

GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF WASHINGTON FANS



Pitcher Groom of Washington.

There was a time when Washington would have been satisfied with sixth place. Now it's worth one's life to talk cheerfully and as one satisfied of the possibility of a mere first division team. It's pennant or nothing. The fans have it all figured how the star is to be landed, and even Manager Griffith thinks he has a

CRACK TRIO OF OUTFIELDERS

Boston Red Sox Have Fastest and Strongest Outfield in the American League.

Taken collectively and considering every point of the pastime, the Boston Red Sox boast of the greatest outfield sardine in the major leagues. In Left Fielder Lewis, Center Fielder Speaker and Right Fielder Hooper. Other teams in both leagues have their bright stars, but none can claim a trio that measures quite so high as that that looks after the Red Sox's gardens. Lewis, Speaker and Hooper can do all that is necessary on the dis-



Right Fielder Hooper.

mond. Each can throw like a shot, their arms being feared by all the base runners; each can field, covering the territory coming in, going back or hopping to his right or left; and as hitters they are supreme. At present Speaker leads the American league's sweat colony and Lewis and Hooper are up with the leaders as batters and run-getters.

Gets Lot of Credit.

Jack Ryan, the veteran catcher who is acting as coach for the young pitchers on the Washington team, and also making a few scouting trips for Griffith, is given a lot of credit for the present grand showing of the Washington team. Manager Griffith deserves the major portion of it, however.

New Texas-Oklahoma Officers.

At a meeting of the Texas-Oklahoma Baseball league, at which all towns were represented except Wichita Falls, President P. B. Newcomb and Secretary E. E. Barclay resigned. H. L. Warren and R. A. Atkins, both of Greenville, Tex., were elected president and secretary, respectively.

Grayson Denies Yarn.

Willie Grayson of Louisville says there is nothing in the story that W. H. Watkins will acquire an interest in the club or that Jimmy Burke will succeed Tighe as manager. Watkins himself says he intends to leave the game for good.

For Curving a Ball.

A New York genius has invented a special cup arrangement for pitchers to wear on their fingers which he says will curve a ball. The greatest need of pitchers, however, is not a curve but a controller.

Johnson and Walsh in Race.

Walter Johnson and Ed Walsh, two of the "iron men" of the American league, are having a merry race this season. Johnson excels in small-hit games, having pitched two 2-hit, one 3-hit, three 4-hit and one 5-hit games.

POLITE GAME OF BASEBALL

Old Baltimore and Boston Teams Tried to Play Courteous Game—Agreement Soon Forgotten.

"You can try to refine and civilize baseball all you want," remarked Joe Kelley, the present Toronto manager who was once an Oriole star, "and you can make a parlor game out of it by giving the umpires power of life and death, but you can't kill off the players' tongues unless you stun 'em with an ax. Baseball can be made a gentlemanly game, all right, but you can't get the Lord Chesterfield writers into it, no matter how much the umpire and magnates talk about its progress toward perfection. Nothing doing. The public can't hear the line of talk that still goes on, and it's just as well the public is out of rubbering range.

"Years and years ago, I well remember, two ball clubs tried to pull a polite and courteous ball game, just to see how the thing would work. The old Baltimore and the old Boston—which were real ball clubs, both of them, held a conference one afternoon. There had been a lot of talk and newspaper criticism about house work and bad language, and we wanted to show press and public that we could be good, decent people, after all. We agreed to try out the polished conversation and the golden rule stuff for this one occasion, and Tim Hurst, who was slated to umpire, agreed to help the good work along. It would be some conversion, too, believe me, if we could get Tim Hurst into the parlor process for Tim was never built for cotton lilies.

"The first half-inning went by something lovely. Even when Tim called a strike on Tom McCarthy that was a foot over his head, there was no out-break. Says Tom, very gently, 'Wasn't that ball a trifle high, Mr. Umpire?' and says, Tim, all courtesy, 'I fear I may have erred in judgment, Mr. McCarthy. Kindly overlook it, if you will.' And in our half, when Jack Doyle went down to second in a 'cloud of dust, and Tim said 'Out,' Jack jumped up, red in the face, yelled 'What the hell!' and caught himself in time. 'Pardon me,' says Jack, 'but I honestly thought that Mr. Long failed to touch me!' And says Herman Long, equally polite, 'I am under the impression that I did touch Mr. Doyle.' Just as nice and Chesterfieldish as you could read in a book of etiquette.

"And in the very next inning the blow-off came. Three on and two gone, with Hughie Jennings batting. Reitz made a dash for home on what he thought was a passed ball. The Boston catcher recovered it, but as he dove for the putout Jennings wandered against him and knocked him ten feet away. 'Out for the interference,' yelled Hurst, and then everybody yelled at the plate in a bunch. 'You Irish loafer,' shrieked Reitz, 'what am I out for?' 'You red-headed stiff,' roared the Boston catcher at Jen-



John McGraw.

nings. 'I oughta knock yer block off, an' for two cents I'd do it!'

"'You're a piece of stinking cheese,' snarled Jennings, and this bit of mumpire is a porch-climbing robber!'

