

### THE JOYOUS FOURTH

By William Gerard Chapman

Gee, don't I wish the Fourth wuz here!  
It seems like I can't wait  
Until the days jest catch up with  
That blame' red-digger date.  
I got a lot o' fire-works,  
Oh, more'n you could think,  
A bully cannon, too, of brass,  
So shiny makes you blink.

The minute when I get awake,  
'Bout four o'clock or so,  
You bet I'll hustle in my clothes  
An' grab my box an' go  
A-kittin' out behin' the barn  
An' light my punk -- an', say!  
You won't hear nothing much but noise  
The rest o' that whole day.

But, gosh! that ain't a circumstance  
To what'll happen when  
It gets right dark. You jest be there,  
You'll see some doin's, then!  
Well break in St. the blacksmith's shop  
An' get his anvils out  
An' shoot them all around the town,  
Then there'll be noise, don't doubt!

Afore each house we'll set one down  
An' pour the powder in,  
An' set the other top of it --  
Then jest you hear the dnt!  
Some folks'll come a-runnin' out  
An' raise an awful row,  
But most'll laugh like fun an' shout  
"Jest get along, boys, now."

Oh, gee, I wish the Fourth wuz here!  
But Ma sez, "Mercy me!  
Why you're so set on gettin' burns  
An' blisters, I can't see."  
But shucks! who cares for things like that?  
A boy's Ma never learns  
As how he has jest loads o' fun  
A-gettin' of those burns.

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## WASHINGTON PORTRAITS

The last sitting given by Washington for Sharpless, who made a mathematically correct profile which furnishes the authority for the proportions of the subject's features.

Of all painters, none achieved more than Gilbert Stuart, who, it is generally agreed, has given to the world the best likeness of the man. Stuart's success was probably due to the fact that he kept his subject from self-consciousness by entertaining him. In the two originals of this artist, and in the twenty-six copies which he made, he left noble personification of wisdom and serenity to the American people in the person of the first president.

In color and finish, as well as in lifelike resemblance of features, no Washington artist has approached him. At the time of the Stuart sitting Washington's mouth appeared rather unnatural on account of two new sealhorse ivory front teeth which substituted for the general's own. The failure of the first portrait, which was destroyed, was probably traceable to this fact.

The Stuart picture of Washington standing with a sword in his left hand was made expressly for the Marquis of Lansdowne, who was so delighted with the canvas that he declared it was only his advanced years which prevented his crossing the ocean to

thank Washington for allowing this picture to be taken.

Although several copies of this painting were made by Stuart, the painting in the White House, so long considered his, was not done by that master. It is the work of an obscure artist, who substituted his own copy for an original which the government purchased for \$800.

Another interesting fact about this picture is that during the time when the British were in Washington in 1814 it stood out in inclement weather for several days. This was because the man to whom it was entrusted was afraid to keep it in his house for fear of being punished by English invaders.

As Stuart did not excel in representing Washington's figure, this picture does not meet all the requirements of a good painting. The hand is said to be too small, as Stuart used the wax model of his own hand in making the picture.

Stuart's famous Washington portrait, made for Mrs. Washington, was never entirely finished, because the artist always managed to delay completing the background. Finally, Washington, after frequent sittings, became annoyed and told the artist that he would sit no more, but to send the picture home when it was finished.

## TWO NOBLE POLES

Not to be outdone by France or Germany, "bleeding Poland," today a nation only in the wonderful unity of its people the world over, and in revolutionary times in last throes of involuntary dissolution, sent her sons to wage in America the struggle for freedom that had gone against them at home. So Count Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko came to this country.

To tell of the life of Kosciuszko would be to tell of a wonderful old-world romance, of love and hardships, of discouragements and great triumphs.

Son of a Lithuanian noble, he came to this country as a result of a love affair with one of higher rank than he, bearing with him, it is said, a blood-stained handkerchief, the only memento of the girl who had won his heart, only to be snatched away from him by force, at the conclusion of a dramatic attempt to elope.

The couple were overtaken and Kosciuszko was left all but dead, the forgotten handkerchief on his breast. But his youth and iron constitution brought

him round and, Poland having no further attraction for him at that time, he came to aid the struggling colonists in America.

Through Franklin's aid he was given a place on Washington's staff, and afterward made colonel of engineers, a position for which he was eminently fitted by a careful military training in the best schools of Europe. He was with Gates at Saratoga, with Greene in the Carolinas, and again in charge of the fortification of West Point on the Hudson.

