

THERE WILL BE NO "BEEFLESS" DAYS WHEN THE BALL PLAYERS GET INTO ACTION NEXT MONTH

MAJOR LEAGUES WILL TACKLE TOUGH JOB OF CURBING FREAK FLINGING TO IMPROVE HITTING

Action of American Association in Barring All Kinds Helps to Force Issue—Pioneers and Masters of Weird Heaves

WHAT the keen war critics term an "ominous unrest" has been brewing in baseball for some time...

The subject of restricting the freak stuff will be threshed out at the two big league meetings in New York this week...

The pitching era which has led up to the present situation dates back to the time of Elmer Stricklett...

The first effective variation, and one which completely mystified the baseball world until the secret was exposed by big Ed Sweeney...

IT IS something of a coincidence that the big pioneer artists in these most effective camouflaged deliveries were products of the New York American League team.

Cleotte's "Shine Ball" Last Season's Sensation UP TO the time of the appearance of Eddie Cleotte's hotly debated "shine ball" last year...

The public was allowed to entertain the idea of the existence of the wonderful "shine ball" last year, which impression was greatly reinforced by the fact that the White Sox hurler had the best year of his imposing life...

Any mention of freak pitching would be inconclusive without citing the experience of Barney Dreyfuss in turning loose a fortune for the greatest pitching flinger the game has ever seen...

PRESENT agitation regarding freak deliveries has been emphasized by the act of the American Association in putting a stringent ban on all phony varieties of pitching...

REPORTS come via grapevine that Christy Mathewson wants to keep Jimmy Lavender in the big ring next year, which may mean one of several things...

RECENTLY a wild story came out of the West to the effect that an informal agreement had been reached by three National League managers to use their best pitchers against the Giants as often as possible...

THE official records at least do not prove that the Georgia midget is all in, down and out. He broke even on the season of 1917 with seven wins against a like number of defeats.

Bush Batting Kings Will Crowd Majors This Year THERE cry for more hitting in baseball ought to be heard this season if the list of swatting phenoms billed to wear big league uniforms comes through in any such style as they did in the grass circuits...

THE Yankees bought Camp, the mauling monarch of the South Atlantic, and Kane, the Eastern's premier pitching pounder...

Detroit obtained Bing Miller, the Central Association's leader, and Walker, the Central League's pacesetter...

Cincinnati drafted Maurice Rath, the best bludgeon wielder in the Pacific Coast League...

Philadelphia of the American League invested in Sharman, the Texas League's most able swatter, and Philadelphia of the National League repurchased Welsch, who ranked No. 1 among the New York State League hitters...

WEISER, according to report, may go to the coast this season in the deal for Pitcher Bradley Hogg, of the Los Angeles team.

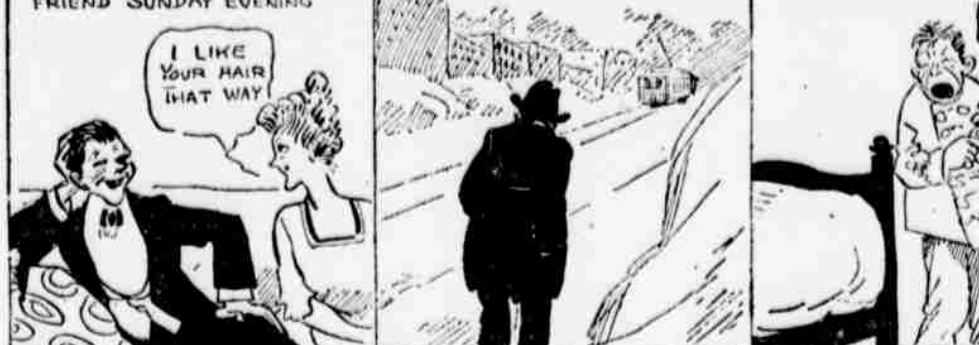
233 Players Batted Above .300 Last Year

THERE were 233 men who batted better than .300 on the baseball field in 1917, the Northwestern League showing up with the most hitters of this kind—two dozen—and the National League with the smallest number—half a dozen...

THE greatest run-getter in the business last season was Johnny Tobin, of the Los Angeles team...

