In the World of Sports.

PITCHING HINTS FOR YOUNG TWIRLERS

Knack Which Almost Every Lad Would

SEVERAL WAYS FOR AN OUT CURVE

Like to Learn.

How to Throw an Incurve, and Upshoot and a Drop Ball .- Tim Keefe Had a Good Method Which Kept Batters Guessing -- Harvard Professors Once Throught a Curved Ball Impossibl

How to pitch a curve ball is a knack almost every lad would like to pick up They can picture themselves fanning out dozens of batsmen in every game The art of ventriloquism is a boy's aream, but it is not so lasting a desire as that of imparting a curve to a base

Since Arthur Chapman discovered the out curve it has been improved upor by professionals until they have the inward and outward, drop and raise curve balls, all of which can be thrown by throwing the ball the same way, but by using a different snap of the wrist.

There are several ways of throwing the outward curve. The easiest is by holding the ball between the first two fingers and the thumb, and, as the ball leaves the hand, it should be dethe ground. The snap must be given with the wrist as the ball leaves the

DOWN AND UP SHOOTS.

The drop curve is accomplished by snapping the wrist when it is over your head towards the ground, and the ball, when leaving the hand, slides over the first finger near the tips.

The upshoot is thrown underhand, holding the bal as in the other cases. When it leaves the hand the snap of the wrist should be given and the thumb should be higher than the fingers. The latter should be on the side of the ball nearest the ground,

The curves are all held in the same way to deceive the batter, as the straight fast ball is thrown the same way, as well as the slow ball. By this means a batsman cannot tell whether the pitcher is going to serve up a fast, slow or curve ball. The drop and out-ward curves can be thrown holding the ball with the last three fingers and the thumb. This grasp will give a slow curve and the fast and slow balls should be held the same way to disguise the pitch. This was Tim Keefe's method of throwing the ball.

Another way is by holding the ball with the two fingers and without the thumb, and when the ball leaves the hand it goes over the thumb and a sharper curve is the result. But it is very difficult to control the ball. Rusie uses this curve, and all the batsmen of the National league agree that he has the fastest curve ever used by any

Many college professors once could Many college professors once could not believe that such a thing as a met defeat at the hands of Lehigh this controlled curve ball existed. Their ecutentian was that it was an optical delusion and contrary to the law of physics. However, it was practically demonstrated at Harvard. Two posts were placed on the campus, 50 feet spart. They were on a direct line. Between these posts were placed two other posts, one two feet to the right and one of the straight line posts, and the catcher was behind the one at the other end. The ball curved around the posts and was caught by the catcher without moving from his position. This proved conclusively that the curve was a fact.

DIAMOND DUST.

Poor Syracuse-also Toronto. Cuban Giants vs. Scranton this after

Stimmell, released by Scranton early last season, is pitching for Richmond. The seating capacity of the Philadelphia ball grounds this season will be

Eleven clubs want Rusic restored. Freedman doesn't. The eleven will win. Boodle counts. They are not in

base ball for sentiment. When Johnson is in the box he forgets "ze monk," and attends strictly to

business, which is good. Tommy is cool, and his control is cute enough to make the gods smile.—Philadelphia Ex. The Buffalo Bas: Ball club left Wedresday night on its preliminary spring practice trip. The first game was played in Youngstown, O., yesterday,

Today the team will go to New Castle, Pa., for two games, and on Sunday will probably play Rochester in Rochester. Reuben Washington was playing but near West Chester, Pa., with a lemon in his mouth. In the excitement of trying to stop a hot liner the lemon slapred into Washington's throat and ledged in the stomach. Dr. Joseph Reybill cut the base ball player open and extricated the lemon from his stomach. The youth may lose his life. The non-arrival of Pitcher Proctor, who was on the Scranton list two months ago, is a source of misunderstanding. It has already been stated in this column that Proctor will not be given a trial. It was ascertained that he was too much of an experiment and Manager Griffin very properly decid-ed to give Proctor a chance to shine

" " locality other than Scranton. Dutch Berger was told of a story go ing the rounds that the Scranton club was trying to trade him to the Springfield club for a pitcher. "It's news to me," said he. "I don't care where they had planned to saily forth yesterdaysend me. What's the use of kicking they always "saily forth"—probably when a club wants to swap you. Better go and make the best of it."—Syra- and fished, and of those who whipped cuse Herald. If Berger could catch as the st well as he can philosophize he would be stock. wanted here,-Springfield Union.