"'For Moses' sakes remember,' I interposed, 'that this is supposed to be a polite and courteous game, just to show how well we can behave—' And somebody hit me across the trap with a catching glove.

"'I can lick every man in yez,' howled Tim Hurst, 'and I'll do it, too, if ye're not back in yer places inside av half a minute!'

"'You're a cheap crook,' said John McGraw.

"'You're all a bunch of yellow dogs,' said Herman Long, addressing the whole Baltimore team, sort of impersonally.

"And when the police arrived the rules of etiquette had been fractured so badly I never heard of their being reinstated. That was, I think, the first, last and only time that a courteous ball game was staged in a big league company."

Delahanty With Wilkesbarre. Wilkesbarre has picked up Outfielder Joe Delahanty to replace Homer Smoot in right field. Delahanty played last year with Toronto, but this season has been playing in the United States league. Hallman has returned to his home in the west. He is through with baseball and went to Wilkesbarre just to help Clymer out in the hour of need.

Six New Leaders.

The appointment of George Stovall as manager of the St. Louis Browns leaves the American league running with six new leaders. Jennings and Mack are the only managers who hold over, now that Wallace has been passed along.

COWS AND CLOVER MAINTAIN QUALITY OF SOIL FERTILITY

Raising Abundant Crops of Legumes for Farm Stock and Selling Butter Should Enrich Any Farm—Sowing Orchard Grass and Clover Together Makes Good Pasture.

What should be a strong inducement to every owner of a farm with cows to make and sell butter is the fact that this form of dairying makes it possible not only to maintain the soil fertility, but to constantly add to it.

While the solids in the milk contain the most essential elements of fertility, the butter fat contains no element of fertility at all. Hence, the selling of milk in large quantities inevitably reduces the productiveness of the farm, unless a large proportion of the feed for the cows is bought off the farm, instead of being grown on it.

On the other hand, butter contains practically nothing that constitutes an element of fertility in the soil, says a writer in Farm Progress. For this reason, if one has a poor farm, and

As I have found that even work stock can be kept in good condition on well-cured hay, if allowed to eat a full ration at each meal, I have concluded that on the great majority of farms a large portion of the grain fed to work stock may be eliminated if plenty of good, bright clover hay is fed to all stock, and sufficient time allowed for the horses to eat it. This may seem to be a sort of heresy to the vast number of men all through the big corn states, who feed little grain, except corn, and some of them no roughage part of the year except corn fodder. But I know whereof I speak; some of the best teams that I have ever seen are never fed anything except clover hay, unless by chance that runs low, and it is necessary to



A Profitable Bunch of Youngsters.

wants to adopt a line of farming that will soonest and most economically make it productive, the best plan will be to keep cows, and sell the cream or butter. And the more feed one buys, and the less he takes off his own place, except clover, the sooner the soil may be made rich.

Having had considerable experience with clover, cowpeas, Canada peas and other legumes, I have concluded that for soil improvement the red clover or alsike, will be found the best thing for the purpose. I would only use alsike in case the land to be improved was rather moist, as on that sort of soil it will usually make a better growth than common red or any other, except white clover, and that does not make a sufficiently bulky growth to serve the purpose best.

In some experience of my own, I have found that sowing orchard grass and clover together makes a most excellent pasture; and, if one keeps the stock off, it is possible to get a growth that will make a fine mixture for hay; but when clover is cut at the right time and properly cured, there is no more nutritious forage that can be grown.

feed timothy hay; and, when that is done, a feed of corn is given along with it.

It always seems to me very remarkable that so few men use clover as the principal feed for their stock, when there is such inducement to do so. I have never known of a case where any one was not pleased with the results in feeding clover hay to work horses. If he had good, bright hay and gave a reasonable grain ration in the shape of corn with it.

Where the chief grain fed is oats, the clover is not suitable, because the percentage of starchy matter or its equivalent would not be properly proportioned to the proteins. As I know men who have for years not fed an ounce of grain to horses doing farm work daily, and they have kept in fine condition, and at steady work on nothing but nice, clean, bright, well-cured clover hay, it seems to me that a great many men are wasting money in their method of feeding, and are failing to improve their soil because they do not sow the clover."

Probably the latter is the more important point to be considered. Common sense and clover are mighty good factors in successful farming.

EXCELLENT FEEDS TO FATTEN LAMBS

Use of Alfalfa for Roughage Simplifies Question Considerably—Peas are Recommended.

(By J. R. McNULTY, Colorado Agricultural College.)

The great question which the successful lamb feeder is now trying to solve is that of the most economical concentrate to be used in fattening his lambs.

The fact that most feeders are using alfalfa for roughage simplifies the above problem considerably. Alfalfa supplies the protein, and when fed with a fattening concentrate, as corn or barley, reduces the amount of feed required for a pound gain to the minimum. Experiments prove that corn is just a trifle better, pound for pound, than barley when both are fed in connection with one of the legume hays, as clover or alfalfa. There is little data on the economy of feeding corn alone with upland or timothy hay or with corn stover. This follows from the fact that such a ration would lack considerably in protein. Doubtless barley would somewhat excel corn, pound for pound, when fed with roughage lacking protein, as the ones last named. Whole barley may be fed very successfully to fattening sheep.

