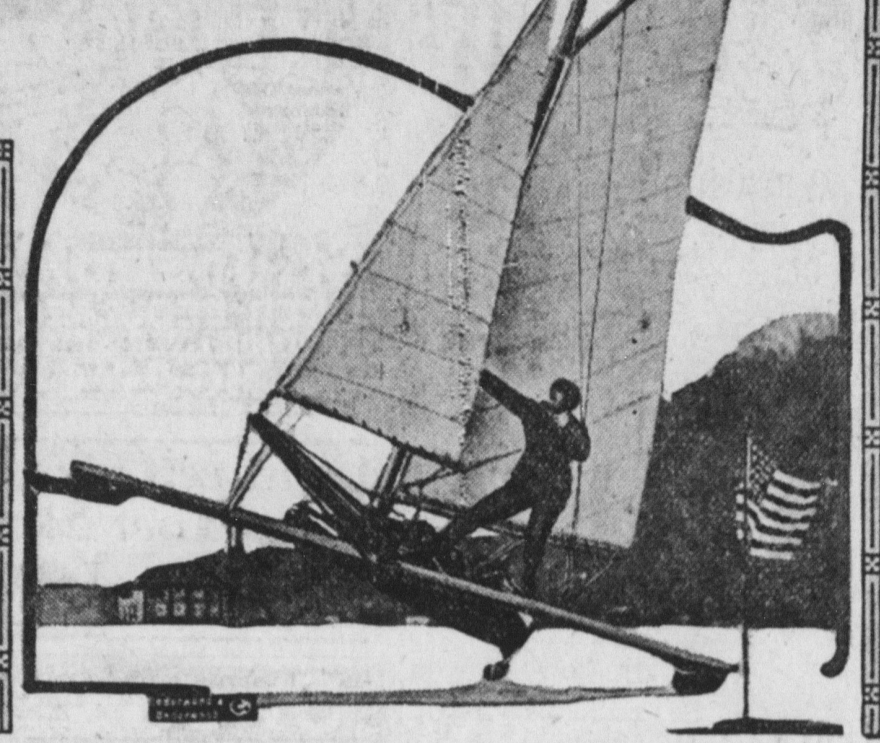


Nerve and Beauty in Ice Yachting

Pretty Marion Capes of Brooklyn acting as first mate, crew and ballast, as Skipper George P. Douglas swings his speeding ice-yacht around the stake at Lake Hopatcong, N. J.



Jack Kearns Thought Rocca Was Too Rough

When Dempsey was training for the fight at Shelby, if you remember, an Italian heavy-weight named Rocca Stramaglia hit him one day and created quite a sensation. "I dropped into Dempsey's camp one day," Stramaglia related, "and Kearns asked me to put on the gloves. There was no agreement made with Dempsey except we both understood as I supposed that we were to box easy. "The first thing I knew, though, Dempsey hit me an awful sock, and that made me mad, so I gave him a sock back and cut his eye. "Then Kearns became very excited, ordered me out of the ring, and called me all kinds of names."

RARE MOUND FEAT IS ACHIEVED BY BROWN

Strikes Opponents Out With Mates on Bench.

One of the greatest exhibitions of pitching was given by Mordcael Brown of the Chicago Nationals when on a spring trip in the South. The club had finished its training and was working northward, playing practice-games in small towns. Brown had gotten into shape easily and was ready for the old gong. He was then at the top of his glory.



Mordcael Brown.

Chance used him three or four innings every fourth day or so, not wishing to wear him out before the season started.

In this particular clash Mordcael had belted a mate at the start of the fifth. He simply breezed through the innings, putting the ball just where he wanted it. His curve broke like a million dollars. His smoke was terrific.

Came the ninth inning. The spectators begged Chance to bench all the players but Brown and the catcher. They had read where Rube Waddell had worked a final round with nobody with him but the catcher and first sacker, and wanted to see what Brown could do.

Chance was willing. So was Brown, the novelty of the idea appealing to him. And the records show that Mordcael struck out the three hostile batters in one, two, three order. They had their troubles making even a foul.

Baseballs Are Used by Esthonians in Cue Game

Esthonia, since its separation from Russia, has started to indulge in sports on a major scale and one of the first branches to be revived was that of billiards.

Enthusiasm ran high in the city of Tartu, but when an old table was found and put into condition for play it was discovered that the balls had been lost and none were available.

The players then sought for substitutes and the great American sport, baseball, came to the rescue. Several matches were played with three baseballs on the table and the players said that they experienced a thrill in playing their games.

A large gymnasium was opened just recently and the attendance at the first class reached the 3,000 mark. Since that time there have been additions until the classes have been divided and the instructors are kept busy from morning until night.

Yale Will Promote Golf With New 18-Hole Course

Yale will soon have an eighteen-hole golf course, comparable to any of the country's high-class layouts. Work on the new links will be started in the spring and the ancient sport will be encouraged more than ever. Yale men have made notable records in the major golf championships. Bob Gardner has twice won the national championship, and Jess Sweetser won the event a year ago and finished runnerup in the 1923 tournament.

National Had 257 Players

The National league was represented by 257 players during the 1923 season.

