

RECRUIT HAS PITCHED WONDERFUL BALL



Dick Rudolph of Boston Braves.

(By FRANK G. MENKE.)
The showing made by Dick Rudolph of the Braves, this year will prove of big help to the recruits that John McGraw has "canned" and may turn loose in the future.

Rudy belonged to John some season back, but John placed the "N. G." tag on him and cast him adrift. Rudy, after a season in the minors, felt that he deserved a chance in the big leagues again. He appealed to several managers. His record was good, Rudy was young, but he was branded with the "N. G." McGraw stamp, and most of the managers turned a deaf ear.

"If McGraw says you are not good enough to keep, I guess you aren't," they told Rudy. "Any player that shows any promise is kept on the Giants' payroll. McGraw didn't keep you, so I don't want you."

As the above may show, most managers got to the point of thinking that McGraw as a baseball judge, was infallible. If he cut a player adrift they didn't care to have anything to do with him in the future—that is, all of them felt that way except George Stallings of the Braves.

Stallings watched Rudy and Rudy looked to have the goods. He signed Rudy and that pitcher has been the big factor in the wonderful spurt made by the Boston Braves in the last two months.

Rudolph has pitched wonderful baseball. Few of his games have been lucky wins. He has won through sheer pitching ability. The players have battled behind him at times, but never enough so that he could allow the enemy an average of two runs a game. He had to keep their average under that—and he did.

DOLLAR HITS BRING RESULTS

Mike Finn, Manager of the Memphis Chicks, Works Unique Cure for Players Left on Bases.

They are telling one on Mike Finn, manager of the Memphis Chicks, that is a good one if true in any degree. Mike, they say, was very anxious about six weeks ago for some base hits that would drive in runs. His men were getting on bases, all right, but the hits to put them over were always missing. Finn claimed that he had more men left on bases than any team in the league.

So he proposed that every hit that brought in a run would get the batter one round silver dollar.

The scheme worked pretty well and more runs were the result. The Chicks pulled out of last place.

Mike let the players' account run until Frank P. Coleman sold the Memphis club to Russell Gardner, so the story goes, and by that time it had run up to \$110. The Chick manager carried the bill to Coleman.

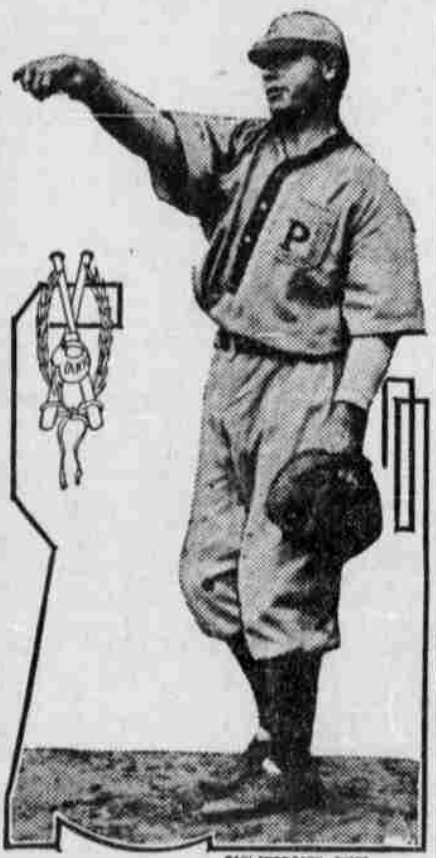
Mr. Coleman is not a stingy man, but he has been in baseball for a number of years, and he never had to pay players extra to make base hits. He looked the bill over, then turned it back to Mike with a grunt and a shake of the head, which meant nothing doing.

And—maybe it's all a joke—they say Mike had to dig deep into his own jeans to make good with the players.

CATCHER G. GIBSON IS SLOW

Fanciful Description of Pirate Back-stop Trying to Steal Home in Recent New York Game.

It will be admitted that Catcher George Gibson of the Pittsburgh Pirates is a slow man, but in justice to him this fanciful description of his attempt to steal home in a recent game at the Polo grounds, furnished by Heywood Braun, a New York writer, should not be allowed circulation without explanation that it is a trifle exaggerated. Here's Braun's story: George Gibson left third base and started to steal home. Chief Meyers



Catcher George Gibson.

was so taken a-back that for a moment he did not know what to do. He walked over to the bench. "Gibson is trying to steal home. What shall I do?" asked the Indian. "Wait him out," suggested McGraw. Meyers returned to his station, but he grew impatient when he observed that Gibson had paused to construct a pontoon bridge or something of the sort, so he threw to Stock, who tagged the runner from behind.

