BRINGING UP FATHER

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Judgments

HILE the merry magnates are patting themselves upon the back, congreatulating themselves that competition is no more and harkening in their dreams the sweet and musical click of the turnstile, Mr. A. Fan. the most important figure in base ball, appears in the center of the stage and indulges in a little Christmas joy for himself. For the fan can foresee an improvement in engagement. the brand of base ball which will be served him when balmy and gentle April comes around. The entrance of the Federal league players into Organized Hase Ball should, and in all probability will, result in a vast improvement in the pace the major league clubs will be an American league pennant. rengthened by the addition of the Fedcuits will be passed along to the class A splendid strategic position. loops and so on. Thus all of the circuits will obtain players of more pronounced ability than they had last year. In the upon to exert themselves to their utmost, to hold their jobs. Players who loaf and play horse-a practice very prevalent last year-will find themselves parted from their jobs because the magnates are now in a position to discipline such pursuits. All in all, peace bids well to act as a successful tonic for professional base ball.

and the subsequent battle of the dollars fine routes back to the north. between the warring magnates the heads of Organized Base Ball were severely criticised for permitting financial mathim in its power insists, but there is this son to believe that this is the path the satisfaction that his fellow club owners club will take. will make every effort to put him back on his feet as far as his base ball interests are concerned. Truly, it is only right that the American league should stand by Somers, for it was Somers who, without the slightest hesitation, spent a fortune to assist other club owners and enabled many a faltering club to weather the storm, but it must be admitted there appears to be some regard for faithfulness and loyalty among the American

Lincoln'tes appear to be filled with a feeling of apprehension regarding the future success of the University of Nebraska foot ball team because Jumbo Stichm is leaving the institution. It appears to us the Lincolnites are yelling wolf" before they are hurt. Without casting any reflections on the ability of Mr. Stienm it would seem a very competent weach to succeed him could early obtained. If Mr. Stiehm's successor is as fortunate in getting material as Stiehm has been during his five years of service at Nebrasks, little fear need be felt, for even an ord nary coach equid turn out championship elevens with men like Owen and Ernie Frank. Jerry Warner, Shonka, Vic Halligan, erb Potter, Dick Rutherford and Guy Chamberlain to build an attack around.

When the details of the peace treaty were published no mention of the sum Harry Sinclair was to receive was made and it looked like the oil magnate was left outside the fold. But now it seems Mr. Sinclair owns all the stars of the Pederal league and will gather in his bit by placing them on the auction

Mr. Gaffney of Boston says the solution to the umpire question is to schedule the umps at the start of the year just as the clubs are scheduled, and then make them stick to the schedule. Perhaps, but it would seem a more succeasful solution would be to employ some real umpires.

Jack Holland will not desert the Western league in its time of need. The St. Drummers instead of going to Kansas cipal speaker. He was wound up and City. The Western probably would not stayed on his feet so long that every- Frisco highbrows. I saked Hearn was he exist if Holland should transfer his af- body almost went to sleep.

fifty players?

Wicieta declares it will have a betin attendance next year,

Camp Which Has Turned Out Many Champ Nines.

WEATHER IS THE BEST EVER ALSO

Unable to secure accommodations in

Famous as Training Center. It was at Macon that the Athletics pre-

pared for two of their most successful seasons; at Macon that George Stallings whipped the Braves into shape for the playing. And that improvement should trained the Yankees of 1910, the only 1914 campaign; at Macon that Stallings occur all along the line from the majors Yankee outfit since the Griffith regime. to the class D minor loops. In the first which had even an outside chance to win

Stallings is passing up Macon next eral league stars to their ranks. Fol- spring in favor of Miami, but only belowing this those players who last sea- cause the Boston club has been offered son held down jobs in the majors and such financial inducements to train in the Feds, but will not be quite fast Florida. He still considers McCon the enough to hold their own with the most desirable spring rendezvous in the smaller number of positions to fill, will country, not only because of the rare sadrop to the class AA circuits. In turn lubriousness of its weather during the the weaker members of the class AA cir- conditioning period, but because of its

