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CHRISTY LOOKS FORMIDABLE

Eddie Collins Classifies Mathewson Personality as Wonderful.

HAS A HEAD FULL OF BRAINS

Impresses Man at the Bat that He is Up Against a Delivery Backed Up with Considerable Thought.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—One of the greatest compliments that can be paid a pitcher has been paid "Christy" Mathewson by "Eddie" Collins in a story on "Fitchers in Face." He writes: "Neither his fast ball nor his curve is remarkable—indeed, they are only ordinary—but there is something about Mathewson, his bearing, his manner, that gives you the impression that you are going up against Gibraltar. Unconsciously you think: 'I am up against something now, for fair.'"

Collins adds: "Mathewson's brains really make him a great pitcher, although his other big asset is his control. He comes nearer putting a ball where he wants to than anyone else pitching today. Possessor of unlimited nerve and composure, Mathewson is one of the most remarkable figures in baseball."

And Collins should know whereof he speaks. He has battled against Mathewson in three world series. Furthermore, Collins has proved himself one of the greatest "money" hitters in the business. He can always be counted on to do his best stick work when there is something big to be accomplished in a short time. If he has sized Mathewson up in this way the "fans" can get a good idea of how big, powerful and masterful the "old master" looks to younger players and batters of less ability.

Collins has reviewed a topic which has been going the rounds ever since certain well-meaning critics decided that "Matty" had treated himself to enough glory and money and was primed to dislocate his right shoulder, crack his elbow, become weak at the knees and be counted out by sentility.

Uses His Head. Long ago ball players decided Mathewson does not pitch with his arm, but with his head instead. And, from Mathewson's viewpoint, not to refer even to a profitable and effectual way of crowding a base ball over some part of the seventeen-inch front of a home plate without ambitious batters turning the pitcher into base hits with too much consistency.

And about the same time it was found that Mathewson's fast one and his curve were not such all-fired rip snorting sliders—they were no better than a lot of other pitchers were able to propel. But somehow other "Matty" always has possessed the happy faculty of being able to throw a batter a fast one when the batter expected a curve, and vice versa. Furthermore, if the batter misses if the ball comes to hover in the general location of a strike.

In his story Collins raises another point which is herewith referred to certain Yankee pitchers. If they should adopt the suggestion these might be a chance of American league ball games in this city being played within a responsible length of time and not finished just as the sliver beams of a summer moon begin to mingle with the gentle ripples of the Harlem river.

Wastes No Time. "In the box 'Matty' wastes no time or surplus energy, and he pitches as soon as a batter takes his place at the plate. By doing so he bothered me a lot, I know, because I was not used to it. I go through habitual movements, fix my cap, hitch my trousers, tap the plate, and I am accustomed to do those things as I wait for the pitcher to wind up.

"Matty" however, didn't give me a chance. Before I could hitch my trousers the ball was in the catcher's mitt, and the result was I felt at a loss. Disturb the habitual preliminaries of a batter and you bother him. The result was that I was forced to do all my motions before I got into the batter's box."

UMPIRE WITHOUT FRIENDS

E. H. Wood Declares Indicator Must Live Singularly Alone.

SOMETIMES HARD TO DECIDE

Not Easiest Job in the World to Satisfy Both Sides and Hot-Headed Fans, Who Often Make It Disagreeable.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Umpires live in the golden age today; their existence is passed in a garden spot. So says E. H. Wood, one of the old-time umpires in the Western league and later, substitute umpire in the National league. In his time, according to Wood, a handler of the indicator was shunned by all men. No person dared to call him a friend. He was an outcast, a man without a country.

"Umpires had to have nerve, and bunches of it, when I was in the business many years ago," says Wood. "Those were the times when we had to fight it out with the players on the ball field, and we didn't have a Sam Johnson or John Tener to back us up. We could, it is true, tack a fine of \$5 on an offending player, but we couldn't put him out of the game, or even bench him. So you can see where we got off."

"I remember once, when I was an umpire in the Western league, a foul tip had hit me in the throat, and I couldn't talk above a whisper; had to work by signs when I called 'em out. Every decision was trouble for me.

His Wild West Experience.

"It was in Denver when I first heard cowboys firing revolvers from the stands. The stands then were like a bunch of bleachers today, a bunch of boards piled together. The cattlemen were holding their convention there at the time, and I remember it sounded like a sham battle. The cold sweat poured down my back whenever I made a decision against Denver, and I could almost feel the bullets clip me on the feet or take my hat off. I was a tenderfoot then."

Never Found the Ball.

