

VETERAN CATCHER DECLINES TO BE OUTDONE BY SON AND ENLISTS TO PUT OUT THE HUN

MANAGER'S HELPER LEADING DEVELOPMENT IN SPECIALIZED BASEBALL OF THE PRESENT DAY

Virtually All Big League Teams Supplied With Consulting Coach, Inspector or Entertainer, or All Three in One

BASEBALL may be the great "national pastime," but it is not the only one. There is an indoor as well as outdoor sport more general, and that is specializing. Everybody who gets anywhere these days concentrates and limits his work to a certain field, in order that by giving greater attention to one thing he may do it better than the fellow who does a lot of things well.

Specializing in baseball has been growing with the years. Highly skilled performers in limited fields have been introduced into the game, which is one reason the pastime has become so expert and so organized in a way not dreamed of when every fellow was playing for himself and team and inside play had not come along.

The essentials for a ball team used to be a manager, a player for each position, with an extra catcher and pitcher and a general utility player or so. Now no team may be said to be complete without coaches, trainers, a flock of general surplus players, scouts, road secretaries, entertainers, etc. Coaching and general observation work now are among the most important developments of modern baseball, and virtually every big league outfit sports an understudy to the manager who observes every play, coaches the team and offers to the main boss the results of his inspection in order to help win. McGraw, the resourceful and original giant chiefdom, generally is credited with the introduction of the coach when he hired Arlie Latham to aid him in observation and in injecting his impressions into the players' systems.

ALSO this move introduced the feature of entertainment and comedy as a means of keeping the players in good humor and playing mood.

Mitchell Was Notable Understudy to Stallings

ONE of the most celebrated understudy feats was that performed by Fred Mitchell, now manager of the Chicago Cubs, during the season of 1914, when the Boston Braves pulled the most astonishing feat known to baseball in coming with a rush from last place in near midseason and finally winning a pennant and then a world's championship. Stallings hasn't been able to do much since Mitchell left him, which may or may not be significant.

The leading combination characters in the coaching field today are Nick Altrock and Germany Schaefer. The two leading comedians of the game also are wise birds in coaching and in watching other teams in action. They will be with the Senators and Giants respectively.

Harry Davis was one of the best understudies to the manager the game has known. He was admittedly of great assistance to Connie Mack, not only in building up his great teams of the past, but in lifting them to play ball. Now that he has retired it is not unlikely that Connie will rely upon Forrest Cady to supply whatever assistance in the coaching line he will have the coming season. Oscar Duguey corresponded to Harry Davis in the Phil camp, but it is not definite what reliance will be placed this season by Pat Moran for similar duty.

Other coaches who will serve with big league teams the coming season are: Bill Donovan, Detroit; Johnny Evers, Red Sox; Kid Gleason, White Sox; Ed Walsh, Browns; Otto Knabe, Cubs; Jack Flaherty, Braves; Jimmy Archer, Pittsburgh. Wilbert Robinson will continue his well-known specialty along with the Dodger managerial role, assisted by Jack Coombs. Matty will look after his own coaching, it is said.

THE lowly Browns will have the most elaborate managerial assistance corps of any big league team. In addition to Ed Walsh to coach they will have Jimmy Burke as a jollier and Bobby Quinn to tell Fielder Jones where to get off.

Mustache Will Be Retained on Diamond

BASEBALL facial plumage has been banned for several years and few diamond performers have had the nerve to sport the whiskered effects. There were two notable exceptions in big league circles last season, Wally Schang and John Henry Davenport for a part of the season at least neat little mustachios of modern pattern. Another brave spirit threatens to violate baseball usage this season, and there is a reason. Henry is going from Washington and a successorship is natural. Catcher Eddie Gharrity proposes to serve in the pinch role with a neat lip decoration.

Baseball pictures of y olden day show startling effects in face adornment. The whiskered stuff was not only popular but universal in the "hallicon days" when the game was a-burning. The majority of players wore some sort of drapery and also the umpires. A group likeness of the average club of the long ago suggests a Bolshevik gathering of the present moment. Umpires were the fanciest dressers and decorators, ancient prints showing arbiters not only sporting dundrearies, but silk hats. As to just how long either the hat or the whiskers would last in a modern diamond combat can be easily imagined. Johnny Evers or Heinie Zinn would tolerate these effects for a part of one inning, perhaps; and as for the bleachers, they would get his majesty before the game started.

Following the departure of the elaborate whiskered effects the full mustache came into vogue. Baseball players of twenty-five years ago affected the bristle, which gave them a savage look and the dignity of mature men. This was before the college boy and the youthful phenom had his day and when it was considered manly to look old.

