# A Base Ball Romance

How Meyerhasm, a Famous Ball Player, Won Gertrude O'Brien for His Wife.

GHAPTER I.

Gertrude O'Brien was the fairest of Washington's fair women. He was Meyerhasm, the great ball tosser of the home team. They stood in the conservatory of the Villa De O'Brien in a fashionable quarter of New Hampshire avenue, while the deepening shadows of the March evening closed soberly yet softly around them. They heeded not the perfume of those priceless exotics which had cost Boru O'Brien so many doubloons; they were lost in the fragrance of a deep, mutual love.

"When we are wedded, dearest Gertrude," he murmured, "life with me will be one perpetual home run." CHAPTER I.

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The lovely girl blushed to the tips of

her shell-like cars.

"And do you really love me. Meyer-hasm" and her tones had a soft cooing inshoot that set his soul aglow.

"If my heart is not wholly yours." he said, "may I never get a base on bulls again." bails again." lips of Gertrude O'Brien and her

lover met in a long, clinging kiss.
"That was a three-bagger, dearest,"
he said, smacking his lips following the soft and dulcet ceremony, and his voice, which was as the roar of a lion to the tumultuous bleachers, was as gentle as

the note of a dove.
"Let us go back to the perior, love." said Gertrude O'Brien, disengaging her-self from his embrace. "It is becoming overdark in the conservatory and Boru O'Brien, my father, will call strikes on our intimacy unless we conduct our-selves with circumspection."

CHAPTER II. The chilly March evening made the fire grateful. The two lovers sat in the glow of the grate and read the happy score card of the future in each other's

eyes. "Yes, dearest, my affections have "Yes, dearest, my affections have been yours ever since you made that drive to left field and brought in two runs and thed the score in last season's series with the Brooklyns," and she nestled her beautiful head upon his

"I recall it." said Meyerhasm, musingly, his nubby, bunty fingers toying with Gertrude's silken tresses. "I made

"Yes, and if it hadn't been for that provoking left fielder and his pick-up and throw to second, you would have made a home run. How I hated the wretch," and Gertrude O'Brien's eyes "It was a great stop and a great

"It was a great stop and a great throw he made, though," observed Meyerhasm, retrospectively, "I only saved myself by a slide." "And you slid into the home plate of my heart, love," whispered the sweet girl; and their lips met in another three-bagger.

CHAPTER III. "What was your batting average of last year?" demanded Boru O'Brien, sternly, when Meyerhasm sued for the fair hand of his daughter Gertrude, "and what's your standing as a field-

Meyerhasm proudly exhibited the credentials craved. They were satisfactory to Boru O'Brien.
"Bless you, my children," he said,
"bless you. Bless you, and play ball."

CHAPTER IV. It was jocund June. The season was only a third played through. Washington had put up sad and wretched ball. The club stood a disgusting tenth on the league list. Only such failures as St. Louis'and such futilities as Louisville ranked lower. As for the great Meyerhasm, he had played yellow ball from the first. Gertrude O'Brien's heart

I will never marry now," said Gertrude O'Brien, hursting into tears. "I could never bear to have the world point to my husband as one of an aggregation of tail-enders.' At last, however, her sorrow settled into stony resentment.

CHAPTER V. "All is over between us," observed Gertrude O'Brien to Meyerhasm, when the home club returned from its tour. Her tones were cold and hard. "Leave me, false muffer; butter-fingered wretch. Never dare to look upon my

face again."
Meyerhasm couldn't believe his ears He laughed nervously, and attempted to ravish a kiss fromb her lips of dew. She swiped him on his sun-browned cheek with her open hand with force enough to splinter a bat, and evaded

the caress.
"Villian! Don't try to steal a base on me," she said scornfully. 'If you attempt that again I'll make you think

Gertrude O'Brien stepped to a cabi-net, and, selecting a catcher's mask, adjusted it to her beautiful counte-

