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### STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

How Keeler's Quick Thinking Prevented Detroit Scoring.

ONCE HOWLED AT BY FANS.

Several Years Ago For Making Same Play Rooters Soured on Veteran. Says Modern Game Is Faster Than That of Twenty Years Ago.

No. 1.

By WILLIE KEELER.

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I've been asked to describe what I think was the cleverest play that I ever pulled off during my long career on the diamond. Well, that certainly is a hard one to hand me. You see, I've been playing many, many years and have engaged in many hundreds of hard fought games, so it is not an easy matter for me to recall what the fans say is the brainiest or most brilliant play I ever made. A majority of the fans who are not in touch with the inner workings of a baseball club fail to stop to consider that doing the unexpected on the diamond is part of the life of a professional baseball player. In fact, he has his daily task to perform and must always be on

the job, studying out intricate plays and ready to grasp the opportunity offered to help his team to victory. He is like any head of a department in the business world. He is paid for using his brains, hands and feet in an endeavor to make his employer a winner.

There is one play that I pulled off last summer at American League park which required the quickest kind of thinking. Detroit had runners on second and third bases, and there was but one out. McIntyre lifted a long foul fly to right field. I started after the ball on the dead run. I got within reach of it finally, but when the crowd was expecting me to make a great catch I suddenly dropped my hands to my side and allowed the ball to strike the ground. For a moment the crowd started to groan and then broke out into a round of applause that gradually spread all over the park. Why? If I had caught that ball Stange would have scored for third, it being too long a throw to get him at the plate. As it was foul nobody could advance. McIntyre then hit a liner to Demmitt, but no score resulted, and the next batter "fled" out to Elberfeld. Quick thought had saved a run. Three years ago I made exactly the same play at Higglunder park and was roundly censured. The fans today know baseball.

Many times I have been asked, "Is baseball faster today than it was twenty years ago?" My answer is "Yes." The game of today is faster and harder, more scientific and more strenuous than that of long ago. The game of today requires more team work, inside ball and more cleverly executed plays. Sacrifice hitting, the double steal, the squeeze play, bunting, the hit and run game and other strategic plays unknown or unpracticed by the men of twenty years ago have worked a transformation in baseball.

Many of the old timers were the equals of or superiors to the best players of today, but as teams they were deficient in a knowledge of many innovations and discoveries which make baseball the greatest of all games.

*Willie Keeler*

Certwell to Clean Up England. Nat Cartmell, the former University of Pennsylvania sprinter, who turned professional in England, wants Mike Murphy, coach of the Red and Blue team, to go to England with him this season, when he will contest against some of the prominent athletes over there.

#### BASEBALL TIPS

Hans Wagner has made 2,331 hits. If Cy Young pitches only one game a week he will receive \$250 every time he officiates for Cleveland.

Infielder Bob Englaub has been nicknamed Dorando by the Washington players because he is styled a Marathon conversationalist.

Manager Dahlen of Brooklyn has unearthed a splendid young outfielder in George Hunter, who is shining in batting, fielding and base running.

Wagner, Wallace, Elberfeld and Dahlen are the surviving shortstops who broke into the big leagues in the last century. Evers, Huggins and Schaefer are the old second basemen.

Between May 15 and Aug. 20 major league teams will not be permitted to carry more than twenty-five players each, and from Aug. 20 to the following May 15 the roster will be limited to thirty-five players.

#### KEEP AN EYE ON LAJOIE.

Relief From Managerial Duties Will Improve His Playing.

Keep an eye on Larry Lajoie, the former manager of the Cleveland Americans this season. This is the quiet tip that is being given out by the members of the Naps. Since the men started training this season Larry



LARRY LAJOIE OF CLEVELAND.

has been cutting up like a youngster, batting and fielding as he did in days of yore. It is figured that as he has been relieved of managerial cares, which affected his playing for the past few years, he will make things hum for Ty Cobb and other stars.

#### LOS ANGELES AUTO MEET.

Crack Drivers to Compete in Races on Coast April 8-13 and 15-17.

Great preparations are being made for the inaugural meet of the Los Angeles (Cal.) motordrome, April 8, 13, 15 and 17. Judging by the number of high class cars and crack drivers entered, the meeting should be a successful one. Races at all sorts of distances will give every form of car specially built on "stock" an opportunity to show to its best advantage in numerous events without having to face great odds and being outclassed, as is the case when there is a small program.

In addition to this, the management has decided to hold a twenty-four hour race on the "great planked dish." The A. A. A. has been asked to set aside April 30 and May 1 for this long contest. It is expected that owing to the few changes of tires made necessary and the fast surface of the track all world's twenty-four hour records, including those made by Edge at Brooklands track, England, will be beaten.

For the inaugural meet large cash prizes are offered for professional events and handsome trophies for amateur races, and the fields in each class are expected to be larger than usual.

Among the drivers entered are Burt

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Dingley, Joe Mattson, Ray Harroum, Ralph De Palma, Frank Lescault and Caleb Bragg, as well as Edward Hearne, the Chicago amateur.

In addition to these, a number of prominent coast drivers hope to show some of the eastern stars a thing or two about making speed.

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#### NATIONAL ROWING REGATTA.

Annual Event to Be Held on Potomac River July 29 and 30.

The annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Rowmen will be held at Washington, July 29-30. These dates were decided upon by the executive committee of the organization at its annual meeting in New York recently. All the races will be at one and a quarter miles over a straightaway course.

The following regatta dates were also approved by the executive committee:

Connecticut Valley Rowing club, Springfield, Mass., July 4; Southwestern Amateur Rowing association, St. Louis, July 16; Central States Rowing association, Quincy, Ill., July 9; Harlem Regatta association, New York, May 30; New England Amateur Rowing association, Boston, July 4 and Sept. 5; Hudson River Rowing association, Washington heights course, July 16; Middle States Regatta association, Sept. 5; Schuykill Navy, July 18; People's regatta, July 4, and Amateur Rowing association, July 21, at Philadelphia.

#### A BRIDGE FRIEND'S ULTIMATUM.

The lady was preparing for her first trip abroad. She consulted her doctor as to the best course to pursue to avoid seasickness. He advocated eating heartily. Another doctor, to whom she mentioned her doubts, advised her to refrain from eating. In despair at such conflicting advice, she consulted a third physician and asked which was right.

"Both, my dear madam, both," he replied. "It just depends upon whether you prefer to discard from strength or weakness." — Lippincott's.

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