

MANAGER ISBELL HEARS ONE ON HIMSELF



Frank Isbell, Manager of Des Moines Club.

The following story is told on Frank Isbell, former major league star and present part owner of the Des Moines team. It happened recently when Izzy and his bunch were on their way to the southland.

Secretary McMullen of the Wichita club says: "A didn't pay much attention to what they were saying for quite a little bit, but after a while I heard the visitor saying thing about 'that — Frank Isbell,'" and then I began to listen. The fan was lining Izzy up as several kinds of a reprobate and horsechief, and Old Izzy was siding in with him in everything he said, even going a little stronger most of the time.

"Most ungrateful man I ever knew anywhere," declared the fan. "Made all his money here in Wichita and then pulled up and went off somewhere else to spend it."

"Yes, I reckon that's right," said

Isbell. "He probably didn't have a dime when he came here. Probably never anything much in the big league, even if he was up there 16 years or so."

"No, I reckon not. He probably was a mighty cheap player up here, anyhow, and I suppose he blew in his money about as fast as he made it. I understand he is an awful gambler and rouser."

"Regular bug, I guess," chimed in Izzy.

"Pretty soon the conversation waned and after a bit the fan wandered out. Izzy pulled off his hat and rubbed his hands over his bald head.

"Say, Mac," he said, "did you hear that guy? Well, sir, I sure did enjoy his conversation. I believe that is the most fully correct and unvarnished opinion of myself I ever did get handed out at first hand. Wish I knew who my friend was. I'd like to send him a box of cigars."

START OF CHARLEY O'LEARY

Was Messenger Boy of 17 When He Broke Into Fast Company— Now With Indianapolis.

The release by Detroit of Charley O'Leary, who goes to Indianapolis, recalls an interesting story of his entry into professional baseball. From a messenger boy's uniform to that of a major league club all in one afternoon was the lightning change he made.

O'Leary had played ball around the lots in Chicago all his life and had distinguished himself as the star of the Mandel Bros. nine. One afternoon in 1900 he was sent out to the White Sox park when the South Side team was new in Chicago. It happened the shortstop, Shugart, had been injured and the club was not provided with a capable man to take his place. The Sox really were in desperate straits and hardly knew how they would fill in their line-up until somebody who knew O'Leary spied him and said:

"There is a kid who can play the infield; give him a chance."

The manager asked O'Leary if he thought he could fill the bill and Dip, who was willing to take a chance on almost anything, replied that the job was made to order for him. They dug up a uniform for the boy, then but seventeen, and he doffed his messenger's togs.

He made good from the jump and might have finished the season with the Sox if he hadn't sustained a broken arm as a result of stopping one of "Rube" Waddell's wild ones with his person.

O'Leary went to Des Moines of the Western league the next season and



Charley O'Leary.

played with that club for several years, going to Detroit in 1904.

The White Sox won the pennant the year O'Leary was with them and his fine playing was responsible in a large manner for this success. Comiskey's reason for letting Dip go the next season was that he had an idea the youngster would be a better ball player if given a chance to gain some minor league experience.

DREYFUSS SEES THE PENNANT

Pirate Chief Is Certain of Victory in National League This Year — Breaks His Rule.

President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pirates is a silent man. In all the years of his baseball experience he never claimed anything in advance, at least verbally. Now he has broken the rule. He says Pittsburg will win the pennant.

"It has been my motto never to claim the flag until it has been won on the diamond," said the Pirate chief. "I believe in sawing wood and letting the other fellow do the talking."

"It is different this year. Pittsburg will take the pennant. I never felt so sure of anything as I do of that. I am absolutely certain we will show the way home this year. I can't see anything that can beat us. Good or bad luck may break our way, but we have the team, and that's what does the business."

So there goes another record. Dreyfuss never talked that way before.

Couldn't Worry Clarke.

Fred Clarke was awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning in Chicago by somebody who told him that Alex. McCarthy had fallen in a fit and had been run over by an automobile and was removed to the Cook County hospital. Knowing that the little infielder is not subject to any fits excepting his fits of fine ball playing, also being sure that Mac would never be out so late at night, Clarke asked the informant what color the injured fellow's hair might be. When told it was very black the Pirate chieftain saw there had been some mistake and hung up the receiver.

Konetchy Is Indifferent.

"Why do the St. Louis pitchers persist in throwing to Konetchy when there is a runner on first? He doesn't even try to put the ball on the returning fugitive, but simple catches it, never looks at the runner and tosses back to the pitcher. Doesn't care to overwork himself, apparently," says a contemporary.

COLLINS IS IMPORTANT COG

Athletic Second Baseman Signals Outfielders What Kind of Ball Pitcher Will Throw.

Eddie Collins had more to do with the success of the Athletics last year than he is generally given credit for. It was Eddie's duty to signal the Philadelphia outfielders what kind of a ball the pitcher was going to throw in order that they might shift accordingly. Eddie would get the signal from the catcher and then tell it to



Eddie Collins.

the outfielders with his hands, feet or body.

The other clubs knew what he was doing, but it was impossible for them to decipher his signal code. Almost every Tiger pitcher and catcher took a hand at the detective work by warning up on the edge of the outfield and behind Collins both in Philadelphia and Detroit, but they were unsuccessful.

The other clubs of the league soon got on to the fact that Collins was working this system and they all plotted to learn the signals, but he kept them guessing the entire season.

Barry Celebrates Birthday.

John J. Barry, the crack shortstop of the champion Athletics, celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday the other day. Barry was born in Meriden, Conn.

BALL AND BAT NOTES

The Brooklyn club has released Outfielder Coulson to the Newark club.

Hilltop patrons rather like the playing of Zinn. He handles fly balls with judgment and ease.

