

**"PITCH-OUT" IS WRONG**

Opinion of Manager Hughie Jennings of Detroit Tigers.

Duke Farrell and Wilbert Robinson Seldom Called for Waste Ball—American League Batters Do Not Practice Hit-and-Run.

When should a catcher call for a pitch-out? Is the waste ball a good defense? These two questions were shot at Hugh Jennings. His reply was: "There is only one out-and-out reliable hit-and-run batter in the American league. That is Eddie Foster of the Washington club. With only one such consistent hit and runner why should catchers be so prone to call for pitch-outs? "Two of the best catchers who ever lived were Duke Farrell and Wilbert Robinson. Seldom did either call for a pitch-out except when Willie Keeler was at bat, for he could hit to any field. "My belief is that the waste ball should be called for but rarely, and never if the pitcher shows a tendency



Duke Farrell.

to wild. There is an opposite rule to be followed as well, which is never hit and run when the pitcher is wild, as a base on balls is much more to be desired than the chance of poking a ball through vacated territory. "I have known instances where there was a wild pitcher in the box, and the team at bat hung out the hit-and-run sign so that it could be read by a blind man. Why? They wanted the catcher to see the sign and to call for pitch-outs, knowing it was a hard job for the pitcher to get it over as it was, and that a few waste balls would have him up in the air completely, and either passing the batters or grooving the ball for them. "Of course, I do not know much about the National league batters, so I cannot speak for the old league.



Wilbert Robinson.

But I do know that the batters in our league do not practice hit and running. Ty Cobb is the greatest hitter the world has known, but he is no hit-and-run batter, for the reason he has not given it any attention to speak of. The tendency of all the would-be hit-and-run batters is to hit the ball as hard as they can, and trust to luck to it going safely. The true hit and runner like Foster, however, has the knack of just meeting the ball and making a real effort to hit it through the territory vacated by the fielder who goes to cover the base. "But, up to date, the hit-and-run play, as it is attempted in the American league, is little to be feared.

**Too Much Winter Ball.** The trouble that has bothered both Bill James of the Braves and Hub Leonard of the Red Sox so far this season is said to be due to pitching too much winter ball and there is agitation in Boston for a rule that will prevent major league players taking part in any games after the regular seasons close.

**One of Longest Drives.** Al Shaw, Packer outfielder, hit one of the longest drives ever seen in the Kansas City park in a game against Newark. He drove it over the right-field fence, the first time such a feat was ever accomplished. Shaw was aided by a high wind that got behind the ball and helped it over.

**GOOD PITCHING STAFF QUITE ESSENTIAL**



(By FRANK G. MENKE.)

What does it avail a ball club if it possesses the greatest batsmen in the land if its pitching staff is punk? And the answer is: Nothing.

A good pitching staff is far more essential to a ball club's success than is a wrecking crew of batters. Baseball records of the past and present show the truth of that statement.

Those New York Giants are in a rut although they have three men slugging over the 300 mark and three others near it. Doyle is hitting around .325, Merkle is clotting for .320 and Robertson boasts of a .310 average.

No team in baseball packs a greater batting punch than those Brooklyn Federals. Magee is hitting around .375 and Kauf is near .360. Three other Brookfield regulars are over the .300 mark—yet the team is in the second division.

The Detroit outfield is swatting the well-known horse's skin for a combined average around .360—a tremendous clip, yet the Tigers are third in the race.

Back in the bygone days the Cleveland Naps toted around the greatest collection of sluggers that ever batted under one standard—Lajoie, Bemis, Bay, Hickman, Bradley, "Nig" Clarke and a few more fence busters. Practically every man in the outfit was a .300 hitter. Yet Cleveland during those days never came near to winning a pennant.

On the other hand, the Chicago

White Sox, back in 1906, had pitchers—and no batters. Yet the Sox won a pennant and a world series in that year. In 1912, 1913 and 1914 the Senators, minus batting power but plus some mighty pitchers, acted as runners-up in nearly all three pennant battles.

Getting right down to this present day and age we find the Phillies clinging to the top of the National league heap. Outside of Luderus and Cravath, the Phillies haven't any batters—but they have Grover Cleveland Alexander and a few other pitching persons. The Dodgers, who have assumed the role of runner-up, have a real batter in Jake Daubert and a timely hitter in Zack Wheat. Their hitting power ends there. But the Dodgers have Weiser, Dell, Jack Coombs, "Hansen" Pfeffer and "Nap" Rucker on the pitching staff. That's why they are where they are.

