

'Twas Awful, but Worth It, at That



Drawn for The Bee by 'Bud' Fisher



Judgments

A GOOD friend has tipped us off to the fact that Pa Rourke is simply flim-flaming us when he says he has a real ball team for this year. "Nothing to it," our friend tells us: "It's the same old stall-just a lot of spavs and young dead-heads."

AS GOOD AS THEY EVER WERE

Referee Griffin Concedes Boxers Never Better Than Now. OLDER CRITICS ARE WRONG Those Who Argue that Ring Game Has Stood Still in Face of Other Improvements Are Badly Mistaken.

HANK WILL TRY ALMOST ANYTHING ONCE.



NEW BILLIARDS INTERESTING

Expert Jack Doyle Explains Attraction of 14.1 Game. COMBINES A HAPPY MEDIUM Makes an Excellent and Absorbing Pastime for Any Amateur Follower of the Indoor Sport.

PACKEY M'FARLAND TALKING ABOUT RETIREMENT.



Base Ball Poet Sings of Spring

By FRED S. HUNTER. Automobile Show Poem. I know that you think I am fibbing in every sense of the word. When I tell you I have a machine, and believe me, it's some little bird; it's quite a nice machine to own, for cost driving's very small.

Chicago papers all are against Murphy in this controversy, as all the papers over the country are so far as we have seen. The newspapers usually can be depended on in some situations to discover the merits of the case. The thing that has struck all fair-minded men is simply this, that persisted in indefinitely Murphysm would destroy base ball.

Not a Gentleman's Task. Trying to win an argument from an old fellow may not be regarded as a gentleman's task, but just the same we have to have a little encouragement to our present generation and let the rising ones see that there will be the chance for improvement in their time.

Hank O'Day, the veteran National League umpire, who is again essaying the role of big league manager, despite his woeful experience in Cincinnati. O'Day was selected by Owner Charles Murphy to succeed Johnny Evers as leader of the Chicago Cubs, and it is generally believed that O'Day will make a success of his second venture in this line, providing, of course, that Murphy allows him to have full control of his job.

Storz Semi-Pros Prepare for the Approaching Year. The Storz Base Ball club has practically completed arrangements for the coming season and is patiently awaiting the warmer days of March, when the players are hopeful of being able to get a limited amount of practice to put them in fair condition for the opening games with Pa Rourke's leaguers.

College Foot Ball Teams Told About Big Penn Uni Team. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 21.—College foot ball teams that have been scheduled with Pennsylvania next fall are warned to prepare betimes for some real mussy afternoons.

Rose Pitonof and Elionsky to Meet in Endurance Test. BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Rose Pitonof, the club's greatest swimmer, and Harry Elionsky, the young giant from New London, will compete next June in what will probably be the greatest test for endurance ever held. The terms of the race are different from any ever before made in a swimming race.

Gate City Tourney is Now Under Way. Yesterday afternoon on the Morrison alleys, the Gate City league's first annual tournament opened. The five-men events were the first on the program and will be continued throughout today. Tonight the doubles start, and the singles will be rolled tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Frank Chance, they say, raised three men from the depths of a swollen stream in the southern California flood and saved their lives. Now, if Frank can lift the Yankees out of the American league cellar and land them on high ground, maybe he can talk the Nobel prize people out of a medal. President Tener is the man of the hour. He was needed at the helm of the National league. With him there and Ban Johnson on the job for the Americans, base ball should grow faster than ever.

Official Schedule of Western League for Season of 1914

Table with columns for cities (Denver, Lincoln, Topeka, Wichita, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Sioux City, Omaha) and dates for various games throughout the season.

Alley No. 1—Hanley Mace, Alley No. 2—Dispatcher, Alley No. 3—Murphy-Did-It, Alley No. 4—Thomas and Colby, Alley No. 5—Betty Butter, NINE O'CLOCK, Alley No. 1—P. O. E. No. 23, Alley No. 2—Browning King Co., Alley No. 3—Sunderland Bros., Alley No. 4—X-Rays, DOUBLES—4:30 SQUAD, Alley No. 1—Lace and Lindsay, Alley No. 2—Stine and Hoffman, Alley No. 3—Monroe and Parton, Alley No. 4—Rudford and Parton, Alley No. 5—Goodhart and Abbott, Alley No. 6—McCabe and Furhouse, FIVE-THIRTY SQUAD, Alley No. 1—Nelson and Terrence, Alley No. 2—Braman and Lee, Alley No. 3—Dahmke and Rosenberg, Alley No. 4—Lace and Lindsay, Alley No. 5—Dudley and G. Hoffman, Alley No. 6—Chamberlain and Heintze, SIX-THIRTY SQUAD, Alley No. 1—Nelson and Terrence, Alley No. 2—Lanworthy and Karr, Alley No. 3—Weber and Reis, Alley No. 4—Thomas and Colby, Alley No. 5—McAndrews and Boler, Alley No. 6—Milek and Merton, EIGHT-THIRTY SQUAD, Alley No. 1—Bourgeois and Welch, Alley No. 2—King and Ortman, Alley No. 3—Mullen and Parton, Alley No. 4—Wiley and Fita.