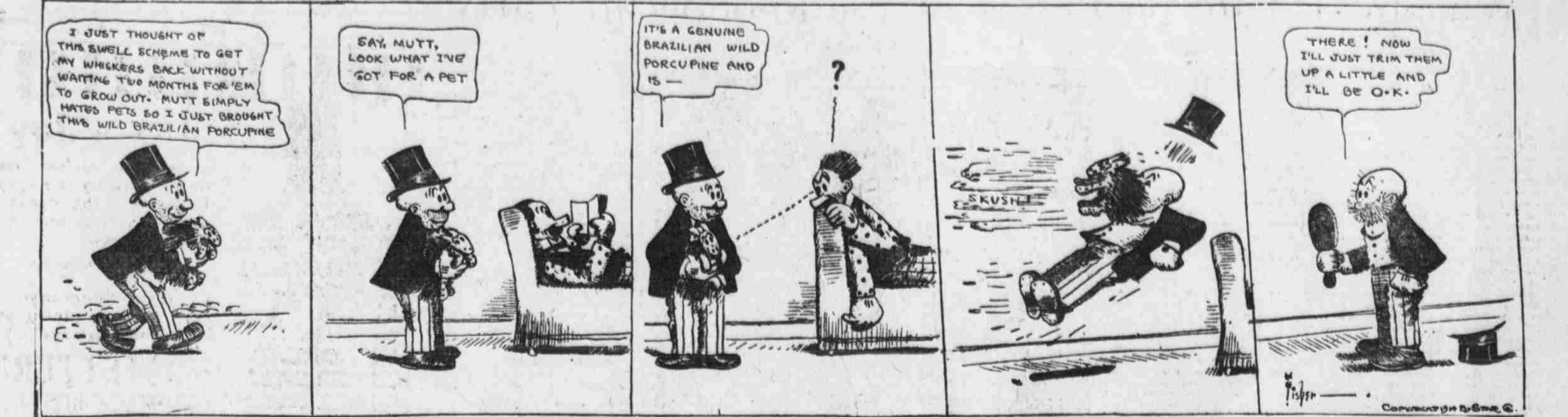


Showing that Jeff Knows Something About the Habits of a Porcupine

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

ONE of the biggest and best things organized base ball ever did was to deny its sanction to Murphy's treatment of Evers and veto that Murphy would have profited. It was not done in pique, but to save to organized base ball its day of grace. According to wise interpretations the law of base ball was broken in several pieces by Murphy's summary disposition of Evers. This law, for one thing, requires a ten days' notice to players before discharge. At the recent National Commission meeting this provision was doubly stressed. Murphy ignored it. If organized base ball condoned deliberate infractions of its laws where is the difference between organized and outlaw base ball? Fans applauded the action of the powers, but the powers, having seen the light of another day bursting full-flamed upon them, knew better than to approve, even by indirection or alliance, this high-handed action of Murphy's. It was not altogether due to the general dislike of the C.O.B. owner, though that runs deep enough among the powers and the supporters of the game. Perhaps even Mr. Murphy sees this by now, especially with the "never again" slogan flaunted in his face in Chicago. Organized base ball, perhaps, has at this late day done all it could in one instance to counteract the damaging effect of Murphyism on the welfare of the game, but nevertheless that damage exists to some extent, and it exists to the immense advantage of the Federal league. The Federalists, indeed, might afford to vote Murphy a pension if such a thing—which is most too good to hope for—transpires as his opinion from the game. Our friends who in this instance leaped to Murphy's defense and Evers' denunciation, were, to say the least, a little precipitate with their judgment, we fear. Surely the kind of treatment Murphy accorded the Chances and Evers and Brown and Hofmann and Pfeifers and others who make him rich and powerful enough to be saucy is not provocative of a fair-minded, dispassionate man's admiration and approval. It is not Murphy we condemn, though, so much as the principle, which cannot go unrebuked without disastrous results to base ball. That is precisely the thing that actuated the magnate in refusing to let Murphy profit by the nasty, indefensible treatment he accorded Evers. Boston, of course, is ahead, even though it gives Evers a bonus of \$20,000 with a salary of \$10,000. Aside from the intrinsic value of Evers, both as a player and as a manager, it will bring rich dividends to Boston for the mere decency and timeliness of it. It doesn't matter so much whether the Chicago syndicate gets the franchise away from Murphy now; he is separating himself from it just as fast as he can. In the meantime, our congratulations to base ball for its present robust condition of health.

