## Chief Bender, Athletic Pitcher with the Eagle Eyes

chief and star of Connie Mack's world champion Athletics, almost single-handed the highest title in organized base Bonder alone is at the bottom of the signal tipping eystem with which the world's champions have been accoved by rivals for many years. Yet it is all to the great credit of the wonderful aborsportsmanlike, Hiegal or underhand

Exceptional exesight alone makes the grim redskin the most feared of all the mly man base ball has yet profitted wno is able to absolutely penatrate the disguice of the eleverest signal systems in signals when Mender is on the essignment. He takes his position on the coaching lines where he can see the pitching arm of a rival. The rest is easy,

He simply watches like a bawk, the muccles and position of the pitching arm Caves in Benney in his powers of par earlen that he is able at what kind of offering will be furnished the buttur. Consequently, as rivals' signals are entirely disregarded, there is absolutely no method by which the wonderful slouth can be double-

eran outfielder of Consis liebx's aggregation, usually outside the bloomler, When a state turnled pponent is tolling against lits Ataletics, Hender siways talteb his position on the third base side, naturally. This gives tim the best possible view of the rival's throwing arm. When a southpaw tolls the order is reversed. Hartself conerally stands at the opposite corner, but when equally shurpwared and elever tean to there. It is the duty of Hartself or his understudy to not from the older the manner of ball the batter may expect Bender tips his partner and that mariner

ordinary fan unacquainted with the intriente workings of organized have built As a simple matter of fact, however, the explanation is simplicity itself. Anyone could do the same thing after carefu study if he were provided with a strong sight. There are very few battery signals in base ball because there are very few different kinds of deliveries. Most pitchers throw only two, or at most three, different offerings.

There is the straight, fast ball, the curve and the slow ball; drops, fadeaways and kindred copyright brands are variations of the curve. Except in rare occasions they are gripped in almost the same manner. The slow ball, for instance. can be thrown in any number of ways, but the pitcher usually rests the sphere well toward the palm of the hand. The fast ball is aripped between the first two fingers, the latter well spread, while for the curve, the fingers are closer tokether, with the ball resting deeper in

There is a different wrist motion for the various deliveries, none of which start in indentically the same fashlou. For instance, the pitcher has to take a longer awing for his fast ball than for the curve. Not having to arrate the ball with the wrist this member of the arm rests in a different position, Hender has simply made such a keen study of the subject that be is able to determine before the pitcher begins his motion exactly what sort of ball is to be served.

Signal tipping to as old as base buil. In the big loagues there have been many soundals as a result of it. Except in the case of Bender the methods employed have usually been underhanded. For instance, a man may be stationed somewhere outside the grounds with strong binoculars; he would watch the catcher's signs and flash them by means of some private code to the batters. For the last year or two the heavy hitting Athletics can get up over a little league of their have been suspected of just such a trick. positive were rival managers that the Athletics knew just what was going die of the summer by William L. Merrito be handed them that wholesale pro- man, manager of the American Trading

The executive of the American league, rigid investigation. He put sleuths on the British-American Tobacco company, the trail of the Athletics to watch for Of four teams entered two were chosen brainlest pitchers in base ball, was as- here all summer staned to special duty on the task. It The beautiful grounds of the Shanghai was Bill who finally hit upon the theory | Recreation club formed the scene of conof a sharp-eyed lipster from the coaching box. The smiling detective had made wrist, reaching half way to the elbow, For a little while this fooled Bander: then the Athletics began to hit with all their accustomed fury.

neual signs were employed but a separate This is an old method used to break up suspected signal tipping. Never once did field and a score of tennis courts. an Athletic make a had break. Every Bender was getting the signs, flashing specially proficient at tennis. them to Hartrell and through "Topey" to the batter.

