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Location of Garden of Eden.
Many Biblical scholars place the Garden of Eden between the Euphrates and the Tigris. This is now to be reclaimed and once again made fertile. English engineers have already invaded the region, and are building a great dam across the Euphrates, not far from Bagdad, by which water will be carried over the land as is done in Egypt and India. That the soil is exceedingly rich there is no denying.

Sound Reasoning.
"Sambo," said the owner of a country place to his gardener, "concerning that tree I wanted you to cut down, my wife thinks it had better be allowed to stand."
"Well, Ah think it ought ter come down, Massa Brown," was the reply.
"What are you reasons for thinking so, Sambo?"
"We—ll, sah, de first reason am dat de tree done keep de light off de greenhouse, de second reason am dat it's gettin' old, and de third reason am dat I cut it down las' night."

Conquest of Disease.
The wonderful achievements wrought by bacilli cultures and the preparation of preventive serums place modern physicians in a position surpassing that of the ancient magi or medieval alchemists and render their services to mankind more striking than the proudest exploits of Alexander or Cyrus. In the campaign against virulent diseases the quiet microscopist in his study, be he a Pasteur, Flexner or Carrel, is unostentatiously warring with armies the conquest of which outmatches the military feats of a Caesar or a Charlemagne.

HER "BEST FRIEND"

A Woman Thus Speaks of Postum.
We usually consider our best friends those who treat us best. Some persons think coffee a real friend, but watch it carefully awhile and observe that it is one of the meanest of all enemies, for it stabs one while professing friendship.

Coffee contains a poisonous drug—caffeine—which injures the delicate nervous system and frequently sets up disease in one or more organs of the body, if it is persisted in. "I had heart palpitation and nervousness for four years and the doctor told me the trouble was caused by coffee. He advised me to leave it off, but I thought I could not," writes a Wis. lady.

"On the advice of a friend I tried Postum and it so satisfied me I did not care for coffee after a few days' trial of Postum."
"As weeks went by and I continued to use Postum my weight increased from 95 to 118 pounds, and the heart trouble left me. I have used it a year now and am stronger than I ever was. I can hustle up stairs without any heart palpitation, and I am free from nervousness."

"My children are very fond of Postum and it agrees with them. My sister liked it when she drank it at my house; now she has Postum at home and has become very fond of it. You may use my name if you wish, as I am not ashamed of praising my best friend—Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
Postum now comes in new concentrated form called Instant Postum. It is regular Postum, so processed at the factory that only the softest portions are retained.

A spoonful of Instant Postum with hot water, and sugar and cream to taste, produce instantly a delicious beverage.
Write for the little book, "The Road to Wellville."

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE .300 BATTERS



Ed Walsh, Premier Pitcher of White Sox.

Pity the poor, hard working American league batsman, who is about to be robbed of much glory! The cry has gone that pitchers of eight clubs are in a conspiracy to "bust" the Cobb-Jackson-Lajoie combine of .300 hitters. These pitchers, it is alleged on good authority, are determined to exterminate many of the .200 species and drive others back to the bushes, writes George Robbins in the Chicago News.

Improved pitching seems the order on every club in the American league, except the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox, who do not require so much high class slab work as other teams that could be mentioned. The pitching has improved to such an extent that base hits are becoming a precious article and managers may have to resort to the sacrifice game to dribble in the trying runs.

"We're mighty lucky to get base hits nowadays. The pitching is hitting more and more of the air-tight variety up here," said a big leaguer who had suffered a batting slump.

Improved hurling in the American league is more pronounced in western teams, and the greatest advance in this department has been made by the Chicago White Sox. Cleveland, St. Louis and Detroit, however, seem to have cornered some reliable slabs.



Walter Johnson.

workmen, who have joined the ever increasing band of hit exterminators. In the east Chance's New York Highlanders have made the greatest advance in the pitching department. The Boston and Washington teams already possess winning slab quartets.

Even the Philadelphia Athletics, who failed to succeed themselves as world's champions, promise the fans of their city an improved slab staff this season.