"Before I drive you from my pres-ence forever," she said, "and now that I'm safe from your loathsome endear-ments, I will ask you what excuse you

can make for your conduct?"
"What conduct?" demanded Meyer-hasm, while his tone showed pain and grieved amazement. "When I left you woman of the marble heart, you de-clared you loved me. I return and am told my dream is o'er. Our engagement

On Lake Erie's Shores-The Captain's Wife Tells the Story-It Will Interest Many People-

[From the Buffalo Evening News.] If you were to call at 27 Front avenue, you would find a pleasant elderly lady, Mrs. Captain Henesy by name. Her kindly smile and joyous manner are to no small extent due to the escape she has had. Her own words can better describe her rescue and one can easily understand her present happy condition when they realize what she has gone through. She says: "About five months ago I had an attack of sickness which lasted for a week and since that time I have been subject at intervals to similar attacks, some of which were longer in duration. It is hard for me to describe how I suffered. The for me to describe how I suffered. The pain would commence in my head, after which it would seem to pass down my body and settle in my back, my sides ached, my back ached, and I had a feeling of great distress in the bowels. The increased pain which seemed to come from lying down, would be almost unbearable, my face and stomach would bloat up and I could bardly stand on my feet disvinces. lying down, would be almost unbearable, my face and stomach would bloat up and I could hardly stand on my feet, dizziness made it almost impossible; this feeling was always with me even after the violence of the attack passed over. The last attack I had was the worst, and was so had I would not have been able to tell this story but for Doan's Kidney Pills. As soon as I commenced their use I found immediate relief. The pain in my back and giden left me and the disziness went with ft; the bloating in my face and body disappeared and all distress in my bowels was gone. I have great faith in Doan's Kidney Pills; in a short time they did a great fleal more for me than all the plasters and medicines which I had resorted to in seeking relief and cure. I hope always to be able to procure them."

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is broken off in the first half of the chird inning, as it were, and the game decided dgainst me 8 to 0. It is of you, perjured goman, an explanation about the camanded."

erhasm, I will give you one. How long is it since you made first base? How many times have you fanned out? When have you held a fly or stopped a grounder? Oh, Meyerhasm, you have forgotten the way to first base; you have broken my heart with your rotten ball!" and the sorrowing girl burst into a torrent of tears.

Meyerhasm was speechless, for he felt the justice of Gertrude O'Brien's position. Hesitating, yet tender, he drew near to console her and promise amends. a torrent of tears.

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"Wrethed fumbler, do not touch me," cried Gertrude O'Brien. "Am I to be called Queen of the Rooters and then link my life to a man who couldn't hit a balloon or catch a ball in a clothes basket? Never, Come no more near me Meyerhasm, until you are redeemed." CHAPTER VI.

"I will win her yet," muttered Meyer-hasm as he turned from the villa De O'Brien after the interviow. "I will win her and wear the pennant as cham-pion of her heart or call life's game for-ever on account of darkness, Gertrude O'Brien shall yet be my wife, or my next homeplate shall be a tombstone,

my next umpire an undertaker." CHAPTER VII. It was a cold, gloomy day, the last of the season. The home club, by steady skill and team work, like the perfect action of a clock, had attained a place side by side with a rival club in the league lead. The world said it was through the matchless work of Meyerhasm. Gertrude O'Brien thought so, too, and her heart went out to him in forgiveness and love.

"It was for me my darling batted and fielded the home team into the front rank," thought Gertrude O'Brien. and her soul melted in longing for his return.

"When I can stand before her the when I can stand before her the crowned monarch of the diamond, then will I come," thought Meyerhasm, and awaited the close of the season in stern silence.

