WAR GAME IS GREAT SPORT IN WHICH TO GET IN SHAPE OR LOSE YOUR SHAPE, SAYS ALEX

MOVIE OF TWO MEN TRYING TO THINK OF A PHONE NUMBER

ALEX DISCOVERS WAR FINE FOR GETTING IN SHAPE OR LOSING IT

Cubs' Star Moundsman, Who Pitches First Game Against Phils Today, Found Army Life Real Conditioner. Pitching Ball Now a Picnic

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GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER, ex-sergeant in the United States army and now star pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, was a disappointed person when the ball game was called off yesterday afternoon. Alex was booked to burl against his former playmates on the Phils and was anxious to put on the work. He never has faced the local nine in a regular contest and the experience would be a new one. However, he will get his chance today, providing the field dries up and no more rainstorms gum up the proceedings.

"It seems strange to be hanging around a hotel in Philadelphia," said Alex, "waiting with a gang of ball players to go out to the Phillies' park. I bayen't pitched against the boys yet and I expect it will be strange to be out there on another club. But I guess I'll get used to it."

Alex looks good and seems to be in great shape physically. He is much lighter than when he was with the home folks, but is stronger and more active. His experience in France and Germany made a different man of him.

"I had seven weeks on the firing line," said Alex, "and believe me, they were strenuous. You probably have read of the early to bed and early to rise Stuff, but there was nothing to it. We had no regular hours. When we went to bed at night we didn't know whether we would be called at 5:30 a. m. or midnight. Sometimes we didn't get to bed at all. It was a great place to get in shape or lose your shape. I took off weight and gained strength and endurance, and pitching a ball game is a big picuic.

"My pitching arm is just as strong as ever: I have just as much 'stuff.' but my control isn't what it should be. I can get them over the plate, but when I do some guy knocks the ball a mile. I can't work the corners as yet, but in a short time I will be in regular form and should have a fairly successful season. With Bill Killefer behind the plate, I do not fear any club in the

ALEX hasn't won a game yet, but he cannot be blamed. All of the breaks have been against him, such as dropped fly balls and other errors which should have been easy outs.

Fred Mitchell Predicts Pennant for the Cubs

THOSE four defents in New York almost put Fred Mitchell and his Cubs down for the count, but hope was revived in the Brooklyn series. President-Manager Fred, however, still has confidence in his ball club and holdly predicts the Cubs will win the pennant again this year.

"We have had terrible weather in the West and there was no improvement here in the East," he said. "We have not been able to practice in the mornings and the players have not yet reached their top form. As soon as we get started we will be a hard club to beat. The pitchers are getting better every day, but our hitting is not what it should be. There will be a big improvement all around as soon as warm weather sets in.

"To my mind there are three contenders for the National League pennant-Chicago, New York and Cincinnati. I can't see Brooklyn. McGraw is stopping at nothing to strengthen his team and will be dangerous all season. and the same goes for the Reds. Pat Moran has a fighting ball club and should remain in the first division. If he could get another good pitcher he would cause lots of trouble in the league. But my club looks good, and as soon as we get going just watch our smoke."

It was an off day in the National yesterday, every club being kept idle because of rain. Those double headers are piling up and we will see many bargain matinees in the future. The Sunday dates will help some, but not enough to prevent the two-a-day stuff. The real test will come in a month or so, when these postponed games are played off. It will be up to the pitching staffs, and that is where the Cubs will shine. Mitchell doesn't think much of Brooklyn, but we believe the Dodgers will step out in front, or very near it, for their twirlers are almost as good as those working for Mitchell.

ALEXANDER, Tyler, Vaughn, Douglas, Hendryx and Aldridge are good, but Pfeffer, Cadore, Grimes, Mamaux, Chency, Smith, Marguard and Mitchell also stack up fairly well for the Dodgers.

Cincinnati Established Major League Record

HERE is a parcel of dope to paste in your hat for future reference, and it's all about the Cincinnati baseball club. Ernie Lanigan, the demon statistician, uncarthed the true facts and goes back a distance of thirty-three years to prove it. Here it is:

Cincinnati's Reds did something this year that never has been done before by a major league team, that is, score ten runs in the thirteenth inning. The Pat Morans turned this trick in Brooklyn on May 15 against Al Mamaux.