MACK TAKES BENDER'S TIP

Adds Joe Graves to List of Pitchers on Chief's Advice. IS A YOUNG CHIPPEWA INDIAN Stands Six Feet and One Inch and is Only Eighteen Years Old— Has Appearance of a Future Star. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 14.—On the advice of Chief Bender, star Indian pitcher of the Athletics, the world's champions have signed up another copper-faced boxman. The pitcher in question is Joe Graves, who makes the third pitcher on the Macmen's roster hailing from the little town of Brainerd, Minn., the town which produced Bender and Leslie Bush, who gained the limelight last season when the youngsters defeated the Giants in one of the world series games. Graves is 15 years old and stands six feet one inch in his stocking feet. Furthermore, he is a Chippewa Indian. The youngster was raised on the Indian reservation at Wacher, a short distance from Brainerd, and his sponsor is another Indian, Ed Rogers, a former University of Minnesota foot ball player. Rogers headed an Indian team last year which played all the best independent organizations in the section about Brainerd, Walker and Bemidji. Rogers declared that "Graves had the goods" and should make a star some day. Graves pitched for the Brainerd city team and made a good showing. The lad has a world of speed, good control and an assortment of curves. Possessed of an unruffled temper, cool and clear headed, he pitched the same steady game, regardless of any flukes his Walker team makes sometimes made. Rogers and the father of young Graves advised Joe Graves to throw his fortunes with Connie Mack. Joe's father is rather partial to Philadelphia, for he went to an Indian school that was maintained here once and played ball. Young Graves was born in Red Lake July 21, 1895. He moved to Walker when very young and got most of his base ball training there. He is six feet one inch tall, weighs 100 pounds, is a left handed pitcher and bats right handed. He is at present a senior at the Flandreau Indian school at Flandreau, S. D. His father is the issue clerk at the agency at Onegam.

GIVES THEM STIFF BACKBONE

College Foot Ball is Great Prelude to Political Career. MANY OLD STARS PROVE CASE Follows Once Famous on Their Respective Teams Are Now Holding Down Important Public Positions. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—That college foot ball, with its rigorous training, necessity for self-control and ability to surmount repeated setbacks on the part of its players, is particularly fitting for a successful political career later in life would appear to be indicated by the number of famous players who have achieved positions of prominence in both state and nation. There is seldom an election of importance in which some foot ball player is not elevated to public life by the voters of one or another political party. These former knights of the gridiron are selected or appointed to all kinds of political positions and almost without exception discharge the duties of their offices in an extremely satisfactory manner. The recent election of Blair Lee as United States senator from Maryland recalls to mind the long list of former players who have won public recognition of similar nature. Lee, who was a famous forward at Princeton in the late '70s, playing the position of "next to end," now known as tackle, followed the footsteps of many other Princeton, Harvard and Yale players. Robert Bacon, late ambassador to France, was an old Harvard captain and halfback; James S. Harkin of the United States Interstate Commerce commission is an old forward; Lee McClung, late treasurer of the United States, a former captain and halfback at Yale; William H. Lewis, recently assistant attorney general of the United States, an old Harvard center; S. H. Thompson, the present first assistant attorney general of the United States, and William W. Hoper, the present surveyor of the port of Philadelphia, both Princeton ends; ex-Congressman Lucius N. Littler, a linebacker for the Crimson; Gifford N. Pinchot, late chief forester, once varsity man at Yale, and his successor, the present incumbent at Washington, Chief Forester Harmon S. Graves, a former back for the Blue. The late Governor William E. Russell of Massachusetts was a halfback at Harvard; Governor George R. Carter of Hawaii, once a guard at Yale; Everett J. Lake, the great Harvard halfback, lieutenant governor of Connecticut, and the famous W. H. Corbin, affectionately known as "Pa," the present commissioner of taxes for Connecticut, once a center for Yale, John C. Bell, the great Pennsylvania halfback, is attorney general of the state of Pennsylvania. In the Connecticut senate recently sat Frank S. Butterworth, Yale's famous fullback of twenty years ago. Down in Delaware is Justice Marvel of the supreme court and once secretary of state, an old Princeton captain and forward, and in the office of the attorney general of Maryland sits celebrated Edgar Allen Poe of Princeton. In the office of the chief justice of New Jersey is William S. Gunner, another old Princeton captain; in Pennsylvania's Twentieth judicial district is another Princeton player, Judge J. M. Woods. George W. Woodruff, an ex-judge of the United States circuit court, was once a celebrated guard at Yale, and still more famous as a coach at Pennsylvania, inventor of the quarterback kick, guards back and a host of other foot ball maneuvers. A recent reform mayor of Harrisburg was Vance McCormick, the old Yale quarterback. A late assistant police commissioner in New York was Bert Hanson, the old Yale guard, and here is "Big Bill" Edwards, an old Princeton captain, late New York street cleaning commissioner, now in charge of a similar work at Newark. N. J. Charles D. Daly, the army's successful coach last fall, has recently left the office of fire commissioner of Boston to rejoin the army, and the list might be continued indefinitely.

