

FORGOT DESIRE TO QUESTION

Chairman's Reception of Would-Be Interrogator Somehow Discovered the Rest of Them.

At a political meeting in a certain New South Wales gold-mining district the chair was taken by an athletic miner. The candidate during his speech was much interrupted by hootings and rough chaff, and his chairman was soon in a state of boiling indignation. Smothering his wrath, however, he pacified the "boys" by assuring them that at the end of the candidate's speech they should be at liberty to put any question they chose. Accordingly, at the end of the harangue he arose and inquired in stentorian tones and in a rich Irish brogue: "His innu gittleman a question to alrsk?" A stout little Welsh miner, who had been a conspicuous disturber of the peace of the evening, shuffled slowly up the steps of the platform. But at the top he was met by the chairman, who, without the slightest warning, delivered a terrific left-and-righter, and sent the Welshman sprawling on his back. "Now," roared the chairman, "has innu gittleman a question to alrsk?"—and there was no response.

Negligence Called Manslaughter.
The case of Stehr vs. State before the supreme court of Nebraska involved the sentence of a father for from one to ten years in the penitentiary for criminal negligence, because during a blizzard in Nebraska, when the weather was bitter cold, he permitted the fire to go out, snow drifted through a crack in the door and a broken windowpane and the bedding of all the members of the family was frozen stiff. The feet of one of the children were frozen, and although such fact was apparent to the father no physician was called in for sixteen days, when amputation was found to be necessary and the child died of blood poisoning. The defendant was convicted of manslaughter for criminal negligence in failing to provide medical care after he discovered the frozen condition of the child's feet. In affirming the conviction the court held that for a parent having special charge of an infant child culpably to neglect it so that death ensues as a consequence is manslaughter, although death or grievous bodily harm was not intended, and if the parent has not the means for the child's nurture it is his duty to apply to the public authorities for relief.

Made a Difference.
"Darn those cats!" "Don't shoot, Abner. I think the one with the contra voice is our tabby."—Washington Herald.

Odd Luck.
"This is very queer."
"What is queer?"
"They have no hasty pudding at this quick lunch place."

All a Means of Advancement.
Apply thyself earnestly to thy task, whether it be small or great, for the achievement of years is but the study of many days.—Simon de Bruges.

Its Usual Way.
"The hot spell came rather suddenly."
"Oh, no! It's been getting warmer by degrees."

Which is Different.
"He says he is always outspoken in his wife's presence."
"He means outtalked."

When put to the test, some virtues are found to be thinly veneered.
A girl marries to gain liberty; a man remains single to keep it.

Nothing is denied to well-directed labor.—Samuel Bout.
Occasionally a widower's heart is warmed over by an old flame.

CLOUDED BRAIN

Clears Up on Change to Proper Food.

The brain cannot work with clearness and accuracy, if the food taken is not fully digested, but is retained in the stomach to ferment and form poisonous gases, etc. A dull, clouded brain is likely to be the result. A Mich. lady relates her experience in changing her food habits, and results are very interesting:

"A steady diet of rich, greasy foods such as sausage, buckwheat cakes and so on, finally broke down a stomach and nerves that, by inheritance, were sound and strong, and medicine did no apparent good in the way of relief. My brain was clouded and dull and I was suffering from a case of constipation that defied all remedies used. The 'Road to Wellville,' in some providential way, fell into my hands, and may Heaven's richest blessings fall on the man who was inspired to write it. I followed directions carefully, the physical culture and all, using Grape-Nuts with sugar and cream, leaving meat, pastry and hot biscuit entirely out of my bill of fare. The result—I am in perfect health once more. I never realize I have nerves, and my stomach and bowels are in fine condition. My brain is perfectly clear and I am enjoying that state of health which God intended his creatures should enjoy and which all might have, by giving proper attention to their food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

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Pitcher Mel Wolfgang, the youngest Callahan sent to Denver this spring, is doing grand work for Jack Hendricks.

SOME NERVY PLAYERS

Bresnahan Praises Men Who Can Deliver When Needed.

