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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Purdue's Cosmopolitan Club has the plan of holding an International Night at various times at its meetings. It is planned to have the different members from foreign countries give representations of the life and customs of their native lands. The Philippine students have already given their entertainment and the Chinese, Latin-American, and others are to follow.—Ex.

Prince in Jail

Students of Syracuse University, who were assembled to hear Kindai Lohogola, the African prince, lecture, waited in vain until they found out that His Royal Highness was in the hands of the police. The prince admitted to the officers that he had served a prison sentence at Greenfield, Massachusetts. He has been lecturing in this country for several years at various schools and colleges. He says that he is the son of a Dahomey chief, and has been in this country since he was a small child.—Ex.

Wisconsin.—Pedometers are being used by household science students to test the amount of walking saved by the use of new and various household appliances.—Ex.

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BILLY EVANS SOLVES BASEBALL PROBLEMS

(Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.)

When the umpire is hit by a thrown ball while in fair territory, trouble is always sure to result. Two years ago such a play came up in the National league and created considerable discussion. Last year it came up twice in the American league and each time it started a great deal of argument for and against the ruling as rendered. Perhaps nothing makes an umpire more peevish than to be hit by either a batted or thrown ball. The average judge of play figures that he should always be able to keep away from such happenings, but occasionally it is utterly impossible.

The play which I here describe came up in a very important game in one of the minor leagues last year. I have the word of one of the umpires who officiated in the game that nothing but a heavy rainstorm saved them from rough treatment. Two runs were needed to win and one to tie for the home team when it came to bat for the last half of the ninth. The first two men were easy outs. The next batter hit for three bases. With two balls and two strikes on him, the following batter hit a difficult grounder to the right of the shortstop. That player made a beautiful stop and a hurried throw. It is questionable if a good throw would have beaten the runner, but this throw, a poor one, struck the umpire, who was standing in the vicinity of first base ready to render a decision, squarely on the back. The ball came off the arbitrator toward the stand. The man on third scored easily and the batter raced to third. The crowd was wild; the score having been tied, it saw visions of victory.

At this stage of the proceedings, the umpire at the plate, who was in no way connected with the mix-up, took a hand in the affair. What the umpire did made the crowd decidedly sore, and what happened afterwards made the fans still sorer. At this stage of the game the rainstorm which had been threatening all afternoon broke loose. What do you suppose the umpire did that so peeved the crowd?

Answer to Problem.

The umpire was forced to send the runner back to third, and make the batter hit over, the count being the same, two balls and two strikes, which it was before he had hit the ball to the shortstop. Section 4 of rule 55, which covers this situation, says: "The base runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out if the person or clothing of the umpire interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw, or the umpire be struck by a thrown ball by the catcher or other fielder to intercept a base runner." It has been argued that the batter is not a base runner and that this rule does not apply. That is wrong, for the batter becomes a base runner just as soon as he hits the ball. The rule, I think, is faulty, for what is there to prevent a fielder, seeing the winning or tying run going across the plate, from intentionally throwing the ball at the umpire, with the hope that it will hit him and make the play dead?

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RAY BROKE WORLD'S RECORD

Negotiates Mile and Half in Remarkably Fast Time of 6:45—Given Great Ovation.

Jole Ray of Chicago, wearing the colors of the Illinois Athletic club, broke the world's record when he ran the mile-and-a-half race at Madison Square garden, for the Rodman Wanamaker trophy, breasting the tape in the remarkable time of 6 minutes and 45 seconds. The long-standing record of the late Thomas P. Conneff, made at Bergen Point, N. J., was smashed



Jole Ray of Illinois A. C.

by Ray's performance. Conneff's record being 6 minutes, 45.25 seconds, and was made at an indoor meet on September 2, 1896. It is acknowledged in athletic circles that Ray's mile and a half was the fastest ever recorded in the history of American runs. Ray also holds the five-mile championship. At the Madison Square garden meet, Ray ran a beautiful race, his legs working with the regularity of piston rods. He never slackened his pace, and while he was pitted against the star runner, Overton, who was expected to win the event, he shook off every attempt of the latter to take the lead.

NOTES of SPORTDOM

Clarke Griffith will not win his annual pennant.

The baseball stance depends altogether on circumstance.

Annapolis boasted nine eight-oared shell crews in its fall practice.

Those who persist in calling hammer throwing a sport are mistaken. It's an art.

Philadelphia fans may go on a strike. They want an American league club in Philly.

Our idea of nothing to worry about—Bob Devere is matched with Carl Morris, whoever he is.

A boxer has to carry a big stock of assorted allbiss in stock, but a ballplayer needs only one—the ump.

The Yountakah Country club, near Passaic, N. J., will add new golf links and a clubhouse costing \$250,000.

Boxing to aid the European sufferers is all right, but who's going to aid the sufferers who see the fights?

Bone is heavier than brain, which explains why so many athletes are provided by nature with very thick necks.

Charley Weeghman isn't worrying about his players. We did not know Charley had players to worry about.

Jim Coffey says he would like to get a crack at Fred Fulton. But Fulton don't climb into the ring to be cracked.

Gunboat Smith is clamoring for a fight with Jess Willard. Evidently Gunboat wants to end his ring career in a hurry.

If Barney Dreyfuss is going to sell out, he'd better do it in the next fifteen or twenty years, before Honus Wagner is through.

Tom Cowler is a concrete crusher. Jimmy Johnston says so. Tom, then, should have little trouble making a living from now on.

The chap who can read about those pinchurst golf tournaments absolutely unmoved may be a man of character, but he is no golfer.

Since Ping Bodie is going to join the Athletics Connie Mack can release all his other outfielders. By sitting down Ping can cover right, left and center.

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