

CATCHER SCHANG OF ATHLETICS TOO WILD



Wally Schang, Connie Mack's Star Backstop.

While Li Hung Schang's batting and base-running have been extremely useful to the Mackmen this season, the youth cannot yet be rated as a finished catcher, writes Jimmy Isaminger in a Philadelphia exchange. "There is no harder worker on the team than Schang, and he is improving in tactics, but his value is offset by his erratic throwing. Stealing on Schang has been a profitable maneuver for many teams this year. Schang is game, and doesn't hesitate to throw at any time, but his disposition to

VIC SAIER MAKES LONG HIT

Christy Mathewson Takes Off His Cap to Hard-Hitting First Baseman of Chicago Cubs.

"Give you my word on it," says Christy Mathewson—"the longest hit ever made off me was rapped by Victor Saier the other day in Chi. Baker's home-run was a baby-child compared to the smash that Saier delivered. Back of the right field fence at Cub park is a wildcat stand. Time and again, the Cubs, to shut off those free stands, have raised and raised the fence, till it towers to an enormous height straight up in the sky. But the wildcaters, starting on top of a three-story house to begin with, have always raised the management one better, and now the outlaw stand looks like a New York skyscraper. I give my word, just the same, that Saier's hit cleared that wildcat structure and disappeared beyond it—not only the longest hit I ever suffered,



Vic Saier.

but the highest that I ever saw! I took off my cap and shook Saier's hand as I told him what he'd done. Of course, it's tough for any pitcher to get whanged for one like that, but I had to admire and applaud the tremendous deed."

TO SUCCEED BULL FIGHTING

Game of Baseball Will Civilize Mexico, Declares Captain Leonard of United States Navy.

Capt. John C. Leonard, United States navy, who was in command of the battleship Virginia when Vera Cruz was taken, declared the other day that "the great game of baseball will civilize Mexico." "Besides having a great influence in that direction," said Captain Leonard, "baseball will supplant the brutal bull fighting. "In Vera Cruz boys are now playing the game. "The bull fighting was not relished by the Americans, and General Funston put a stop to it."

Helps Bill Carrigan.

Being a manager seems to have improved Bill Carrigan's work behind the bat. The Boston club is playing with the same speed and dash which made them the world's champions in 1912, and it's all due to Carrigan. He is hustling himself all the time, and the boys follow. Carrigan is proving a capable manager. He is making his shifts at the right time and has the Sox playing real inside baseball.

Novel Benefit Game.

Benefit ball games for all sorts of purposes have been played, but here is a new one. First Baseman Nick Fuller of the linker team in the West. In a game with Pendleton by which all his front teeth were knocked out. Friends arranged for a benefit game for him, the proceeds to buy him a new set of teeth.

LEADER OF CLEVELAND NAPS

Owner Somers Denies Emphatically Rumor That Larry Lajoie Will Succeed Joe Birmingham.

Answering the rumor, originating in New Orleans some weeks ago and reprinted recently in eastern papers, C. W. Somers denies emphatically that Larry Lajoie is to succeed Joe Birmingham as Nap manager. This story was to the effect that Larry's playing days are about over, that he realizes it, and that Somers, owing to his long personal friendship, intended to make him bench manager, giving Birmingham the gate.

No attention was paid to the yarn when it was first sprung, but when it began to spread through the big league circuits Somers thought it a good opportunity to make public his platform as to the Naps. "Joe Birmingham is manager of the team," said Somers, "and there's no chance for Larry, Olsen or any other member of the club to get his job. In fact there isn't a chance for any man to take Joe's place. I think he is a good manager and will prove his class to the Cleveland public."

"Lajoie had his chance as manager of the Naps for five years and resigned in 1909. I don't know that he aspires to succeed Birmingham, but if he does there isn't a chance for him to land, and he might as well know it now as any other time. The same goes for any other player on the club roster and for any outsider, too. I have Birmingham signed as manager for 1914, 1915 and 1916, and what's more, the ten-day clause is out of his contract. That's proof positive I have faith in him, isn't it?"

"Of course, I am disgusted with the showing of the team this season. After their great work last year I joined with the fans in hoping and looking forward to a pennant. However, I attribute the poor showing of the team in a large measure to accidents and sickness. I can't recall any team in the history of baseball that has had so much ill fortune in this respect."

MATRIMONY SPURS VI0X ON

Pirates' Scrapy Little Infielder Proves Batting and Fielding Sensation of the Team.

When Connie Mack lost the pennant in 1912 he blamed it on the fact that so many of his players had married recently and were taking more about their spouses than baseball. This is not the case of Jimmy Viox,



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however, for the Pirates' scrapy little infielder took a trip upon the sea of matrimony not long ago, and since that time no one has been able to stop him. He is the batting and fielding sensation of the team at present and shows no signs of letting up.

GOVERNMENT OWN BASEBALL

New York World Declares Editorially Theory of Missouri Professor is Not Entirely Fanciful.