IT IS not unlikely that a diamond performer appearing in the olden days with one of these fetching little modern delicatessen mustaches would have had about as much chance of surviving as would a player today appearing in lace curtains.

Huggins Tells What Makes a Ballplayer

MILLER HUGGINS is a wise old bird. He is tickled over the showing being made by his men at their Macon training camp, but he declines to make any prophecies on the season. He has been too often and also he has before him the experience of former Yankee bosses who have filled the fans with pre-season dope which boomeranged. The actual warfare is an altogether different thing from the preliminary stuff, is the burden of his remarks. In discussing the subject and the general question of baseball fitness he says:

"I form opinions down here about my players, but they are not based on anything like a final analysis. They are subject to change without notice. They are merely training camp opinions and carry with them a reservation to allow for the psychological effect of actual big league warfare. "A ball player must have three essential qualities if he is to make good. First of all he must have perfect physical fitness. Then he must have automatic versatility under fire. Lastly he must have heart, and by that I mean courage and nerve.

"It is as impossible for me to determine in this camp whether these rookies have the two latter essentials as it would have been for the instructors at Plattsburg to foretell what their student officers would do when they first came under hostile fire.

"The first essential, physical fitness, we can make sure of right here in Macon. I intend to see that the team starts North as near mechanical perfection as it can be brought. I am particularly anxious to have my pitchers in absolutely thorough condition. I don't want to see a lame arm on the staff.

"If I can do this the big fight will do the rest. It will uncover the weak spots and bring out the strong. It is the big league sieve that separates the busher from the real thing, not the southern training camp."

Catcher Gibson Enlists at Age of Thirty-Eight

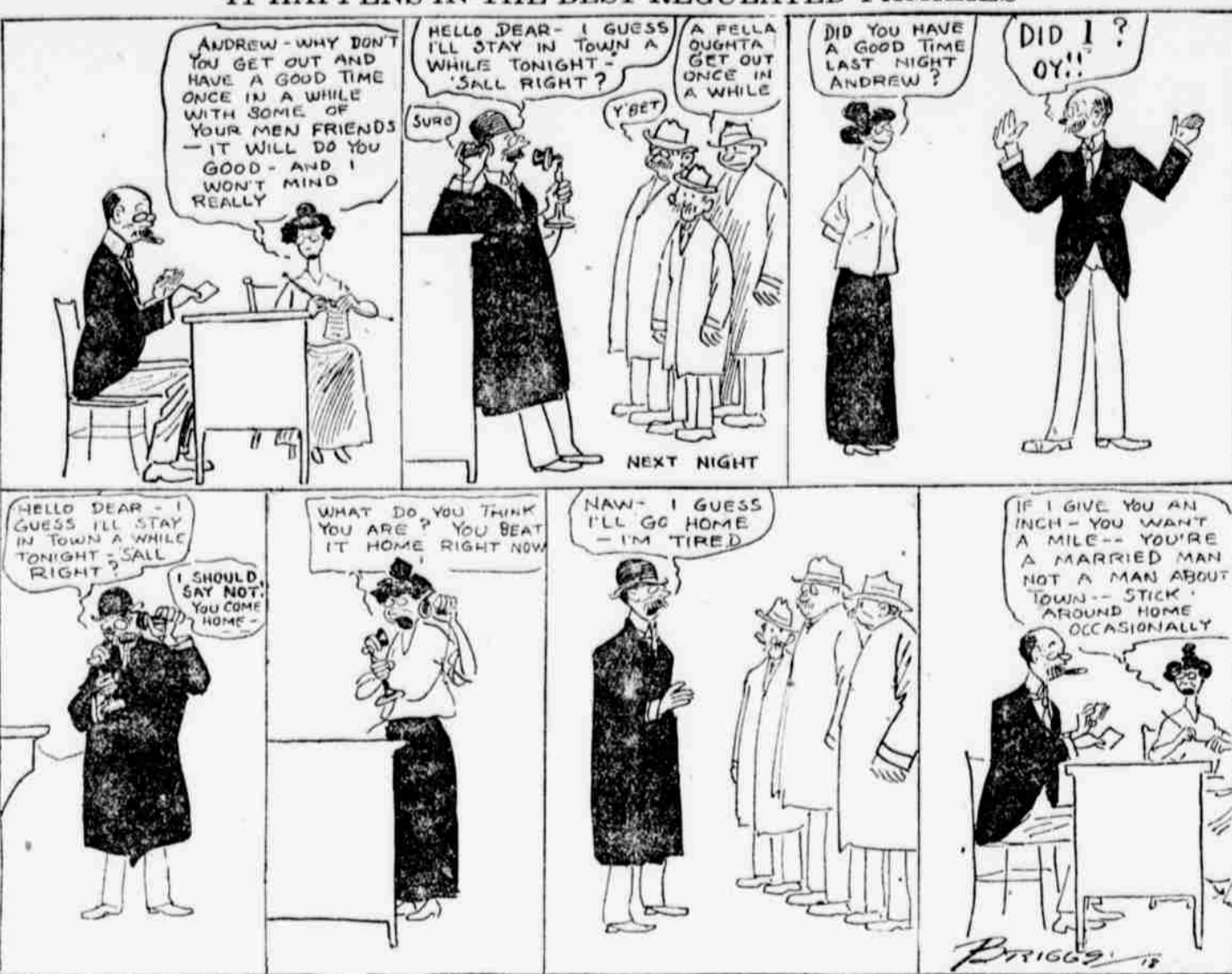
GEORGE GIBSON, the veteran catcher, who enjoys the distinction of being the only big league ball player with a son in the Allied service, has himself enlisted and now is at Camp Zachary Taylor near Louisville, where he has been made captain of a field battery. No sooner had he reached camp than he began to organize a ball team, and he hopes to make a good showing against other camp outfits and professional clubs.