Following are the "combines" of flingers who are doing much to cause consternation in the ranks of batters in the American league from Chicago to Boston:

Chicago White Sox—Ed Walsh, Jimmy Scott, Doc White, Eddie Cicotte, Albert Russell, Frank Lange and Joe Benz.

Washington—Walter Johnson, Tom Hughes, Carl Cashion and Bob Groom.

Boston Red Sox—Joe Wood, Hugh Bedient, Charles Hall, Buck O'Brien and Ray Collins.

Philadelphia Athletics—Eddie Plank, Chief Bender, Jack Coombs and Recruit Pitchers Brown, Honck and Penneck.

New York Americans—Russell Ford, Ray Keating, Ray Fisher, George McConnell, Jack Ward and Ray Caldwell.

Cleveland Naps—Vean Gregg, Willie Mitchell, Bill Steen and Cy Falkenberg.

St. Louis Browns—Carl Weiland, George Baumgardner, Earl Hamilton, Roy Mitchell, Leverenz and Allison.

Detroit Tigers—Jean Dubuc, George Mullin and Recruit Pitchers Klawitter, Hall and House.

BALL AND BAT NOTES

There is joy in Gotham now that Christy Mathewson has rounded into form.

Rumor has it that Jimmy Sheppard will be the next boss of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hughie Jennings claims that rookies pitch better ball in the spring than the veterans.

Gus Williams, the Browns' young outfielder, is one of the best fielders in the country.

Chick Gandil's excellent batting is helping the Senators to be a factor in the pennant race.

Lefty (Texas) Russell can be classed as one of the sensations of the season in the American league.

Manager Griffith picks the New York Giants to win the flag in the National league and the Senators in the American.

Christy Mathewson hopes to smash all pitching records this year. This is Matty's thirteenth year in the big show.

Jack Barry, the Athletics' star shortstop, is playing a great game at the short field for the former world's champions.

Frank Chance says he turns to the box score to see what his old team is doing before he looks at any other part of the paper.

Hans Wagner has taken Everett Booe, the speedy southerner, under his wing and is giving him all the advice he can about hitting.

Dick Egan, the Cards' second sacker, is out to pass the great fielding mark he created last year. Egan last season fielded for an average of .973.

TOOK DUBUC YEARS TO LEARN

Frenchman Spent Long Time in Perfecting Slow Ball Delivery—Worked It Out Himself.

It took Jean Dubuc of the Detroit Tigers three years to gain control of his slow ball.

Jean made this statement while talking with a party of friends regarding his famous delivery, and the pitcher said that there are times even now when he finds it a difficult task to control the delivery.

"I cannot tell how many days I worked on the delivery," said Jean. "I know that there were countless times, at first, when I felt like throwing up the sponge and forgetting that there was such a thing as a slow ball delivery."

"It has been said that Clark Griffith taught me the delivery. That isn't true. I worked it out myself, and month after month I practiced it, aiming to get the same motion with the slow ball that I did with the fast one. I did not experiment with any batters until several months after I had started work on the delivery, but when I did start I succeeded in fooling some of them."

"I got it quite near the perfect stage when with Montreal in 1911, but last year, with Detroit, I had it going at its best. Many persons think I use it on numerous times during the game. I don't. If I use it five or six times I am resorting to the delivery quite often."

"The use of the ball depends on the hitters and the clubs. There are some batters in the American league who murder a slow ball, while others cannot hit it. Naturally, then, I depend upon the delivery when facing men I know are weak before it."

"My slow ball has never been hit for an extra base but once, and that time it was slammed by Neal Ball of the Boston Red Sox. He caught it for a double, but I can say, with pardonable pride, that there were times after that when Ball was helpless before the delivery."

"Tris Speaker hit it the hardest. We were playing the Red Sox in Detroit one day when I tried to cross Speaker. He caught the ball squarely and drove it on a line to Cobb. That was a close shave, and I thought when the ball left the bat that it was ticketed for a home run."

"The slow ball is the hardest delivery of any to master. It's easy enough to throw curves or the spitball, but in acquiring the proper delivery for a slow ball a pitcher has to have a world of patience."

QUAKER CITY FANS REJOICE

Both the Athletics and the Phillies Are Displaying Great Form—Pennants Seen.

