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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

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.

"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 haven'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 hasn't seen 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 ones.

Fred Mitchell Predicts Pennant for the Cubs

THOSE four defeats in New York almost put Fred Mitchell and his Cubs down for the count, but hope was revived in the Brooklyn series.

"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."

"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."

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.

ALEXANDER, Tyler, Vaughn, Douglas, Hendry and Aldridge are good, but Pfeiffer, Cadore, Grimes, Mamauz, Cheney, Smith, Margard 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, unearthed the true facts and goes back a distance of thirty-three years to prove it.

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.

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.

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 club that has scored ten runs in the eleventh inning of a championship game.

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.

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

Connie Annoyed by Losing Streak of A's

CONNIE MACK is losing patience with his ball club. The consistent losing streak is getting on the Tioga's nerves, and he is likely to shuffle the cards for a new deal at any time.

Now the lanky leader is sore. He is through watching his men pull bonehead plays and, according to reports, will tie the tawdry to each and every athlete who fails to produce.

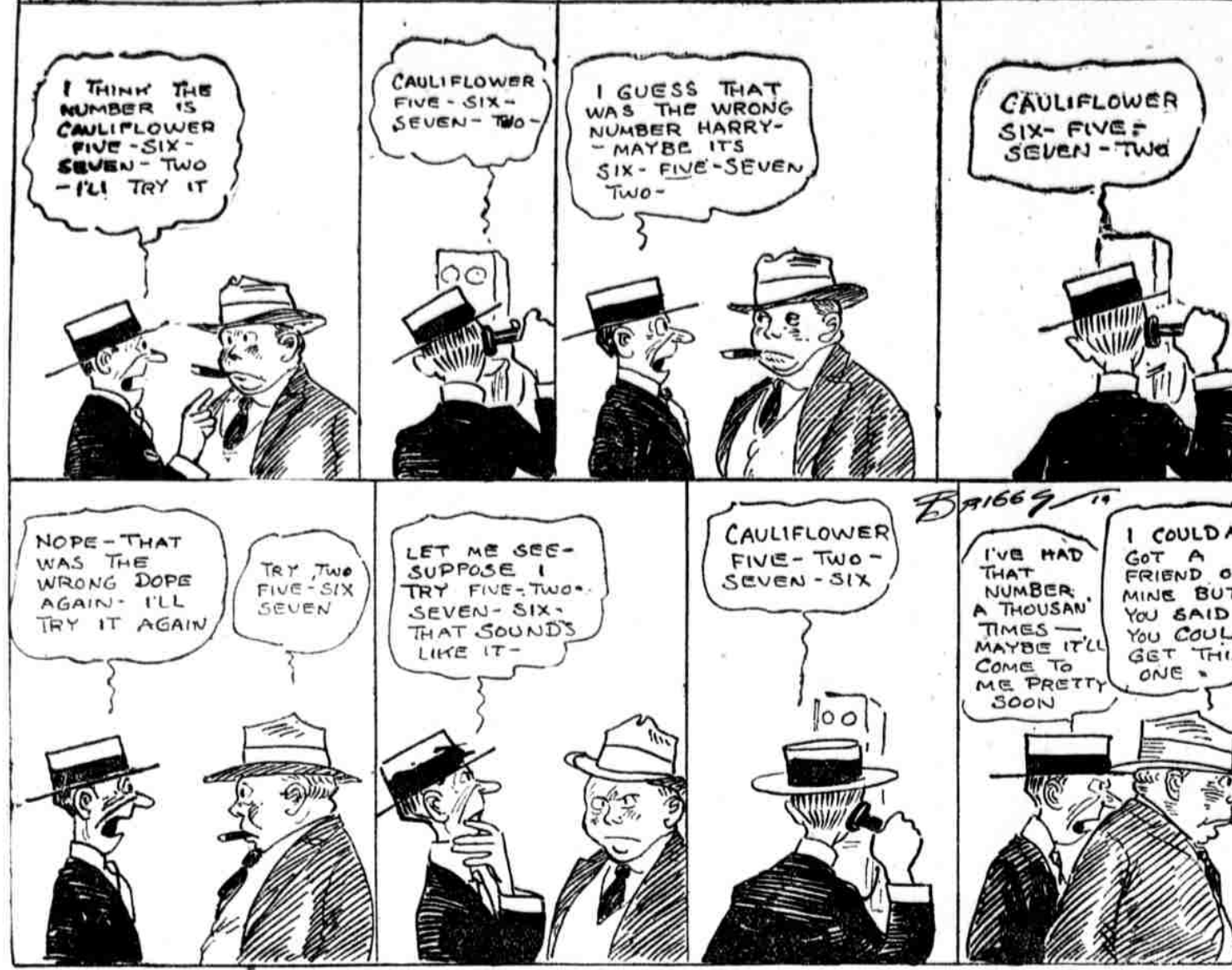
Right now the A's are the best team that ever graced eighth position in the league. The team looks good with Roth, Walker and Witt in the outfield, Burns, Grover, Dungan and Thomas in the infield and pitchers like Perry, Kinney, Johnson, Rogers and Naylor.