After the game at the Polo grounds on Tuesday afternoon Christy Mathewson in was met squarely, and only the fact that tioned in a similar way. the ball west into the hands of waiting

to inset fairly, and drove it on a line game. The Engineers won it.



against the temporary outfield fences. man." But he is not as glever in his could not account for Fans will remember that Bender was craft as the wonderful Indian. Bender which he was solved. Bender is the not on the coaching lines a great deal scored Tuesday by tipping off with won- answer, say Donovan and Ban Johnson. of the day he whirled against Mathew- derful accuracy, all the great Matty's On the face of it the theory looks most son. Jack Coombs was on the assignment. Wonderful assortment. Mathewson has possible, if so what a wonder pitcher Country, according to Donovan, is the has said himself that he never in all and valuable asset is Chief Charles Al-Indian's first man. When Bender is ac- his life pitched so hard as in the two fred Hender to Cornie Mack and his tively engaged the work falls to the "iron games of the present world's reries. He world's champions

## Base Ball Beyond the Seas

Buss ball had been rather sporadio in these parts until the league was organized. It was only a four-club affair, but people in the United States, and especially in the big league cities, can have no idea of the wild excitement a bunch of rabid American base ball fans, stuck off 10,000 miles away from a big league,

This league was organized in the midtests were lodged with President Byron company; Thomas F. Millard, editor of the China Prees, the new American-Chinece daily newspaper which is being without tipping his hand, decided upon a published here, and C. W. Woleiffer of

Of four teams entered two were chosen any crooked undertaking, both inside and from among resident of Shanghai, most without the grounds. Not the least evi- by Standard Oil and British-American dence of a "busser" or mechanical con- Tobacco men, and two from the Ameri-trivance could be discovered. "Wild Bill" can navy, chosen from the crew of the can navy, chosen from the crew of the mission no longer favors the old practice style of boxing is the one that has always Donovan, the Timer pitcher, one of the gunboat Helena, which was stationed in which fighters could protect themselves

bat. -ae recreation ground is one of the most remarkable in the world. for himself a most unique glove that had the tourists it offers a succession of sura long leather shield attached to the prison. In the first place, it contains one of the most beautiful race courses in the world, a turf track of one and one-quarter miles, with a training track Denovan had doned out a special set of inside of it and beautiful and costly wign given by the outcher just before the grounds with grandstands; a pole field. delivery determined the class to pitch. Where exciting games are played every Saturday during the season; a base ball

man went at only the sort of pitching he o'clock and the whole foreign community mission has ordered a return to the first more interesting to watch than one of liked and Donovan was given a good repairs to the recreation field to enjoy drubbing. The Tigers all kept their eyes the various sports. Chinese coolies keep open and soon discovered the real source the grounds in shape. These coolies, by of Philadelphia's information. Old Chief the way, are very good athletes and are

But to get back to the base bail league. have been rivals for several years, but muzzle-loaders of fifty years ago. only occasionally set together for games. a signed statement openly accused the When it was proposed that a league be Matty that day more fiered; than the players should be divided into two teams big fellow had ever been solved in a of about equal strength and that the

had such trouble in fooling a club. Be- these two teams even before the first sons and Wolgasts successfully at bay.

half hadn't some right at Murray it Red Sox and the two Navy teams after speed, so as to minimize the prospects of be a top-heavy favorite over Wolgast of would have been a double or a triple for nated in the lead, all three being close disqualification. together all the time, Finally the Red | And it is not fear of the referee alone

scored four runs in the second inning SHANGHAL Oct. 28.—The first base and the score remained 4 to 0 until the days there was a double-header, the first ball league ever organized in China has seventh, when Shanghai got basy. The game starting at 3 o'clock. just concluded its first pennant race. Red Sox in that inning piled up five runs. So far as playing ability is concerned Excitement in this city has been at fever Neither side scored after that and the the teams could about hold their own in heat for a month over the battle. Even game and pennant went to the Red Sox, any of the smaller minor leagues, the British, Germans, French, Japanese, 5 to 4. To appreciate the excitement, it The fans at home may think they have Portuguese and Chinese were displaying should be remembered that about 499 seen some teams with the true fight-Rect interest in the race before it ended: sallors from various American men of to-the-end spirit, but until they have seen interest in the race before it ended: sallors from various American men of the American pavy teams in acabout 2,000 talked and thought nothing and about 1,600 Americans to which may tion they will not have seen the real be added a good sprinkling of other na- thing. It is easy to understand the spirit tionsitties. The sailors have a grand- of the American pavy once you have stand all to themselves while Shanghal seen one of the Helena teams fight out

crisis in the play occasionally stops every other sport on the grounds. Next year there will be an eight-club league in Shanghal. In the season just closed, there were four games a week.

