

BROWN'S SENSATIONAL SOUTHPAW TWIRLER



Walter Leverenz of St. Louis Americans.

His name is reminiscent of the French; he looks like an Irishman and his father and mother, natives of Germany, emigrated to America and settled in Chicago when that place was almost a village.

He's Walter Leverenz, the southpaw, and one of the classy bunch of young twirlers who will make of the St. Louis Americans a great team in a few years.

Leverenz joined the Browns at Waco last spring, coming from Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league.

It was up in Chicago that he learned to play ball—the lots—and he's strong for the lots as a training place for ballplayers.

"You've got to get out and hustle; you pick up what you can; you mix with every kind of players, good, bad, and worse, and that's where you get the experience also," declares Walter. "Of course, there are good players who come from the colleges, but they are not self-taught like the lot boys. The college boy has some one to teach him to play ball, some one to look

after him, some one to show him how and when to play. And then he plays against the same sort of men taught by others. It's different on the lots. There it's a question of the survival of the fittest, and that's a rule that goes and goes hard. The lot player doesn't get any coddling. Those that survive usually know how to play ball. "I've been playing ball as far back as I can remember. When I was a kid at school I helped my father in his blacksmith shop in Chicago, and you can bet I put in some hard licks of work there. It gave me lots of strength, too, and I don't regret my work there. I learned the blacksmith trade, but I found time to play ball. Who doesn't if he really wants to play?"

Walter organized the first regular lot team he played on and he was the manager, captain, pitcher, and lead-off batter, which was some job. Leverenz broke into organized baseball up in Hartford, Conn., and in 1909 helped the Hartford team win the only pennant the town had ever landed.

MAKE BASEBALL STARS

Of Utmost Importance to Know Your Side Partner.

Important Business Requisite Has Come to Be Material Factor in Baseball—Lends Polish to Team Work of Club.

"Know your man." Business men consider that an important requisite in the handling of their employees. It has come to be a prominent factor in baseball—one that lends polish to the team work of a club.

Individually players on teams in the major league ranks may be regarded as experts in feeling the ball, but often these experts are made by the assistance of some one player. Again, a man is unable to show his true value because the player alongside of whom he is stationed is not a finished artist. But if a man knows his side partner, is thoroughly acquainted with his traits and peculiarities in feeling, he can do himself justice, although his mate is not a clever fielder. Knowing the man with whom they work has made many players look like stars, although they were not.

When Joe Tinker and Johnny Evers played together on the Chicago Cub team they were regarded as the greatest pair of infielders ever paired at second base. This reputation has not been taken from them since they have been separated, but they commanded more attention when together. It was because they knew each other and were thoroughly familiar with each other's actions. They played together one year without speaking to each other on or off the ball field. Yet in that season they pulled off some of the greatest baseball feats seen in the National league, only because each knew what to expect from the other when he received the ball. They were not aware of how important it was to be familiar with each move of the player alongside of them until they were parted. They more than know it now.

"Know your man, I have heard applied in business, but it is just as important in baseball," said Manager Evers of the Cubs. "One who is not on the field may not think so, but I know more than ever since Tinker went away. There is no question that he made me a great second baseman, and I did the same for him. It was just because we knew each other thoroughly. There was not a ball hit around second bag that we did not know which one would take it. It was seldom we became confused.

"I could run over to second base, close my eyes and take a toss from Tinker because I knew just where he was going to throw it. When he went after certain ground balls I knew exactly what he was going to do, and when I went after them he knew what to expect. When there was a runner on first we had our signals arranged so that we knew just what to do."

BLACKBURNE TO 'COME BACK'

Former White Sox Shortstop Has Made Good in Milwaukee and Comiskey May Recall Him.

In mentioning baseball "beauties" of other years, it is in order to recall that Russell Blackburne, for whom President Comiskey of the White Sox



"Lena" Blackburne.

paid a fabulous sum and who was rated a prize leon, is making good with the Milwaukee team. Blackburne, like Marquard, threatens to come back and pay dividends on the original big investment made in him when he broke into the big set. He is said to be the biggest individual cog on the Brewer team. Blackburne is said to be playing as good ball as that which made him so much sought when he was the star of the Providence team under Hugh Duffy. President Comiskey has strings on Blackburne, and may decide to try him again.

Unusual Play. One of the most unusual plays ever seen in a major league ball game occurred the other afternoon at Detroit. In the sixth inning, with the bases bare, Harry Wolter, the Yankees' center fielder, hit a terrific line drive straight toward the pitcher's box. Willett threw up his hand and succeeded in retarding the speed of the ball, ridding the loss of his arm in the doing. It so happened that he showed it up enough for Bush, who had started with the crack of the bat, to get to the ball before it struck the ground, the shortstop catching it about six feet from second base. Under the rules, Wolter was out, Bush receiving a put-out and Willett an assist.