The Red Sox, as a team, aren't hitting up to pennant-winning standard. But they have about five pitchers who are pitching a world series brand of baseball—and look where those Red Sox are located in the standing of clubs.

The Kansas City Feds and the St. Louis Feds present weak-hitting combinations. But they have the pitchers—and they've been in the pennant fight since the middle of May.

In other words, one good pitcher seems to be of more value to a ball club than two or three slugging infielders, outfielders or catchers.

**BASEBALL STORIES**

Jack Barry is playing fine ball at second base for the Red Sox.

Runt Walsh is playing a great game for Otto Knabe at the far corner.

Manager Tinker says he will undergo an operation as soon as the season ends.

Shades of the past: Evers to Tinker to Chance and Barry to Collins to McInnis.

The Athletics seem to have picked up a real star in Pitcher Crowell, of Brown university.

President Gilmore says he has eight umpires and will make no more changes this season.

Those Athletics have something on Russians. The Mackmen can't be pushed back any more.

Jack Coombs seems to have a return ticket in his pocket every time, and he comes right back.

Connie Mack has scouts scouring the East for "peaches" in the bushes. Mack is hunting some more like Eddie Collins.

Sandford Burk, former Cardinal pitcher, who was sold to the Indianapolis A. A. team, jumped to the Pittsburg Feds.

The Salt Lake club of the Pacific Coast league has released Pitcher "Cy" Morgah to make room for Schmutz of Brooklyn.

Ivey Wingo is now doing the bulk of the catching for the Cincinnati team, but it is reported that Manager Herzog may recall Catcher Gharrrity from Minneapolis.

The Des Moines club of the Western league has colf Pitcher George Mogridge, a left-hander pitcher, whose home is in Rochester, N. Y., to the New York Americans for delivery in September.

St. Louis fans say the name of Stier should be Sizler. He has played first base, all the outfield positions and pitched since he joined the Browns, and he has looked like a big leaguer every day.

**FEDS SELECT WRONG PLAYER**

Larry Gardner of Red Sox, One of Least Likely to Jump to Outlaw League—Loyal to Boston.

A story was printed recently to the effect that the St. Louis Federals expected to sign Larry Gardner of the Boston Red Sox.

The story evidently was printed in hopes of stirring interest in the Sloufeds upon their return home, for Manager Fielder Jones afterwards said it was "the result of a joke." Gardner was with the Red Sox in Detroit at the time and he denounced the story as a base fabrication.

A Boston writer commenting on the story says: "From our knowledge of the way Larry Vermont Gardner of the Red Sox looks at such things as promises, even if that promise happens to be a contract to de-



Larry Gardner.

liver his baseball services to the Red Sox for a stipulated term of years, we would say that George Stallings, Clark Griffith, Fred Clarke, Hugh Jennings and Ban Johnson would jump to the Feds before Larry. And these men like the Federal league like pussy loves the mud puddle. Anyhow, we once asked Gardner if there was any truth in a rumor that he might jump to the Feds, and for the implied doubt of personal honesty, as Larry put it, we came mighty near being crossed off Larry's visiting list.

Develops Into Golfer. Art Shafer, ex-Giant, has developed into a great golfer.

**DESTROY LITTLE RED MITES**

Hen is Powerless to Protect Herself From Ravages of Vermin—Egg-Laying Out of Question.

There is no poultry parasite that our feathered friends are less powerless to combat than the common red mite. The body lice can be kept in check by the hen if she has her liberty, because she will frequently find a good dusting place and proceed to cleanse herself and make things very uncomfortable for the lice. But on account of her attachment to her home, no matter how poor it is, she will go back every night to infested roosts and allow the mites to crawl upon her and suck her lifeblood. Poor biddy is powerless to protect herself and unless friend man steps in and does something for her she soon becomes emaciated and dejected, and egg-laying is entirely out of the question. The red mite is one of the most common causes of no eggs when there ought to be some eggs.