The games started on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:20 p. m. and on Satur-

esidents and officers of the navy occupy a base ball game. They are the fightinganother stand with their ladies. The est losers that ever lost. The Shanghal rivalry between the two grandstams to bunch gave them three cheers and a tiger see which can make the most noise at a when it was all over.

## Pink Tea Boxing Matches

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

testants must break clean in the clinches. This was decided upon yesterday by the a meeting held in this city. The com- The

Can it be true? If so, farewell to loopde-loop and the breast grazing uppercut. For, with the loop you must have something to cling to before you can make it effective, while with the breast-grazer the only man you could hit under the clean breast system would be yourself.

the Battling Nelsons and enter Matts block and get away" method of milling. Wells and the Freddie Welches. Welcome "crossed" signals for the occasion. The grandstands and club buildings. In the the straight left and the sweeping right, centerfield of the track are three cricket and bid goodbys to the hundred and one little pokes and prods that can only-be of the restriction of refined fisticuffs. lelivered when a fighter has his face

flattened against an opponent's chest. It was the way they boxed years ago, On Saturday all business stops at 1 and the New York State Athletic com-

American boxers that has built up a new case of mixed company-that is, where system of glovecraft-a system that has one fellow is clever and the other a prodshoulder method of hoxing as completely easy enough to imagine where the credits The Shanghai and Navy base ball teams as magazine rifler have supermided the would go in a limited match

of milling that gave us Terry McGovern, the spectators can derive any particular son used "dummy" signs with Meyers - ing was called, and inside of a week the has never been rigidly observed since the line British boxers on their native heath. that is a secret set of feet signals by whole matter had been arranged, teams doys of the old California Athletic club, it was pointed out to him that when Meyers determined the offerings, that selected and schedule announced. It was had been insisted upon right along, there fighting under the direction of an Engthe Athletics continued to hit. They hit decided that the best of Shanghai's ball would have been no Battling Nelsons, and lish referee he would be as harmless as consequently, no Ad-Wolgasts.

Joe Gans under the rule in question thought it over and stayed at home. Almost every ball players on the Helena should be apport would have kept in the forefront of Now, in a way, England is coming to champions until outlawed from the game us. Now the favorite way of fighting. On the Helena the teams were divided by increasing years and declining health. Delders saved "Big Six" from overwhelm- on the basis of above and below decks: Then some clean-break specialist would vall in New York, and Wolgast would

out to the left field stands. If the One of the Shanghai teams, called the himself from clinches with lightning as though Mat Wells of London would

But why didn't the Athletics hit Mutty fox pulled ahead, but next day the En-Marquard in his same! you ask. Matty header and tied them. called upon. Much breaking and much is quickly commuted by Dr. King's New was hit hard in the first game, but -n The playoff was the most exciting game stepping away means the introduction of Discovery. See and \$1.60. For male by called upon. Much breaking and much is quickly commuted by Dr. King's New that, at in the second, good fielding of the whole league race. The Engineers many little rests that are not otherwise Beaton Drug Cr.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28 .- This is the boxing. Moreover the system does not require a boxer to waste his strength in "NEW YORK, Oct. 19.-Hereafter in all wrestiling and wriggling and striving to fights in the state of New York the con- blanket free-arm punches, to say nothing of the battering it saves him from if he happens to be holding and the other New York State Athletic commission at men is engaged in fighting himself loose.

break-at-the-order-of-the - referee found favor with English ring men and there will be widespread satisfaction over the water when the news of the action taken by the New York commission reaches there. It was announced recently that a small band of the pick of the British boxers intended journeying to New York this fall.

When they hear the glad tidings they may sail for this country sooner than Furthermore, exit the Ad Wolgasts and the proposed. With a revival of the "hit, New York will seem "just lolke 'ome to the transatlantic pilgrims.

