

**ATHLETIC CATCHER BETTER THAN EVER.**



Ira Thomas.

Ira Thomas, the giant catcher on the staff of the Philadelphia Athletics, looks better this season than he ever did. He started his baseball career in Hartford. He was drafted from Providence by the New York Americans. He then went to Detroit and caught the only game in the world's

series which the Tigers won from the Cubs. His arm went back on him and he was purchased by Connie Mack on the chance that he would recover the use of his arm. His work since joining the Athletics shows that his arm is in good shape and few bases are stolen on him.

**QUICKEST TRADE ON RECORD**

Newt Randall and Del Howard Exchanged by Boston and Chicago Clubs Just Before Game.

The quickest trade ever made in the big league was between the Cubs and Boston a few years ago. Newt Randall was playing right field for Chi-



Del Howard.

ago and Del Howard was outfielding for Boston—both with their names on the score card. Both came out to the game and uniformed themselves—then there was a conference between the managers. At game time the umpire announced: "Batters will be Orph and Orph for Chicago. Ouch and Orph for Boston. Randall will play right field for Boston; Howard will play right field for Chicago." The trade had been made just in time for the boys to exchange uniforms.

**Phillies Get Burns.**

With Bill Burns, the Quakers now have four ex-Cincinnati pitchers—Rowan, Beebe, Ewing and Burns. Clark Griffith still says he made no mistake when he let any of that quartet go.

**PITCHERS DON'T LOOK GOOD**

World's Champions Predict Jennings' Youngsters Won't Stand Gaff Through Season.

On the basis of their showing against the world's champions, the juvenile pitching talent of Detroit does not look like any parade of exceptional merit. In fact, against the Macks the youngsters looked like a punk and bush outfit, and it was the wonder of the champions how the defence they managed to stand up as well as they have shown.

None of them proved to be stars. Lively has a fair spitball that, when it is breaking well, is likely to fool some of the weaker vessels, but he has nothing else, and the Mackmen spun his shoots all over the lot. Covington looks fairly good, but doesn't shine. Works is no better than he ever showed, and Lafitte has been ill. Thus a fair estimate cannot be made of his ability.

The veterans are in no shape, and on this basis alone it is hard to see where the Tigers can keep up their pace unless their twirlers deliver more than they showed against the Macks.

If the Chicago pitchers, the New York pitchers and the Athletic twirlers keep up their usual standard of pitching they will form an alliance that will take the starch out of the junglers.

**MEYERS ON RUBE MARQUARD**

Indian Catcher Thinks Giant Southpaw Has Great Future Before Him—Has Everything.

Big Chief Meyers, Indian catcher of the New York Giants, is an interesting character. Talk baseball to him and you are entertained. He studies the game. He has an opinion upon every question that arises. Talk to him long enough and you are bound to be profited. This Indian also has ideas. One of his opinions is that Rube Marquard, the southpaw on the Giant squad, has the making of a great pitcher and that the day will come when the fans will applaud McGraw in advising his purchase at the tremendous price which was paid for him.

"Marquard is destined to become a great pitcher," said Meyers. "The young southpaw has been pitching better baseball than he did last year. Even then Meyers was absolutely cer-



Chief Meyers.

tain that Marquard would one day be a great southpaw.

"The only thing that Marquard needs is age," continued the Indian. "He is young. He doesn't take baseball seriously. Whenever he awakens to the fact that baseball is a business as well as a sport, he will become one of the greatest left-hand twirlers of the game has produced."

"Why" the Indian was asked. "Because he has everything," was the reply.

"Marquard has wonderful curves. He has great speed. He has a change of pace. In a word, he has everything that a pitcher needs. The moment that he fully realizes that baseball is a serious proposition that moment he will begin to develop into a great twirler. This he is now beginning to realize."

"Marquard today is a greater pitcher than he was at this time last year. It is all because he is becoming more serious as he becomes older. His viewpoint is changing. A year ago baseball was a game, a sport, a pastime that he took pleasure in indulging in. But nothing more."

It is interesting also to talk to Meyers about Mathewson. Here is the one man who is the idol of this Indian backstop. If any man attempted to tell him that the game ever produced a greater twirler, then there would be an argument.

