

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

Bill Dahlen of Brooklyn Tells of Managers' Hard Lot.

APPLAUDED WHILE WINNING.

When Club Strikes Losing Streak Fans Tender No Sympathy to the Pilot. Leader of Big League Team Has Thankless Task at All Times.

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Very few people, except those who possess inside knowledge, are familiar with the trials of a manager of a major league ball team and with what he has to contend. Let me tell you, a manager's path is not strewn with roses; but, on the contrary, it is a position beset with tribulations, of sleepless nights and of hopes often unfulfilled, particularly when conducting the affairs of a losing club. The fans will not stand for a persistent loser, and the team which is unable to make a fairly good showing in the pennant race soon loses support and is termed "lemons," "clucks," "dubs" and "has-beens," and the leader of such a club is set down in the same class.

In the present day baseball game the manager is the man who has to stand or fall. It's up to him as far as the public goes. And yet how many of the fans who go to ball games know or even care who the manager of a team is as long as it continues to win? But if it loses—wow! Then the manager gets it, and gets it good and plenty. The fans only blame the manager. They forget there is an owner behind the manager, who may be more to blame than he.

In order to be a successful manager in the major leagues today one must possess a large amount of gray matter, up to date ideas and knowledge of the intricate points of play. Not only must he have a full understanding of the game, but he must be able to instill the knowledge into the heads of the players comprising his team. The majority of the leaders in the big leagues today have knowledge of the game through practical experience and active participation as players. In following the game day in and day out all of its scientific features are presented to them. Almost every day the plays that are pulled off are the result of deep study and mature meditation.

One of the big woes of a manager is the daily advice of patrons who by word of mouth and numerous letters in, upon telling him how the team should be run. Of course this advice is thankfully received and immediately followed—nit. If these fans had their way changes in the team would be made every day and new players would be coming in by the train load. The hardest part of a manager's work lies in the selection of his team, weeks and months being spent in scouring the country for promising material. If out of a half dozen selections one real diamond star is discovered the manager considers himself very lucky, for the ratio of young players making good in fast company is only one in six.

In the spring, when reporting time arrives, the manager awakens to the fact that his troubles are to commence. With twenty or thirty players from which to select a regular team his work is cut out for him, and he passes days of anxiety and suspense. After many trials his choice is made. Those who have not displayed the requisite speed are returned to the minors. The manager is filled with hope and fear. If his team starts in a rut and everything breaks badly he knows that he will pass a season of discontent and become the target of abuse. His hours will be full of unrest and devoid of pleasure.

Then the fans will submit hundreds of letters telling him of the players that he should get, many of whom could not be secured for love or money. When he is recognized on the streets he is met with sour looks and coldly greeted. Then perhaps some one will hurl the questions at him: "Why don't you do this?" "Why don't you do that?" "What do you mean by letting the team go to the dogs?" "Are you trying to kill the game?"

While the manager feels like soaking the interrogator he is forced to smile a sickly smile and work his thought tank in an endeavor to pacify the irate fan. While sitting on the players' bench he may have to listen to such expressions as these: "Gum team." "They're rotten." "Punk." "Rank aggregation." and "Get a new manager." After listening to these comforting words for a couple of hours each day the pilot of the team is thankful when darkness envelops the land and he can retire in restful slumber.

A manager's berth in the major leagues is no sinecure. It may continue for one or a dozen years, according to the measure of success attained, and the incumbent is always on easy street. In that capacity one may be worthy of a medal today, the tin can tomorrow. The fans are prone to applaud the successful and heap coats of fire on the heads of the unfortunate. A baseball manager is up today and down tomorrow.

ODD CLASSIFICATION.

The Way a Carload of Tramps Was Designated in Mexico.

In Mexico the billing of railroad freight requires a knowledge and precision which can only be attained by years of practice. This is due to the peculiar classification of various articles and the different rates of customs duties. A case once occurred which severely taxed the ingenuity of the station agent, although he finally succeeded in meeting all requirements.

The town was overrun with tramps, and the council determined that steps must be taken to rid the city of them. It was finally decided to round them up and ship them out of the country. It would be too expensive to purchase tickets, so they concluded to hire stock cars and ship their tramps as freight.