When he had finished at West Point that place was considered the strongest fortress in America, and Washington took pains to pay tribute to Kosciuszko's genius. At the end of the war he was a major general in the Continental army.

Then he went back to Poland to fight for his own people. His efforts were unsuccessful, and, after a checkered career, he died in 1817 at Soleure, Switzerland. His heart was buried under a monument there, and his body embalmed and afterward laid at rest at Cracow.

### CLOSE RACE CERTAIN

Season in Major Leagues Promises to Be Successful One.

Boston Braves Are Sure to Put Up Bold Front in National League—Boston Red Sox Touted as Winners in American.

Contrary to winter expectation the baseball season in the major leagues now promises to be a very successful one. A great many critics during the off season were full of fearful predictions that baseball was going into a state of desuetude and that public interest was rapidly waning. It is now believed this may have been a wrong diagnosis, for there is more than the average enthusiasm shown, and the sport is evidently in for a big year. The Feds have made practically no inroads on the clubs of organized ball and the strong teams are intact and capable of putting up a hard battle for the flags in the two big leagues. The race in each of the majors promises to be exceptionally close, which will add to the interest.

The fight for the pennant in the National league should be a good one, with the Boston Braves, present world's champions, as the natural favorites. The Braves have been slightly strengthened by the addition of Sherwood Magee in the outfield and are very sure to put up a bold front in their effort to make it two straight championships. They do not, however, appear to outclass the field to any great extent. The Giants seem to be the next best, with the St. Louis Cardinals having quite a chance to come through. These three clubs look to be the best in the league at the get-away. But baseball is full of surprises, as the Braves conclusively proved in 1914, and some dark horse is likely to crop up and set the dope all awry.

The American league is likely to have a much closer race than usual, owing to the break-up of the Athletics, who are no longer considered to have a walk-over, though Connie Mack is pretty sure to have his club right in the fight all the way.

The Boston Red Sox are touted as the most likely winners of the flag. They look very good and should have a fine chance. Most of the strength of the American league seems to lie in the East this season, with the Athletics, Boston and Washington as the best-appearing outfits. Detroit is too weak in the box to make much of a showing, and it is hardly likely that the Chicago White Sox will develop the steadiness to cut in strongly for the highest honors, while both Cleveland and the Browns lack the class.

Conditions in the minor leagues are improving very rapidly. The minors were badly injured by the Feds last year, but that stage is about over, and there is sure to be a big revival of interest in the smaller leagues before long.

All leagues are cutting down on the number of players to be carried, which works hardships on many performers, but which was only a natural result of the activities of the Feds. During the year it is expected that the conditions will settle down to their former substantial basis, and the season is bound to be a great improvement on that of 1914.

### TIRED OF PLAYING ON BENCH

Armando Marsans Wants to Play With St. Louis Cardinals Until Court Ruling is Handed Down.

Armando Marsans is tired of the bench and has asked to be allowed to play somewhere. He is said to have requested that he be permitted to play with the Cardinals until a court ruling is handed down.



Armando Marsans.

is handed down. He will then go where the court decides. The Cuban's toll at present consists of an hour's practice every day at the Terriers' park.

