

CLEVER STUNTS IN EARLY GAMES

Pennant Races of 1910 Show Brilliant Performances.

HOME RUNS WITH BASES FILLED

One No Hit Game and Two Triple Plays Among the Sensational Things That Have Electrified Fans—Tris Speaker's Great Batting.

Although the 1910 season is still very young and old Jupiter Pluvius very unkind to the fans for the first few weeks of the campaign, quite a number of sensational stunts have been pulled off in the big leagues. In the American and National leagues the quality of ball has been on a higher plane than ever before, and, while the fans of certain cities may be disappointed at the standing of their representatives in the percentage column,



TRIS SPEAKER, BOSTON AMERICANS' GREAT STAR.

they have to acknowledge that the play this year has been fast and spirited.

In the first few weeks of play two triple plays were made, both in the National league. The New Yorks wiped out three of the Brooklyn players at one fell swoop in New York and duplicated the feat a few days later in Boston. Dahlen's Daisies pulled off a three ply killing at the expense of the Doves also. Tris Speaker, who Jim McAleer says is the best outfielder in the country, already has made a double play without assistance, a rare feat for a center fielder. Ty Cobb in the second game played by the Tigers this year beat Briscoe Lord of the Naps out of a hit by throwing Larry Lajoie out at second. Cobb, who, like Speaker, always is trying, came in fast on Lord's low liner, just missed catching it and then threw to second and retired the king of the Naps.

Addie Joss, pitcher, inventor and sporting editor, had the honor of pitching the first no hit game of the year, but there are many captious critics who aver that he should not have been credited with this performance. On April 29 the slender Clevelander got the best of Frank Smith in a pitching duel by the slightest of margins—1 to 0. Bill Bradley fumbled Parent's unintentional bunt, and the scorers first called it a hit, afterward changing their minds and charging an error against McGuire's tall and capable third baseman.

Bradley says he was to blame on the play, but many fans who witnessed the game aver that a point was stretched in Joss' favor to let the "bumm slat" make his second appearance in the no hit colony. Walter Johnson of the Washingtons, Frank Smith of the Chicago White Sox and Earl Moore of the Phillies let their opponents down with one rap in nine innings.

Of noble four baggers and cleanup swats there has been a bountiful supply. J. Bentley Seymour of the New York Nationals and Tex Erwin of the Brooklynns seem to have made the longest loop-the-loop cracks of the campaign. McGraw's outfielder and Dahlen's backstop each hit the ball over the high right field wall in Philadelphia. Players who have hit for the circuit with the bases in a congested condition in the first few weeks of the campaign are Norman Ellersford of the Washingtons, who turned the trick on April 20, and Jake Stahl of the Boston Red Sox, who came to time with a drive of this kind on the following day.

Roger Bresnahan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Charles Louis Phillippe of the Pirates, Bob Bescher of the Reds and Larry Lord of the Boston Red Sox have either doubled or tripled with the bases all tangled and swept the bases clear of their inhabitants. Tris Speaker came mighty nigh making himself more popular than ever with his admirers, recently when in an eighth inning assault on Gray and Hovlik of the Washingtons he almost got two home runs in one round.

On Tris' first appearance at the plate he drove the ball out of the lot, and on his second he again sent it beyond the barrier, but drive No. 2 was fouled by an inch or so, and he had to return to the batters' box. Speaker singled on his second trip to the plate in the same inning and is the first major league performer who has got two hits in one inning.

MEXICAN SWEETMEATS.

Vegetables of All Kinds Are Candied or Preserved.

I was surprised at the Mexican sweetmeats, said a New Yorker just back from Mexico. I do not think there can be any fruit or vegetable which they do not candy, preserve in sirup or convert into jam. In a queer little pueblo in the state of Zacatecas I heard a woman calling monotonously, "Cimarrones, calabasas!" Now, these words in English mean sweet potatoes and pumpkins. She had a small tray, held in place by a leatherer thong that went around her neck.

I crossed the plaza and asked her for five cents' worth of calabasas. She placed several pieces of a sugary yellow substance in a paper bag, and I realized that I was going to have the experience of tasting candied pumpkin.

