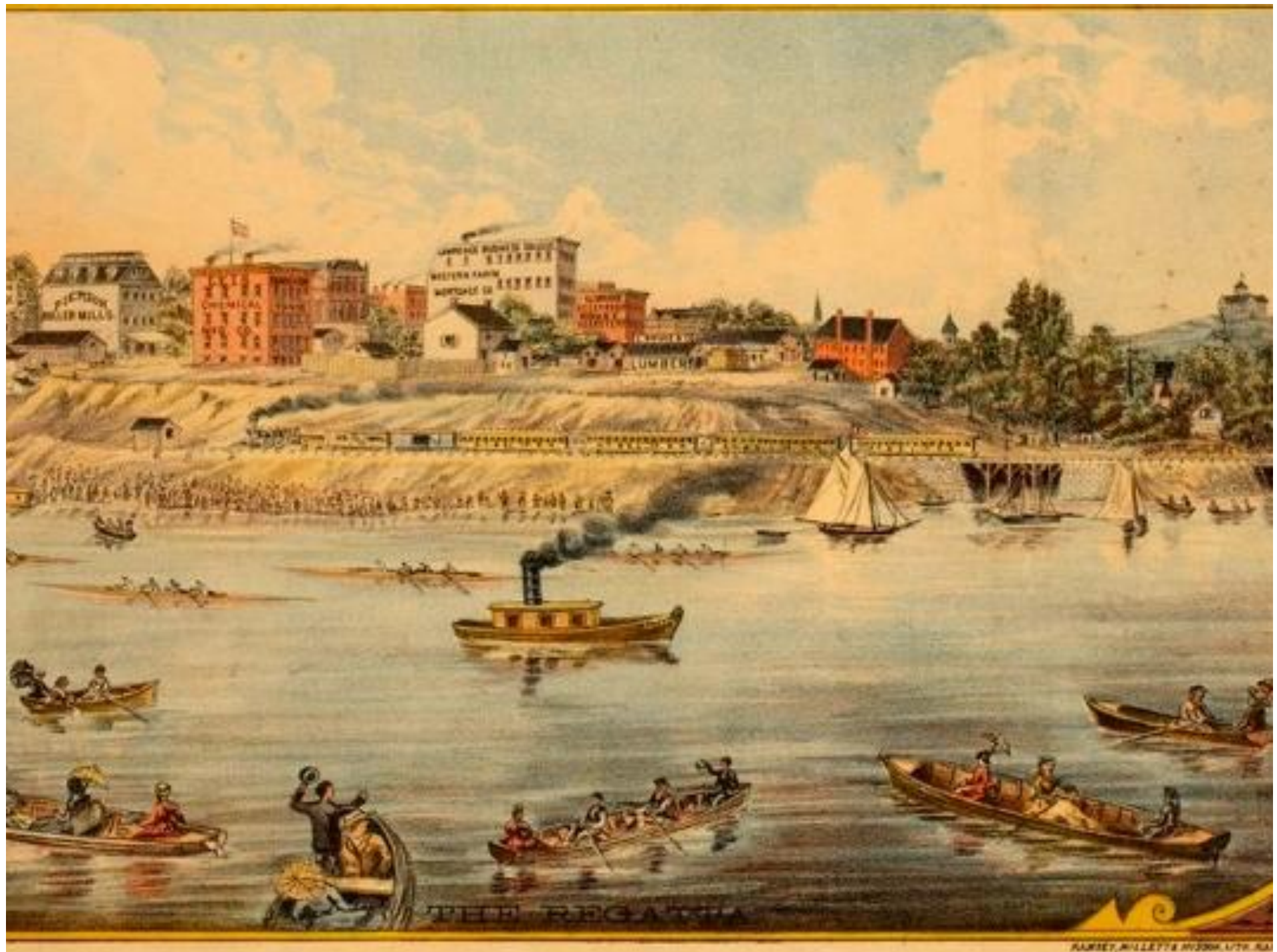
\$10,000 IN CASH PRIZES.

The Cash Prizes offered are larger than ever competed for in a rowing tournament, and the race will be a bona fide contest between these trained athletes, starting at MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, and rowing six hours—and daily thereafter from 2 to 12 P. M. until midnight Saturday.

Innes' Famous 13th Regiment Band of 75 Solo Artists

Will Give a Grand Sacred Concert on Sunday Evening, October 7, from 8.30 to 12. Concerts by Innes' Band Afternoons and Evenings during the Week.

Admission, 50 cents. Reserved Seats, \$1.00.



THE REGATTA



BOAT-RACE OF THE FUTURE.—DRIFTING DOWN TO THE STARTING-POINT.