CHAPTER VIII. Today was to decide the league cham-pionship. The home club and its rival had lest and won an equal number of

"Play ball," said the umpire, and the game began.
Inning after inning went by without a run for either side. At the end of the eighth inning the score stood 0 to 0. The ninth inning began. The grandstand was tense and nervous, while the rude bleachers fairly sobbed with pentup excitement. Gertrude O'Brien sat in the grandstand where she could confront the batter. Her face was pale and set like marble. She heeded not what transpired about her. When a foul tip struck Boru O'Brien in the abdomen and he was borne, gasping, from the grandstand by the ushers, Ger-trude O'Briën did not even turn her

head. Her heart, her soul, her very life hung on the issue of the contest being fought out befoe her. "If they less," she whispered, "I shall pass the short, balance of my wretched days in the somber shadows of a clois-

Gertrude O'Brien leaned back, while two tears starting from her eyes rolled piteously down her white cheeks and fell upon Meyerhasm as he sat on the players' bench below. His own eyes filled as he looked up and saw her

the ninth. Then the home team went to bat. Gertrude O'Brien's heart al-most ceased to beat. The first man struck out. The second bunted a fee-ble ball to short. "Run!" yelled the grand stand. "Make him t'row it!" howled the bleachers. He was thrown out easy at first.

The great Meyerhasm stepped to some plate, the club mascot had rubbed his bat with a rabbit's foot.

"I will give him a look of encourage-ment," said Gertrude O'Brien. It will not rattle him, and may do him good." As Meyerhasm'sdvanced to the plate he glanced up at the beautiful creature he adored. She was on the lookout and rave him the gay face. He replied with a look of intelligence, the first that had shone in his eyes since that cruel even-ing months before. With the first ball pitched came the

With the first ball pitched came the end, and with the end came triumph for the home team. The mighty Meyerhasm batted the ball with the force of some dreadful engine. The shock shivered the bat to his very grasp. The ball soared away over the center fielder, that wretched official not being within reach of it by fifty feet. Meyerhasm ran the bases in one grand Meyerhasm ran the bases in one grand Meyernasm ran the bases in one grand circuit of success. It was a home run, and the home team was victor and leader of the league. The bleachers roared like the ocean, while the grandstand stormed the very sky with its plaudits. As Meyerhasm crossed the home plate Gertrude O'Brien, pale and lifeless, drifted from her chair in a

CHAPTER IX.

It was the evening of the great day at the villa De O'Brien. The happy shadows again wrapped the reunited lovers in their sweet gloom.

"Play nearer your base, darling."
murmured Gertrude O'Brien coyly, and
Meyerhasm, accepting her gentle coaching, drew the lovely girl closer to his

For one blissful hour they sat in si-lence. At last she spoke again, and her voice had in it a drop curve full

of tenderness.
"What preacher shall we agree on to umpire our nuptials, love?" she asked. "I care not, sweetheart, so it ends in a tle," he replied. And then, as if moved by the same impulse, they fas-tened their faces together in one long lusolous three-bagger.—Washington Post.

### SUMMERTIME ILLS.

Points in Common Sense Higiene Which May Save Many a Doctor Bill-Handy Remedies For Common Ailments and How to Apply Them.

Talking in the presence of a Commercial Advertiser man recently, a prominent Gotham physician dropped many valuable "health hints" which are of particular value to summer vacationists. Said he, among other things: "If my wife were out in the country, miles from a doctor, and the baby began to have summer complaint, I should hope she would-know enough to know that the infant, if it was nursing breast milk, had probably merely been overthe infant, if it was nursing breast milk, had probably merely been overfed. The treatment would be to double the interval between the next one or two feedings to give the rebellious stomach a chance to get straightened out. Summer complaint is the warning that too much or the wrong sort of food is in the body undigested. A mild dose of castor oil to hasten the elimination of the offending matter is a good and safe remedy. If the child were nursing from a bottle, I should scald the milk before it was used, lessen the feedings just the same, and give the castor oil. The probabilities are that the child who is running about and comes down with summer complaint has been foraging among the green apples or been indulged in candy and other trash by a fond and criminally foolish relative. If I found out that the little stomach had been thus overloaded, I wouldn't wait for the

diarrhoea to set in; I'd give the child an emetic made of a small teaspoonful of ground mustard stirred into a glass of warm water. If the overfeeding wasn't discovered in time to prevent the consequences, I'd give castor oil and cut down the diet."