If you can imagine pumpkin pie frozen hard and saturated with sugar you can get an idea of the flavor of that queer confection. One grows to like it after one has lived in Mexico for awhile.

The cimarrones were also rather nice. The sweet potatoes are boiled in water until they are soft. They are then soaked in hot sirup and candied. A final coating of powdered white sugar is added and gives them the appearance of large Easter eggs.

Beets, carrots, turnips and artichokes are some of the vegetables made into sweetmeats in Mexico. Tropical fruits of every description are also used for this purpose, and candied watermelon peel is a great favorite.

The regular stand of the sweetmeat vendors is on the plaza, but at night they turn out in force around the doors of the theaters. A Mexican seniorita would not enjoy the show unless she had a good supply of native confections to munch. It is her substitute for the chocolate creams that we buy for our matinee girls.

Last New Year's eve I was in Nogales, a pueblo on the international line between Arizona and the Mexican state of Sonora. A vaudeville entertainment was being given at the little theater, and about 8 o'clock I strolled over to take in an act or two. It was almost impossible to make my way to the box office through the crowd of peddlers that blocked the street and sidewalks.

"Pumpkins, carrots, sweet potatoes, senior!" they shouted in Spanish while the light from many oil lamps flickered over their wares. "Very cheap! Only 10 cents for as much as you can eat!"

It was a strange scene, full of color and racy of the soil. Indeed, it is the sweetmeat vendors that will always recur to my mind when I think of my visit to Mexico.—Ex-

An Ancient French Custom.

Anciently in many parts of France when a sale of land took place it was the custom to have twelve adult witnesses accompanied by twelve little boys, and when the price of the land was paid and its surrender took place the ears of the boys were pulled and they were beaten severely so that the pain thus inflicted should make an impression upon their memory and, if required afterward, they might bear witness to the sale.

The White Pine.

The white pine is distinctively a northern tree. The native distribution of the tree was from Newfoundland on the east to Lake Winnipeg on the west and thence to the southern boundaries of Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. The white pine belt also followed the Appalachian range as far to the south as Georgia. The best growth of the tree was in Maine and the British territory east of the state, along the St. Lawrence river, in New Hampshire, Vermont, northern New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and central Pennsylvania.

Illustration by James.

"Master James says he doesn't want to go for his walk this morning, ma'am," said James' nurse.

"No, I don't. I want to stay home and ask you some questions," broke in James, aged five.

"What are the questions, dear?" inquired James' mother. "Can't you ask them and then go out?"

"But I want you to answer me before I go," James continued, with a look of anxiety upon his face. "Please tell me, mother, which is the front of a pill?"

"That will take some reflection," replied the puzzled parent. "Are there any more like that?"

"I want to know," said James, "if the snake that spoke to Eve talked English?"

"You go for your walk, James," suggested his mother, "and let me have time to think."—New York

(From Monday's Daily)

J. W. Larkin was in Omaha Saturday night on business.

Michael Martin left today for Valparaiso for a few days visit with his brother and other relatives.

Glen Munger of Omaha was a visitor in town Saturday with his friend Miss Emma Bauer.

Mrs. Joseph Wooster boarded the eight fifteen train this morning for Omaha for a brief stay.

Miss Viola Hainie left this morning for Pacific Junction where she will finish out her school work of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Towle of Omaha who have been guests at the A. N. Sullivan residence left this morning for their home.

Livingston Ritchey and County Attorney Ramsey returned to the city last evening after being in Omaha and Lincoln for a few days.

M. Fanger was a passenger on the north bound Burlington this morning going up to Omaha to see about closing out his Omaha store.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wallinger who reside near Ashland were in the city over Saturday and Sunday visiting at the John Bauer residence.

J. C. Brittain and wife and two children were passengers to the Gate City this morning where they expected to remain for a short visit.

Miss Hazel Cowles returned to Omaha this morning to resume her work after being in the city for her regular Sunday visit with her parents.

Ernest Pribble and wife of Louisville are in the city for a day or two visiting with Mr. Pribble's brother, Arthur, press foreman of the News.

Peter A. Welch and family departed on No. 45 this morning for Havelock where they reside after being Sunday visitors at the home of August Bach.

