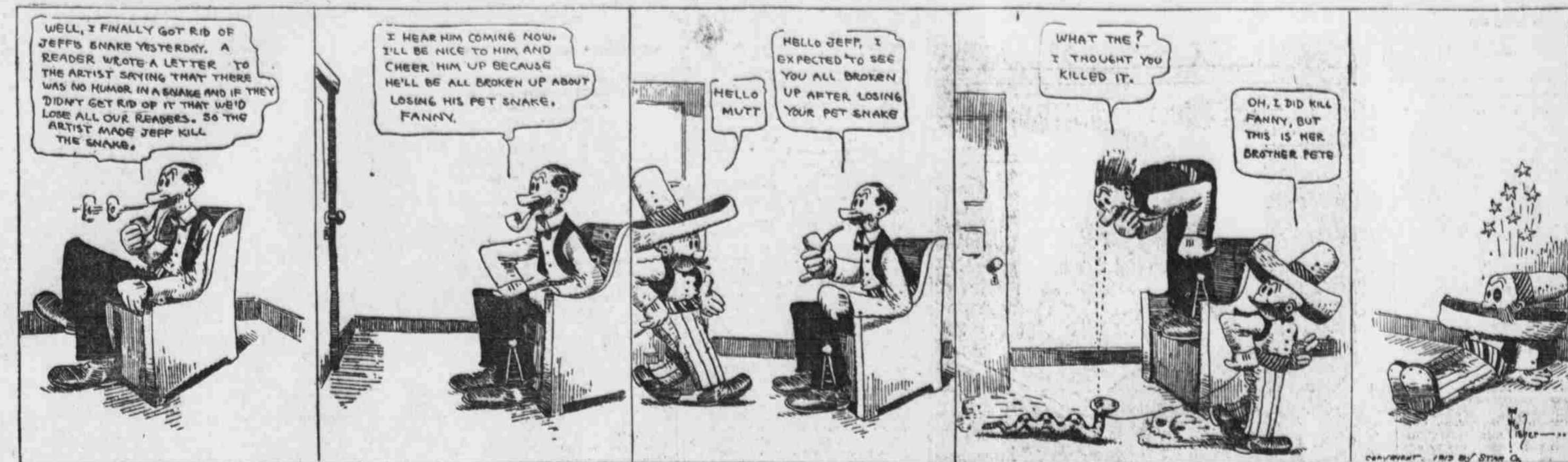


Jeff Simply Must Have a Pet Around the Place

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

RESIDENT JOHN K. TENER'S ideas on discipline and decorum on the ball field are so refreshing and dignified as to challenge general admiration, therefore, let us restate them here: I think an umpire should be conciliatory, but firm; positive, but polite; quick, but unobtrusive; strict, but reasonable. On the matter of punishing players he expressed disfavor with the usual modes employed on the field, adding: One of the cardinal principles of justice is that every man should have an opportunity to be heard, to present his side of the case. If a player is guilty of the charges submitted by the umpire and has no reasonable defense, the ends of justice and the morals of discipline can be served just as well by suspending the player three or four days after the violation has occurred and all the evidence received and investigated as by an immediate suspension following the report of the arbitrator. To my mind the club owner is really the one who should be held responsible for the suspension. The player's absence weakens the team and in the end the club owner is the real sufferer. There is no reason why such cases should not be considered in the most lenient attitude possible and by which obtain the facts in the case from both sides before the player is punished by suspension. In other words, the governor-president means to inject more common sense and dignity, as well as simple justice into the running of games. He deserves the co-operation of every manager, player and umpire. If he gets it he ought to lift base ball thereby to a higher level than it has ever enjoyed, making it far more inviting to the best people of the land and therefore more profitable to all.