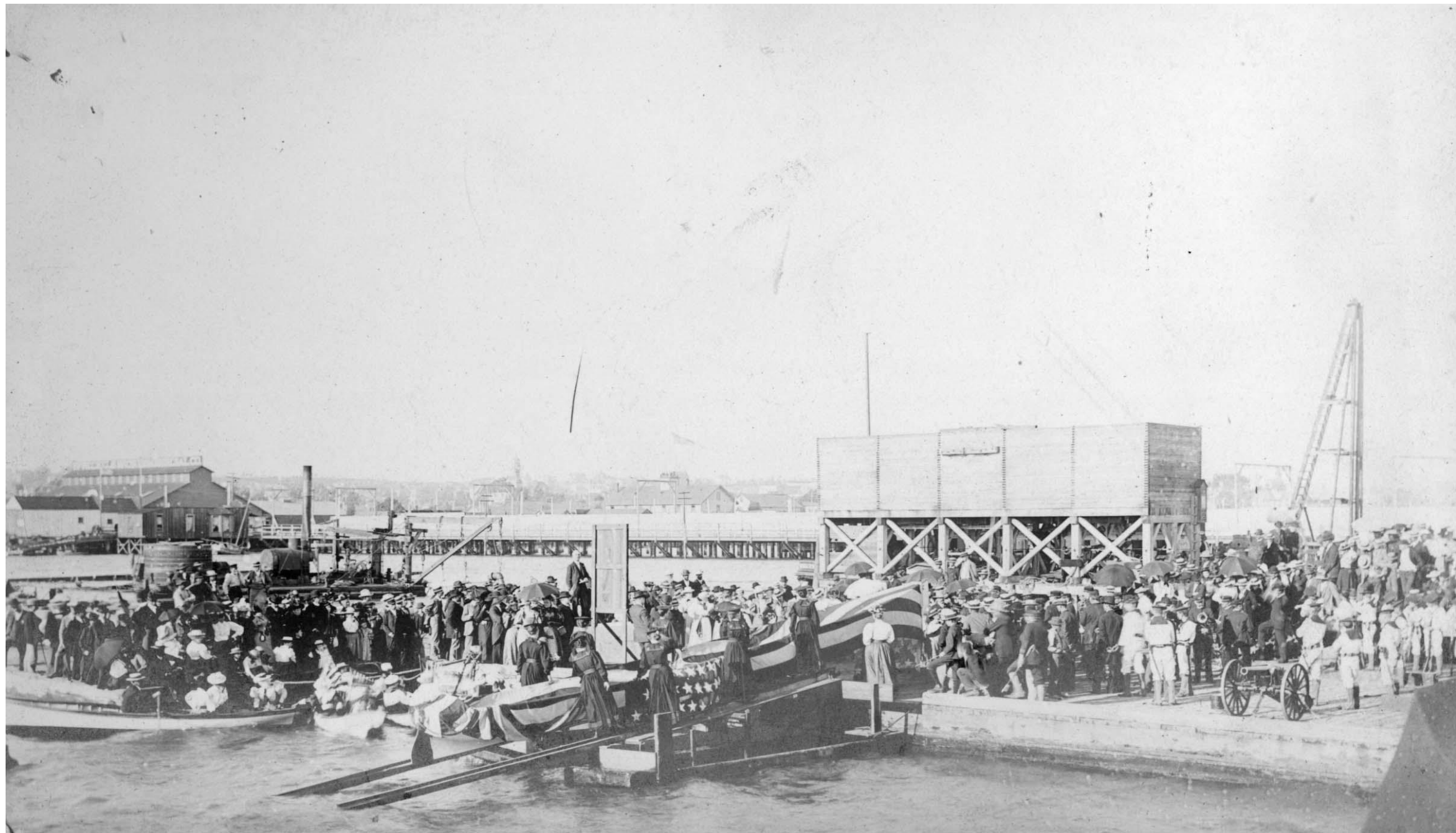


PORTRAIT OF MISS LOTTIE McALICE.













NEW YORK CITY.—KNIGHTS OF EMPIRE CITY ROWING CLUB AT HALEM—THE LADIES' DOUBLE-SCULL RACE.



THE EMPIRE CITY REGATTA AT HARLEM, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 25TH.—DISGRACEFUL ATTEMPT TO FOUL THE BOATS OF THE LADY CONTESTANTS.
SEE PAGE 3.

LADIES' SCULLING MATCH AT THE HARLEM RIVER REGATTA. Attempt to Find the Best.

Two spectators of lady competitors of the American regatta is now a recognized event. We have this week to notice one or two of the results of the Fifth Annual Regatta of the New York City Rowing Club, which took place the other day on the Harlem River.

The third race, which was the leading feature of the day's sport, was for ladies only, in single scull, sometimes fast, able working boats, two miles, making three times.

The prize was—first, a gold watch, and

secondly as they came up to take their places, great trouble was experienced in getting them into line, as each one drove hard to be a little ahead of the others. When at length they were placed and started, it proved that they were too close together, for at the first stroke No. 1 and No. 2 fouled. The others kept on, the judges not attempting to sail them back, and the two were soon separated, and also started. After sailing about 200 yards, No. 1 and No. 2 fouled, again all were close and rowing well. Mrs. Staley holding a lead of quite twelve lengths. Miss Shann and Miss Cutmore made a spirited struggle for second, which was at length taken by Miss Shann. The

changed her course, when another boat directly crossed her bows. This was repeated several times, until last one of "Shann" said both Miss Shann and Miss Cutmore had passed her, when she was obliged to go on. Nevertheless, when returned, Miss Shann was declared the winner of the first prize, and Miss Cutmore of the second. The other contestants were far behind. Thus, the 10th.