Just once before in an extra-inning fray has the winner in unknotting the tie reached double figures in tallies in the wind-up chapter, and that was in 1886. At that time Detroit was supporting a National League club and Kansas City was trying to support one. On July 11 of that year the Cowboys and the Wolverines were on even

terms at the end of the tenth. In the eleventh the Missourians broke up the game in precisely the same manner as did the Reds, by turning the lever of the scoring mill and grinding out ten runs.

Cincinnati is the only major league club that has scored ten runs in the thirteenth inning of a championship game; Kansas City the only National League thb that has scored ten runs in the eleventh inning of a championship game. This may or may not be important to remember.

Another record set in Brooklyn that memorable May 15 was when Greasy Neale, covering right for the Reds, caught ten flies. This is a record number for a right fielder in a game of this length. Owen Wilson, of the Pirates. playing the same position as Neale, had the same number of put-outs when his team was defeating Brookyn, 1 to 0, on August 22, 1908, in seventeen

LEFT fielders and center fielders occasionally capture ten flies in games of regulation and extra lengths, but right fielders rarely are

Connie Annoyed by Losing Streak of A's

CONNIE MACK is being patience with his ball club. The consistent losing streak is getting on the Tiogan's nerves, and he is likely to shuffe the cards for a new deal at any time. Once upon a time Connie was one of the most patient guys in the world. He started to rebuild his baseball machine, grabbed talent from everywhere, stumbled along in last place and waited for the day when he could tell the fans he had a regular team. That time came this year, and the A's have been losing just the same.

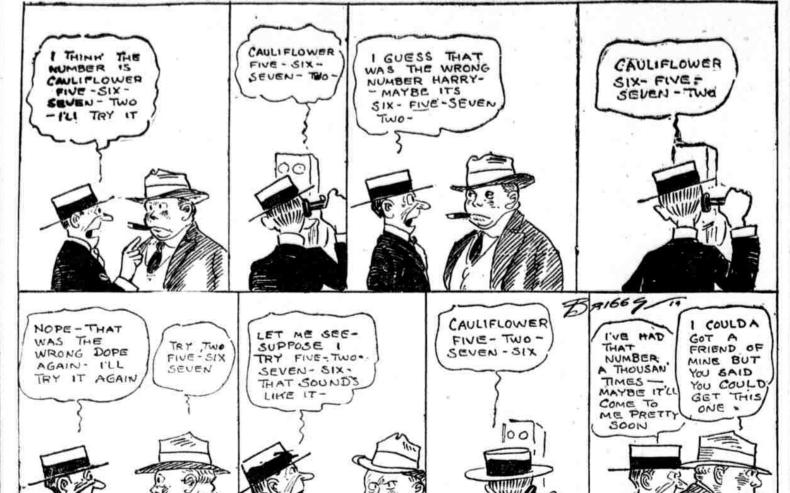
Now the lanky leader is sore. He is through watching his men pull bonehend plays and, according to reports, will tie the tinware to each and every athlete who fails to produce. The first to get the hook probably will be Red Shannon at second. Connie has purchased Snooks Dowd from Detroit, and the chances are that the former Lehigh football star will horn into the line-up against Detroit. Mack also is on the trail of other good players and says he will have them on the job in a short time.

Right now the A's are the best team that ever graced eighth position in the league. The team looks good with Roth, Walker and Witt in the outfield, Burns, Grover, Dungan and Thomas in the infield and pitchers like Perry, Kinney, Johnson, Rogers and Naylor. But they are not winning ball games, and that is the most important thing of all. Cleveland trimmed them again yesterday, winning in the tenth inning.

WONDER if the Indians are swiping Connie's signst

SCTT'S all very well," comments W. H. G., "to say 'keep your eye on the ball.' But how can you do it if you can't?" That's something else again. The only possible way out is to try to keep your mind on the ball, and perhaps your flickering eye will linger there a trifle longer. The eye is very apt to follow the dictates of the mind.

SE of the main troubles with teo many of the Prussian Junker crowd is they don't yet seem to realise that a few things have happened since



NEW ZEALAND CREW MAY COMPETE HERE

Seine Regatta Winners Invited to Row in Nationals at Worcester

F. regatta on the River Seine, in Paris, and Oxford streets. The three stars delphia Swimming Club, at Lafayette, on Saturday, June 7. national championship regatta to be held under the auspices of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, at Lake for the New York athletic club in a sociation of Amateur Oarsmen, at Lake for the Meadowbrook Club dual meet with the Meadowbrook Club dual meet with the Meadowbrook Club at Dresent held by Victor Holst, of was returned a winner and on each occurred to students of schools in merly connected with the Main Line and Industrial Baseball Leagues.

