# MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS HAVE NO MONOPOLY ON FARMS: EVERY REGULAR HOLDOUT HAS ONE HILS ENTITLED TO THE CROWN

# FOR LEADING ALL THE LEAGUES IN FREAK TITLES OF PLAYERS

### Everything in Stock, Including Hogg, From Tincup to Budweiser and From Buckles to Pickup-Many Other Funny Ones

MYAMES is names," and the big league rosters show some peculiar titles or monikers. The Phils have 'em all skinned for the freak title championship. The entire cast, in fact, is well comprehended in the fancy title of Mr. "Pickles" Dilhoefer. Pat Moran will have the mixed pickle belt surrounding his abdomen at the end of the 1918 season, and that is no joke, unless some of the prospects flivver out and get their titles into lesser leagues, where they would still attract attention for their sounds at least,

To begin with, or rather as a follow-up for Dilhoefer Pickles or Pickles Dilhoefc., the Phils' line-up will show a Tincup and a Tin. Budweiser is a dout, which is too had under the circumstances, but the fact at least ws that Bud will be missed. Tin is the Chinaman-Hawaiian, and as se always works backward, Tin Lai properly Chinesed into American would be Lai Tin. A swell name, in any event.

And speaking of the tinware, there is Buckles, a pitcher, and also there in Pickup, an outfielder. Buckles might be well used to "hold up" the infield, while Pickup ought to be an infielder, preferably a shortstop. And there are many other funny fellows in the line-up. Speaking of Stock, there is Hogg. (Ouch!) And speaking of nothing in particular, there is Yeabsley. Mr. Yeabsley may be a swell receiver, but his name doesn't suggest it or anything else but a foolish sound. Bender has the correct title for a moundsman, but he has not agreed to bend-he is an unbending holdout, in fact. (Ouch! Ouch!) And then there is Oeschger, the queerest one of them all. There is no known way of getting what is alleged to be the correct pronunciation of this name without sneezing violently. There is mly one feature to be regretted in the prospect of the Phils from a scrambled name standpoint this season, and that is that Eppa Jeptha Rixey passed too soon. The skinny Virginian must be given all-time honors for the wairdness of his full set of entitlements.

BUT Pat Moran will have no monopoly, on the funny business in the name line. Nearly every big league team has its quota of unique cognomens, surnames, Christian monikers, etc.

## Funny Monikers on Nearly All Big League Teams

ONE of the swellest names sprung this spring is Doty Blades. This young weed, who proposes to pitch for Hugh Jennings, will not find nimself out of company. Cobb still will be in the Tiger cast, as also will be Yell, while Lew Blue may catch on at first base. The only perfect ladles in the two leagues will be Ruth, of the Red Sox; May, of the Cards, and Sallee, of the Giants. There will be two Bushes, Donie and Joe, and it too bad that Connie let his fast twirler go, for he will have a Gardner this season, who could have helped nurse him along and keep him straight.

If the Phillies have a Tincup, the St. Louis Cards have a Cruise, or they expect to have, though the vessel is holding out. Cruise, by the way, is not a pitcher. And there are numerous artisans in various squads. The Pirates, Yankees and Cards have a Miller each; Detroit is well fixed with a Dyer; the Boston Braves and St. Louis Cards have more Smiths than they know what to do with, while the Cubs have both a Tyler and a Carter. The most stylish member of the Smith family is Ainsmith, of the Senators. Pittsburgh has a Farmer in the line-up. The Pirates also have a Fischer.

Washington ought to stand well with the Hoover administration, for it has Rice. Brooklyn has only half a Wheat crop at present, with Z. Wheat holding out. The Reds have a Ring and Pittsburgh has a King. The Cubs are the only team in either league which has a Packard. The St. Louis Browns, however, have a Shocker, which suggests another well-known brand of machine. There are three Burnses and three Walkers in the two leagues. The Cardinals have Meadows, but that is nothing on the Dodgers. This team has a Dell, while the Cubs have a Deal. Cleveland has no House, but it has a Speaker, and a good one. And there are lots of other funny tolk, including Pipp, Peck, Pratt and Plank, of the Yanks.