The illustration represents that part of the race which was interrupted by the dangerous fouling of Mrs. Staley's boat by the champion of one of the other contestants.

The last race was also for ladies, in double scull, sometimes fast, able working boats, over which we enquire. It seems a pity that some-where in the regatta is in the habit of going by slightly outside accompanied by his little girl. The father carries his father and places it against the background, but there his father's little girl goes steadily up, fights the gun, trips down, and is ready for her next round. The distance of interest is rather small, we think.

FATHERLY RUSTLITY.

It almost seems that people are getting some what kind of the "Child of the Forest," and mamma, strikes a contemporary, not knowing



A SCENE AT THE CLOSE OF THE HARLEM REGATTA.—THE VICTIMS OF THE LADIES' SCULLING-RACE CARRIED IN TRIUMPH TO THEIR HOTEL.

second, a gold bracelet, besides a smaller prize to every lady who moved over the course.

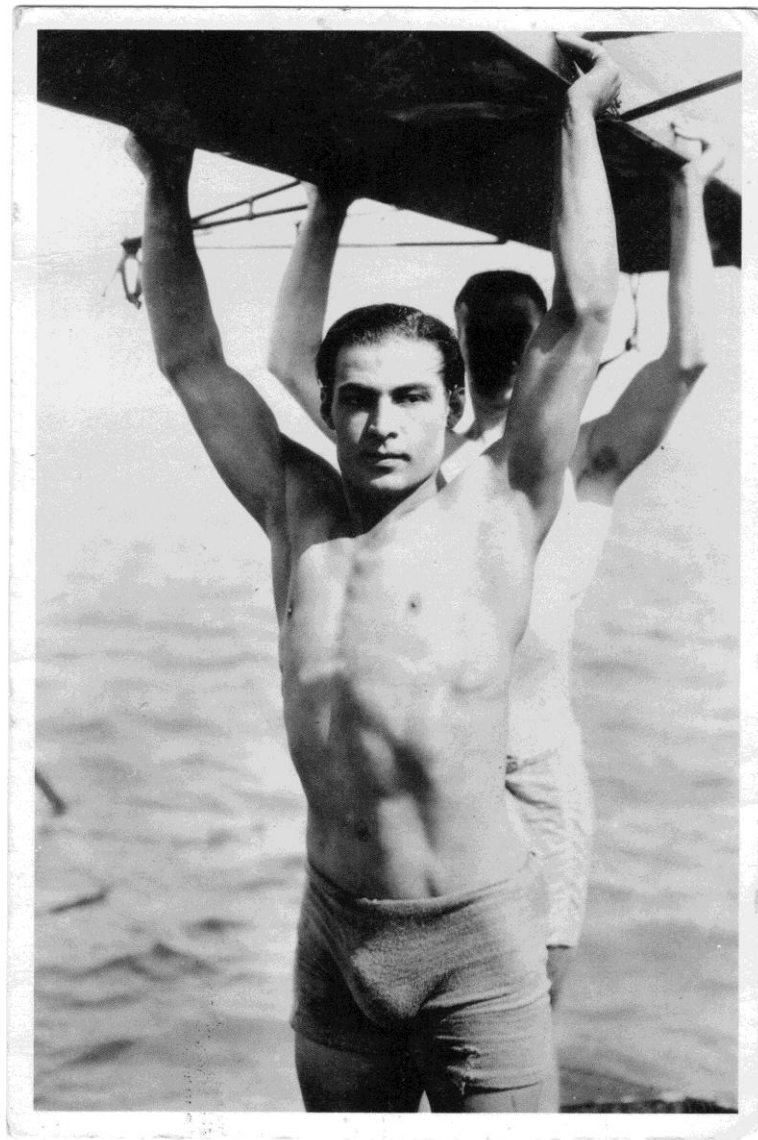
Boats	of down	position	Rowers
First	1	1	Elizabeth Cutmore
Second	2	2	Annella Shann
Third	3	3	Elizabeth Staley
Fourth	4	4	Miss Shann