The fact that cotton seed meal can be purchased for a price comparing favorably with that of corn in Colorado has suggested the feeding of this concentrate with alfalfa hay for fattening lambs. In this combination, however, we have two feeds high in protein and consequently an unbalanced ration. Oil meal is fed quite

extensively with timothy hay and roots, in which combination it gives very good results. On the other hand, very few records of sheep fattened on cottonseed meal and alfalfa are available, for, as a rule, protein rich feeds (alfalfa and oil meal) are the most expensive nutrients of a ration and are not usually combined. It is very probable, however, that some cottonseed meal can be fed when alfalfa is fed, if we use a mixed ration of corn and cottonseed meal. The best proportion would perhaps be one-third cottonseed meal and two-thirds corn, either shelled or cracked. This combination should give good results and at the same time be much less conducive to digestive disorders than a ration of cottonseed meal and alfalfa.

Peas are strongly recommended for fattening sheep. When fed in combination with either corn, barley or oats, equal parts, better gains are made than when either of the above cereals is fed alone. This is especially true where timothy hay or corn stover is fed as a roughage.

Hog Pasture.

Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., has published a circular on Supplementary Pasture Crops, referring especially to supplying continuous pasture for hogs. It shows clearly the value of the different crops commonly used, tells approximate time of sowing, time of pasturing, number of hogs per acre, etc. It may no doubt be had for the asking.

Cement Wall for Hogs.

A cement tank, if sunk into the ground and filled with water, is just what pigs need during the hot days. If the yard immediately surrounding the tank is made of gravel so that the water may drain away there will be no unsightly mudhole.

USE OF GYPSUM OR LAND PLASTER

Practice Nearly Always Increases Yield of Clovers and Peas—How to Apply it.

Plaster nearly always increases the growth of the clovers and peas. Mixed with an equal quantity of wood ash, it is largely used by gardeners and truckers to stimulate the growth of early potatoes, corn, beans and cabbage.

Plaster is a sulphate of lime, and both the sulphuric acid and the lime are active principals in plant growth. The time to sow plaster on clover and peas is when the plants are making their first leaves. Sow at the rate of two bushels to the acre.

On land that has been recently limed the application of plaster has little effect. The only way to find out the value of plaster is to measure off an acre of clover or an acre of grass

and clover pasture and sow, say, two bushels to the acre, leaving the adjoining acre unplastered. The growth of the plastered clover will prove its value in a few weeks after the plaster has been sown. When plaster can be had for \$10 per ton it will pay to sow it at the rate of two bushels to the acre on dry upland meadows and clover fields, on pastures, oats and peas and on all the bean family. It is also valuable for sowing on clover stubble after the first crop has been cut for hay. The dressing of plaster at this time will greatly encourage the second growth clover. On most every farm there are a variety of soils, and a fertilizer that will prove of value for one kind of soil and will prove of little value used on an adjoining field, but having an entirely different character of soil. Test each field and keep a record of these tests, as they will prove valuable.

Preparing Soil.

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Singing and the Lungs. It is well known that singing, like whistling, is a fine exercise for the lungs, and some doctors advise those who fear consumption to go in for singing for this reason.

At the same time they, of course, do not advance the claim that singing alone will save anyone from or cure consumption. Acquire the habit of taking the big deep breath, which is a primary requisite of any kind of singing, bad or good, and the physical joy derived from it will never allow you to relapse into lazy breathing.

Ruling Spirit Still Strong. Mrs. J. L. Story, who has just published a volume of reminiscences, tells of a lady relative who had all her life been afraid of damp sheets. When she was dying Mrs. Story entered the room, to find the fireplace barricaded with a large assortment of bed linen. She was having her winding sheet warmed.

Cheerful Outlook. "Father, dear," said Amaranth, "Willie Smithers is going to call at your office this morning to ask you for my hand. Isn't there some little hint I can give him before he goes so as to make it easier for him?"

"Yes," said Mr. Blinks, "tell him to take ether before he comes. It will save him much pain."—Harper's Weekly.

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And Priced Above All. Other things may be seized by might or purchased with money, but knowledge is to be gained only by effort.—Lander.

One always thinks there is a lot of money to be made in any kind of business that he isn't in.

Helpmates and soulmates are not always synonymous.

Willing to Oblige. A story comes from a town where firms advertise to sell fish direct to small purchasers. The glowing advertisements asked for the sending of half a dollar with a list of the varieties of fish preferred. One letter read:

"I want two salmon, a dozen whiting, a dozen fresh herring, some flounders, and if you have them you can add a lobster."

The next day the lady received a letter, which ran:

"Dear Madam: Please send another dime and we will forward the fisherman."—Dallas News.

Her Special Advantages. James Fullerton Muirhead in his book, "The Land of Contrasts," tells of an American girl who was patronizingly praised by an Englishman for the purity of her English and who replied: "Well, I had special advantages, inasmuch as an English missionary was stationed near our tribe."

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Stern Call of Duty. Reform is not joyous, but grievous; no single man can reform himself without stern suffering and stern working; how much less can a nation of men!—Carlyle.

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