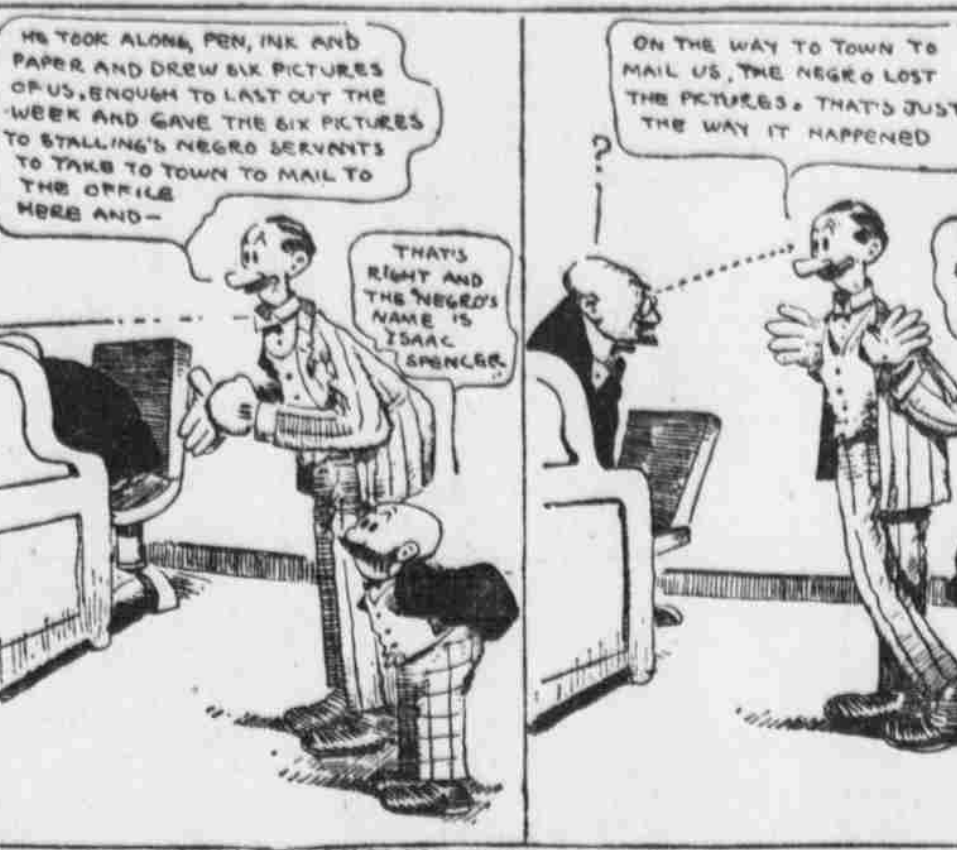


### Mutt and Jeff Claim All the Blame

### Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



## Judgments

THIS talk of Shestak eclipsing Johnson as a catcher, even in time, has a false ring to it. Shestak may in time to come prove a better catcher than Hickory; we do not know, neither does anyone else. One thing we all know now is that Hickory Johnson was a very fine catcher, the best evidence of which is furnished by the fact that a very astute scout in the employ of a very astute manager of the New York Giants chose him out of all the catchers of the Western league for second string man next year at the Polo grounds. As to Hickory's not thinking that it is not a correct statement of the case. He may not think as quickly or as accurately as men of the Gonding type—who are exceptions—but he needs no defense as to his ability to think. He thought well enough last year to do nearly all the catching for the finest bunch of untamed pitchers ever herded at one time in the Rourke corral, and do it up in brown syle. It's a gross injustice to Johnson to say he does not think, or to jump to conclusions as to an undeveloped young catcher out-thinking him. Why does it occur to so many to resort to invidious comparison simply to boost a man? We can see excellent possibilities in Shestak without deriding the proved achievements and power of Johnson, Shestak, of course, ought to fall into the work laid down by Johnson, and fortunately, like Hickory, only in lesser degree, he has the natural ability to hit. He will, after he acquires the finished art of catching, of course, cease opposing his signals to opposing players. But speaking of invidious comparison, it seems from some strange reason to be the way in the baseball world. The man who has gone even though to higher company, as the result of excellent work, never seems quite as good to the manager in charge as some fans as the fellow who is to take his place. For our part we like to think of Johnson as a great catcher, as Gonding as greater, as Shestak as a corner, the exact measure of whom it is impossible as yet to lay down.

