CLABBY CLEVEREST OF ALL

Australians Count American Boxer Best Ever Sent to Antipodes.

JEFF SMITH A CLOSE SECOND

Contest Between Two Men Would Clear Up Situation and Determine Who is the Better Glove Artist.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Jim Clabby, whom Australians consider the cleverest boxer America has ever sent to the Antipodes, is back with us once more. So is Jeff Smith, who fought some commendable battles in that faraway Australia, and who is credited there with a popular decision over Clabby.

The appearance of these two mitt-wielders in these ever neutral United States is the elementary cause of strange guttural noises emanating from the region of St. Paul Minn. Directly behind the verbal eruption is the well-known countenance of Michael Gibbons.

There is substantial reason for Gibbons' sudden outburst, and renewed interest in the boxing game. For over a year Michael has been an ardent advocate of peace and good will. He was generally regarded here as the best middleweight extant, and Mike was willing to let it go at that. He bore his laurels modestly, and fought once every little while so as to remind folks that he was still the best in his division.

Now come two utter strangers to disturb Gibbons' peace of mind. Each vigorously insists that he is the only undisputed middleweight champion of this world. Is it any wonder that Michael Gibbons' pompadour is all unruffled? Mike's fighting spirit has long been dormant, but now his Irish is thoroughly aroused, and he threatens dire things to the pretenders to his middleweight throne.

Smith to Leave Soon.

Jeff Smith has been in this country for several weeks. He will not linger much longer, as he has several important engagements to fulfill for "Snowy" Baker, the boxing Croesus of Australia. Smith will depart for the other side of the universe shortly; but before bidding us adieu he would like nothing better than a chance to meet Gibbons in actual ring combat. Mike holds a local newspaper decision over Smith, and it is to obliterate this smirch on his record that Smith evinces such a strong desire to mingle with this Gibbons person.

Clabby also has a score to settle with the St. Paul phantom. The prototype of Jim Corbett is in a predicament similar to that of Jefferson Smith. Clabby points with a feeling of shame to an unsuccessful muss with Gibbons, and ever since that evening he has had a penchant to swipe out the defeat, for he feels confident in his ability to reverse the decision if he ever gets Gibbons into the ring again.

Clabby will not have to wait long for action—if Gibbons is not too unreasonable in his demands. Two promoters are already camping on Clabby's trail with an alluring offer for him to tackle Gibbons. Just as soon as Jimmy recovers his land legs, he will be asked to fill a November date with his most hated contemporary.

Jim Coffroth, representing San Francisco, and Tom McCarey, who keeps shop in Los Angeles, are both after a match between Clabby and Gibbons. The latter has expressed his willingness to be a party to such a fight, but has not as yet named his price for his services.

A Derby contest between these two could come close to unraveling the complex middleweight situation. Clabby is not far behind Gibbons in the matter of boxing; but Gibbons is conceded to have concealed about his person a heavier wallop. Another reason Clabby is anxious to tackle Gibbons is to dispel the prevalent opinion that he is a boxer with a feather-duster punch. If Clabby's punching power were the equal of that of Gibbons, he would have an excellent chance of lowering Mike's colors.

Did some one remark that these were parlous times in the boxing game? Without delving further back than a week ago, we can bring up before you something over $100,000 that has been mentioned in connection with some proposed matches.

First, some individual on the Coast offered for Freddie Welsh's approval a bid of $50,000 for his participation in three matches. The lightweight champion spurned the offer. Next an enterprising Milwaukee promoter dangled $25,000 before Charley White's eyes, to be had if he would agree to box three rivals. White snapped his fingers at the proposition. Next, we heard of a syndicate offering Jack Johnson $30,000 for his end to battle Jess Willard any number of rounds the champion desired. The maduro title-holder is embroiled on the other side, so his answer is withheld.

Give Novel Excuses.

Welsh and White advanced novel excuses for turning down such huge offers. Welsh's reason for giving the "go by" to $50,000 for three bouts was because he feared that Willie Ritchie might be included among his three opponents. Not that Welsh is afraid to fight Ritchie.

The lightweight champion's explanation is that he would never battle Ritchie again, unless the ex-champion could guarantee him $35,000 for his end, the amount Welsh had to guarantee Ritchie before he got him into the ring and sheared him of his title. If he must mix with Ritchie to get the money, Welsh figures that he will be paid only $12,500 for each of his two other fights. This would never do. Welsh admitted that he would snap up the offer if Ritchie were not to be considered.