Substitute Catcher for Chicago Cubs Praises Frank Schulte, Outfielder, and Heine Zimmerman, Slugging Third Baseman.

In baseball there are two kinds of nerve, according to Roger Bresnahan, substitute Cub catcher. One is possessed by the type of player who bullies men on the field, has a weak heart when he is asked to go to the plate in the ninth inning with a man on third and drive home the run that will win the game. The other is the player who refrains from pugilistic tactics, but has a heart of steel, takes a viselike grip on the bat and grinds his teeth when the responsibility of scoring a run is put up to him.

Bresnahan declares the first is the easiest to beat in a game and the second is the fellow who makes competition keen all the time. Bob Bescher, left fielder of the Cincinnati team, struck Bresnahan last year in the jaw, after a game of ball, because the fielder struck out in a pinch when a long fly or a single meant a victory. It was while discussing this episode that Bresnahan defined the two kinds of nerve in baseball.

"There are two kinds of nerve in this game," said Bresnahan, "and I profess to have only one. I'll admit Bescher took a solid punch at me. I stood for it. There may be a lot of fellows playing ball today who can trim me off the field, but when it comes to matching brains and nerve during a game I think I can hold my own with any of them."

"Bescher was up in the ninth inning in a pinch, when just a little single would have given the Reds the game. He was aware that it was up to him to rap out the hit that would turn the tide. But he was as nervous as a cat. I joshed him about it and he took it seriously. That was how the argument started. That was exactly what I was looking for, because it won the game for me. He struck out in the pinch and that was what made him angry."

"Frank Schulte is about the best example of the man with the nerve in a pinch I know of in the league today.



Roger Bresnahan.

You never see Frank argue or dispute with any one, nor you never heard of his having a battle on the street. But you have seen him go up to the plate with runners on the bases in the ninth inning, smash out a single or extra base hit off the best pitchers in the league and win the game. He is the type of man to have on a team.

"Heine Zimmerman appears to be extremely boisterous and rough, but he is a corking good man in a pinch because he is stubborn. He is too arrogant to have it said that he lost his nerve, and it is just that bit of pride that makes him so great a player."

Leading Hitters.
Four American leaguers are hitting about the 400 average, while only two National leaguers have so far been able to comb the ball for this extra high percentage. The four leaders in the younger organization are Collins, 511; Speaker, 468; Schaller, 462, and Compton, 400; Viox, with 435, and Miller, 429, are blazing the way in the National.

Jennings' Long Career.
Hughie Jennings, leader of the Detroit Tigers, started playing professional baseball 23 years ago. Hughie played his first professional game on June 16, 1890, as a member of the Allentown club of the Eastern Interstate league.

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WHICH IS REAL "FIND" OF THE SEASON?



Ray Schalk, Clever Young White Sox Backstop.

An interesting question that has bobbed up in the American league recently relates to the problem of singling out the catching "find" of the season. Chicago fans are practically unanimous that the palm should go to Ray Schalk of the White Sox and they have much company in other cities. They consider the problem an easy one. Some critics have appeared to dispute the right to the honor of the young backstop corralled by Comiskey recently.

"I watched Wallie Schang of the Philadelphia Athletics closely in the series with the Cleveland Naps and with all due respect to Schalk I think Connie Mack has bagged the biggest young catcher, all things considered, in the major leagues," said a Cleveland scribe.

"I have seen Schalk in several series and I also have been in a position to watch the work of Schang in a bitter series in which Cleveland was battling Philadelphia with the clubs in first and second place. Schalk is just as good a receiver as Schang, but I think this young catcher of Mack has the edge on the Chicago backstop in speed, in throwing and batting—important considerations in a catcher."

While some fans and critics are inclined to be prejudiced in favor of such stars as Schalk and Schang, it is interesting to know what scribes and fans of other cities think of these players when they are visiting hostile camps.

The work of Schalk has stood out in marked contrast to that of any of

the opposing catchers on other teams in the recent whirl of Comiskey'sathletes around the eastern circle. His great plays at times were so thrilling as to draw spontaneous applause from a crowd rooting for the visiting club's downfall.

