

NOTES AND COMMENT ON GOLF AND TENNIS—ITEMS FROM THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF SPORT

I'M NO QUITTER NOR AM I CRYING FOR AID—MACK

Athletics' Manager Declares He Will Make Good His Promise to Rebuild

MORE NEW MEN COMING

"I am not crying for mercy or making any plea for patronage for the Athletics Club, nor do I believe that I have made a mistake in tearing apart the greatest baseball machine of the day. It is said by a critic who has been bitter toward the Athletics for years that we must now see that we have made a mistake. He points to a monument to Connie Mack's folly, but I still maintain that I did right and will again say that I will have a greater team in two years than the one I broke up."

This statement was made by Manager Connie Mack, of the Athletics, after reading an article intimating that he begrudged the Phillies the success that team is having, and that Mack and Manager Mack must at last realize that there was a serious mistake to tear apart the famous Athletics machine.

"We are losing ball games every day and probably will finish the poorest last of any team in either major league in a year, but I have made considerable progress along the lines of reconstruction. If the fans will look back to the 1908 season, they will realize that my progress was slow then until the combination of complete, and then the team came like lightning. My progress must be slow, because the only part that I have now that I am banking on my new men are my pitchers, and they don't know anything yet and cannot be expected to show until next season.

"I will have almost an entirely new team in the field in two weeks' time, and then the fans will be able to get a line on my future championship team. To date I have not a single youngster, barring one, who will be a part of the new machine. My best prospects will be here in a short time, and I think the fans will be satisfied.

"The poor attendance has not worried us in the least, because the least attention we attract right now the better it will be for the team. I am convinced that the fans will suddenly awaken to the fact along about the middle of next season, and then they will be satisfied that I have done the right thing.

"I have made no plea for mercy, as my critic would have people believe. He has roasted the Athletics Club unmercifully for years, and without cause. We have always played fair with the public and newspapers, and because we could not conscientiously give him the best of it at the expense of the others, a campaign was started against the club.

"If I thought that there was anything to any suggestion from carping critics which would do the team good or aid the public, I would be only too glad to adopt it.

"I have not seen that I have made a serious mistake. In fact, I am more convinced than ever that I did exactly right. I made the remark last winter that the club deserved the Athletics title which they had won for several years, but with the spirit that prevailed in 1914, it could not have finished better than fourth this year.

"Others may disagree, but I contend that I know that team better than any one else. We have always given the fans good baseball and pennant-contending teams, and will do so in the future. I do not begrudge the Phillies the money they are making or the success they have had. The club deserves the success, and I am pulling hard for them to win the pennant. I have not seen anything of the National League teams and therefore my opinion is valueless, but I should say, judging by the existing conditions, that the Phillies will win out with a little to spare.

"At the Sporting Writers' banquet last winter Moran and I wished each other success during the present season, and I am glad to say that I feel happy because a man like Moran, who is a credit to the game, has been so successful, and I will be pulling for him till the finish.

"Why should we envy the Phillies? We have had years of success and it is their turn now. I have never been a quitter and I won't quit now. Nor will I allow the attacks of an unfair critic to sway me. The public may be misled for a time, but you can't fool the people all the time. I could have broken up my team in a manner that would have caused but little excitement, but that is not my way of doing business. Had the team been broken up in another manner, the fans would have had to be content with a losing team for a longer period than they will under existing conditions.

"I repeat that we will have another wonderful club before the close of next season. Everything depends on how soon my pitchers develop. They will surely be right by the middle of next season. They are slow finding themselves, but they will come around. The rest of my combination has been completed and will be shared up between now and the spring training season.

"Just at present I prefer to keep the names of the new men to myself, but they will all be here within two weeks. Just remember we don't care if there are not a hundred people present. The way the team is playing we are getting all the patronage that could be expected, but the public likes a winner, and I will give them that."

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss. Rows include Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss. Rows include Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Washington, New York, St. Louis, Cleveland, Athletics.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss. Rows include Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati, Newark, Kansas City, Louisville, Brooklyn, Baltimore.

Pastime Stable Coming Here

The Pastime Stable, of Cleveland, O., will make its first appearance in this city at Belmont track on September 21. Owner William J. Andrews will drive horses McKinney in the team stakes race—side, valued at \$100.

LITTLE BOBBY BYRNE AND HIS PRETTY BRIDE-TO-BE



The Phillies' star third baseman is to wed Miss Laura Shields, of St. Louis, at the close of the present base-ball season. Miss Shields will become his bride whether or not the Phillies win the pennant. The two have been sweethearts since childhood.