Another Peculiar Play. From Knoxville, that home of peculiar plays, comes a story of a new one from a truthful correspondent. In a recent Appalachian league game, with a man on third, Schelly of Knoxville stole second. The aristocrat second baseman dropped the ball and Schelly sat down on it. While a search was being made for it the man on third "stole" home. The umpire, says the correspondent, refused to allow a claim of "interference."

Social Forms and Entertainment



New Bird Game. This is a novel way of giving a "bird party," the idea is given by Martha Burr Hanks.

Supply the guests with cards bearing as many members as there are birds portrayed, by various methods on the walls. These examples will show how the names of the birds are demonstrated, each illustration is numbered, so the guest may write his guess down opposite the corresponding number on the card. It is well to attach pencils to the cards and to start the contest after all have arrived. A half hour is sufficient time to allow for the guessing.

Blackbird; A bird cut from black paper. Redwing; A home with a wing painted red. Flicker; A candle blowing in the wind. Highhole; A hole in the top of the paper. Cuckoo; A cook and two o's. Woodpecker; A match, a peck measure, and an R. Meadow lark; Children romping in a meadow. Yellow-breasted chat; Two men with yellow shirt-fronts, talking together. Brown thrasher; A schoolmaster in brown, with a rod in his hand. Cardinal; A church dignitary. Crow; A cock in the act of crowing. Hawk; A peddler. Swallow; A child eating. Swift; A boy running. Crossbill; A bill on which are written these words: "Pay at once!" Spoonbill; A spoon and a bird's beak. Blue-jay; A blue J. Fox sparrow; A fox and the letters S and P above an arrow. Song sparrow; A bar of a song, a spar, and a man rowing. Junco; A junk cart and an O. Bluebird; A bird with drooping head and wings. Wagtail; A dog. Maryland yellow-throat; A map of Maryland and a stork with a yellow neck. Chippy; A man chopping wood. Flycatcher; A piece of fly-paper. Redstart; The word "start" written in red ink. Indigo bunting; A scrap of blue bunting. Kinglet; A child wearing a crown. Pewee; A small P. Hummingbird; A spinning top. The names of other birds, such as catbird, oven bird, nut-hatch, snowflake, yellow-hammer, brown creeper, kingfisher, sandpiper, chickadee, etc., will suggest their own illustrations.

Have chicken in some form (sandwiches are always acceptable) and ice cream in shape of birds would be appropriate. It will be easy to manage "bird" cookies and perhaps the confectioner will make nests of spun sugar in which candy eggs may be placed. These would be charming at each place on the table. There are many delightful as well as inexpensive bird books to give for prizes.

A Field Day Party. This is just the season for a "Field Day" party with all sorts of athletic sports. The guests may be any number, but twenty-four I find is just about right for the competition. This affair is fine for children, young people and those who are older grown.

Egg and spoon races are great fun, as well as the "needle and thread" contest. Then there should be running races, forty yard dashes, inter-

Double Brimmed Hat. One of the new all black hats shows a double brim of straw. A plaiting of tulle is fastened between the two pieces of the brim, which meet firmly on each side of the tulle frill. The frill stands out, or rather falls, about an inch beyond the edge of the straw brim, and the only other decoration to the hat is a big, stiff black silk bow.

Two of the Season's Smart Costumes.



The costume on the right is in sand-colored plique, the skirt slightly draped at the right side, the fullness being fixed under the wrapped seam. The coat is one of the fashionable shape that hangs rather long at the back and cut up at bust in front, where it is fastened by two buttons. The collar and revers are faced with black satin. Hat of sand-colored Tagel, trimmed with feathers and black satin ribbon. Materials required for the costume: 5 yards 42 inches wide, 1/2 yard black satin 22 inches wide. The other is a combination of dark blue, and blue and gray checked cloth. The skirt is of the check; the coat of the plain cloth, with revers and cuffs of the check; vest of white corded silk, with collar of the same, which lies over the coat. Small gold buttons trim the vest; it is fastened

sports with three legged and sack races. Rope climbing is most laughable as well as the merry "obstacle" race. A time-keeper, referee and a "judge" add to the interest and the prizes may be as many and elaborate as the hostess wishes. In some of the races blue and red ribbons may be awarded. Perhaps tennis, croquet, archery and baseball matches may be arranged. Refreshments or supper should be served on the lawn or porch. Such a party as this was recently given at a country place called "Glimmergen."

It would be a jolly thing to have the guests conveyed to and from the place in a hay wagon drawn by four horses. Provide horns and have bells on the harness. It is needless to say that cutting suits should be worn. From four to ten are good hours, but the time should be set to suit the convenience of the largest number.

Unique Card Party. Any game of cards may be played that the hostess prefers or that is popular in the town. Request the guests to dress in costumes representing either the face or suit cards. For instance, have two five of diamonds, one lady and one a man, so that when all have arrived partners may be chosen for the first game. The prizes may be a handsome deck of cards in a case, a book on card games, ferns growing in a pretty jar, a bit of brass or a piece of pottery.