Sport Notes

The even stride of a race horse going at full speed is 24 feet.

Only 12 players who were in the majors 12 years ago are still there.

The best way to prevent another war in Europe lies in inoculating the politicians with the golf bug.

Despite all the natural influences involved, horseshoe pitching is one sport we can't get a kick out of.

While it is true you cannot get your feet wet playing indoor golf, as much cannot be said of the nose.

Dundee says it would be foolish of him to think of retiring. It would be foolish of any fighter to think.

Once again the world is saved. Stanislaus Zbyszko has denied that he will retire from the wrestling game.

Interest in the Olympian games never will be at fever heat until basketball is made one of the major events.

President Ban Johnson of the American league announced that there will be no change in baseballs used in the league.

Clarke Griffith bemoans the lack of southpaws on his Washington club. The veteran George Mogridge is the only dependable.

Preston Gray, pitcher, has been signed to manage the Rock Island team in the Mississippi Valley league the coming season.

Joe Beckett has opened a boxing school in London and will teach his pupils the ins and outs of fighting. Particularly the outs.

The Portland club of the Pacific Coast league announces the signing of Gordon Cochran, captain of the Boston university baseball team.

President Doc Seabough of the Western association announces the signing of two more umpires—Mike Jacobs and Jack Wilkerson, both veterans.

Considering the uniform they wear, it is difficult to understand the statement that some of the basketball teams have something up their sleeve.

Eddie Collins says that Shortstop McClellan should be much more valuable to the White Sox this year. McClellan, after long service on the bench, finally graduated to the ranks of a regular last summer. He is just a fair hitter.

Star Female Athlete



Roberta Ranck, well-known twenty-one-year-old female athletic star of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Turngemeinde. She is the national decathlon champion and is also a javelin and discus thrower of championship proportions. She is second highest in the shot put and a member of the celebrated Turngemeinde play team.

Split Season Plan in the National League

A fact of which few baseball fans are aware is that the National league once adopted the split season plan, which in recent years has become popular with some of the little organizations. It was back in 1892 that the parent league divided its season into two parts. Cleveland won the first half and Boston the second. Boston was awarded the pennant for having won the greater number of games for the whole season.

Stuffy McInnis Is Big Help to Boston Braves

Stuffy McInnis of the immortal Athletic infield of 1911-14, still shines about as brightly as ever after 15 seasons of toil, wear and tear. Playing for the Boston Braves in 1923, the rotund first sacker led the league batsmen in sacrifice hits—a most useful line of endeavor, and yet one that gains few cheers. He made 37 sacrifices.

Stuffy stands the strain well, for he missed only one game last year. He still keeps within the magic .300 circle, with an average of .315. He did not lead the league fielding, as he had done so often in his glorious past, but he came within two points of it, with an average of .991.

Stuffy made just 14 errors in 1,603 total chances, and shared with Walter Holke of the Phillies the double-play record. They engaged in 130 double plays each.

"Dazzy" Shovels Snow



"Dazzy" Vance kept his pitching arm warmed up on a cold day by shoveling snow in front of his cigar store in Omaha, Neb., where the star twirler of the Brooklyn Dodgers—leader of the National league in strikeouts last season—is enjoying a highly profitable business.

English Are Lacking in Snappy "Baseball Arms"

While recently discussing his vacation in Europe, John McGraw, manager of the Giants, said: "I am convinced that the English will never be great baseball players—not for a great time, at any rate. They lack the great essential of the proper throwing arm. By that I mean, when they throw they do not use the snappy movement employed by Americans in baseball. They use the throw used in cricket. The schoolboys form the nucleus of our baseball. If they take up baseball on a large scale in the English schools some day they may develop a team to give us an argument. But that day is very, very far off."

Three Men Swim Channel

Another "impossibility" has dropped to the level of the commonplace—swimming the English channel. Three turned the trick last year, and it is predicted more will do it next summer. The 1923 trio were Henry Sullivan and Charles Toth, Americans, and Enrique Tirabocchi, a South American.



Mary Alden



Charming Mary Alden, the "movie" star, refuses to divulge the secret of her birthplace, claiming she is a citizen of the world and a servant of the universe. She was educated in Montreal. Los Angeles and New York claim her. Miss Alden has green-blue eyes, black hair and a fair complexion. She has been seen in some of the most prominent productions.

breaking up the ice and melting the snow as he went, and in a few days not a sign of February remained.

Folks said that year, that March was like a lamb, he was so mild, but they did not know that it was because of his sister April's tears and his sister May's smile that he was so gentle.

WHY MARCH WAS MILD

THOUGH March is a blustering fellow, at times he can be as nice manners, and sweet as his sisters, April and May.

One year April opened her eyes and jumped out of bed. She thought she must have overslept, for she plainly heard someone saying: "Come out! The sun is warm." But the next words that April heard filled her with fear. "We can fool the earth folks for a while, March. You know you are sometimes very much like me, at the first of your coming."

It was old February trying to entice March to come out cold and blustering, that he might have an excuse for staying longer; and April knew that she and her sister May would have to stay late in their beds if March listened to the tempter.

