

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

Silk O'Loughlin Talks About the Duties of Umpires.

HOW GAMES SHOULD BE RUN.

Arbitrator Should Keep Players Hurling (if He Can) and Get Close to Every Play—Umps Must Be Up to All Kinds of Schemes.

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Umpiring is a business, and it has been mine for fourteen years, during which time naturally I have had some queer experiences. If I have attained any success as an arbitrator it is because I have put my mind down to my work and given it just as much of my time and thought as I have been given in other lines and professions.

I believe that the umpire is every bit as much of a feature at a ball game as are the ball tossers. More depends upon him, and he should realize this fact when he steps upon the field. It has always been my idea to let the public and the players know that the umpire is the real thing. He should create this impression when he walks on the field and impress it on every body's mind as the game progresses.

I have made a study to give the public all that is coming to them from the umpire. The people in the seats are entitled to know what decisions I render, and I try to make this plain both by signals of the hands and arms and also by the peculiar manner of announcing strikes and balls.

I draw out strikes as long as possible, so that they can be easily distinguished from the balls. I never say "two" because that is sometimes misunderstood, while "two" is never mistaken for anything else.

One of the most important things that I do is to get as near to every play as possible. The umpire should move about, and the players should do the same. The umpire should put lots of action into his work, and the players will follow suit. There is nothing more tiresome than a draggy game of ball, and the umpire can make it draggy if he is so disposed. I always make the players hustle, and I have never yet found a player who did not want to get through a game as quickly as possible.

Umpires sometimes make trouble for themselves by allowing the game to get out of his hands. The umpire should always hold the players in check, and they would never have any trouble with the ball tossers. I started to umpire when I was but twenty years old, and I have been at it ever since. Umpiring is not always pleasant, but I like my work.

In order to be a successful arbitrator one must possess a cool head and be a good judge of the players, for the majority of them are up to all kinds of tricks. For instance, here is a scheme that Frank Isbell of the Chicago White Sox tried to work on me some years ago. Isbell wanted to get out of the game. It was bitter cold, and he did not feel like playing. But he did not feel like going to the manager of the team and saying that he didn't want to play. So he hit upon the scheme of being put out of the game.

In one of the early innings he tried to steal second, and I declared him out. "I wasn't out, and nobody who says I was out doesn't know what he is talking about," said Frank. He was hoping that I would put him out of the game, but I was on to his trick. The next time he got on first he started for second again. Once more I had to call him out. "I'm not out!" howled Isbell. "Nobody but a crooked umpire would call me out." The third time up he singled and once more started to steal second. This time he was out by two feet. "I wasn't out!" he yelled and handed out a line of talk that was calculated to get him put out of the game. As the day was cold and raw he would rather be sitting on the bench in the clubhouse than on the bench of the playing field. Frank saw that I was on to his game and for the rest of the game remained very quiet.

Extra Inning Games a Hoax.
Are extra inning games a hoax for the Detroit Tigers?

Judging by the results in overtime games this season this looks to be a fact. Up to date the champs have participated in four such games. Two went ten innings, one eleven innings, and another strung along fifteen innings. And the Tigers have lost every one of these extra inning struggles.

Starboard and Larboard.
The Italians derived "starboard" from questa borda, "this side," and "larboard" from quella borda, which means "that side." Abbreviated these two phrases appear as sta borda and la borda. Their close resemblance caused so many mistakes that the admiralty ordered the "larboard" to be discontinued and "port" substituted. "Port" for "larboard" is said to be first used in Arthur Pitt's "Voyages" in 1850.

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C. D. Clapp of Elmwood was in town in the city yesterday on business.

L. R. Upton of Union was in town today.

GIBSON PREMIER CATCHER.

Baseball Experts Give Pittsburgher Coveted Title of Best Backstop.

World's greatest catcher—this is the lofty title that has been bestowed on George Gibson, the Pirates' great backstop, by the Pittsburgh critics.

Well, there are lots of baseball experts who say that the popular Anouley is deserting of it. They claim there is no wild paddist in the game today who is Gibby's peer in all around work.