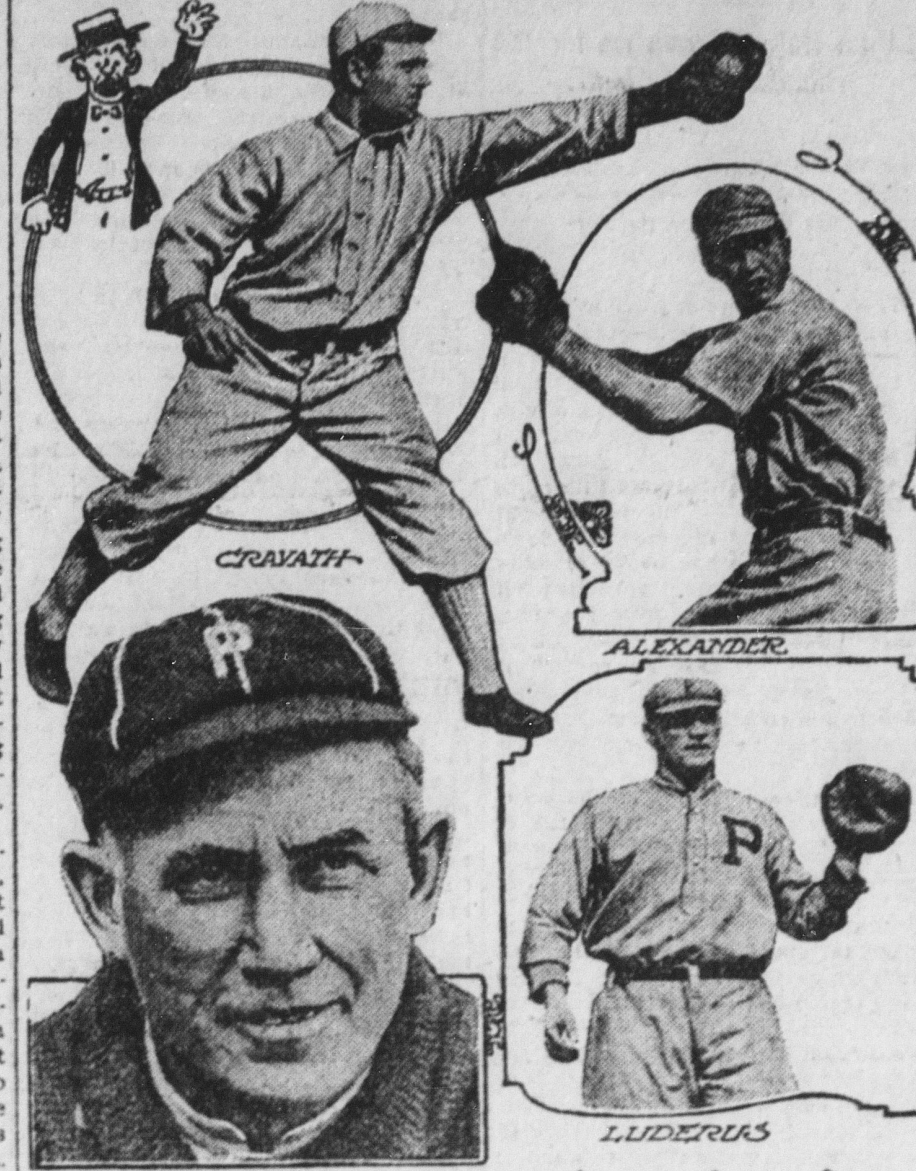
### Brainerd is Fast.

Brainerd is the fastest man on the New York team, not even excepting George Burns, who is a corking base runner. The young first baseman looks like a very promising performer. He is a second sacker by trade, but is picking up the points of first-base play very rapidly. He seems to be quite a find.

### Release Young Battery.

Manager Jennings let out a young battery in Pitcher Smithson and Catcher Peters, both to be returned at the end of the season. Peters went to Chattanooga and Smithson to Scranton.

### PHILLIES CALLED SENSATION OF 1915



CRAVATH, ALEXANDER, LUDERUS

Manager Patrick Moran of the Philadelphia Nationals, regardless of the standing of his team at the finish of the present season, has achieved a reputation as a leader.

With a seemingly mediocre organization that previous to the opening of the league season was destined by critics and expert writers to furnish a sorry exhibition for the National circuit fans, the team has proved the sensation of the new baseball year. Sensations of this sort in baseball are perhaps in a measure largely accountable for its gripping interest.

Moran now parades a team accredited by critics as having the best pitcher in Grover Cleveland Alexander, in the National league, the best defensive infield that has represented the Phillies in years, one of the greatest first basemen in Luderus, and in Cactus Cravath the most dangerous hitter in

the pinch in the whole Tener circuit. The old axiom that "the race is not always to the swift" still applies. Just a year ago the Pittsburgh Pirates were the sensation of the National league, having won fifteen of the first seventeen games played, with three victories in thirteen games. Six months later, however, the Braves had been returned not only the league pennant winners, but the world's champions, and the erstwhile league-leading Pirates had finished one of their most disastrous seasons in seventh place, not far removed from Cincinnati, the cellar champions.

Regardless of the standing of the Phillies next October, Manager Moran, in his first year in that role, has arrived and is deserving of the fulsome praise he is receiving for the rejuvenation.

## DIAMOND NOTES

Line you never see: "Batted for Cobb in the ninth inning."

The fine work of the Cardinals has enthused the fans of St. Louis.

Just at present the Dodgers are doing great work in the National league.

Manager Tinker is beginning to doubt if he really has a reversible outfield.

George Zabel has a fast side arm curve ball that he uses only in a pinch.

Jake Stahl denies the rumor that he is to become manager of the Boston Red Sox.

Johnny Evers has bought some stock in the Troy club of the New York league.

Emil Huhn, now the first baseman of the Newark Feds, is called "Hunie" for a nickname.

Cy Falkenberg pitched his first game against Eddie Plank since the two were rivals in the American league. Cy won, 4 to 3.