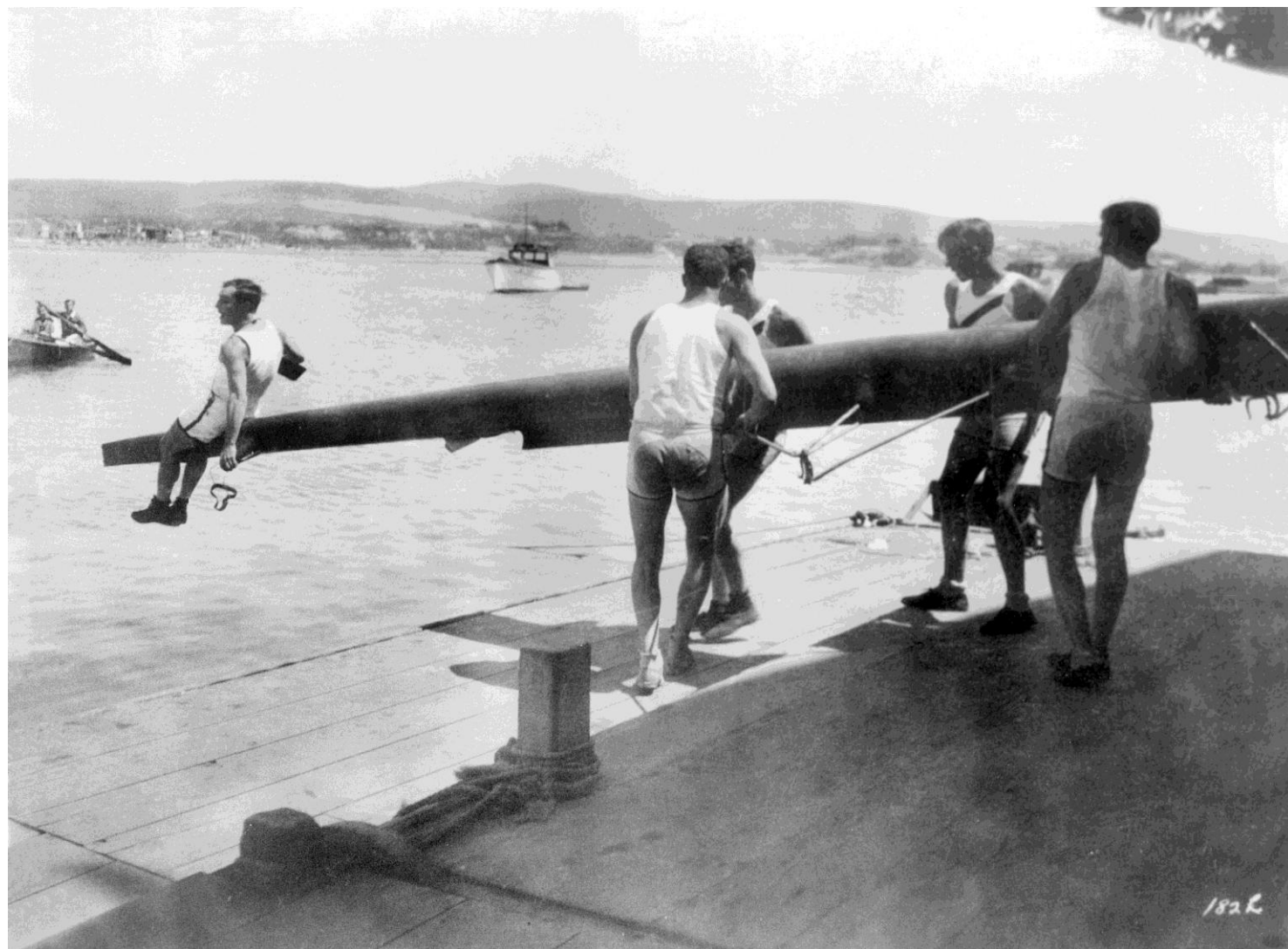
judge's boat was passed on the first round in the following order—Mrs. Staley, Miss Shann, Miss Cutmore, Miss Shann, Miss Doyle. No particular change took place in those positions in the two to the lower stroke-out, except that Mrs. Doyle crossed Miss Shann. But on the home-stretch the positions on the line changed themselves most shamefully. Mrs. Staley had a good lead of fully six lengths, Miss Shann, being next, and about two lengths ahead of Miss Doyle.