Clark Griffith is about the first American league manager to break over the traces with a proclamation of doom for the Federal league. The "Old Fox" gives it until June or thereabouts to die. That is really very unkind in Clark, who ought to have a very clear and distinct recollection of the fate of another celebrated "outlaw" league. Maybe the Federals will go to smash, but what, pray tell us, is there on this case to base such an assumption? Certainly not the lack of players. The American league started with nowhere near the command of caliber as this one has at the outset. Still, there is many a slip 'twixt cup and lip in baseball as in other things. As we have said before, if the newcomers have the money back of them that they claim, they are there to stay, for base ball patronage has grown until it is as easily equal to three big leagues today as it was to two when the American broke into fact company.

Old Bob Fitzsimmons not only stood for the count; he made the civil court show him before he would quit at the ripe old age of 51. And at that he is appealing the case.

Emil Klank tells the waiting public that Gotch cannot keep off the mat and will soon be back, despite protestations to the contrary. Perhaps the thing that keeps alive and fresh the spark of enthusiasm in the big boom of Emil is the big gate receipts which he can make as the "manager" of Gotch.

We are glad to note that Pa Bourke is going to have the best club house on the circuit, up-to-date and classy in every respect. His entire plant is of that sort, and now if he lands a team to match there will be nothing lacking for 1914.

So Pa is to go back on the bench, or "come back."

Of course, many of the National and American league stars who were slated for the Federals will not go, but many of lesser magnitude who are announcing their intention of returning to the overworked field do not have their attentive ear out for the voice of the outlaw tempter to name a larger figure.

The very fact that it ever became necessary for the players in organized baseball to fight for the right of ten days' notice before being released or otherwise disposed of is impressive evidence in itself of the fact that much of the rhapsody indulged in as to "organized baseball" is the purest tommyrot. Why should ball players be treated more unfriendly by their employers than any other class of labor? Why should the magnate have right to "can" a man any second it popped into his mind to do so and give the man no recourse at all? And all it took to make the magnates see the untenability of such a deal was a little backbone on the part of the players as represented by Dave Foltz, head of the fraternity, himself a former star player. The "organized" powers backed down before Dave's organization so fast and completely as to give the merry ha-ha to

## PREPARE FOR TRACK SEASON

Cornhuskers Send Teams to Omaha, Des Moines and Kansas City.

**BASKET BALL PROSPECTS**

Tossing Squad Contains Three Straws Who Are Good Enough to Practically Clinch Missouri Valley Championship.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.  
LINCOLN, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Preparation for the outdoor athletics, including track and spring foot ball training, is being made. Manager Guy E. Reed yesterday mailed Nebraska's entry list to the Kansas City Athletic club indoor meet, which is to be held March 6. The Huskers will send a team to Kansas City, to Des Moines for the indoor relay meet, to Omaha for the big indoor meet there and possibly to Kansas City for the big Missouri valley meet. If the showing is flattering for the Cornhusker track athletes, Nebraska will also enter a team in the annual western collegiate meet at Chicago late in the spring.

In addition the Cornhusker track schedule calls for meets with Kansas, Ames and Minnesota. Reed has an abundance of material for his track team this year and will have the added advantage of experience. While he had plenty of material last season, the Cornhuskers suffered heavily because the squad lacked experience. There are very few places where the Cornhuskers are weak and the outlook is bright for a successful season of track.