WONDER if the Indians are sniping Connie's sign?

"IT'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.

ONE of the main troubles with too many of the Prussian Junker crowd is that they don't seem to realize that a few things have happened since

MOVIE OF TWO MEN TRYING TO THINK OF A PHONE NUMBER



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 SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE (Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved) By Way of Reverie

But yesterday I watched them start, Young wonders all in surried 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; Today how many mention him? 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 earliest record among ball players.

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

The Test

YOUNG HOLLOCHER, the Cub shortstop, belongs to that small but select group which makes a hard play look as easy as a simple one.

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

Concerning Putting

PUTTING 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.

IT'S all a queer, uncanny mixture. You can't putt well unless you have confidence—and you can't have confidence unless you putt 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 ways; But a club is a terrible looking thing In a hand that holds four hearts.

"BROOKES, Wilding and Larned were all great tennis players based on speed and burned away the vital spark. He was never the same after his last great contest 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.

GEOERGE 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.

NEW ZEALAND CREW MAY COMPETE HERE

New York, May 23.—The New Zealand crew which won the recent A. E. F. Regatta on the River Seine, in Paris, may come to this country for the national championship regatta to be held under the auspices of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, at Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass., August 1 and 2.

MAJOR O'RYAN DONATES CUP

Major General John F. O'Ryan, who commanded the Twenty-seventh Division in France, has donated a silver cup to be presented to the winning oarsmen in a single-scutt shell race for soldiers and sailors of the allied nations. The cup will be emblematic of the service single-scutt championship.

Honor Heroes

In a circular letter which he will distribute among the clubs of the association, President Dilkington urges upon the organizations the desirability of enlisting new members among the ranks of the returning soldiers and sailors.

Hoppe Wins Billiard Match

New York, May 23.—Willie Hoppe, holder of all billiards titles, easily defeated Senator Yozan, the champion of Turkey, in an exhibition 15.2 inch balliards match at the Cardinal Casino yesterday afternoon.

Gotham Swimming Stars Compete Here Tomorrow

FOLLOWERS of swimming in this city and vicinity will have the opportunity of seeing three of the country's greatest swimmers in action tomorrow evening at the Columbia Pool, Broad and Oxford streets.

Cann Holds Records

Cann will be the national 100-yard free style champion when he dropped out of racing and he had his credit victories over most of the world's greatest 220-yarders, including Perry McGillicuddy and Duke Kahlananook.

Yoller had attained the rank of international all-around champion at the time he enlisted and won signal honors in the open field. National titles and world's standards have fallen to his lot and one of the latter 1 minute 29.2-5 seconds for 150 yards, has since been attacked in vain by the speediest sprinters of the day.

Gibel is the youngster of the trio, barely twenty years old, but he has accomplished notable feats. He holds at present the National A. A. U. championship for 500 yards and long distance swimming and he has taken the measure at the middle course of Lady Langer, Harold Kruger, William Wallen and other contestants, who stand among the world recordists.

Bessie Ryan to Swim

The events on the program are 400 yards relay, back stroke, 60 yards and 220 yards races. In addition to the dual contests there will be several other races for women and a number of open events.

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BINGLES AND BUNGLES

Phils and Cubs will make another effort to get over Alexander Day at Broad and Huntington streets this afternoon.

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

Bill Killefer and Dode Paakert, former Phils with the Cubs, are authority for the statement that Alex the Great has as much of the proverbial stuff on the ball as ever, and this in spite 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 in the final stages of the Johnson Derby. They have climbed steadily and now are in second place, a mere two and a half games south of the White Sox.

Knitting through the race columns, noticed that B. B. Johnson won the first race at Louisville yesterday. He said the guy in the brown derby, "But times have changed, 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, who one run is over in a game they get this lone tally. This happened yesterday when the pale-skinned 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 duel.

Jack Quinn and Madridge held the White Sox to four hits, while the Yankees registered nine blows off Lefty Williams, yet New York lost the game.

These St. Louis Browns, who climbed into the first division yesterday by losing one to Washington, must feel about as much at home as a gold fish in the Sahara Desert.

Wm. Love's first start with the Tigers brought him victory over the Red Sox yesterday. He had six strikeouts in the contest, won by a 4-3 score, and his team's homecoming victory has been by a narrow 4-3 margin.

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