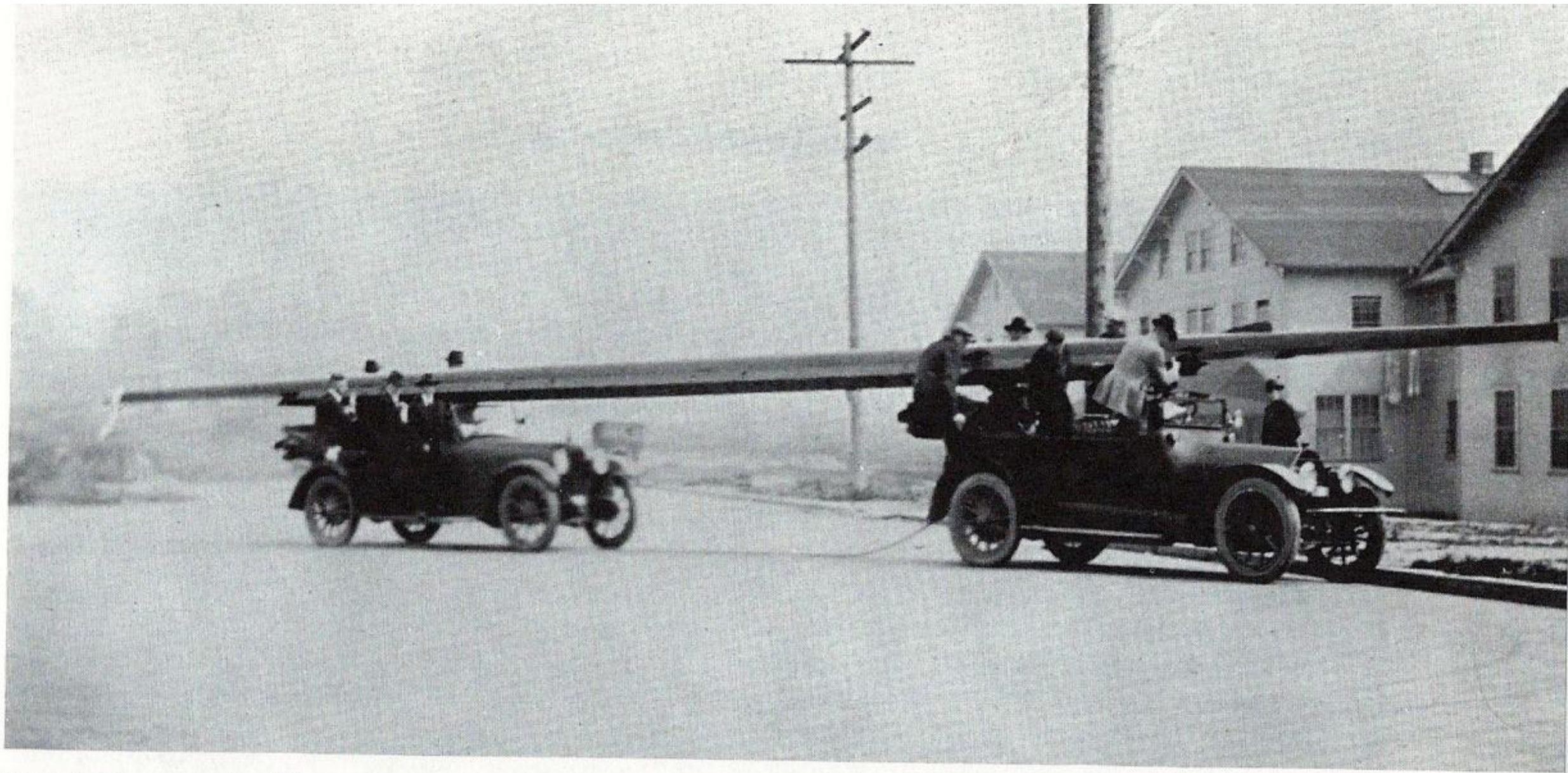
the same course as before, and for similar prizes. At the close of the regatta, enthusiasm for the ladies knew no bounds. Success went the old gentleman brought their dignity, and young gentlemen quite "swell" properly—and even the ladies, for once, made love to their own sex, and carried the victory in the race is triumph to their boat.

menial worry of the direction editors of themselves who despite their authority, defy their dignity, and conduct themselves pretty much as they please. If we may judge from the advertisements in the newspapers, the girls of the present age are going to be informed in most elegant fashion.

The Right Hon. Dr. John, Roman Catholic Bishop, who not long ago, at a meeting of W.







Early shell transportation. "You turn to starboard, and I'll turn to port." (Courtesy of The Bancroft Library.)



BILL MILLER

Sculls a tip from Bill!
"CAMELS ARE SO MILD THEY NEVER GET YOUR WIND—OR JANGLE THEIR NERVES. YOU, TOO, WILL FIND CAMELS MILD AND PLEASING."

CHAMPION SCULLER—

TO WIN THE U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR TIMES!

—PULLS A MIGHTY BAR—

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BILL—JUST A SHORT ROW, ENOUGH TO LIMBER UP THE MUSCLES OF YOUR ARMS AND LEGS.

I'LL TAKE IT EASY, COACH—



I GOTTA GET THAT BOY!

HELP!

AS BILL IS ABOUT TO RETURN, HE HEARS A CRY FOR HELP! HE SPEEDS ACROSS THE RIVER—



AND PLUNGES IN



IF YOU CAN ROW LIKE THAT THIS AFTERNOON, YOU'LL WIN.

WHEW! I HAD TO SPRINT TO SAVE THIS BOY!



WELL—HE SAVED A LIFE.

DOOR BILL, HE CAN'T WIN AFTER THAT WORKOUT.

I'LL SHOW 'EM!



ARE YOU OK, BILL?

DON'T WORRY—I'M ALL RIGHT.

AFTER A SHORT NOON REST, BILL IS READY



START OF THE BIG RACE—CAN BILL COME BACK?

SAW!

THEY'RE OFF!



BILL LETS HIS RIVAL PULL INTO THE LEAD WITH HIS STEADY 18 STROKES PER MINUTE.



BILL HANGS ON AND CONSERVES HIS STRENGTH FOR THE SPRINT.



BILL'S GAINING!

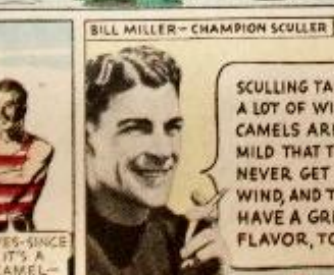
AT THE MILE MARK, WITH A QUARTER TO GO, BILL OPENS UP—CAN HE DO IT? HIS STROKE JUMPS TO 30-32!