**Basket Ball Season to Open.**

The Missouri valley basket ball season will open next week. Nebraska had games scheduled for last night and tonight with the Missouri Tigers, but the dates were cancelled when it was found that the southerners could not make a trip at that time. There was no disposition on the part of the Nebraska management to try and hold the dates, inasmuch as the games do not count on the Missouri valley championship and Stihm substituted with two secondary schools for practice games. The Cornhuskers open the season with Drake, which appears to be only fairly strong, and then winds up a series of four games each with the Ames Aggies and Drake. Providing the Cornhuskers succeed for the fourth time in annexing the championship of the northern division of the conference, then the championship series with the southern leader will be played the first of March.

**Gibson May Return.**

Nebraska's basket ball five appears to be a champion with three stars and the possibility of a fourth in the return of the old forward, Jimmy Gibson. The five is fast and will make the best of them go before the season is over.

Reed is getting a line on the high school basket ball teams, looking forward to the annual tournament, which is held here in March. He is sending out additional literature and with this expects to secure the largest entry list since the tournament was started some years ago.

**Towle Up Again.**

It is expected the Cornhusker athletic board will finally get rid of the troublesome question relating to the eligibility of Max Towle, captain-elect of the football team, for another season of collegiate football. The board had intended to receive the report of the eligibility committee last Monday, but the discussion over Stihm's salary increase took up so much time that it was put over until a special meeting Monday night. Even at that, it is extremely unlikely that the action of the Nebraska board will be final, and the Towle case will probably be taken before the Missouri valley conference for final disposition.

**Cleveland Gets Youngsters.**

Manager Birmingham of the Naps says he has picked up two promising infielders in Bruce Hartford, a shortstop who played with Bloomington in the I. L. I. league last season, and first baseman Roy Wood, drafted from Sioux City. Hartford is six feet tall, weighs 155 pounds, batted .350 and stole forty bases. Wood was sent to the Pirates last summer, but Fred Clarke had no room for him and let him go. He is said to be a ten-second man.

