

Bringing Up Father



Drawn for The Bee by George McManus

Judgments

RED DOON continues unsettled in his plans for 1915. He has wig-wagged back and forth a good deal with the Federals, but thus far not coupled up. He has come in for some panning at the hands of those ever ready to pan, but when Doon's case is thoroughly considered the fairest opinion, we believe, will not pan him. More than that, we believe with the writer of the following in the Base Ball World, that the Philadelphia management owes something to Charley Dooin, which will continue in his debt unless it at least gives him an unconditional release.

Dooin has spent fourteen years with the Phils, and in that time caught more games of base ball than any catcher in the country. In the American league war, he was loyal, although offered double the salary paid him by the Phils. Year after year he was the team's mainstay behind the bat and often caught more than 90 games every season. Never once has he ever had to be disciplined or even rebuked for breaking training rules. He has always kept himself in good condition, been entirely tractable and never a breeder of discord. These qualities, together with his skill as a player, resulted in his appointment as manager in 1913.

He caught most of the games in '10 and '11, but with the coming of Killifer and because of his excessive drinking habits, he gave the youth a chance and did not take part in so many games. Now Dooin has been relieved of his managerial duties, but his work as a private in the ranks must not be forgotten. Dooin was 34 years old when he was named manager, and he has more than 20 years of experience. An unconditional release means much to him, for he could get a better contract as a free agent than if another club had to buy his release. The Phils have two competent catchers in Killifer and Burns and don't need Dooin, but they should not attempt to profit by his sale, when it means money out of Dooin's pocket.

After deposing him as manager to player, the ownership would not only be doing Dooin an injustice not to release him unconditionally, but itself a foolish wrong. His refusal would be foolish. Such actions figure in the general expense account which O. B. B. is finding so difficult just now to settle.

Ernest J. Lanigan, writing in the Sporting News, says: Personally, I don't think the Federal league has had much to do with bringing about the present situation in base ball. The Gilmore league brought out the cupidity of some players, but the cupidity was there, everybody knew it.

Any unbiased man who will sit down and run back over the events of the last fifteen years will have to agree with Mr. Lanigan that the Federals are not responsible for present conditions. Present conditions are the inevitable consequences of acts and policies belonging to some of the very men loudest in their assaults upon the Federals. And there isn't space in this brief article to name all those men. All responsible for the Pulliam situation might be named: Charles Webb Murphy certainly must be so must Ben Johnson. And, after all, what a huge joke it is for Ben Johnson, the biggest rebel in the history of base ball, to continue throwing fits at present when other men are simply going a little further than he went along the same general path. 'Tis Johnson's business, of course, to uphold the interest of the American league, but not his business to try to blind people's eyes with dust in the doing.

This ray of light is thrown on Jack Coffey's "positive refusal to leave Denver for Pittsburgh," by a Pittsburgh sport writer: The charge that the Pittsburgh club merely covered up Jack Coffey for the Denver club is not a new one. The management made sincere efforts to sign the Denver manager-shortstop, who had been signed to a big Denver contract before the Pirates drafted him. While efforts were being made to get him in line, the local press in the history of base ball, Coffey could not begin to crowd Garber out of his job. For this reason the league figured in the history of base ball, Coffey to revert to the Denver club. Coffey is a good Class A shortstop, a fair hitter, but—

So old Johnny Kling is thinking of returning to the map. Well, if Neely Jawa says he can, he can, for he's nothing if not square. And he thinks he will turn a deaf ear to all those million-dollar offers from the Federals and go to Cincinnati if he goes anywhere. It probably would be a great thing for Cincy. Jawa "came back" one before, you remember, without much trouble.

Now that Ruppert of Hansau has bought the Yankees for \$200,000 or \$250,000, or whatever the figure was, and decided to spend \$1,500,000 on their rehabilitation, you may look for another A. L. team in Gotham such as the Griffith-Chester bunch, that missed the pennant only by one of Jack's wild "uns-maybe."

