BALL GAME MUCH IMPROVED

Sport Has Advanced in Every Way During Last Twenty Years.

GRIFFITH COMPARES NOTES

Furnishes Some Interesting Data by Standing Players of Different Times Along Side of Each Other.

BY PRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, April 4.- Base ball today is a faster, more scientific game than it est, shipping sateddites of the present age, in the opinion of Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Americane. in an League Base Ball.

Griffith, after declaring that he has been connected with the big leagues for Bride of the Washington club. He is the I wenty-five years, compares the different best defensive man in the business, but stars of the past and present and fur- a weak hitter. If he could club like Wagnishes some interesting base ball history, ner he would be the greatest shortshop Charles Comiskey, now owner of the of all time.
White Sox, is ranked by Griffith as the greatest first baseman that ever held own the initial bag. Grif credits him der, and Fletcher of the Giants is a with revolutionizing the system of play-

ing first base. "He was the first man to see the possibilities of the position." writes Griffith. ceved the balls thrown to him, but never moved away. But soon after Comiskey got the first basing job for the old St. Louis Browns he was discovered playing about ten feet back of the bag and about the same distance to the right. People thought him crazy and yelled to the manager to 'can' him. Even his own teamniates kicked. But the manager had confidence in the brainy Comiskey, and when he began to grab the balls that formerly scooted off to right field for hits, and bent the runner to the bag with them, the Jeers changed to cheers.

Comiskey Worries Pitcher.
"This encouraged Comiskey to playeven farther back, and he finally forced the first baseman was fielding the ball. men doing the same thing."

Griffith then stated that Anson, alhough a great player, was not Comiskey's equal; that Dan Brouthers, also a wonderful player, was rated under Anson. Speaker and Cobb as to which is the betgreat first basemen during the interven- and a better batter, but Speaker stands ing years," wrote Griffiths. "Then there out as a fielder. came three men who give promise of being even greater first basemen than thrower and batter, but he does not shine those who have gone before. They are as a base runner. Milan of Washington Jake Daubert of Brooklyn, 'Stuffy' Mc- is a better ball player than Jackson. He is a better ball player than Jackson. He is a splendid fielder, splendid base run-

"Herman Long of the old Boston club, was the greatest shortstop I ever have has known. The only man who ever approached him was Mike Relly, of the old time and played the position in wonderful style, but Long, in my opinion, never wonder, but not quite equal to Ewing.

Shafts Salary Arm.

Outfielder "Little Nemo" Leiboid of the sole candidate in the high jump. Chicago White Sox. Kelly, too, was a wonder, but not quite equal to Ewing.

Walter Juhnson is the greatest pitcher word ever approached him was Mike Relly, of the old the Naps was once a left-handed thrower, and he can still heave the old pill pretty also showing up in good shape.

"Walter Juhnson is the greatest pitcher" wonder, but his couth wing. He shifted to

Williamson, of the old White Sox, was of today, but wonderful as he is there his left arm weakest.

Here is the greatest base ball team of all time, in the opinion of Clark Griffith, manager of the senators: Charles Comiskey (St. Louis, Browns), first base; Eddle Collins (Athletics), second base; Herman Long (Boston), shortstop; Jimmy Collins (Boston), third base; Bill Lange (Chicago), left field; Tris Speaker (Boston), center field; Ty Cobb (Detroit), right field; 'Buck" Ewing (New York), catcher; Amos Rusie (New York), pitcher; Cy Young (Cleveland), pitcher; Christy Mathewson (New York), pitcher; Walter Johnson (Washington) pitcher.

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a wonderful shortstop in 1890. He used was twenty-five years ago, but many to play without a glove. Dahlen, Corstars of the old days outrank the bright- coran, Jennings, Wellace and Davis also were marvellous shortstops. And so is Wagner. Hans has a barrel of ability, but he is not such a foxy player as many article on "Twenty-five Years in Big persons think. But he is a wonderful batter.