WOULD CHECK UP PITCHERS

Scout Doyle Deprecates Their Malice Toward Batsmen. UMPIRE SHOULD HAVE POWER Ex-Giant Catcher Suggests that Good Stickers Ought to Take Base on Balls Only on Referee's Decree.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Jack Doyle, the former Giant catcher, and now scout for the White Sox, deprecates the practice of pitchers harassing the batsmen with malice aforethought and is primed with suggestions to check the practice. Says Doyle: "The base ball public has rightly demanded a change in the rules governing this phase of the game, and I believe immediate action by the rules committees of the two major leagues would strike a responsive chord. It's an injustice to the fans, it's unfair to the batters, and the practice should be stamped out. Patrons of the sport attend games and pay to see hitters like Cobb, speaker, Wagner, Lajoie and Zimmerman club the ball. If the batter happens to be tight and the score close, the opposing pitcher seldom takes a chance with one of the heavy hitters facing him. "This habit of deliberately serving four balls wide of the plate has become so palpably frequent that the game is losing interest. Hundreds of fans go to ball parks in various parts of the country every day, sometimes traveling great distances, just to see the star batters in action. Picture their disappointment when these same sluggers are denied the right to wallop the ball.

PUTS INTEREST IN SPORTS

International Contests of Prowess Keeps Up Public Anticipation. AN UNUSUALLY BIG YEAR American Have Carried Away the Biggest Honors of All Countries Sending Men to Compete Against Each Other.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—International competitions heightened the interest in many branches of sport during the past season and the prowess of American contestants was well sustained. The season lacked the glory of the Olympic Games, but there were many competitions to engage the attention of American sport followers and to maintain their enthusiasm at concert pitch in probably as wide and varied a program of contests as the history of games and recreations in this country has ever vouchsafed. From the international viewpoint in all likelihood the most sustained interest was in connection with the arrival of a challenging team from the Hurlingham club of London to compete for possession of the International Polo Cup, which had been in its keeping for twenty-three years until regained for America by the Meadow Brook team under the captaincy of Harry Payne Whitney in 1909. The match was won in straight games at Meadow Brook by a defending team selected by the American Polo association, with Mr. Whitney again playing as captain. Large crowds of spectators saw the games and cheered the United States representatives for their victory. Golf was also distinguished by an international interest. The amateur title rested safe in the possession of Jerome D. Travers, who this time did not have a formidable rivalry from across the Atlantic, but both Great Britain and France had had representation in the open championship. But for the marvelous success of Francis Ouimet, a practically unknown player, in gaining the title, after a triple tie with Vardon and Ray, the Britishers, the open championship would have been lost to the United States. All golfers naturally hold this to have been the greatest event in sports of the year. Great Britain and Canada had entries in the women's championship, and Miss Gladys Ravenscroft of England was successful in gaining the coveted honor from one of the strongest fields that ever appeared for the competition.

Herb Moran to Go to Cincinnati

much attention as in former years. There were few records made in the light harness competition, although the racing was a high order. C. K. G. Billie's champion Uhlman, 1:38, retained his honor.



Herb Moran, the speedy little out-fielder of the Brooklyn club, who will soon be sold to Cincinnati, according to an agreement made by Owner Charley

PRIMED FOR NEXT MEETING

Grand Circuit Stewards Will Have Plenty to Do January 13. BRINGS BACK OLD MEMORIES To Have Detroit Open the Racing Season Will Be Like Enjoying Pleasure of Other Days for Horsemen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—It now seems certain that the special meeting of the Grand Circuit stewards held in this city on November 23, will have a more far-reaching effect upon the big harness racing than its originators even anticipated, and when the managers of the leading mile tracks come together for their annual session in Grand Rapids on January 13, and hear the reports of the different committees, they will find plenty of advance information for their guidance. Throughout the Garden state and while the trotting board was in session, matters pertaining to the next Grand Circuit were practically the whole topic of conversation, and the members appointed on the different committees, collectively and individually, heard more than enough to help them make suggestions and decide the best for the circuit through sources that inspired confidence. As the result of the general and open conversation enough has been learned to give at least an idea about the main racing line of 1914. Delegates from Detroit to start with showed a broad smile, which more than fully verified the rumors that that city will once again open the circuit as it did years ago and had the promised backing of enough of the leading stewards to be certain of it.