The formal announcement of "Wild Bill" Donovan as the new manager of the new Yankees spells that story about Comiskey having laid in Eddie Collins for New York's benefit as manager and key-stone. We look for Edward in a White Sox uniform when the birds begin to chatter.

Water Johnson is no longer famous as the great pitcher, but rather the man who refuses to keep or accept a \$5,000

HUSKER QUINTET AMBITIOUS

Nebraska Basket Ballers Starting Out for Missouri Valley Honors.

NO GAME WITH THE IOWA TEAM

Hawkeye Men Are Not Scheduled This Year—Notre Dame is Popular with Students and Will Be a Drawing Card.

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Basket ball comes next in Cornhusker athletics and Stehm's proteges will try to land a fourth Missouri valley championship in this branch of sport. The Husker squad this season is composed almost entirely of new men, and it will play the first conference games on January 15 and 16, opening with the Ames Aggies in Lincoln. The first trip away takes the Huskers to Manhattan, Kan., January 21 and 22, and to Lawrence, Kan., the following two days, when the Jayhawkers will be played.

On the eastern trip the Cornhuskers will play with the crack Fort Dodge (Ia.) team, Area for two championship games, and Minnesota. The Huskers play Drake two games the following week, which winds up the northern division series.

Stehm is not arranged for the early season games, but will probably practice against Colyer and Wesleyan. Although the basket ball squad has been working for nearly three weeks, Stehm has not picked his first team men. With the resumption of practice this week, the first team men will be chosen and instruction given in team work.

Athletic Manager Reed is receiving many favorable replies from high schools to the recent announcement of the plans for the big high school basket ball tournament. The only complaint heretofore has been from smaller schools that they have no chance in the present system of allotting contestants in the preliminary rounds. By the systematic grouping proposed, all of this is done away with.

Coach Stehm is expected back from Chicago the first of the week, where he attended the meeting of the western college rules committee. Upon Stehm's return it is expected that he will have more definite announcement concerning the foot ball schedule for 1915.

The scheduling of the game with Notre Dame will prove a popular move at Nebraska, since the undergraduate body has been waiting to break away from Iowa. The game with Notre Dame probably means that Iowa will not be seen on the Nebraska schedule. While Iowa draws big crowds at Lincoln, the receipts from the Hawkeye game at Iowa City were disappointing to the Nebraska management this year. Manager Reed then refused to give Iowa a fifty-fifty division of the gate receipts when the games were played in Lincoln, but offered a flat guarantee. This the Iowa management could not see, so negotiations ended abruptly.

The one remaining game which Cornhusker students are anxious to see scheduled is with an eastern team. It is known that Stehm has been working for an inter-sectional contest, but the Cornhusker mentor has been handicapped in many ways. While the Notre Dame game will give Nebraska a big boost in western foot ball and also afford a comparison with eastern eleven, since Notre Dame plays a majority of its games next season with eastern schools, the Cornhuskers have rather set their hearts on seeing Nebraska take on an eastern opponent.

Jackman Will Stick. Although Joe Jackson admits that a Federal league scout has been negotiating with him, he insists that he has no intention of jumping until his present contract of three years with the Cleveland club expires, October, 1916.

Dalton is Restless. Jack Dalton, the Brooklyn outfielder, is said to be poised for a jump to the Federal league unless the Brooklyn club comes through with an increase in salary.

Ronch Signs Up. Wilber C. Ronch, catcher and shortstop on the Buffalo International league team, last week signed a two-year contract with the Buffalo Federals.

check calling for that much perfectly good money.

