

Bringing Up Father



Drawn for The Bee by George McManus

Judgments

GAIN cometh from the east and from the west complaint that the public is tired of the commercialized base ball. Thoughtful commentators, who have the game's best interest in mind, have from time to time for many months, called attention to this fact, and yet the managers have waited to have the force of the argument come with the overwhelming proof of the public's indifference to their personal concerns.

ALL EYES ON THE DIAMONDS

Prospects for Sandlot Base Ball Said to Be Brightest in the History of Game.

TEAMS WORK IN HARMONY

From present indications this season will surpass all others since amateur base ball was put on the map in Omaha. More enthusiasm has already been evinced this season than ever before. In nearly every contest harmony reigns. Only a couple of small differences have been reported to date.

At a recent meeting of the American League it was decided that the West Leavenworth Merchants and the Dundas Woolen Mills teams should play over their eleven-inning game that terminated in a victory for the Merchants, by a score of 19 to 7.

Only eight of the fourteen directors of the Omaha Amateur association showed up at the meeting last week. It is important that all of the directors should be on deck. The writer cannot conceive why any one of the directors, when they were so enthusiastic at the beginning of the season, fails to answer the roll call when his help and co-operation is earnestly requested and needed.

Plan for Raising Money. From appearances the Central Parks were willing to hand their franchise in the Booster league to the Monmouth Parks, because they failed to register a kick. Because of the fact that it will require considerable money to defray the expenses of the different winners in the various leagues for their excursions at the termination of this season, a plan was submitted by Louis Cook for raising the money. He suggested that tickets be secured, to be disposed of at \$1 each, which would entitle the bearer to witness all of the championship games.

Amateur and "semi-pro" base ball in Omaha lost a bright light when George "Shanty" Falconer slid over the plate for the last time. He was a player of the type that men admire. Modest as he was efficient, clean in all his ways, and going into the sport for the sake of the sport, he made for himself a name that will long be recalled by those who watch the games on the commons.

Would Have Traded Wife for Base Hit

Frank Chance always was a hard loser and Joe Tinker took this one on him as an incident of the world's series in which the Athletics cleaned up the Cubs. "Chance was awfully blue after the loss of the third game. He went home with his head on his chest.

"When he reached his hotel he was a fit subject for the deaf and dumb asylum. Mrs. Chance tried in vain to cheer him up. She talked to him and consoled him. But Frank refused to be cheered. Finally, in desperation, Mrs. Chance, in a tone that would have won the heart of a lion, said to Frank: "Now, dear, don't take it so hard. Come on, cheer up. What if you do lose this series. Remember, dearie, you have me."

"Yes, I know I've got you," said Chance in breaking his speechless spell, but there were spots in that game today when I would have traded you for a base hit."

YALE ORDERS EIGHT-OAR SHELL FROM OLD ENGLAND

Coach Guy Nickalls of the Yale university oarsmen has a new English eight-oared shell and English made oars for his varsity crew. The boats are equipped with the three-in rig. The seats, however, are rigged in a straight line instead of being adjusted in zigzag fashion along the keel, which is the English style of rowing.

Will Take Long Rest in Preparation for San Francisco Games

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—James Edward Meredith, the star runner of the University of Pennsylvania, is planning to take a long rest from competition right after the Intercollegiate A. A. A. games, which are to be run off at Philadelphia on May 23 and 24. As soon as he has run his last race at the big college meet, Ted will hang up his shoes and forget running for several weeks. After college closes Meredith will go to summer camp at Bantam lake in the Berkshires for a complete rest from every sort of mental and physical work, and here the Olympic 800-meter champion will stay until it's time to go to the Panama-Pacific games at the San Francisco exposition, in which he will represent the Meadowbrook club of Philadelphia.

Meredith has the same idea about training for the Panama-Pacific meet as Homer Baker of the New York Athletic club. He wants to get into fair condition before leaving the east, and then finish on his training with two or three weeks of hard work in the Pacific coast climate. Both the Pennsylvania and the mercury footer will do their training on the exposition track.

While Benton Grins Tinker Cops Second, Third and the Plate

Rube Benton, the Cincinnati southpaw, didn't know any too much about the art of pitching when he made his major league debut a couple of seasons ago. Cincinnati and Chicago were playing and Benton pitching. Joe Tinker, who was then playing short for the Cubs, walked and then proceeded to have some fun with the Rube. He took a long lead off first. Benton turned around and grinned, but made no attempt to catch him. Tinker walked to second. Joe bluffed a steal to third and when Benton made no move to stop him walked to that base.