Russ Ford to Twirl for the Buffalo Feds

Postponement No Surprise Fight Fans Expected McFarland-Gibbons Match to Be Put Off. BOTH ARE ABLE FINANCIERS Too Much Money in Bout to Allow Them to Forego It and It Will Be Fought at Some Future Date. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The postponement of the McFarland-Gibbons match has caused no surprise. That these two conservative matchmakers would find plenty of reasons for delay was only to be expected. But, although it is highly probable that neither has any great liking for the other's name, if the match falls through altogether, that would be a surprise. McFarland and Gibbons are two of the most able financiers in the ring and there is too much money involved in this case for either of them to turn his back on the spoils. This match has aroused more wide-spread interest than any in years. It is the first that has seriously threatened to break the record gate receipts under the Frawley law, which is held by the Brown-Wells match. But interest cannot be maintained forever, and unless the men get together before long the match may die of dry rot. However, the scarcity of big matches will tend to keep this one alive longer than usual. With promoters in Australia, England and France doing their best to get all the leading boxers, the dearth of ring talent is likely to increase. If the two Australian promoters, who recently arrived in California, are bent upon making big inroads in the list of stars. They have already submitted bids for Willie Ritchie, Gunboat Smith, Mike Gibbons, Packey McFarland, George Chip, and a host of second-raters. Make Extravagant Demand. The one thing that may save the situation is the extravagant demands of the boxers. Runners of mismanagement of American boxers have caused most of the men wanted to demand that money for all the matches shall be placed in American banks in advance. This will prove a check for Messrs. Baker and Howe, who are up against as difficult a proposition as the backers of the Federal league. Even Jimmy Duffy, a lightweight, whose activities have been confined to Buffalo rings, wants \$5,000 to make the long trip. With the others making demands in proportion, the Australians will probably have to be satisfied with fewer men than they expect. Still every star lured away will lessen the opportunities for big bouts in this country. To offset the drain new blood is required, and there is little of this in sight. With the exception of George Chip, who may and may not be a real champion, no new star has topped the list horizon for more than a year past. Kid Williams has cleaned up all the bantams, but as long as Coulton refuses to fight he can go no further. There is one to meet Kibane, Ritchie, like Coulton, is on the shelf, and so prevents any new lightweight from gaining distinction. Gunboat Smith has practically fought himself out of a job, although there still remains Jess Willard for him to tackle. But whether deservedly or not, the long-limbed Willard has been trusted so much there is no call for his services here. Should anything prevent Gibbons and McFarland from coming together Gibbons and Chip might do just as well. This is a match offers the contrast in style that is lacking in the one between the two ultra-clever men. In all probability it would result in a more exciting affair. At least there would be less danger of disappointment.