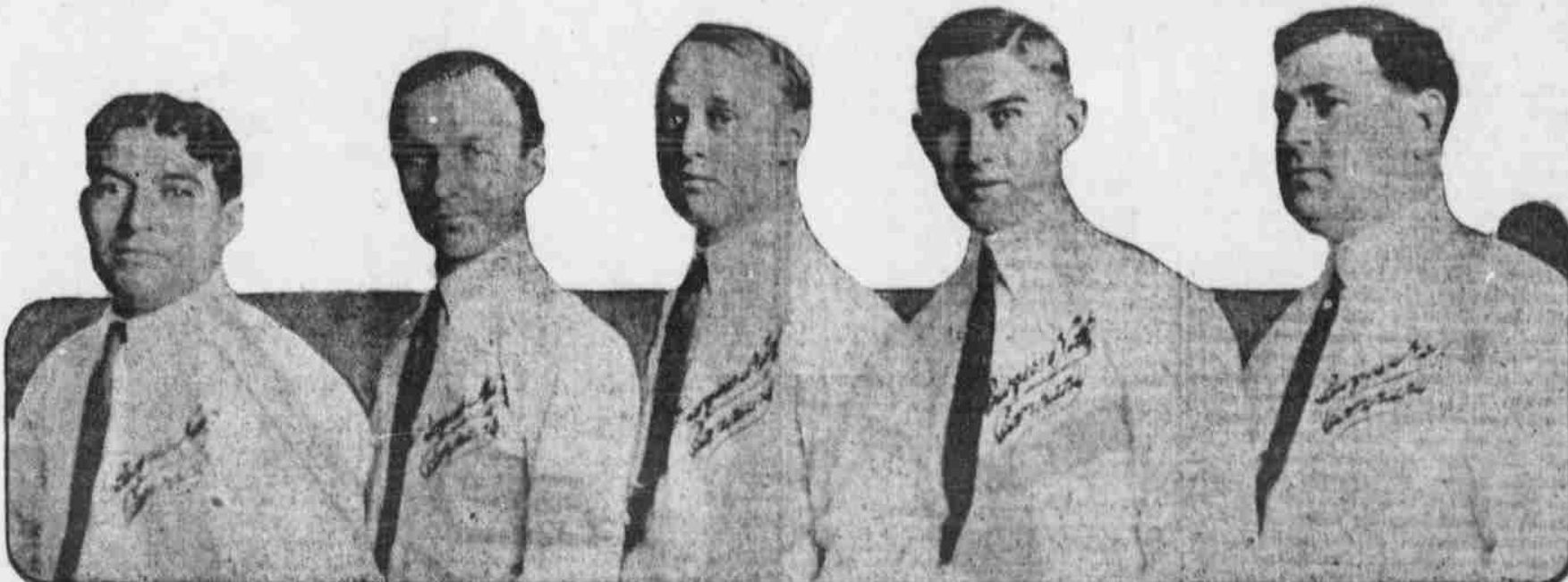
Barnum says Eddie Collins will have to attract \$200,000 paid admissions through Comiskey's turbanites to even up on the investment in him. Fans, he'll draw that number the first day.

That pipe about Brother Dave being responsible for conditions is only capped by the jolly jest that it is the great distance of the new bleachers from the diamond. Rich stuff, that.

No, little one, so far as we have heard neither Pretress nor Kneaves has been re-engaged for the Omaha line-up this year.

Pa Hourke must have some wonderful surprises to spring, judging from the mysterious secrecy he is preserving these days.

Burgess-Nash Bowlers Who Are Making Good Record



Burgess-Nash Company Team in Omaha League—Reading from left to right: Chester Wecker, Ted Neale, Carl Cain, Jimmy Jarosh and Art Cummings. This quintet of bowlers has been making life miserable for the Storz team, which is

at present leading the Omaha league. The Burgess-Nash boys are right at the Storz' heels and evince every sign of slipping to the fore if the brewers ever falter for the slightest instance. The Omaha league enjoyed a two weeks' lay-

off during the holiday season and the Burgess-Nash men are planning to push the Storz out of the cherished lead when hostilities are resumed this week. Every man on the Burgess-Nash quintet is an experienced bowler and regarded as

among the best in the city. Every last one of them will be found way up near the top of the Omaha league individual averages, and when they are put to it, 200 scores come easy.

