

WILL BASEBALL DIAMOND STARS REPEAT?



Eddie Plank, Veteran Pitcher of Athletics.

Can last year's diamond luminaries repeat, or will a new constellation hold the public eye during this season's pennant race?



Christy Mathewson of Giants.

performances, most of the old guard will be right on the job when the safe lick means the game or the bases are loaded and the count is three and two.

BASEBALL NOTES

Mike Doulin's pinch-hitting eye is not in proper trim as yet. Jacinto del Galvo, the Cuban player, is making good on the coast. Hans Wagner continues to be the premier drawing card of the National League.

Hot of fans falls by the wayside and one of the great army of debutants steps into the vacant niche. Among last year's number, however, there is none who is in danger of being displaced.

Cobb, the kingpin of them all, is tearing around the paths at the same blinding pace, but his batting is not up to standard yet.

Plank, the wonderful portender of Connie Mack's White Elephants, was the pitching sensation of last year's world's series and bids fair to repeat this year.

As for Honus Wagner, he is just a little slower, maybe, on hard-hit ground balls, but the eagle eye and the big mitt are still at the old stand, and it will take a sulphuric smash to penetrate the Pirates' short field while he is playing his position.

If Tris Speaker's record-breaking salary doesn't go to his head he should shine as brightly as ever in the Red Sox roster, both at bat and in the field.

There is little doubt of his staying among the leaders. Walter Johnson still burns them across the dish with the same old snap and glint.

Then, too, there are Eddie Collins and Frank Baker of the Athletics; Milan and Joe Boehling of the Senators; Reb Russell of the White Sox; Archer of the Cubs; Demaree of the Giants; Daubert of Brooklyn; Evers and Maranville of Boston, and all the other sparkies in the big league diamond.

President Gilmore, of the Federal League, doubts the report that the Kansas City club is to be sold.

Napoleon Lajoie did not start off the season well in the batting line, but is gradually recovering his eye.

Hughes Jennings will carry nine twirlers on his Tiger staff this year, seven right-handers and two south-paws.

Manager Joe Birmingham, of the Cleveland Naps, says dancing is a great aid in getting ball players into condition.

Buck Weaver is getting to be a regular brickley in the booting line. Hardly a day passes that Buck doesn't popble one up.

Billy Earle, the veteran catcher, who made the round-the-world tour with Spalding 25 years ago, is lying in retirement in Detroit.

Pitcher Luhrsen, who failed to make good as a Senator, has been sold by the Columbus club to the Omaha club, in the Western League.

A Cleveland boy, Harvey Bluhm, better known to baseball fame as "Red," is the one big noise of the New Orleans club, leaders in the race for the Southern League pennant.

One of the greatest stomach-reducing exercises ever observed is portrayed by a plump batter dodging Walter Johnson's last ball when it comes along inside and waist high.

LATER OPENING IS FAVORED

Major League Owners Awaken to Folly of Starting Seasons Too Early—Tener in Line.

It took a long time to do it, but National League magnates apparently have awakened at last to the folly of starting the major league seasons too early. Next year, if popular sentiment among the club presidents prevails, the major league fans are very likely to wait until near the first of May for their regular diet of pleasure.

The parsimony of some few National League club owners was responsible for all the early spring tortures during the past two or three years. Ban Johnson for the past five years has advocated a much later start than has been observed.

Ban Johnson declared in Chicago the other day that the American League would not begin its season so early next year. He said it as if he meant to conform to this plan regardless of the National League.

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PROVES A STUMBLING BLOCK

Babe Adams, Star Twirler of Pittsburgh Team, Will Be Worked Hard During This Season.

Babe Adams will likely prove a stumbling block for many National League batmen this season, as he has in the past. Clarke is prepared to work his star twirler hard in an endeavor to capture the pennant.



Babe Adams.

brighter. Of course the loss of Hendrix, who jumped to the Federals, was felt, but the Pirates did not suffer half as badly as some of the other clubs from desertions.

Bush After Record. Donnie Bush, the shortstop of the Detroit Tigers, is a candidate for leading base-stealing honors in the American league this season.

Ornamental Street Lighting. The first nitrogen filled tungsten lamps to be used for ornamental street lighting are now in operation in Seattle and have attracted much attention.

