

THE DIBBLING GAME.

How the People of Birmingham Took Their Introduction to America's National Sport.

A SLUGGING MATCH ENDED BY RAIN.

Carried Pitching Wasn't Prohibited, but One of the Britishers Made a Home Run Nevertheless.

LITERAL WORK TO MAKE IT POPULAR.

A Talk With Alf Green's and Gusty Abbot.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

BERMINGHAM, July 2.—Baseball in England has not become a familiar phase to American patrons of the game. A casual glance at many of the American papers gives one the notion that baseball in England is in full swing and that before many moons over we will see the national game of the United States being expounded in other nations. I fear, however, that I shall put things in another aspect. I don't mean that I am going to show that baseball is all in England or that its future here is all in black ink. I am only inclined to think that Mr. Hart means everything he says when he states that "baseball permitting, all will be well."

I have looked the situation over thoroughly and witnessed the opening of what is called the championship season here. The opening day was June 21, and I was at Birmingham before the first game between the first baseball pennant contest in England. The day was a wretched one and vetoed the proceedings before the first inning had been played. There were four teams of the National Baseball League of Great Britain, viz., Birmingham, Stoke, Derby and Preston. Derby and Birmingham are the prospects of the League. I think it will be useful and interesting to explain to the four cities just what the game is selected in preference to other cities.

Making a Deal. The promoters of baseball in England have a deal with the Britishers. This is a very best thing they could have done; indeed I cannot see where they could have made a start at all if such a move had not been made. The promoters are not only the baseball promoters but not only secure football players as baseball performers, but they are also the promoters of the football game.

Children are being educated here in cricket. It is a very good thing that the Britishers are doing in this respect. It is an almost impossible task to get children to play baseball. The game is understood to be cricket. A railway official told me that he had seen a number of children playing baseball in the streets.

Baseball at Home. The first day of Mr. Hart's letter stated that in his opinion some of the National League clubs and some of those of the Players' League would come to Birmingham to play. This was a very good thing.

Well, as to the opening day. It was not an entirely successful one. The Birmingham and Stoke teams were busy with their second innings when I arrived on the grounds. The weather was extremely disagreeable and not more than 400 people were present.

Certainly would be unfair to criticize the playing of the team. They have arrived at that stage where criticism is proper. We would never think of criticizing an infant's efforts at walking. We can only presume to do so when he is old enough to walk.

Impressions of the Game. I have already taken up so much in this column that I cannot do more than to deal extremely with the contest in question. I have already said in a previous letter, Mitchell thinks almost anybody will defeat Slavin.

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American in Front. In a future letter I may find time to deal with the incident of the American in front. I have already taken up so much in this column that I cannot do more than to deal extremely with the contest in question.

As to the future. This is a very delicate matter to deal with. On the one hand I don't want to say a word that will discourage those who are so enthusiastically engaged in trying to establish the game in other lands, but on

the other I am somewhat bound to the public to express an opinion, and I fear that it is not one that will afford encouragement to the efforts of those who are so enthusiastically engaged in trying to establish the game in other lands, but on

We have feared out everything as to the cost of the four teams for the season, and we will certainly say the season out although the cost to spectators, it is an experiment and we are prepared to lose.

Baseball in Boston. CURRY FOLEY'S USUAL LETTER ON FAIRS AT THE MUB. The League has the Best of the Situation in the East—Poor Management of the Players' League Team—The Possible Winner.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. Boston, July 12.—To a man up a tree it looks like the baseball season in the East is looking very bright indeed. The Boston Brotherhood club has secured themselves in this town, and unless Kelly's men take a sudden fancy they will be completely lost in the struggle with the League club during the rest of the season. The Boston Brotherhood club has secured themselves in this town, and unless Kelly's men take a sudden fancy they will be completely lost in the struggle with the League club during the rest of the season.

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Domestic Use for Ammonia. In addition to taking out stains of all sorts from various fabrics, restoring the faded color of carpets and other materials, and innumerable other useful purposes, ammonia is also used for the disinfection of the house and for the treatment of the sick.

Weighting Machine for Milk Sellers. A very convenient weighing machine for milk sellers is now coming into use. There is a loose platform on the machine, and the milk pails are placed on it.

A New Cure. A new cure is likely to be extensively used for farming purposes. It has a leg or support at the forward end and is mounted on a screw coupler.

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THE EVERY DAY SCIENCE.

Inventions of a Trifling Nature That Have Made Men Rich.

AVOIDING ELEVATOR SICKNESS.

Luminous Paint Now Produced So Cheaply as to be Practical.

CURIOUS FACTS ABOUT ALUMINUM.

Among the small things that have made their inventors wealthy may be mentioned the pen for shading in different colors.

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BATHING FOR SHOW.

The Spectacular Feature of Seashore Life Has Spoiled It.

MODERN COSTUMES TOO FLASHY.

Jenny Jones Says Simple Blue Flannel Is the Suit for the Surf.

DECLINE OF A HEALTHY EXERCISE.

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THE DISGRACING MACHINES.

A disintegrator is a machine which always excites a feeling of wonder, almost of awe. There is something uncanny about an apparatus into which one may shove coal, sparks, stones, bones, old ropes, carbs and various other materials, and which will take any of them as a matter of course, and reduce them to fine powder.

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LEGION NO. 19 AT THE GRAND LEGION MEETING.

Joseph J. Sparta, Legion No. 19, has the sympathy of his fellow comrades in the loss of his only son, who was killed in the war.

Grand Recorder Thomson has been heard from at the seashore. He has gained about 25 pounds in weight, and is having a good time.

Past Grand Commander Alfred A. Smith will be heard at the coming Grand Legion session, owing to the fact that he is now in the hospital.

Joseph L. Shuring, the silver-tongued orator of the Grand Legion, has been elected alternate representative for them in case any accident should befall the representative-elect. He is a better, and will no doubt be heard, and his voice be heard on the floor of the Grand Legion, working for the good of all concerned.

Owing to negligence and dilatory action on the part of those in charge of the semi-annual picnic in Allentown, July 17, in promoting the picnic, it has become necessary for the officers of the Grand Legion, Seaton Knight, the officers of that regiment, at a meeting held at Seaton Knight's home, to take up the matter in the afternoon. It was impossible for many of them to get away in time to get away in time. Colonel Lewis is a better, and will no doubt be heard, and his voice be heard on the floor of the Grand Legion, working for the good of all concerned.

Several lodges of considerable size in their ranks, notably the Grand Legion, No. 24, Allentown.

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