The score cards may be cut out of cardboard in the shape of diamonds, hearts, clubs and spades; the markers may be of these same figures, cut out of thin colored paper and gummed a few days before they are used, so they will be dry. Serve hot bouillon in cups, patties of chicken and sweetbreads, salad, orange sherbet, small cakes, coffee, nuts, bon-bons. If ice cream is preferred, use the brick, cut in thin slices, ornament with tiny hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades cut from citron and candied cherries. MME MERRI.

Smart Handkerchiefs. If you would have the credit of possessing small chic belongings, have your given name embroidered on one corner of your handkerchiefs. If the bordering is colored, the name must be in a matching tone, and if the handkerchief is in all-white, the lettering must match it. If you don't want all the world to know what is your given name, have merely your initials, done in the daintiest possible manner in the popular long style, in the corner of a handkerchief that is either finished with scalloping or hemstitching. But if you would furnish no trace of your identity, have only one corner of the linen embroidered in coronet design.

On Parasols. Fine shadow lace decorates some of the daintiest parasols, and it is put on in many pretty ways. Sometimes tiny lace squares are inserted in the silk, but in a number of cases the lace is put on in the shape of a frill and caught here and there with a tiny pink rosebud. When the parasol is simple and of one color it is a pretty fancy to have the edge outlined with tiny closely packed silk blossoms.

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YOUNG STAR OF THE GIANTS

Outfielder George Burns, Graduate of Utica Team, is Making Good in the Big League.

No young player in the major leagues has attracted more attention this season by the good showing he has made than George Burns, the young outfielder of the New York Giants. The New York critics have been loud in their praises of this sterling young player and he has become a big favorite with the crowds that attend the games at the Polo grounds. Burns won out for a regular



George Burns.

berth in the outfield of the Giants against Josh Devore, an acknowledged high-class outfield artist and good baseman, who has filled the roll of left fielder on the team for several seasons and who played in the world's series last year. This was a big feather in the cap of young Burns and he has demonstrated since that McGraw made no mistake when he assigned him to the left field post.

Burns hails from the New York State league, an organization that has given to the big leagues some of its best players. He is twenty-two years of age and was born in Utica. His family removed to St. Johnsville, N. Y., when George was a youngster, and there he makes his home now, following the trade of a cigar-maker in the off season. He comes naturally by his ball playing ability, as his father before him was a clever baseball artist. George broke into the game as an amateur when sixteen years old.

Japs Ardent Fans. Count Okuma, a veteran statesman; Baron Sakatani, mayor of Tokio, and others equally prominent, are rabid baseball fans. Baseball is an old game in Japan, despite the fact that many here don't think so. It was played as early as 1885, being introduced by Yankees in the government employ at that time.

Milwaukee Has Fast Man. Larry Gilbert, guardian of the center pasture for Milwaukee, is said to be one of the fastest men in the association.

NOTES of the DIAMOND

Frank Chance calls George Dausa, the young Detroit hurler, "the league's best prospect."

Carl Cushman, whose arm has been useless to the Senators all season, may be developed into an outfielder.

The Cincinnati Reds are after Pitcher Casey Hageman and Second Baseman Hank Butcher of the Denver club.

Manager Huggins is looking for a clean-up hitter. Hug says he is without a player who can send in the needed runs.

Clark Griffith says he has the best defensive infield in the American league in Gandil, Morgan, McBride and Foster.

It is said that Manager Fred Clark of the Pirates is willing to trade Pitcher Claude Hendrix to the Giants for Tesreau and Shafer.

The Brooklyn club may be fined \$500 for sending Pitcher Kent to the Toronto club without first obtaining waivers from the other clubs.

Baker, Barry, Collins and McInnis, Connie Mack's peerless quartet, are battling for a combined average of .310. Are they worth \$100,000.

Wonder if the Cleveland fans have that million dollars scraped up which they said they would distribute among the Nap players should they win the flag.

"Doc" Crandall, who is regarded as one of the best pitchers in the business to stop a batting rally, has lost his ability to go the full route successfully.

A well known statistician has uncovered the fact that the last triple play in the National league was performed back in 1878 by Paul Hines of the Providence team.

The Becker-Luderus-Cravath combination is the greatest home-run trio ever gathered on one team. Only on rare occasions does one of them fail to connect with a homer.

Poor fielding by the outfield is said to be one of the chief weaknesses of the Boston Braves. The other gardeners, however, form a large part of the team's batting strength.

Pitcher Adams of Pittsburgh has been troubled on hot days this year, feeling dizziness after pitching a few innings on extremely torrid days, so that he has to quit the box to avoid sunstroke.

Helms Groh is having lots of chances at second base for the Reds and accepting a very large proportion of them in first-class style. In Cincinnati he is regarded as the coming second baseman.