The big Canadian has made a great start this year, and it will surprise no one if he equals or even surpasses his great record of 1909 for consecutive games caught.

Gibson is so big, so ideally built, so muscular and so strong that he can



GEORGE GIBSON, PITTSBURGH'S GREAT BACKSTOP.

work twice as hard as the ordinary man without feeling any ill effects. Ted agrees with "Hack." He thrives under it and never loses his happy spirit or his effervescent smile.

"Deacon" Phillippe is credited with being as good a judge of ball players as any man in the business. He has had wide experience and has excellent judgment in estimating the worth of an athlete. The veteran twirler is authority for the statement that when it comes to smooth, graceful work behind the bat no one has anything on Gibson.

"Gibson makes a hard job easy," said the "Deacon." "He does so because he catches in such a naturally free and easy style that he runs little risk of personal injury. You never hear of his missing a game through being hurt, and yet there are catchers with good reputations who are always getting into the way of the ball. They fight the sphere as it comes to them and are often hit off with split or bunched fingers. That's not the case with Gibson. He is surely a wonderful backstop."

AFTER DIAMOND SCULLS.

Three Canadian Oarsmen Preparing For English Henley Regatta.

There is a possibility that three Canadian oarsmen will compete for the Diamond sculls, which is one of the feature events of this year's Henley regatta in England, July 3 to 6. Lou Scholes and James Cosgrave are already in training for the event, and now comes the announcement that O'Neil, the Halifax oarsman, may also compete. O'Neil won the American amateur sculling championship at Detroit last year.

If O'Neil decides to enter the Diamond sculls Canada certainly will be well represented. Before the three leave for England Canadian rowing enthusiasts plan to arrange a match between them. Whether this plan will go through, however, is a matter still to be decided.

Sculler Greer After Durnan.

Former Amateur Sculling Champion Frank B. Greer of Boston is talking of rowing a match race with Eddie Durnan of Toronto. Richard Arnest, the Australian champion, is reported anxious to meet Durnan at Toronto after his world's championship race with Ernest Barry of England in South Africa next August.

DIAMOND CHIRPS.

Because of his excellent coaching at third base McGraw will carry Fred Tenney through the season.

George Mullin, the Tigers' leading twirler, is twenty-eight. He began to pitch for Detroit at nineteen.

Vincent Campbell, the big and fast St. Louis player, has made a hit in Pittsburgh as substitute for Outfielder Wilson.

Johnny Evers, like Eddie Plank, has never played on but one big league club. Eddie started in 1901 with Connie Mack, while Evers played his first game with the Cubs in 1902.

Clarke Griffith says: "A manager should permit a player like Ty Cobb to use his best judgment at the bat. Such men are competent to act on their own initiative."

KRAUSE IN GOOD FORM.

Athletic Star Southpaw Winning Majority of His Games.

Harry Krause, the Philadelphia American's sensational southpaw, is not being worked as much as he was last year, with the result that he is showing even better form this season than he did last, when he won over ten consecutive games. Krause is of frail physique and for this reason cannot be forced, but by using him about once a week he is sure to win a large majority of his games.

Krause, like many other pitchers, has the reputation among opposing



Photo by American Press Association.

HARRY KRAUSE, PHILADELPHIA AMERICANS' CLEVER PITCHER.

batters of having nothing and being only lucky. That, of course, is absurd, for his work has shown him to be a great pitcher. It is perhaps that he has a delivery which looks easy enough, but baffles nevertheless, the deception not being recognized by the batter, that makes him successful. Whenever a pitcher is charged with being only lucky it's a safe bet that he has ability, for luck alone won't carry a pitcher very far.

INTERNATIONAL SHOOT.

Team Match With Canada For Spencer Trophy.

An interesting event of the shooting season of the New Jersey range at Sea Girt will be the first international rifle match with Canada, which will be shot about Sept. 10 if the challenge issued to the Canadians by the Americans is accepted, as it is expected it will be. The challenge comes from the Association of American International Riflemen, which is limited to those who have represented America in international contests, such as the Palma trophy and the Olympic games, and includes a number of the foremost military shots of the country.

