

## Bringing Up Father

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## Judgments

## WITH THE OMAHA AMATEURS

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## DREXELS AND PARKS IN A MIX

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

O MAHA's base ball team has slumped badly within the last few weeks. It was going along finely, a contender for first honors, but at the end of a twenty-five game stay on the home grounds, it left in fifth place. On down the team ought to be well planted in first. Up to last Tuesday it had played three more games than any other in the Western, had made more base hits and more extra base drives than any; had made more runs than any, and otherwise on the showing should have been leading. But some things are true that do not appear on the surface. Omaha has also had more men left on bases than any other team; at least 250 Rourkers have been left stranded when the third out was made for the inning. For weeks the team has not come from behind and won a game. In that time many and many a batter has gone to the plate when a hit meant victory and failed to deliver. Thomason, for example, who had always been relied upon as a most reliable pinch hitter, didn't produce one during the season. Rourke has tried energetically to overcome the handicap that has possessed his team during this time. Twelve pitchers have graced the Omaha roster this season, more than any of the others, and a long string of fielders have come and gone, in the pursuit of some combination that would bring about a winning streak. It may yet be achieved, for P's hasn't given up hope, although he has felt much disengaged by the unprecedented combination of hard luck he has gone into. Maybe booster's day will bring the change.

Many of the followers of the fortunes of the Rourkers sorrowed to see Art Thomason dropped from the team, for they recall with much of satisfaction his services in the past, but this is another season, and Thomason's work has not been up to his own mark. Neither his hitting, his fielding nor his base running was so good as it was last season or the season before that, or any other of the several seasons he wore the Omaha uniform. Whether he is "slipping" doesn't enter into the calculation. His days of usefulness in Omaha were over and while it will be a long time before Omaha will get a better outfielder than Thomason was the days when he was going good, he wasn't giving the team the service required, and so had to go. He will, doubtless land in a place where he will be happier, and there will make his old mark again as a ball player. Here's good luck to him.

The combination of forces back of booster's day seem to promise that it will be a success from the standpoint of attendance at least. Its object is such as ought to appeal to the loyal fans, and in no way can they show their friendship for the institution better than by going to Rourke park on booster day and seeing a real ball game.

Johnny Evers is a busy lad this season. He first had a run in with a spell of fever, then with a broken shoulder. President Tener came next on the list of his encounters, and finally Umphrey Quigley took a swing at him. None of these have dispelled the smile from the Trojan's face, and he has emerged from all but the last unscathed.

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## PITCHER WHO WEARS GLASSES ALL THE TIME



LEE MEADOWS

Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Cardinals has the only pitcher in major league ball who wears glasses all the time, while pitching and off duty. And those glasses have never fallen off in a game either. The wearer of the spectacles is Lee Meadows, who according to Huggins, is the greatest pitcher on the Cardinals' staff. This is his first year in the big show and he has been winning

a larger percentage of his games in the big leagues than he did in the bushes.

He is only 22 years old and was signed by the Cards after Connie Mack and other managers had passed him up because of bad eyes. Huggins took a chance on the youngster, signed him to the Cardinals' staff and has not restricted him since. Meadows certainly looks like a "corner."

**NORTHWEST BOWLERS**

May Join with Those of the Middle West

The Midwest Bowling association, which centers around Omaha, and the International Bowling association, which headquarters in Minneapolis, may consolidate and hold one tourney next year, the Midwest. The Midwest tournament will be held in Omaha.

The International bowlers have held their events in Minneapolis, but this year have not made any plans to hold a 1916 tournament. Rumors among Omaha bowlers have it that the International would be willing to join with the Midwest and the Midwest would be glad to see such consolidation. Correspondence on the matter has been carried on for some time between officers of the two associations and it is thought that a merger will be effected which will make the Midwest tourney in Omaha next year the biggest in the country outside of the American Bowling congress.

**THIRTY-FIRST AND BOYD**

1:30—Omaha Rubber Co. against Ford Motor Co.

3:30—G. A. Nelsons against J. D. Crews.

**RIVERVIEW PARK**

1:30—Merchants Hotel against Williams Pharmacy.

3:30—Kennedy & Beedles against South Omaha Merchants.

**MILLER PARK**

1:30—Dunlap Woolen Mills against National Oil Co.

3:30—Murphy-Didus against Hollys.

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