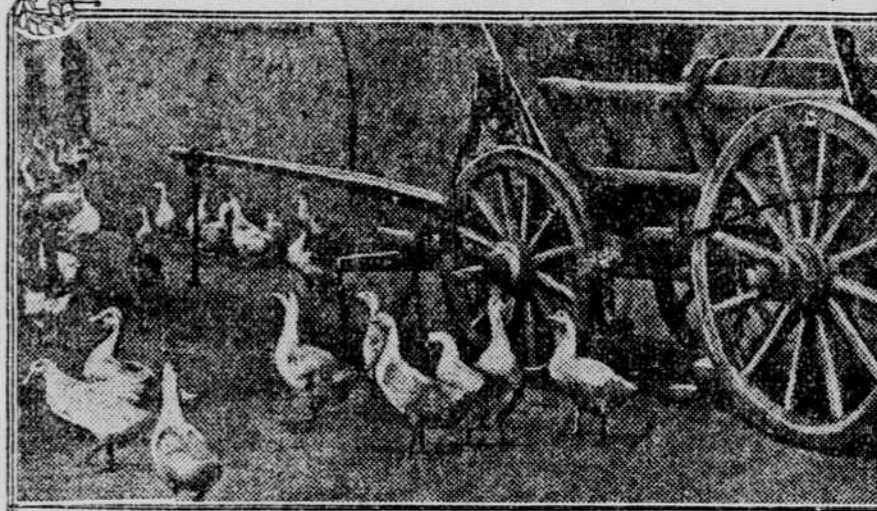


A MORNING WITH THE GEESE IN THE TAUNUS



SIX HUNDRED GEESE BEGAIN TO CLIMB THE HILLY ROAD



BUT HERE COMES GRETCHEN



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II N and around a picturesque village on the verge of the Taunus mountains, north of Frankfurt, may be witnessed in summer time the daily migration of hundreds of geese from their confined quarters in the cottage yards to the green uplands above the hamlet. To one unaccustomed to the sight it is a quaint and interesting spectacle to watch the passing of such a flock on the highway and to follow it until the goal is reached. In the summer days the work of the village begins very early. The men go to the fields to guide the plow or prune fruit trees. Guxon women are seen walking to the allotments nearer home. Girls help in the fields and the children go to school. The youngest of these are liberated early; they must not be cooped up in a schoolroom in the heat of the day, so they are free to help in various easy ways in the work of the village. If you enter this Hessian hamlet at half-past nine you find quite a commotion, and you hear the cackling of large numbers of geese. From nearly every cottage gateway come geese, in twos, threes, tens and sometimes twenty, each with a dab of gray color on its wing, the mark of ownership. The housewife or her children "shoo" them out into the road, and soon the village is alive with them. The older members of the flock soon steer in the direction of the well-known pond, but the young recruits are very unruly and want to sample the contents of the gutter, or to invade the yards higher up the street. But here comes Gretchen, one of the daily drivers of the geese. With a wisp of birch she gathers these wild ones from under the great farm wagons and out of the gutter, and moves them along towards the old castle, where the noise of a rattle announces that Hans has already started with the main flock. There he is, near one of the four fine towers of the old Schloss, his coat thrown over one shoulder, stick in one hand, birch switch in the other, and his rattle under his arm. Gretchen adds her con-

Occasionally a timber tear emerges from the wood and passes by the high road to the village below. Or a load of brushwood may be seen in the distance drawn by two patient oxen towards the farmstead on the uplands. All else is stillness save for the cackling of the flock, and ever this sound is at most stilled at noonday approaches and the heat stills all. So passes the day.

At five o'clock in the evening Hans sends his gentle dog to gather to gether his great white family. Soor the air is full of sound. The flock is all down hill and the sun's heat is spent. The geese have had a good day. As the village is reached they need no herding into their own yards.

ADDITION TO WAR'S HORRORS

English Chemist Has Produced Gas, Which Set on Fire, Can Not Be Extinguished.