Wonder what the dear public will think There is much to be said in favor of clean-break boxing. Where the principals are anywhere near equal in the matter of cleverness, a contest is much the "go-as-you-please" bouts that have But is it fair to the generation of found favor in recent years. But in a vershadowed the old straight-from-the- uct of the fight-yourself-loose school-it is

And, from the wide divergence in the It was the "fight yourself loose" style style of opponents, it is not clear how Athletics of having his signs. This was formed there was doubt of its being pos- hattling Nelson. Ad Weignst. Billy enjoyment from the affair. When in his the day that Frank Baker broke up the little was doubt of its being pos- hattling Nelson. Ad Weignst. Billy enjoyment from the affair. When in his the day that Frank Baker broke up the with a home rim drive into the sible, but the whole community selzed Papke and others too numerous to menright field blenchers. That day Mathews upon the idea with the result that a meet tion. If the clean-breast system, which twice of visiting London and tackling the Glants. Then he did not finish the found that he could throw the ball just a muzzied bull terrier. The Battler

his territory. according to Lendon standards, is to preone team being called the Engineers and have usurped the premiership of the be in the position Nelson would have him over, but he was so agile that he many sleepless nights he gient while ill. Matty said himself that he had never the other the Swans. The rivalry between lightweight division and held the Nel-If the order of the New York commisfore he knocked out the second home game was so intense that by the time the The news of the clean-break renais- sion is as definite as it appears on pa- a bunt. Evers came up fast, scooped first game in Cincinnati he hesitated run of the series. Baker its upon a fad - schedule brought them against each sance will be heard with joy in England, per, Tom Jones may well be trembling the sphere and struck the runner in the about standing up to the plate, but when away, the hardest ball in all the world other over \$2.000 had been bet on the one where every honer regards a referee's as for the fate of his champion, for in a neck. Evers made no attempt to play he cracked out a three-base hit his con-"his master's voice," and disentangles ten-round bout with clean breaks it scems third base after that.

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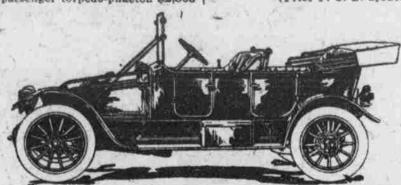
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CHICAGO, Get. 28 .- Johnny Evers has a new ambition. He wants to be the fastest fielding third baseman the Chicago Cub team ever has had. Evers was regarded as a wonderful shortstop while a member of the miner league and semiprofessional teams in New York State The Chicago Cubs signed him because of that reputation. After he entered the major league ranks he was turned into second baseman

His ambition then was to beat Bob Howell out of his place and become the greatest fielding and quickest thinking infielder the National league ever posnezzed. For nearly ten years his ability was never questioned. Now he is determined to establish the same record at the far corner, where Harry Steinfeldt was recognized as among the best the

Until this season Evers never occupied third base with any regularity; in fact, could do in throwing, as he has a he had played only one game there in derful arm for a man of his size. The his entire base ball career. That single manager convinced him that he could game. He played seven innings and was as easily as he did when he was at taken out by Frank Selee, who was then second. His throws may not have the leader of the team and who was afraid speed, but the rapidity with which he Evers would be "killed" by the victous gets the ball away offsets this. Besides, drives Sandow Mertes, Dan McCann and It is a straight underhand throw, and Roger Bresnahan were smashing through little time is lost.

Evers was several pounds lighter, than he is at present. He was credited with eye in the least. He feared his eyetwo stops that day that coarly knocked sight would be affected owing to the That same day George Browns laid down follow the ball as well as ever. In the

could play third hase, Evers hesitated, al- tricks, and he certainly keeps the opposithough he was anxious to get back in ing pitcher and catcher guessing. the game. His reason for not accepting attitude on the lines and his actions are the offer immediately was because he perplexing and he causes the pitcher to feared his throws would not be fast and waste ball after ball, thinking that he is strong enough from third to first. In going down to steal or make some play playing second base the pegs are only with Sheckard, who follows him in the one-third as long and little strength is batting order.



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Being out of the game practically four months has not dimmed Evers' batting

Edence returned. When Chance saked the Trojan if he On the bases Evers is up to his old

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