Base stealing is a lost art. This is the expression of a prominent sporting writer and be must not urprised if he is called pessimistic nor et is the charge entirely warranted. There omething in what he has to say. He ats the two great arts of batting and running must be rejuvenated or the na will suffer serious injury. "Fans e clamoring for improvement in these two great departments of the game and will have their demands or punish the agnates." What is the reason and what e remedy for the obvious decline in atting? Well, that is a great, big question hich no man seems anxious to jump at. t is far more important to observe that over and above all, the game as a game, as whole, is faster, better, more scientific than it has ever been and the multiplication of leagues and numbers of players, nderful as it is, in gate receipts more than sustain this judgment. Men may say, as they are saying, the foul strike rule must be abolished and other restrictions upon the batter removed-indeed, one for the retention of rules in the main as that the makers are to have no opportunity after all see where some of these revisions bring up. For instance, the should be retained. Gloves, obviously, are loans at a great disadvantage in the races ways and means of improving the game,

after years of thoughtful research for something that would serve the dual pur- makers, are working hard for a race this se of penalizing the batter and protecting fall. the plicher. It and the four-ball system are the evolution toward an equation between pitcher and batter. They are developed from the old seven-ball-three-strike. six-ball-four-strike system, which were born of that same age of experimenta which shifted the distance of the pitcher's box several times, and after years of practical test they seem to meet the requirements to the satisfaction of a larger number better than anything that has yet een tried. And that is the spirit of a republican form of government-the greatat good for the greatest number. Before the foul-strike rule was introduced such experts as Arlie Latham could stand at the plate and turn fouls over the third-speedy ride a "tour."

Three thousand miles recently were covered in twenty days by D. E. Levy, a New York broker, who called his long and speedy ride a "tour." base line until the most deliberate of pitchers would be either so tired or mad hat it was a 2-to-1 shot the tantalizing batter would get his base. That wasn't the best base ball: It wasn't half as actentific as to have both batter and nitcher placed entirely on their merits, each with a fair show, and it would simply not be tolerated today. No, the chances are that when the rule makers get together for the mext season they will not alter the foulthe next season they will not alter the foulast/ice rule nor hazard their good names and influence by attempting a thing so radtingle ext season they will not alter the foulext season the f cal as prohibiting the use of gloves by

maintains it is not the slugging team that team that is playing the inside game and Car Manufacturers' association brought the batting at an average rate. Yet, if batting can be improved without detriment to the rest of the game, well and good. The fact is, however, it's not the foul-strike rule, nor the pitcher, nor any other one number of agencies combined, such as great pitching, marvelous fielding and the cultivation of the bunt and hit and run game. And these are better than all the simple slugging. Just simple slugging. Just a word in passing might be said on the fact that, strange as t may seem, base running is not a lost art, and yet have we today any Lathams, Nichols, Curts, Welchs, Kellys, Wards, Sundays and a host of other once fleet-

A beloved Bible writer tells us to "Be in the way," that is, get in the path of God and stay there so that when He comes along we may receive His blessing. Without fear of being regarded sacriligious we suggest who are saying that much of Omaha's recent triumph is due to luck. Well, is cannot be denied that Omaha has seemed to benefit by what some persons call luck. In the last week games were

footed and skillful base runners?

on on lone runs, or no runs, wild throws and such. But, friends, Omaha was in the way; Omaha was playing such ball that Mr. Luck came along Omaha could profit by his presence. In other words, if you want the political lightning to strike you, put up your rod. The fact is, Omaha is playing the most skillful, scientific and onstant game it or any other Western league team ever has played. For the first time this season the last

week has seen what Comiskey calls his regular team in the field. Lee Tannehill has so far as can be judged. Lee's return hasn't caused any earthquakes, yet let us hope it will have the effect Commy and Jones anticipate and that the White Sox will get in first place once more. There's one good reason for such a wish; It's the same reason why Frank Chance is hoping the White housands of fans are just as anxious as the manager of the Cubs to see the two Chicago teams pitted against each other again for the supremacy of the world and see the Cubs play ball from the time the hrst gong rings, not wait until the series is

Omaha bids you welcome, you tennis men and women of other states, who are coming to attend the several annual Mid West tournaments. This is the big tennis event bring to the Field club the best players. and they must have the best treatment, They will, too, for they have in the past, and then this is Omaha. All the clubs will um in and give the most cordial welcome to the visitors. Omaha's prestige in the tennis world is not uncertain.