The cars were procured, and by the aid of the police the tramps were gathered, but then the question arose as to how the shipment should be designated on the bill of lading.

The term "persons" could not be used, as it would conflict with the state law relative to proper accommodations for the traveling public, and it would also be in violation of the company's rules governing the rates of passenger traffic. "Marketable commodities" would not do, as that would subject the carload to a heavy duty upon crossing the tariff zone. Again, they would have to be classified as "perishable" or the dispatcher might order the car sidetracked along the line.

But fortunately there is a customs law which exempts certain kinds of curiosities from duty, and so, after much consideration, the tramps were billed and forwarded as so many hundredweight of "perishable curiosities—unfit to eat."

Slang Tabooed.

Slang is tabooed in the home of a West Philadelphia family, principally because there is a bright little girl who displays a persistent aptitude in retaining expressive but un-cultured phrases.

The other evening at dinner the mother, father and daughter drifted into the vernacular, and a fresh start was necessary. The little girl started it. "I'm not stuck on this bread," she remarked.

"Marge," said her mother, "you want to cut that slang out."
"That's a peach of a way of correcting the child," commented the father.
"I know," replied the mother, "but I just wanted to put her wise."

Fox's Wit.

The following is one of the many stories told about Charles James Fox, the English statesman and orator:

Mr. Hare, envoy to the court of Poland, occupied rooms in the statesman's "diggings." He was a great personal friend and indeed a man of very similar tastes. They were each the objects of continual inquiry on the part of tradesmen and others. One day Fox, looking out of the upper window, descried two men watching the house and waiting. With a genial smile he shouted, "Pray, gentlemen, will you tell me, are you Fox hunting or Hare hunting today?"

The balliffs were so tickled that they went away.

Stumped by James.

"Master James says he doesn't want to go for his walk this mornin', 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

The Valuable Match.

There was a loud splash, and a moment later a dripping head appeared above the waves. On the end of the dock was a stove-dove nonchalantly lighting his pipe. "Help, man!" cried the chap in the water. "Can't you see I am overboard? I can't swim."
"How often you been down?" asked the stove-dove, shielding the flickering match from the wind.
"Once, I believe, but hurry up, man! Give me a hand!"
"You wait! You have two times yet to go down, and I have only one match. I'll catch you on the last trip."—Chicago News.

To California.

New through tourist car line to Los Angeles, Calif. Leave Plattsmouth each Friday 12:03 a. m. via Kansas City C. R. R. I. & P. El Paso arrive Los Angeles Monday 7:05 a. m. Returning leave Los Angeles Thursday 3 p. m. arrive Plattsmouth 5:03 p. m. Sundays.

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Mr. R. B. Windham left this morning for Lincoln where he will remain for a few days attending to business matters.

Mrs. J. Baxter, who lives a short way east of Murray, was in town this morning on her way to Omaha where she will see her son H. H. Baxter who is confined at an Omaha hospital with appendicitis. He was operated upon a week ago Saturday and is rapidly convalescing.

Bennett Chrisswiser left this morning for Plainview, Neb., where he will remain a few days. He intends to make an examination of land in Pierce county with the expectation of investing in it later.

C. A. Marshall, local dentist, is in Omaha today attending the annual convention of the state Dental Society which is in session there today and tomorrow. Mr. Marshall was present at the organization's meetings yesterday, returning to his home last evening.

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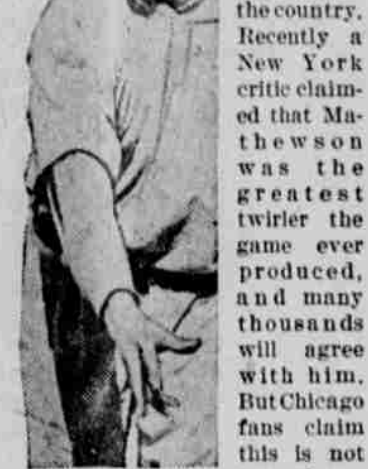
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J. E. TUEY

is "Three Fingered" Brown Really the Master of Mathewson?

As has been the case for the past few years, rivalry is again intense between "Three Fingered" Brown of the Chicago Nationals and Christy Mathewson of the New York Nationals for the pitching honors of the country.