Arthur Irwin having refused to grant the Canadian league the right to place club in Toronio, where his Eestern league club is located, the Canadian organization has decided to go along without national protection, and locate a team in Toronto just for the sake of streams. The indications are that not a good hot scrap. Arthur will hold his until tomorrow will the waters subown in a base ball scrap. He stood up side sufficiently to make wading easy like a major during the players' league war, always wearing a sunset smile that was simply invincible.- Hoston

When W. Arlington Latham arrived When W. Arlington Latham arrived pounds on sale at any stand, and it is at Columbus President Loftus greeted likely that not over a half-hundred Up to date no notice has been taken him warmly and congratulated the great third baseman upon his apparent I fore nightfall.

condition? I worried myself into conition wondering if you were going to take me back again. That'll get the best of 'em in shape." After chatting about the weather and other kindred subjects, Latham inquired: "What are you going to do with all these third basemen? I don't see anything but three baggers in sight. Some of them will have to go." "Well," replied Tom quietly, "I've got a good 'un in that oung fellow Babb. He can jump three feet in the air and pull 'em down; and his pick-ups and batting-wait and see him today." "Say, Tom," said Arlie, "he's got to jump twelve feet in the air and climb that fence if he wants to be in the game with yours truly. I'll have 'em all hunting stepladders. And this wing! Say, it's a fright this year."-

CUBAN GIANTS TODAY.

Rain Yesterday Only Made the Fans More Anxious for This Afternoon's Contest.

Yesterday's rain prevented the game that was to have been played with the Cuban Glants, but the disappointment probably whetted the appetites of the fans for this afternoon's game between the two clubs. The contest will begin at 3 o'clock. Scranton's players will be: Boyd and O'Neill, catchers; Morse, Wellner and Yerkes, pitchers; Massey, ball leaves the hand, it should be de-livered by snapping the wrist towards O'Brien, third base; Beard, shortstop; the left with the back of the hand to Eagan, left field; Walters, center field, the ground. The in curve is thrown and Daly, right field, Ladies will be just the reverse way, that is, by hold- admitted free to the grounds and ing the front part of the hand towards grand stand, as they will be to all the exhibition games. Meaney, Gillon and Fallon will pitch tomorrow against the Olyphant Browns,

The rain, while it gave the men a welcome rest from the stiffening practice work of the preliminary season, did not relieve them from a busy afternoon. Manager Griffin had all hands out at the park, where in the warmth of the dressing room several hours were occupied in oiling bats and gloves and in "fanning." The latter consists of telling a good base ball lie or a true story of the diamond, the trick depend-ing on the morals or conscience of the "Pete" Eagan told only one teller. yarn and he was awarded the bun.

"Kid" Brown, this city's colored middleweight boxer, and an ex-Cuban Giant, will pitch for the dusky boys today. On May 28 he will be a permanent fixture on the team. He is a twirler of more than ordinary ability. On Monday the Scranton club goes to Philadelphia to play the Athletics, stopping at Reading on the return home for games Tuesday and Wednesday. Manager Griffin is now arranging for games at Lancaster Thursday

and Friday. It is quite likely that the University of Pennsylvania team will be here to play next week Saturday. The university base ball manager is now in correspondence with Manager Griffin, and if the question of guarantee can be agreed upon the collegians will be

YESTERDAY'S BALL GAMES.

Lehigh-Virginia.

afternoon by the score of 8 to 3.

Washington-Richmond. Washington, April 15.—Richmond was treated to a shut-out today, and Al Maul and Silver King were the two veterans

who accomplished their downfall. Score: R.H.E. Washington21100001*-581

Batteries-Maul, King, Ashe, Swain, Maguire and Farrell; Stimmell and Schadet,

Bultimore-Syracuse. Baltimore, April 15.-The champtons

again easily defeated the Syracuse team today by the score of 15 to 2. Kellacky was easy for the home team, while the vis-Batteries-Coogan and Clarke; Kellacky and Ryan.

GAMES IN THIS CITY.

Here Is a List You Want to Past in Your Hat.