Following is the opinion of an observer in Boston, after watching Schalk in the series between the world's champions and the White Sox recently:

"I have seen all the catchers in the American league this season and I think Schalk is head and shoulders above the whole lot. In getting down in front of the plate for bunted balls and whipping the sphere to first I have never seen his equal. His throwing is accurate, his receiving a delight to see and his batting surprising. He seems as quick as a cat in tagging runners out at the home plate and also seems absolutely fearless."

These two opinions of Schalk, expressed by critics outside Chicago, show how highly this young catcher is rated even by those who give Schang the shade in a comparison of the work of those two young stars. Chicago fans have had little opportunity to judge of the relative merits of these young catchers. They are strong for Schalk and chances are few White Sox fans could be found who would give any other catcher in the world the edge over the former Milwaukee phenom purchased by President Comiskey last fall for the record price of the season paid for a minor league player.

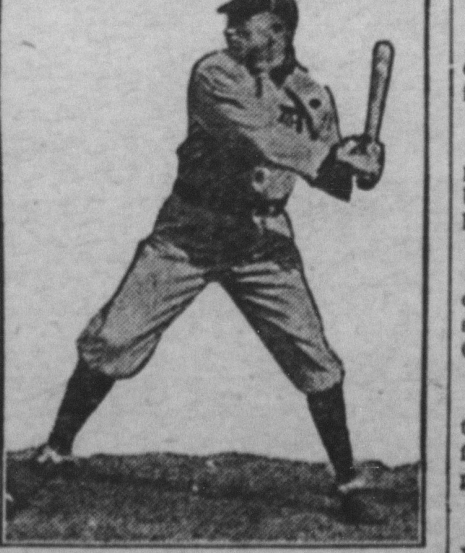
BONEHEADED PLAY BY COBB

"John Andersoning" Was Only Excused by Catcher Henry's Forgetfulness and Poor Work.

Ty Cobb's "John Andersoning" in the first inning of a recent game caused more comment in Washington than any spectacular play Ty has made in recent years.

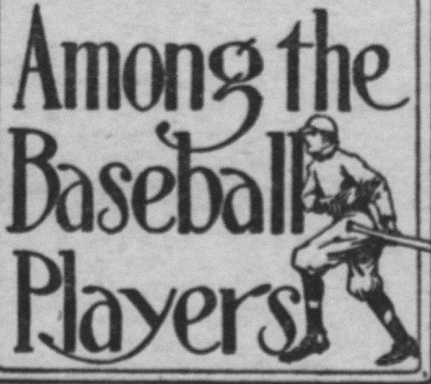
It is the first time that Cobb can be justly accused of pulling a rank bit of "boneheadedness," and Ty got out of the fix because of the surprise and momentary mental lapse of John Henry, Washington's star catcher.

Bush had reached third on an error and a sacrifice, and Cobb had walk-



Ty Cobb.

ed. Ty then stole second, and the theft was so easy that he raced on to third. Henry was so visibly surprised that he crept down the third base line, with the ball in his hand, as though intent on reaching and tagging Cobb. Cobb saw the situation, and after grinning at Henry for a moment he shot back toward second and passed McBeird before the shortstop took Henry's throw.



Li Hung Schang is the young backstop of the Athletics.

The Cleveland players declare that the Polo grounds is the smoothest field they ever played on.

Mike Balenti, the former Carlisle Indian, now with the Browns, is becoming a star shortstop.

They say that Umpire Byron has a pose back of the box seats that would be hard for a professional model to hold.

Billy Murray, the Pirates alert scout, discovered Catcher Coleman when sent out on a hurry-up order from Fred Clarke.

Ty Cobb and Joe Jackson are jutting up another neck and neck dash for the American league batting supremacy.

One of the greatest joys of Moose McCormick's life has been suddenly taken away from him. He can no longer bat for Josh Devora.

Turning back the pages of history we find that some years ago a Cleveland team was leading the league at this stage—and finished fifth!

Lee Magee, the young infielder of the Cards, pulled off a Ty Cobb stunt in a recent game against the Phillies. He scored all the way from first on a short single.

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