Ernest Welsh, a chemist of Hull England, has invented a remarkable machine gun which is discharged by gas, which will send projectiles five miles in a minute, and the projectiles set on fire anything they may strike. In appearance the new weapon resembles somewhat the Maxim gun, and the mechanism, according to Mr. Welsh, consists in part of three generators which manufacture three distinct gases, whose nature he keeps as his secret. He was willing to admit, however, that it had taken him 12 years to find out the different gases. "A feature of these," he went on, "is that they will ignite on water, but one problem I have not yet solved is how to extinguish the flames which they cause. The projectiles are not large; it is the stuff they contain that does the mischief." Mr. Welsh added with some pride: "I have also perfected a shot for bringing down aeroplanes. You don't have to fire accurately at the machine. The gases are enough to suffocate any one within the area of their scope."

Both Theories. Mrs. Knicker—This frock is a creation.

Knicker—Does that mean it was made in six days and that it will take me several hundred million years to pay for it?—Puck.

ONCE PATRIOTS WERE FOOLED

Had Struck a Lazy Neighborhood and Nobody Would Order Him to Stop His Work.

In the opinion of friends and enemies alike Patrick was the laziest white man that ever drew breath. It was one of the anomalies of Patrick's existence that the only firm with whom he could hold a job was a coal company whose strenuous methods sometimes compelled him to be out delivering coal at seven o'clock in the morning. Certain of the company's customers and their neighbors resented that inhuman activity almost as much as Patrick did. The first rattling of coal down the iron chute banished sleep, and irate aristocrats who could afford the luxury of a morning snooze popped their heads out of the window and ordered Patrick to postpone his labors until a more reasonable hour.

DISABLED, BUT NOT KILLED

Modern Bullet Puts Soldier Hit Out of Action, but He Generally Recovers From Wound.

Medical reports from the Balkan war show the comparative humanness of modern weapons. In spite of terrific artillery duels and occasional bayonet work most wounds are inflicted by rifle fire, and the modern rifle is a mild and humane thing compared with the old-time musket.

Paragraph From Behind the Bars.

From Good Words, published in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.: In editing this paper there is one consolation, we don't have to worry about pay day. . . . Here we "make no bones" of speeding the parting guest—and urging him never to return. . . . The congressional committee investigating the money trust called no witnesses from here. . . . Rich relatives didn't help you in coming here, and why should you expect them to help you in getting out?

Patrick never disregarded that command. Backed up by a united neighborhood, he could afford to be lazy, so he curled up on the driver's seat and slept until the street was as-ir.

Fortified by previous experience, Patrick accepted a recent order for early service with comparative cheerfulness. He reported at the coal yard in good time, and at seven o'clock the first shovelful of coal awoke echoes in a quiet residential street. Having fired his first shot, Patrick closed the chute and awaited the usual command. It did not come. He let fly another volley. Still no touselled heads, no angry voices. Another shovelful, and still another, and another broke the stillness. Patrick looked despairingly at the lifeless windows.

"For the love of Mike!" he groaned. "Ain't no youse people got spunk enough to order me to stop shoveling coal at seven o'clock in the morning?"

The modern bullet is small, hard, and moves at great speed. At ordinary range it drills a small, clean hole, which disables the wounded man for a time. It carries no fragments of clothing into the body, and the heat of its passage sterilizes the wound it makes.

Even wounds through the bowels are no longer a passport to death. Most men so wounded recover without operation. An aseptic bandage, rest, starvation, and proper nursing bring most cases through.

What Interested Andrew.

The class in arithmetic was up for duty. One of the pupils, a rather stupid boy, watched the teacher's blackboard work with keen interest. The teacher did several sums on the board especially for this pupil, then asked: "Well, Andrew, do you understand the examples that I have just been doing?" "No, sir, but I'd like to ask a question about them." "Very well; what is it, Andrew?" "Where do the figures go," Andrew demanded, "when they are rubbed out?"

WILL PROVE ABILITY

Pirate's \$22,500 Twirler Shows Good Control.

O'Toole Asserts He Had Sore Arm Last Year, But Now Is in Fine Trim and Will Show Fans He Is Worthy of Confidence.

Doubtless there are scores upon scores of fans who are wondering whether Marty O'Toole, who failed last season to live up to his \$22,500 reputation, is going to make good this year.

