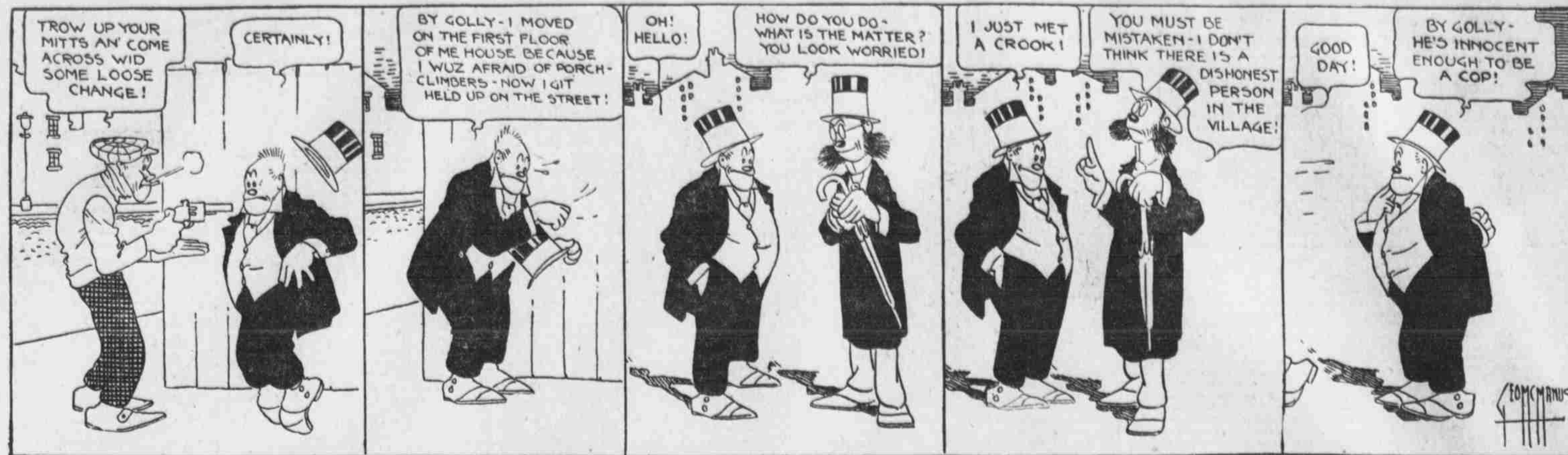


BRINGING UP FATHER



Judgments

BASE ball men throughout the United States, now that the major leagues and the Federals have decided to bury the hatchet, are waxing enthusiastic over prospects for the return of halcyon days of old in base ball. But will peace between the warring magnates bring base ball back to its old pinnacle as the greatest American sport? It is true the cessation of internal fighting between the leagues, the discontinuance of long-distance jumps by players and the atmosphere of peace will have a tendency to attract fans back to the game in the minors. Peace may mean a new era of prosperity in the big circuit. But will the minors also profit by peace? They may, as the magnates assert, but it would seem that much is yet to be done if the turnstile in the little leagues are to click merrily once more. The minor league owners have got to see the light. They have got to stand up for their rights and their rights are many for it is really the minors that made base ball the national pastime. The minors have been toys for the major leagues for a number of years. They have a few more rights now than they formerly had, but they are still under the control of the majors. The National Commission, which is purely a major league organization, can swing the club over the little fellows any time it chooses and many is the time it so chooses. The big circuit fellows seem of late to have come down off their high horse a bit—the peace negotiations prove that—and the minor men are not likely to find a better opportunity than the present to press their demands. They deserve recognition on the National Commission, they should demand that one of their number be placed on the board, and they would be granted this privilege, if, indeed you can call it a privilege instead of a right, would they only demand it. A place on the National Commission would be an inaugural step toward other rights and privileges which would be of benefit to the keystone circuit chaps, and the number of minor leagues would not drop from half a hundred to one-half that number as occurred during the last twelve months, but would increase instead.

MADE CAPTAIN OF BURGESS-NASH BASKET BALL TEAM.



BOX GAME AT OLD STAND

Willard-Fulton Muss Will Be First Fight in New Orleans in Twenty-Three Years.

WAS SCENE OF MANY BATTLE

If Willard really gets into a New Orleans ring next March to defend the big title in a scrap with Fred Fulton, the Crescent City will see the first heavyweight championship battle since Jim Corbett stopped J. T. Sullivan in twenty-three years.