Circuit end on October 14, with thirteen weeks of racing. Under this proposed schedule Readville cannot be accommodated with a date, even if the week could be divided with Salem, unless Columbus and Lexington can be prevailed to go back one week, which is not even probable, although some of the committee believe that the so-called plan of consolidating the Grand Circuit might force the change. Opening the big line racing a week earlier, as was done last season, will not help matters as Syracuse and Hartford, the strongest members of the eastern section, cannot have their fixed dates. Many changes might take place between now and the next few weeks when the annual meeting will be held, but as far as can be judged from prevailing opinions expressed by horsemen and told unofficially by members of the schedule committee, the following now looks to be the most probable dates for Grand Circuit meetings of 1914, starting on July 13—Detroit, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, or vice versa, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, or changed to Buffalo, Syracuse, Hartford, Providence, Columbus and Lexington, or a total of thirteen weeks. According to what appears to be a reliable report, one change in this date schedule is favored by a number of stewards, namely avoid Providence and ask racing stables to return to Detroit for the Michigan State Fair meeting from Hartford and proceed to Columbus.

Would Give Batter Option.

"My idea is that the game is simple. I would make it optional with the batter whether he accept a free pass, one intentionally given. The umpire should have the final word, however. For instance, if one of the well known sluggers was 'up,' two men on base and none out in a close game and the pitcher deliberately should be vested with authority to make the pitcher put over at least one good ball. "In the event the pitcher refused, the umpire should be empowered to order him from the game and plaster on a fine not to exceed \$200. This may seem radical, but, to my way of thinking, it's only fair to the public and to the batter. "Should the pitcher, while apparently trying to play it safe with one of these heavy hitters, put over one good ball—enough to be ruled a strike—and the batter refuses to offer at it, a different condition would arise. In that case I would move that the batter be given his base on balls. In that way the pitcher would have given the hitter a single chance to swing. "Another loophole open to the pitcher who is 'playing it safe,' would be for him to intentionally hit the batter. Such an act would appear more sportsmanlike than that of intentionally lobbing up four bad balls, all of them received by the catcher outside the batter's box. "There are times during close games when runners occupy second and third, and a dangerous batter steps to the plate, and the opposing pitcher intentionally passes the 'bad man' for the purpose of paying the way to a possible double play. That condition doesn't exist often, however."

Good Base Ball Year.

Base ball passed through its most successful year in the history of the national sport. There was nationwide enthusiasm over the world's championship series, played at the Brush stadium between the Philadelphia Athletics, winners of the American league pennant, and the Giants, leaders in the National league race. The result was a decisive victory for the Athletics by four games to one. America was successful in regaining the Davis cup from the Britishers, who won it from Australia in 1912. The American team was captained by H. M. Hackett, but the honors of the contest were gained by Maurice E. McLoughlin of California, who was the chief actor in the triumph of the Americans. McLoughlin retained the American single championship, which he had won for the first time in 1912, and with his western partner, T. C. Hurley, he also gained the championship "double" with Miss Mary Browne of California remaining in possession of the women's championship. There was a revival of racing on the tracks in the vicinity of New York. The most successful horse in the classic events was Harry Payne Whitney's Whisk Broom II, which gained a permanent place among the stars of the turf by winning the Suburban Handicap when carrying top weight in the record time of two minutes for and a quarter miles.

Foot Ball Interests Many.

In foot ball there was a succession of stirring reversals of form. Harvard won the intercollegiate championship for the second consecutive time. The features of the season were Colgate's victory over Yale, Dartmouth's defeat by the Indians, West Point's remarkable success in the annual game with Annapolis and Cornell's triumph over Pennsylvania. Willie Hoppe stood almost alone in professional billiard circles. In addition to retaining his U.S. billiard title he defeated Ora Morningstar for the 181 championship. Alfred De Ora kept his crown in the three-cushion branch of the sport, but the pocket billiard championship went to Benny Allen of Kansas City. For the first time in the history of racquets, the world's professional championship was won by an American, Jack Soutar, professional to the Philadelphia Racquet club, who defeated Charles Williams of England, the titleholder, seven games to four. Lawrence Waterbury won the amateur championship of America, and Jay Gould for the ninth consecutive time captured the court tennis title. It required many years to beat the mile record of Tommy Connell, but John Paul Jones of Cornell finally succeeded in clipping one-fifth of a second off the mark. This was one of the greatest performances in track field athletics. Of the record performances of the season none stand out more prominently than those of Hannes Kolehmainen, the Finn runner. His five and ten-mile races were American record breakers, but lacked a few seconds of Alfred Shrubb's wonderful feat. Jean Bouin, the French runner, set a new mark when he beat Shrubb's time for one hour. In the shorter distances, Howard P. Drew, a colored runner of Springfield, Mass., and Donald P. Lippincott of Pennsylvania university appeared to advantage.