Telephone for the Deaf. The batteries and receiving instrument of a new telephone set for deaf persons who may be sensitive to the fact that they need artificial aid for hearing are mounted in a handbag.

New Electric Stove. A new electric stove for dining tables has a drawer beneath the heating coil so toast can be made at the same time something else is being cooked on top.

Water Heater. In a new electrical water heater the water itself forms the resistance to the current and develops its own heat, instead of requiring the use of metallic resistance coils.

Rural Mail Box. A rural mail box with a loose bottom that closes a circuit and rings an electric bell at a distance when even a postal card is dropped on it has been patented by a Californian.

Largest Church Organ. One of the world's largest church organs is an electrical instrument at Hamburg, which has 12,173 pipes, some of which are 37 feet long.

Tris Speaker's Age. Tris Speaker is older than most fans think. The famous member of the Red Sox is 31 years of age and is just at the time in his career when he can be expected to start downhill.

THE ELECTRICAL WORLD. Connection Made From Church to Bed-side of Quarantined Daughter—Quick Connection Made.

FUNERAL SERVICE BY PHONE

A distressed husband and father, burying his wife, called on the telephone company in Chicago recently and asked its aid in effecting a telephone connection from the church to the bedside of his quarantined daughter.

FAN FOR CHANGING BREEZES

Intensity of Air Current Continually Varied and Air is Driven in Opposite Directions.

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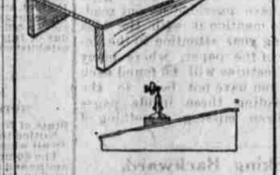
Produces Changing Breezes.

usually, but reverses its blades at intervals to drive the air in the opposite direction. The intermittent breeze is produced by reversible blades, automatically rotated on their stems so that they are continually changing their angle.

STAND FOR A SLOPING DESK

Support Devised to Keep Telephone on Level and Prevent it From Falling Off.

Having a sloping-top desk and being compelled to use the telephone quite frequently, I devised a support for the telephone so that it might stand level and not fall off, says a



Telephone Stand.

writer in an exchange. The sides of the stand were cut on the same slope as the desk top, and their under edges were provided with rubber strips to prevent slipping.

Insulated tongs have been invented especially for handling electric fuses, even in connection with heavy currents.

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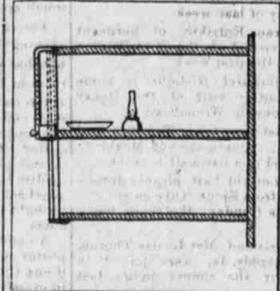
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CATCH AND KILL MOSQUITOES

Pestiferous Little Insects Are Lured by Light Into Mesh of Electrically Charged Wires.

There is an old joke to the effect that one way to get rid of flies is to catch the flies and hold them down upon a brick while you hit them in the head with a hammer. It now develops that this is not so much of a joke as it seems, for two inventors of Illinois have promulgated the proposition that the way to get rid of mosquitoes is catch the mosquitoes and kill them.



For Electrocutting Mosquitoes.

so tiny that the insect must come in contact with at least two of them and in so doing the deadly current is sent through the body of the insect. To further insure the demise of the latter a saucer of coal oil is provided to receive his body as it falls after being shocked. It does not require any great amount of current to kill a mosquito, and this is provided by a few batteries.

AUTOMATIC LAMP ON STAIRS

Arrangement Gives Late-Comer Ample Time to Ascend Stairway Before Lights Are Extinguished.

In Europe many of the apartment houses are provided with automatic stair lamps which can be lighted by the touch of a button at the bottom or top of the stairs. The lamps burn for two or three minutes, automatically extinguishing themselves at the end of this period, says Electrical World.

Such a scheme would, however, be less adaptable to American practice because most cities here have ordinances requiring landlords to operate hall lamps all night long. On the scale of other costs, also, electrical energy is cheaper in this country than abroad so that less need exists for economizing in current.

ELECTRICAL NOTES

A small, but practical, electric railway has been installed in a Paris sewer.

Cables linking British and North American ports convey about 30,000,000 words a year.

Since the establishment of the first electric railway up Mont Blanc, ascents of the mountain have trebled.

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