HE IS NOW UP TO 32! CAN HE HOLD OUT? HE DOES!!

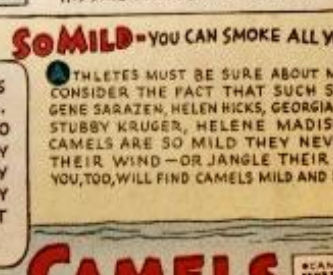


HE PULLS AHEAD—JUST AT THE TAPE BILL'S GOT THAT EXTRA MARGIN OF SPEED IT TAKES TO WIN.



YOU DID IT, BILL! HAVE A CIGARETTE.

YES—SINCE IT'S A CAMEL—YOU SEE—



BILL MILLER—CHAMPION SCULLER

SCULLING TAKES A LOT OF WIND. CAMELS ARE SO MILD THAT THEY NEVER GET MY WIND, AND THEY HAVE A GREAT FLAVOR, TOO.

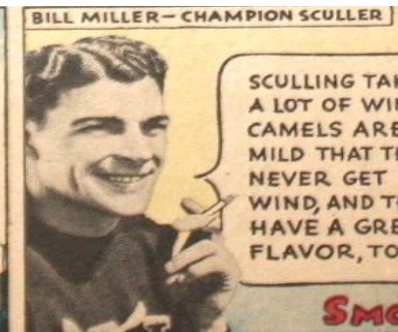
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ATHLETES MUST BE SURE ABOUT MILDNESS. CONSIDER THE FACT THAT SUCH STARS AS GENE SARAZEN, HELEN HICKS, GEORGIA COLEMAN, STUBBY KRUGER, HELENE MADISON SAY CAMELS ARE SO MILD THEY NEVER GET THEIR WIND—OR JANGLE THEIR NERVES. YOU, TOO, WILL FIND CAMELS MILD AND PLEASING.

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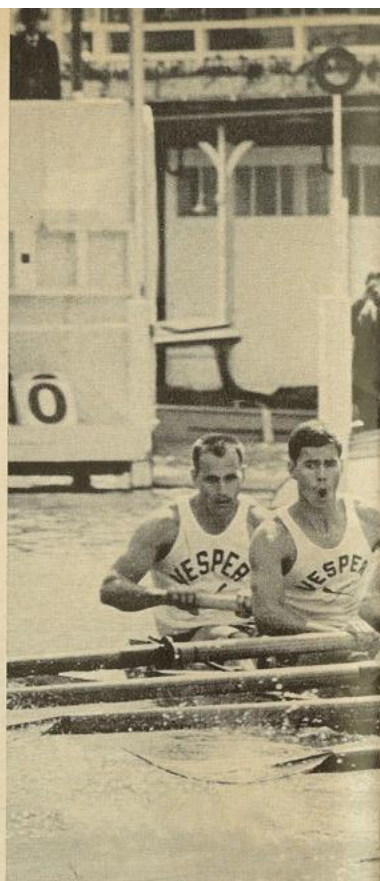
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HN LOVESEY



Crossing line ahead of Harvard are Vesper's



bow oar, Joe Amlong, Hugh Foley, John Abele, Tony Johnson, Ed Ferry, Boyce Budd, Fargo Thompson, Bill Stowe, and Coxswain Bob Zimonyi.

her college crew
had been smart-
ar from its defeat
by Vesper, which
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er, the certified
ad been smarting
collegiate rowing
given Harvard by
including SPORTS
o crews had not
in the trials and

yet for calling us the fastest crew, but
we intend to settle that here."

Although the Grand Challenge Cup,
as well as other events at Henley, is
run like an elimination tennis tourna-
ment, there is no seeding of the best
entries. The draw pitted Harvard against
Vesper in the very first round. The boats
sent over in advance by both crews had
been damaged in transit, making practice
difficult. Harvard's favorite Swiss-
built Staempfli shell was crushed in

a sore tail," Rosenberg complained after
one session on a bike two sizes too large.

