

FOR SHORT DOUBLE-HEADERS

Critic Advocates Seven Innings Each Where Two Contests are Played on Same Afternoon.

Why not limit the double-header games to seven innings each? It's a scheme that has been tried out in the Southern leagues with great success.

Two seven-inning games in one afternoon would give the average fan just about as much baseball as he could comfortably absorb.

Cutting the double-header games to seven innings would do no one harm. It would do plenty of good.

The season of double-headers is now upon us. Every fan is keen about taking in a bargain bill, but along about the fourth or fifth inning of the second game the exhibition becomes monotonous.

Of course, the greatest majority of the fans stick to the bitter finish, but they stay not so much because their baseball appetite isn't satisfied, but because they want to see just how the game will finish.

Most double-headers begin about 2 p. m., allowing something over two hours for each game and a 15-minute intermission between contests.

It means that play doesn't end until about 6:30. That means that the fan doesn't get home until from 7:15 to 8 p. m., owing to the delay in getting out of the crowded park and the usual delay caused by the slow moving of a fleet of special street cars.

And every housewife is fully agreed that 7:15 to 8 p. m. is "too darned late for any man to expect his wife to keep dinner simmering."

If the games were cut two innings each the playing period would be lessened about an hour, which would mean that the final innings of the second game would not have to be played by torchlight and that father would get home on time to dine with the rest of the family.

The seven-inning double-header idea probably will prove to be a popular one with the fans, and it is likely that if the agitation assumes sufficient voice that the ruling powers in baseball will hear it and amend their laws so that seven-inning double-headers will be the rule starting with the 1916 season.

DEVOE IS GREAT TRAVELER Former New York Giant Outfielder Plays With Cincinnati, Then Philadelphia and Now Boston.

Josh Devore is getting to be a great traveler around the National league circuit. Josh played in the outfield for the Giants for several seasons and then went to the Cincinnati Reds in a trade. Later he bobbed up

in Philadelphia with Charley Doolin's team. Now Josh has gone to the Boston Braves, where he is doing regular service in the outer garden. The former Giant still retains his batting eye, as he has a mark of .308 for 30 games.

WHAT AILS BASEBALL GAME? Pretty Well Established That Something is Wrong With the Great Professional Pastime.

With Clark Griffith announcing that Connie Mack is a "cheap skate," the magnates of organized baseball beginning the present condition and prospects of the game, the players dissatisfied with their contracts, and discouraging reports of attendance from half a dozen or more towns, it seems to be pretty well established that something is wrong with the professional game, says the New York Sun.

Everybody's nerves are on edge and the situation promises to become more mixed as the season wears on.

Is it beyond probability that the public has had an overdose of baseball? Not an overdose of playing, but of the business; of quarrels between owners, suits for the restraint of players, threats of retaliation and winter-long wrangles between this and that interest.

Luckiest Home Run. One of the luckiest home runs on record was registered at Newark recently when DeWinger was given credit for one on a fly ball that was actually caught by an outfielder and held.

It is stated at Minneapolis that in the bidding for Wade Kilfliter the Chicago White Sox offered Bodie and Alcock and an infielder to be selected, but that the Cantillons turned down the offer because they considered neither Bodie nor Alcock of Association class.

FEW PLAYERS FOLLOW KEELER'S ADVICE



"Stuffy" McInnis of Champion Athletics.

"Hit 'em where they ain't," said "Wee Willie" Keeler. Ambitious ball players have been trying to do it ever since.

Most of these players are "lucked" out of the big leagues. But in at least one instance some of these disgruntled batters are right.

That infield has won two pennants for him in the last three years, and is guiding the Athletics along the straight and narrow path again.

It makes no difference what the tally sheet shows, Baker, Barry, Collins and McInnis are always on the job, looking for something to keep them busy.

There are a lot of players who personally believe "Willie" didn't know what he was talking about. They call themselves "hard luck hitters" because fielders move out of their usual positions to play in the right spots to stonewall the near hits.

They mumble something about "Hit 'em where they ain't," is all right enough, but there ain't no such place. Just as a fellow thinks he's picked an opening big enough for a baseball to slide through without having the trade mark rubbed off, some fielder pulls a "bone," leaves his position and is just lucky enough to wander in front of the ball.

Herman Bronkie and Baddy Livingston are playing great ball for Indianapolis.

Bill Carrigan is one manager who believes in giving the young hurriers a chance.

Lajoie's baseball star may be setting, but that isn't the matter with the Naps by a good deal.

One of the bravest managers in the American league is Bill Carrigan. He declares the Red Sox will win the pennant.

The Cincinnati Reds have still another outfield candidate. He is McLaughlin, who hails from Colgate university.

Johnny Dobbs, the new manager of the New Orleans team, is popular with his men and enjoys their fullest confidence.