Gibson's case offers some interesting points aside from his enlistment while still a member of a big league team. He was expected to look after McGraw's battery possibilities again the coming year and perhaps do some catching, and his going to war may have some bearing upon his being in the big encounter as a member of a Canadian regiment, that he should have chosen to enlist in the American ranks while himself Canadian also is unusual. Also he has quite a family, and his example, considered from any angle, is most commendable and patriotic. Gibson's acceptance also is a tribute to his wonderful work in protecting himself against injury during his long service behind the plate during the fifteen years he has been grabbing the hot ones.

Chicago Claims Two Best Catchers

THE two best catchers in baseball in Ray Schalk and Bill Wirtz of this city are making themselves

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



PHILS ARE OFF. MINUS BENDER

Players Leave New York, but Chief Sticks to His Garage

NOT HOLDOUT, HE SAYS

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Pat Moran and his Bencherless Phils left here this morning on the good ship Mohawk for Jacksonville, Fla., whence they will go by rail to the training camp at St. Petersburg. There were fifteen members in the party when the boat pulled out. Chief Bender was conspicuous by his absence, preferring to remain in Philadelphia.

To some of the superstitious players the fact that thirteen men were in the squad as it started on its first lap to St. Petersburg was an omen of ill luck. Several of the men pledged around in their seats on the trip from Philadelphia and confidentially expressed the sentiment that they were doomed to be submerged by a 13-foot wave riding the waves of the Atlantic.

They were somewhat relieved, however, when Manager Pat Moran and Woodward, a rookie pitcher, joined the squad a few minutes before starting there. As was the case in Philadelphia, only a few were on hand to bid the Phils a farewell.

Bill Shetline, the brave spouse of Glendon and business manager of the Phils, was not superstitious over the unlucky thirteen. In fact, he didn't know anything about it. A business manager, if he knows his job, cares nothing for hoodoo, because he has troubles of his own. Some time during the day some one will tell Bill what happened, and he will show his usual surprise.

Chief Bender, who performed the greatest of "red-backs" last season, is a holdout. The Indian follower, however, denies this. He gave the following explanation for not accompanying the Phils south:

"President Baker sent me a contract which was not satisfactory, and I sent it back unsigned more than a month ago. Since that time I haven't heard a thing from the club, not even a notice that they were to leave today. "I want to play ball this summer, but I must receive a reasonable salary, not cigarette money, as the Phils offered to me. I'm not a holdout. It's purely a question of salary between President Baker and myself.

According to the Phils, Bender was told that if he didn't send in his signed contract to headquarters in the Stock Exchange Building by last Wednesday no reservation would be made for him. In the squad today are four perfectly good rookies, who are getting their first taste of fast company or something like that. Lal, the Chinese wonder; Yeabley, the old Northeast star; Biss McKenty of Brown Preparatory, and a young gent named Pickup, have been and also fill in while the regulars are at bat.

The following members of the "thirteen" party started for New York: Shetline, Pearce, Mayer, Mike Dee, Pickup, Lal, McKenty, Yeabley, Doc Wittmaier, Jimmy Grantz, H. W. Maxwell, Jim Wolf and Bob Benschenderfer.

ONLY TEN OF THIRTY-TWO CLUBS IN THE LOCAL GOLF ASSOCIATION HAVE COMPILED HANDICAP LISTS

Secretary Warner Anxious to Get Data in Time—Local Pro Says He Showed President Wilson How to Play Golf

By PETER PUTTER

FRANCIS R. WARNER in a few days will send out a hurry call to twenty or more golf clubs in the Philadelphia district to rush in the handicap lists. Mr. Warner, in addition to being the secretary-treasurer of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, is chairman of the handicap committee of the local organization. It is up to him to see that the thirty-two clubs in the association send in lists of the members of the club who are entitled to a rating of eighteen strokes or lower.