"On the par with Wagner I place Mc-

Barry a Wonder. "Barry, of the Athletes, also is a won-

mighty good man. "Of all the third basemen I think Me-

Graw and Jimmy Collins of the Boston Sox were the best. McGraw was foxier Before his day a first baseman was only than Colins, and a better hitter, but Cola basket. He stood glued to the bag, re- line was the better fielder. He was the most graceful fielding third baseman the game ever has seen. And this gives him the edge.

"Gardner of the Red Sox, Foster of the Washingtons and Baker of the Athletics are the only third basemen who can be compared to these two. Baker is a poor fielder; he is awkward, but he is such a wonderful batter that it lifts him up to the top-notch. Foster is a foxy fielder and a foxy batter-a great all around man. Gardner is a wonder, but not quite in Foster's class."

"Tris Speaker is the most remarkable outfielder that ever lived." remarks Griffith, after according piaces in the Outfield Hall of Fame to more than a the pitcher to do the unheard of thing of store of the past and on fly balls playing the first baseman's position when that I ever have seen. His throws are deadly. Ratters hit the ball a mile, yet So well did these innovations work that Speaker goes out to the fence and gets them gets drives that other men would have to let go for three base hits and home runs.

Cobb Better Base Runner. "Of course, it is hard to judge between Until Hal Chase came there were no ter man. Cobb is a better base runner

"Jackson of Cleveland is a wonderful

generation suffers. Cobb and Speaker hasoman of the present day," writes great outfield stars of the past and them. Griffith gives Fred Pfeffer of the old Fielder Jones, Jesse Burkett, Elmer Flick, its who I think were the greatest men before with Goethe, Harnsburger, Hugg. present were Wille Keller, Fred Clarke,

Herman Long of the old Boston club, him the best ball player the world ever

of my Washington team. They are wonner and a consistent 300 hitter. He is
continually using his head.

Eddie Collins, in Grif's opinion, is the
Comparing these stars with Bill Lange

Young and Kid Nichols. And then came greatest second baseman the world has of the old generation, shows that the old Mathewson. Clarkson, Keefe and Nichols were not quite as good as Matty and When we consider Collins there is no are Lange's superiors, and I think Milan Johnson are today, but Young and Rusie, recruits. His sprinters now include use of talking about any other second is simost Lange's equal. Among the other in their prime, were right along with Wherry, Reese, Zumwinkle, Irwin, Scott,

White Sex and "Biddy" McPhee of the old Cincinnati Reds places among the greatest men that ever worked at the keystone station.

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Catchers Not Se Good Now.

The damond I am only giving my own opinion. Some may differ with me, but these conclusions are drawn after but these conclusions are drawn after Reed has also picked up some candi-From their day until the coming of present day are not as good as those watching closely the thousands who have dates for the hurdles, with Lindstrum

right-handed throwing because he found

MEET ALONG IN MAY

(Continued from Page One.)

Bates, Lipman and Keese. His distance

Collins, Lajole, the big, graceful Frenchof the other days. Buck Ewing never come and gone since I entered the big as the mainstay and Kruse, Halligan, shone as the brilliant star.

the big foot ball man: Nafaiger and the big foot ball man; Nafaiger and

with Mrs. S. R. Burgess of St. Louis, give a deceptive appearance to mislead with the Aggies, and on the following holder of the United States woman's the solver, who seeing that his king can Saturday will entertain Minnesota on the chess championship, Mrs. Burgess writes be attacked from all directions, and that home track. With victories already date for the match. Whenever the date is ceives the impression that the problem Huskers are especially anxious to make no plausible means of defense exist, re- scored in foot ball and basket ball the set Mrs. Nixdorff is prepared to go to must be a forcing one, beginning with a lt a clean sweep against the Gophers check. To an expert solver no two-move and beat them on the track. The Minnemate can possess any difficulty worth sots neet is followed by Wesleyan on mentioning; but to amateur players. May 21, and here the Cornbusters also who have no experience in such matters, have a bone to grind. The Methodists a problem of this kind is practically un- defeated Nebraska in the rubber basket ball same, and the Huskers intend to