Cleanliness in the coop is an important factor in the control of the mite, as it will hide under filth, droppings and litter, as well as in cracks and crevices of the roosts and nests. Clean coops, however, are not entirely free from infestation and may even become seriously infested if not given treatment. Spraying is a common means of control, cresol sprays or kerosene emulsion being recommended. On account of being unable to accomplish thorough work by spraying it is necessary to spray frequently in order to keep the mites in check.

Probably the most thorough method of control is by fumigation. The fumes will permeate every part of the coop and kill all the mites, regardless of whether they are in the litter or on the roosts. As all of the mites are killed the treatment will be effective for a long time, as it will be some time before a coop will become infested again. The fumigation method is the easiest one to control the mites. All that is necessary is to place the proper amount of fumigant in an open kettle, light it and close the doors tightly. When the doors are opened several hours later the coop is entirely bugless. In order to get good results it is necessary to use a sufficient amount of good fumigant. The commercial article is the most convenient to use and will assure good results if the directions are followed.

**GOOD ROADS HELP SCHOOLS**

Improved Highways and Schoolmaster Are Two Greatest Forces for Advanced Civilization.

Women are keenly interested in the schools. The country having good roads nearly always has good schools. They go together. Where children are forced to cross fields to avoid mud holes in the highways the school is usually hardly worth keeping open. It has been said that "the two greatest forces for the advancement of civilization are the schoolmaster and good roads."

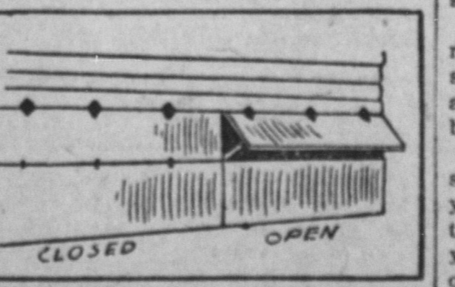
Bad roads in this country are said to be responsible for a loss of a billion dollars a year. This affects the transportation, mercantile and industrial interests as well as the purely agricultural interests. This loss in dollars does not take account of the isolation that is caused by the same reason.

Many women in the country are practically prisoners in their homes for weeks at a time in winter because of the condition of the roads. They are unable to see to the marketing of the farm products. They are unable to take advantage of market conditions. Eggs that are a good price at the time when they are gathered are collected and held till the roads become passable. By that time a change in the market may have robbed them of several dollars that would have been theirs had they been able to get the produce to market.

**VENTILATING A SHEEP SHED**

Manner of Arrangement Shown in Illustration Gives Ample Supply of Fresh Air for Animals.

The manner of arranging a sheep shed, as shown in the illustration, furnishes the desired fresh air and prevents the storm, rains, etc., from getting inside, where ordinary door arrangements are not always sure, fly-



Shed Ventilators.

ing open with force frequently. The top of this shed may be left open the greater part of the time without harming the flock at all.

**A Colt Ration.**

A grain ration consisting of six pounds of oats or corn, three pounds of bran, and one pound of oilmeal is recommended for colts by the Ohio agricultural college. One pound of the grain mixture should be fed for each 100 pounds of colts, in connection with all the alfalfa or clover hay they will eat.

**Weaken Bird's Vitality.**

Unwholesome feed and unhealthful surroundings quickly weaken a bird's vitality.

**SYMPTOMS OF HOG CHOLERA**

Among Other Things Animal Will Lose Appetite, Have Gaunt, Unthrifty Appearance and Become Inactive.

If the animal has cholera these other symptoms will follow within a few hours or a few days, depending upon whether the disease is acute or chronic:

Loss of appetite, partial or complete.

Inaction, the hog lying hidden in the tall grass or weeds in summer or staying in the shed or house in winter.

A gaunt, unthrifty appearance and roughened hair.

Labored breathing, commonly known as "thumps," if the lungs are affected; also a cough.

Some diarrhea if the intestines are affected, but in many herds constipation with lumpy, hard excretions.



A Typical Cholera Pig.

sometimes covered with mucous or blood and offensive in odor, though this may not be true in all cases.

Discharge of pus from eyes and nose; eyes may be glued shut.

A weak, wobbly gait, especially in the hind legs, the animal often reeling as it tries to walk.

Dark red, blue or purplish discoloration of skin under the body, neck and inside of thighs.

When the disease is acute, death may come in four to seven days. Sometimes, however, the attack is so virulent that hogs are found dead before the owner knows they are sick. At other times the disease takes on a chronic form, the animals dying at intervals through a period of several months.