The Indian is firmly convinced that the Giants will lick the Cubs in the pennant race and that McGraw will be the manager of the National league team which fights for the world's championship.

Milan Sold for \$100.

Edgar Willett of Detroit started Clyde Milan on his road to success. Edgar got Milan for \$100 and not in cold cash, either. At the time of the Milan purchase, Willett was playing with Wichita. Willett went to Shawnee, Ok., with instructions to look over a young outsider who was reported to be doing things at Shawnee. Willett went to Shawnee, saw and believed. He reported to the Wichita owners that Milan was worth \$100 and the sale was consummated. From Wichita dated the success of Milan.

National League Traders.

Clark Griffith and Fred Tenney must be grouped in about the same class as traders.

**WILL LEAD ARMY TO GAIN VOTE**

Capt. Paiva Couceiro, Last of King Manuel's Officers to Sheathe His Sword, Now Draws it for a Free Ballot to Show Whether the People Want a Republic or a Monarchy.

TOULOUSE, Spain.—The chief of the Portuguese Royalists, who are at present arranging in the little town on the Spanish frontier to invade the territory of the republic, is Senor Captain Henrique de Paiva Couceiro, now living at Orense, about six hours' journey by railway from the frontier.

As if his attempt succeeds, he will at once attain very great prominence, and as in any case he seems bound to make his mark on current Portuguese history, a description of him at the present moment cannot be out of place.

**Clear Headed, Resourceful.**

He is about 35 years of age, but looks younger. His mother was English, he speaks English like an Englishman, and the cold determination with which he is planning the overthrow of the republic betrays the methodical Briton rather than the volatile Lusitanian. He is clear-headed, resourceful, gifted with excellent judgment; above all he has great military talent and enjoys an extraordinary popularity among the Royalist and Conservative elements in his native land.

His campaigns in Africa were conducted with great brilliancy and skill, and even if they were waged against negroes we must remember that even negroes have, from time to time, given great trouble to English, French and German troops. During this African warfare Paiva Couceiro also displayed extraordinary personal bravery. This quality will stand him in good stead during his coming invasion of Portugal with a handful of men. During the October revolution Couceiro was the one man on the Royalist side who fought well, and he would easily have crushed the revolution had it not been for the cowardice or treachery of his superiors and of the prime minister.

When the revolution broke out, Couceiro was captain in command of a battery of artillery at Quezuz on the outskirts of the capital. When he heard the first shots he went to the general staff for instructions but found that institution in a state of panic and confusion. The local general of division was sick and had left everything to subordinates. The minister of war, a man of singular incompetence, revealed at the critical moment a depth of ignorance of which even his worst enemies had never suspected him.

**Demanded Order to Fight.**

Paiva Couceiro, irritated at this spectacle, asked for permission to bring his troops into action. But he could not get an answer. The indecision and confusion was too great. Nobody knew what to do. Precious hours were lost in futile discussions and the drawing up of fantastic plans. Meanwhile, the great bulk of the forces which would have died to a man for the monarchy were immobilized and useless.

Paiva Couceiro at length quitted the general staff in great anger and, taking a carriage drove to Quezuz at full speed. Before he reached the battery his resolution was already taken. If the monarchy must fall it was better that it should fall in the blood of its faithful soldiers than that it should go down without a blow being struck in its defense. Like "Bonny Dundee" he declared that "e'er the king's crown shall fall there are crowns to be broke." In other words he ordered out his battery and tried to persuade his fellow officers in command of other detachments to accompany him. There other officers were as loyal as himself but, in the absence of orders from the general staff, they felt obliged to decline the invitation.

Paiva Couceiro went without them. He forced his way on to the heights commanding the city, drove before him various bodies of republicans who attempted to bar the way, joined forces with a loyal infantry regiment which had still kept the king's flag flying, and finally took up a position on the heights occupied by the penitentiary, that is, in a situation commanding the whole revolutionary force.