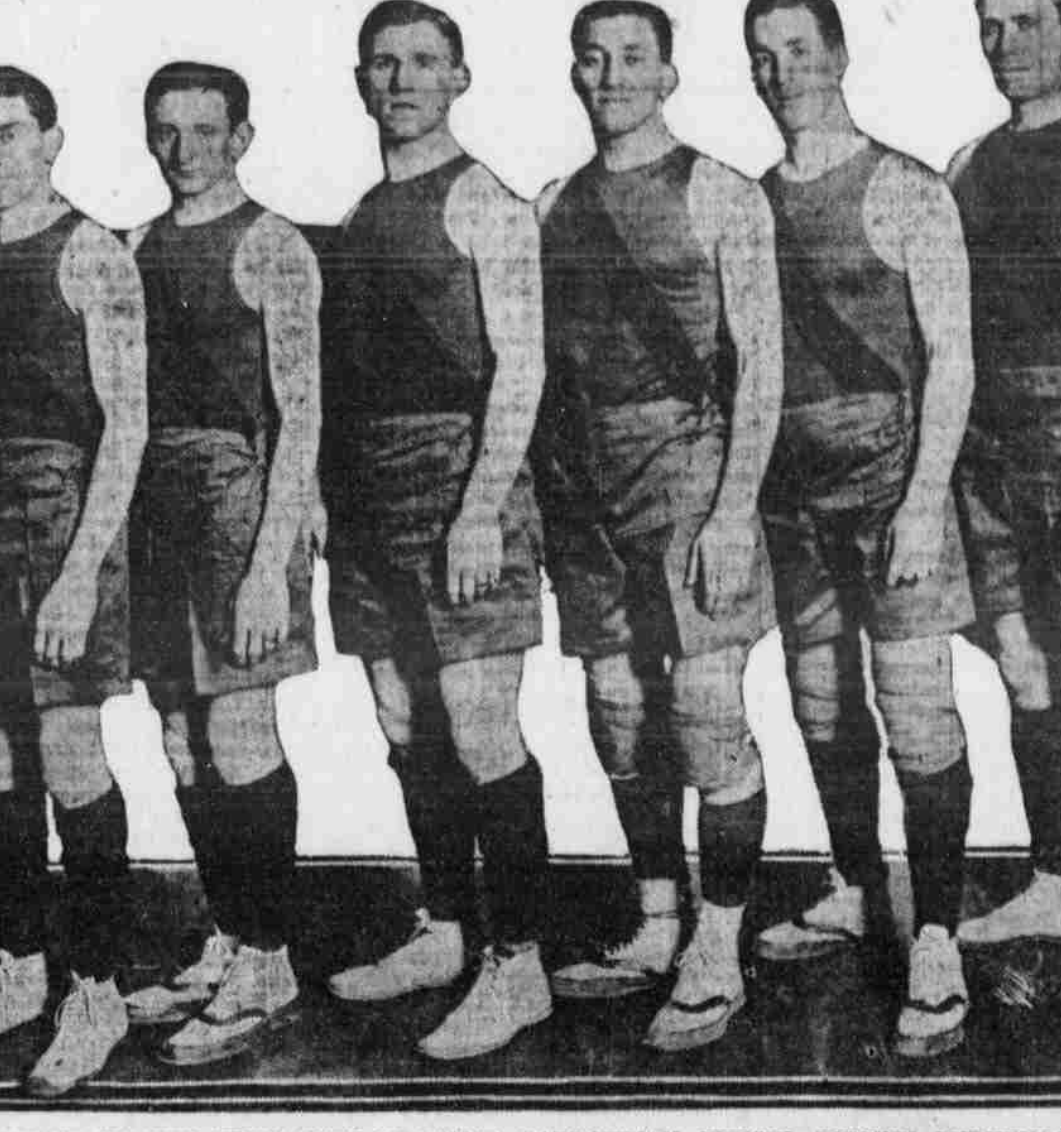
**Modest Youth, Kippert.**

President Herrmann last received a cheering letter from outfielder Ed Kippert, drafted from the Vancouver club by the Reds. "I am not a Ty Cobb or a Speaker," writes Kippert, "but if I get away to a good start it is going to be hard to keep me on the bench. I will be glad to get sent to major league in sending contracts to thirteen young Reds. President Herrmann gave each man an increase of 25 per cent over the salary they drew last season."

this preposterous prattling on the part of Clubby Charles Murphy about defending "our rights in civil court." Mister Murphy boasts a decision of former President Taft upholding him, but let him conjure in his mind a maxim of another great republican statesman, the late Senator Mark Hanna—"Let well enough alone"—and stay out of court with any such one-sided, arbitrary contract.

Ha, ha, Artie Hoffman is another ex-club star to affix his John Hancock to a Federal league contract. Arthur goes to Pittsburgh, and here's hoping he makes good.

## One of the Hustling Teams of the Commercial League



A. T. BENSON'S PIRATES—FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: BARROWMAN, WEIGEL, RITCHIE, BURKENROAD, DRUMMOND AND LINN.

## All-Star Ball Nine Chosen by Critics

One of the chief diversions of the off season in any American sport is picking all-star, all-American, or all-something teams, and then picking them to pieces. Individual experts usually do the picking and individual bugs do the picking to pieces. The picking in either case almost invariably represents the personal opinion of an individual.

Herewith is presented an all-star baseball team based on performances during the last three years which will stand a lot of picking to pieces without damage to anybody's feelings, because it is not an individual selection, but the composite choice of many minds, each as free as possible from the conditions which usually influence individual preference.

This all-star aggregation is chosen by the composite vote of the Chalmers trophy commission tabulated for the three seasons during which the trophy has been awarded. As will be remembered, this award is made each year by a commission composed of eleven newspaper men, one in each city included in the major leagues. Each commissioner votes for the eight players, who, in his opinion, have been the most valuable to their teams during the season, arranging them in the order of his preference. This gives the player at the top of each ballot eight points and the man at the bottom one point. The player who receives the highest total of points wins.

