SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Well, we pretty near did it. another Sunday comes the home team will the Saints. It was the Charaberiain out-fit that broke the winning streak, and they certainly did it to the queen's taste, too. It was hard enough to lose the game satisfied with anything but a shutout, and appear in Omaha this season who refuses that game was hard to lose, what was it sails to be. His work has won him a high to lose the game Companion pitched in Thursday? That was about the toughest luck that has happened to an Omaha pitcher in a month of blue monny. pitcher in a month of blue moons. Still, we have to put up, with that sort of thing once in a while, and, as the Saints won both games entirely on their, merits, they both games entirely on their merits, they ever had one. Howard had a little fuss but never has there been one which was are entitled to all credit. Only one thing with the ball a couple of times during subjected to the misfortune that the Pollmight be used as a basis for a kick, and that was the result of anxiety ticians have undergone since the season that was the only hit Sample made while in town. He was at the bat fifteen times rather than carelessness, for he made commenced. First, it was with the catchand got one hit, and that one gave St. some of the greatest stops ever witnessed ers. Out of a possible four, three were in-Joseph two runs. It was a little the luckiest three-begger ever knocked on the local grounds. He started it to go over the fence, but it didn't quite earry, and hit the boards just inside the foul lines and too high up for Carter to get. Carter, by the way, robbed Hartman of a hat in that game, by standing with his back against the hat man's sign and catching a fly that would have hit it square. Bobby ought to have some credit for that from

One of the really pleasant surprises of he season was sprung on the local public by the Denver team. A nicer, quieter set of ball players never visited this city, and while they played fast, snappy ball all the time, and were outplayed by the locals, the games were free from the wranging that has hitherto marked the presence of the Grizzlies at Vinton park. Manager Hallman has his men under good control, and while they are aggressive and earnest in their work, they are managing to get along without the umpire balting that used to be a strong feature of the Denver play. For that matter. Umpire Keefe has had but little Only one trouble with the players here or two have felt called upon to deliver a lecture on his ability as an adjudicator of plays, and these have kindly kept themselves within reasonable grounds.

President Sexton has again proved that he will not stand for rowdy ball. Mc-Neeley was on the train and away from the diamond, when he made his assault on President Chamberlain of the St. Joseph team, but he was suspended five days for it. Josh Clarke couldn't be stopped by Umpire Cusack, who fined him \$5 a crack for four cracks, and so Mr. Sexton just tacked \$30 more on Mr. Clarke's assessment and notified him to remit the \$50 at stand suspended until the fine Mr. Huriburt of the Sloux City team felt impelled to take a hand in the gabfest started by Mr. Clarks, and at the suggestion of Mr. Sexton he will pay \$15 for allowing his impulse to get the better of his judgment. - As the offenses were committed on Sunday and the punishment was given out on Wednesday, Mr. Sexton can not be accused of being dilatory. It is just as well to let the tough young persons understand that it is sure cost them something to get gay with the umpire, and they will begin to be good without being urged. Mr. Sexton's position me that aft who are really interested

some unaccountable reason, the both batting and fielding is the feature of the statistics of the team's performance for the week. The fact that Omaha was up against the very best pitchers in the league, Kenna, Eyler, Maupin and Chinn, during four of the games, accounts for the drop in hitting to ome extent, and a series of misfortunes by the pitchers gives basis for the two point loss in team fielding. The figures:

Dolan continues his marvelous work at short, his play in the seventeen inning on Thursday being almost a record for that position. One scorer gave him seventeen and another eighteen chances without a bebble. If that isn't going some, then please show us what is? Jack Thomas first base, playing the corner in a fashion such as has never been seen in Omaha efore. He hasn't any favorite in the way of balls, for they all look alike to him, on the ground or in the air. He will handle any kind of a throw, can go off the bag to get the ball and get back in time, and cean't waste time in orations or discourses after the play is made. When Jack gets his batting eye on the ball right, he will be the pride of the Western league. Bobby Carter is busy all his spare moments with dream book, trying to figure out where