FANS HOPING FOR A CHANGE

Tired of Seeing World's Series Bat-tled Played by Giants and Athletics in October Haze.

The rank and file of fans are hoping that the next world's series combat won't be between the Giants and Athletics. They've grown a bit tired of seeing these two clubs fight it out in the October haze, and they are pulling for some other club to "horn into" the big doings.

If the Cubs and Athletics had another world series duel, or the Giants and Tigers, or Giants and Red Sox, fandom would be somewhat satisfied. But the great mass of fans would rather see the Rex Sox and Cubs, or the Tigers and Cubs, than to see either of the teams that battled last year in action again this year.

The reason for this is that in the case of a series between the Giants and Athletics, the fans take it as a foregone conclusion that the Athletics again will conquer. It's sort of an old story repeated—and they want to hear a new one. They'd rather see two totally different teams in action.

Segregate Players.

Report has it that American league clubs have been cautioned against putting up their players at the same hotels where Federal league teams stop. It is not feared that any American league players will jump agents and players buzzing about, playing the game on the field becomes a secondary consideration to money talk.

Lajoie Slowing Up.

The Cleveland Press says: "Napoleon Lajoie's baseball star is setting. The records indicate that Larry is slowing up. His age is against him. A younger man will have to be developed. Larry knows it and will doubtless help develop that young man."

Talks to Convicts.

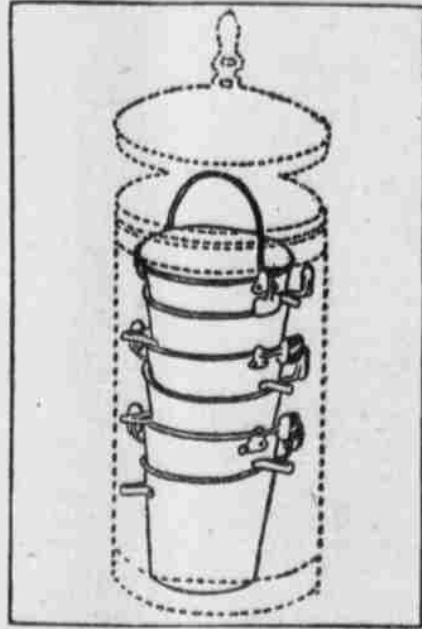
Hugh Jennings turned spokesman at the Massachusetts state prison, and gave the inmates a talk on "What is necessary to make a top-notch ball player."

INDUSTRY MECHANICS

MEANS FOR COMBATING FIRE

Buckets Placed in Tank of Water Are Hidden From View—Not Taken for Other Purposes.

Means for combating fire in the early stage are always advisable, and often compulsory, and the typical row of fire buckets so often seen in offices and in industrial establishments is anything but imposing, and, exposed as they are, the contents are often spilled or evaporated or maliciously emptied. The buckets in a tank

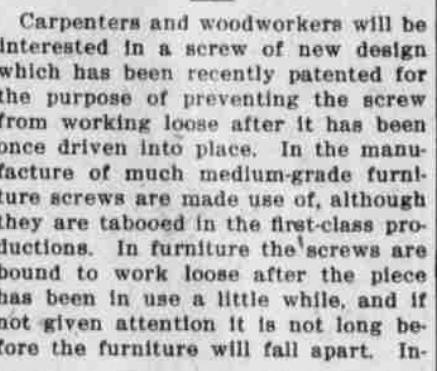


Handy Fire Buckets.

shown in the illustration are a recent invention and have a number of novel features. The tank is filled with water, and as there is a substantial cover on it the water does not seriously suffer by evaporation and the buckets are at the same time hidden from view. Another of the novel features is the weighting of the handles on the buckets so that the ball of the top bucket is always upright and extended above the level of the water and as it is seized and raised from the tank it is filled to its full capacity. Thereupon the ball of the next bucket swings upward ready for use.

SCREW MADE TO HOLD FAST

Supplied With Slot Along Length With Edges Which Prevent Its Easy Withdrawal.



A Hold-Fast Screw.