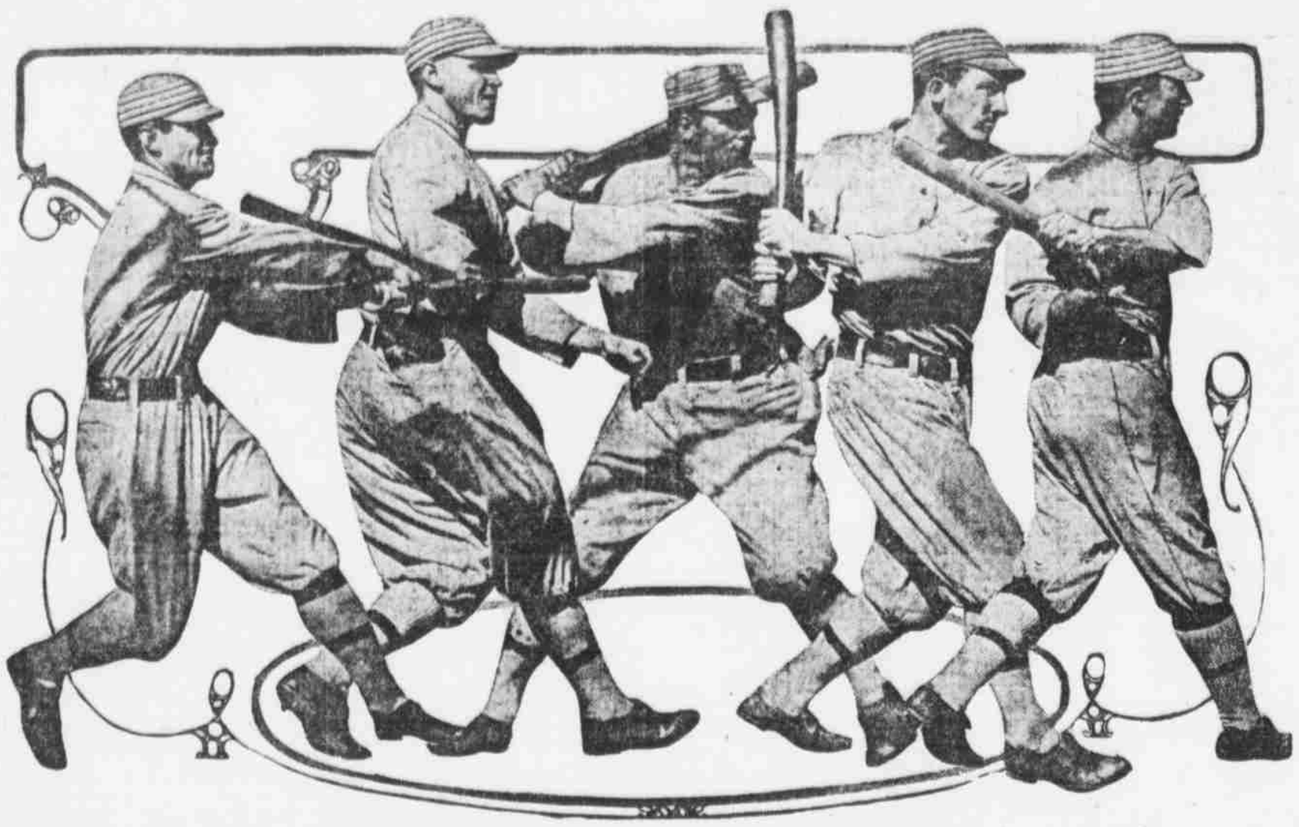
White thus enlightens a breathless sporting public for his lack of concern when offered $25,000 for three exhibitions; if he meets Welsh first, and knocks him out, thus acquiring the lightweight championship, he could ill afford to daily with two other opponents for the balance of the money. Very logical, but White evidently does not recall the time that he would have welcomed an opportunity to fight a champion for only a crack at the title.

Willard's backers have posted a certified check for $10,000 to go as part of the purse for the Johnson match. But it is hardly likely that this bout will ever materialize, as practically every country has barred Johnson from fighting in its domain. His "fake" with Frank Moran has settled Johnson for all time, it appears.

Athletics to Wisner.

