

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.

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.

PROVES A STUMBLING BLOCK

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



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.

President Gilmore, of the Federal League, doubts the report that the Kansas City club is to be sold. Napoleon Lajoie did not start of the season well in the batting line, but is gradually recovering his eye.

THE ELECTRICAL WORLD

FUNERAL SERVICE BY PHONE

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

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.

Pleasant, changing breezes and gentle puffs of fresh air, instead of a hard, steady blow, are produced by an intermittent electric fan, just brought out in England, says Popular Mechanics.



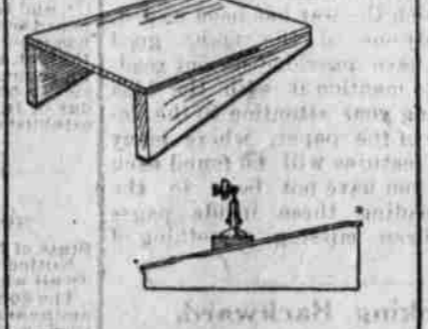
Produces Changing Breezes.

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.

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 by reason of their great brilliancy and pure white color.

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, from which the wire runs to the ear instrument.

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.

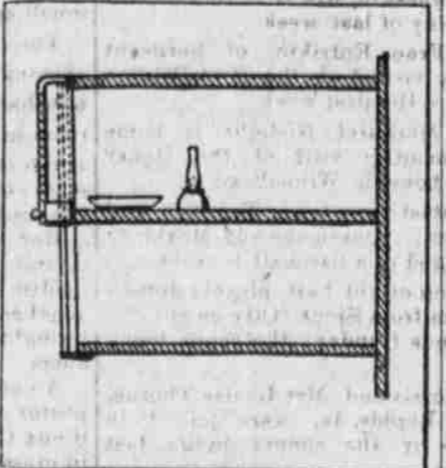
Largest Church Organ.

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.

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 Electrocuting 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.

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

A newspaper in a town in Brazil 2,000 miles from the mouth of the Amazon, gets all its telegraphic news by wireless.

A simple machine for feeding wire into a conduit without kinking or bending it has been patented by a Minneapolis inventor.

Electric machinery has been invented for sorting steel balls and rollers for bearings, so delicate that it detects differences of one-fourth of a ten-thousandth of an inch.

It is estimated that there are 37,000 electric vehicles in use in this country, of which 25,000 are pleasure cars.

An ordinary electric push button can be used as a floor push by mounting it under a floor and using a long nail through the floor to press it.

In rebuilding a church spire in England recently a 15-horsepower electric motor did the work of six men at about one-twentieth the cost.

A novel umbrella is equipped with a storage battery electric light in its handle.

Recent high-speed wireless tests in England resulted in sending 145 words a minute.

The largest electric generator ever built is being constructed for a Philadelphia company, which will develop more than 50,000 horse power with it.

In putting new lightning conductors on St. Paul's cathedral, London, a part of an old lightning rod installed by Benjamin Franklin 142 years ago was found.

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