Carpenters and woodworkers will be interested in a screw of new design which has been recently patented for the purpose of preventing the screw from working loose after it has been once driven into place. In the manufacture of much medium-grade furniture screws are made use of, although they are taboored in the first-class productions. In furniture the screws are bound to work loose after the piece has been in use a little while, and if not given attention it is not long before the furniture will fall apart. In-

deed, in such a piece constant attention is required to keep them together and fit for the service for which they were designed. The new screw has a slot along its length with edges so shaped that they offer no resistance to the passage of the screw as it enters, but a series of little heels or projections stand in the way of its withdrawal.

Domestic Vessels of India.
Most of the domestic vessels used by the people of India are made of copper or brass, and departure from this usage is rendered difficult from certain ritual observances of cleanliness.

Use for Waste Product.
English mills have succeeded in making yarn and twine from flax straw, heretofore regarded as a waste product.

Novel Vacuum Cleaner.
A novel vacuum cleaner for use in houses where electric power is not available, has a bellows which straps on the person's back and is operated by a handle at one side, to provide the suction.

Concrete Railroad Ties.
Railroad ties made of reinforced concrete into which asbestos fibers have been introduced, tried out on a Bavarian railroad, can be drilled and hammered like wood, which they far outlast.

Suppressing Noises.
After studying the subject of the suppression of noises in dwellings for several years, a German scientist has decided that the more solidly buildings are constructed the more quickly they will convey sounds.

Mine Rescue Apparatus.
A new English mine rescue apparatus does away with the helmet and weighs only 28 pounds, yet with it a man can work in deadly gases more than five hours.

LAMP CAUSES EYE DISEASE

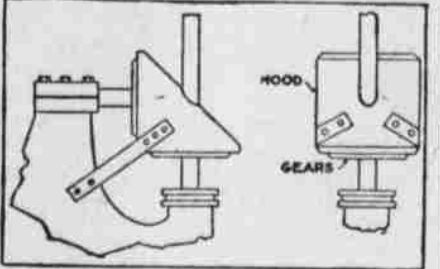
Safety Device Seriously Impairs Sight of Underground Workers, Especially Coal Miners.

While progress in science has enabled industrial concerns to greatly increase their output and has made the life of the worker much easier, at the same time it exacts its penalties and it has recently been discovered that the safety lamp used by the modern miner has greatly increased the prevalence of an eye trouble which seriously impairs the sight of the underground worker, especially coal miners. This trouble has been known for some time and is believed to be caused by the great eye strain to which the men are subjected when working in the dim light of the safety lamp. In mines where an open-flame light or candle can be used, the disease is rarely found. In Great Britain records show that some 1,618 miners were found to be suffering from the disease during one year, and the loss in money is estimated at more than \$15,000, represented by the compensation paid these men under the law. This, of course, does not take into account the reduced earning capacity of the men during the progress of the disease to that point of acuteness which made them eligible to compensation under the law. This is one of the occupational diseases to which much study is now being given, though no real remedy has yet been found.

COVERING FOR BEVEL GEARS

Hood Consists of Cylindrical Piece of Sheet Metal Cut So as to Present Triangular Form.

Bevel gears are the most dangerous because on account of their shape they are more difficult to protect. They are especially hard to safeguard where used on a shaft that extends both ways from the horizontal gear. The sketch is descriptive of a hood for covering such gears, says Popular Mechanics. The hood consists of a cylindrical piece of sheet metal, cut at an angle of 45 degrees at both ends



so as to present a triangular form. The hole for the shaft should be so large that the shaft cannot touch the hood, the latter being anchored with supports which are shaped to suit the conditions.

CHIMNEYLESS STEAM BOILER

Combustion Gases Disposed of by Passing Them into the Steam of the Engine's Cylinders.

The chimneyless steam boiler and furnace now in operation on a Russian torpedo boat, the invention of a Russian naval engineer named Schmidt disposes of its combustion gases by passing them into the steam of the engine's cylinders. Liquid fuel, easily yielding to combustion without smoke, is essential. The combustion gases are cooled from about 3,600 degrees to 1,800 degrees F. on leaving the heating surface of the boiler, and they are then passed into a tube into which a fine spray of cold water is injected under pressure. This cools the gases to between 650 degrees and 900 degrees F., converting the water into superheated steam of the same temperature. The mixture of steam and combustion gases is led to the upper part of the boiler, where it is mingled with the boiler's ordinary supply of steam, and is sent into the cylinders. The boiler, besides requiring no chimney, is claimed to have the further advantage of very high efficiency, utilizing 90 and even as high as 97 per cent of the heat of the fuel.