New Orleans was the battleground for other memorable encounters. Fitzsimmons not only beat Dempsey there in 1881, but he also stopped Maher in twelve rounds a year later. Fitz knocked out Jim Hall in four rounds in a one-sided scrap which bristled with sensational features. Hall was backed by Squire Abington Bald, a wealthy English sporting man, who came to this country with \$200,000 in gold. The Squire acted as Hall's second and was aided by Charley Mitchell. A few days later the Squire, who caught cold during the fight, died of pneumonia. When his effects were reached not a dollar was found. The purse was \$40,000, but Fitzsimmons was unable to collect more than a fifth of that amount.

Our memorable encounters decided in New Orleans were the Dixon-Skelly and McLaughlin-Meyer fights. In the first, which was for the featherweight title, Dixon stopped Skelly, while McLaughlin, then lightweight champion, knocked out Meyer in a terrific slugger match. These fights were held several days before Corbett whipped Sullivan.

sky. And it effectively knocked out all rumors that Hans Wagner would lead the club, and that Fred Clark would return again. It has always been more or less a matter of speculation why Drepp has never offered the managerial reins of the Pittsburgh club to Wagner. Perhaps he has done so some time, but he and Wagner managed to keep it a dark secret to the public. And speaking of Callahan's appointment, it is quite a change from an "Angel" to a "Pirate." Probably Jimmy prefers to be a "Pirate" now and an "Angel" after while.

When he writes his letter to Santa Class this year the average magnate probably won't ask for Speakers and Mathewsons and Alexanders as he used to, but probably will ask for a few fans.

Walter McCredie has said base ball players are a drug on the market. What'll they be with these Federal leaguers running loose?

The peace negotiations merely add further conclusive proof to the assertion that the fans run base ball.

D. CUPID IN MITT SCANDAL

Reporter Barred Because He Courted Girl Against Wishes of Wisconsin Glove Promoter.

COMMISSION TAKES A HAND

Love and boxing have combined to provide, according to reports in boxing circles, the latest scandal in the proper realm of state control of boxing in Wisconsin. Pending possible action by the state commission the stories told of the affair are vague and indefinite, naturally, but the story is of an upstate boxing club that either has or may lose its license because of the affair. The state commission authorities refuse to further identify the individuals involved. Here is the story, historically: The upstate club has been prospering. It is managed by a sporting man who also has a stable of boxers under his wing. In the upstate town is a newspaper correspondent. The promoter wishes this correspondent admission to his rights unless he would produce on each occasion a telegram from his metropolitan newspaper ordering him to "cover" the fight. The reason assigned by the promoter was that the correspondent deliberately gave newspaper verdicts in every case against boxers who were members of the promoter's stable.

Ha. Ha. A Girl.

According to complaint of the promoter these adverse decisions were due to the newspaper man's affection for a girl.

The promoter had objections to this affair, because he said the girl was a protégé of his wife. Because he interfered to break up the friendship the promoter reported, the newspaper man tried to injure him by his fight reports.

The newspaper man finally wearied of the constant clashing, and decided to strike back, and when barred from the fights began checking up on the attendance. He found, it is charged, that the commission did not tally with the actual attendance. All boxing clubs are required by the boxing law to return a per cent of their gross receipts to the state. According to the newspaper man the club under suspicion was "holding out" on the state, possibly with the connivance of the state inspector.

Pets Commission Next.

When he assured himself of a discrepancy the newspaper man "lipped off" the state commission to the effect that the commission is investigating the situation, and a boxing club license is likely to be forfeited.

How Would You Like To Battle Over This Course, Mr. Golfer?

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Fairview Country club of Elmford, N. Y., is the proud possessor of a golf course over which no golfer in four years of play has turned in a score within two strokes of par 73 for the course. George McLean, the young Dunwoody professional, who jumped to the front rank by his showing this year at Baltusrol in the open championship, held the record of 71, but these figures fell by the wayside recently in a match between McLean and Jack Dowling, the Scotsdale crack. In the afternoon round Dowling shot a 36 and incidentally best McLean on the thirty-seventh hole. Walter J. Travis, the many-times champion, tried to tumble the figures, so did Herbert Strong, Joe Mitchell, Jimmie Ferguson and many other well-known "pros" and amateurs, but Dowling's mark of three strokes over par is the best to date.

The course is over 6,000 yards long, well fringed and but for a few undesirable features that can be eliminated it would be a likely candidate for the championship tournaments. One serious drawback is the necessity for crossing a railroad between the second green and the third tee, and recrossing again between the fifth green and the sixth tee. The mountainous character of the land would be a handicap to a large gallery, but in time it is planned to have sloping paths that will make the steep ascents and descents more easily negotiated.

Prep Schools Would Form a Conference

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—There is a movement among private schools in the east and middle west to hold an inter-school football conference to form an organization to govern inter-sectional games, such as the three games that were played this fall. There is a desire to make these inter-sectional games an annual feature.