The California Athletic club foot ball squad will battle Wally Walworth's Wisner team at Wisner this afternoon. The Athletics were trimmed at Wisner last year, and are making the invasion today with blood in their eyes. The lineup will be as follows: Walker, right end; Cummings, right tackle; B. Iasitt, right guard, D. Iasitt, center; Flanagan, left guard; Zetsel, left tackle; Sullivan, left end; Howes, left half; Moran, fullback; Harte, right half; McConnel, quarterback; Nigro, McCrann, Schail, Stitz, reserves; Jackson, coach; Shirley, manager.

Will They Bat Their Way to Victory?



Here are five of the Philadelphia Athletics, showing in a striking manner how the American league victors swing their war clubs. They will cross bats with the Boston Braves in the world's series beginning at the end of this week. Ability to slug, experience has shown, counts for much when the premier pennant is at stake. From left to right the players whose photographs are shown here are Jack McInnis, Amos Strunk, Rube Oldring, Lapp and "Home Run" Baker. Of these the most notable is the last mentioned, whose fame is second only to that of George Washington, so far as the American people is concerned. His deeds in former world's series are too well known to need recounting. His arm is as mighty as ever. Connie Mack is confident that his boys will show the war papers some bingoing that will make the Bay state weep.

FINAL SERIES EVEN MONEY

Athletics and Braves Will Be on Par in Heavy Betting.

BOSTON IS KEEPING AHEAD

Whirlwind Finish of Season and Attending Success is Liable to Stay with Team Through Playoff for World's Championship.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The Braves and Athletics will go into the world series at even money in the heavy betting that will be done during the early part of this week. If any odds are given they probably won't be better than 5 to 4 on the Athletics.

Two weeks ago, when it looked as if the Braves would grab the National league bunting, some folks were daring enough to offer 3 to 1 on the Athletics. But since then the rank and file of fans have been studying the relative merits of the rival teams and they have awakened suddenly to the fact that the Braves, in machine power, are not much inferior to the wonderful Athletics.

They have perused the records of the pitchers who will work in that series and they have found that the great Boston trio ranks with the best that Connie Mack can produce. They have found that the Braves, as a team, has improved wonderfully in hitting, and that in fielding they are superior to the Mackmen.

One other factor they have found in the Athletic's favor—and it seems like the big factor. The Braves haven't "cracked." Instead their play during the last month has ben ever better and stronger than it was through the latter part of July and through August. Instead of tiring the Braves seem to have grown stronger. And with each victory their confidence has increased.

Braves Making Good.

The whirlwind dash of the Braves that began in mid-July hasn't halted and the base ball sharps have come to the conclusion that it will carry through the world series. The dash was the link that no National league team could stop. It was a dash that swept everything before it, never halting, never hesitating.

There are many who believe that the Braves will duplicate the 1906 feat of the Chicago White Sox.

It was in 1906 that the Sox, "hitless" wonders of the universe, started from around the bottom in mid-season, much as the Braves have done in this day and age. By a great winning streak during the closing days of the race, they overhauled the leaders and swept under the wire a winner.

Then came the world series with the Cubs. The Cubs ruled 5 to 1 and 4 to 1 favorites in the betting. The White Sox were figured as almost hopeless propositions. Their pitchers were wearied and worn by the great fight made during the last few weeks of the season. The team, as a whole, was hitting only a trifle over the .200 mark. And, as a fielding club, it wasn't regarded as a whirlwind affair.

Back in 1906 the wonderful Cub machine was in its prime. That was the year when it had swept through the National league like a cyclone winning 116 of the 152 games played, for a percentage of .765—the greatest record turned in by a club in modern base ball. The White Sox won the pennant with a .614 average—151 points under that of the Cubs.

How Others "Stacked Up."

The Cubs had Mordecai Brown, the huge Overall, Ed Reulbach, Jack Pfeister and Carl Lundergren to hurl against the Sox. Johnny Kling was behind the bat. The wonderful infield—Tinker, Evers, Chance and Steinfeldt—had reached perfection. The outfield was composed of Schulte, Sheckard and Slagle—ranked as the greatest outfield of the period.

These were the men the White Sox had to face. These were the men that were the foes of the overworked, tired American leaguers. While the Sox were battling to the limit of their endurance day after day right up to the closing of the season, the Cubs, with a huge lead by September simply jogged along to the finish line, resting as they went.