They are asking themselves concerning his chances to aid the Pirates to win the 1913 pennant. Marty is in dead earnest. He realizes that he will have to pitch good ball if he is to retain the confidence of his employers and the fans at home. It is said that he suffered a cut in salary this season and that he has been promised the amount of the cut next year if he shows well during 1913.

This, however, is but rumor. O'Toole has said nothing on the subject, nor has President Dreyfuss or Manager Clarke. Their relations with the Valuable One seem to be of the most pleasant nature and both of them are of the opinion that the money spent in securing the pitcher's release from St. Paul was judiciously expended.

Marty himself has no doubts concerning his ability to go right. "I am going to pitch like I pitched for St. Paul," he said. "I wasn't altogether right last season. I tried too hard to live up to the reputation which had preceded me to Pittsburgh—and I failed."

"Last spring I suffered from a sore arm, this soreness sticking to me throughout the greater part of the season. Now, however, my arm is free from all kinks, and I believe I will be able to do all that will be expected of me."

O'Toole lost ten pounds at Hot Springs and now weighs only 161.

"I am not worrying," continued the South Farmington one. "I know what I can do and I am hoping to do it this year. I will grow stronger just as soon



Marty O'Toole.

as the weather warms up, and the fact that my arm is right encourages me in the belief that I will be able to recover my 1911 form—the form I displayed with the St. Paul club.

"Those who have watched the great spitballer at work have been struck by the fact that his control is so much better than it was during the last championship season. Marty pitches in batting practice and he has little difficulty in getting the pellet across the pan. Nor does he lob them over, either; he uses good speed and seems to have no trouble in locating the spot. Said one of the players—a veteran: "If that old boy can keep up his present form he'll sure be a wonder when his arm gets stronger." And that seems to be the general opinion among the players on the club.

CONNIE MACK CLAIMS FLAG

Manager of Philadelphia Athletics Believes His Team Has Good Chance to Win Pennant.

"I believe the American league pennant for 1913 will fly from the pole at Shibe park," said Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics.

"Our pitchers are going fine and the men behind them are playing good ball and hitting well. From present indications, the Athletics have an excellent chance to win the pennant. They were never in better condition at the beginning of a baseball season, and that means a great deal."

"If you get away good, it's much easier to stay in front than it is to catch up if you get a bad start."

"I believe Washington will be the most formidable opponents of the Athletics this season. Of course, Boston has a good team, and it will be nip and tuck between the Athletics, Red Sox and the Nationals."

Dilger Is Best Backstop.

Dilger, one of Birmingham's catchers, is one of the best backstops that ever donned a pad, say the Cincinnati Reds. He has a perfect throwing arm, but he is a very poor batter.

Macon Wants the Braves.

Macon, in Georgia, is negotiating with Manager Stallings of the Boston Braves to train his team there for the next three years. Macon has a queer idea of getting on the map.

St. Paul Wants Doc Marshall.

Failing to land a catcher from Pittsburgh as expected, St. Paul is said to have opened negotiations for the purchase of Doc Marshall from Milwaukee.

Good Start for Senators.

There isn't much doubt but that Walter Johnson is starting just where he left off last fall. It begins to look like a good year for the Senators already.

Chance's Plan.

Frank Chance is insisting on having all of his players report to him when they turn in at night. Evidently it is a good plan, for the New Yorkers are starting off at a pretty lively clip.

NEW CATCHERS GIVEN REGULAR PLACES



Oscar Stange, Tigers' Star Backstop.

Several of the National and American league clubs have new catchers. Although a few have been seen in the big leagues before, it will be the first season that they really can be called the regular receivers.

The Cardinals last year had Roger Bresnahan, manager-catcher. This season he is gone and Ivey Wingo will be the regular catcher. Wingo last season caught great ball. In fact, he did most of the work behind the bat, but with Bresnahan around, could not be called the regular. In 1913, though, he will have clear title to the claim.