The games that will be played at iome by the Scranton club, the dates and the opposing teams are given in the list printed below. The Tribune has already printed the Eastern league schedule, but the following is published for the benefit of the home cranks; cut it out and save it for reference:

With Syracuse-April 29, 30, May 1. With Rochester-May 3, 4, 5, With Buffalc-May 6, 7, 8 With Toronto-May 10, 11, 12, With Providence-May 20, 21, 22, With Springfield-May 24, 25, 26, With Wilkes-Barre-May 27, 29, 31 (p. m.). With Springfield-June 17, 18, 19 With Providence-June 21, 22, 23, With Wilkes-Barre-June 25. With Wilkes-Barre-July 5 (a. m.), 6, With Toronto-July 8, 9, 10. With Buffalo-July 12, 13, 14. With Rochester-July 15, 16, 17, With Syracuse-July 15, 20, 21, With Providence-Aug. 6, 7, 9, With Springfield-Aug. 10, 11, 12. With Wilkes-Barre-Aug. 13, 17, 18, With Buffalo-Aug. 21. With Toronto-Aug. 25, 26, 27. With Syracure-Aug. 28, 30, 31,

TROUT SEASON OPENS.

Day Was Very Unfavorable and but Few Catches Reported.

With Rochester-Sept. 1, 2, With Ruffalo-Sept. 10, 11.

A more unsatisfactory day than yesterday for the beginning of a trout season would be difficult to imagine. Out of ten fishermen who on Wednesday the streams very few were of the old

It began raining early Wednesday night and the pour was copious and incessant up to yesterday noon. The watersheds filled the streams and turned them into torrents. Whatever catches were made were reported from the headwaters of the smaller feed streams. The indications are that not Trout were offered for sale in the Scranton markets at noon for \$1 per pound. A Tribune reporter who made tour of the markets found but a few weight were brought into the city be-

FOR AND AGAINST THE BICYCLE TAX

Propositions Now Pending in This State and Illinois.

GOOD ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES

Tax Advocates Say a Wheel Is a Luxury and That a Rider Should Pay for It .- Wheelmen Say That Are Vehicles of Necessity Rather Than Pleasure.

In view of the propositions pending in Illinois and Pennsylvania to levy a tax upon bleyeles the following reasons for and against such a tax, which appeared recently in the Chicago Evening Journal are interesting. The arguments in favor of the tax are as fol-

1. Cyclists use the reads and should, therefore contribute to the local expen-

2. A cycle is a luxury. 3. Cycles constitute a class of traffic which sometimes inconveniences or en-

dangers the timid pedestrian, 4. The possession of a bicycle implies means, which presents the prospect of getting the tax from the rider. 5. Money must be raised from one

class or another for local purposes. 6. Some people think a tax would have the effect of suppressing the careless and oftentimes reckless scorcher. 7. A tax would render registration possible, and thereby increase the cy-

clist's sense of responsibility for behavior on the road. 8. A majority of cyclists are young people who do not contribute to the

lists of taxable property. Some middle-aged and old people regard the growth of the pastime with envy and jealousy, not being attuned to the age in which they live. 10. The permanence of cycling is now

assured, and the taxation of bicycles offers a steady, increasing prospect of

BICYCLISTS' ARGUMENTS.

The arguments against the tax are: 1. The cyclist does not wear out the oads or leave offensive tracks as does the horse traffic, create blocks, or imbede traffic in any manner whatever. 2. A cycle, though freuently a lux-ury, is often a necessity to the workman and the business man as well. The cyclist, although the careless person often casts his body before his wheel, always suffers with his victim in person, machine, and sometimes

4. Cycling is pursued by rich and poor alike, and a uniform tax on machines would press harshly on the poor

5. A tax upon an instrument of locomation, not used solely for local purposes, would be costly to enforce, and unless fixed at an oppressively high rate the expense of arranging its incldence and collection would seriously diminish the receipts.

6. The imposition of a tax or a pasme and the enforcement of the law by persecutions and penalties are unpopular in a sport-loving country.

COULD NOT BE EQUITABLE. 7. Many persons keep a cycle for occasional use, and to tax these equally with the constant riders would not be

quitable. 8. A tax would invariably impose a check upon the pursuit of a healthy and peneficial pastime.

In some cities wheelmen are in favor of placing a tax ranging from 25 cents

to \$1 per year on bicycles, the money to be devoted to the construction of past fights. sidepaths.

SCHRIVER'S GREAT CATCH.