THE VARDON GRIP IN GOLFING; CORRECT POSITION OF LEFT HAND

Study of British Champion's Method Gives Exact Place for Each Finger and the Thumb to Make the Swing Effective

By JOHN ALBERT SCOTT

To establish a correct connection between player and club, is the fundamental or golf. Vardon, Braid and Taylor, who have, between them, won the Open Championship of Great Britain (generally acknowledged as the world's championship) 15 times in the last 30 years, all use the same form of grip. It is safe, therefore, to assume there is sound reason for their method of gripping the club or they would not be in accord in using it.



Position of Vardon's Left Hand.

They represent three different physical types, in height, size of hands, length of arms, etc.; in fact, there are no points of physical resemblance. Ray and Duncan, still different types, use the same style of grip. "There is a reason."

The grip these men use is the over-lapping grip, usually called the Vardon grip, because his use and success with it first called attention to it, although there is some doubt as to its origin.

To illustrate it, I will use photographs of Vardon's hands, which he permitted me to take. Photograph No. 1, used with this article, shows the left hand. It will be seen that this hand is so placed, partly over the shaft, as to permit one using it, to see the joints of the first three fingers, where they join the hand. The V formed by the thumb and hand is pointing toward the right shoulder, not the first joint of the second finger.

EASTERN TENNIS "CHAMPS" SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20

Entries for Meet in Fairmount Park Indicate Best Yet

The Eastern clay court tennis championship will be held this year as usual on the courts at Strawberry Mansion, Fairmount Park, starting Monday, September 20, at 3 p. m. The committee has reason to believe that the number of entries this year will far exceed those of any previous year. Particular attention has been paid to the arrangement and condition in order to make the 1915 championships the greatest and most enjoyable of the 15 years of tennis playing under the present club.

The committee on entries is particularly anxious to get the names of those who have been identified as participants in many tournaments of the past. Entries may be sent to Leo Wainrot, 218 Euclid avenue, or phone Diamond 1387 D.

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FIRST WORK FOR INDIANS

First Game of Carlisle Season Scheduled Saturday

CARLISLE, Pa., Sept. 14.—With the formal opening of the football season scheduled for Carlisle on the coming Saturday, the Indians, under the direction of Coach Victor Kelley, Gus Welch and John McGillis, put in an afternoon of warm work here yesterday. Following the fundamentals, a 20-minute scrimmage gave opportunity for keen competition for a number of positions.

Two new men, Williams, at tackle, and Chase, at guard, gave Welch and Martel a hard chase. Numerous changes were made in the line-up of the first and second elevens. Tibbitts showed strength in the backfield.

If the club is held in this manner with the left hand, it will be found that the tips of the second and third fingers will touch the large lump at the base of the thumb, the end of the second finger just at the joint where the thumb joins the hand. The end of the little finger will not quite go around the grip; there will be a space between it and the palm. The end of the forefinger will come to the first joint of the second finger.

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WHAT THE PHILS MUST DO TO WIN PENNANT

Twenty-three games remain on the Phillies' schedule. Brooklyn has 19 and Boston 21.

If the Phillies win 18 out of 23 games they will win the pennant with 83 games won and 61 lost, a percentage of .983. The best Boston and Brooklyn could do by winning every game would be to tie for second place with an average of .597.

If the Phillies win 17 out of 23 and Boston and Brooklyn win all their games, the three teams would be tied for first place with 82 games won and 62 lost, an average of .570.

If the Phillies should win 14 out of 23 they would have a percentage of .578, and Brooklyn would have to win 16 out of 19 and Boston 18 out of 21 to tie.

If the Phillies should win only 12 of their remaining 23 games they would finish with a percentage of .558, and Brooklyn would have to win 13 out of 19 and Boston 15 out of 21 to tie.

The above figures are based on the completed schedule. Each of the three teams, as no provision can be made for games lost through postponement.

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JOLLY TARS WILL GET HANDSOME PRIZES AT BIG GABFEST TONIGHT

Members of Crews in Memorial Bridesburg to Ocean City Race Will Gather at Banquet

THE DORA II'S THRILLERS

TWILIGHT AT SEA The twilight hours, like birds, flew by, As lightly and as free, Ten thousand stars were in the sky, Ten thousand on the sea; For every wave, with dimpled face, That leaped upon the air, Had caught a star in its embrace, And held it trembling there.

Local yachtmen who participated in the recent 124-nautical mile cruiser contest under the auspices of the Columbia Yacht Club, sanctioned by the American Powerboat Association, from Bridesburg to Ocean City, will gather at the Hotel Walton tonight, when the handsome race awards will be made.

Three members of the crew of each of the vessels will receive souvenir medals. The winning owner, W. J. McNamee, Naomi, will get a certificate of championship from the A. P. B. A., while a silver loving cup will also be awarded. The occasion will be a memorable one, and tales of the trip will be exchanged. A good old impromptu gabfest along other lines also will be a certainty.

The race to Ocean City was one of the most remarkable ever held in this or any other city.