Then in the American league, where fewer catchers have come up, six clubs will rely on the same members. Oscar Stange, the Tigers' star, will again be on duty. Then Frank Chance will have Ed Sweeney, without doubt the best maskman in the junior league. The Naps will again have Steve O'Neil. Then the champion Red Sox probably will rely on Forest Cady.

Then the Browns will have a youngster who is entirely new to the American league. He is Sam Agnew, who last season was with the Pacific Coast league, and who showed such sterling work in the spring series. Last season Manager Stovall had Stephens and Kriebell as his regulars, but both are in the minors now.

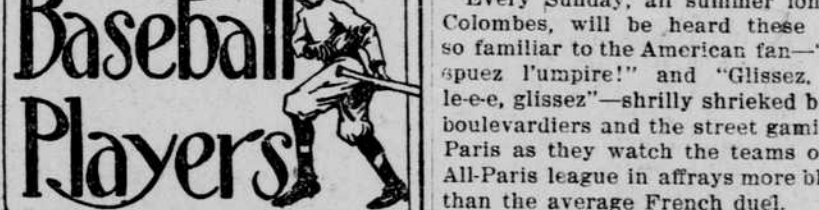
It is the same way in other cities in both circuits. The White Sox have Ray Schalk. He will be the regular catcher for the Sox this season, while last year Billy Sullivan, the veteran, did the bulk of the work. Schalk is not new to the league, having played last fall.

Although Billy Gibson is still with the Pirates, it is not likely that he will do the bulk of the catching. This probably will fall to Billy Kelly, the East St. Louis boy, who came to the National league with Marty O'Toole. Gibson is getting old and not capable of catching the same kind of ball he did several seasons back, and may have to take a back seat in favor of a younger man.

Last year Johnny Kling was the chief catcher for the Boston Braves and incidentally manager. The former Cub star, though, has forsaken the national pastime and Riden, who was a member of the Braves all last season, will be on duty behind the bat in most of the games.

The same is the case in Cincinnati. Larry McLean was the Reds' chief catcher last year until he fell by the wayside. Then Tommy Clark took up the burden, and it will be this young man who will be seen on duty in the greatest number of contests this season.

In other words, just four clubs in the National league will rely on the same receivers that they did last year. There is hardly a chance that Roger Bresnahan will be able to take the job away from Jimmy Archer in Chicago, while the Phillies will again have Dooen, the Giants have Meyers and the Superbas have Otto Miller, one of the best young catchers in the league last season.



John Henry will be the regular for the Nationals, unless the operation to his knee keeps him out of a uniform for the early games.

Here is the list of leading catchers for the clubs in the two leagues this season:

NATIONAL. Cardinals—Wingo. Browns—Agnew. Cubs—Archer. Detroit—Stange. Reds—Clark. Chicago—Schalk. Pirates—Kelly. Cleveland—O'Neil. Phillies—Dooen. New York—Sweeney. Giants—Meyers. Boston—Rariden. Washington—Henry. Brooklyn—Miller. Philadelphia—Thomas.

PLAYING BASEBALL IN PARIS

Cries of "Conspez l'Empire!" and "Glissez, Keile-e-e. Glissez" Now Popular in France.

Every Sunday, all summer long, at Colombes, will be heard these cries so familiar to the American fan—"Conspez l'Empire!" and "Glissez, Keile-e-e, glissez"—shrilly shrieked by the boulevardiers and the street gamins of Paris as they watch the teams of the All-Paris league in affairs more bloody than the average French duel.

The preparations for the Paris baseball season have been thoroughly made and already play has begun. The chief teams are those of the Paris baseball club and the Racing Club of France and the rivalry is intense. All games are played on Sundays, as the players are amateurs. The French spectators are quick to seize upon the fine points of the game and the players themselves display a wonderful aptitude for it. They are beginning to like it as well as football, which is rapidly becoming a popular pastime.

Register a Triple Steal. A triple steal, the first ever made in the Northwest league, was made by Spokane players in the game against Portland, according to an announcement of the official scorer, who decided that all three men started when the pitcher delivered the ball Powell, on third; Melchior, on second and Altman, on first, are the men who participated, and the try for a put-out was made at the home plate.

Undesirable Neighbors.

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