Here then began between the two redoubtable formidable artillery duel which was the most terrible incident

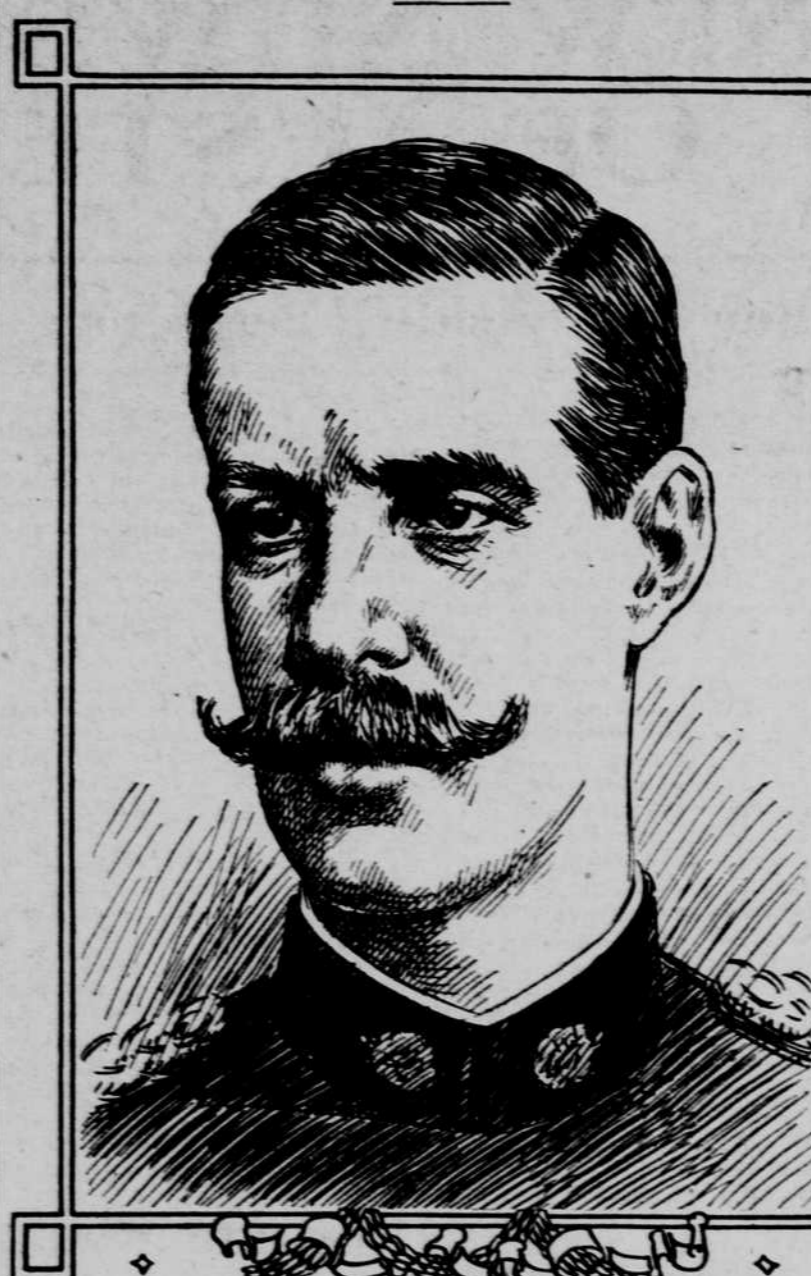
**FINE OLD ENGLISH GARDENS**

Some Noted for Their Mazes, Others for Unusual Hedges, and All Are Beautiful.

The maze at Hampton Court is world renowned and there is a good maze in the garden at Hatfield. The grounds of the latter go back to the days of Queen Elizabeth. There is an old-fashioned garden and a yew tree garden, where rows of thick yews make dark and sheltered pathways. There is also a walled vineyard, where grapes for the sacramental wine were grown by the monks of past centuries.

Some country houses are noted for the special hedges in their gardens, says the Queen. Raby Castle has enormous yew hedges; Howth Castle, in Ireland, has fine, unspreading beech hedges; Melkour House, in Scotland, owned by Lord Lansdowne, has a beech hedge 18 feet in height and a quarter of a mile in length; there are huge holly hedges at Tynningham, which belongs to Lord Haddington, and a holly edge of vast proportions

**CHIEF OF PORTUGUESE REBEL FORCES**



Henrique de Paiva Couceiro.

of the revolution and which lasted more than half an hour. Had it continued a few moments longer the revolution would have failed. As a matter of fact, all the officers of the regular army who had joined the insurgents fled, leaving only Machado Santos, a non-commissioned marine officer, in command of a disorganized mass of men wildly searching for somebody to surrender to.