Did Not Catch the Eall Throw from Washington Monument.

Catcher "Bill" Schriver, who will play this season with the Cincinnati team, has been credited with having caught a base ball thrown from the top of the Washington monument about three years ago when he was in that city as a member of the Chicago team. In a recent interview about the matter Schriver said: "I did not catch a ball thrown from

say that I did. In fact, I did not try could even judge a ball thrown from such a height well enough to get his hards under it. Anson took the bet cal effort. and selected me to attempt the feat. It was no trick at all. I had no trouble in judging the ball. I got both hands under it fairly, but I didn't try to catch it. I'll bet \$50 to \$25 that I can catch ball thrown from the monument if the watchman will give the permission to try it. A fellow can't judge a ball 500 feet in the air and keep an eye on the watchman at the same time,

"Any time I can get a bet and be given half a dozen trials, with no interference, I'll be ready to post my money that I can make the catch. I never had any trouble with foul flies. I don't care how high up they go or the condition of the sky. I rarely fail to get under them. I only missed three foul flies of

WILKES-BARRE GETS ONE.

Awarded a Date for National L. A. Circuit Races.

Paitimore, April 15.-The following are among the dates assigned for national circuit meets. The meets are not yet sanctioned, and will not be until notice is received from promoters that the dates assigned are accepted. After the meets are sanctioned, a list of them will be published: July 13, Warren, Pa., Recreation Park association: July 15-16, Erie, Pa., Erie Cycle and Athletic association; August 6-7, Philadelphia, National meet, Associated Cycle clubs; August 10, Reading, Pa. Penn Wheelmen; August 12, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., West End Wheelmen.

SULLIVAN STILL AT IT.

His Manager Will Insist on Yes or No.

from Fitzsimmons. Boston, April 15.-Shortly after John L. Sullivan returned from Carson City, his manager, Frank V. Dunn, posted \$1,000 with a Boston paper to bind a of it. The Sullivan people mean busi-

be drawn and placed with some New

York paper, Manager Dunn, who is sick and unable to go to New York, has empowered of John L. Sullivan. Dunn will make a bet of \$5,000 that Sullivan wins. Sulli-yan is anxious to fight Fire in the bank. Courtney stated them March of next year to a finish and for the largest purse offered by any club.

Mr. Innes will be in New York tomorwill fight Sullivan or not. Whatever money is put up will go in the hands of Al Smith, who was the stakeholder in the Fitzsimmons-Corbett match.

AMATEUR BALL NOTES.

The Star base ball club that has been In existence for many years has been reorganized. Funds are being raised for Bicycles Improve the Roads and the purchase of uniforms and with that end in view the club will hold their annual ball on Easter Monday night. April 19, in Germania hall. Music will be furnished by Professor Smith.

The Nonpariel Base Ball club of Priceburg, accept the challenge of the Nonpariel club of Dunmore for a game on the Dunmore grounds on April 18 at 2.30 o'clock. The club will play as fol-C. Hall, eatcher; A. Hall, pitcher; A. Jones, first base; John Wyland, second base; R. Hail, shortstop; S. Meehan, third base; C. Wyland, left field; F. Wyland, center field; J. Betzeld, right field.

Manager John Flaherty has effected a reorganization of the well known Has-Been base ball club. The tentas' work in the past has been excellent. From the following list of players the team for this season will be selected: Catchers, R. Barrett and P. Sweeney; pitchers, H. Carmody and William Gilmartin; shortstop, Thomas Flaherty; first base, John Murrin; second base, Peter Enrise; third base, John Carmody; left field, John Earrett; center field Dan Gelbert; right field, Frank McGrath; substitutes, M. Sweeney, P. Gilmartin, Walter Scott and A. A. O'Hara. The schedule is now open and the team would like to complete

a series of games with the leading Lackawanna county amateur clubs. City hall employes have organized a team for strictly purposes of fun. They will play the police club a practice game, but have not yet had the temerity to challenge the newspaper men. The city hall team will be known as the "O's and R's," which means ordinances and resolutions. Following is their roster: John Mahon, clerk of the common council; Dominick Healey, of the city engineer's office and member of the old Jumbo's; Frank Phillips, of the city engineer's office; P. J. Hickey, chief of the fire department; James Smith and Evan Walters, of the city engineer's corps; David Davis, of the city solicitor's office; Edward Robinson, city controller, and Edward Eisele, his clerk; Charles Fowler, city assessor, and J. Lavelle, of the city clerk's office.