Little Glints of Summer Sunshine

BY F. S. HUNTER. Did you notice that no ball player signed contracts last Friday? Yes, the thirteen. Last week Nebraska took another look at Minnesota. Two basket ball victories in succession. Now there will be no foot ball game next fall. Not if Mr. Williams has anything to say about it. Not that we want to appear previous, but if the boss wants a good reporter to make the initial trip around the circuit with the base ball team, we think we can arrange our affairs so it can be done. Charlie Ebbets to the front once more. He is going to drive the Feds out of Brooklyn. Of course, the Feds haven't entered Brooklyn, but when he performs the cruel deed another holiday will be celebrated with a double-header. Charlie looks a long way ahead for holidays. Cincinnati is howling for a reserve bank. A ball team would be more popular. There is only one safe bet in base ball this approaching season. That is in either league the peanut vendors will possess just as powerful lungs. First Gamble of the Year. For a starter we'll make one prediction. If he'll start winding up right away, Pepper Clark will be called the Kaw Who will pitch on opening day. Mr. Clark is the gent who pitched with Topeka a couple of years ago, and who is guaranteed to be the slowest man in captivity. C. Murphy has booked thirty-one exhibition games for his Cubs. Murphy sure has an eye out for the almighty dollar. Chicago announces that the four big leagues will start war on the Feds. All HALF DOZEN IN THE RACE That Many Middleweight Glove Men Neck and Neck for Title. ALL ARE LEGITIMATE FELLOWS But Need to Be Simmered Down for the Best One of the Whole Crowd—George Chip in the Lead Now. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—"Too bad poor old Stanley Ketchel isn't with us to clean up this bunch of middleweights," is a common assertion at almost any boxing club after the staging of a middleweight bout. It's a fact that the late boxer would have found some very easy picking in the class, but there are a few with us now who would probably make him go the limit to win. In the last year there has been much activity in the ranks of the "middle" boys, until today but half a dozen at the most stand out as worthy contenders for the title. George Chip, because of his double knockout of Frank Klaus, is readily granted the championship by many experts. If Klaus was champion he was only that by divine right, the same procedure which has been taken by others in tacking titles to their names. At that, Klaus was as good as any middleweight when he was going right, but there were a few in the class over whom he didn't score victories. Chip must possess some skill at that to conquer such a tough customer, and then repeat. Subsequent battles showed him to be improving steadily as a boxer. That he can hit has been proven in the Klaus bouts. Other things are necessary in the makeup of a champion, though, and it is the opinion of many that in four or five others there is embodied the mastery of the art which would overcome anything Chip could show. These are Jimmy Clabby, Mike Gibbons, Eddie McGorty and probably Leo Houck. They are legitimate middleweights, who can scale 155 pounds easily. Class Offers Foundation. Although Clabby and Gibbons are far below the limit notch of the middleweights, their class is so good as to more than offset the extra poundage others would carry into the ring with them. It's a tossup between Clabby and Gibbons in point of cleverness, and although Clabby has beaten the St. Paul man it is a question whether he could do it again. Gibbons has been progressing more rapidly than any other man in the class and his superior hitting power would give him the advantage over the Hammond man in a long fight. But it's a mighty narrow line to draw. Gibbons has boxed Eddie McGorty and although he was slightly outpointed then, Gibbons had a good excuse for his failure to win. He was a really sick man. Clabby has scored a decision over McGorty, but there was a question raised that time, too. So far as Leo Houck is concerned, there is no question as to his rating. He has entered the hypodermic field. And we didn't know there were four big leagues before. Herrmann can't see how the Federalists are going to build grandstands. Garry had better consult an oculist. This Happened Yesterday. This day was meant for lovers, and for lovers let it be. St. Valentine has named the day for none but he and she. But some ruffies and you, butted in and spoiled the day for mine. Instead of sonnets sweet I get a comic valentine. Since the advent of the Federal league there is a large number of ball players and managers and scouts who are partaking of extensive winter travel. Boston fans are of the opinion that the Red Sox outfield trio will stick to organized ball. We never knew before that Tris Speaker was a trio. Fifty-seven more days until the sun shines. When the base ball tourists steam into N'Yawk there will be a husky battery of Federalists on board the welcoming tug. Sam Crawford may be easily induced to join the Feds. O. B. B. persuaded him to take the trip around the world and Sam still remembers that how "pacific" the Pacific ocean was. Prexy Gilmore now receives black-hand letters. C. Murphy's press agent missed a bet when he let Gilmore beat him to it. Rolfe Zelder evidently made his jump from N'Yawk to Chicago quite successfully regardless of his famous bunton. Washington was born this month and good Abe Lincoln, too. But that will do us little good; now just "twain" me and you, butted in and spoiled the day for mine, and Christmas is enough. "Cause neither day's a holiday for the sink who writes this stuff.

Will Consider All Protestors in High Schools Tournament

LINCOLN, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The question of splitting the annual high school tournament into two divisions, according to the relative size and strength of the schools entered, will not be decided without fully considering the protests of Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice and some of the other larger high schools of the state. Athletic Manager Reed of the university, who has charge of the meet, has decided to put the question to a referendum of the state's high schools. Along with the entry blanks which he sent out, attached a slip, asking each entrant to express an opinion on the subject, and this will be tabulated. In the early entry blanks received a number of the schools have completely ignored the question, so it begins to look as though it would be difficult to get an expression on the question. Those opposing the plan for two classes constitute the most powerful high schools in the state, and it would be a rather questionable move on Reed's part to do anything to alienate their support. The opposition to the plan arises solely from the ground that it prevents an undisputed champion in basket ball from being returned at the conclusion of the tournament. Under the new plan there would in reality be two champions—one in each of the classes. Entries for the tournament have already been received from Scott's Bluff, South Omaha, Hampton, Bancroft, Genoa, Wilber, Broken Bow, Schuyler, Seward, Arlington, Alexandria, Craig and Newman Grove. In addition, Reed has heard from the following schools, and the managements have signified their intention of entering the tournament: Nebraska City, Orlowa, Columbus, Oakland, Alliance, Fremont, Ravenna, Clark, Cortland, Fullerton, Omaha, Beatrice, Fairbury, Lincoln, Hastings, Fremont, York, Norfolk, Gothenburg and University Place. McDonald to Handle Briscoe Automobile The new Briscoe car, which was one of the sensations of the Paris, London, New York and Chicago shows, and which sells for \$750, will be handled in Omaha by C. W. McDonald, according to an announcement just made by Horace DeLisser, vice president and general manager of the Briscoe Motor company. The new car is French "tailored," having been designed in Paris, but is built at Jackson, Mich. It is a five-passenger, has ample power, and has all the style and finish of high-priced and larger cars.