By combining the votes for the last three years and selecting for each position the player who has received the

Player	Points
Johnson, Washington, pitcher...	101
Walsh, White Sox, pitcher...	85
Mathewson, Giants, pitcher...	84
Meyers, Giants, catcher...	56
Daubert, Brooklyn, first base...	79
Collins, Athletics, second base...	30
Walker, Athletics, third base...	40
Wagner, Pittsburgh, shortstop...	77
Cobb, Detroit, left field...	84
Speaker, Red Sox, center field...	101
Jackson, Cleveland, right field...	87

highest total vote there is obtained an aggregation with which any manager ought to win a world's pennant. Just what it would cost in dollars and cents to purchase the release of the eleven players selected cannot be estimated, but it would be a considerable pile.

There is no doubt that Walter Johnson and Christy Mathewson are the two most valuable pitchers in harness today. There is no questioning the fact that Ed Walsh during two of the three years covered by the vote was in the same class. Whether the White Sox spitballer can regain his former prowess is a matter for the future to decide. There are other star stars like Wood, Scott, and Russell, who may be of greater value than Walsh next season, but this article deals with past performances.

There may be those who will dispute Chief Meyers' claim to the catching premiership, particularly the admirers of Jimmy Archer, Ray Schalk and Walter Schang, but the Indian has it on all of them in batting by a good margin and

has been prominent all three years, while Schang and Schalk are newcomers.

Admirers of Vic Saier, Stuffy McInnis, Hal Chase, and other first basemen may object to the choice of Daubert, but day in and day out for the last three seasons the Brooklyn man has had something on all competitors. Eddie Collins has only Johnny Evers to combat his right to keystone kingship, and the athletic star is the Trojan's superior with the stick by many points. Any manager fortunate enough to have "Home Run" Baker at third would not want him for another player in either league, not even for the great Zim.

There may be greater shortstops on the diamond next season than Honus Wagner, but it will be this year, for he cannot go on forever. In fact, Joe Tinker and that other Wagner, who works for Boston, gave the Pirate a hard battle for honors last season, but in the last three years Hans stands by himself at short.

And when it comes to the outfield any manager who had Cobb, Speaker and Jackson on his team would laugh in the face of any other manager who suggested exchanging any man of the three for any other living outfielder. Incidentally it may be of interest to record the choice of the trophy commissioners for all-American and all-National league teams on the strength of three years' performances. They follow:

Wood, pitchers; Thomas, catcher; Gandil, first base; Collins, second base; Baker, third base; Heinie Becher, shortstop; Cobb, Speaker and Jackson, outfield.

All-National—Mathewson, Marquard and Alexander, pitchers; Meyers, catcher; Daubert, first base; Doyle, second base; Zimmerman, third base; Hans Wagner, shortstop; Schulte, Becher and Cravath, outfield.

The composite vote for the trophy from which the all-star team was made up follows:

League	Points
American	101
National	101

## While the Old Stove Smokes

BY F. S. HUNTER.

"Sometimes," sings the fan, "in the morning. When the dawn is cold and gray, And he in the perfume feathers, Thinking the thoughts I care not say, I dream of the days of the summer sun, And smile a feeble smile, And say to myself for the hundredth time, Is it really worth the while? But then in my dreams of the summer days, I think of the umpire's call, I think of the double-triples, Of strikes and bases on balls, It strikes me clear and I laugh once more at a glance toward the sky at old sol. And I say to myself with cheerful grin. It's a great old world after all."

Just as we had learned to do a tango on our typewriter with sufficient skill to draw forth exclamations of approval from the society editor, the tango is relegated to the background and the "Brazilian Maxixe" pushed to the fore.

The latest is so called because it was not originated in Brazil, but within a short radius of Herald Square.