A club training at Macon next spring will be too far removed from the Florida center of National league training activsecond place the brand of ball should im- lities to indulge in any interleague series prove because the players will be called against the Dodgers, the Cubs, the Phillies or the Braves, but in every other respect will be far more advantageously situated than if it were in almost any

other city in the southeast. Atlanta, for instance, with its Southern league club, is only two hours away; Columbus, Ga., and Athens, where the University of Georgia develops a very fair ball team each year, are equally easy of access. And when it comes time Since the advent of the Federal league to break camp there is a choice of two

Probable Path Outlined.

One would lead through the same territory covered by the Yanks last spring; ters to enter too largely in the business the other through Southern league counof base ball. But out of the confusion try, which the Yanks have not tapped in of the last week looms a clear testimonial years. Following the laster trail, the that sportsmanship and loyalty is a vir- Yanks would play at Atlanta, Birmingtue possessed by American league club ham, Chattanooga and Knoxville before owners. That is the decision of the league striking over to Richmond and Raltimore, to stand by Charley Somers in that mag- to say nothing of a number of smaller nate's time of need. Mr. Somers may towns which see major league clubs so yet be compelled to give up his ball club seldom that they probably would richly the committee of bankers that has reward any stray visitor. There is rea-

Major league managers never have spoken save in praise of Macon's weather, but heretofore the town has not been a popular one in base ball circles because of a depressing lack of good hotels. Within the last year, however, a modern hos telry, twelve stories high, with Turkish baths and steam rooms and all that sort of thing, has been erected, and there the Yanks will be quartered during the month they probably will spend in Macon.

Moran and Dahlen and Bransfield to Be Made Umpires

It has been reported from time to time by such recognized authorities as John Evers, H. Zimmerman and J. J. Mo-Graw that the National league umpiring could be improved upon. Now comes artment of his organization.

lyn Nationals.

New York Club Will Go to Georgia Charley White Judges Prize Fights and Then Goes Out to Collect Old Masters.

> INTO POLITICS DIPS

All three of them had ringside seats Florida, the Yanks have decided to train at a recent fight in New York. One, a next spring at Macon, Ga., whence so born New Yorker, had brought the man many world's champion teams have from Herkimer county and the other from started their conquering careers that a the fashionable section of Fifth avenue loser is not permitted to play a return as his guests to a boxing club. Neither of the visitors had ever witnessed a boxing

When the main bout was announced the man from Fifth avenue evinced an unusal interest in the refree.

"What is this to be-some loke?" he asked of his host. "Joke; what do you mean-joke?"

"Why the referee." he said. "That isn't a regular referee. He isn't the same man that was refereeing a while ago. I know that fellow. He's my art commissionerbought most of my collection for me," "No," spoke up the man from Herki-

mer. 'You must be wrong. I know that man is not a referee, but he isn't an art agent, either. He's the member of the democratic state committee who makes a visit up to our country every summer on political business. I've seen him there lots of times."

You fellows must be blinded by the smoke," laughed the host. "That's Charley White, the best known boxing referee in America. He is not an art commissioner and he is not the politician that

goes to Herkimer. "If you don't think he is," the guests apoke up in unison, "you can win a little

supper from us." Who Loses Betf

Through the aid of a newspaper man the trio met Charley White after the bout was over and they are still in doubt as to who shall pay for the meal.

Charley White is not only the known referee in this country and the only American who ever refereed at the National Sporting club in London, but he is also an active worker for the democratic state committee and is one of the best judges of pictures in New York.