Northeast Boy in Lehigh Squad

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 14.—Not nearly so many candidates came out yesterday at Lehigh as on last Saturday, largely because of hot weather. Among those appeared McGreger, a 200-pound guard and tackle of Conaway Hall, and Hauer, the 170-pound half back of Northeast High. Hauer especially looks trim. He did some good early season outings, some of his kicks going over 50 yards.

BYRNE'S BOYHOOD SWEETHEART TO WED HIM EVEN IF PHILS LOSE

Miss Laura Shields, Beautiful St. Louis Girl, and Phillies' Third Baseman Will Marry at Conclusion of Present Baseball Season

Bobby Byrne, third baseman of the Phillies, who is at the present time on the sidelines with a broken finger, is to marry Miss Laura Shields, a beautiful St. Louis girl, immediately after the close of the season. This announcement was made exclusively in the EVENING LEDGER last Thursday.

Byrne and Miss Shields have been sweethearts for years, ever since Bobby started playing ball on a back lot a few squares from the Shields residence on O'Fallon street, St. Louis.

Byrne began his baseball career with an independent team in St. Louis, and was recommended to John McCloskey, then managing the Cardinals. McCloskey got a minor league position for Byrne and recalled him after one season. He was a star from the outset in St. Louis, and was rated as the best third baseman in the league when he was sold to Pittsburgh for a large sum of money and several players.

This deal was made back in 1909, and aided Pittsburgh in winning the National League pennant and World's Series from Detroit. He was traded to the Phillies, along with Howard Camnitz, for "Cozy" Dolan, in the fall of 1911.

Miss Shields has followed Byrne's baseball career, just as a little girl sweetheart would, and it is said that they would have been married long ago, had it not been for the fact that Miss Shields' parents objected to having her leave St. Louis for six months each year.

A rumor was started in St. Louis that Miss Shields had promised to marry

Byrne only on condition that the Phillies win the pennant and world's championship, but Miss Shields indignantly denies this. "I'll marry Bobby no matter where the Phillies finish, or if he were to quit baseball tomorrow," was Miss Shields' declaration when the story appeared in a St. Louis paper.

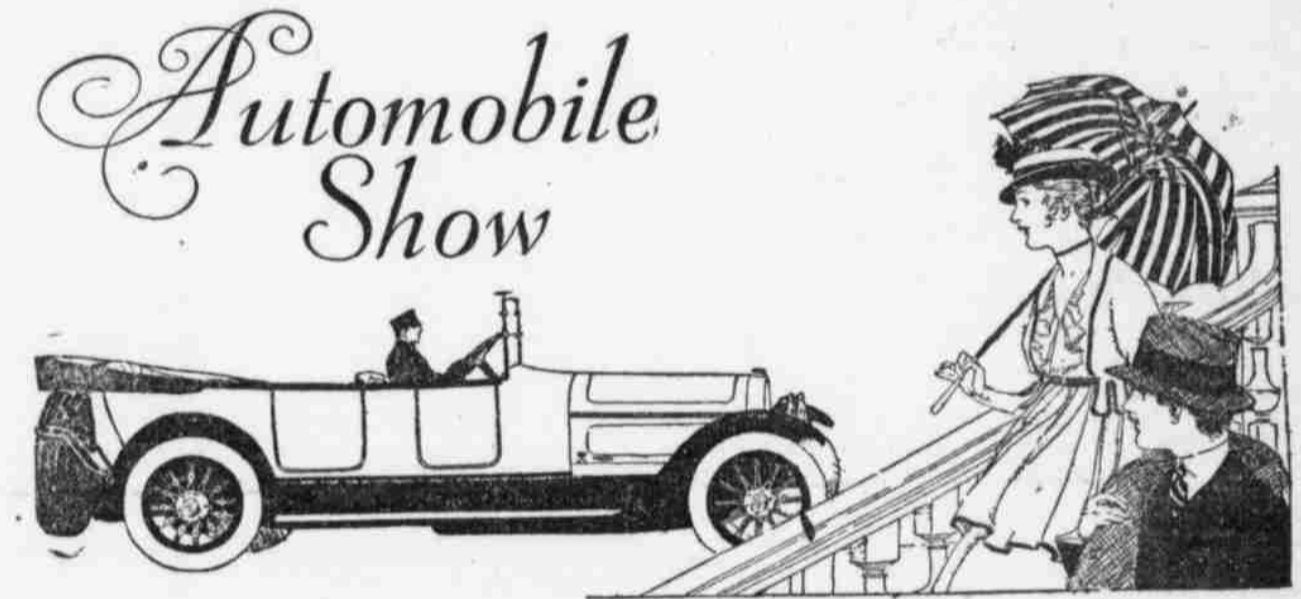
It is believed that the couple will reside in St. Louis, and take apartments in this city each summer.

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