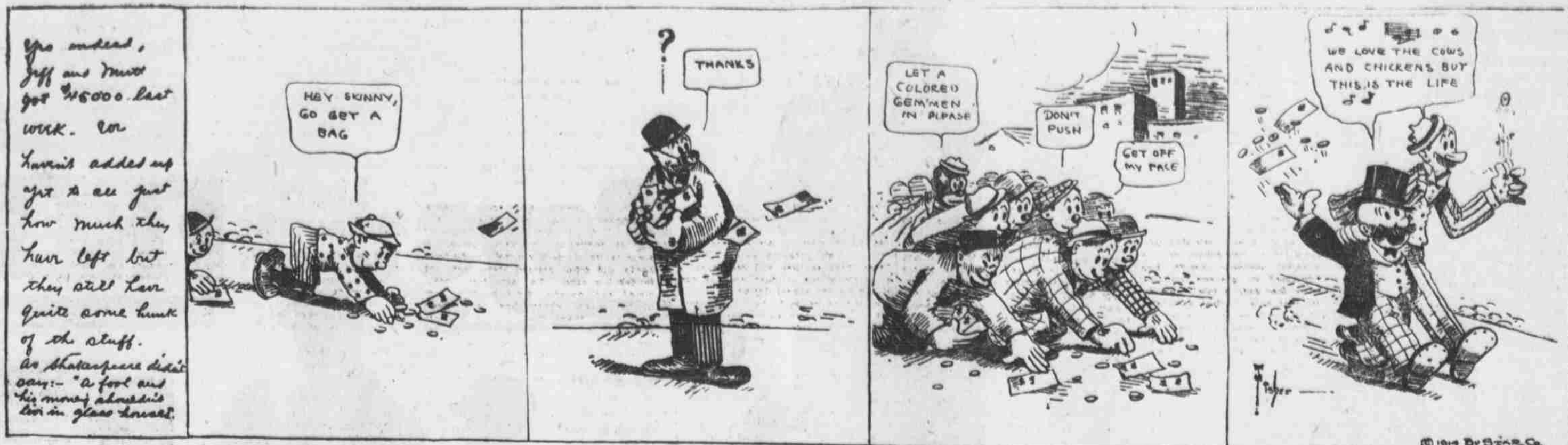


What's the Use of Having It if You Can't Toss It Off?

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

It is gratifying to know that the federal authorities have decided to enforce the federal laws for the protection of migratory birds. These laws are often violated with impunity until, in fact, they are entirely lost sight of by some hunters-hunters, we say, not sportsmen. The true sportsman has more sense than to think he can go on with a work of sheer devastation indefinitely. Now, it would be quite as gratifying if the state authorities of Nebraska would take it into their official heads to enforce the laws against ravishing streams of fish, seeing in a wholesale fashion, such as has been going on at Carter lake and other places. It is a shame that the present state administration at Lincoln has not taken vigorous action to protect the fish and enforce the law. Repeatedly open and specific charges of such devastation have been published by The Bee, to which information has come in well expressed communications from sportsmen with the best interests at heart. They have shown that fishing has been going on under the very eyes of those supposed to prevent it, those officially charged with such responsibility; and that this selling was purely for commercial purposes. Some of these accusers have even gone so far as to name the very places in Omaha where large quantities of fish illegally caught are illegally sold. These things have been revamped in bold enough a way to reach the attention, not only of the deputies, whose business it is to look out for such things, but the governor, whose business it is to look out for the deputies. Under a former game warden this wholesale-robbing of the lake for commercial purposes was stopped and prevented so long as he remained in office. This we mention as showing that it can be done. It is all in the man. Dan O'Connell did it. Anybody else in the position Dan O'Connell held can do it if he wants to. The governor should "give a look" into the situation. The charges are not made by The Bee, but by sportsmen, who claim to have a very intimate knowledge of the facts.