Manager Griffith was raving by this time. Tinker took another look at the grinning Rube and then made a break for home. Tinker scored standing up. "What's the matter with you? What are you doing out there?" cried Griffith when Benton came in from the field. Benton smiled the happy smile of a child that has just been presented with a six-foot sugar cane. "Oh, they can't fool me," he replied. "That man Tinker thought he was going to play a smart trick on me. He thought I was green and tried to make me throw the ball, but I fooled him."

Moore and De Oro Will Contest Matches Soon

NEW YORK, May 15.—George W. Moore and Alcido De Oro will contest their match for the three-cushion carom billiard championship in this city on the nights of May 17, 18 and 19. They will play 150 points, 50 each night.

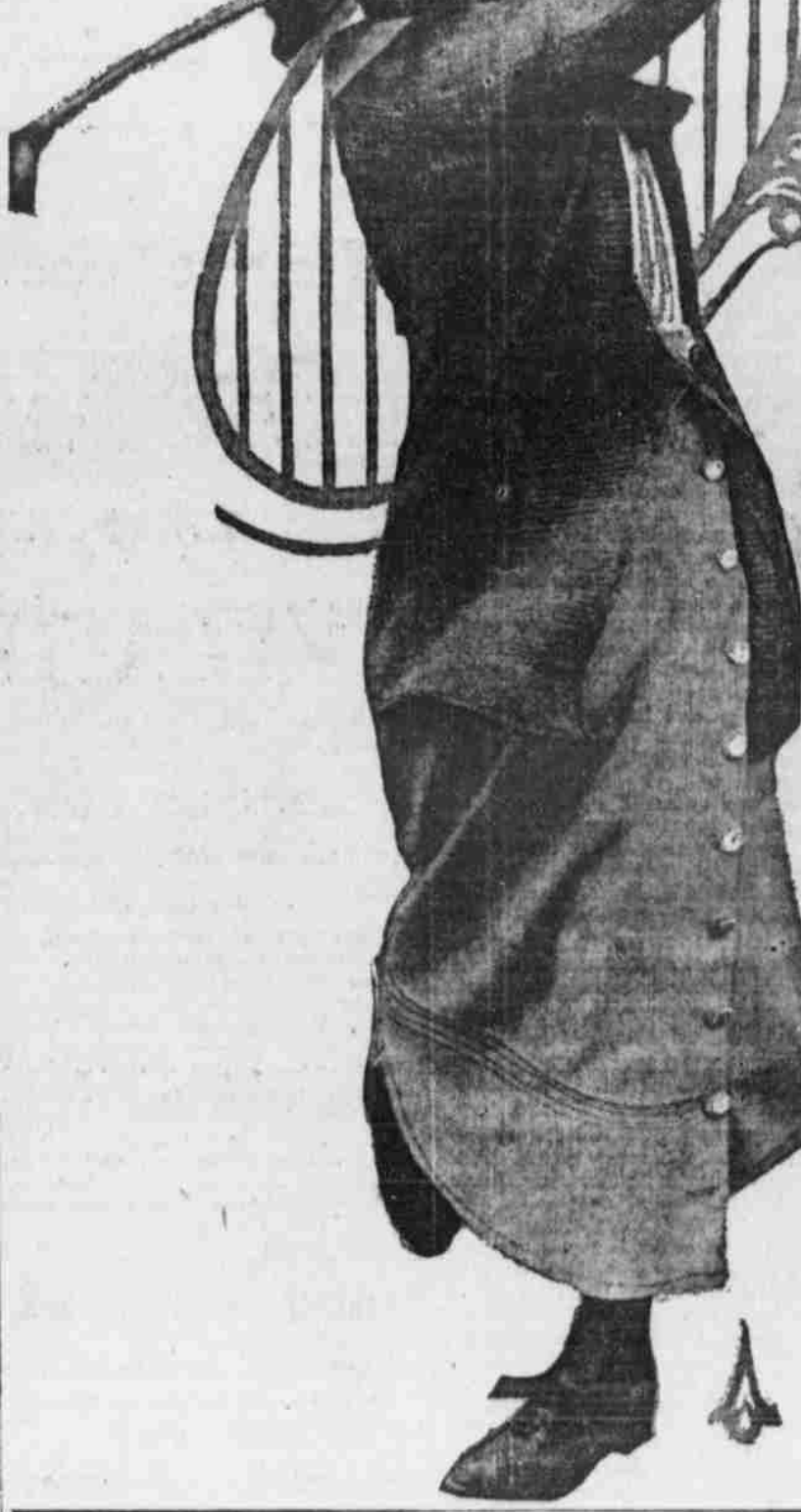
Both De Oro and Moore wished to defer the match until September. The obstacle was William E. Huey of Chicago, who had challenged the winner. If he could have been induced to withdraw his challenge, De Oro would have withdrawn his challenge, dated April 2, and immediately issued another, which would mature in June. Then as a champion cannot be compelled to play in June, July or August, Moore, as champion, could postpone playing until September. Angered because the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players had pronounced him a professional, Huey would not make a definite response to appeals made to him in the interest of a postponement. The winner of the coming match, if so disposed, may compel Huey to play in not less than thirty nor more than forty days from May 15.