STRANGE to say, there is only one team in both leagues that has a Mann on it, and that is the Chicago Cubs. Love also is to be found in the line-up of only one team, and that is the

# Never Get Into a Hole, That's the Secret

THERE is nothing strikingly original about the remark that the way to pitch successfully is never to get into a hole and to make the batter go after the bad ones, but big Slim Sallee, whose success at the pitching job entitles him to be heard, drops a few wise concrete sayings upon the subject. Sallee is one of that brand of hurlers known as the rockingchair variety on account of control, and his ability to put the ball where he wants to, coupled with his keen ability to diagnose batters' failings, has made him one of the great pitchers of the pastime. Here is the way Slim lines it up from a piazza at the Marlin training camp via Louis Lee

"If a pitcher can make the batter hit at balls that do not pass directly and, as such, will not be hit safely. If I have two strikes and one ball on a batter you may rest assured the following two pitches will not be through the center of the plate. If I can catch a corner I will get a called strike, and consequently a strike-out if the batter doesn't hit at it, and if he does hit at a corner pitch the odds are in my favor.

"It is when the count is two or three balls and no strikes against the pitcher that his work becomes dangerous. Then he must put the ball over the plate and the disaster that follows is commonly known as an extrabase hit.

"Eternally the game is to make the batter hit at the ball you want him to strike at rather than let him get the kind of a ball he wants to hit. That is the main thing. Aside from that, the knowledge you gain of the strong and weak points of the different batters on the opposition teams is a great help. Left-hand hitters as atrule do not hit southpaws so easily, but it is important to know whether a right-hand hitter against a southpaw likes a fast ball or a curve the better."

THE interview in question closed with an inquiry as to whether he thought he should have been taken out of the fifth game of the late world's series. The reply was direct if conventional. "I expect to devote my entire time to farming next year."

# Stuffy Will Be Wonder at Third, Says Evers

JOHNNY EVERS, it seems, will do most of Barrow's talking for him this season and doubtless a good deal of his managing, just like he did when he and George Mitchell pulled the Braves through in 1914 and thrust upon the managerial brow the Miracle Man championship wreath. Johnay is going to line out the optimistic and cheer-up stuff, and already he has made a good start by predicting that Stuffy McInnis will prove the greatest marvel of the age at the corner made famous by Jim 'Collins and some others. And Johnny reaches this conclusion after watching Stuffy work once, which shows that Stuffy must be a real bird at digging 'em out and making the long heave toward his old station. Mr. Evers's remarks are brief, full of pith and to the point. And he makes the announcement straight to the blushing Stuffy and in the ensuing verbiage:

"In another month, 'Stuffy,' you will be the best third baseman in the intry." declared the Trojan to the modest boy from Gloucester, who simply said, "Well, I will give it a try anyway and do my best."

# Cobb Highest Priced Player by Far

TYRUS RAYMOND CORB, the Georgia Peach, is one of the few players in the major leagues who are not worrying about the wave of economy int is sweeping over the country. The Tiger outfielder will not suffer ny cut in salary, despite the fact that the major league club owners have hment policy. Cobb will collect \$20,000 for wearing the uniform during the season of 1918. This, according to the best-d experts, is the highest salary paid in either major league. In et, Tyrus will collect \$5000 more than his nearest rivals-Tris Speaker, the Cleveland team, and Eddle Collins, of the White Sox. These three

n are the highest paid players in the game. en the great Alexander does not draw down as large a salary. \$12,000 a season, and next in line are Charles Lincoln Herzog. will be a member of the Braves this season if he can be convinced he is not worth faif of the universe, and Walter Johnson, of the Sena-Johnson and Herzog each have a contract that calls for \$10,000 a