Edward Schulhoff of Glenwood was a Sunday visitor in town staying at the home of his mother. He returned to resume his work at Glenwood early this morning.

Oscar Erickson returned to Omaha this morning where he is employed on the Burlington gang which left this city recently to do some river work along the Missouri at Omaha.

James Shields and Mrs. Grace Strausbaugh were callers in the city over Sunday guests of Miss Ursula Richardson at the Riley hotel.

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HALLEY'S COMET

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ter of gasses, the lighter parts of which are forced out into space by the sun's action. One theory of the nature of the comet's tail is that it represents electric radiation, and if this theory is correct it is expected that terrestrial magnetism will so divert the rays as to cause electric magnetic disturbances in the earth's atmosphere.

MURNOCK

Henry Westlake spent several days of this week in Lincoln on business. Miss Meta Neitzel visited in Lincoln last Wednesday.

Dr. H. H. Hornbeck of Oklahoma is visiting his brother here this week.

A baby girl made her appearance at the home of I. D. Jones last week.

Martin & Toole are conducting a large sale at their store this week.

The school teachers hired for the ensuing year are Miss Clara Brauchle primary, Miss Albright of Lincoln intermediate and Miss Thorpe of Litchfield, principal.

Mrs. Ferdinand Rosenow of Clay Center Kansas is visiting her mother Mrs. Aug Kuehn this week. Mrs. Kuehn's condition is practically the same.

Mrs. Meeham of Bennett spent last Sunday visiting her husband here. Chas. Moon of Lincoln visited his sister Mrs. Dr. Jones over Sunday.

Mrs. Simon Brackage and several of the children are reported ill with typhoid fever.

Friends of R. E. Neitzel will be grieved to learn of his wife's death last Sunday, death resulting from an operation for appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. Neitzel were married last September and were making their home at Murphie, Idaho where Mr. Neitzel is engaged in business. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Neitzel of this place were present during her illness and death. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. Neitzel in his sad bereavement.

Miss Tressa Butts of Nebraska City visited friends in town a few days this week, the guest of Meta Neitzel. Mina Goehry visited her sister in Plattsmouth over Sunday.

Miss Joe Hite and Miss Dimmet of Alvo visited Mrs. August Amquest Wednesday.

O. E. McDonald purchased a fine little Brush auto this week.

The ball team was organized Thursday evening with H. A. Tool as manager.

Mrs. Lillian Gumm returned home this week from a prolonged stay at Estella, Neb.

Wm. Weddell who has been quite ill the last few weeks is reported better and able to look after his business again.

Mrs. Walter Stoltz of Milford, Neb. visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Riikli over Sunday.

Played Weeping Water.

The base ball association of the seventh and eighth grades did not meet with very much success in its trip to Weeping Water Saturday. They had evidently neglected to consult their Billiken before making the journey for they returned to the city with the score of 11 to 6 with the half dozen runs on their side. The bunch of young fans left early Saturday morning in a carryall for Weeping Water returning late in the evening. They said they ran up against a pretty husky bunch from the academy there but they are determined to trim them up next Saturday when they will play the return game here. The Plattsmouth lineup was:

Edward Zueckweiler, catcher. Vern Long, pitch. Floyd McDaniel, first. Carl Dalton, second. Glen Edwards, third. Eugene Maur, short. Don Seivers, right field. Hillard Grassman, center field. Richard Poissal, left field.

For a Paid Battery.

There has been a movement started among the base ball fans in town to make small donations for the support of a paid battery for the local team. It is a good idea all right and most of the bugs are more than willing to jar loose a few shickles to see the team get a good pair for delivering the horse hide and reefing the twisters. Some rip snorting games are being lined up by the managers and the fans are catching the epidemic in great style. All persons interested are requested to see Brantner, W. R. Egenberger, or Charles Grimes, who have the matter in charge.

A week ago Sunday Mrs. Elizabeth Wiles celebrated her eightieth birthday at her residence on the farm west of town. There were present ten sons and daughters and their children numbering about fifty in all. A fine out of door dinner was enjoyed by the party at the reunion and a most pleasant day was spent.

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