GIBBONS STARTS BALL GOING

Begins Middleweight Elimination with McGoorty-Clabby Match.

EASIER TO FIGHT GOOD MEN

Famous Boxer Declares Himself in Favor of the Technical Glove-man Rather Than a Wild Hitter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Mike Gibbons has declared himself, and now indications are that the crowning of a real champion in the middleweight division will soon be in order.

By signing to meet Eddie McGoorty and Jimmy Clabby in bouts to be staged this month, Gibbons put in operation an elimination process that will come pretty near determining, once and for all, who is really entitled to play the principal part in the coronation ceremony.

These two contests will go further toward settling the titular dispute than any which have been fought since the dispute arose. Gibbons will meet McGoorty, first, facing him in the ring at Hudson, Wis. Then, when that is over, Mike will take on Clabby at Milwaukee on January 21. After these contests, provided he is successful in the McGoorty and Clabby bouts, Mike plans to get a match with George Chip here the latter part of February.

This series of bouts brings every middleweight of real championship prominence into action, with the possible exception of Jeff Smith and the fellow who flattened Chip. It is too bad that Gibbons' bouts are not to have an official decision, for if they were there would be no chance of disputing the victorious man's claims later. "No decision" affairs are unsatisfactory for this reason, still, the results of Mike's battles will go far toward clearing the situation.

Likes Hard Fighters. Fighting hard men is more to Gibbons' liking than meeting those who do not know very much about boxing. For a clever fellow Gibbons bears many marks. The idea of Mike Gibbons having a cauliflower ear sounds unreasonable, but it is a fact, and about that Mike disclaimed a bit recently on the folk of fighting so-called dubs.

"That cauliflower of mine is a bad mark," said Mike. "It was wished on me when I was not very old at the game, and when I was boxing one of those so-called dubs. The fellow knew absolutely nothing about the game, but he happened to land one of his wild swings on my ear because I was not looking for anything of that kind. A clever boxer would never have landed such a blow. I would rather fight a real good man any time than a dub, and, really, it is not as hard to box a high class man as it is a third-rater. When you face a real boxer you know just what to expect, and you act accordingly, but when you face a dub you never know what he is liable to do.

"When you are up against a man who will not stand up and fight, it is also hard to make a showing.

Anxious to Meet Clabby. "I really am anxious to fight Jimmy Clabby again for the championship. I feel that the public demands that we get together. He has claimed the title, and I think he has as good a claim to it as any fighter living. He is a wonderfully clever lad, and, believe me, he knows the game. Why, the first time we met at St. Paul he gave me an awful beating and used stuff in boxing I had never dreamed of before. When he got into a clinch and used the loop-the-loop

punch on me I swore there were other boxers in the ring hitting me. It was a revelation to me, and from that time on I began to look about for all the finer points in sparring.

"That licking did me lot of good, and I can thank Clabby for putting me right. When we met the second time in Milwaukee that first beating was still in my mind, and there is no doubt that it made me more careful than I should have been; in fact, it made a poor fight, and it was my fault. However, I have got over all that stuff now and would meet Clabby on an equal basis. I don't think he is any more clever than I am, and as for hitting, that is an open question. When we meet again you may rest assured these will be no pulling back on my part, and I know that Clabby has too much at stake now to risk his reputation by trying to stall in a match of any kind."

Base Ball Fan Has New Way to Figure Players Awards

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A base ball enthusiast has devised an idea of awarding credit which will appeal to many followers of the game as reasonable. The plan is to do away with the present computation of batting averages, which give a player credit for each hit made, and instead compute his standing on the basis of his success in advancing himself or players ahead of him on bases. If a batsman without intending to sacrifice sends a slow roller toward first, with men on first and second, and is out, the two base runners advancing by the batsman's work, he gets no credit and is penalized with a time at bat. Yet his slow roller may be the means of winning a game. This situation developed in the recent world's series. To get a batting record worth while the system of keeping a record of "batted bases" has been proposed and has been discussed from time to time during the last few years.

