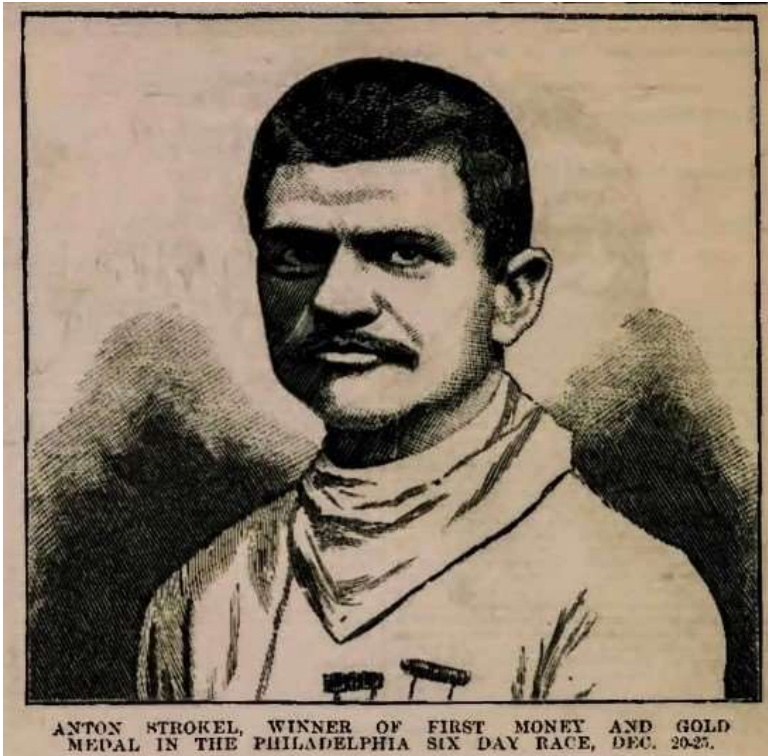


Anton Strokel

Champion Long Distance Pedestrian

The Winner of the Philadelphia Contest



Anton Strokel, long-distance pedestrian, of East Saginaw, Mich., was born in Austria, May 7, 1865. He stands 5 feet 7 inches and weighs in condition 140 pounds. He came to this country in 1875, and took up his residence in East Saginaw, where he first attained notoriety as a go-as-you please pedestrian in 1881, by winning local races. At the Mammoth rink, Denver, Col., he won first prize in a 12 hour-per day six-day go-as-you-please race for a gold medal and a percentage by a score of miles, defeating John Hourihan, George D. Noremac and others. He defeated Gus Olmstead at the same place, June 15-20. in a six-

day heel-and toe walk, for gate receipts, Strokel covering 316 miles 7 laps. Strokel in his last victory in Philadelphia, December, 20-25, scored 387 miles in six days, winning \$600 first money and a gold medal, and defeating Hegelman, second, 372 miles, and Vint, third, 361 miles.

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