Up to date Mr. Warner has heard from only ten clubs, although all the clubs were officially notified two months ago to fill out the blanks. The Golf Association is anxious to get in all the returns as soon as possible so that the list can be printed and distributed among the various clubs. Many of the local events scheduled by the golf association are handicap tournaments and it is necessary to have the data conveniently handy.

Even Big Clubs Dilatory

Hardly one of the larger clubs has sent in handicap blanks and this in itself is unusual, as the larger clubs are among the first to see that this matter is attended to. The fact that the golf association published no list last year may have something to do with the delay, but with returns from only ten of the thirty-two clubs it is not possible to get out any sort of a handicap list. One of the local professionals is buying a bit of fun with Philadelphia golfers with himself as the leading man in a new golf drama. According to the way the story runs he is authority for the statement that he taught President Wilson to play golf. That in itself is interesting, but Mr. Wilson, in a statement made a few years ago, does not bear this out.

So far as I know the only interview the President ever gave about golf was with Samuel D. Blythe, of the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. Wilson was serving his first term in the White House and in course of the interview Mr. Blythe brought up the question of golf.

President Lifts Head

The President in talking about golf was his favorite sport said his greatest fault was lifting his eye from the ball, a golf fault on which the President has no patent.

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ALEXANDER TURNS DOWN OFFER OF \$5000 BONUS

Twirler Insists on That Much More, but Mitchell Declines to Pay

Chicago, March 12.—The list of holdouts with the Chicago Nationals was reduced to one today when infielder Kilduff signed his contract, according to a dispatch from Chicago. St. Pitcher Alexander is the only member of the club whose demands have not been settled.

Alexander, who is holding out for a bonus of \$10,000, has been offered \$5000 as a compromise, according to dispatches. The team passed through Cleveland, N. J., yesterday on its way to the training grounds at Pasadena, Cal. In making the offer, Manager Mitchell said it was final. Alexander said he thought he ought to get all that was coming to him and threatened to leave the train. However, he did not do so, nor did he accept the compromise.

Bert Daniels Quits Game Bert Daniels, who played eight years for the Yankees under Stallings, Chase, Volter and Chance, is going to retire from baseball. In recent years he has been a member of the Louisville team, but last season he had his batting average over .300. Daniels is a civil engineer and is anxious to devote all of his time to that line of work.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS FAIL TO AGREE

Willard-Fulton Match Still in Abeyance and Fans Demand Action

TOO MUCH DISCUSSION

New York, March 13. "Match Fred Fulton and Jack Dempsey and let the winner have Willard for the title?"

This is the attitude of boxing fans throughout the country today, since interest in the heavyweights has been revived.

Conflicting reports of matches in the making are getting on the nerves of the public. Representatives of Fulton and Willard met yesterday and failed to make a match. Fulton, it would appear, should jump at the chance.

Fight fans would like to see some promises made a match that will stick. They are weary of commingled matches. Prospects for a title battle this year have paved the way for a prosperous period for the boxing game, and the heavyweights have suddenly come to life. If it is over and promoters are what they will not pass up the opportunity.

Willard and Fulton have been tentatively matched in both New Orleans and Oklahoma. Fulton and Dempsey are matched for a New Jersey promoter, perhaps. The consensus of opinion indicates that the public wants Dempsey to have a chance. And he certainly

Maxwell to Report Practice in South

The 1918 baseball season opens off early with the departure of the team to the southern training trip. The Phils will practice at St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Athletics will practice at Jacksonville. There will be conditions in the next four weeks, and the fans are looking for the best stories of the daily progress of the teams.

ROBERT W. MAXWELL, sports editor of the Evening Public Ledger, will visit both training camps and report the happenings as only Maxwell can tell them. His articles will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger, and you can get the news of the day from the newspaper here.

deserves a crack at Fulton in preference to the Frank Morris and Tom Cowley. Meanwhile the boxing fan wants action. His enthusiasm will cool unless fighters and promoters furnish it for him.

YANKS' PITCHING STAFF LESS THAN EVER BEFORE

The Yankees have fewer pitchers south with them this spring than on any previous training trip in the club's history. Traded, loaned by commitments and recent releases have cut the Yankees' pitching staff more than half.

Nineteen pitchers on the club's roster at the beginning of the year only twenty remain, and four of these were loaned off before the club went south. "Flare" has called and Smallwood is a secretary. Traded, loaned by commitments and recent releases have cut the Yankees' pitching staff more than half.

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