A "batted base" is given to every batsman who by the use of the bat gets a base himself or advances a runner one base. A single with no one on base would give the batsman one batted base. But if a batsman singles and scores runners from second and third base the batsman would get, not one, but four "batted bases"—one for himself, one for the runner from third and two for the runner from second. A sacrifice bunt that advances runner from second and first to third and second would give the batsman two "batted bases."

McGraw Signs Two More. The twenty-one roster limit of players has no terrors for John J. McGraw, so more so than the usual going into spring camp before March 1. The leader of the Giants, on the recommendation of Scout Dick Kinsella, booked officially two additional rookies last week. These are W. P. Flanagan, a right-handed pitcher from Muscatine, Ia., and Ed Holloway, a second baseman of Springfield, Ill.

Pitcher Fields Perfectly. Pitcher Kaiserling of the Indianapolis club made a remarkable record of fielding for 100, although he took part in thirty-six games. Local of Pittsburgh had a perfect average for seventeen games, and Russell Ford was next with a mark of .98 in thirty games.

McGraw to Buy Club. It is said that McGraw of the Giants contemplates buying a club either in the International league or Texas league with a view to making it a farm for his surplus players, in which event Joe Kelley would be appointed manager of the farm.

HALE AND HAPPY ON \$4 WEEK

"Old Bill" Kemmer, Ex-Star First Baseman, Does It.

SACRIFICING TO "COME BACK"

Refuses to Accept More Money, Let It Spoil His Dream—Heads, Thinks, Works in Solitude.

"What ever became of 'Old Bill' Kemmer, that grand old first baseman?" Many an old Western league fan has asked. The Kansas City Star gives the answer—Bill works two nights a week in its mailing room for \$4, on which he lives hale and happy in the hope of getting back into base ball as soon as he rounds to in speed. He won't accept more wages for fear it would make him gay and spoil his dream.

Here is the story, as the Star relates it: "Old Bill" Kemmer is an apostle of the low cost of living gospel. He has ambition and appetite. He feeds both on \$4 a week. He might get lots more money if he'd only work more than two nights a week. But take it from "Old Bill" Kemmer (by his spokesman), if he worked oftener and got more money he'd spend it in riotous living. Then he'd be unable to keep in condition. Ergo, then he couldn't feed ambition. The chance to get back in fast company would be gone. For first sack for many ball clubs, still believe he'll get back into the game.

"When I do," he tells his friend, Henry Fox, boss in The Star's mailing room, where "Old Bill" does his two nights' work a week; "when I do get back in the game I shall be sending money home to my old mother and father down in Pennsylvania."

A very proper grammarian is "Old Bill," as you may observe and note from the above. Also, it's only in connection with base ball that he is old. There you become aged before it can grow a mustache becomes aged. Kemmer, William E. Kemmer, to be exact, is about 35 years old. He's a big, unassuming man of six feet, in the prime of condition always. He has no expensive habits, either; neither drinks, smokes, chews or swears. "And he keeps that way on \$4 a week," marvels Henry Fox. "I can't understand it. But he feeds and clothes himself on that, pays room rent and laundry, and has a nickel a week for the movies."

Why, when "Old Bill" marches vigorously into the mailing room, clothes neatly brushed and in good order, cap set firmly on head, black bow tie peeping out from the wings of a clean collar, everybody in the place would speak to him if addressed. But never a word from Kemmer. He is a silent man. It's only: "Good evening, Henry."

That's all. He speaks only to his confident and admirer. Then to work. After the night's work is done, "Old Bill" is off again to whatsoever place he has his abode.

Food, 25 Cents a Day. The \$4 he gets for his work he spends thus (on the word of Fox): Breakfast, coffee and rolls, 10 cents; luncheon north end beef stew, 10 cents; dinner, beef and cabbage, 10 cents; room rent, \$1 a week; laundry, clothes and "movies," the balance.