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

IF YOU HAD LINGERED UNTIL 12 BELLS WHILE CALLING ON YOUR LADY FRIEND SUNDAY EVENING



AND THEN MISSED YOUR CAR AND PLAYED FRENCH OUT WITH A SWEET JOSEPH WHILE WAITING AN HOUR FOR THE NEXT ONE



ARRIVING AT THE HOME PORT ABOUT 2:30 YOU WIND THE ALARM CLOCK AS USUAL



OH-H-H GARFIELD! AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

SCHOOLS RATED IN VARIED SPORTS Stove League Discussion Brings Out Comparative Prowess in All Lines

By PAUL PREP A group of past and present prep school athletes, the majority of whom are entitled to the honor of wearing their varsity letter, met the other evening...

THE first American winner of the day in the last British amateur golf championship was Fraser Hale...

Where Travers Excelled Where so many fine critics have spoken in praise of his own suggestions, with the excuse that they are borne of years of practical experience...

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SPLITRAL CHIEF SUBJECT BEFORE DIAMOND MOGULS

National League Heads Also Will Consider Season's Schedule Adoption

WAR TAX COLLECTION NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—With the splitball chief subject before the house, the National League will go through the motions here today of ratifying a schedule...

Charles Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn club, has several things he wants to tell his brother managers about. He has something that will make change, handle the war tax, manage the pitchers and throw out offending fans.

Ebbetts to Show Machine His machine, he declares, will be exhibited to the gaze of the baseball public today...

Some changes may be made in rules which will permit clubs to play off postponed games at any time...

Big Questions Up Today Six leading matters to be taken up are these: First, Adoption of the playing schedule of 154 games; start on April 16.

Second, Adoption of a system of collecting the war tax on admissions.

Third, Final disposal of the financial settlement with the Federal League.

Fourth, Discussion of the advisability of legislating against the spitball and other deliveries of "unnatural" types.

Fifth, Continuation of the selection of John K. Tener as president.

Sixth, Adoption of a rule permitting the playing of a double-header at any time, instead of forcing teams to play off postponed games only on second trips or later.

The confirmation of Tener's election is taken for granted, but there will be two dissenting votes, from Pittsburgh and Brooklyn.

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TENDLER PROVES HE POSSESSES A KNOCKOUT WALLOP WHEN HE ROCKS TOMMY TOUHEY TO SLEEP

Law Rehearses in the First, When He Knocks Foe Out of Ring, and Puts on Finishing Touches in the Fourth Session

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THE curtain dropped in the fourth act of the thrilling drama at the Olympia last night when one of the principals suddenly became drowsy, went to sleep in full view of the clubmen and could not be aroused...

Tommy Touhey, the strawberry blonde from Paterson, N. J., was the party of the second part who found it difficult to stay up...

Looie in Rare Form Looie was in rare form and his stuff was better than he started out with...

It had been reported in select circles where the ball boys are wont to congregate that Looie had nothing but a right job and that lets him out of the ring...

Tender proved beyond question of doubt that he possessed a big-league wallop right night when he accomplished what he had never done before...

Classy Exhibition In the second and third Tandler gave the classic exhibition of boxing ever seen in the local arena...

There was a patch of plaster on Touhey's nose and Tandler decided to let it alone...

But let's get back to the battle. In the fourth round Touhey came out of his corner ready to do some more sparring and keep his left eye on Tandler's.

Former Giant Outfielder Invalided as Air Fighter Billy O'Hara, former Giant outfielder, and who as an aviator with the Canadian forces...

Penn in Battle FOR FIRST PLACE Quaker Five Meets Cornell at Ithaca Tonight—Martin May Play

BASEBALL DRILL TODAY First place is at stake tonight in the Intercollegiate League when Pennsylvania and Cornell meet on the chalked-out basketball court at Ithaca...

Senator Sproul Aids Glove Fund Contributes \$151.12 and Makes Up the \$1000 to Be Spent on Soldiers' Largest Contribution

State Senator William C. Sproul, Chester, came to the rescue of the boxing glove fund yesterday when he completed the \$1000 drive by sending his check for \$151.12...

Fight Fans Say Clinch Entitled to Decision NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—New Orleans fans are still unconvinced of the merit of Referee Remy Dorcy's decision in ending the twenty-round fight between Johnny Dundee and Pat O'Keefe...

Suits \$1.12 ON REDCOATS REDUCED FROM \$20, \$25 and \$35

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