By all the laws of "dope" the Cubs should have beaten the Sox in four straight games—and beaten them without exertion. But they didn't. The White Sox won the series, and they turned the trick with seeming ease. Their "overworked" pitchers outpitched the superb Cub twirlers, their batters hammered the ball all over the lot, and their fielders turned in better averages than the peerless Cubs.

And now, skidding back to the present, why isn't there a fine chance of history repeating?

White Sox Were Lucky.

The White Sox of 1906 won not because they were a better team, but simply because they were lucky enough to get the breaks, and also for another reason—probably the big reason.

The White Sox went into the series full of confidence, gained by their dash through the ranks of the American league. They had turned aside all American league opposition. They had come to believe themselves invincible. And believing so they fought so. Their attack surprised the Cubs, swept them off their feet, dazed them and beat them.

The Braves have rushed along as did the White Sox. During the two months of the spurt they have come to believe that they are invincible. Their confidence is superb. They never quit; never despair. Time and again the other team got the "jump" on them, but nearly every time the Braves came up from behind and snatched the game from out of the fire.

The Braves may go into the series a bit tired, a bit weary, but they'll go into it feeling certain of victory. They'll play the game until the last man is out in the ninth. They have come to be fighters—real fighters—and with them as foes of the Mackmen the base ball public can look forward to one of the most bitterly contested world series in base ball's history.

American League Averages

Club Batting.

TWENTY OR MORE GAMES.

Club.	W.	L.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Philadelphia	96	50	4939	727	1341	.271
Detroit	78	72	5014	596	1283	.256
Boston	83	58	4862	554	1212	.249
Cleveland	51	100	5075	527	1242	.245
St. Louis	63	80	4942	503	1208	.244
Wahington	77	71	4915	535	1188	.242
Chicago	68	82	4914	476	1184	.241
New York	67	80	4780	519	1102	.231

Club Fielding.

Club.	G.	TP.	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
Philadelphia	152	1	4046	1878	210	.966
New York	150	1	4008	1977	217	.966
Boston	152	0	4074	1847	224	.964
Washington	152	2	4086	1893	254	.959
Detroit	154	0	4152	2241	276	.958
Chicago	153	0	4084	2170	286	.956
St. Louis	154	0	4133	1991	304	.953
Cleveland	155	2	4116	1583	301	.953

Individual Batting.

Player.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	Pct.
Cobb, Detroit	94	334	65	123	31	.368
E. Collins, Phila	148	522	119	177	58	.339
Jackson, Cleve	119	447	61	151	20	.338
Speaker, Boston	151	540	94	181	38	.335
Hoblitzel, Boston	61	201	31	65	12	.323
Crawford, Detroit	154	571	72	183	25	.321
McInnis, Phila	149	573	74	183	18	.319
Baker, Phila	147	560	83	178	17	.318
Fournier, Chicago	105	367	41	116	11	.316
Cree, N. Y.	70	253	43	79	3	.312
C. Walker, St. L.	148	511	65	154	26	.301
Roth, Chicago	30	113	12	34	2	.301

Pitching Records.