NOTES OF INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

Matches can be made waterproof by dipping in hot melted paraffin.

Russian railroads protect ties and telegraph poles against decay by soaking them for several months before use in strong brine.

An Illinois man has patented clamps to hold paint brushes on the ends of poles at any angle to save painters the need of ladders.

Cork slabs, compressed from a thickness of 14 inches to half an inch, are being tried out for flooring in railroad cars.

Chinese exports of freecrackers to the United States are yearly diminishing.

It is only necessary to boil a cork for five minutes to make it fit any bottle.

A chimney 115 feet high will sway, without danger, as much as 10 inches in a strong wind.

Next to the United States, Germany and France are the largest producers of iron ore in the world.

The United States has more than 6,000,000 factory employees, and 1,500,000 railroad employees.

That it is very cool and light is the claim for a new perforated metal band for the interior of stiff hats.

An excellent waterproof brown paper is being made in England of which 80 per cent of the material is peat.

Portable power plants up to 50-horse power that use crude oil for fuel are coming into common use in France.

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PLAYERS COMMON LABORERS?

Georgia State Law Says They Are, While President Tender of National League Says No.

Are ball players common laborers? That is the latest question that is agitating the fans. If you ask the players themselves such a question (you know they all have plenty of artistic temperament) they will probably be insulted, says Detroit Journal. Warrants are now out for a Federal league scout who is said to have tried to entice players of the Valdosta and Waycross teams of the Georgia state league to jump. Pres. James Sinclair, at whose

BASEBALL NOTES

A mascot shouldn't hold his job long with those Cleveland Naps.

About the only man who doesn't go up in the air at a ball game is the groundskeeper.

The Cardinals are called the hitless wonders, but the Pirates are the runless wonders.

It is reported that Chance wants Lajoie to play first base and help draw crowds in New York.

Otis Clymer, veteran of many seasons, has given away his Felder's glove and has quit baseball.

Buck Froeman, former major league player and home-run swatter, is umpiring in the Canadian league.

Nick Altrock is performing better in his acts before and during the game this year than ever before.

After watching the baseball strife of the season of 1914 one is inclined to remodel the name to "base bull."

The Baltimore Feds may be nicknamed Terrapins, but they haven't been souped for the other teams, as yet.

It is generally agreed in New England league circles that Manchester should be a winner for Fred Lake's team.

Most ball players are against war—that is, any kind of a war excepting a baseball war where the salaries are all raised.

Nashville, which was looked upon as a "dark horse" in the Southern league pennant fight, is apparently down and out of it now.

Fred Claus, a brother of Bert Claus, the southpaw pitcher with Detroit last season, has been added to the New Haven club's roster.

First Baseman Hoblitzel's bunting and base-running have been a big factor in the sensational climb of the Boston Red Sox up the pennant ladder.

While Ed Walsh is doing his comeback for the Chicago White Sox his brother Martin is making a name for himself with Bridgeport in the Eastern association.

Umpires like to see enthusiasm in Al Boucher, the dark-complexioned third-sacker on the St. Louis Federal league club, is thinking seriously of going on the stage.

Jake Bouites, one-time Boston Brave, is playing the star game at third base and also with the war club, for the Bridgeport team of the Eastern association.

The Brooklyn Fed club believes it has a comer in Shortstop Al Holt, who has succeeded Gagnier on Bradley's team. He hails from Milwaukee and is twenty-two years of age.



President John K. Tener.

request the warrants were issued, invoked the George contract labor law, which was passed to prevent anybody from tapering with laborers under contract.

They may consider ball players laborers down south (and you can't wonder that they do when men go out to the ball park and toll in the boiling sun day after day when they might be cooling themselves off in the shade of the magnolia trees, but President Tener of the National league doesn't think so.

"Baseball players are neither miners, hod-carriers nor ditch diggers," declares the National boss and governor of Pennsylvania, "baseball players are professional men and professional men do not strike. I am glad the strike is settled. However, I don't believe the settlement arrived at will be permanent, owing to the belligerency of some of the baseball magistrates."

To Replace Chapman.
Manager Birmingham is not overly satisfied with the work of Ray Chapman. He has signed Bill Martin, an eastern collegian.