It is also known that it was selected to arouse a discussion as to the pronunciation. Which it certainly has done as Noah Webster thoughtlessly neglected to mention the second word in the dictionary.

Fateful nightmares no longer disturb the peace and solitude of Jumbo Stihm's evenings. Thirty-six hundred bucks per annum for three annuums would drive the bugs out of most anybody's system. Excepting, of course, Joe Tinker.

Brother Dave complains of a perpetual cold in the head these days. Mutual admiration of his statures and the north wind are causing the expressions of discontent, although it is rumored that Dave is anxious to get a crack at repairing the diamond so he can spend the month of March in staying in a supply of peanuts.

Anthea, center of Ex-Unia, which team mixed with the Nebraska quietest at Lincoln a week ago, says the Cornhuskers will sweep the Missouri valley. Yes, Lutherford is on the squad. And if a certain gent by the name of Halligan

were likewise a member it would be a long odds bet that Nebraska could lick all the teams in the valley put together.

Only eighty-five more days until April 12. Echo by a hundred million fans, "That's enough."

Brooklyn has been assured of at least one-ninth of a ball team. G. Napoleon Rucker promises to be on hand.

G. Napoleon is more familiarly known as a left-handed pitcher.

In that one respect Brooklyn has it on Cincinnati. Cincy isn't sure of even one player.

The latest dope seems to indicate that August Herrmann is the man the Feds are picking on. Mr. Herrmann has outlived his usefulness and is booked to leave. Such actions as forcing the Blue Grass league out of existence because it wanted to place a team in Covington, which is across the river from Cincinnati, will not be tolerated forever.

It has been discovered that Cy Falkenberg did not make a single run during the entire 1913 season. Some men are born to be rich, others to be handsome and others to secure individual distinctions. Mr. Falkenberg is to be congratulated as one of the latter class.

Tinker made the announcement some time ago that he deserted Ebbets because of Ebbets' desire for publicity. But that did not prevent Tinker from posing for his picture when he signed his Federal contract.

Quoth a dreary old scribe in Chicago, "The day is so coming to us. When base ball press agents so fluent, Will write winter dopes to discuss, 'Cause the game isn't getting, from notice In columns of sheets as 't must, And the way to do it is this, fans, A press boy to scribble the dust,"

What we read of sixty weeks ago, As we look through the teams in the race, Who will write for the Cards and the Browns, fans, Those teams which will stick to last place?

## UNI BASKET TEAM NOW A GO

Omaha School Starts Out Vigorous Quintet with Coach Ritchie.

**SOME ARE YET A LITTLE RAW**

All, However, Are Anxious to Win Honors and Are Putting Their Shoulders to the Wheel.

Under the supervision of Coach Ritchie basket ball at the University of Omaha has at last started and a varsity team which at first seemed rather doubtful will be put in the field. Because of the late start the basketball schedule has been arranged so that the first home game will come with Hastings college here January 31.

The various unexpected things that have delayed the forming of a varsity team have only tended to make the students more anxious than ever to put a team in the field. With the putting of Stanley High in as manager of the squad and with the securing of Coach Ritchie to get the team in shape for the coming season, practically all of the obstacles have been overcome so that one of the best fives the school has turned out in years is expected.

The squad is seriously missing Parsons and Halsey of last season's squad. Parsons, who was captain of the team last year, was the most aggressive player on the squad and had for some time and at present the indications are such that it will be a hard proposition to fill his place. Halsey was also one of the best players the university has had for a number of seasons. With the absence of both these men, Coach Ritchie will have his hands full developing men to take their place. With the exception of these players all of last season's men are out in uniform again. Parish, the star player of the squad, is showing up in fine form and a great deal is expected of him the coming year. Andrew Dow, who has been elected captain of the team, is also showing up to fine advantage. The tall center is displaying more speed and accuracy in throwing baskets than ever before. The Selby brothers are also back in the harness and expect to land a place on the quintet.