INITIAL GAME SATURDAY

Local Sandloters Will Then Gloriously Open Season. FIVE LEAGUES NOW IN LINE. Forty Teams, Totalling Very Close to Five Hundred Players, Are Warming Up for Coming Contests. By FRANK QUIGLEY. Next Saturday base ball will make its initial bow to Omaha, because the Saturday leaguers will commence hostilities on that date, and the following day, Headgear Sunday, the boys that toss the pill on the Sabbath will jump into the arena. Many practice events will be on the bill of fare, for today and if climatic conditions are favorable all the available vacant lots will be utilized by different teams and other parties that don't care to join a regular team, but occasionally like to toss the horseshoe for a little recreation as well as to limber up their muscles. Sandloters will be in better condition this season relative to diamonds than ever before. The only one in question was Fort Omaha, and the finishing touches to this were administered last week when the diamond was turned over to local warriors. Heretofore admission has been charged to the games at Fort Omaha, but nothing can be charged this year. Five leagues are apparently on a solid footing, namely: City league, Commercial league, Mercantile league, Twin City league and the Class "A" Saturday league. Each is composed of eight teams, making a grand total of forty, and approximately 500 players. Magnates Have Meeting. Last Monday evening at the council chamber of the city hall the magnates of the City league and the Twin City league held a meeting for the purpose of adopting their schedules. They were adopted. Constitutions for both leagues have been drawn up and they will be submitted for adoption at a meeting to be held at the council chamber Monday night. From all the facts that can be gathered it is a lead pipe that these two leagues will stick like flies in molasses. A large crowd of fans will undoubtedly be on hand next Sunday at Rourke park to witness the bloodless encounter between the Stars Triumphs and the ducks that are looking for a berth on Pa Rourke's payroll. Depends on Weather. If Old Man Jupiter Fivinus keeps his faucets closed and Mr. Sun shakes paw with fans next Saturday, there will be some real base ball. Both of the Saturday leagues will be done in their war paint and all of their games will be interesting, because they are all after the honey. The Auditorium Pharmacy will buck up against the Gas Company. The Bell Kids will try and grab the bacon from the Armours. The Eagles will endeavor to fly away with a game from the Paganos and the Omaha National Bank will do

Snodgrass to Shine at Third Corner

Fred Snodgrass, the speedy center fielder of the New York Giants, who is being groomed by Manager McGraw to fill the third base position left vacant by the resignation of his pal, Arthur Shaffer. Snodgrass has been starring in the practice games. He has been holding down his new position in fine style and has been one of the heaviest hitters in the Marlin camp. McGraw and company: Carrou, catcher; Bell, pitcher; Motis, first; Weber, second; Zaloudek, third; Selbert, short; Whitney, Krug and Hildus, outfielders. Lorus Camp, Hatcher and Linahan, catchers. Fox and somebody else, pitchers; Vanous, first; Smith, second; Hagg, short; Tracey, third; Denny, Denison and Pletcher, outfielders. Diamond Dust. Last week the Victors changed their label to Ames Avenue Merchants. The Mogullians will play the P. A. C's at Twenty-sixth and Marthas streets. The O. D. K's, and the Hemis Parks will put on a nine-act practice show to-day. For games with the Carter company base ball squad call John Krulish at Harney 377. The O. D. K's have a crackerjack in sport territory. He will take care of the short stop territory. At Twenty-fourth and Vinton John Krulish's stalwarts will buck up against the Lulus contingent. Paule Kelly, nifty kinker, says with vehemence that he will not be on the firing line this season. The Saturday league have snatched Chris Lyck park through the generosity of Chris Lyck. Bill Blossies, the secretary of our amateur base ball association, is on the blitz with a pair of sore pipes. The Nebraska Auto School will be represented by the gang that formerly were known as the Fontenelles. Guinane, who will hold down the hot corner for the O. D. K's, should develop into a top-notch pitcher this season. Out at Greenwood Park last Sabbath the Hous crew held a smokeless battle. Friday the Walter G. Clarks have got three games booked with out-of-town gangs. They are sure getting an early start. Herty, who was signed up by Manager Horne of the Star weaster army to do some curling, is reported to be a wizard. The Browns Park Pharmacy and the victors chopped off by the City league managers. Manager Shannon was on deck to enter his team in the series as soon as he heard that the Clarks were going to quit. If you need a doodle on the first pouch of your pipe, you can get it at the still among the living. You can get him at Douglas 335. A new bunch under the Thorpin Athletic club slipped under the ropes last week. They have already hitched up with the City league. George Falconer of the Stars is one of the best comedians on local coaching lines. When he can't make you smile it is time to take a tonic. The Ames Avenue Merchants have changed their name to Mickel's Victrolas. More duets to purchase togethery will, made the change possible. Gus Bolt, the chief of the Midden baseball manipulators, is anxious for some classy ball teams to dine in his burg. For games slip him a line. Kearney and York, of the State league have been after Lefty Holland, but he has already affixed his non-de plume to a Grand Island parsonage. Last night the A. O. U. W. congregation held their annual justification party. All the boys promised to do their mightiest to land the championship. The Twin City Dudes have changed their think tanks about the date to com-