Whenever the Cleveland club suffers a slump the manager is fired, and right away they begin to win. Other teams might copy.

Schang, Sweeney, Schalk and other catchers are blocking players off the home plate, but they are running a fearful risk every time they do it.

Manager Griffith of the Washington club threatens a wholesale shakeup in his team if the Senators don't face about and show improvement.

Al Demaree, the former pitcher, now with Philadelphia, is conducting a column as well as drawing cartoons this year. His work appears in a Philadelphia paper each evening.

The Cardinals have signed Roger Hornsby, the fast shortstop of the Denison (Tex.) team. He is the first man to be grabbed from the minors this year by a major league team.

Welsch, who is playing center field for the Phillies, while Paskort is filling in at first, is only a youngster and comes from Charlotte, N. C. team, where he led the league last year in hitting.

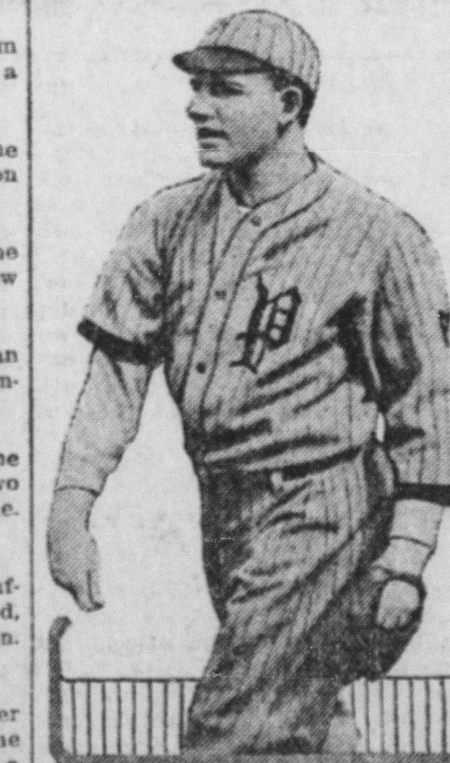
Eastern critics said the Cubs did not look a bit stronger this year than they did last, before they had a chance to watch them perform. Now they agree that they are a very much improved lot of players.

### TWIRLER'S HARD LUCK STORY

Clinton Rogge of Pittsburgh Federals Fanned Four Men in One Inning and All Scored.

Clinton Rogge, a new twirler with the Pittsburgh Feds, lays claim to the distinction of being the only pitcher who struck out four men in one inning and saw every one of the four score a run.

It happened in a college game in Michigan. Rogge is a big chap, with a world of speed. The varsity catcher was a 115-pound mite and couldn't hold Rogge, who struck out three men in a row. Every one went to first when



Clinton Rogge of Pittsburgh Feds.

the catcher failed to clutch the third strike. With the bases loaded, Rogge struck out the fourth batter and the man on third came home with the first tally, while the fanned batter raced to first in safety.

An error and a hit followed, and the three other strike-out victims who had gained the bases through the inability of the catcher to hold Rogge, scooted home with the runs that won the game.

### Still Some Ivory.

In the Yankee-Red Sox game of April 29 the blundering of Chet Thomas, coaching for the Red Sox, spoiled a Boston rally and a chance to win the game. Thomas stopped McNally as he ran into third base and the runner was called out for coacher's interference. One might ask why players who do not know the rules are sent out to coach.

Depends on Veterans. Although Horzog has had seven pitchers on his staff all season, the heavy work has been done by Dale, Benton and Ames.

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I know a woman who is for letting you have what you want when you want it, who favors vacations before you have to go on the stretcher.

Love—something that makes you want to surround and be surrounded by.

There's never a time when 'tis safe for a doctor to eat onions.

So take your pick—die off and be mourned, or live on and be cursed.—Lynette Fremire in Judge.

### His Excuse.

In his Savannah camp Bill Donovan, baseball manager, had a dusky hued waiter at the hotel by the name of Sutton. Bill had to reproach Sutton more than once for a lack of agility in arriving with the food. One morning he brought in a consignment of grid-locks that had gone cold.

"What do you mean," said Bill, "by bringing me in cold cakes?"

"Well, I tell you, boss," said Sutton, "I bring them cakes in so fast for you that I guess they hit a draft."

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### Of Course.

"Did you ever hear such silly rot as that line of Tennyson's: 'Half a league, half a league, half a league, onward!'"

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### Blissful Ideal.

"I hope," said the applicant for summer board, "that you have no mosquitoes, and that there will be chicken and fresh vegetables always on the table, and that the nights are invariably cool?"

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