Jap Ball Team Will Tour United States During This Season

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 14.—Arrangements for the United States tour of the Keio university base ball team of Tokyo, Japan, are rapidly being completed, and the 1914 invasion of the Japanese collegians' nine promises to be the most pretentious since the inauguration of these international base ball series. During the last year Keio played the university teams of Stanford and Washington and the Giants-White Sox combination on Japanese diamonds. As a result the Nippon nine is really a formidable team from a college standpoint, and is securing places upon the schedule of the larger universities. The squad will arrive on the Pacific coast early in April, and after finishing the coast schedule will leave for an extended eastern tour. Games are being scheduled with the strongest varsity nines of the middle west, east and south, and the team will not return to the orient until July. BRAINY MEN NAMED AS LEADERS OF BROOKLYN FEDS The announcement of a Federal League club in Brooklyn is one of the most auspicious developments in the course of that organization, for it conveys the probability of John Montgomery Ward as chief factotum and West Nile, Kestler as manager of the new team. Where in the history of base ball would you search for two trainer men? Ward more than a quarter of a century ago was leading and playing short for one of the greatest teams New York ever saw and then acknowledged as one of the big brains of the diamond. Since making fame and some money as a base ball lawyer, he has still further developed his intellectual powers. And the work of Willie Keeler is most too fresh in mind to call for special mention. If Willie's body had been proportionately as big as his brain, he would have been one of the physical giants of the game. Brooklyn ought to make a most strategic point for the Federalists. In the meantime, it is another reason why we hold to the hallucination that that Federal thing is a go.

Record for Clay Pigeons Trapped

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The 50,000,000 clay pigeons, trapped during 1913, set a new high mark for the truly American sport of trap shooting. But even this enormous total will be eclipsed by the figures that will be hung up at the end of 1914. Donk Marries. Pitcher William Donk of the St. Louis Cardinals was married at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Miss Jessie Forier, a singer in the Knoxville Methodist church. Donk is a member of the Bible class of the Sunday school and a regular attendant of the church, when he is not away with the ball team. Haines Checks. Piez, the recruit outfielder of the Giants, is a Jersey chicken raiser.

New Penn Rowing Coach Considers the English Rowing Bad

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—Vivian Nickala, rowing coach of the University of Pennsylvania, who arrived from England the other day, surprised the rowing enthusiasts at the local university by stating that he did not propose to use or teach the English stroke and declared that he considered the way they row at Oxford and Cambridge and the English rowing system in general as "very bad." "I do not care to call the stroke I propose to teach the university oarsmen by any particular name," said Nickala. "It is the stroke with the greatest amount of effect, with the very least amount of exertion. It does not strain the muscles of the stomach; it opens up the chest in order to get wind and it is taken with a long slide. "The English stroke differs in that it is taken with a short slide. I do not believe in the way they row in England. I believe it is very bad. The average Poughkeepsie crew, especially the winner, would defeat the Oxford-Cambridge winner every time. "England's rowing is by no means satisfactory. It is not nearly as good as the system here. The Oxford style is very poor. They overreach too much, for one thing. I will use a modified stroke, combining what little good there is in the English and using the American long stroke in part." FOREIGN TIRE MAKERS DO NOT GUARANTEE MILEAGE In the talk of a foreign invasion by tire makers it is to be borne in mind that standards of selling tires abroad are different from those in vogue here. Guarantees are unheard of abroad, and there is not even a sort of understanding, when the tire is bought, that it is likely to run any given number of miles. Under such conditions foreign makers invading this field will have to make changes in their selling methods if they are to stand on the same footing with American manufacturers. Of course, the recent cut in American tire prices makes the invasion less certain. Most tire manufacturers in this country give it to be understood, when the tire is bought from them, that it should give about 3,500 miles service. They can hardly be said to give a guarantee in so many words. Possibly Charles Webb Murphy might find a berth in the Outlaws if he would ask really pretty.