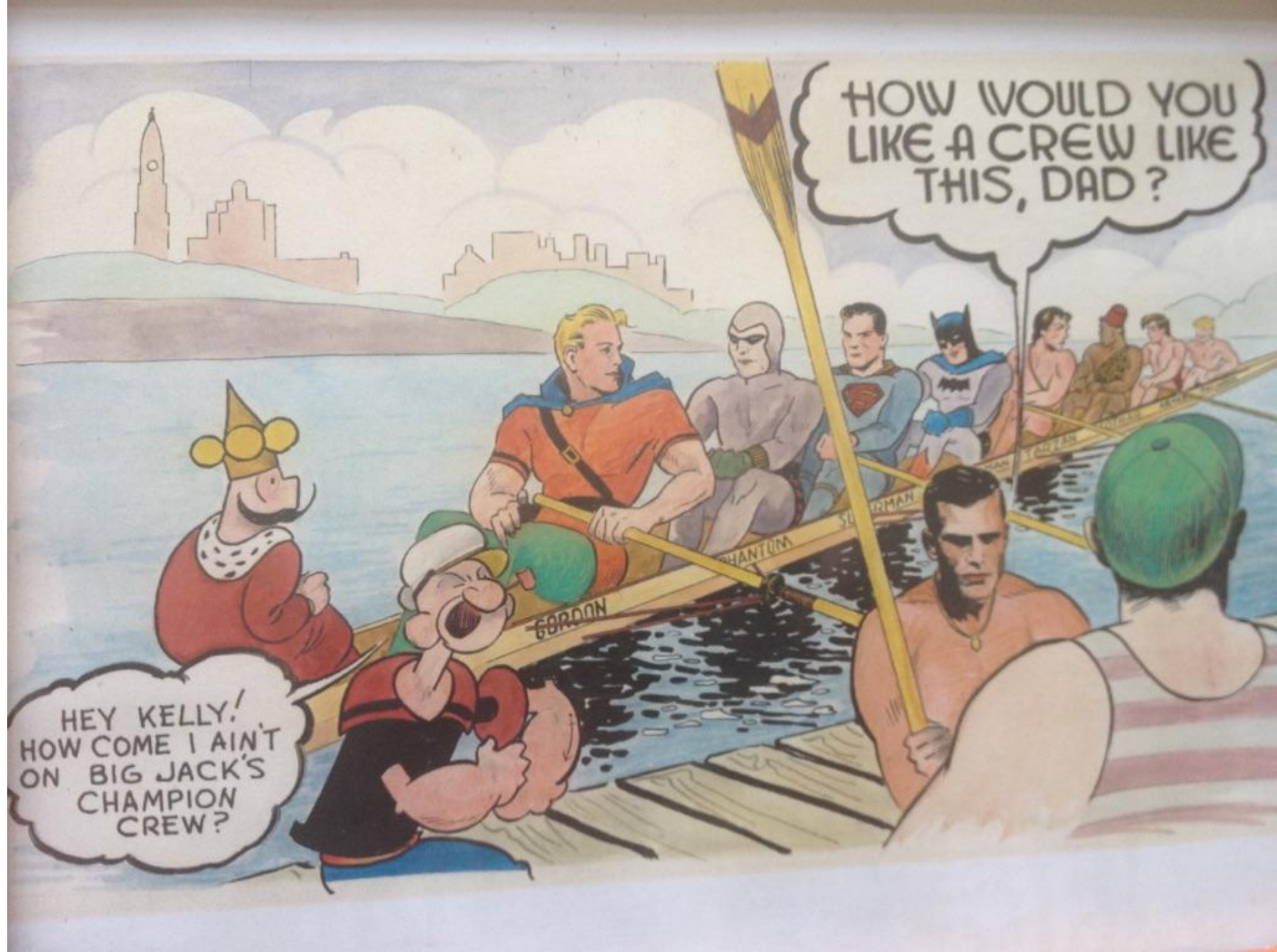
Unlike the collegians, who arrived after
a full season of college rowing, Vesper
had rowed only one race (the no-contest
American Henley) before coming to Eng-
land, but what Vesper expected to lose
through insufficient conditioning it ex-
pected to make up with sheer strength
and maturity. "If we had a weight-lifting
contest," said Vesper's chief patron, Jack
Kelly, "we'd beat the devil out of them."
Man for man, the Vespers averaged 12