Player.	g.	ip.	hbo.	rbo.	bb.	so.	w.	l.	pct.
Davies, P.	1	9	8	4	3	4	1	0	1.000
Bender, P.	27	177	161	50	54	106	17	3	.850
Leonard, B.	36	224	141	36	58	172	19	5	.792
Bressler, P.	27	140	105	37	54	91	11	3	.786
Pennock, P.	36	143	133	58	62	86	9	3	.750
Wood, B.	18	113	92	40	34	70	9	3	.750
Shore, B.	19	131	102	44	29	51	10	4	.714
Plank, P.	33	182	176	66	41	110	15	7	.682
Caldw'l, N. Y.	31	208	152	47	52	92	17	8	.680
Lathrop, C.	18	44	37	17	15	6	2	1	.667
Wyckoff, P.	30	171	151	81	90	80	11	6	.647
Reynolds, D.	26	79	62	28	41	26	5	3	.625
Foster, B.	36	192	153	58	44	80	13	8	.619
Covelskie, D.	43	295	241	101	93	118	20	13	.606
Bookling, W.	27	186	179	77	72	92	12	8	.600
Shawkey, P.	36	233	216	81	71	90	16	11	.593
Wolfgang, C.	22	110	89	40	28	46	7	5	.583
Johnson, W.	50	362	273	86	72	217	25	18	.581
R. Collins, B.	38	264	245	91	49	72	18	13	.581
Hall, D.	25	91	85	38	27	19	4	3	.571
Dauss, D.	44	293	274	120	80	143	19	15	.559
Wellman, S. L.	43	293	251	96	81	119	17	14	.548
J. Bush, P.	35	192	174	78	78	99	14	12	.538
W. James, S. L.	43	27	259	113	111	103	16	14	.533
Ham'lt'n, S. L.	43	295	260	106	96	108	18	16	.529
Gregg, B.	28	163	154	74	80	45	10	9	.526
Baum., S. L.	44	181	140	70	77	78	11	10	.524
Cavet, D.	31	150	128	53	41	60	8	8	.500
Engerl, W.	35	122	78	60	74	39	7	7	.500
Main, D.	31	136	123	50	58	51	5	5	.500
Ayres, W.	48	252	211	89	56	142	15	16	.484
Shaw, W.	46	247	190	91	131	154	13	14	.281
Cole, N. Y.	31	130	140	63	46	41	8	9	.471
Faber, C.	39	172	160	76	65	79	7	9	.467
Brown, N. Y.	32	179	173	84	59	76	7	8	.467
Benz, C.	47	274	229	95	64	134	16	18	.455
Fisher, N. Y.	37	191	179	62	56	78	10	12	.455
Scott, C.	42	246	219	108	71	130	14	17	.453
Cicotte, C.	45	289	237	97	68	122	13	16	.448
Bentley, W.	28	108	93	47	47	52	4	5	.444
Oldham, D.	9	45	44	22	7	21	3	4	.429
Dubuc, D.	34	211	210	120	70	69	11	16	.423
W. Mitch., C.	38	249	218	115	116	116	13	18	.419
Warhop, N. Y.	36	207	180	73	41	87	8	12	.400
Coumbe, C.	31	118	109	53	31	27	4	6	.400
Boehler, D.	18	63	65	39	49	27	2	3	.400
Pish, N. Y.	17	53	57	32	24	23	2	3	.400
Walsh, C.	17	53	57	32	24	23	2	3	.400
Steen, C.	30	202	195	73	79	96	9	14	.391
Hagerman, C.	37	198	186	97	117	110	10	16	.385
Bedient, B.	40	166	169	92	47	74	6	10	.375
Taylor, S. L.	16	50	43	23	25	20	3	5	.375
Russell, C.	37	167	167	74	56	77	8	14	.364
R. Mitch., S. L.	28	106	136	72	36	32	4	7	.364
McHale, N. Y.	29	176	150	77	31	64	7	14	.333
Blanding, C.	29	118	130	84	55	54	4	8	.333
Tedrow, C.	4	22	19	7	14	4	1	2	.333
Keating, N. Y.	34	209	201	92	68	109	6	14	.300
Carter, C.	6	24	25	20	5	9	1	3	.250
Collamore, C.	27	165	99	49	49	31	2	7	.222
Morton, C.	35	198	112	61	51	78	3	11	.154
Bowman, C.	22	72	77	45	41	25	1	7	.125
Loveren'g, S. L.	24	94	95	58	52	28	1	11	.083
J. Williams, D.	5	12	20	16	7	5	0	3	.000
Harper, W.	21	46	33	24	31	33	0	2	.000
Hoch, S. L.	14	51	54	31	25	10	0	3	.000

Foot Ball Provides Funds for the Other Cornhusker Sports

LINCOLN, Oct. 3.—(Special.—Foot ball was the big money-maker for University of Nebraska athletics, according to the report of T. A. Williams, treasurer of student activities, filed with the athletic board yesterday.

Total receipts from all sources during the year ending September 1, 1914, amounted to $31,960.93. For the same period the expenditures were $29,389, leaving a balance in the treasury of $2,042.68. Had it not been for foot ball, however, the Cornhusker finances would have been in sorry shape. The gridiron sport gave Nebraska $29,866.25, with a net profit from foot ball alone of $8,355.97. All other sports resulted in small losses, as follows: Track, $1,285; basket ball, $231.30; wrestling, 62.74; soccer, cross-country and interdepartmental sports, $170.53.

The athletic board, however, was enabled to take up old indebtedness on the athletic field of $2,570.26 and to make permanent improvements on the grounds amounting to $1,378.83.