"The first thing that people ask the doctor when any person is sick is what the patient shall have to eat. In most cases he ought not to have anything for some time, and then very little. Cooked gruels would be safe for the older child with summer complaint, if taken sparingly and at considerable intervals. Don't be afraid of starving him. It is much safer than to add to the physical disturbance by piling in more matter to be digested before the fever and polson due to the undigested matter already in the body have had time to abate.

"Castor oil doesn't taste bad; it smells bad and looks bad. Therefore don't

"Castor oil doesn't taste bad; it smells bad and looks bad. Therefore don't give it in a glass; put it in a porcelain cup. Hold the nostrils till it is swallowed to prevent the smell nauseating the child. A child too young to take it from a cup will take it from the mother's finger dipped in the oil over and over. The finger should be dipped in hot water first. If a child comes in from play feverish, exhausted and sick' generally, find out what he has been eating and get rid of it. Sponge the body a little place at a time with cold water in which some white vinegar has been mixed, and let the moisture evaporate to cool the body; then wipe with a soft towel. Keep the child quiet. Give him something to open the bowels. Do not let him eat anything for a few hours, and then only some simple gruel, and he will probably come up smiling in the morning.

ome up smiling in the morning. "If the sea dip has resulted in a chill, give something hot and stimulating. If an adult, some whisky is the best thing, an ounce for a man. For a child or a young person hot milk is excellent. Have the milk just as hot as can be sipped without burning the mouth. The driven from the surface to the internal organs, where it is congested. The heat taken into the stomach stimulates the heart and drives the blood out where i

elongs.
"If the bleycle run has been too long and the rider comes in exhausted, flushed and generally done up, put him in a warm bath; after a very few minutes let the water run till cold. Then give a vigorous rub down with a coarse towel and let him stay in bed for a few hours. A hot drink, with some stimulant, is useful in exhaustion. Medicine is a good thing in its proper place, but by using some of their heritage of common sense, people might avoid many of the ills of life. Drugs in the hands of the laity are dangerous. Half the so-called specifics for summer complaint, for instance, contain a large proportion for instance, contain a large proportion of opium. This makes them positively dangerous for children. Mothers can ward off the necessity of calling in professional advice and save their little people suffering and themselves much anxiety by seeing to it that their diet is kept wholesome and in moderate quantity. If the child or grown person overgate in spite of this watching, or eats eats in spite of this watching, or eats the wrong thing, give an emetic and a cathartic, and let him refrain from eat-

ing for a time. "For the stubbed toe, the bruised palm, and the scraped shin, where dirt has been ground into the skin, do not touch the wounded surface with a cloth. Hold it under running water as hot as can be borne, beginning with the water cool enough to give no discomfort. When the dirt has been quite washed when the dirt has been dire with a piece of soft, old muslin, spread with carbolated vaseline. A slight cut usually bleeds so profusely everybody is needlessly scared. Let it bleed a few minutes to wash away impurities car-ried into the wound by the cutting in-strument. Then press the edges of the cut together and bind them up in cold "Nothing to nothing in the eighth!" howled the official scorer, as he chalked up the sixteenth goose egg.

The home team retired the foe in one-two-three order in the first half of should be dressed by a surgeon. All cuts are serious if dirt is allowed to remain in the wound. Therefore clean the wound as directed before dressing it. Sticking plaster is apt to do more

harm than good unless put on by a sur-geon. Narrow strips known to be germ free may be used to hold the edges of a cut together, attaching the ends only, and to uninjured flesh, but space should be left between the strips. Never cover a wound with court plaster. The best thing for a burn when it is so slight it can be taken care of without profession-al aid is to cover it and keep the air from it. Dress it with soft muslin wet in carron oil. This is made of linseed oil and lime water. For bumps bathe first in hot water to allay the ache and

"Hot water is not half enough appreciated. It is one of the best treatments for cold in the head. Bathe the eyes and nose, cheeks, temples, fore-head, over and over again with very hot

presses wet in cold water to prevent the

blood settling and consequent discolor

head, over and over again with very hot water and inhale the steam. Reduce the diet, and keep the bowels open.