"You didn't think I made my living out of refereeing?" he asked the man who had never known him in his other roles "There was a time when it might have been all right, but I would hate to depend upon the refereeing of boxing matches owadays for my livelihood."

and he discusses the various pictures with eral bouts with some of the leading big under his wing. In Australia Cowler seall the technical thoroughness of a European critic. Among those who know, it s said that Charley White is one of the best appraisers of paintings, both as to financial and artistic worth, in this country. He has acted as the purchasing agent for the greater part of many of the best individual collections in New York. Any time there is a sale of fine paintings you can rest assured that Charley White will be present. If there is a bargain in sight some big collector will reap the Indian Jim Charges \$250 a Game benefit of his astuteness. He gets a commission for making these purchases and occasionally he steps out and buys an old master on his own hook for speculative

HERZOG WINS ONE FIGHT FROM CINCY DIRECTORS

Buck Herzog seems to have won one point in his contenti as with the board of news that President John K. Tener of the directors-the number of exhibition games National league has taken up the im- to be played by the Reds between Alexportant task of bolstering up that de- andria and Cincinnati has been cut down the game almost to nothing, so far as wandering Mr. Tener indicated that it was with jumps and performances on horrible satisfaction that he regarded the applica- grounds are concerned. The club is to tions of Charley Moran, former St. Louis play where college team at Lafayette. National league catcher; Kitty Bransfield, La., is place where there is an excellent for many years a star first baseman, and field, sojourn a few days in New Orleans, Bill Dahlen, former leader of the Brook- and, when stopping off at Memphis for a cup of coffee take on the Memphians.

Steve Evans Shows How to Put Skids Under Windy Politicians

politician at a banquet and made base at the senator, took a long drink of water hall the order of the evening is told in a story by Ed Konetchy. Evans was visiting Koney at the latter's home in Wisthe diamond athletes were invited to a banquet given by some lodge or order. Though the ball players were the principal curiosities, a state senator, who was

Joseph magnate will remain with the a candidate for governor, was the prin-

The Browns and Cubs, according to the ter invited Steve to talk base ball. He brity. peace agreement, can carry as many as began by relating some yarns of the fifty athletes if they so wish. This ap- world tour. Finally he pulled that one Bunny, but I'll be dinged if I'll so to gars to be a gross injustice. How can the about Jim Thorpe grabbing the Panama one of them places where they invite you Browns and Cubs get along with only off an Englishman's head and running to boost their own game, learn you to like for a touchdown. The senator was clives and eat with yer fork for the peeved because the limelight had been privilege of having 'em talk you to death switched away from him and at this for three hours." ter season next year than last. If that point he interrupted Steve with a remark Then Evens winked at the boys and is true Wichita will about lead the league calculated to make the outfielder all sat down. The senator 'stayed put' dur-

How Steve Evans squeiched a windy Steve never batted an eye. He glanced from the speakers' table, smiled at the interrupter and said:

"This affair reminds me of a story about Bunny Hearn, one of McGraw's consin along with other ball players and pitchers on the trip around the world. Bunny is a left-hander and a deliberate speaker. From the day that McGraw backed him into his first dress suit he was the social feature of the trip.

"We were in San Francisco and were invited to a banquet tendered by some going, but he was cagey. We had been When the senator sat down the poll- playing a lot of banquets, where we were tical issue was canned and the toastmas- invited simply to explois some local cele-

"'I'll go if it's a regular feed," said

ing the remainder of the evening.

YANKS TO TRAIN AT MACON REFEREE GOES IN FOR ART Cowler Still Pegging Away at the Heavies



Tow Cowler, the English heavyweight; Moran and Gunboat Smith both hold and protege of Jim Corbett, after a few decisions over Cowler, who fought in At an art exhibition there is nothing disastrous encounters in the ring, is still finally drifted to Canada and then to suggestive of the prize ring about him pegging away and is matched for sev- Tacoma, where Jim Corbett took him

Cowier's record so far shows twenty his first fights in New York Cowier did knockouts in thirty-two fights and of not show to advantage, but he has been these nineteen were in succession fol- coming on lately, and if the statement lowing his fifteen-round win over Bob that he is but 23 years of age is true Scanlon in London.

the season's close, Jim Thorpe selected

cured three knockouts to his credit. In he has a brilliant future before him.

tirement to meet the Bohemian heavy-

say right now that if it is ever my for-

tune-or misfortune-to meet him again

plied with accident policies."