**QUALITY COUNTS WITH EGGS**

Annual Loss Runs Into Millions Through Marketing Poor Article During Summer Months.

"Quality counts, not sometimes, but always," and is as true with market eggs as with any other commodity. The farmer's annual loss through the marketing of poor eggs during the summer months amounts into the millions in the aggregate and is wholly unnecessary. Because of the presence of so many spoiled eggs coming from the farms the buyer is compelled to pay lower prices as the poor eggs are sorted out by him and must be disposed of at figures far below the market price of good eggs.

Why should not the farm producer first endeavor to produce good eggs and then sort them himself and know positively that he is selling only first quality eggs? The candling of eggs is the final test and can be easily done by anyone. Arrange a common pasteboard shoe box to stand on end over a small lighted lamp. Make a hole slightly smaller than an egg in one side of the box directly opposite the lamp flame and give ventilation to the lamp by removing the end of the box over the lamp and you are ready to candle eggs accurately.

To produce good first quality eggs the essentials are healthy hens; good, wholesome food; clean nests; daily gathering of eggs and the removal of all males from the laying flock. After this the eggs must be kept in a cool, moist temperature. Given these conditions of production and handling, with a careful candling before marketing, any farm poultryman may be certain that he is offering only first quality product that may command the best prices.

**KEEPING DOWN POTATO BUGS**

Spraying Vines With Arsenate of Lead or Paris Green Will Prove Entirely Satisfactory.

Potato bugs are very easily controlled by spraying your vines with arsenate of lead or paris green. You can obtain either of these materials from the store in your town, in which spraying materials are handled.

Mix the poison according to the directions on the package, or if a very small quantity is wanted, use about a teaspoonful of the poison to a large bucket of water.

Apply it with a sprayer of some sort, but if your patch is small and you do not have a sprayer, sprinkle the poisoned water over the foliage of your potatoes with a sprinkling can, or even a broom.

**Saves Time and Labor.**

By having a stout pole lying right under the hay rack on the upper timbers in the barn for the hay to drop on when it is tripped from slings or forks, it saves a man in a mow. It also saves the hay from pounding down in the center which sometimes causes it to mold. As the hay drops on the poles it rolls to either side and spreads. The slings are a great labor and time saver.

**Regularity is Urged.**

Regularity of work and regularity of feeding make long years of usefulness of the work horse.

**Sure Death to Chickens.**

Don't let the chickens eat maggots, they are sure death to them.

**MOTHER OF SCHOOL GIRL**

Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Daughter's Health.

Plover, Iowa.—"From a small child my 13 year old daughter had female weakness. I spoke to three doctors about it and they did not help her any. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had been of great benefit to me, so I decided to have her give it a trial. She has taken five bottles of the Vegetable Compound according to directions on the bottle and she is cured of this trouble. She was all run down when she started taking the Compound and her periods did not come right. She was so poorly and weak that I often had to help her dress herself, but now she is regular and is growing strong and healthy."—Mrs. MARTIN HELVIG, Plover, Iowa.

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Delightful in a warm bath before retiring—soothes the nerves and induces refreshing sleep. Druggists.  
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A toilet preparation of merit. Restores color and beauty to gray or faded hair. 50c. and 1.00. Everywhere.

**Family Days.** Family occasions ought to be celebrated frequently, even if the celebration is the simplest form of little festival. Bringing the family together helps to promote affection. Whatever the event, birthday or wedding anniversary or a welcome home from a journey, it ought to mean something to every member of the family, and can be made an occasion that will remain bright in memory when the family circle is broken.

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With Cuticura Soap is Most Comforting and Beneficial. Trial Free.

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**A Matter of Surprise.** "Don't you think women ought to vote?" asked Mr. Meskton's wife. "Well, Henrietta, there's no doubt in my mind that you ought to vote. But if your opinion of some of the other women is correct, I don't see why you should want to intrust them with such a responsibility."

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**That Knife-Like Pain**  
Have you a lame back, aching day and night? Do you feel sharp pains after stooping? Are the kidneys sore? Is their action irregular? Do you have headaches, backaches, rheumatic pains,—feel tired, nervous, all worn-out? Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the medicine recommended by so many people in this locality. Read the experience that follows:

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