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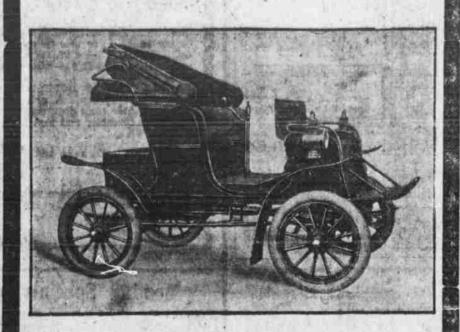
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season, he made but seven errors, and this Omaha very nearly broke into the first senson in twenty-two games he has made division during the week, and the local six. Just why this is so he can not exoters are full of confidence that before plain even to himself, and to say that he is feeling sore doesn't begin to express it. be sitting up in the seat now occupied by He has not lost his heart, but keeps digsurely be able to deliver the goods in the old fashioned way before long. Harry Liebhardt pitched, but Harry Maupin was on his meitle that day and wouldn't be Welch is doing the star work in the outhe was too slow for the middle garden, he got it. Maupin is the first pitcher to and he has proceeded to show us where a pear in Omaha this season who refuses player. We have never had an outfielder trust Omaha hitters with a straight in Omaha who covered more ground, or ball. He curved everything he sent up, and curved 'em for keeps, too. But if was any surer than Welch has shown him-

out of their way. seen aby more. During the game on snother combination was tried on the in- drive. He caught it all right, but it cost he was about as easy as any pitcher who Wednesday Belden of St. Joe showed Liebhardt that a safe hit to center isn't always safe. Belden nailed Liebhardt's drive and relayed it to first with a snap that came very near catching the big pitcher. It was a play that probably wouldn't win once in a thousand times, but it was well worth trying for, and gives a good line on the kind of ball that the Saints are putting up. If the game they played here is a sample of their general work, it is easy to believe that Percy Chamberlain was not idly

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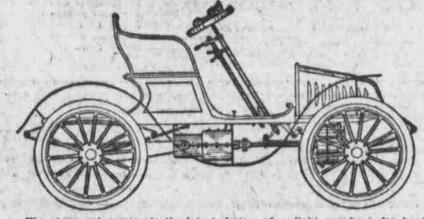
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at the second corner. Just as soon as Papa Bill can get the pitching problem solved Omaha will have a team that will make the other fellows step lively to keep slipped in the mud, wrenching his foot so regarded simply as a matter of time.

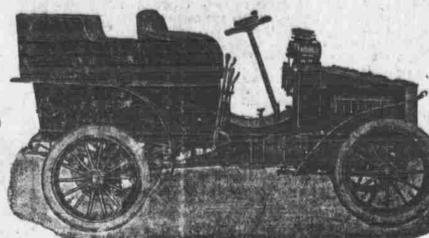
everything seemed to be on the track again tory. Fiske, a college man, is now doing his throwing hand had to be removed and ver played a great fielding game the first Shugart had to leave the game on account the work at short, and Shugart, with his be will not be back in the game for some three games of the series, making but a of a sore arm. Towne, a catcher, was put arm still in very bad shape, on second time. Denver will probably complete the single error in the twenty-seven innings. it at second. A same or two later Hoff- What will happen next is awaited for with remainder of the trip with three pitchers— Des Moines seems to have struck a find man, absolutely the star of the team, anxiety. Another man to the hospital is Kenna, Vollendorf and Hostetter. The lat- in George Clark, a catcher picked up it In the good old days of base ball it was badly that a number of tendons were put Denver also had a piece of bad luck when the first game with Des Moines, when it with the local fane and he will probably not an uncommon thing for the right fielder out of business for a week or ten days. Eyler's finger was smeshed in the last was quite cloudy, he held the locals with stick for the season unless Des Moines car to stop a grounder and throw the runner of the game cost Des Moines a game of the series. The veteran pitcher case, but when he replaced Eyler in the get victory from Denver. The following day nervily stood up in front of a hard line last game, when it was bright and cheery. If

on the diamond, and is surely coming fast jured and sent to the bench. Just when field and good fortune alone brought vic- heavily. The nail of the fourth finger on has worked here thus far this season. Den ter seems to be a "dark day" pitcher. In Omaha. He has made a decided impression If Des Moines isn't a base ball town

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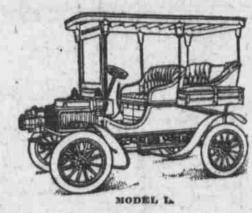
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