will be as hard as nails and well sup-

FOOT BALL PAYS FOR THORPE Americus Says Few Words Regarding a Certain J. Stecher and Plays Regularly on Satur-

days and Sundays. Americus of Baltimore, Md., one of the HAS NEVER SUFFERED INJURY best heavyweight wrestlers in the mat same, who was defeated decisively by Joe While a number of major league base Stecher, the rising young star from Neball players were picking up extra pin brasks, thinks that Stecher will defeat Gotch if the champion emerges from renoney in barnstorming exhibitions since

the enlarging of his bank-roll. This isn't "My advice to wreatlers when they surprising, for in his Carlisle days, Thorpe expect to go against Stecher," said Amerwas one of the best gridiron artists in icus after his ill-fated match." is to train heroically. Even heroic training may not Big Pay for Services, bring them victory, but it will give them Two hundred and fifty dollars per game a chance to leave the ring all in one nas been Thorpe's fixed price, and he piece. I have wrestled with Gotch on has been getting it in Saturday and Sunnumerous occasions, but the former day games through Ohlo and Indiana. champion never gave me the rough treatwhich are about the only states in which ment that Stecher did. This young man professional foot ball proves really profitcarries the most powerful hands of any athlete in the world, and when he takes hold-if his opponent is not trained for Foot ball generally is counted much the occasion-something is going to break. I was soft when I met him, and I will

weight grappler.

cougher and more dangerous than base ball, but Thorpe has escaped without sprain, much less a fracture, whereas, Mollwitz, Cincinnati's first baseman, is suffering from a broken collar bone sus tained in a barnstorming base ball game at Versailles, Ky. The fact that the "set" jarred loose

while Mollwitz was on his way home to Milwaukee, following the accident, made the break more serious,

GRIF AND GERMANY HAVE **FUSS AND SPEAKETH NOT**

Clark Griffith and Herman Schaefer friends of years, have fallen out. Griff et Schaefer go to enlist as pleased his fancy and the German joined the Feds. That was all right, so long as he got some of Sinclair's easy money, but the other day Schaefer told a story about Ainsmith and Gandil getting the worst of it from Griffin and about how they were going to jump to the Pederal league It made Griffith sore and the two are

Busch is Candidate.

Henry Busch, who managed Petersburg in the Virginia league for a time last seaaging the Terre Haute Central league

Approve of System to Number

Players.

ARE AID TO THE SPECTATORS

One by one the leaders in foot ball throughout the country are realizing that the numbering of foot ball players is a perfectly logical result of the development of the game. Few of the big col-leges still hold out against the practice, among them being Yale and Harvard. Princeton, Penn, Cornell and the western colleges are all using this method of making the game more attractive to the spectators. Below will be found the opinions of many of the leading former players and some coaches, among them a star group of Harvard and Yale men. who heartily favor the numbering. This can be taken as an indication that these two colleges will soon fall into line;

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By Edgar N. Wrightington, Harvard
Captain of 1896—"I approve of the system
of numbering players. It makes the
game much more interesting to the spectators. If we are going to build big
bowls and stadia and have elaborate
scoreboard information, all for the benefit of the speciators, why not make the
system complete and identify the players
accurately, so we can see what they are
doing."

doing."

By Daniel J. Hurley, Harvard Captain of 1994 and 1995—"The innovation of numbering players during the foot ball contests will be a great help to the game. This innovation makes errors more obvious and therefore more easily eradicated. By this means the player, the play and the team will be improved."

By Hamilton Fish, Harvard Captain of 1995—"I believe it pleases the spectators and consequently I look on it favorably. Certainly the numbering of the players does no harm to the game so far as I can see."

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By Percy L. Wendell, Harvard Captain of 1912—"I heartly concur with the theory that the public is entitled to identify foot bail players. The colossal size of modern arenes renders the players mere marionettes whose identity is indistinguishable even to their best friends.