"Tooth ache should be treated by a dentist. Ear ache is oftenest caused by defective teeth. If either of these aches set in the country where a dentist can't be consulted, it is a good plan to gargle the mouth with hot water a few times to wash out matter that may few times to wash out matter that may have lodged in a tooth cavity and be pressing upon the anerve; then apply

pressing upon the anerve; then apply heat externally, moist heat being better than dry heat for the purpose.

"For a bee sting apply ammonia, or some saleratus water, and then put a little dry saleratus on the stung place, making a little cover of the powder, the action of which is to neutralize the poison of the sting.

"Ivy poison is treated by the country women often quite efficaciously by washing the surface of the poisoned skin with strong saleratus water and binding on plantain leaves that have been bruised in the hands till the leaves are soft and moist. The following liquid is an excellent remedy, prescribed a good deal in the profession; Phenoi, 4 dram; zinc oxide, I ounce; lime water to make one pint; mix. Have a shake label put on the bottle, as the powder precipitates in standing. Wet cloths in the mixture and lay over the poisoned skin, keeping them wet.

"It is a good thing if one is going "It is a good thing if one is going away from civilization in the summer to carry a few things that are likely to be needed. A bottle of the above lypolson remedy, another of carron oil, one of ammonia, one of cullodion, a box of carbolated vaseline, one of spirits of camphor (to put on 'cold sores' after they have been bathed in very hot water for several ininutes, and to apply to scratches), some soft muslic water for several minutes, and to apply to scratches), some soft muslin cloths and a package of mustard leaves, which make the counter irritant that gives a happy relief from many pains—all these are cheap and valuable. The cullodion makes a water proof dressing that is good for cuts which merely roughen the outer skin, and for surface abrasions that are very slight in extent. To make the cullodion stick wash the surface to be covered with alcohol and blow it to make it evaporate quickly. Then brush the cullodion on and evaporate that wish the breath till quite dry. "It is easier to prevent than to cure illness caused by impure water and milk. Therefore I should counsel everybody going into the country where the sources of the water and milk were not actually known to be perfectly pure to insist upon having the water boiled and cooled for drinking purposes. The milk should be sterliked, by heating it to 180 degrees. Bolling it makes it less digestible, and changes the taste."

#### 17,000 head; market weak and 10 and 15 cents lower, except for choice; inferior to choice, \$1.75a1.75; lambs, \$3a5.25. THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Aug. 19.—Wall street:
American Tobacco was the sensation at the Stock Exchange today, the stock figuring for 122,900 shares in a grand total of 300,673 shares. Sugar was the next in point of activity. American Tobacco was under the hammer all day, and dropped from 104½ to 92, the pressure to self being greatest at the close. Just a week ago today the stock brought 114. The decline was accompanied by any number of unfavorable reports. It was said that manufacturers outside of the trust will hold a meeting this week to decide upon a line of policy to be pursued. American Sugar was weaker in sympathy and fell from 114½ to 111½ al12½. Chicago Gas fell 1½ to 61½ and later rose to 63½ a63. The railway list was not affected by the manipulation in Tobacco, and some of the prominent issues were decidedly strong. This strength of the market is accounted for partly by the brilliant prospects for the bountiful harvest and the fact that the actual engagements of gold for tomorrow's European steamers were only \$150,000. In the last hour prices rose actual engagements of gold for tomorrow's European steamers were only \$150,000. In the last hour prices rose 1/4 to 2% per cent., the improvement being most pronounced in Manhattan and the Grangers. The market closed steady to firm except for Tobacco, which left off heavy. Net changes in the general list show gains of 1/4 per cent. Tobacco lost 12% per cent. and preferred 4.