"Backward, turn backward," shouted the fans on beholding old Joe Dolan once more in his old place at short. Why, the veteran olsys the place as he did when all Philadelphia worshipped at his shrine and National league magnates quarreled for his

Mr. John L. Sullivan has not been re

Have you noticed your friend, Jack Pfels

TALK OF RUN DOWN IN FLORIDA

Thirty-Five Mile Course is Offered with Every Facility for Thorough Test of High-Powered Cars.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 .- American automobile manufacturers whose plans have been greatly upset by calling off the Vanderbilt cup race this year are anxiously hoping that some plan may be devised by which a contest for their cars may be arranged.

There has been some talk of holding a race in Florida, where a thirty-mile course is offered, with every facility for a thorough test of high-powered cars. This offer will be taken up and considered by the Amer-

To some extent the Americans figure that the several hundred thousand dollars which they have invested in oup cars for the an hour. Vanderbilt race has been a total loss. In this age of marvellous and rapid improvement many changes may be made in autos before another full year rolls around and the Long Island Motor Park Speedway is ready for the cup race of October, 1906. goes so far as to advocate the dis- That such improvements will be possible continuance of big gloves by in and out makes these cars, which cost fully \$36,000 fielders, as a means of improving batting- each to manufacture, almost worthless, but the great majority of fans will argue and one of the worst features has been

ney are today. More heavy batting doubt- to test them in a race of nearly 300 miles. less would satisfy a certain element of On the other hand, the foreign makers fans; anybody likes to see free hitting, of these racing cars have already had two or three big road races, and they are consequently just so much ahead of Amerery argument that gloves should be dropped | ican manufacturers in practical knowledge s in itself sufficient argument why gloves gained. The result is to place the Amerworn because they help the fielders to of next year. E. R. Thomas of Buffalo play better ball; taking them off, logically. In a recent interview declared emphatically would impair the player's work. And who in favor of a race or series of contests in ants that done? We are now discussing Florida. He has individually spent more than \$150,000 in cup race experiments, yet not impairing it. As to the foul-strike declares he has just twice as much more rule, of course, this admits of more argu- to invest the same way as an excellent ment. But this rule came into existence thing for the industry and automobiling generally. He, with other American

Automobile Notes.

Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew have been motoring through the Swiss Alps.

A firm of New York dealers has closed a contract with a Cleveland company to take \$3,000,000 worth of its 1908 output. A dry battery which can be recharged in two minutes by the use of a simple ap-paratus is being placed on the Britsh mar-ket.

It is one of the axioms of science of good driving that the feet should never be removed from the pedals while the car is

Instruction in English is being given forty Paris policemen that they may be better equipped to make life comfortable for American tourists.

Philadelphia's city councils have ordered the purchase of a \$4,000 automobile for Fire Chief Baxter and a similar one for Direc-tor of Public Safety Clay.

Italy has III automobile building com-panies with a working capital of \$35,000,000. The city of Turis, with thirty-seven fac-tories, heads the industry.

After all, as our own Pa Rourke large number of the French nobility who have been forced to go into business to so in a single leasure today: it is not the slugging team that

The value of motor cars owned by Americans traveling in Switzerland this year is estimated to be ten times as great as that of automobiles owned by all other foreigners together.

The French Association Generals Automobile is organising for a competition for devices which will prevent motor cars from being stolen or used after leaving the hands of the owner.

A Providence, R. I., magistrate recently imposed a term of ten days is jall upon a colored chauffeur who drove a car through the streets at a fifty-mile gait to show some dusky friends how fast he could do it.

could do it.