Recently a New York critic claimed that Mathewson was the greatest twirler the game ever produced, and many thousands will agree with him. But Chicago fans claim this is not so and say that their idol is the peer of any twirler in the country. To prove this they point to the records of the men when they have opposed each other for the last six years.



MATHEWSON.

Brown and Mathewson have pitched against each other in seven-teen games, and Brown has won almost two games to Mathewson's one.

The Chicago star is credited with eleven victories and the great Giant rival with six. Last season the New York pitcher won two of three games from Brown, but Mathewson's first victory over Brown last year was the first in four years. This season Mathewson is in better shape than Brown and may eclipse the latter's performances this year. The following shows what the great pitchers have done against each other:

BROWN'S VICTORIES.

Date	Score	Hits.
June 12, 1904	3 to 2	4 and 6
July 12, 1905	8 to 1	12 and 3
July 17, 1906	6 to 1	9 and 7
Aug. 18, 1906	6 to 2	12 and 8
May 21, 1907	3 to 2	8 and 9
June 5, 1907	8 to 2	16 and 7
Aug. 2, 1908	5 to 0	9 and 4
July 17, 1908	1 to 0	7 and 6
Aug. 29, 1908	3 to 2	7 and 3
Oct. 8, 1908	4 to 2	7 and 4
Aug. 28, 1909	6 to 1	6 and 7

MATHEWSON'S VICTORIES.

Date	Score	Hits.
July 9, 1903	4 to 2	14 and 9
Aug. 12, 1903	6 to 3	11 and 7
July 23, 1904	5 to 1	9 and 6
June 15, 1905	1 to 0	6 and 0
June 8, 1909	3 to 2	7 and 2
Sept. 16, 1909	2 to 1	7 and 7

Paul After Mile Record.

Mike Murphy is training Captain Billy Paul of the Pennsylvania track team to lower Tommy Connell's American mile record of 4 minutes 15 3/5 seconds.

Smallest Umpire Is Not Five Feet Tall.

Barney Briceland, who is umpiring in the Central league this season, is the smallest indicator holder on any ball field in the country. He stands less than five feet in height. Briceland is light in weight, but is all grit. He has worked in the Ohio-Pennsylvania league as a substitute and at one time held an indicator in one of the western leagues. Briceland is a potter by trade.

Jim Jeffries Is Three Men, Says McCoy.

"Jeffries is three men in one," is the comment of Kid McCoy. "He has the strength and vitality to hit out half a dozen fighters like myself. What the man who knows as much about fighters fine as realize is that Jeffries is wholly unlike any fighter within the recollection of any living man. He is so tough and hard that blows that would end another heavy-weight's career have no effect upon him, while with his enormous strength and vitality he can slam home a punch that will win him his fight after he has been fighting for hours and when another man would be so exhausted that he couldn't lift hard enough to dent a chocolate candy."
"That retirement for five years hasn't done any harm, either. He has been doing some drinking in all likelihood, but not enough to affect that wonderful vitality of his, and, unlike other fighters, he hasn't been knocking around indulging in all sorts of dissipation. He is married and domestic in his tastes, and the quiet sort of life he has been leading has kept him just as fit for a fight as he was when he retired."

THE REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Nehawka Bank of Nehawka, Charter No., 279
Incorporated in the State of Nebraska at the
close of business May 11, 1910.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	141976.53
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1545.13
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4810.31
Current expenses and taxes paid	3147.43
Due from national, state and private banks	\$20502.73
Currency	3080.00
Gold Coin	3905.00
Silver, nickels and cents	813.12
TOTAL	28300.85

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	25000.00
Surplus Fund	1250.00
Undivided profits	4497.14
Individual deposits subject to check	\$79635.21
Demand certificates of deposit	3360.69
Time certificates of deposit	41661.44
Cashiers checks outstanding	6608.34
Due to national, state and private banks	17767.43
TOTAL	149033.11

STATE OF NEBRASKA, County of Cass, I, J. M. Stone, president of the above named bank, do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.

ATTEST

F. P. Sheldon, Director.

B. W. Bates, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of May, 1910.

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