Gotch Likely to Be Besieged with Lots of Mat Artist Defies

If Frank Gotch is determined about his retirement from the wrestling game he is going to be pestered a lot this winter with defies, entreaties and threats from a large squad of heavy-weight mat artists who have invaded this country with the common purpose of wresting the champion of his title. Restless of half a dozen different nationalities are now on the trail of the champion and although Gotch may be sincere about being through with wrestling, he may have to reconsider before spring or wiffully pass up large sums of money. Alexander Aberg, the Finnish wrestler; Mamutoff, the giant Russian, who says he is here by special permission of the czar of Russia; to relieve Gotch of his present holdings; Platina, and Fred Beal, are all after Gotch. Beel, who is thought by many to be the best wrestler for his weight and inches that ever showed on a mat, has been defeated by Gotch, but he thinks that he can throw the Iowa farmer if he gets another chance, inasmuch as he is the only man who ever threw the champion for a fall. Mamutoff should have a good chance if weight counts for anything, as he weighs 315 pounds, but Gotch has proven among other things that the bigger they are the harder they fall, and some of his easiest matches have been against big men. It is very likely that Gotch will not consider any of the applicants for a match until some of the present title holders have been eliminated from the struggle and some one man stands out as best of the bunch. Under those conditions a suitable purse might be forthcoming from some of the big promoters in the country to draw Gotch out from his self-constructed cover.

Brings Back Days of Joy.

To have Detroit open the season's racing will bring back to horsemen the olden-day pleasure and look more natural than since that city fell in line only as a trailer. This almost certain change indicates that the circuiters will get through with at least three meetings in Michigan before shifting to other directions. If rumors deduced from conversations with interested horsemen and members of the stewards' committee in charge of the formation of a date schedule can be depended on, the line of march from Michigan will be to Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and down the east through Syracuse, Hartford, Readville, Salem, perhaps, Providence and then west again. It is now generally understood that Buffalo, always the connecting link, will again hold that position by following Pittsburgh. If the efforts now made by Buffalo horsemen come to a success, the Grand Circuit there will be in connection with a big fair at the old Kenilworth track. So far as knowing, the scheme will have enough outside backing to bring that track back into harness racing and do away entirely with the past plan of racing in Canada. Buffalo May Open Earlier. If Buffalo enters the big line with a fair at Kenilworth, it is conceded that its date will just precede the state fair at Syracuse, probably the third week in August, so current reports have it. The only evidence that the Empire State fair will be held for two weeks and at an earlier date than formerly is the dates assigned to it at the annual meeting of the State Fair associations held in Chicago recently. This incident also verifies the report that the State Fair convention will only continue the big fair through two weeks, but will open it the last week in August, when the feature will be the Grand Circuit, and take in the first week in September, with running races under the direct management of The Jockey club as the chief attraction. As Labor day next year falls on September 7, that week will go to the Connecticut State fair at Charter Oak park, the same as that association has had for several years past. To carry on this schedule—said to be favored by the committee and to some extent approved by horsemen—it is said that Detroit will open on July 13, to be followed in turn by Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Syracuse and Hartford without any break. Under this date schedule there will be left but one week, that of September 14, for which the Narragansett Park track, at Providence, is most favored, although the management of Readville is willing to come in, even if to divide that one week with Salem.

Walkers Too Wild.

Manager Robinson of the Brooklyn club, who has released Fitcher Walker, known among players as Mysterious Mitchell, to the Newark club, says that while Walker possesses a remarkable spit ball he always lacked control. He pitched great ball for the Dodgers near the end of last season. In one game he shut out the Phillies with two hits only by the way, has become reconciled with Rochester and will sign with John Gabel.

Brooklyn After Shortstop.