A peculiar feature of Georgia's new automobile law is that, although it fixes speed limits, it contains a provisions that it shall not conflict with the speed laws of any incorporated city or town.

The law committee of the New York Automobile club is drafting a bill, which it will try to have enacted into law by the various states, providing for interstate license for motor vehicles.

Permission to close a residence avenue for seven hours, so that races could be held, recently was granted to the Metropoli-tan Automobile association by Acting Mayer McGowan of New York.

The Royal Automobile club of Great Britain and the Commercial Motor Users' association will on September 2 begin an interesting competition for commercial motor vehicles, in the form of a tour. Two accidents resulting in six deaths caused the French ministry of the interior to put a stop to the Criterium de France race at the end of the second day, when it was only half completed.

The survivors of Onondaga county, N. Y., will compel the owners of the Syracuse and Fayette turaplice, a portion of the main highway across the state, to put it in first class condition or abolish the toll-gates. One hundred gascilne motor cars have been order by the Union Pacific rafiroad for use on branch lines. Steam trains for passenger use will be abandoned on branches when the cars are completed. The foreign representative of the American Car Manufacturers, association has reported that the indications point to a large demand next season from Europe for American run-abouts and light touring

Though Philadelphia probably has as many automobiles in propertion to its population as any other large city there is said to be a smaller proportion of feminine motorists than in any other city of its class.

The burning of the toll gates on Proof Line road, near London, Ont., after they had been in use fifty-eight years, was made the occasion of a great celebration. The gates were gathered in one pile for their destruction.

In spite of the plea that diplomats and their service are immune, a chauffeur in the employ of Captain Sydney A. Cloman, military attache of the American embassy in London, was fined \$99 and costs for speeding.

The first publications primarily in the interest of automobile drivers has been issued at New Tork by the Professional Chauffeurs' club of America. It is an illustrated monthly, known as the American Chauffeur.

In the course of his motor tour through England, General Ballington Booth of the Salvation Army, recently found the read lined with 3,500 habies, held in arms and in all sorts of vehicles, and all waiting to be kissed by him.

The Workster, Mass. Automobile club.

The Worcester, Mass., Automobile club, which last year put several local grafters out of business, has retained counsel to appeal every case in which a motorist is fined unless there is ample justification for the punishment.

Following the decision of the city corporation counsel that automobiles may be taxed as personal property the board of assessors of Buffalo, N. T. will take up the quarters above Nyack. Tommy's knee, that question as soon as the real estate assesses he burt in the Summers fight, will be in ments are adjusted.

The racing board of the American Author he will be able to get on the road and tomobile association has formulated rules to govern all future twenty-four-hour do heavy symnastum work.

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BER AUTO MEN WANT CUP RACE track events. Such contests will be open only to stock cars and will be open two classes, endurance and relay.

W. S. Baidur has bought another motor truck for use in delivering his wares. This is the time truck are than the two old ones.

In return for the promise of Spokane motorists to do all in their power to enforce observance of the speed laws the chief of police has agreed to arrest pedestrians who obstruct street crossings and street car motormen who run recklessly.

Fifty residents and summer visitors of Center Morienes, L. L., are ill from what operors call "automobile rever. The disease is said to be due to the inhalation of dust from oli-sprayed roads, and the local authorities have decided to stop using oil.

oxygen to the mixture in the carourector, has become so prevalent at the great Eng-lish track at Brooklands as to raise a nowl

General C. M. Spitzer, the well known banker of Toledo, U., who recently arrived in Paris after another long automobile tour of Germany, was held up during his trip by a German policeman with a gun and fined 80 marks for speeding over five miles an hour.

Virginia motorists aiready are working on a project to have the general assembly of their state, which meets next January. Daniels is the newest style of swimming appropriate a substantial sum toward the imprevement of the main highways. Governor Swanson is an avowed champion of good recognized event in all the big meets both the good reads.