March dearly loves a frolic. He likes to blow and bluster and scare folks with his roar, sending hats and umbrellas scattering and flying about. So he put on his heavy boots and thickest coat, intending to be ready



March Liked to Blow and Bluster.

for February's coldest breath. Poor little April began to weep—she knew that unless something was done at once she and May would have a short time to stay, so she whispered to her sleeping sister:

"May, May," she softly called, "wake up! wake up; old February is trying to get brother March to go out on a frolic and you know he will forget to come home if he does that."

May woke up with a sweet smile.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

GREETING

WHEN I wake o' mornings, at the break of day, "Hello, everybody," 's what I'd like to say. Meeting with a greeting friendly in its style Everybody, everywhere, who'd care to have a smile; And for the beginning there's no better time Than this very morning when I write my rhyme. So, whoever you may be—I don't really care—Hello, everybody! Hello, every-where!"

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Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

A WOMAN would rather have you assure her that her eyes were like "twain stars" than tell her of the discovery of seven new planets.

Alas, when did a bald spot, or a lean purse, or a tendency to embonpoint ever deter any man from seeking a perfect woman for his mate?

No matter how a wife may long to see her husband "well-groomed," somehow, it always gives her a cold shock of suspicion when he comes home with a bright, new, pink polish on his finger nails.

A man who can remark in an abstract way that he "loves the beautiful" and at the same time gaze into a woman's eyes with such concrete significance that it gives her a little thrill, has mastered the art that conceals art—to say nothing of the first law of nature.

"Beware of the Greeks when they offer gifts"—and beware of a woman when she ceases arguing and begins smiling at a man's deflections.

A bachelor's feeling toward a married man is something like that of the homeless stray, who gazes with mingled scorn, pity, amusement and envy at the pampered, overfed pet Pom straining at his leash.

Sudden shock has been known to turn a woman's hair white in a night—but then, sudden determination will always turn it dark, again, in a day. Isn't nature wonderful?

A woman's pity for a discarded lover may be akin to love; but a man's pity for the woman he has just escaped is a blood relative to ennu.

Bachelors are like barges without tugs; they may carry a lot of weight, but they never get anywhere.

Man proposes—but not until woman has got him so blindfolded and tangled up that he can't see any other way out.

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To Make Drop Biscuits

Drop biscuits are made just as other baking powder biscuits are except that more liquor is used. The biscuits should be of such consistency that they may be dropped from the spoon upon a baking sheet or tin but not thin enough to cause them to spread.

The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING

JAY BIRDS

A SUPERSTITION found in many sections of the country but especially popular in the South is that a jay bird disappears every third day. On that day he is on duty in hell where he goes to tell the devil of "backsliders." The more common form of this superstition is, perhaps, that the jay bird is never seen on Friday as on that day he is carrying sticks to the devil for him to make fire with.

This superstition is a direct inheritance from Norse mythology and German folk-lore and originates in exactly the same way as the magpie's reputation as a bringer of bad luck. In fact the jay-bird superstition more closely follows the ancient magpie myth than does the modern magpie superstition itself.

In the days of Odin and Thor the witches were accustomed to hold high carnival on Walpurgis night, when they transformed themselves into

magpies and flew away to Blakulle to consult the devil.

At first it would appear strange to find the jay bird—the most noticeable specimen of which in this country is the blue jay—inheriting a magpie myth. But ornithologists tell us that the magpie and the jay are very closely related and that the blue magpie of Europe is a connecting link between them. In fact, as well as in superstition, they merge into each other. Therefore, when we consider the bad habit of the magpie in making periodical visits to the devil in Blakulle it is not surprising that the jay bird should be suspected of a similar practice.

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"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name: its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

LORETTA

LORETTA should, by right of origin, be spelled Lauretta. Its present accepted form is due to the Italian influence which destroys the French "au" and supplies the letter equivalent to its pronunciation.

Loretta signifies "laurel," but there is considerable difference of opinion in regard to her source. Some etymologists believe that it is taken from the masculine Laurus, and the ladies so called should consider St. Laurence as their patron. Others contend that it is taken from the Greek word laura, meaning avenue, and applied to the clusters of hermitages which eventually formed the nucleus of monasteries. A religious interpretation is that the name Lauretta was evolved to commemorate the laurel grove, or loreto, to which the Italians believe the angels transported the holy house of Nazareth during the conquest of Palestine.

But whatever theory is correct, Lauretta made her debut as a feminine name among the Flemish in 1162. Her next appearance was in the time of King John, when a daughter of William de Braose, lord of Bramber, was so called. After that, the name became popular in usage throughout England and France. In the latter country, it is called Laurette.

The emerald is Loretta's talismanic gem. It is the jewel of youth and springtime for Loretta, and will bring her the charm that comes from quickened intelligence, and the admiration of others. Wednesday is her lucky day and '3 her lucky number.

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Use for a Slide Rule

A slide rule is an instrument composed of various scales the positions of which in relation to each other may be altered. It is used for the rapid performance of certain arithmetical operations. The scales may be engraved on straight rods, disks, or on the surface of a cylinder.

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