"Finally—it was in the seventeenth—Tom Mansel came to bat. He was famous before he hit the Western league as a batter. Suddenly he leaned on the ball. The center fielder took one look at it as it sailed over his head and then started in. The game was won right then and there. I don't believe they ever found the ball."

Makes Record Run.

"At Forts one day came something I still remember with great clearness. They used to slide first then, and a runner, I forget his name, dived headlong for second in this game and managed to knock the ball out of the target's hand as he touched him. I didn't see it, but the runner got hold of the ball and stuck it in his shirt as he lay there sprawling."

Jealousy.

A certain Connecticut man, intending to increase his water supply will "build a watershed covering fifty acres." One of the town officials, a building contractor, who naturally favored the man, has been severely criticized by a fellow townsman (husky or pretty nearly husky): "It will be 'twice as long as the neck of Ezekiel Billie's gits her job of puttin' a shed over fifty acres of water. I'm again it, toot an' all. Zeke's got sufficient outen ther town already."—Power

AN UNFRENZIED FINANCIER

Rural Mail Carrier in Arizona Who is Some Real Money-maker at That.

Among the unfrenzied financiers of the wild and woolly west, E. R. Dewitt of Snowflake, Ariz., will rank as A.1. copper-bottomed and copper-fastened. He has a contract with the Postoffice department for carrying parcel post matter from Holbrook to Snowflake, thirty miles, at \$100 per 100 pounds. The postage on parcels is \$1.08 per 100 pounds.

Mr. Dewitt needed a lot of rolled barley. He bought five tons of the Mesa Milling company and shipped it from Mesa to Snowflake in 500 sacks of fifty pounds each. For railroad transportation of the barley from Mesa to Holbrook, a distance of several hundred miles, and team transportation from Holbrook to Snowflake, thirty miles, he paid the United States government \$108, and the United States government paid him for carrying it the thirty miles \$160. He received \$52 more than he paid for transportation. He got his 200 sacks of rolled barley carried for nothing and obtained \$2 besides.—Los Angeles Times.

Musings of a Modern Maid.

Love may brighten the world, but most lovers would prefer it to make it a little darker these long, sweet summer evenings.

Food Show Hint.

At a Cleveland food show one day was "bread day," another "meat" day and so on during the whole exhibition. A general summary of the exhibition might be held at its conclusion under the name of "Hash day."—Youngstown Telegram.

Guessed Right.

Woman—What is that over there? Man—Fertilizer, ma'am. Woman—For the land's sake! Man—Yes, ma'am.—Ohio State Journal.

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South Omaha Schools

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and other trades, while they are also able to pursue some of the more necessary cultural branches which go in conjunction with the trades taught. The manual training department for girls embraces the teaching of sewing, cooking and home industry such as are taught in the domestic economy departments of the state universities throughout the country.

The actual work of manual training begins in the grade schools and the children are taught there elementary rules of occupations which enable them later to become adepts in the study of the work they may select as a means of livelihood. Taken together the large number of children who have registered in the manual training course has proven the correctness of the theory adopted by the board and the superintendent of schools. Children who formerly finished the grade schools to enter some trades shop now pursue their schooling in the high school, at the same time absorbing the principles of the trades or callings which they intend to follow later on.

More strictly along the social lines are the clubs, of which the Seymour Lake Country club is perhaps the finest example and proudest boast. Lying immediately west of the city, it is supported by the leaders in business and social life of the city, and has been accorded the pride of being the most beautiful spot in hills-eceehhhllllllllllllldursem f m m mm Nebraska. It has a modern clubhouse and a magnificent stretch of golf links, which are daily becoming more popular among the crack golfers of the state. It has a lake where the members swim and fish in season. Its membership has grown steadily since its inception three years ago. T. L. Combs of Omaha is president, while W. B. Cheek of South Omaha is secretary.

GRASSHOPPERS HIS BURDEN

Pastor, Enveloped by Them, Quotes Appropriate Scripture.

While conducting an open air service on the lawn of the Marcus Hook Methodist church last night the Rev. H. R. McDade was attacked by a swarm of small grasshoppers, which, attracted by the nearby electric light, flew about his head, alighted on his shoulders, and covered his coat.

Saving Labor.

"The automobile is a great boon to the poor overworked horse," said the sympathetic woman.

"Yes," replied Mr. Chugstun; "but while it is making life easy for the horse, it has three or four human beings busy day and night keeping the machine in repair."—Washington Star.

Farm Life Today.

The farmers kick at lack of rain. When it is dry awhile. The daisy then, they all complain. For motoring in style. —Kansas City Journal.

Our Domestic.

Servant to her master—If you please, sir, can I speak on your telephone for a few minutes? I want to tell my young man that me and the missus have had an awful row, and I've given 'er notice.—London Opinion.

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