The Tarrytown, N. Y., stable of William Rockefeller, which at one time contained ome of the finest horses in the country,

Of all the hardships endured by the Pe-king to Parls racers those met by M. Pons were the worst. His petrol gave out in the Gobi desert, and then, having neither lood nor water, he was obliged to abandon his car and make for Kalgan, 180 miles away, afoot, with occasional lifts on camels.

membership up to forty-six firms or corporations engaged in building motor cars.

That motorists must pay toll on turn-pikes was a recent opinion rendered to the Lancaster Automobile club by former Attorncy General W. U. Hensel of Pennsylvania.

The Knocker's Dream. The devil sat in a grand stand sent.

And I was his guest, I'm sorry to say:
However, I didn't much mind the heat—
I had left Manhattan the previous day.
The devil swore in sulphurous style.
And again he would laugh in devilish give
When the victim fanned with a sickly

For fanning is popular there, you see.

"These various players," the devil said,
"Are exempt from torture; it is my will.
They played swell ball before they were
dead,
And now I think they are better still,
And being a red-hot fan myself—
I keep them playing from morn till night
And let them sleep on a nice cool shelf—
I believe in treating my players right."

I watched the game with an eager eye
As I sat in awe at the devil's side,
And I shook when he hissed, "Don't drop
that fly!"
Or bellowed "Get down, you lobster!
slide!"
Some of the players cavorting there
I have seen on earth in big league games,
But you'll have to guess, for I do not care
To anger their folks by mentioning
names.

At first I thought that the devil and I
Were quite alone in that spacious stand.
But all of a sudden I heard a cry
Like the lingering wall of a German band.
I looked and saw on a red-hot seat,
Fastened with white-hot clinging chains,
A wretch who was racked from head to
feet

With perhaps a thousand different pains Some peanuts swung near his hungry eyes
And five feet off was a patch of shade.
Where a stein of lager of goodly size
Was finned by glasses of lemonade,
And from time to time a player would stroll
To the scene of all this suffering grim,
Poke some fun at this wretched soul
And take the drinks that were meant for
him:

"That's a knocker." the devil said—
"A stiff who on earth had a season pass;
His home town players with slurs he fed—
He's paying the piper now, poor ass!"

Prightened I woke from my ghastly dream, And went to the park, the game to scan; And at each play made by the local team, I shouted madly, "Good eye, old man!" —Pittsburg Traveling Man.

THREE FIGHTS NOW COMING ON Burns-Johnson, Britt-Gans and Mur

phy-Hyland. Now that Tommy Burns has accepted the challenge of Jack Johnson, a genuine heavy weight championship battle is expected. Physically Johnson is far more han a match for Burns. And he is a re markably clever boxer. His quickness and

great strength give him ability to hit heavy blow. The next bout of importance after the Johnson-Burns go will be between Jimmy to box for the lightweight championship of the world during the latter part of Sep tember. Britt surprised the boxing world when he best Battling Nelson recently and Gans thought he would be the next

best man to meet. This will be another

good bout to look forward to. On September 11 in Philadelphia Tomm Murphy and Dick Hyland will meet. The event is sure to prove interesting. It means the further elimination of the lightweights, and the winner will be a step nearer Joe Gans and his title. Hyland has decided to go to New Dorp, Staten Island, good shape shortly, so his doctors say, and

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SOME TIPS FOR THE LEARNERS Easy Method of Learning Style Which

is Now All the Rage-American and Australian Crawl Compared.

at least with those who want to swim fast. Almost any one can learn it by following the advice of C. M. Daniels, the American and English champion swimmer and holder of several world's record, which is given

land he has simplified the method of learning the crawl so that it is intelligible even to the tyro. The different positions are clearly illustrated, and a man or woman who for a few minutes each day takes a camp stoll and goes through the motions shown by Daniels will in the course of a

here and in England, so its most important points should be mastered by all who induige in the sport. Says Daniels:

some of the finest horses in the country, now holds but four which are kept for farm work. The oil magnate has become to look upon as the stroke of the an enthusiastic motorist and has equipped a garage with several cars.