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The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton. Op'n- High- Low- Clos ing. est. est. ing. ... 101 1014 92 93

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Third National Bank		
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New York Produce Market

New York Aug. 19.—Flour—Neglected, weak, offered freely. Winter wheat—Low grades, \$2.50a3.10; do. fair to fancy, \$3.10a 3.00; do. patents, \$3.50a4; Minnesota clear, \$2.50a3.24; do. straights, \$3.15a3.50; do. patents, \$3.65a4.00; low extras, \$2.50a2.10; city mills, \$4a4.20; do. patents, \$4.40a4.65. Wheat—Duil and easier with options; No. 2 red store and elevator, \$9%c.; afloat, Tlice; No. 1 northern, 72c.; options weak; May, 1896, 75%c.; August, 69%c.; Beptember, 70c.; October, 70%c.; December, 72%c. Btocks of grain store and afloat, Aug. 17. Wheat, 486.21 bushels; corn, 87.637 bushels; oats, 1.698,694 bushels; crn, 87.637 bushels; oats, 1.698,694 bushels, corn,—Fairly active and lower, closing firm; No. 2, 46%c.; elevator, 47%c.; afloat; options dull and weak; September, 44%c.; October, 43%c.; December, 28%c.; Cotober, 43%c.; October, 24%c.; No. 2 white, 30c.; No. 2 chicago, 27%c.; No. 3, 27c.; No. 3 white, 27%c.; mixed western, 27a25c.; white do., 27a25c.; white state, 27a25c.; white do., 27a25c.; white state, 27a25c.; white do., 27a25c.; white state, 27a25c.; bushels, twelve pounds, 7c.; pickled shoulders, 5%a5%c.; city, 36.25 asked Beptember, 36.22; refined firmer; continent, 17; South America, 37.25; compound, 4%a54c. Pork—Quiet and firm; mess, 311.25a11.75. Butter—Quiet, about steady; state dairy, 12a18%c.; do. creamery, 194a20c.; western dairy, 9%a12c.; do. creamery, 194a20c.; emitation creamery, 11a15c. Chetso—Fancy firm, moderate demand; state and Pennsylvana, 14a15c.; western fresh, 12%a15%c.; do. fancy, 7%a174c.; do. small, 6a8%c.; part skims, 2%a5c.; full akims, 1%a2c. Eggs—Steady, fair demand; state and Pennsylvana, 14a15c.; western fresh, 12%a15%c.; do. fancy, 7%a174c.; do. creamery Chicago Live Stock

Chicago Live Stock.
Union Stock Yards, Aug. 19.—Cattic—Receipts, 22,000 heads; market weak and 10 and 15 cents lower; except for best; common to extra sieers, 25,502; stockers and feeders, 25,002,10; cows and bulls, 21,252,75; calves, 23,602,15; Texass, 25,45; western rangers, 21,002,15; Texass, 25,45; western rangers, 21,002,15; Texass, 25,45; compts, 21,002,15; head; market strees and 5 cents higher; heavy packing and shipping lots, 54,664,65; common to choice market, 15,502,50; ohoice amorted, 15,502,15; light, 15,502,50; pigs, 352,50.

Philadelphia Flour Market.
Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—Flour—weak;
winter supers, 22.562.55; do. extras, 22.75a2;
Pennsylvania roller clear, 31.10a1.25; do. straight, 31.26a1.56; western winter clear, 31.10a1.35; do. straight, 33.25a1.56; do. patent, 2.00a1.25; spring clear, 2.25a1.20; do. straight, 33.25a1.56; do. patent, 33.65a1.55; do. favorite brands higher.

Chicago Grain Market.
Chicago, Aug. 19.—Wheat—August, 644a.
644a.; September, 645aa6c.; December, 674a.; May. 71%. Corn—August, 38c.; September, 383a384c.; October, 365a.; December, 315a315a.; January, 304a.; May. 254a.
34%. Onts—August, 284a.; September, 30c.; May, 23%c.

Oil Market.
Pittsburg, Aug. 19.—Oil opened and highest, 125; lowest and closed, 125.
O2 Cty, Aug. 19.—Oil opened at 127; highest, 129; lowest and closed, 125.

Philadelphia Tallow Market. Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—Tallow is in goodcmand and firm. We quote: City prime in hogsheads, 4½c.; country prime, in harrels, 4c.; country, dark, in barrels, 3½c. cakes, 4½c.; greese, 3½c.

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

Happenings of Interest to the Staple Trades and Particularly to the Trade in Iron, Steel and Authracite Coal.