There is a strong hope in the breasts of the Philadelphia fans that the world's championship series will be fought out in the Quaker City next fall between the Athletics and the Phillies. Connie Mack's team has given evidence that it will be a formidable contender for the American league pennant. The majority of the critics concede that it is stronger than ever. The Phillies have also shown great speed at the start and may cut a figure in the National league pennant fight. The Phillies on paper appear about as fast as any team in the league, but somehow or



Manager Charlie Doolin.

other they do not appear able to put forth their best strength. Last season they were picked as the team to give the Giants the hardest fight, but injuries to star players and reversal of form of their pitchers were causes that resulted in their downfall. This season, with the good run of luck, the Phillies may come up to the expectations of their friends. If they do Charley Doolin will be hailed as among the greatest of managers.

Scott Drops Spitter.
"Death Valley Jim" Scott of the White Sox has dropped the spit ball.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Jumping a coal train to take a joy ride, Russell Kresge, aged 14, of Trechlers, fell beneath the wheels and was cut into halves.

Mrs. Fred Lobien, Sr., of Mauch Chunk, in descending a stairway with a pail of boiling water, fell and was severely scalded.

Gypsy Mike, of Nesquehoning, at a celebration was seriously stabbed by one of his fellow-countrymen while two of them held him.

Archbishop John Ireland, of St. Paul, Minn., who made an address at Lehigh University, was the guest of Charles M. Schwab.

Patrick Heyd jumped on a Lehigh Valley freight at Girard Manor to ride to Lofty, tried to alight and was run over and killed.

Mrs. Jacob Ober, of Lancaster, in preparing for the family wash, set fire to an outbuilding, which in turn burned her home and a large barn.

Montgomery County Court has granted a divorce to Sallie L. Fritz, of Pottstown, from Clinton E. Fritz, who deserted her.

Work on the \$200,000 Y. M. C. A. building in Reading is tied up owing to a strike of painters, electricians and plumbers.

Petitions are being circulated to improve the inter-county bridge over the Schuylkill River between Mont Clare and Phoenixville.

Now that Reading has had a clean-up week, Mayor Stratton will try to get cleaner trolley cars and cleaner ice-cream wagons.

Vera Farren, aged two years, was almost instantly killed at Franklin, when a plow that her father had just finished using and put away fell on her.

Montgomery County Commissioners want court to approve of an offer to purchase at private sale for \$2,400 the old detention house, which was bid to but \$1,900 at public sale.

Erwin Brown, of Bethlehem, was arrested, charged with the theft of a gold watch valued at \$125 from the establishment of the Swiss Cleaners and Dyers, at Bethlehem.

Mrs. C. P. Gottschall, aged 79 years, of Lock Haven, has made more than 200 quilts during nine years, since the death of her husband. She made 35 last winter.

While talking with fellow-workmen, William A. Watson, for 15 years a rafter at the Lessig Iron Works, Pottstown, was stricken with apoplexy and died.

A measure for the construction of a modern \$500,000 City Hall, in keeping with the growth and progress of Reading, was introduced in Common Council.

The Rev. Frank P. Laros was elected president of Lehigh Classis of the Reformed Church at its thirty-fourth annual session now being held at Cedarville, Lehigh county.

The Mauch Chunk Switchback Railroad, which recently underwent great improvements, and which is the oldest in this country, opened for the 1913 season.

Robert J. Lilly and Aerna Rush were elected members of Bethlehem Council, from the Sixth Ward, to fill vacancies due to the resignations of G. H. Young and the late L. W. Strook.

Friends of good reading and of education in general are making strenuous efforts to save the Allentown Free Public Library from retrogression, owing to the School Board's restricted support.

Amos Strohl, a Carbon county farmer, who has a five-year pear orchard containing 1,000 trees, says he would have received at least 1,000 bushels of fruit had the blossoms not been ruined by recent heavy frost.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Norristown, has decided to erect a parish house, to cost at least \$30,000.

The strike of 500 mine employes at the Oak Hill Colliery, at Duncoot, near Minersville, on for nearly a week, is over.

The deal for the purchase of the Harwood Electric Company by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company interests include the plant of the Hazleton Steam Heating Company and the Harwood colliery.