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have lost their jobs, for the state law provides that horonight and towns cannot fix the speed limit.

The Long Island railroad will share with the proposed Automobile Owners' association of Long Island the expense of posting conspicuous signs to warn motorists that they are approaching railroad crossings at grade. Eventually, at a cost of over \$1.600,000, a part of which the state of New York will pay, the railroad will abolish all grade crossings.

On its first severe long-distance test one of the new Union Pacific all-steel motor cars followed the fast Overland limited, as a second section, more than 150 miles. In a third of this distance, the motor car gained.

Lie flat on the water, with the arms a

little bent at the elbows and stretched out above your head. The wrists should be just beyond your head, and open a little the palms of the hands, turned downward. Catch the water with a decided snap and drive the hands through at a brisk pace, always bent at the elbows, until they reach the hip, then lift them clear out of the water and carry them forward, with elbow well up in the air. The under arm is started just as the upper one finishes.

For the kick move the legs up and down alternately, keeping them stiff at the hip and holding the knees close together. There is little difficulty in learning this if one knows how it should be done, but the best way after reading the description is to watch it in action. To imitate it without having read it up is not easy, and to acquire it without seeing it is harder still, but with the help of both a few days of practice will be sufficient.

Don't open the feet more than twelve or sighteen inches from heel to toe. The real difficulty in the crawl is in working the arms and legs into a smooth streke and also in learning to hold the tiring leg drive over a given distance. Both are a matter of practice.

The position of the body in the crawl is not on the face. There should be taken only every two or three strokes by a quick twist of the head as the upper arm is being brought down. The time for exhaling is as the under arm goes forward.

When the crawl is swum slowly, as it is over the distances, the arm stroke is

When the crawl is swum slowly, as it over the distances, the arm stroke lengthened and the legs are slowed a cording to the length of the race. In the case a breath is taken at every stroke. case a breath is taken at every stroke.

Now as to swimming on the back. Those few who are students of the back stroke have attempted to adapt the latest speed strokes to back swimming, and while the success achieved has not proved declaively the superiority of any one form there are three strokes now being used.

The first is a counterpart of the breast stroke, altered only to suit the different positions. The arms, instead of recovering in the water, are lifted into the air to get the full reach, and the action much resembles that of a windmill.

The second has this same arm action

The second has this same arm action with the leg drive of the crawl and the third is identical, except inasmuch as the arms move alternately as in the trudgeon, instead of together, as in the breast stroke. Of course in alternating a decided roll is given to the body.

To learn the plain back stroke, lie flat on the water as in floating, with the arms fully extended above the head, hands flat, paims turned upward. This position also ends the stroke and should be held while the body is allowed to run after the legs have kicked.

have kicked.

In bringing down the arms catch the water sharply with the hands back to back, palms, outward, and pull them through with a steady pull, stiff at the elbow, describing a semicircle just below the surface and parallel to it. When the arms are alongside, turn palms downward and hold them rigid, carry them to the full reach by waving them up well clear to the water. by waving them up well clear to the water.

The legs are held close together, toes down, until the arms start their recovery, then they are bent up and opened just as in the breast stroke kick, and they are snapped together as the arms attain the full reach, when the body, now in original position, is let gilde until the momentum imparted by the kick wears off. Then another stroke is started. It is really the action and time of the breast stroke.

For the two other varieties the work of For the two other varieties the work of each individuals arm and leg is the same, as well as the leg drive described in connection with the crawl stroke. The time in either case may be suited to one's self, as the arms and legs work independently of each other.

Swimming on the back is best adapted to men with long, strong arms, so that tall people generally turn out its best exponents. It is not of popular method of natation, and many look upon it as a very useless accomplishment. This is not so by any means, for in life saving it is used with great success.

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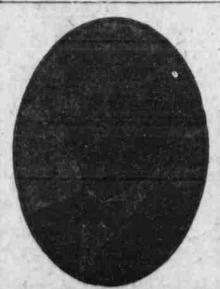
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