

JUST TO START A'S RIGHT, CONNIE ORDERS THEM TO REPORT ON A NATIONAL HOLIDAY—APRIL 1

COLUMBUS OF 1919— C. MACK, DISCOVERER OF HOME TRAINING

Few Prop Palm Trees and Several Stuffed Alligators Will Give Shibe Park Necessary Tropical Appearance. Lectures on Dangers of Sunburn Then Follow

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WHEN Connie Mack visited himself a nonresident member of the Southern Training Trip Association he brought fresh fame and glory to Philadelphia. Our highly advertised city has taken the lead in other things; for in the past a majority of the theatrical productions booked for New York were first shown here and the effect on the natives was closely watched. It was called "trying it on the dog" in those days, but recently the practice has been discontinued. Red Bank, N. J., and Winona, Conn., have offered better inducements.

However, we are stepping to the front in that great national game of baseball. After the Phils and Athletics tried off the sunny climate in the State of Florida and passed it up, New York stepped in, duckstepped, discarded by our A's after a thorough tryout was taken by the Yankees, and even Brooklyn liked the climate so well that Glaves also decided to send his ball club there. The blues soon fell in line and McTigue selected a town called Gainesville, three hours away, as the training camp for his high-priced troupe. Thus it can be seen that New York allowed Philadelphia to give Florida the up and down for a few years and stepped in to reap the benefits.

But the home of the Jumbers Bell must be original, if nothing else. For that reason Connie Mack will not allow his players to run the risk of getting sunburned or getting tired riding on the trains and will put



his athletes through preliminary practice on the largest inclosed training grounds in the United States. Shibe Park. This should be a great thing for Philadelphia and perhaps will attract many visitors.

Down South the big league clubs are used to advertise the training towns, so why shouldn't we benefit this spring? No one can look on the weather, because there will be enough to satisfy all. There will be sunshine, rain, snow and sleet, hot days and cold days, and the spectators can select the day best suited to their climatic tastes. The guy with the fur overcoat can wear it every day if he wants to.

SHERMAN discovered the true meaning of war, but Connie Mack stands out as the Columbus of home training. Connie, however, is not trying to deceive his players. In order to start them properly he has ordered them to report on that great national holiday, April 1.

4 Wonderful City for Home Training

STILL, Philadelphia in April is a great city for home training. It has been approved officially by pugnacious friends who have tried it out for years. Furthermore, not one word of complaint ever has been uttered by bared boulders and strong-wristed taffy-twinkie athletes, and Willie Hoppe says it is the best place in the country to play billiards.

It is good for these strenuous sports, why shouldn't it be good for baseball? The players can be satisfied if they are presented with illuminated railway fenders which can be studied while the timer is brushing snow off their clothes. They can look at fine pictures of thriving southern cities, then look up the time-tables and use the trains for leisure. It is not necessary to go South to discover that trains are late. They run that way whether you are down there or not. The engineers never discriminate. After that, the players can congregate themselves because they don't have to travel and that will create a spirit of companionship and good feeling in the clubhouse.

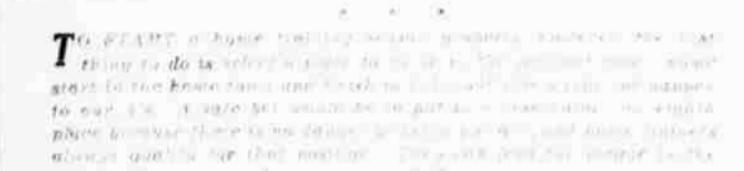
A few prop palm trees which can be borrowed by Max Wilson and several stuffed alligators will give the place a tropical atmosphere. Morning



pictures of sports in Florida will inspire the audience that they are fortunate indeed to have such a fine place for their relaxation in helping the boys satiated.

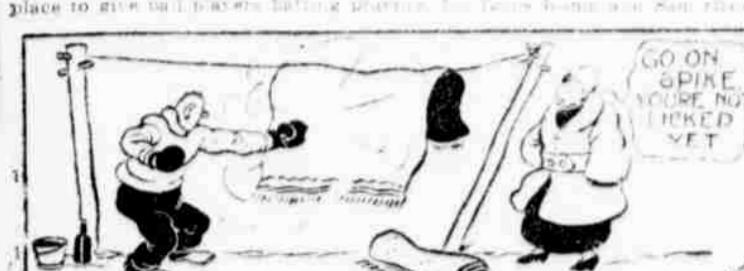
Tom Shibe can wear a big green palm-beach suit and walk around the field like a tourist, admiring the players. He and George Bush and Joe Orl every morning for starting, he and George Bush in a basket of oranges. Connie can cruise around the coast in a speed-heated limousine and give all of his directions in signs. In this way he can make his players work harder to succeed in their professional careers. At short times, every one will want to be a manager.

Eac muffs, mufflers and snowshoes will be filled and the players allowed to wear as long as they want the winter coat on their pockets and perform their winter games as the cold sets in. Connie can defend a Boston in the snow and the athletes



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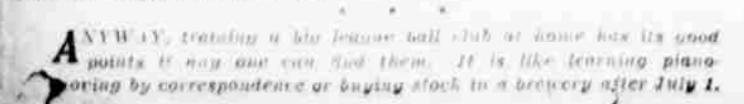


are experts at throwing baseballs when up to the bat or the ball outside of baseball we hear with fear and trembling into the future.

Golfers might go in for home training just to keep up their swing. Who would be interested in them? There are golfers who would take daily walks in the park, breaking the ball from the clothes line which supports the family wash, and hence an opportunity to appear in a regular court after snatching the neighbors' laundry.

Boxes could do their part well with a room and carpet sweepers thus strengthening the legs and the reach. Practicing practice on the parlor rug would get one accustomed to the dense atmosphere of the clubs, but the boxer would have a hard time finding suitable starting partners unless he has step-parents.

The home training bug might be here to stay so it is best to prepare now. If Connie Mack makes a success of this venture we don't know what will happen in the future.



ANYWAY, training a big league ball club at home has its good points. If you can find them. It is like learning piano-playing by correspondence or buying stock in a brewery after July 1.

APPROACH SHOT IS TAYLOR'S BEST

Five Times British Cham-
pion Virtually Unbeatable
With Mashie, Says Evans

TO TOUR THIS COUNTRY

By CHARLES "CHICK" EVANS, Jr.

If golfers on this side of the Atlantic are fortunate they will see this summer some of the most remarkable golfers of all time—Mr. H. Taylor. Taylor has five times been British open champion and that is a distinction which has fallen to but two other men.

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May Challenge Central

If the Crimson and Gray quartet again wins the Catholic League title, it will be a great achievement for the team to settle the city title. Coach Bill Leiberman, coach of the High School League, is numbered among the St. Joe veterans.

The passing and floor work of the team is excellent and in a few more meetings we have seen the local team in action.

There are a few more games to be played before the season ends.

Connie, however, is not the only one looking forward to see whether this great

achievement of the Crimson and Gray has taken the new school year. And when we have seen the local team in action, we have seen the local team in action.

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