CHANGE METHOD OF PLAY FOR TOM MORRIS TROPHY

An important change in the method of play for the Tom Morris Memorial trophy competition has been made this year. The various clubs will play against the regular par or the course this year instead of against a special par, like it was last year. The Tom Morris play will occur this year on June 16, simultaneously at all clubs which are members of the Western Golf association. Eight players from each club participate. The Country, Field and Happy Hollow clubs of Omaha are all members.

MISS LILLIAN B. HYDE GETS SCRATCH RATING AT GOLF

According to the annual rating list Miss Lillian B. Hyde of the South Shore Field club is again alone on the scratch mark of the Women's Metropolitan Golf association. Miss Hyde is the present holder of the championship title which she won last summer over the links of the Essex County Country Club of West Orange, N. J., after a brilliant display of golf.



BUSH LONGED TO GO HOME

Tigers Were Too Rough an Outfit for Donie When He Saw Them Play First Game.

BUT HE CAUGHT FEVER LATER

Have you heard the story of how Donie Bush joined the Tigers and was so upset, mentally, by their actions, not towards him, but their opponents, that he wanted to tear up his contract and go to the quietness of a home fireside in dear old Indianapolis? asks an official historian of the Detroit team, and then, without waiting for an answer, he tells the story.

Here it is: "Donie, as almost everyone who follows base ball at all knows, reported to Detroit in the fall of 1908. These were the days when Detroit was fighting off Chicago and Cleveland in the mad rush for the American league pennant. These were the days, you'll recall, when Donovan and Schmitz and Rossman and Killar and all those fellows who have gone out were creating base ball history. "Charley O'Leary, regular shortstop, had been going bad for some time and the time came when Jennings was in absolute need of a shortstop who could field and hit and run bases if his team was to win the pennant. Bush was purchased from Indianapolis of the American association and was ordered to report to Jennings in St. Louis. "The day Detroit was opposed to Rube Waddell, as well as some other pitchers, some pitcher, whose name has been forgotten, started the contest against the Tigers and Jennings' men simply turned his curves into straight, fast ones over the infield. "Bush was on one end of the bench when the game started and the Tigers, with their old rush and yell of derision went after the pitcher. This disturbed Bush, but he stuck to the bench. When Waddell went into the center of the diamond every man in the team went off the bench and started after the famous left-hander, who has since died. "Crawford Completely Yarn. "Sam Crawford, who, even on that first day had taken a liking to Bush, can tell the balanced of the story. Says Sam: "I happened to glance around after we had given Rube the old battle yell and here was Donie sitting on the bench with his feet up, his head between his hands and looking the picture of homesickness. I went over to him and said: "'What's the matter, kid?' "'I don't like this bunch," answered Donie. "Don't pay any attention to them. They're not going to hurt you," I answered. "'Right afterwards Waddell was chased from the game and as he passed the Detroit bench, Davy Jones jumped on his back and rode him out of the park. Donie hunched down still further and, if there was ever a youngster who went under the baptism of fire in the big leagues it was him. "But two or three days afterwards he was out in the infield and climbing all of us for not showing enough pepper."

Wilson Bals Enters Indianapolis Race

The mystery of the "unknown car" in the next Indianapolis 500-mile race is no more. The machine is announced as the Bals' special, entered by Wilson A. Bals of Indianapolis, and driven by Jimmy Hill of the same city. Bals originally intended to name his car the "Skunk," but when he found out that a driver named Limberg had entered a machine, changed his mind. Skunk and Limberg, he thought, would be too much, even for the hardened beerers of a 500-mile race-going public.