East Indian coal mines produced 5,529,000 tons in 1893. The New York Times estimates that the wages of 514,000 persons has been advanced during the recovery in busi-

ness.

The Ontario and Western, for year ended June 30, shows gross earnings of \$3,659,113, a decrease of \$173,006; operating expenses, \$2,540,252, a decrease of \$87,627; net earnings, \$1,128,861, a decrease of \$85,379, and surplus, \$326,382, decrease of \$83,379, and surplus, \$326,382, decrease of \$93,184.

A scarcity of coal cars is complained of on Ohio, Indiana and Illinois roads, and railway officials say it is due to the fact that all box cars, many of which have been used in hauling coal, have been repaired to be used in grain ser-vice this fall and winter. Philadelphia Press: There has prac-tically been no new business in coal for

some time, except at decreasing prices, until now the lowest point known has been reached. There have been many dispatiches from New York to the ef-fect that coal advanced 15 to 30 cents last week. Some sizes of old Lehigh coal, which is always from 15 to 40 coat, which is always from to to ents above the price of ordinary coat, are scarce, and probably an advance has been paid for them, but this does not reflect general trade conditions. There is more coal above ground than ever before. It is estimated that the Beading has more than 900,000 tons of Reading has more than 900,000 tons of coal on hand, and the other companies are in a similar condition. Taking this fact into consideration, with the further fact that although the production exceeds the demand for coal, no agreement can be ready to restrict it, and ment can be made to restrict it, and that buyers of coal fully understand the situation, it is easy to form a judgment of the condition of the trade. There is no movement now on foot to settle the differences between the great carrying companies, though the fall trade ought to begin soon, Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 19.—The Thomas

Coal company have struck the Lykens vein at their colliery in the Shenandoah Valley. The vein has proved 7½ feet of good coal. This is a new discovery and will be a source of much wealth to the will be a source of much wealth to the land owners in that velley, among whom are the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company and the Girard estate. The vein was intersected after a tunnel was driven 500 feet. Many of the coal authorities have heretofore held that the Lykens vein did not underlie the other coal seams in this vicinity, but the ThomasCoal company management are now satisfied the theory has been wrong.

Pittston Gazette: The price of pea coal is going up. Not many years ago coal is going up. Not many years ago it could be purchased for from fifty cents to \$1 a ton. Of late it has sold for

\$1.50 at the chutes, and now the talk is that the companies have agreed to sizes of coal have likewise increased in value as modern appliances render them useful as fuel. Buckwheat costs \$1 and bird's eye, where it is handled, can't be bought for less than 50 cents a ton. Even culm commands a good price. All of which is to the operator's advantage. It isn't many years since the smaller sizes of coal were considered of little value—so little, in fact, that under all of the old coal leases no royalty is paid by operators for any coal smaller than chestnut and largesize pea coal. These leases, of course, continue to hold, and the operators get for nothing the smaller sizes of coal for which they now receive big sums, and the coal owner isn't in it. Engineering and Mining Journal: The

proposition to lease and operate of royalty the Reading's collieries is by n means a new one, but even if it be ac cepted—and there is much to recom send it-there are many other things to take into consideration before the sound basis for profit earning. The Reading is not the only coal railroad that needs recognition, although in the case of the others the necessity is not so glaring. The pernicious practice of publishing misleading reports is an old one, and if a careful analysis of the Philadelphia and Reading's true condition would, in spite of what everyone is prepared for, create a sensation, a sim llar analysis of the condition of the Le high Valley, Delaware and Hudson. Jersey Central and Delaware, Lacka-wanna and Western might be no less interesting to many people. No practical working plan can be arrived at unless the true condition of all the com-panies is definitely ascertained. It is, after all, the lack of such knowledge that has rendered futile all previou efforts in that direction, for be it re membered that not one of the com-panies is willing to acquiesce in any plan in which the claims of its competitors are based on the showing made in their annual reports. We do not mean to imply that the officers of the coalcarrying roads are guilty of wilful mis-statements, but many of them may be justly accused of making misleading re

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