Statistics compiled on runs scored by teams in the National league show the Phillies to be the greatest run getters.

A new comet has been discovered in the West, but as yet no efforts have been made to sign it to a Federal contract.

Joe Birmingham thinks he has pulled a prize in Jay Kirke, the first baseman who was with the Braves last year.

President James E. Gaffney of the Boston Braves is out with a strong denial that he has any thought of selling his club.

Although the New York Highlanders are counted out by the scribes, New York fans say that they at least have a "chance."

INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS



WATCH WILL ADJUST ITSELF

Remarkably Simple Method of Making Timepiece That is Too Fast or Too Slow Set Itself.

Frederick E. Ward sends to the Scientific American a remarkably simple method of making a watch that is too slow or too fast set itself.

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Handy Implement for Farm. Every Good Farmer Should Have Implement Like One Shown Here—How Vice is Made.

Here is a good farmer's vice. Just such a one as should be found on every farm, and in the tool house. It can be lowered to suit the workman.

An excellent scraper for rough work may be made from a bench-plane iron in the following manner: Procure a piece of oak or any good hard wood, about 1 1/2 inches thick, 3 1/2 inches wide and 10 inches long, and shape it as shown, writes L. G. Burnand of Lyons, Ia., in Popular Mechanics.

Home-Made Scraper. for a three-eighth-inch bolt at the place indicated in the sketch. The plane iron is fastened to the handle with a bolt.

Automatic Mail Delivery. Automatic delivery of rural mail is provided by a North Dakota man's invention of a car to run on an aerial track, from which it takes electric power, automatically stopping at each house on a route and ringing a bell to announce its arrival.

Speedy Unicycles. A speed of nearly seventy-five miles an hour has been attained by a unicycle built by a St. Louis inventor, the machine consisting chiefly of a single wheel almost seven feet in diameter, drawn by an aerial propeller.

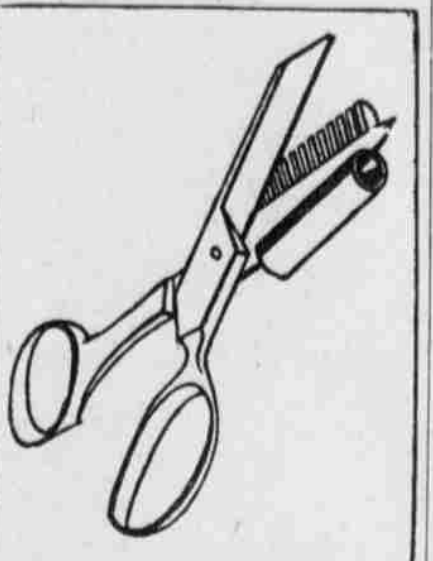
Saving in By-Products. By the use of improved ovens, which collected the by-products, the coke industry of the United States saved \$18,070,000 last year which would have been wasted by old methods of manufacture.

Artificial Rubber. Artificial rubber as a by-product of the manufacture of steel may be a possibility as English scientists are experimenting with its production from coke-oven gases.

UNIQUE TOOL FOR BARBERS

Comb Attachment is Fastened to Side of One Blade of Scissors—Worked With One Motion.

A new kind of scissors for use in barber shops has been patented by a New Jersey man. The feature of it is a comb attachment that is fastened to one of the blades.



Scissors and Comb Combined.

the time required for a haircut, which the average man regards as more of a nuisance than otherwise, and the small boy regards as a plague.

VEGETABLE SILK IN BRAZIL. Product Called "Paina," a Kind of Silk-like Cotton, Grows Abundantly and Spontaneously.

Brazil has a new product for export, to which other countries, notably Belgium and Switzerland, have already paid some attention.

Economical Engine. By placing the exhaust ports near the center of the cylinder, so they are uncovered at the end of the stroke, a German has invented an economical engine, as the cylinder-heads are kept at a more uniform temperature than usual.

INDUSTRIAL AND MECHANICAL NOTES. Friction of small steel balls polishes silverware in a new machine.

Much of the best wall paper is made, in part, from leather waste.

An extensive deposit of asphalt of high quality has been discovered in the Philippines.

Leather pads have been patented to protect the knees of persons who kneel at work.

An ash can to which a handle can be attached to convert it into a lawn roller has been patented.

An aeroplane is being built for flying over forests in West Africa and prospecting for rubber trees.

In the production of sulphur the United States is rapidly gaining on Italy, which leads the world.

Scientists in both Germany and France are seriously trying to ascertain if there is any value in the diving rod for locating underground water and metals.

The United States in 1913 produced 92,697,131 barrels of cement.

One of the newest uses of aluminum is in the manufacture of soles for shoes for men who work in wet places.

Peat forms about one-third of the fuel used in the central industrial districts of Russia.

An instrument has been invented for quickly measuring the earthwork in railroad cuts and fills without laborious calculations.

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