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N. A. A. O. yesterday unnounced that opening. the New Zealanders have signified a desire to compete in the revival of the championships here and that an invita-

sion in France, has donated a silver cup them the indoor one for 300 yards. to be presented to the winning oarsmen and sailors of the allied nations. The the time he culisted and won signal war basis. Entries for both events cup will be emblematic of the service single sculls championship.

never won a senior or championship sculling event under the auspices of the national association. Another addition to the adopted program of twelve events is a four-oared gig open-boat event, a set of medals.

tion. President Pilkington urges upon among the world recordists, the organizations the desirability of enlisting new members among the ranks

Bessie Ryan to Swim

The events on the program of the returning soldiers and sailors.

The clubs are urged to show their ap-

New York, May 23.—Willie Hoppe, holder fall balkline titles, easily defeated Sener crass, the champion of Uruguay, in an shibition 18.2 inch balkline match at the ardinal Faries Soldiers and Sailora Services.

Gotham Swimming Stars Compete Here Tomorrow

Vollmer, Cann and Geibel Will Represent New York Athletic Club in Dual Meet With Meadowbrook

Speedboys Hold Trophies

at Columbia Pool

MAJOR O'RYAN DONATES CUP FOLLOWERS of swimming in this pold, Carl Van Roden, Mifflin Armstrong or Strong and Eddie Lind portunity of seeing three of the country's Outdoor Events June 7 New York, May 23 .- The New Zea- greatest mermen in action tomorrow Two scholastic events will open the land crew which won the recent A. E. evening at the Columbia Pool, Broad outdoor swimming season of the Phila-

James Pilkington, president of the morrow's events will mark the official

single-scull shell race for soldiers tercollegiate all around champion at ming being once more placed on a prehonors in the open field. National titles must be listed with William II. Edand world's standards have fallen to his wards, captain. Philadelphia Swimming The race is open to those who have lot and one of the latter I minute 29 2-5 Club, 122 North Eleventh street, on

Giebel is the youngster of the trio, coxswain weighing 105 pounds, for which John J. F. Mulcaby, president complished notable feats. He holds at of the Atlanta Boat Club, has donated present the National A. A. U. championships for 500 yards and long distance swimming and he has taken the measure at the middle course of Ludy In a circular letter which he will dis- Langer. Harold Kruger, William Waltribute among the clubs of the associa- len and other contestants, who stand

The events on the program are 400 yards relay, back stroke, 60 yards and preciation of the valiant services the 220 yards races. In addition to the ighters rendered in the late war by dual contests there will be several other undertaking their expenses on a trip to races for women and a number of open events. Elizabeth Ryan, who recently won the 50- and 100-yard national championships on the Pacific coast, will

The score was 300 Don Douglas, Tom Cowles, Don Leo-

BINGLES AND BUNGLES

Phils and Cubs will make another effort a nut over Alexander Day at Broad and funlingdon streets this afternoon.

All four American League clubs played as per schedule yesterday, but the National cir-cuit failed to turn out a box score.

Bill Killefer and Dode Paskert, former Phils with the Cubs, are authority for the statement that Alex the Great has as much of the proverbial stuff on the half as ever. And this in apite of the fact that he has lost three straight this brush.

Lee Fohl and his Cleveland Indians are showing class that speaks well for them being in the Johnson Derby. They have climbed steadily and now are in second place, a matter of two and a half games south of the White Sox.

"Squinting through the race columns, noticed that B. B. Johnson won the first race at Louisville yesterday," said the guy in the brown derby. "But 'twas not B. B. Johnson himself, ruler of the American League, for I know that he carries more than 110 pounds."

Kid Gleason has those White Sox so much on their toes that when one run is scored in a game they get this lone tally. This happened yesterday when the pale-bosed nine shut out the Yankees. Weaver's double in the first inning, followed by a single from Joe Jackson's bat, was the only score of the due!

Up-to-Minute Marks of Leading Hitters NATIONAL LEAGUE

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WESTMORELAND A. C. HAS STAR LINE-UP

New Combination Is Composed of Former Well-Known League Players

POSSESS STAR BATTERY

Among the crack semipro baseball teams this season, none is making a better record than the Westmoreland A. C., despite the fact that this is the first year the club has been in existevent open to students of schools in ence, although all the players were for

In the first two games Westmoreland casion they blanked their opponents. They have been idle on account of the wet weather the past two Saturdays The second race will be the 400-yard but will get going again this Saturday, when they play in Reading.

relay for the George Malpass trophy. Cann was the national 100-yard free which is open to schools in the United The lineup of the Westmoreland conchampionships here and that an invitation has been extended to the victorious A. E. F. crew.