The following schools have been sounded on the matter and are in favor of it: Lafayette High of Buffalo, Central High of Detroit, Everett High of Everett, Mass.; Shaw High of Cleveland, Oak Park High of Chicago, Hamilton Institute of New York and East Aurora High of East Aurora, Ill.

DOANE COLLEGE FOOT BALL TEAM HAS MADE A SPLENDID RECORD, which is attributed largely to the work of their coach, "Dutch" Schissler, and its captain, "Big Johns."

The style of play used was a lop-sided formation, the same as used by the Army team. Of conference games it won five, from York, Cotner, Peru, Hastings and Bellevue, and lost one to Wesleyan. Top row, left to right: De Witt, Mickle, Haylett, Whitehorn, Wallace, Klein, Koester, Whitehouse, Kinney, Kindig, Schissler, coach. Bottom row: King, Edmunds, Blust, Jelinek, Johnston, captain; Collins and Bayer.



NEW TRAP SHOOTING RULES

Interstate Association Places Several Changes in Regulations of Tournaments on Statute Books.

WILL RESULT IN IMPROVEMENT

The Interstate association, in its recent annual meeting, continued the progressive legislation that has marked its recent administration, and placed on its statute books some new regulations that are certain to aid in the further broadening of the sport of trap shooting, which this association is pledged to promote. The organization elected officials who are well worthy to rank with the illustrious line that has preceded them. To these men it also gave some new ideas to work out that will vastly benefit the sport. Briefly summed up, the six most important acts of the Interstate association are as follows: (1) Classification of states for championship purposes; (2) Appropriation for the re-creation of defunct gun clubs and to assist new organizations; (3) Permitting entry of women to the Grand American; (4) Broadening the trophy principle for the Grand American event; (5) Early closing of Grand American entries; (6) Excellent placing of Grand American and subsidiary handicaps. Of this list of six pieces of legislation, the first three are undoubtedly of the greatest moment. The Interstate association has finally reached a decision that it is necessary to grade the classification according to their trap shooting activity. Accordingly, four classes, A, B, C and D, have been arranged, the various states fitting into these according to the amount of shooting which each produces in a year. The money donated by the Interstate association to the state championships is then apportioned according to class as follows: \$250 to Class A, \$225 to Class B, \$200 to Class C, and \$150 to Class D. This will form a good basis for many other interesting trap shooting changes in the future. The Interstate association set aside \$200 for the purchase of suitable trophies to be given to new gun clubs, and to those clubs that have fallen by the wayside, but which can be revived by a little stimulus of this sort. This is an important step for the Interstate association and one that will lead to simplification of the process of building and reviving gun clubs. When the Interstate association decided to let down the bars and permit women to compete in future Grand American handicaps, from which they have always been barred heretofore, they acceded to a growing demand from the rapidly-filling class of women shooters.

Art Smith Will Go After Dough Resta Has Been Copping

There is an adage to the effect that "a shoemaker should stick to his last," but there is no mention of aviators confining their activities above the ground; therefore, Art Smith, a birdman who loops the loop and turns aerial somersaults with a daring and nonchalance that seems almost superhuman, has decided to pursue fame and fortune at the wheel of a racing car. Smith had his first taste of competitive speed on terra firma at San Francisco last week, when he pitted a cyclo-car, which he uses on the aviation field, against Barney Oldfield's Delage in a match race. Barney gave the aviator a forty-second handicap in a five-mile contest, but gained only two and three-quarters seconds on his inexperienced rival in a pigny mount. Encouraged by the showing he made in his debut as an automobile race driver, Smith contemplates forsaking the aerial occasionally and matching his skill and courage against that of De Palma, Cooper, Reata, Oldfield, Rickenschlager, and the other stars of the gasoline circuit in the speedway events of the 1916 season.

Here Are Bowling Alleys Run by Fair Miss; What Next?

When Miss Loretta Hove of New York became manager of a lighter it was conceded she just about set a record in the matter of new occupations for women. Now comes Miss Hazel Bark of Cleveland into the field and she seems to have Miss Hove tied. Miss Bark is manager of bowling alleys.

Miss Bark had decided on a musical career, studied long and hard and became an accomplished pianist. Her brother owned bowling alleys. He arranged to start new alleys in another part of the city and was confronted with the proposition of finding some one to properly care for the alleys he already had.

JOIE RAY SAYS HE WILL QUIT THE CINDER TRACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Joie Ray writes from Chicago that this coming year will be his last in competition. The national champion's intention is to go out and beat the indoor record for the mile. He hopes to displace Abel Kiviat's mark of 4:19.4, and he'll give it the first wallop at the Boston Athletic association games, February 6. Joie faces a tough proposition, but he may come through at that, remembering that the Windy City flyer has negotiated the route on the cinder-pate in 4:05.