This is not exaggerated, though it may seem to be so. Innumerable accounts of the revolution have since been published by republicans, and they all admit that at this period all was regarded by the insurgents as lost beyond redemption. The fugitive officers did not stop their motor cars till they had reached Spain, and nothing surprised them more than when they were told next day that the republicans had succeeded.

**Mysterious Order Obeyed.**

But at this critical moment two officers rode up to the chief of the royalist battery and commanded him in the name of the general staff to retire. How such an order came to be given is one of the many mysteries of this extraordinary day. But Paiva Couceiro could not disobey it, and he fell back. His retreat, effected slowly and in perfect order, was watched in perfect silence by the shattered revolutionists in the rotunda. These gentlemen could hardly believe their eyes.

His retreat was followed by great confusion in the royalist infantry regiment which supported him. That confusion was increased by hand grenades thrown among those faithful troops by the Carbonarios.

Paiva Couceiro then returned to his house, discarded his official uniform for civil attire and sent his resignation to the minister of war. It was a courageous act, for he has no private means and has been living on his pay. It also meant apparently an end to his rapid rise in the only career for which he cared. But this act of self-sacrifice and of moral dignity has given Couceiro more prestige than his victories in Mozambique and his successful governorship of Angola.

**Refuses Promotion.**

The republicans knew his value, so that they not only refused to accept his resignation, but immediately published a decree promoting him to the artillery general staff. He was the only royalist whom the victorious republicans thus honored, but he persisted in his refusal to serve the new regime. Private friends brought the greatest possible pressure to bear on him, and evidently he could by a word have procured his advancement to places of great importance and of large emoluments. That he resisted these almost irresistible appeals to his vanity, his ambition and his natural longing for an assured and highly remunerative position shows him to be a more than ordinary man. But he could not, by accepting office under the republic, condone the disgraceful murder of officers by privates which had certainly stained the victory of the revolutionists. He could not excuse the way in which the common soldier had been corrupted by secret society men.

**Goes to Teaching.**

At first he taught English in a private school at Lisbon while still allowing his name to appear on the army

lists. After some months' observation of political development in Lisbon he became convinced that the country was drifting toward a precipice, that the insubordination in the army and in all departments of state would quickly lead to chaos, from which Portugal would only emerge without any of her overseas possessions, from which she might never emerge as an independent nation. He therefore proposed to the government that it should resign in favor of another provisional government of imperial character, but military in its nature. This second government was to take a national plebiscite as to the form of regime which the country wanted. Whatever the result of that referendum might be, Couceiro promised to approve of it, and to serve the government which the people chose.

That Couceiro should have seriously presented such a proposition to President Braga shows how lofty and at the same time naive was his character. The provisional government refused of course to abdicate, whereupon Couceiro declared that henceforth he would devote his life to electing that government by force, that he would go abroad and spend all his time plotting the overthrow of President Braga, Afonso Costa & Co. He would, however, remain in Lisbon 24 hours so as to give the republicans an opportunity to arrest him.

**Beginning of the Revolt.**

This time limit passed without the government making any move, whereupon Couceiro went to Vigo and set on foot the great royalist plot which threatens at present the existence of the new regime. This step caused an immense sensation in Portugal and though the republic proposes to regard the captain's preparations with indifference, it has shown its intense fear of him by bringing pressure on the Spanish authorities to move him from place to place, and by protesting continually and loudly through its representatives in Madrid at the captain's presence near the frontier. In consequence of this Captain Couceiro has been moved from at least two places, Vigo and Santiago.

**In moving him the Spanish authorities act with great ceremony and sympathy so that Couceiro's wanderings**

semble the progress of an exiled monarch rather than the fittings of a conspirator moved on by the police. Paiva de Couceiro has issued two or three proclamations which have been distributed everywhere throughout Portugal. In these he points out that he does not care whether Portugal is a republic or a monarchy. He wants 't to let him know which form of government it wishes. At the present moment it is unable to make its wishes known, all anti-republican newspapers and organizations having been suppressed and all conservative propaganda having been prevented the election. Most of Couceiro's supporters are, however, Manuelists.