"I ask him how he gets along on that," said Henry Fox. "And he says very well. I ask him if he wouldn't enjoy a good meal. And he says no, it would upset his condition."

There you are. He keeps in condition. For what? Well, Henry Fox says, it's

so that some day he'll get back into base ball.

"Why, he's got a proud record," said Henry Fox. "He helped five ball clubs win pennants—the Kansas City club of the old Western league, three clubs in the Texas league and a New York State league club when Christy Matthewson was playing with it."

With all that spare time on his hands and no money, what can the man do? How amuse himself? Easy. Just listen to Henry Fox:

Reading and Taking Walks. "He takes long walks. Then he'll run miles and miles, out in the country, over country roads. Why he's as hard as nails. And strong! You just ought to see him lift things."

But what else, what other amusement has he? "He's a great reader," said Henry Fox. "Why I guess he's read lots and lots of those books in the public library. He spends hours there every day. Why, he's a fine, educated man. He can talk to you on any subject."

"Mostly it used to be base ball," he continued. "But lately it's the war he talks about. Why, he knows all about what caused the war and the history of all those people that are fighting, and everything connected with it. He tells about how the battles and armies fought there before. He certainly knows lots."

But he never tells where he roams. That, Henry Fox believes, is because he doesn't care for intruders. He's not a companionable man, so to speak, this ex-first sacker with the dream and the ability to live on little. It's over on the West Side somewhere, that he has his room.

Neither does he intrude on anyone. He knows Johnny Kling and "Kid" Nichols, but they never see him. And always Henry Fox, the interviewer, comes back to that living on \$4 a week. "He might have more," said Fox. "He could get a job on regular if he wanted it. But he won't take it. I've tried him. He says no, if he gets more money he might be tempted to break training. Coffee and rolls, beef stew, beef and cabbage"—and Henry Fox shivered. "Ugh! But he says it's plenty to keep in good condition on. Anyhow, he says, folks eat too much."

Koney Loyal to Feds. While in St. Louis last week, in connection with the Marrans case, President Gilmore had a talk with Koney and afterwards telegraphed that there was no chance in the world of "Koney" going back on the Federal league.

Pueblo Uses Kissel Sprinkler Machine in Place of Horses

The city of Pueblo, Colo., has purchased from the Kissel Motor Car company a motor-driven street sprinkler and flusher that is, in many particulars, quite different from anything of the kind heretofore produced.

The tank is mounted on a six-ton chassis, the largest made by the Kissel company. The car, loaded and fully equipped, weighs about twelve tons and carries 1,600 gallons of water. It is designed to do away with at least fourteen horse-drawn rigs.

Poster in Quandary. John B. Foster, secretary of the Giants, is in a serious quandary as a result of the National league's decision to open the season on April 15. John had planned upon a getaway for April 18 and arranged his exhibition dates for the home trip from Marin accordingly. The change knocks training and all in the head, as it throws the northern march a whole day out of alignment.

Matty and His Mate. Anybody who wants to come to a realization of the long service of Christy Matthewson in base ball has only to consider the fact that in his time he has pitched to Jack Warner, to Frank Bowserman, to Foster Breunhan, to "Admiral" Schiel, to Arthur Wilson, to "Chief" Myers and to Larry McLean.

Advertisement for BURNETT HARDWARE CO. featuring 'FREE! SIX SAFETY Razor Blades Sharpened Free' and 'Monday, Jan. 4'. Includes details about the quality of the blades and the company's address at 1212 Marney Street, OMAHA.

Advertisement for WRESTLING MATCH featuring 'Heavyweight Championship of the West' and 'JACK CONNORS'.

Large advertisement for ECZEMA CAN BE CURED Free Proof To You. Includes a portrait of a man and detailed text about the treatment and contact information for J. C. RUTZELL, Druggist, 626 West Main St., Fort Wayne, Ind.