By Charles Brickley, Harvard Captain of 1914—"Personally I am heartily in favor of numbering players, because this feature has proved of vast benefit to apectators in understanding what is going on and who actually is doing the work. The option should be vested in each coach and captain as to their use."

By Vincent Stevenson, Former Great Penn Guarterback—"I believe that we owe it to the spectators to provide some such means of identifying players on the gridiron. I know of a dozen good reasons for numbering and not one real argument againet it."

By Charles Gould, Yale Captain of 1901—"As there are no reasons whatever why allowed the such means abould not be numbered, and at

By Charles Gould, Yale Captain of 1901—
"As there are no reasons whatever why players should not be numbered, and at least one good reason why they should be numbered—namely, that of making it possible for spectators to follow not only the play, but the individual—I strongly favor its adoption."

By S. F. B. Morse, Yale Captain of 1906—"Do not see any possible objection to numbering players. Do not feel competent to judge in the matter, as I have not seen a foot bell game for nine years. Offhand it would seem to me a conveniece to spectators. Do not understand how it could affect players in any manner."

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By Fred Daly, Yale Captain of 1916—"! am in favor of numbering players, since it affords so much pleasure to spectators. I have been opposed to it because of emphasis on individual instead of team. The rule should read players must be numbered, instead of recommending that players be numbered as in the present code of rules.

By Coach Rush of Princeton—"The days have passed when those who came to see the game could stand along the side lines and easily distinguish the players. With the huge stadiums of the present day it is very desirable to have the men numbered for the benefit of the public."

By Coach Metcaif of Columbia University—"I believe strongly in the numbering system from the standpoint of its value to the spectators.

By Al Journeay, Captain Penn Team of 1914—"By all means number the players. It is certainly no detriment to the team and a source of great satisfaction to the people whose patronage makes the game possible."

By Ad Kelly, Former Great Princeton Back—"The principal reason why the system should be adopted is because so many persons attend the games who do

By Ad Kelly, Former Great Princeton Back. The principal reason why the system should be adopted is because so many persons attend the games who do not know the players and have to have them pointed out. If the players are numbered these persons can identify each man on the field merely by looking at the numbers on their programs. By Tom Thorne, Columbia's Former Great Tackle. The colleges should meet the public demand for the system and adopt it. I officiate at many games and find it easier to settle contested points and to fix in my mind the players eligible to receive a forward pass when the numbering system is used. By Carl Flanders, Former Yale Star—The numbering system is used. The numbering system adds to the enpoyment of the game from the spectators standpoint. At first I was opposed to the system, but I see now that it is a good thing. I look for the numbers myself, which I guess is a pretty good test of my feelings on the question.

gym suits and started to work. It is

In addition to Mr. Lowe and Mr. Cob

Hardy Quita Waco. Tigers at Kny See. A statement comes from Waco denying that Ellis Hardy has signed with Waco to lead the Texas league champions. The Detroit club has booked exhibition dates for Kansas City on April 8, 9 and 10.

Ball League Started Last Year

The Ministers' Volley Ball league has | So last Monday Mr. Lowe announced

been reorganized at the Young Men's the league would be reorganized and

Christian association and every Monday pronto the ministers dug up their old

afternoon during the remainder of the expected that thirty and perhaps forty

winter will find the "Y" volley ball will enter the Monday afternoon league

The league was organized last year by bey, Rev. George L. Peters of the North

up the game was enthusiastic about it | back on the job this year,

Ministers Reorganize Volley

courts occupied by a dozen or two of this year.

Omaha's most prominent ministers.

FAVOR NUMBERING GRID MEN HEROES OF SPORT IN WAR

Leading Foot Ball Men of the East Big Conflict in Europe Draws Many of World's Leading Figures of Sport in Net.