From a money-making standpoint the Minnesota game last year was the big one. The total receipts from that game amounted to $10,867.45. The Iowa game followed a good second with receipts of $7,683.25. The Kansas game at Lawrence was also a good money-maker, with Nebraska getting $3,875.45 as its share of the gate receipts. Ames netted $1,320.95, with the Haskell Indians just a little better at $1,340. The sale of season tickets netted $2,012.40.

National League Averages

Club Batting.

TWENTY GAMES OR MORE.

Club.	W.	L.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Brooklyn	72	75	4916	594	1324	.269
New York	80	67	4948	644	1304	.264
Philadelphia	72	76	4927	628	1293	.262
St. Louis	78	69	4771	540	1216	.253
Boston	89	56	4924	668	1227	.248
Chicago	75	73	4870	539	1191	.245
Cincinnati	58	89	4790	512	1136	.237
Pittsburgh	54	83	4947	475	1153	.233

Club Fielding.

Club.	G.	TP.	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
Boston	150	..	4060	2078	214	.966
Pittsburgh	151	..	4043	1968	213	.966
St. Louis	151	..	4118	2018	229	.964
New York	149	1	3982	1950	241	.961
Brooklyn	147	..	3932	1849	238	.960
Chicago	150	1	4106	1831	320	.952
Cincinnati	150	1	3911	2029	303	.952
Philadelphia	148	..	3976	1944	299	.950

Individual Batting.

Player.	G.	Ab.	R.	H.	Sb.	Pct.
Erwin, Brooklyn	20	46	5	16	1	.348
Steele, Brooklyn	21	21	3	7	..	.333
Daubert, Brooklyn	123	465	87	154	24	.331
Becker, Phila	131	489	72	160	13	.327
Dalton, Brooklyn	124	429	62	139	14	.324
S. Magee, Phila	140	522	91	168	23	.322
Stengel, Brooklyn	118	387	51	122	16	.316
Connolly, Boston	114	384	60	121	8	.315
Wheat, Brooklyn	128	511	65	160	18	.313
Phelan, Chicago	25	46	5	14	1	.304
G. Burns, New York	149	543	98	164	56	.302
Hageman, Chicago	20	30	2	9	..	.300

Pitching Records.