Cann was the national 100-yard tree style champion when he dropped out of states and Canada. Each team will comprise four men with each man swimming 100 years. Individual prizes will also be offered for first, second and Roxborough Field Club, second also be offered for first, second and Roxborough Field Club, second also be offered for first, second and third. The George Malpass trophy is at present held by West Philadelphia.

The menu of the Westmoreland control of the westmoreland contr The event this year is creating more Marr. Vollmer had attained the rank of in-than usual interest owing to the swim-left field. The battery of the club is ming being once more placed on a pre-Murphy, pitcher, and Joyce, catcher. Warwick, Main Line League,

> Victory for Durham School Durham School easily defeated Welsh Calhoun School yesterday afternoon at the U. G. I. grounds, score, 17-S.

ELLER, REDS NO-HIT PITCHER, HAS OTHER DISTINCTIVE CLAIMS

Moran's Recent Sensation Really Was First Man to Enlist Among Ball Players, Quitting Diamond in 1916 to Join Army Along Mexican Border

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

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But yesterday I watched them start, Young wonders all in service row; But now I've seen them all depart-The years flow faster than we know.

For I remember, young and slim, How Matty gathered game by game; The years flow faster than all fame.

Where Wagner swung out for his blow-Where Larry leaned against the ball-How swift they were last week or so-The years flow faster than them all.

Today, fresh from the corner lot, We praise some youngster on the team; Tomorrow's page will know him not-The years flow faster than we dream.

HOD ELLER, the Red star of no-hit renown, has other distinctions. Hod quit his job as a professional ball player in 1916 to enlist in the army along the Mexican border, which comes very close to being the enlisting record

By pitching a no-hit game for a start and coming through with a thirteeninning shut-out at his next appearance, Hod took a sudden leap toward fame. Mr. Eller is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds and is only twenty-five

HE MAY yet prove to be one of the main headline flingers of the hazy future. Things have happened so.

The Test

VOUNG HOLLOCHER, the Cub shortstop, belongs to that small but select group which makes a hard play look as easy as a simple one. And this is nearly always the test of greatness.

You may recall with what ease Nap Lajoie collected every chance, making the toughest play resemble an easy grounder.

There is no particular effort in any of Hollocher's work. He is one of those loose-jointed citizens who possesses the knack.

YOU can write him down now as one of the top-notchers for many years to come.

Concerning Putting

DUTTING is not a matter of stance or grip or club. We know four great putters-Walter J. Travis, Jerry Travers, Francis Ouimet and Tommy McNamara-who in the main employ different stances, grips and clubs to achieve astounding results.

Putting is a matter of touch. These four and a few others have this touch eternally at hand. Most of the multitude have it one day and lose it the next. The result is they approach the putting green with badly cracked confidence. One or two slips and they hit the Blooie Highway.

The putter doesn't care whom it annoys. It has harassed the soul of Harry Vardon for ten years and has had Chick Evans spinning like a top.

S all a queer, uncanny mixture. You can't putt well unless you A have confidence—and you can't have confidence unless you puts well. Practice will help a lot, but the golfer who lacks the putting touch has a hard time ahead, so far as any consistent effort goes.

Rough Sights

I've seen rough sights that left a sting Along life's busy marts; But a club is a terrible looking thing In a hand that holds four hearts.

From sodden sights I've often shrunk Amid life's bitter shades; But a heart is a terrible piece of junk In a hand that holds four spades.

BROOKES, Wilding and Larned were all great tennis players beyond thirty," queries a bystander. "Why should McLoughlin be all through after only a few years at the top?" Mainly because Brookes, Wilding and Larned had the art of holding something in reserve. McLoughlin traveled at top speed and burned away the vital spark. He was never the same after his last great conquest of Brookes and Wilding. That stand marked his summit. But it may be the recent rest will give him a chance to get going again. Stranger things have happened in this dizzy universe.

GEORGE STALLINGS always has been a hard loser, but he has been getting so much practice this season that it should come fairly easy now. Nothing like old Henry J. Habit to grease the slides.