Ere Slumber's Chains Had Bound Me

BY F. S. HUNTER. To the English Sportsmen. When Mexicans are peaceful and Ban Johnson is quite still, When prohibition triumphs and the tango craze is nil, When Bodie takes to water and McLean has made the cure, When Topeka wins the pennant and the movies cease to lire, When the wrestling game is honest and our fighters really fight, When the White Sox beat old Connie in the bitter pennant fight, When sun shines in the winter and it snows in summer time, When a box seat at a ball game costs but a measly dime, When the Federal league goes busted and we get the public links, When the open-mouthed reformer really does just like he thinks, When reporters get more money and never work at night, When the socialists are powerful and the dark turns into light, Then the Brits may win a contest in some minor branch of sport, Perchance they'll win a golf match or a game upon the court. S. F. Brock having named his hydroplane the "Oregon Kid," it behooves Tom Lipton to call his yacht the "Fighting Mick" or the "Mike the Terrible." The Federal league has signed nine umpires so that Ad Brennan may present his prize ring act without fear of jeopardizing the league. Pat Newman takes the first pot at John McGraw and the latest reports declare that Connie Mack promises to get in the last one some time in next October. Base ball has a language, they say 'tis all its own, It's said to be the quietest tongue the world has ever known; Professors in the colleges have on it put the ban, While the sports of dear old London have to fit the can, But if you're seeking language, the least you should know is the confab that infests a poker game. Anyway the cold weather during the spring training season is a good alibi. Fred Wittie, demon fan, also sends us a contribution, but we refuse to print more than one knock at a time. The Cards and the Browns ask that the receipts for the exhibition games be

Lines of Shamrock VI Part Revealed Show Old Model

(Continued from Page One.) to insure that the frames conform exactly with the sections as designed. The building of the mast is in itself a most interesting operation. Two masts will be ready by the time the boat is launched, for, as Mr. Nicholson observed, we almost expect the loss of a mast as one of the incidents in the tuning up of an America's cup competitor. The masts will be of wood, hollow, and will be the biggest spars of that description ever built. Mr. Nicholson remarked that there was an idea that Sir Thomas Lipton was entering into a contest under much more favorable conditions than those which governed former races. He pointed out that American designers had had eight years experience with the present rule. Mr. Nicholson said he would have preferred to build a seventy-five footer under the old rule and if that plan had been accepted there probably would have been only one defender built, while now three were in process of construction. 5,000 miles guaranteed on NOBBY TREAD TIRES. It pays to buy Rubber at a Rubber Store. Omaha Rubber Co., 1908 Harney St., just around the corner. Some Financier. Joe Villa says in the New York Evening Sun: "Although Veon Greig, the 'Naps' star left-hander, was under contract for \$5,000 to play again this year he told C. W. Somers, his employer, that he intended to jump to the Brooklyn Feds for more money." Somers therefore tore up Greig's contract and signed him over at a \$10,000 salary. Many Braves in Camp. Thirty-two players are present in the Boston Braves encampment, under the leadership of John Evers and "Rabbit" Maranville.

FRENCH FIGHTER LEARNS HIS LITTLE LESSON.

Sloux City is congratulating itself on getting Jim Kane for first base. Jim will, undoubtedly, fulfill the hopes. This is one way Jim may get a square deal with Omaha fans. If he clouts the ball in the pinches for the Sloux as he did for Omaha and plays first as well, keeping up his base running and bunting and all other departments of the game, you will hear the fans at Rourke park yelling their heads off for the man they knocked and booed the whole time he was a member of the Rourke team. Mark that.

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