The new Brooklyn manager, Wilbert Robinson, needs a new shortstop now that Fisher has been sold. It is said that he has under consideration the advisability of negotiating for Milton Stock of New York, McCarthy of Pittsburgh and Kgan or Berghammer of Cincinnati. Robinson has received full authority to make any deals he may see fit and he has already begun to pull strings.

But Not the Only Reason.

Says the New York Sun: "The best reason is out. The sharp now say that Hap Myers was allowed to leave the Boston Braves for the Rochester Red Wings because he couldn't throw across the diamond swiftly enough to head off a runner going from first to third on a sacrifice bunt in Hap's direction. Myers, by the way, has become reconciled with Rochester and will sign with John Gabel."

Griffith Does Not Want Ford.

A story which is printed in a New York paper to the effect that Griffith Griffith of the Nationals is trying to make a deal for Russell Ford, the New York's spit ball artist, is emphatically denied by the Nationals' boss. According to this yarn, Griffith is willing to give Joe Roehling and Tom Meier for "Buddy" Manager Griffith said he never thought of such a thing.

Courtney Never to Leave "Old" Cornell

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—All speculation as to whether Coach Courtney would ever accept a call from the Yale "Navy" to coach its crew candidates, following reports that different coaches about the country had been asked, were set at rest this week by Courtney himself. "I shall never leave Cornell," is the way he put it. Courtney's contract runs for three more years, and he has announced that he will give up the active coaching of the crews at that time. He may be in the Cornell camp as an advisory coach, but he says he is getting too old to perform the active duties around the boathouse.

SCHUYLKILL AFTER THE PHILADELPHIA REGATTA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The Schuylkill navy has decided to make determined efforts to land the national regatta for this city. Every club has renewed its financial guarantee, so that nothing is left for the navy to do but to go to the national meeting and fight for the honor. It is generally admitted that the course in Fairmont park, on the Schuylkill river, is one of the best in America under all conditions. Boston was the scene of the last championship, and the water conditions were such that the boats of some of the best crews were half filled with the splash of the tide before they finished, and some of the poorer crews escaped with only a little water and won titles.

One has to hang all he says of Joe Tinker these days on a date line, so we venture to remark that upon December 26, Mr. Tinker was in the city as a lawyer, for this is flying in the very teeth of Charles' decision that any major league player jumping to the Federal— which Charles regards as a huge joke—will have to answer to the United States courts for his breach of faith. This thing gets better the further it goes.

The effort of managers, including Ban Johnson, and umpires to circumvent the nuisance of the deliberate base on balls deserves to succeed, though it is admittedly not so easy as some wise fans think. Ban Johnson well says that penalizing pitchers would not of itself solve the problems, as a new difficulty would arise in proving that a pitcher deliberately walked his man. Hank O'Day's scheme of narrowing the catcher's box seems more tangible, and yet that is hardly sufficient. The free pass, as well as the stereotyped sacrifice, has become very irksome to fans. The ball sacrifice used to be inside ball, but is no longer so; if it is the very thing expected. When instead of it a man walks to the plate and slams out a long hit the surprise is sprung. There is need for several little touches of this sort.

Coach Stehm, who has made a big winner of the University of Nebraska team, asks nothing unreasonable in a three-year contract before signing up as manager again. "Public sentiment is in my favor," he says, "and I merely want to protect myself." That is true and fair. Public sentiment is with Stehm now because he has produced a winning team; let him lose and it is against him. Other coaches of his class have such contracts: why not he? Stehm deserves grave consideration at the hands of Nebraska if Nebraska expects to stay in the football business, as it should. This great, wealthy state must not display parsimony in this connection. Stehm has proved himself. It is now up to others to act. Why let him go to Indiana or elsewhere, if our university wants a good leader, who has been tried out and proved?

Yale Leads in the All-American Team

Table showing the composition of the All-American team, listing names and their respective colleges.

Men not included in the four mentioned colleges were divided as follows:

Table listing names of athletes from various colleges who were not included in the main All-American team.

Chick Gandil to Train Early.

"Chick" Gandil of the Senators intends to spend a week or ten days at West Baden Springs, Ind., before going into training at Charlottesville next spring. He expects to leave for West Baden in February.