CARPENTIER IS DECORATED

The European war has cut if heavily on the realm of sport, drawing men prominent in athletics, automobiling, boxing, wrestling, hockey, tennis, aviation, base ball and golf from their chosen fields to the trenches or some other field of the international strife. Scores of notables already have fallen. Hundreds remain with the fighting forces,

Among the present and former day greats of the boxing realm now on duty with the allies are Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of France; Bombardier Wells of England, Jack Munroe of Canada and Jimmy Britt, former American lightweight champion. Word comes from Paris to the effect that Carpentier, who is attached to the French aviation corps, has been decorated with the military cross for daring work in an

aeroplane. Carpentler is Decorated. Carpentler joined the French army at the outbreak of war and has since ocen in the thickest of the fighting. At one time he was in the signal service, and twice had his apparatus blown away by German shells. Munroe, who sprung a surprise on Jim Jeffries in a four-round combat, lost a hand recently in battle-Britt, while filling a vaudeville engagement in Sydney, got the war spirit, enlisted with an Australian detachment and

iast reports had him in the field along the Dardanelles. Speed kings of the automobile speedway headed by Rene Thomas, a derby winner on the .ndianapolis eval, and Jean corporate, who finished among the leaders in the 500-mile grind at Maywood ast June, have returned to the colors. roremost among the flyers now battling for his country is Jules Vedrines, who

has appeared in aero meets in Chicago. The call to arms sounded the disbandment of the famous Victoria seven, chamclons of the Ontario Hockey association captain Jack Gooch has received a comnission as lieutenant in the Canadian field battery and is on his way to the .ront. Hugh Aird, the sensational wing, nas joined the Royal naval flying corps and now is on duty in France.

Hack Held Prisoner. The one-time monarch of the mat, leorge Hackenschmidt, according to dispatches, is a prisoner of war, J'Hara, one-time outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants, recently quit the Montreal club and was granted a commission in the Royal navy air service. He is now in England unergoing a course of training.

An echo of the days of the bare-knuckle lighting is heard in the announcement in the London (England) Sport Life that Frank P. Slavin is soon to make his appearance in London as a soldier.

Slavin has joined a regiment just formed in Victoria, B. C., and composed principally of engineers and frontiersmen. The rganization is known as the Sixty-sevnth Western Scots and Slavin holds the rank of sergeant. Slavin was at the height of his ring fame almost a generation ago, and there is no doubt that cordial greeting will be extended to him n England. His great battle in London with Peter

ackson twenty-three years ago is still tresh in fistic memory, and Slavin always held a warm spot in the heart of the English ring enthusiast.

Box Fighters Use Stick-Up Methods on New York Clubs

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-The old Bowery thus of Tony Pastor's melodrams who would murder his grandmother for a dime didn't have much on the prize light ers who are raking in the coin in New York these days-if you take the pro-

moter's word for it. The plush-vested gentry who stage the scraps hereabouts are cussing more beartily every day.

"Little money doesn't tempt 'em a-tall." said one of the gentry. "Look at Willie Ritchie. He's champion, all right, and y'understand, I'm not comparing him to a holdup, but see what he wants, and

"Thirty-five hundred dollars for a little ten-round mill with Young Brown! He's not going to get hurt, and the bout won't even endanger his reputation.

"It's a gay, gay life. Even the lads who work in the prelims are getting hep to the same. A two-dollar note won't satisfy them any more. They want five.

"It'll be a hard, hard winter." An idea of what the bouts are bringing to the promoters is gained from the receipt statement of the Juck Dillon-Jim Flynn melee late in November. That was an honest-to-John scrap, with flocks of action, and the battlers were of sufficient

fame to draw big crowds. But the gross receipts were 10,160.

Rev. Titus Lowe of the First Methodist Side Christian church, Rev. Hugh B. church and Rev. Charles Cobbey of the Speer of the Central United Presbyto-First Christian church. These ministers rian church and A. C. Douglas of the Fight for Sunday Ball, The fight for Sunday base ball Massachusetts has not downed and petition has been filed before the stalegislature permitting base ball man on Sunday. induced about twenty of their colleagues First United Presbyterian church are to take up the sport last year and when ministers who were on hand for the first spring came around every man who took meeting of the league last year and we'c