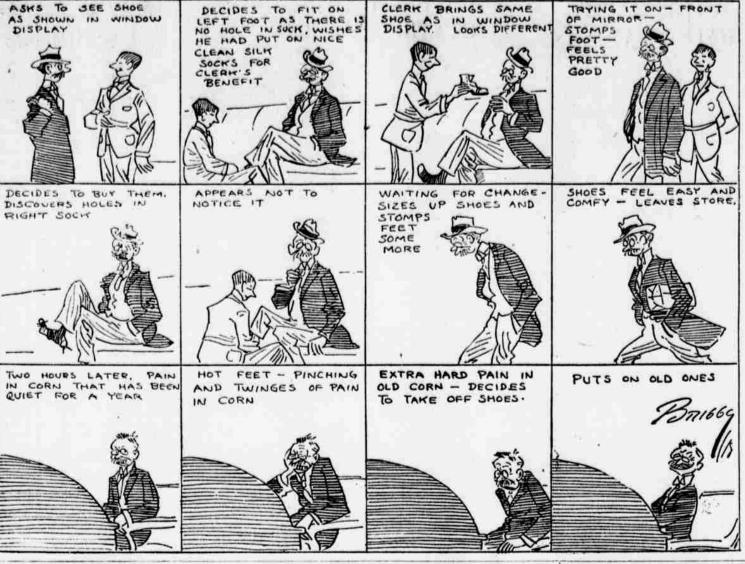
# Jennings Will Give Usual Care to Weak Spots

IING having been the weak spot in the Detroit defense the last few

Hughey Jennings is going to the trouble this year to look over a hughey Jennings is going to the trouble this year to look over a hurling recruits at the training camp at Waxahachie, Tex. That y will look them over with the assistance of Bill Donovan, makes manager, who is to be pitching instructor.

Boland, Mitchell, James Cunningham, C. Jones, Coveleskie, of planting corps, will be on hand, while the newcomers are training corps, who is the first Erickson, who imped to the Feds; Erickson, the last is the Court League, but year; Kallis, also of

# MOVIE OF A MAN AND A NEW PAIR OF SHOES



# A'S PUT IN HARD DAY AT PRACTICE

Hauser's Poor Work in Box Due to a Sore Shoulder

Jacksonville, March 22. The evidence is already cumulative that pitchers will be Connie Mack's cry-ing need in his championship campaign of 1918. Even this early he is para-phrising the historic words of Richard the Third, substituting the word "pitch-er" for horse. This patent weakness in flingers will be all the more lamentable because in so far as the other posi-tions are concerned he will bring back a team that is sure to prove a revela-tion to Philadelphia fans, who in the past have been educated in a critical school of fandom.

## Youngsters Not Doing Well

Should the two men upon whom he putting all his pitching hopes fail him, the case of the team would indeed be pitiable. Today's practice indicated in a measure that Mack can hope for

from less idea that it will be best for him to use his arm wit, moderation every day, the boy's experience last year proves that it will be very difficult to eradicate the trouble. If any-either in years or point of service. He

# Hauser Lacks Experience

Hauser appears absolutely lacking in the experience a minor leaguer usually possesses when getting a trial in the big show. He gave a miserable exhibition while pitching to the batters today and while pitching to the batters today and Mack was obliged to take him off the mound. He was so wild that in eleven straight deliveries he did not get the ball anywhere near the plate, and the batsman not carring to chance injury, finally stepped out of the box. It was then Mack waved him to the sidelines, where he talked quite terms and then Mack waved him to the sidellnes, where he talked quite long and earnestly to him, finally turning him over to Forrest Cady for a workout, the big catcher coaching him on every pitched ball. It subsequently developed that he had a sore shoulder and that the muscles were so strained that he could not command the ball. mand the ball.

mand the ball.

Cy Perkins, the peppery little catcher, has created a very favorable impression by his work to date. The youngster certainly gained a lot of experience in his two years with the Atlanta club, and appears just about ripe for the highest class. He is a nice easy receiver and at times, when he has cut loose with the ball, it has traveled to the bags with riflelike speed and accuracy.

# May Beat Cady Out

It would not be at all surprising if Manager Mack selected him as second-string catcher in preference to Cady. The latter may fill the same role with the Athletics as he did at Beston, namely, coach and warm up the pitchers, act as pinchhitter, in which speciality he is a valuable man, and be able to don the

act as pinchlitter, in which specialty he is a valuable man, and be able to don the mask and pad in an emergency. The records show that he caught only fourteen games for Boston last year.

The outlook for the series with the Pittsburgh Pirates, which begins tomorrow, is far from bright because of the poor condition of the pitchers. Gregg only appeared in uniform yesterday afternoon for the first time and he will not be available for the first game. Meyers developed a blood blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand in the afternoon practice and this is liable to be so tender for the next few days as to affect his work. It is likely that Mack will depend upon Adams, Watson and Geary, all new men.