EASTERN COLLEGES TAKE UP THE HAND BALL GAME

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Hand ball is to become an intercollegiate sport. Dr. George C. Meylan, Columbia's athletic director, has been invited by Lambert Freytagman, of Yale, to enter a Blue and White hand ball team in an intercollegiate league which is now being formed. Rutgers, Princeton and Yale have already joined the new organization.

SOME FAKES IN OLD GOTHAM

In Days of Horton Law Mitt Artists Found Broadway Stamping Ground for Suckers.

RE MORRISSEY-MAHER FRAUD

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The question of allowing referees to give decisions in this state has recalled the days of the Horton law, when the boxing game was temporarily killed by fakes supposed to be engineered by politicians. The biggest swindle was the alleged scrap between Peter Maher and Mike Morrissey at the old Lenox. A. C. Morrissey, a green-horn, was discovered by a promoter while acting as a keeper in a local insane asylum. He was billed as the champion of Ireland, and the press work was so effective that Maher was on the short end of the odds, two to one, when the men climbed through the ropes. Many wise men at the last moment bet heavily on Maher and cleaned up. Morrissey, who couldn't fight at all, took the fall-out after he had received a slap on the side of the head in the first round. The Corbett-Sharkey battle at the same club was called a fake when Corbett's second, Con McVey, jumped into the ring to prevent Sharkey from scoring a knockout in the ninth round. Informers big rumormongers among Bowery politicians when the referee, Honest John Kelly, declared all bets off. The Corbett-McCoy fight in the Garden, which drew a \$25,000 gate, was pronounced a fake by the wives of the principals, who exposed the other battles that time as a big swindle. Betting commissioners shouted against the referee, Honest John Kelly, declared all bets off. The Corbett-McCoy fight in the Garden, which drew a \$25,000 gate, was pronounced a fake by the wives of the principals, who exposed the other battles that time as a big swindle. Betting commissioners shouted against the referee, Honest John Kelly, declared all bets off.

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Two Celestials Try for Regular Berths on Wolverine Team

University of Michigan track officials are keenly interested in the efforts of two Chinese students to make the varsity ender squad. R. C. King is a sprinter of no mean ability, while W. L. Wong has already vaulted better than ten feet. The latter is a freshman, who will not be eligible for another year, and it is thought that he will be able to add close to two feet to his vault before he enters the sophomore class. Both of these Chinese athletes received their preliminary training at Tsing Hua college at Peking, and they are said to be as far advanced athletically as the average high school student entering American universities.

BASE BALL UPLIFTS PANAMA

American Game Takes Place of Cook Fighting as Principal Pastime on Isthmus.

SUNDAY GAMES TURN TRICK

There are doubtless many people so "set in their ways" as to insist that no possible good, under any possible circumstances, could come out of Sunday base ball. But the average person would be convinced by a visit to Panama that in one instance at least Sunday base ball has justified itself.

Before Uncle Sam, armed with his pick and shovel, went down to Panama for the purpose of digging a little ditch, it would have been pretty difficult to find an uglier and more vicious bunch of men than the rank and file of the "Panamanians." Of course, there are many exceptions to this rule, but just the average "Panamanian" armed with a knife or machete, wasn't the sort of chap you would want to meet on a dark street at night. He looked bad, and he felt bad, and, by golly, he was bad.

Brutal Games Enjoyed.

He found his principal amusement in cock fighting, his passion for that "sport" being even greater than his love for bull fighting. Cocking, main, bull fights, dancing to the "music" of the accordion or the tom-tom, and all the booze he could drink, constituted the "Panamanian's" idea of bliss. Yet at bottom there was nothing wrong with him—nothing that couldn't be cured.

The change that has come over Panama in recent years is best illustrated by the manner in which the people celebrate their feasts. The greatest of these holidays is the anniversary of Panama's independence from Colombian rule.

Base ball is played during the winter months in Panama, and the enthusiasm for the great American game begins to boil at about this time of the year, when the fans are discussing pennant hopes with the fervor that characterizes the northern "bug." Of all the civilizing influences which Uncle Sam introduced into Panama, base ball has a place near the head of the list.

Played on Sunday.

And it was Sunday base ball at that for the canal workers, who introduced Panama to base ball, had no opportunity to play other than on the first day of the week. Although the diamond pastime is now being played by thousands of native men and boys, as well as by the North Americans, who operate a real league, it is still almost exclusively a Sunday pastime.

The breeding of game cocks in Panama has suffered a great blow as a result of the general interest in base ball. While cock fighting still has its devotees and the bull fight is not without a large following, the rising generation is gradually losing interest in these cruel amusements. It is safe to predict that it is only a matter of a short time when the Panamanians will wholly abandon the sports of their fathers in favor of the games introduced by the "Yankees."

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