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should Be Treated in Blood To Prevent Recurrence.



ference meet on May 20 and the Western before the season is over,

pick his complete team for the remain- for the co-eds. Base ball teams will be

Specer Candidates Few. failed to bring out a very big squad ers, and fater on in the season it is inowing to unfavorable weather conditions, timated that the public will be admitted but Coach Stiehm started his soccer foot to see the games.

reverse the tables on the track. The ball campaign and will continue instruc-Cornhuskers also will have a representation. He hopes to interest a greater tive team at the Missouri Valley con- portion of the male undergraduate body

Intercollegiate meet in Chicago a week Not to be outdone, the girls are preparing to play base ball this spring, and Tryouts for the varsity team have been the athletic authorities in charge of the fixed for April 25 on the university ath- physical education bureau have set next letic grounds. At that time Reed will week as a special week of instruction der of the season in a competitive meet organized among the co-eds of the difbetween the members of the squad. | ferent classes and a schedule arranged to determine the class championship. The call for soccer candidates this week. The girls will wear the regular bloom-



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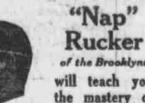




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ED. WALSH

Lesson Number 1 By G. HARRIS WHITE "DOC" WHITE

also showing up in good shape.

In the weight events Reese has two excellent competitors in Dale and Lahman, both, bis fellows, who are showing up well in practice. The pole vault will be well cared for by Lindstrum and Reavis, who have no equals in the yalley.

Nebraska's first dual meet is still nearly a month off, when the Cornhuskers will send two relay teams to Des Moines to compete in the Drake relay meet, but Reed has little hope of making much of a showing there. Following the Kansas meet at Lawrence on May 1 the Cornhuskers will go to Ames for a dual meet with the Aggies, and on the following Saturday will entertain Minnesota on the home track. With victories already scored in foot ball and basket ball the Huskers are especially anxious to make it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat it a clean aweep against the Gophers and beat them on the track. The Minnesota and material is the Gophers and the control of the

Given in the Complete Course.

SHADOW PITCHING. There is a name I have carried under my vest for a long time. It made a pitcher of me and gave me that control of the ball that has turned the scale many a time against the best batters and players in the big leagues. Not every man can be a "SPEED RING," but any man who has "CONTROL" can be a successful pitcher. A slow ball and control are a far better combination than fast balls and passed balls and a few walks to first base. A base on balls is practically a hit—it gives the batsman just as good a title to "first sack" as if he had knocked the stitches out of the first ball pitched.

When I joined fast company I was a raw recruit—just a good prespect. On the first trip of the club around the circuit I was not considered worth a ticket, and was left at

home with the crippies and with instructions to practice with anyone who wanted exercise. This gave me something of a jolt and time to think. It also gave me a realisation that some day, in a one-sided game, the "Bora" would send me to the mound, and that my fare depended upon my showing him something when that day came. Control of the hell and how to get it was my problem, and after heavy drafts on my gray matter and much experimenting, this is how I solved it:

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College professors and other scientists have tried to determine why a spit ball takes its peculiar curve. I do not know, but I do know how to make it break and that is the important thing. The moist ball can be thrown several ways, but the best, the most easily learned and therefore the easiert to control is that shown in the Illustration.

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into the small hours of Friday morn-J. Marshall in speeches, songs and reci-tations. The club chose its thirty- and five draws. His successful opposeventh annual banquet as a fitting occusion to hid godapeed to the cham-pion of the United States on the eve of Julius Finn played six opponents blindhis departure for Russia. The banquet folded, winning four and drawing two was given in the Hotel Brevoort, and games. proved one of the most successful in the history of the club. The details were managed by Dr. Marion Mills Miller, and Walter J. Rosenstein, vice president of the club, proved a vivacious teastmaster. The guest of honor, being called upon, responded with a modest speech in which he assured his friends of his determination to make his presence felt at St. Fetersburg in behalf of America.