The theory of a Missouri professor that within 25 years the government will take over and operate organized baseball is not entirely fanciful. There have been threats of the proposition of the major league as trusts which oppress the players, keep the cost of baseball too high and ought to be dissolved on general principles, and it is quite conceivable that another quarter of a century may witness this extension of government control, says New York World.

Given, then, that in due time congress passes the proper enabling act, appoints committees to determine the physical valuation of ball parks and franchises, creates the necessary federal machinery and takes over the "national game," what an admirable example we shall have of government in one of its highest activities! Under a secretary of sports, with an interstate baseball commission to regulate salaries and admission fees, a federal board of umpires, a baseball civil service and a "plucking board" to retire players, baseball would be "organized" as it was never organized before. A congenial form of government employment would be added to those which already enable an increasing percentage of the public to live at Uncle Sam's expense, and we might look in time for "15-cent baseball" as a campaign issue.

Youngsters on Pacific Coast. More youngsters are being developed in the Pacific Coast league this season than during any of the five preceding ones. Because of the influx of former major leaguers and American association players, it has been almost impossible for sandlotters to get a show in the Coast league. This season Howard Ehnke jumped from a skinned diamond into fame. Sammy Fern, shortstop, picked off the lots of Sacramento by Harry Wolverton, has been showing quite a bit. Pete Standish was in the league for a time last year, but this year he has shown a world of stuff for the Seals.

George Ellis, left fielder of the Angels, is the talk of the entire Pacific Coast league circuit. The Angel outfielder has been pounding the ball so constantly that all the fans have been following his record.

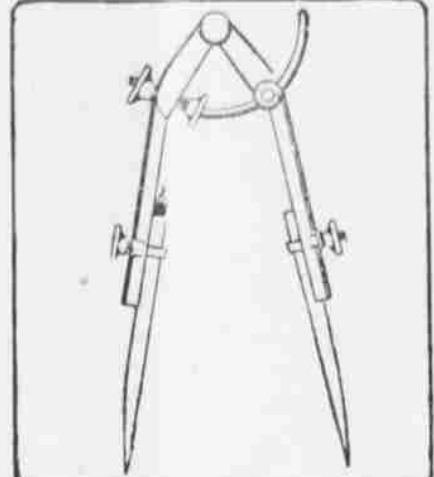
A peculiar thing about the Cleveland Naps is their ability to dig up fellows who can hit. But no matter how strong these fellows are with the willow the Naps never get anywhere.

SCIENCE and INVENTION

FEATURES OF NEW DIVIDERS

Either Steel Point or Pencil Can Be Used at Will With Device Invented by Connecticut Man.

A Connecticut man has invented a divider which is said to have several advantages over its predecessors. One of these is that the extension part is provided with both steel and lead points, either of which can be used at will. One end of the extension is hollow and a pencil screws into it. When it is desired to use the lead point the extension is reversed in the grip with pencil end down. This di-



New Improved Dividers.

vider can also be extended in length from seven to nine inches, and will strike circles up to 25 inches. Another valuable feature is the spring device at the top, by which unusually fine adjustments can be secured, and can be held firm by a locking nut, so that there is no danger of the measurement slipping when the dividers are in use.

AVIATORS SPRING NEW HOBBY

Craze for Flying Upside Down Caused Construction of Machines Especially Strengthened.

The craze for flying upside down which has caught the aviators of France has caused the construction of machines especially strengthened to bear the new strain which inverted flying places upon them. This strain is more particularly upon the wings and tail. These new aeroplanes can do almost anything in the air except to fly upon their heads for any considerable length of time. In fact, one expert testifies that there is no position which they may not take with perfect safety, from which they can easily be brought back into normal position again, provided there is sufficient altitude in which to effect the recovery.

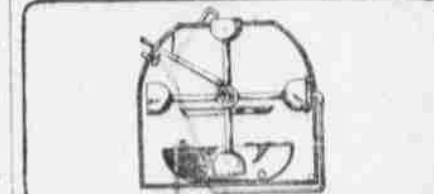
The new fad demonstrates that the aeroplane high in its native element is able to navigate the atmosphere with all the freedom and security of the fish in water. Diving, somersaulting, cavorting upon its side, plowing through the air on its nose or tangoing upon its tail—all these and many other stunts are pie for the modern upside down machine.

It is fairly easy to get the machine to turn upon its back, but it is difficult to hold it there, as at the least loss of balance it will roll over and continue to sail merrily along right side up. Control of the machine while head downward is said by those who indulge in the playful sport of upside down aerial navigation to be just as simple and pleasurable a matter as the other way around. At least this fad has clearly shown the dependability of air craft.

DRINKING CUP IS SANITARY

Several New and Unique Features Are Introduced in Recently Patented Water Fountain.

A recently patented drinking fountain possesses several unique features, says Popular Electricity. Four cups are mounted on arms so that they may be turned. A lever on the fountain permits of moving the arms so



Sanitary Drinking Cup.

that the cups can be dipped into a basin of running water, then flushed out, and finally brought into the drinking position, where it is filled with a continuously flowing supply of water.