**New Men in Game.**

A number of new men are out for the five who seem to be making great headway in the floor game. Among the most promising are Buller, trying out for a forward position; Potger, trying for a guard position; and Stanley High. All three of these men are showing up in fine form and expect to land a place in the team. Among some of the other likely candidates are McLafferty, Rhoden, Palsey, Westfield, Coff and Jorgensen.

Manager High has practically com-

pleted a schedule which is expected to pass the athletic committee. It calls for five games with colleges at home and five away from the city. The first game will be with Hastings college, January 31, followed by contests with Bellevue, Cotner, Wesleyan and Tarkio. Reciprocal contests are to be played with each of these schools. The schedule is to be so arranged as to alternate the games at home with those away from the city. It is also possible that a game with Peru Normal will be staged. Besides these contests the varsity team will play a large number of games with teams of the Commercial league and other city fives.

**Stroud Ambitions.**

Ralph Stroud, former Detroit pitcher, who was a member of the Sacramento club in the Pacific Coast league, during the last season, writes that he will work himself into the majors next season.

**Grant Before the Bar.**

Infielder Eddie Grant, who was lucky enough to be in for a share of the world's series coin last October, is said to be headed for Memphis. Grant is a Harvard law school man.

## New York Highway Men Send Queries to Omaha Auto Club

Messrs. Blanchard and Hubbard, highway efficiency experts of New York City, and who are members of the advisory board on highways of the New York State Department of Efficiency and Economy, have written to the Omaha Automobile club asking answers to the following questions:

First—What do you consider should be the minimum width of brick pavements and bituminous pavements when constructed on state trunk highways and subjected to an average daily traffic of 20 motor cars and 50 horse-drawn vehicles during the period from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.?

Second—Granted widths of pavements of sixteen and twenty feet, what extra widths have you found satisfactory on curves connecting highways at right angles with each other?

Third—What designs have your club adopted for direction signs and danger signs?

Fourth—Granted an improved sixteen-foot surface of bituminous pavement and five-foot shoulders of earth, what depth of ditch do you consider sufficiently dangerous from the standpoint of the motorist to require the construction of a guard rail?

The directors of the club referred these questions to J. E. George for answer, and in substance his reply was as follows:

First—We consider width sixteen to

## Yale's New Foot Ball Coach is Silent Man of Considerable Go

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 17.—In Frank Hinkey, newly appointed head foot ball coach at Yale to replace Howard Jones, Yale has placed in charge of its foot ball destinies a man known as the "Silent Captain," about whom numerous stories are told, but who says little himself. Hinkey is a man of action; he does not believe in talking.

With Hinkey at the head of affairs there will be few authoritative announcements of Yale foot ball plans.

## Catarrh! WHETHER IN Head, Throat, Stomach, Kidneys or Bladder, Use S. S. S.

It is definitely known that catarrh can be cured by the simple process of inoculating the blood with antiodonal remedies that stop inflammatory conditions throughout the mucous linings of all the organs of the body. This is done with the famous Swift's S. S. S. It is taken into the blood just as naturally as the most nourishing food. It spreads its influence over every organ in the body, through all the veins and arteries, and enables all mucous surfaces to exchange inflammatory acids and other irritating substances for arterial electricity that effectively cleanses the system and thus put an end to all catarrhal pollution. S. S. S. cleans out the stomach of mucous accumulations, over every organ in the body, through all the veins and arteries, and enables all mucous surfaces to enter the circulation, and in less than an hour is at work throughout the body in the process of purification.

You will soon realize its wonderful influence by the absence of headache, a decided clearing of the air passages, a steadily improved nasal condition, and a sense of bodily relief that proves how completely catarrh often infects the entire system. You will find S. S. S. on sale at all drug stores. For special advice on any blood disease write to the Swift Specific Co., 309 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Do not delay to get a bottle of S. S. S. from your druggist.

Always insist that you want S. S. S. and nothing else. Beware of all attempts to sell you a substitute.