Jose H. Capablanca, the Cuban master, n an effort to get into form for the Bt. through that country reads like one of raburg, Moscow, Pakow, Serpuchow, Wiborg, Kiev. Odessa, all have been the scenes of triumph forthe Cuban. At Mos-cow, one of the chief strongholds of chees only three. White has five and black it has been selected for its artistic meat-ness and simplicity, and should not prevent esta, he played in all 147 games, of which he won 106 and drew 16. In his mhich, taken in connection with his blancha will enter the forthcoming inter-Hehlschter, Marocsy and Marshall.

gotiations between Norman T. Whitals losing the title. On the other hand, sen. Dr. H. W. Brendel, George N.

G. Marco of Vienna announces an international gamble tournament, open to ten players of acknowledged repute, to be held at Baden, near the Austrian capi-May 2, and there will be four cash

A match of six games between Richard Teichmann and Rudolph Spielmann,

is ill-starred march to Moscow. St. is correctly set up, but solvers may be misled by the parentheses above and below, which give white and black each

simultaneous exhibition at Pakow he met tion of No. 10 from G. A. Ireland of thirty opponents and swept the heards. Tekamah, the list of solvers reached allowing not so much as one draw. All high tide with twenty-eight names. This rases against such masters as Dr. ber of seventeen who succeeded in solv-Snozko-Borowski, Alchine, ing No. 9. We are glad to note that answitzen, Dus-Chotimirski and Dr. several solvers who have already missed fartakower, would indicate that Capa- one or two problems have expressed their determination to continue. The probnutional tournament a strong favorite. lems afford a pleasant quarter of an hour daspite the participation of experts of the to the real "fan"; moreover, it may type of Dr. Tarrasch, Rubinstein, easily happen that the winner of the tournament will fall in one or two in-

of Washington and Marshall to play Tourney problem No. 11 .- K-Kth Solved s match for the United States champion- by L. E. Minier, G. E. Cypher, Jacob hip have fallen through in consequence Sass, R. L. Darting, H. D. Lanyon, Dr. of their disagreement as to the amount J. M. Curtis, W. R. Eilis, W. E. Fenlon, rshall should receive in the event of L. A. Tyson, H. J. Hansen, H. S. Niel the sum asked by Marshall If he won the mour, A. K. Dame, Mrs. L. R. Marr,

Mrs. C. E. Nixdorff, champion of the Otto Kruse, Verne K. Viele, Woman's Chess club of New York, has

In his farewell performance at the Manhattan Chess club, Marshall met March II, members and guests of thirty opponents, including two members the Manhattan Chess club lionized Frank of the Woman's Chess club. His score nents were Millard W. Ellison, M. J. Julius Finn played six opponents blind-

tal, beginning April 5. It will last until

played recently at Leipsic, resulted in a one-sided victory for Telchmann, who won five of the games. These two mas-Petersburg tournament April 30, has ac- ters, together with E. Cohn and J. Mieses, repled all invitations to visit the various will engage in a short tourney before the issa citibs of Russia. His progress opening of the St. Petersburg congress. Napoleon's campaigns before he made | Loyd's problem of last Sunday's issue

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h was a modest one. Marshail will be Howard Ohman, Jay Thompson, William

bell, Mrs. R. C. Moore, F. C. Swearingen, H. Thomsen, J. G. Fort, Ernest Frisch,

made another effort to arrange a match says that it "is especially constructed to Sam Loyd, the author of this problem, solvable." Which is more or less of a compliment to the twenty-seven success-

> It is hoped that Marshall will make a notable addition in Russia to his large Rheumatic Throat and unique collection of "ewindles." Between Marshall and Capablanca, the outnok for the western hemisphere is in-

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stamp if you wish a reply. Problem No. 14. which fellows, is a three-mover, the first of the tournament ness and simplicity, and should wor prove as difficult as some of the two-movers

BLACK (three pleces).