Test of Violent Rays. The Italian government has requested the inventor, Giulio Ulivi, discoverer of the ultra violet rays by means of which gunpowder and torpedoes have been exploded from a long distance, to test his discovery in the Mediterranean. According to their conditions fixed for the test, it will be necessary for him to cause an explosion at a distance of 13 miles through the hills.

New Circular Planes. Instead of the rigid planes used in most aeroplanes two Austrian inventors have equipped their air craft with circular planes revolving in opposite directions 300 or more times a minute.

War Airships. The British army will buy 18 bi-planes from one German maker and the navy 12 hydroaeroplanes from another.

New Life Preserver. A steamer chair which opens into a life raft when it strikes water is a life-saving appliance patented by two New England men.

SCIENCE AND SOAP BUBBLES

Inventions and Great Orbs of Iridescent Colors Shown at London Exhibition by Professor Boys.

Specimens of the year's scientific discoveries and devices drew the members of the Royal society in large numbers to the annual exhibition and conversation at Burlington house recently, the London Chronicle states. Round the rooms stood novel instruments of great import, ranging from a complex machine to ascertain the stability of an aeroplane to a simple pipe for blowing mammoth soap bubbles.

Nothing astounding or freakish has crept into the august precincts of the society's rooms this year. Charles Dawson was there with his Pittwood skull, which he has now christened Eoanthropus Dawsoni; Doctor Schlow sky was also there as lecturer and exhibitor of a train, boat and aeroplane, illustrating the value of gyroscopic principles in locomotion, navigation and aviation. But neither of these being new to the visitors, they turned to C. V. Boys, F. R. S., who delighted them with a new method for enjoying an old amusement—blowing soap bubbles.

Mr. Boys is unrivaled in the art. He blew great drafts in the expanding film until it became a beautiful orb of iridescent colors.

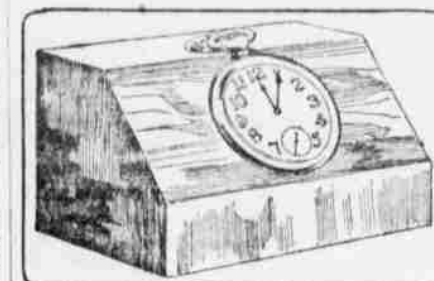
"Two feet in diameter some of them are," he exclaimed excitedly, "and I maintain that a bubble of that size is a joy to look upon."

"Is your clever blowpipe a toy, then?" asked a spectator. "In a sense, yes," he answered, "but I claim that there is more science about a bubble than in anything else of its weight." He has overcome the difficulties of blowing and detaching bubbles by a special form of injector blowpipe. Instead of the bowl a piece of flexible fabric with serrated edge is affixed to the pipe. The injector blown by the mouth supplies air in quantities of ten to twenty times greater than is possible with the lungs alone. His discovery, said to relate, will oust the clay pipe from popular favor.

TIMEPIECE IS QUITE HANDY

Desk Block Is Recommended for Convenience and Safety—Watch Can Be Seen at Glance.

In a great many places where it is necessary to know the time at any moment, a watch is a very convenient guide. If the watch is placed flat on the table or desk, it is not always easily seen, and then, too, it is liable to be pushed off and broken. The sketch shows a desk block which was used with a great deal of satisfaction. The recess in the top of the block is for the chain, which need not be taken from the watch. The slight



Desk Block for a Watch.

angle of the block, which is hollowed out to receive the watch, makes the dial clearly visible from almost any point of view. For convenience and safety in connection with the continual use of a timepiece this suggestion is hard to excel, says Popular Mechanics. The block is easily made and finished to present a pleasing appearance on any desk.

NOTES OF SCIENCE AND INVENTION

A frame has been invented to hold an ice cream box secure while it is being filled.

Oxygen and alcohol vapor are being used to stimulate the heart by English physicians.

Muffers to silence the motors of their dirigible balloons are being tried by German army officers.

The Russian government has ordered ten aeroplanes of a type to carry 11 persons in addition to the pilot.

The normal human eye is blue, say scientists, other colors being caused by the presence of different pigments in the iris.

It has been contended by a French scientist that ultraviolet rays aid digestion in persons suffering from weak stomachs.

Of the 43 airmen in the world who have looped the loop, France has 26, England 5, America 1 and Russia and Italy 2 each.

One of the French manufacturers has produced a hydroaeroplane so powerful that it is in reality little less than a flying tugboat.

Removable glass shields, so inclined as to keep out rain but admit air, have been invented to be attached to window frames to aid ventilation.

Scientists have determined that at the age of thirty the female brain begins to lose weight, but that of the male not until the age of forty.

An English aviator has equipped his machine with an acetylene flare, which would burst into flame and form a signal should he fall into the sea.

In a chemical refrigeration process that has been developed by a French scientist the expansion of sulphur dioxide gas is used to produce a low temperature.

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