Pittsburgh has a squad of eleven pitchers among whom are some of the veterans of last year and all are in pretty fair condition. In addition the Pirates have been playing scrub games among themselves and in many respects will be better fitted for the first game than the Athletics.

# PAYNE DEFEATS COAR

# JACK COOMBS WILL RETIRE AND BE TEXAS BUSINESS MAN

Former "A" Star, Who Has Been Getting By on What He Knows, Will Quit "Next Year"

MYERS DOES WELL COLBY JACK COOMES, who supplied an important part in historic Athletic world beaters, is no common quitter. Jack is going to quit instantly, however, and he makes announcement however, and he makes announcement of that fact at Hot Springs, where he is preparing for his Sarah Bernhardt specialty. He is going to knock off next year. The big Maine collegian may be kidding again, but he makes his state-ment of the present season's vintage with some plausibility. He has become with some plausibility. He has becom of a farm to fall back on, he has the other requirements for the part of a real failer back and he is going to sub-side gracefully when the fall winds be-gin to blow and be a real southern gentleman.

Palestine, Tex., where he has a general merchandise store in addition to being interested in two banks. His business

in a measure that Mack can hope for little from two of his youngsters. Fahey, the former Catholic University boy, and Hauser, a young left-hander from a small town in Wisconsin.

Fahey was bothered with his arm last year and today the same trouble appeared again. While he worked on the mound both morning and afternoon his arm gave him such pain that he could not do himself justice. While it is considered that the football team and had coached with his part for the football team and had coached with the football team and had coached the has been coaching the Rich state.

year proves that it will be very dully cult to cradicate the trouble. If any-body can bring him around it is Doctor bas always been regarded as a smart Ebeling, and the latter is working on pitcher and undoubtedly has been getting by on what he knows more than what he has done for the last year or Like several others of the Athletics, Coombs has been in five

# Sports Served Short

Hunny Hearne, left handed pitcher of he Toronto club of the International League, was putchesed by the Hoston Na-der of the Baseball Club. Hearne has been drived to report at Minm within a low days.

heen ordered to report at Miami within a few days.

Jack Murray, of New York city, has been elected captain of the Fordham University track team for this season. He is a vet warron silks in the season of the control of the season of the sea

Scott Perry, of the Chicago Nationals, has signed with the Atlanta Club of the Southern Association, Perry pitched for Atlanta in 1915 and 1916. He signed with the Cubs last year,

Organization of the New England Horse Breeders and Pairs' Association was completed at a meeting in Boston of secretaries of racing and fair associations and New England horsemen. The purpose of the association is to stimulate interest in breeding so as to supply remounts for the army and horses for racing and to co-ordinate the work of New England fairs in encouraging the development of farming.

Vincent Reina, promoting the Johnny Dundee-Willie Jackson fifteen-round bout at the Arena. New Haven next Monday night, telegraphed Lightweight Champion Benny Leonard a guarantee of \$20,000 to meet the winner.

George Moore went down to defeat twice at the hands of Robert Cannelax at Thum's Billiard Academy, New York, in Interstate Three-Cushion Billiard League match games.

"Jim" Guest, who hung up a new record this week, with 728 pine, relied off in the two-man championships with resident against Core and Lawrence. He readily in in five games, averaging 219 pine to the single game. His partner went him and better, torsing the maples for \$99, which was an average of \$25.

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# VARIOUS CHANGES IN SPORT EVENTS

Standard Fixtures

do not hesitate to express the opinion that in some cases famous competitions, particularly in intercollegiate ranks, Manager Moran has not enough men to have passed for all time. Temperarily line up for two teams. at least, certain standard sport fixtures have been abandoned in favor of sub-

have been abandoned in favor of subtitute contests which differ greatly from
the original events.

Both the Poughkeepsie and New Loneon four-mile boat races have been
dropped and in place of these there will
be the national patriotic regatta at Annapolis May 18, as well as a number of
dual and triangular regattas. These
will give every college of the East which
supports rowing opportunities for the
eighths to compete in from one to three
two-mile races during the spring.

nortant dual track and an extended the past seasons have been dropped another competitions substituted. For the first time in more than twenty years it 1917 be excluded, there will be missing the annual dual track games between Yale and Harvard, and probably Prince was and Vale. In place of these collections and Vale.

