

WITH THE SEASON OF 1917 NEARLY AT HAND BASEBALL NEEDS BOOSTERS, NOT KNOCKERS

CLEAR WATER AHEAD AS BASEBALL EMBARKS ON ITS SEASON'S VOYAGE WITH "REASON" AS THE HELMSMAN

National Sport Has Been Tried by Fire Since Federal League Entered the Field and Has Survived in Fine Style

THIS is the last day of the Stove League season. Tomorrow the real stuff starts when the Chicago Cubs...

Baseball Is in More Rational Condition

IT HAS been a tough winter for all concerned, but probably baseball is in a better and more rational condition than it has been for a number of years...

But as trying as it all has been, much has been accomplished, and the game is in a healthier condition than it has been since the Federal League opened its battle against organized baseball...

PRESIDENT EBBETS, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, again is to the fore with an original idea, and it will inject a lot of patriotic spirit into baseball...

How Dave Fultz Figured

THIS winter a large number of the contracts expired and the time was at hand to cut into these fat yearly stipends...

As a matter of fact, Fultz laid his plans carefully. He fully understood conditions and realized that there would be a lot of dissatisfied ball players around the country when the contracts were sent out...

Thus baseball has been through fire since 1914. First came the battle with the Federal League and then the fight with the players, which was a natural development of the original war...

Sunday Big Traps Shooting Day in the West

PROBABLY the greatest revision in the rules of the Interstate Association for the Encouragement of Traps Shooting made at the recent annual meeting...

RUGBY football is being taken up by Japanese and Chinese students on the coast, and the Oriental athletes are making unusual progress...

Cincinnati Is Baseball's Hoodoo Town

MANY baseball stars have been in the line-up of the Cincinnati Reds since 1900, yet at no time has a team from that city been up in the running for a National League championship...

Rowing Beneficial, Not Harmful, Says Ten Eyck

ARGUMENTS pro and con are numerous relative to the injury or benefit by competitive rowing. Some critics say that rowers suffer an enlargement of the heart...

Les Darcy to Appear in Court Bouts

WHEN Leslie Darcy tied the calf to E. T. O'Sullivan, the man who kidnapped him from Australia and safely brought the boxer to this country...

Competition in Local Soccer League Is Close

SOCCER, fast becoming one of the most interesting sports in Philadelphia, is holding forth in this vicinity more than ever...

THE "Big Nine" door is partly open to the University of Michigan, and it is only a short time before the Wolverine athletes will get back into the Western Conference...

Graduate Race in College Meet Holds Interest

THE 15 freely predicted that the graduate race on the program of the indoor intercollegiate meet here March 3 will be the feature number on the program...

FIFTIETH CLUB MEETS HANCOCK

Initial Game Tonight in Play-off for League Championship

EACH SIDE CONFIDENT

Table with columns for Eastern League, American League, and Intercollegiate League, listing teams and statistics.

The initial basketball game in the play-off for the American League championship will be staged this evening at Natatorium Hall...

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WILLARD TO BE OFFERED \$70,000 FOR FULTON BOUT

Ten-Round Match for New York May Be Clinched in Chicago Today

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Probably the greatest purse ever offered for a ten-round bout will be dangled before the eyes of Tom Jones...

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TINKER SPEARS, J. EVERS BARKING—FAN DREAMING OF OLD-TIME CUBS IS SHOT BEFORE HE WAKES AGAIN

Sees Once More the Shoots of Three-Fingered Brown Hit the Mitt of Johnnie Kling as Feathered Angels Sing

By GRANTLAND RICE The Cub Fan's Dream "Last night," he said, with shining eyes, "I dreamed that Chance was back; I dreamed that Steiny's wallop once more led the old attack; I seemed to see Joe Tinker make an old-time Tinker spear; And hear J. Evers barking in the shaking umpire's ear; And, like a dream of heaven, Where the feathered angels sing, I heard the shoots of Brownie hit the mitt of Johnnie Kling.

WHICH is no part of a knock on Professor Mitchell, the new Cub pennant chief, Mitchell has all the qualities of which the leaders are made. But many a summer day will drift hazily along before Cub fans will ever see another such machine—Chance, Tinker, Evers, Steinfield, Sheppard, Schutte, Hoffman, Kling, Brown, Overall, Pfeister—once every twenty years is a big average for such a parade.

The Four Greatest Which reminds us that a certain query has remained unanswered for several days. The query, from one of the smaller Fan provinces, desires to know the four greatest ball clubs of the last twenty years. There are six clubs that might well figure in such a debate—the Baltimore Orioles of 1894; the Boston Nationals of 1887; the Pittsburgh Club of 1902; the New York Giants of 1905; the Chicago Cubs of 1906; the Philadelphia Athletics of 1911.

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