According to the terms of the challenge, the match is to be shot alternately first at Sea Girt and then at Ottawa between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1 each year. The teams are limited to six principals and two alternates, all members to be citizens of the country they represent.

Evers Says He Will Never Dispute Umpire Decisions Again.

Second Baseman Johnny Evers of the Chicago National league baseball team has arrived at the conclusion that it is the best policy not to dispute any decision rendered by an umpire. And he has made up his mind not to protest vociferously on any verdict given against him this summer. In the past Evers has been known as an inveterate kicker on close decisions at the plate and at other places on the diamond. At times he resented the judgment of the indicator handier so strongly that he was ejected from the contest, suspended by the president of the league and, in addition, fined. All this looms up as a piece of foolishness to the second sacker, and he declares it is a thing of the past with him. His reputation as a kicker will drift into oblivion, and he expects soon to be known as "Peaceful Evers."

CURRENT SPORT NOTES

The \$10,000 Charter Oak stake at Readville will be for 2:13 trotters. A 3,000 mile motorboat race from New York to Paris is planned for June.

Canada cadets of Harbord Collegiate school have been invited to shoot in an English tourney on Sept. 8 in London.

The Missouri valley conference has asked twenty-five colleges to compete in an annual athletic meet May 28 at Des Moines.

Joe Horner of Michigan will surely enter the shot put event at the eastern intercollegiate meet at Philadelphia May 27 and 28.

The Philadelphia Amateur Athletic union has about 4,000 members, and a majority of the meets will be amateur affairs this summer.

Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Lincott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

Copy 1, 1910, by Rev. T. S. Lincott, D. D.

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The death of John the Baptist—Matt. xiv-12.

Golden Text—He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that taketh a city, than he that taketh a city. Prov. xvi-32.

Verse 1—Who was Herod the tetrarch?

To what extent is the "fame" or the sayings, or the indirect influence of a good man, instrumental in doing good, as compared with his direct influence?

Can you recall one or more cases of conversion through words repeated second hand?

Verse 2—Is it a fact that bad men dread the company of aggressive good men and if so, why?

Verses 3-4—How much good or harm did John accomplish by reproving Herod of his sin?

What can you say for, or against, the proposition, that it would have been in the interest of righteousness if John had kept his mouth closed, concerning Herod's sin?

If John could have foreseen the result, what effect would that probably have had upon the act which cost him his life?

Should a good man always reprove a bad man for his sins, and, if not, what rule should he adopt in the matter of reproof?

When does reproof do more harm than good?

What can be said for, or against, a man who marries the wife of his living brother?

What is the moral, or spiritual difference in marrying the wife of a living man with, or without, a divorce?

Specify the good that John accom-

plished through his death, and what he probably would have accomplished had he lived?

Verse 5—To what extent does the moral sentiment of a community keep men from outward sin?

Does the moral sentiment of a community have a healthful effect? and is a man whose conduct is governed by public sentiment a truly good man?

At what stage, in the progress of these events, would God adjudge Herod guilty of murder?

Verses 6-7—Convivial and social functions create mental and nervous excitement, and inspire desires akin to the common sentiment of the gathering. Now, in such a case, is it safe to commit ourselves to any course of action, until we have got back to our normal condition, and why?

What influences induced Herod to make this rash promise to this girl?

Examine by experience, or otherwise, the ballad dance, the so-called round dance, and the square dance, and specify their moral tendencies?

Verses 8-9—By what process did this woman, Herodias, reach this deepest hell of cruelty and revenge, of demanding the head of John to be brought to her in a platter?

Which is the greater sin, to make a bad promise or, to keep it?

Verses 10-12—Specify some of the results of gratified revenge and whether it brings happiness or sorrow? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Lesson for Sunday, May 29th, 1910.—The Multitudes Fed. Matt. xiv:15-21, xv:29-39.

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