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AUSTRALIA DIGS UP NEW HOPE FROM AMATEUR RANK

"Snowy" Baker, the Australian boxing promoter, announces the professional debut of Harold Hardwick, a versatile antipodean athlete who won the amateur championship of the British empire at the Empire games in London. His record is such as to cause him to be regarded in England, Australia and elsewhere as a most promising candidate for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world.

Fans Tire of the Commercial Side of National Game

NEW YORK, May 15.—Commercialism is killing the interest in base ball these days. Fans are becoming tired of the spectacle of clubs out-bidding one another for the services of star players, and civic pride, as far as it relates to base ball, is almost a dead issue. The daily attendance at the ball parks are not what they used to be, and all because of the warring forces. It seems a case of the survival of the fittest financially. The players incidentally the most important part of base ball, naturally go where the money is and play accordingly. Years ago, in the days of Mike Thirman, George Gore and Tim Keefe and "Smiling Micky" Welsh, the financial end of ball playing wasn't so apparent.

Of course, the Federal league may be blamed for present conditions, but its backers should not be censured any too severely for butting in on the bonanza that their rivals seemed to monopolize. Today the Federal league is in the same position as was the American league at its inception. At that time "Organized Base Ball" consisted almost solely of the National league and the American, backed by the brains of Ban Johnson, was considered the most serious kind of an outlaw organization for even thinking about breaking in on the long established and respected National league. It was fought tooth and nail, and only money in large sums kept the opposition going. Finally, Johnson forces are recognized and considered, and today both leagues stand as double-barreled opponents to the Federals, who are trying to do the same thing as the Johnson organization did years ago. Three big leagues are not necessary to appease the country's appetite for base balls, but as things stand, the Federal league, with its collection of stars, is as much entitled to consideration and prestige as either the National or American.

Fans Four, Then Sees Each Bring in Tally

Clinton Rogge, the new and promising twirler with the Pittsburgh Reds, lays claim to the distinction of being the only pitcher who struck out four men in one inning and lived to see every one of the four score a run.

It happened in a college game in Michigan. Rogge is a big chap with a world of speed. The varsity catcher was a 115-pound mite and couldn't hold Rogge, who struck out three men in a row, and every one went to first when the catcher failed to clutch the third strike. With the bases loaded, Rogge struck out the fourth batter and the man on third came home with the first tally while the fanned batter raced to first in safety. An error and a hit followed, and the three other strikout victims who had gained the bases through the inability of the catcher to hold Rogge scooted home with the runs that won the game.

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WEST POINT HURLER COPS NINETEEN GAMES IN ROW

Cadet Robert H. Neyland of the Fourth congressional district of Texas, whose home is in Greenville, Tex., has won nineteen straight games for the West Point base ball team. Neyland went through last season without a defeat, beating the Navy in 1913 and again in 1914. He is 22 years old, and is also a clever boxer and foot ball player.

STATE TRAP SHOOT IS NEXT

At Least Eight of Omaha's Cracks Will Go to North Platte for Big Tournament.

AFTER 1916 EVENT FOR OMAHA

Quite a number of Omaha trap shooters will invade North Platte, where the annual state trap shooting tournament is to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The Omaha aggregation will like to the Platte river village for two reasons, one to cop as much of the prize money as possible and second to bring the 1916 state tournament to Omaha.

Among those expected to take part in the event are Ray Kingsley, Don McDonald, Bert Dixon, Henry McDonald, George Redick, Sam Huntley, Doo Hall and Wolfe. The fact that Huntley and Kingsley intend to make their first assured Omaha of some money winners.

The Omaha aggregation are confident that the 1916 shoot will be awarded to the Omaha Gun club. The Omaha club has one of the best firing lines in the country, traps are of the very best and visiting shooters are always given a royal time when here.

Man with Crippled Legs Wins Big Swim

Advised from Sydney tell of a notable swimming performance achieved by E. Friedlander of Kalgoorlie in winning the fourth annual swim through Perth, a distance of five miles. Friedlander, who was third in the 1913 race, is in business at Kalgoorlie and uses crutches, his legs being useless owing to some physical weakness. To win under such circumstances, notwithstanding that he has massive arms and shoulders, is an undoubted triumph. Handicapped at 22:00 he did the trip in 2:06:30, which is 23:30 better than the time of last year's winner. He beat the scratch man, W. Reed, by one-half minute. Reed made the fastest time, 1:47:50. This is a record for the race.

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