HANCOCK A. A. TO PLAY

AT FAIRHILL BALL PARK The Hancock Athletic Association, which has closed a successful basketball season—winner of second place in the American League—has organized a baseball team for the coming year and has obtained the Fairhill Ball Park, Third street and Lehigh avenue.

## MANY ARE ABANDONED

# Several Meets Dropped

Novelties also appear upon the college track schedules, as several of the im-portant dual track and field meets of twice been carried from the field since the accident and he says each year he finds it harder to go through a league race. He is "positively" through.

# Marathon Abandoned

Remarkable changes are taking place in the classic sport events of the nation as a result of wartime conditions, and many close followers of athletics are holdouts; Cy Williams is said to have quit the game, and Fitzgerald, the Remarkable changes are taking place

Entering upon a broader field, it is seen that similar changes are also taking place. The latest announcement in this direction is that the American marathon, held under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association since 1897, has been abandoned and a marathon relay race selected to replace the long-distance run. This contest, open to service teams, will be held over the regular Ashland-to-Boston course.

# to sleep. It is a joy and a pleasure to enthuse over the prospects of the coming season and win the pennant a dozen himes a week before the season opens, for the grand old game gets into your blood and constant association with the players makes you believe that they are invited. constant association with the players makes you believe that they are invincible. Yes, that was the dope in the olden times, but in 1918 A. D. times have changed. Gloom for Moran There is nothing to enthuse over at the Philles' camp down here among the orange groves and rustling pain trees at St. Pete. There is nothing that would lead even the wildest Fullerton-covered developer to predict that the Phills.

EVEN THE WILDEST DOPESTER OF

FULLERTONESQUE PERSUASION

Material Pat Moran Now Has at St. Pete Sad-

dest Big-League Manager Ever Had

Around Which to Build Winning Team

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 23. were Irish Meusel, from Frisco, who

I spring training camp, watch the ball six-foot pitcher from Louisville. They

players perform and send glowing ac- took their first workout in the after

of talent, the future Ty Cobbs and Alexanders, make heroes out of some morning glories who never live to see even a big league city and hand out the well-known boost to some foriorn and unsophisticated rookie who still believes an clevator is too small a room in which

Meusel in particular showed he had

JUSTIN FITZGERALD

PASSES EXAMINATION

Philly Outfielder Declared Physically

Fit by California Exemption

A report from San Mateo, Cal, states

that Justin Fitzgerald, former member of the San Francisco Seals and now of

the Phillies, had been rejected for mill-

tary service by the examining board and

ary service by the examining board and placed in Class V. Division G of the draft classification, was denied by firm, bers of the San Mateo County exemption board. Fitzgerald was given his first physical examination and was pressed as physically fit for special miltary service. He has not yet been classified by the exemption board.

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counts up North of the wonderful array noon and showed up fairly well

COULDN'T MAKE PHILS CHAMPS

of talent, the future Ty Cobbs and Alex-

would lead even the wildest Fullerton-eque dopester to predict that the Phila will finish in the lead. There is nothing to prove that there will be a ball club, for the material is the saddest a big league club has had to contend with for years, and I am thinking of the trials and tribulations of Connie Mack

when I make this assertion. Just take a look at the line-up as it appeared on the field today: Outfield, Gavvy Cravath (still un-

Infield, Luderus and Bancroft, Pitchers, Mayer and Oeschger Catchers, Burns and Adams.

### Majority Rookies

These men are veterans from last year and sure of their jobs. The others are the common or garden variety of rook-Wartime Conditions Cause
Substitute Contests for less who must make good before they can be considered. And if you figure the dope, the percentage of the successful rookies is amazingly small.

This is not a knock at the Philadelphia Ball Club nor is it an attempt to get the team in bad with the fans. It is a statement of facts and any one can see it by strolling out to the ball park. Pat Moran is up against it and will continu to be up against it until he gets some

Mains and Meusel Arrive Yesterday two new arrivals reported and were put to work immediately. They

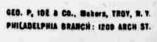












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