**In another proclamation Couceiro makes the very singular statement**

that Spain is anxious to intervene in Portugal and that Germany is strongly encouraging her to do so in the hope that some of the Portuguese colonies may fall to the Fatherland.

**The more respectable a sinner is the more dangerous he is.**

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**

Cures all blood humors, all eruptions, clears the complexion, creates an appetite, aids digestion, relieves that tired feeling, gives vigor and vim. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

**WHERE THEY DRAW THE LINE**

Naturally Men Disapprove of Extravagance When Their Own Purse Is Concerned.

Mrs. William B. Leeds, who took Mrs. George Keppel's house in London for the coronation season, came from New York with 40 huge trunks, all the same size, all mounted with shining brass, all claret-colored, and all as lustrous as the body of a motor car.

Mrs. Leeds, as her 40 trunks imply, dresses very beautifully. She spends a large amount on her wardrobe, and discussing the fact that woman's dress is so much more expensive and so much less durable than men's, she once said:

"We women dress foolishly, and we will continue to do so till men disapprove, but"—she smiled on the men at the table—"no man in the world ever disapproved of dress extravagance in a woman unless she happened to be his wife."—Detroit Free Press.

**Why He Quit.**

"Haven't I the privilege of making suggestions to the man fixing the lawn?" she asked, with tears in her voice.

"Why, certainly," he assured her. "Well, just because I made a suggestion to him he threw all his tools in the wheelbarrow in an angry manner and went away without saying a word."

"Why, what had you said to make him act like that?"

"I just asked him to plant a few nice dandelions in the lawn."

**Thackeray's Kindness of Heart.**

Thackeray was the gentlest satirist that ever lived. As editor of the Cornhill he could hardly bring himself to reject a MS. for fear of hurting his would-be contributors. The story of his actually paying for contributions that he never printed, in order to conceal the fact that he had rejected them, may be true or false. We do not remember exactly how the evidence points. But even if it be a story, such stories are not told of men made of the stern stuff of the Thackeray commonly misknown.

**Some Aviation Records.**

Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is the first crowned head who has made an aeroplane flight. The aviator who took him up is the first man who ever was knighted in midair. Prince Henry of Prussia is the first professional aviator of royal rank. Mr. Roosevelt is the first prominent statesman to have made an ascension in an aeroplane. Arthur J. Balfour is the second.

**Lead in Salt Industry.**

The six leading states in the salt industry are Michigan, New York, Ohio, Kansas, Louisiana and California, and in 1909 these six states produced salt valued at \$7,714,557. The salt from these states is obtained from rock salt, sea water and natural brine—in other words, from all the known sources of salt.

**With Emphasis.**

Mistress (hastily sticking a finger into either ear)—Kittie, for heaven's sake! What does that frightful noise and profanity in the kitchen mean?

Kittie—Oh, that's nothin', ma'am! It's on'y cook rejectin' a propos' av marri' from the ashman!—Harper's Bazar.

**Bribery.**

Mrs. M.—Who did you vote for? Mrs. N.—I don't remember his name. He gave me his seat in the street car last week.

Any man can get into a fight, but sometimes it takes a certain amount of courage to keep out of one.

**HEART RIGHT.**

When He Quit Coffee.

Life Insurance Companies will not insure a man suffering from heart trouble. The reason is obvious.

This is a serious matter to the husband or father who is solicitous for the future of his dear ones. Often the heart trouble is caused by an unexpected thing and can be corrected if taken in time and properly treated. A man in Colorado writes:

"I was a great coffee drinker for many years, and was not aware of the injurious effects of the habit till I became a practical invalid, suffering from heart trouble, indigestion and nervousness to an extent that made me wretchedly miserable myself and a nuisance to those who witnessed my sufferings."

"I continued to drink coffee, however, not suspecting that it was the cause of my ill-health, till on applying for life insurance I was rejected on account of the trouble with my heart. Then I became alarmed. I found that leaving off coffee helped me quickly, so I quit it altogether and having been attracted by the advertisements of Postum I began its use.

"The change in my condition was remarkable. All my ailments vanished. My digestion was completely restored, my nervousness disappeared, and, most important of all, my heart steadied down and became normal, and on a second examination I was accepted by the Life Insurance Co. Quitting coffee and using Postum worked the change." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.