

## Fast Walking

The time made by the Boston Pedestrian, Walter P. Hopkins, in his fifty-mile walk, undertaken on foot at the Mabush Canning Park, is something so extraordinary that we append the score, which shows the fastest time on record. The walking began at 9:30 and Hopkins concluded his walk at 11:15. The time, including rests, was 9 hours, 35 minutes and 23 seconds, being an average of 11 1/2 minutes to the mile, which was equal to thirteen times around the world. Haverhill is the seat.

MILES	TIME	MILES	TIME	MILES	TIME	MILES	TIME
1	10:30	11	12:23	21	10:30	31	10:30
2	11:30	12	11:15	22	11:15	32	11:30
3	11:30	13	12:30	23	11:30	33	10:30
4	11:30	14	10:15	24	10:45	34	11:15
5	11:15	15	11:25	25	10:45	35	12:05
6	10:18	16	9:26	26	12:30	36	11:30
7	10:40	17	11:45	27	12:45	37	12:15
8	10:30	18	11:15	28	11:15	38	12:15
9	11:15	19	11:30	29	9:30	39	12:15
10	9:55	20	11:30	30	11:15	40	9:03

REST FOR 7 MINUTES

MILES	TIME	MILES	TIME
1	12:18	11	12:25
2	14:07	12	13:45
3	19:26	13	14:15
4	25:07	14	14:30
5	12:22:10	15	11:15

DEWITT

MILES	TIME	MILES	TIME
1	12:22:10	11	12:25
2	14:07	12	13:45
3	19:26	13	14:15
4	25:07	14	14:30
5	12:22:10	15	11:15

Hopkins walked 50 miles in 1 hr. 35 minutes at the same place in the same evening. N.Y. Courier, July 2, 1869.

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# Walter P. Hopkins

## Calligraphic Award for "Fast Walking" in Chicago in 1869

Chicago: 1969

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Calligraphic document on paper. Matted to 15¾" x 10½", framed and glazed. About fine. Beautifully written document with letters highlighted and lined in red and gilt, awarded to Walter P. Hopkins for his triumph in a walking race in 1869 at the Wabash Avenue Rink. The text, which seems to have been derived from the June 20th, 1869 issue of the *Chicago Republican* states In part: "Fast Walking. The time made by the Boston Pedestrian Walter P. Hopkins in his fifty mile walk on Monday night at the Wabash Avenue Rink, is something so extraordinary that we append the score, which shows the fastest time on record. The walking began at 2:20 and Hopkins concluded his walk at 11:15. the time including rests, was 9 hours, 35 minutes and 23 seconds, being an average of 11½ minutes to the mile, which was equal to thirteen times around the Rink. Herewith the score..." followed by Hopkins' and his opponent DeWitt's (who failed to finish) times. A decorative and visually appealing representation of athletic prowess in the mid-19th century. Detailed image on following page. [BTC#426033]