AROUND THE ROPED ARENA.

Under the old London prize ring rules a round lasted until one man went to grass. Mitchell and Sullivan fought 39 minutes without a pause. That is, Sullivan fought and Mitchell sprinted.

When John L. Bullivan fought "the Slade' he made a prophecy that was subsequently fulfilled. He said that he would put "the Slade's" head through a big bass drum and sure enough when the time came Sullivan knocked his opponent clear through the ropes and "the Slade" was extricated from the instrument only after the livelles

George Dixon and Cal McCarthy fought 72 rounds before their fight was called a draw. In the second round McCarthy broke his left hand and for five hours he fought with his right There was no champion declared that night in Beston.

Since Maher began training for his expected contest with Tom Sharkey he has taken off a lot of weight. Maher is giving strict attention to his wind, which has bothered him in some of his

Steve O'Donnell appears to be afraid of Joe Butler. The Olympic club, of Athens, Delaware county, offered him a good purse to meet Butler, but Billy Madden, his manager, stated that Steve would not box any colored men. It is not so long ago since Steve boxed Walter Johnson, a colored man, in Philadelhia. Perhaps he got too much of a drubbing that time and don't want another dose.

WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL.

Philadelphia wheelmen have been sked to take part in the coremonies "I did not eatch a ball thrown from the Washington monument. I did not statue, on May 15.

T. M. Frebie, of Latrobe, Fa., has deto catch the ball. A lot of the Chicago | vised an invention that dispenses with players and the clerks in the Arlington | the sprocket chain and pedals on bleyhotel were one day talking about the cles, the propelling power being a motor feat. Some one made a bet that there in which gunpowder is exploded in a was not a ball player in the crowd that chamber by electricity, generated from

A Detroit man has invented a new trousers guard, says Wheel, which he thinks has solved the problem for those who find it convenient to use the bicycle in ordinary street attire. Instead of a land confining the trousers, which is so much objected to for the reason that it wrinkles that important garment considerably, a peculiar arrange-ment has been made which is fastened to the pedals of the machine. It is light, looks something like an enlarged egg beater, and works on the principle f a shield.

Chris Mosgeller, the Buffale bicyclist, nade the trip around the world, which cok him eight mentlis. He says: ame back with over \$300 which I made on the trip, and as a result I have started into business for myself. By making this trip I have received a world's record. The first time it was nade in 18 months, and I did it in less than eight. I went over the same route which Frank Lenz, the Allegiumy biexclist, who was hilled. I did not have any trouble with natives, but got along evinoningly, except that I could not make them understand me."

COLLEGE SPORTS.

Harvard defeated Yale 40 to 37 tricks in the annual whist match. California university of Leland Stanford, or both, will send athletle teams East this year.

Harvard won the intercollegiate fening champlenship by a bare point from Columbia. Annapells was third, Yale, Harvard and Cornell have agreed upon H. S. Van Duser, of New York, as the man to take charge of the

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big race. This move seems to assure day. They were then directed to re-

Foughkeepsie the race.
The Cornell crews went out from the inlet on the lake for the first time yes-Nelse Innes, sporting editor of the Boston Herald, to go to New York and were made up, the freshmen crews rewithout a break to the three mile point The coach then turned them about and started them on the four mile row to see Fitzsimmons and demands an answer "Yes" or "No" whether as again without a step. None of the men were exhausted, all seeming in good condition.

MORE BEAR STORIES.

Being Used as Object Lessons in the Public Schools.

The bear stories published in Wed nesday's Tribune are being used as an object lesson in at least one of the ity's schools. It will be remembered that the stories were written for Superintendent Howell by six young boys as punishment for running away from No. 32 school on Tuesday. The lads had been lured by two performing bears.

Principal Hughes, of No. 14 school, wednesday's Tribune to school yester-

write the bear stories, correcting the misspelled words, punctuation and capitalization.

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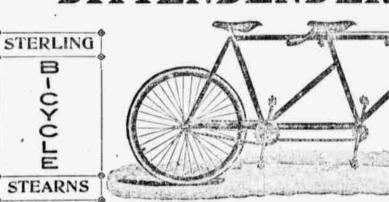
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