Player.	g.	ip.	hbo.	rbo.	bb.	so.	w.	l.	pct.
James, Bos.	44	324	263	96	110	155	27	8	.818
Rudolph, Bos.	40	311	285	106	61	136	32	8	.800
Mamaux, P.	12	57	35	14	21	27	4	1	.800
Aitchison, B.	36	164	154	66	58	79	11	4	.733
Doak, St. L.	35	250	187	75	82	117	18	7	.720
Tesreau, N. Y.	41	313	231	96	123	174	25	11	.694
Alex'der, Phil.	42	346	320	125	74	204	28	13	.683
Fromme, N.Y.	36	129	126	54	41	53	8	4	.667
B'g'ner, Phil.	12	46	48	24	14	18	2	1	.667
Pfeffer, Bkn.	41	297	249	91	85	126	21	11	.656
Mat'son, N. Y.	41	311	317	123	93	79	23	13	.639
Vaughn, Chi.	40	279	219	112	109	156	19	12	.613
Mat'son, Phil.	14	58	57	27	23	28	3	2	.600
Crutcher, Bos.	31	149	161	73	59	45	7	5	.583
Sallee, St. L.	45	281	251	89	73	102	18	14	.563
Cheney, Chi.	49	308	252	130	129	156	23	19	.548
Perritt, St. L.	38	271	218	106	88	109	16	14	.533
Cooper, Pitts.	40	267	244	97	51	100	17	15	.531
H'phries, Chi.	34	170	161	78	37	60	11	10	.524
Mayer, Phil.	45	308	294	134	83	114	19	18	.514
Tyler, Bos.	37	269	247	108	101	137	16	16	.500
Rucker, Bkn.	15	98	111	65	23	32	7	7	.500
Ka'hener, Pts.	21	66	31	30	39	27	3	3	.500
Strand, Bos.	14	44	38	17	18	30	2	2	.500
E. Br'n, Bkn.	11	36	33	23	23	21	2	2	.500
Davis, Bos.	7	40	27	16	18	16	2	2	.500
Lear, Cin.	16	48	48	23	19	17	1	1	.500
Enzm'n, Bkn.	6	16	17	11	8	10	1	1	.500
Benton, Cinn.	40	263	218	113	93	117	16	17	.485
Adams, Pitts.	38	265	245	93	39	82	13	15	.464
Marshall, Phi.	27	134	146	80	50	61	6	7	.462
Perdue, St. L.	29	193	209	87	41	55	11	13	.458
Hess, Bos.	12	82	81	37	30	20	5	6	.455
Pierce, Chi.	29	134	113	75	63	72	8	10	.444
Ragan, Bkn.	36	209	218	101	79	95	10	13	.435
Ames, Cinn.	45	285	260	124	94	129	16	20	.429
Douglass, Cin.	42	227	185	106	84	113	12	16	.429
L'vender, Chi.	36	205	185	109	82	83	9	12	.429
Zabel, Chi.	28	118	95	44	45	48	3	4	.429
Demaree, N.Y.	36	21	216	95	72	85	11	15	.423
Oeschger, Phi.	32	123	126	79	53	48	5	7	.417
Tincup, Phil.	27	149	158	87	53	43	7	10	.412
McQ'llan, Pts.	43	242	234	94	58	81	11	16	.407
Reulb'h, Bkn.	42	241	207	103	79	106	12	18	.400
Cou'man, Pts.	32	100	106	38	38	39	4	6	.400
Steele, Bkn.	23	6	74	38	15	13	2	3	.400
Griner, St. L.	36	186	152	67	52	68	7	11	.389
H'geman, Chi.	26	100	99	46	31	37	3	5	.375
Yingling, Cinn.	34	197	207	103	54	78	8	14	.364
Harmon, Pits.	36	236	225	85	55	58	10	18	.357
Rob'son, St. L.	23	119	116	68	51	38	5	9	.357
Allen, Bkn.	32	153	142	73	53	61	7	13	.350
Marqu'd, N. Y.	37	258	259	120	46	89	11	22	.333
Coch'h'm, Bos.	13	39	41	19	23	15	1	2	.333
Schn'der, Cin.	28	139	137	65	55	56	4	10	.288
O'Toole, N. Y.	28	124	126	78	60	48	3	9	.250
Smith, Chi.	16	53	47	27	14	17	1	4	.200
Jacobs, Phila.	14	49	69	37	20	17	1	4	.200
Rixey, Phila.	27	93	115	72	42	38	2	9	.183
Schmutz, Bkn.	16	49	48	23	8	20	..	4	.000
Fittery, Cinn.	6	32	28	15	9	19	..	3	.000

When the Leaves Begin to Turn

BY F. S. HUNTER

Get a Good Coach.

We see that the allies are having bum luck
In rushing old Germany's line,
That the Teuton defense puts a stop to each buck,
And is playing the plunging game fine.
So we would suggest that the allies might try
Some tactics of different class,
A run 'round the end or a tandem on fly,
Or a shift to a forward pass.

Larry Lejeune has played his last game in the Western league, but you don't hear any Omaha pitchers kicking about it.

But anyway, what's the good of being the most valuable player on the Topeka team? You can search us.

Willie Rapps was presented with a large loving cup in Topeka for being the most valuable player on the Kaw club. There is a suspicon that the said loving cup will be in other hands than Willie's when January 1 blows around.

It is said that Mr. Stichm is not worrying about prospects for this year. As Mr. Stichm has three years of contract at 3,000 bucks per to run, it is probable that the assertion is quite correct.

There is a well confirmed suspicion out this fall that the income tax collectors will have slim pickings with base ball magnates this year.

We don't know for sure, but we have a hunch the fishing on the river Styx is rather punk this season.

While the Braves Fly.

I have heard that Lincoln Beachey is the aeronaut supreme.
And that his feats of daring are quite as fearless as they seem,
But with me I have another think, for an aeroplaning trip,
Give a good lamp at those Giants, they sure have "did the dip."

George Chip licked Billy Murray again the other night. No, nothing sensational; merely Chip's turn to win.

It is said Josh Devore is telling the Braves how to puncture Mr. E. Plank's crossfire. Josh should know how to do it. Extract from box score of game October 16, 1911: Struck out: By Plank, Devore (four times).

BULLETIN.

MANHATTAN, (Via Wireless to the United States.)—The submarine, Stallings, succeeded, by clever maneuvering and clever management, in blowing up H. M. S. McGraw today.

