

Bringing Up Father

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Old-Time Bowlers Who Prove They Are Not in the Old Spav Class Yet



The Beselin Old Moxers, who are leading the Commercial league. The youngest man on the team says he is only 55 and the oldest admits he is 65. From left to right as they stand these youngsters are W. Voss, F. J. Bengels, H. G. Matthes, T. W. Olin, H. Beselin (captain) and W. A. Chandler.

Judgments

SO MUCH has been said and written about the why and wherefore of Walter Johnson's case that a few words from Walter, himself, explaining why he jumped Washington for the Feds seems to us at least germane. Walter addressed quite a letter on the subject to the sporting editor of the Washington Post, from which the following is taken:

WOULD COPY HENLEY MEET

Big Colleges of Country Supporting Series of Contests. MANY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE There Are Any Number of Localities in United States Where Intercollegiate Regattas Could Be Staged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—About the most sensible idea that has ever been advanced in connection with intercollegiate sports is the project to hold in this country a regatta modeled along the lines of the English Henley, at which the crews of the various universities and colleges will meet in a series of contests to determine the question of supremacy. Now that the movement has progressed to the stage of the formation of the Collegiate Rowing Association of America, and there is more than a fair prospect that a regatta such as that suggested will become a fact in the near future, it is a source of wonder that it was never undertaken before and that this country for these long years has been without a water carnival of this character.

System One Best Bet. "It's the one way that the college rowing championship may be definitely determined," said Jim Rice, who is a strong advocate of the project. "With two distinct regattas being held each year the question of which crew is superior is always left open to argument, and it is an unsatisfactory system at its best. Now the idea is to devote an entire week to college rowing, with the various variety crews competing in preliminary heats and the survivors of these meetings in the final race for the championship. The distance of the events naturally must be decreased from the four-mile route they now travel in their one race each year. This would be a marked improvement over the old way and would give manager chosen from the ranks of the team.

President Combsley has done a daring thing in calling to the management of his White Sox Harry Rowland, whose entire experience has been in minor league baseball. But as a great commander who knows his business Commy probably has reason to rely on his judgment in this case. One thing seems certain, the new manager will have no very lofty precedents of late to overcome.

Live Turkey Bird Shoots at Omaha Gun Club Today

Live turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, choice fowls particularly appropriate to sumptuous Christmas feasts, will be hung up as prizes to the trap shooters at both gun clubs. Starting at 10 o'clock this morning shooters will begin breaking the blue rocks at the Omaha and the Carter Lake Gun clubs. At the latter place the birds will be right on the ground for the shooters to live home, and as the Omaha club tickets on commission houses will be given. Luncheons will be served at noon and the trappers are anticipating a merry day.

Announce Kissel Kar Line for 1915

The Kissel Motor Car company of Hartford, Wis., announces the completion of its line for 1915 with the introduction of a new six to sell for \$5,000. This model, which has been in preparation for more than a year and tested in all sections of the United States, bears out the good reports that have been circulated regarding it. It is not only uncommonly attractive in appearance and mechanically meritorious, but possesses a very marked individuality. It has a wheel base of 38 inches and is therefore by no means a small car.

Women Recognized by the Maxwell Men

At a recent meeting of the vocational federation in Chicago some striking testimonials were given to the plan of Walter E. Flanders, president of the Maxwell Motor company, to employ women demonstrators to sell to women prospects on an "equal pay for equal work" basis. Mrs. T. Vernet Morse, honorary president for life of the federation, said: "The first inception of the Vocational Art federation came from a desire to help women enter every field of endeavor on an equal basis with men. I am pleased, as founder of the federation, to endorse the women's advisory committee of the Maxwell Motor company, which has been organized for the purpose of placing vocations for women on an equal basis with those of men."

Berlin Olympics in Doubt

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Just About This Time Every Year

By F. S. HUNTER

The Grand Old Dope. When the season is finally over and the very last game has been played, the pennant's been won by the winners and the players from slight quickly fade, and the team has finished way down in the lists, the manager's given the gate, then again springs that hope called eternal, and the fans dope early and late. Another vet is handed the reins and chances are made in the team, prospects are great for a winter to the hopeful fans it would seem. A star is attached to the roster, new players come into the club, and during the spring training season each team in the league will they drub. But, alas! when the regular season is started in beautiful spring, the stars pull boners and errors, the bacon they fail to bring. They crack and strain and they fall, they break and begin to bend, they fall far down toward the bottom; it's always the same old end. But it doesn't make any difference, though a pennant they've never won, the dream of the fan never ceases, the grand old dope still is spun. And they figure and scrape and they argue—but, why should we still chew the rag? For except in the winter league doping, but one team in eight wins a flag. WHERE ART THOU, DAVE? With all this cutting of salaries and one thing or another, we wonder who told Davis Paltz silence was a virtue? A Real Big City. You have got to hand it to Chicago. After falling for a six-day bike race they want to legalize boxing in Illinois. Inasmuch as a bunch of minor leagues, including the Western, will use but five umpires next year, we can see where it will be easy to find men to drive trucks. THINK OF BELGIUM, ATHLETES. Why howl and say you're a victim of fate? Because the mags have clipped off your tail? You might be a lot worse off than you are— You might be driving a dray. Like Walter Johnson. We suppose now that Jimmie Austin has jumped to the Feds, he is a rotten ball player, all in, a cripple and a pensioner. In Ann Arbor they are accusing Harvard of "poor sportsmanship" in refusing to play Michigan next fall. That's strikes no less than eighty times. Nelhoff of Cincinnati was wind, with seventy-seven, while Dolan of St. Louis is credited with the same number. Cravath, the Phillies' slugger, fanned seventy-two times. Chicago led the league in number of bases on balls. The Cubs got 561 passes, Boston was next with 527. New York was fourth, with 467. Miller Huggins got more debuts than any other player, with 105. George Burns of the Giants was third, with eighty-nine, while Johnny Evers of the Braves got eighty-seven. In the fielding eyeglasses, Pittsburgh led the first basemen in fielding, while Evers of Boston was the best second baseman. Lohert was the best of the third basemen in fielding in a high number of games, while old Hans Wagner again led the short stops. Jack Murray of the Giants had a perfect fielding average among the outfielders. "Babe" Adams of the Pirates was the best fielding pitcher, while Snyder of St. Louis in ninety or more games was the best fielding catcher. Light Hardens and Cracks Rubber Tires. "Now that the season for winter storage of cars and tires is at hand," says one of the Goodyear tire experts, "motorists will find that by following a few simple rules they can and will save themselves trouble and expense. In a comparative sense it can be taken as absolutely true that age has no effect upon tires if they are kept in a dry, cool place and covered to exclude the light. "When rubber is continuously exposed to light for a long time, it finally loses its elasticity. The rubber hardens and cracks and thus the life-time of a tire's service may be lessened or lengthened, according to the care of the motorist. "Tires stored in a warm place 'continue to vulcanize.' This process is very slow under such circumstances, of course, but if continued long enough the rubber becomes harder, less resilient and subject to cracking. A little care may mean many miles. Mack Picks Red Sox. Connie Mack has picked the Boston Red Sox as the team most likely to win the American league pennant next year, with Detroit the next strongest contender. Connie is a wise old bird, but he has made wrong guesses. For instance, he picked the Athletics to win the 1914 world's series.