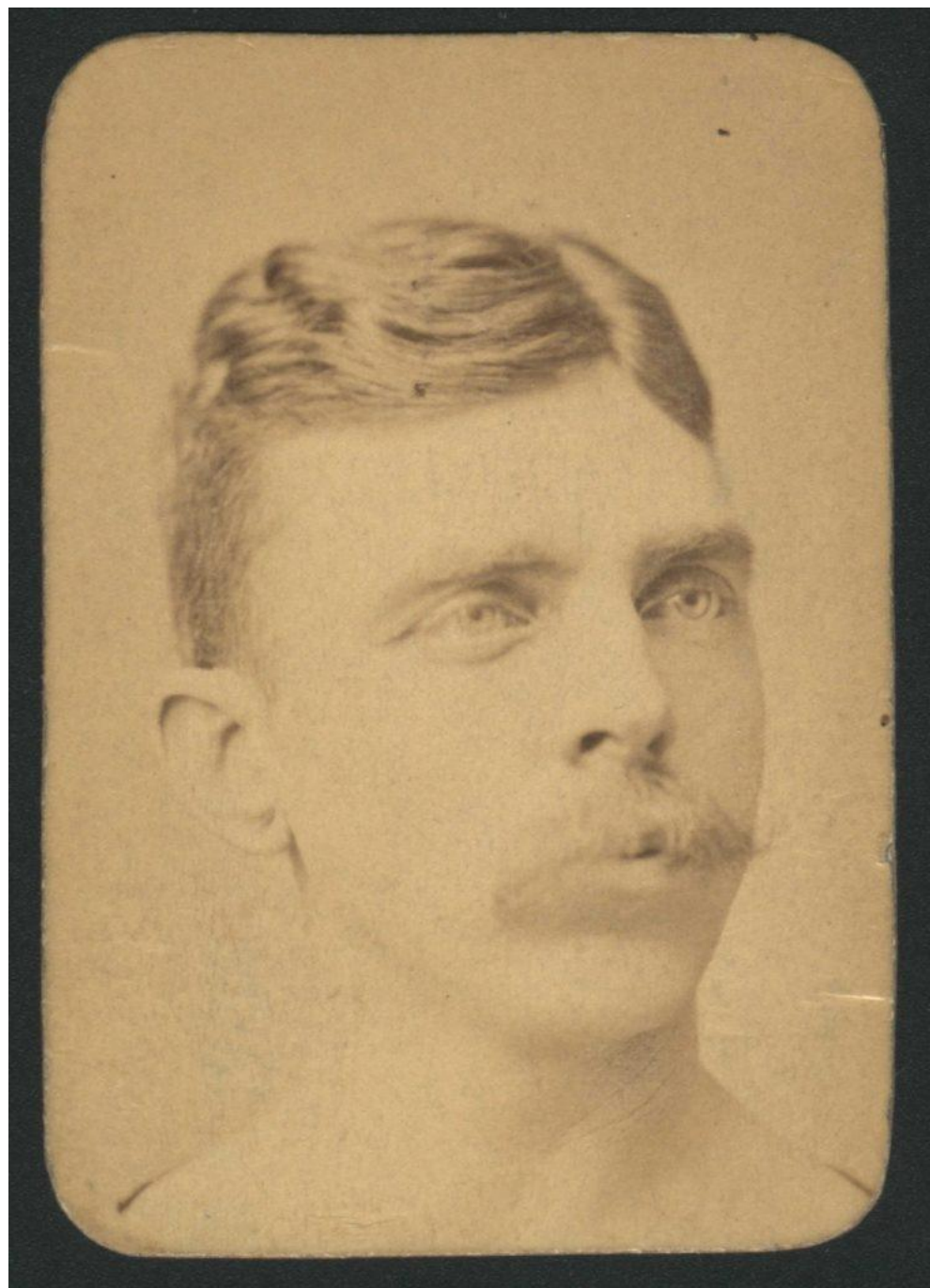
a length at the midway mark and hit the
finish line two-thirds of a length ahead,
cutting five seconds off the course record,
with Harvard a record-breaking three
seconds behind. "They moved right
through," said Harvard's coxswain, John
Unkovic, "and we could never get our
boat back in the groove." "We bashed
their heads in," crowed Rosenberg.

One man who was impressed but not
awed by Vesper's power was Karl Ad-
ams, the coach of the former world
champion Ratzeburg crew. Still brood-

The race started in an explosion of
energy, with the Germans taking off at
an incredible 52 strokes a minute and
Vesper at 48. Overconfident Vesper, get-
ting off roughly, gave the Ratzeburgers
a third of a length in those first few sec-
onds, and they were never able to get
the lost distance back. "If only we'd been
afraid of them," mourned Vesper's No.
5, Ed Ferry.

"I thought they would break," said
Vesper bow oar Joe Amlong afterward,
"but everytime we took 10, they took







WINNING SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP
OF CHINA 10,000 CASH



ONE OF THE
CRAZIEST BOAT RACES
OF ALL TIME WAS
WON BY **FRED
PLAISTED,**
VETERAN OARSMAN

He once defeated
NED HANLON,
one-time professional
single sculls champ,
BY RUNNING ACROSS
THE FINISH LINE
when a Canadian canal ran
dry during the race!

Old Familiar Faces—Fred Plaisted

By GUS UHLMANN

"AND I ROW
A MILE EVERY
OTHER DAY—I'M
LIKE THE FARMER
WHO FED HIS
PIG EVERY OTHER
DAY 'CAUSE HE
WANTED HIS
BACON TO BE A
STRIP O' LEAD
AND A STRIP
O' FAT!"

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS OARSMEN IN THE HISTORY OF THE SPORT

FRED PLAISTED STILL PULLS
A GREAT OAR AT THE AGE OF 82!

IN 1877 HE WON THE
CHAMPIONSHIP OF AMERICA—
HE HAS ROWED—AND COACHED
FAMOUS CREWS—IN ENGLAND,
AUSTRALIA, AND GERMANY!



HE WON
THE 'CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHINA'
FROM A CHINAMAN 'SEVEN
FOOT TALL'—THE PRIZE
WAS TEN DOLLARS IN
CHINESE MONEY. 'THEY
BROUGHT IT IN ON A
WHEELBARROW.'



NOW HE IS
REPAIRING SCULLS
AT THE OARSMEN'S
CLUB
PHILA. PA.

THANKS TO C.S. TITUS



The crew at Lake Cayuga; June, 1890. Front row, left to right, Sears '90, F. Shaw '93 (coxswain), Plaisted (coach), Cilley '91. Back row, Parker '91, H. Jackson '91, Carleton '93, C. Hastings '91, Lynam '90 (stroke), H. Hastings '90













WILLIAM LANOUE



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THE RISE, RUIN, AND BANISHMENT OF
PROFESSIONAL ROWING IN THE GILDED AGE