Christy Mathewson calls the Giants careless but no publicity is given the remarks McGraw directs toward them.

BY ANY ATHLETE.

As I pass by the blokes on the city streets,
Who look like they were happy and gay,
I ponder and wonder, how can it be,
When there's six full months without pay.

Among others who are glad the world's series games in Boston, to be played at Fenway park instead of at the Walpole street joint, are Rudolph, Tyler and James. The right field wall in Fenway park is quite a ways from the plate while at Walpole it is just a nice distance.

THE MAGNATE'S BALLAD.

When the chilly winds of winter
Curve around the magnate's den,
While the magnate in a pensive mood
Counts up a flock of yen.
He says it's rotten business,
For he's not done so well,
He says that base ball wars are sure
What Sherman says is (deleted by censor.)

A new pest is amongst us. He is the gink who constantly refers to this weather as Indian summer. But at that we gotta hand it to the guy who's been grinding out the brand for the last two weeks.

By J. McGraw.

We didn't cop the pennant, we didn't make a beat—
We didn't make a forward plunge, but made a quick retreat,
But for that we have our reason for we are wise you see,
We will not meet the Mackmen, and it was strategy.

O'Mara Improves.

Shortstop O'Mara's fractured leg has recovered almost entirely, but he will not appear in uniform again this season. Doctors have assured him that if he is careful for a few weeks more, the shortstop will be as strong and fast as ever by next spring.

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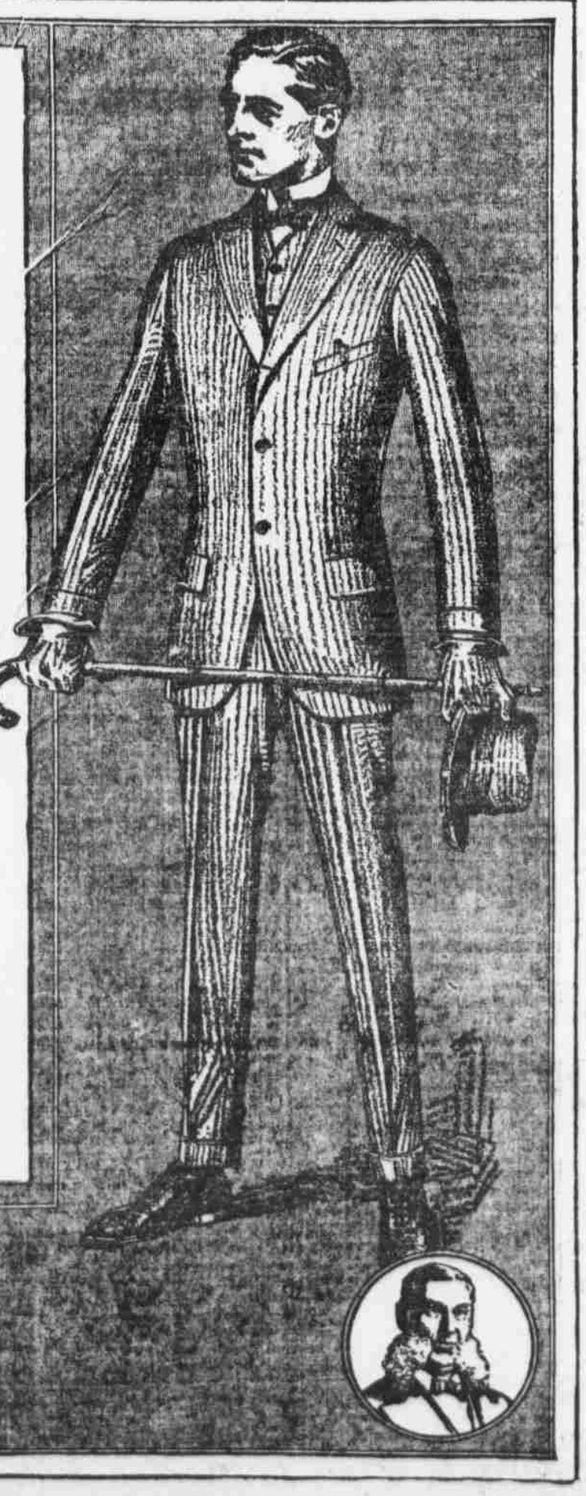

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