Chase is fielding his position as well as ever, but always has hit better than he is now doing.

Higgins, the new Brooklyn catcher, handles himself like an old timer. He'll get a chance in a regular game some day.

Big Tesreau of the Giants looks as if he would have a regular turn in the box. He's got everything, including nerve.

Louden, last year's Newark infielder, has made a big hit at Detroit's third base and Hugh Jennings says he will keep him there.

If the Cincinnati will take \$5,000 for the release of the Cuban outfielder Marsans the Washington club will pay that amount in a jiffy.

Griffith has the Washingtons fighting and hustling for everything, and likewise he's rather a nuisance with his chattering from the bench.

Russell Ford, Ed Walsh, Nap Rucker, Walter Johnson and Christy Mathewson are pitchers of note who have been subjected to defeat this season.

There is still hope for the Highlanders. Only a few years ago a Boston team started off the season with nine straight defeats and yet it won the championship.

The magnates are partially convinced that the championship season begins too early, but they don't contemplate a change in view of the way the fans crowd around the box office windows.

Pitcher George Bell, formerly of Brooklyn, has notified Manager McGinnity of Newark, that he will be unable to play this season on account of having had a floating cartilage removed from his knee.

Many competent authorities figure the Boston Nationals 25 per cent stronger than they were last season, and there are Boston fans willing to wager high hats, neckties and boxes of candy that the Braves will finish in the first division.

Theodore Breitenstein, the veteran left-hand pitcher, who was a \$10,000 beauty many years ago, has at last abandoned himself to fate. He has accepted a position as umpire in the Southern league, where, they say, the fans have perfect control and the pop bottles never miss their mark.

Health & Beauty Hints

By Katherine Morton

"Please write something about treatments for disfigured finger nails. Mine are very tender and ugly from a long course of housework, but now I've got some help I want to improve my hands."

"A COUNTRY READER."

The working housekeeper's hands have many injurious influences to encounter, but the very worst of them is the constant immersion in water which dishwashing and other cleaning up involve. Rapid changes from hot to cold water, and the reverse, are very hard on the hands, the changes of temperature making the nails brittle and scoring them with the ridges so often seen on much-used hands. The texture of the skin is also coarsened, while the soaps used in all forms of housework, being full of alkali, may so attack the delicate flesh about the nails as to loosen them. So a proper care of the nails certainly means a proper care of all the hands, and it is easy enough to protect them when doing some forms of coarse work. There are heavy white cotton gloves for sweeping and dusting which cost only ten cents a pair. Before putting these on, the palms and nails should be greased with olive oil or vaseline, either unguent rubbed well into the skin and all about the nail scarf. The gloves should also be regularly washed, for when they are grimed with dirt they are certainly useless for beautifying purposes.

With these gloves and a mop, dishes and cooking utensils may be washed without injury to the hands, or, if preferred, rubber gloves could be used for the dishwashing.

The first care of hands injured with housework begins with the cleansing bath, with soft water barely more than tepid, and the soap of a very good sort. If the water used is hard soften it with a teaspoonful of borax, and before using the soap shave it up and boil it down to a jelly. Get a cake of good old castile for the purpose, and after the soap is dissolved pour in about half a cup of benzoin, stirring it well into the jelly. Begin the bath by wetting the hands, and then rub the jelly on them, working the hands together in the usual way as when using soap. Wash off in one water and then rinse in another of the same temperature, drying the hands at once on a clean, soft towel.

Such a hand bath should be taken every night before going to bed, and when the hands are dry some unguent must be rubbed at once over and about the nails—either olive oil or vaseline, as hitherto stated.

As numerous baths, even with the best soap and softest water, are not always good for sensitive nails and delicate skin, it is wise to clean the hands several times during the day with olive oil or palm oil; if the hands are well rubbed with either of these, then dusted with talcum powder, and wiped off with a coarse and yet soft towel, the soil will be entirely removed. Coarsened nails are much improved, too, by the wearing of loose old white kid gloves, both during the day and at night, while the regular gloves worn should also be fairly loose and of a soft leather such as chamois or doeskin.

KATHERINE MORTON.

Social Forms and Entertainments



Budget From "Newly Wed."

I am a very interested reader of all your good advice and suggestions to the many asking aid from you. May I, too, ask a few questions? Am just married and moved into our dear little bungalow, and look to you for advice. For which foods are finger bowls used, and does a finger bowl stand in a glass plate? When are the finger bowls placed on the table? When individual salt dishes are placed on the table with salt spoons, is the salt conveyed to the plate with small spoon? Please give me a recipe for a fruit salad containing grapefruit and one without, also a cabbage salad recipe, if not too much trouble for you. In having cards printed shall I have my husband's name on my card, such as "Mrs. H. B. Jones" (or Harry B.)? Is it good taste to have a door plate with name on our new home?—V. G. N.

Finger bowls are necessary when fruit is served or corn on the cob, and many hostesses have them brought in with the dessert service or after it. Each bowl rests on a glass plate to match or on a china plate on top of a fine finger bowl dolly. The salt spoon is used by the individual to put the salt on his plate. I cannot take the limited space to write out recipes unless for some very unusual dish which will be a novelty. What you wish will be found in any up-to-date cook book. Your cards should be engraved with your husband's full name. Door plates are seldom used now.

From "N. B. D."

Will you kindly answer through the paper whether it is proper to bring a box of candy or chocolates when taking a lady to the theater? Also which side should a gentleman be on (right or left of lady) in escorting her across the ballroom floor, and on which side should he seat himself?—N. B. D.

There is nothing improper about taking a box of candy to the theater, but it should be eaten during the intermission and not during the play. A man walks at the left of a lady and sits at her left, offering his right arm when occasion requires it.

Glove Etiquette.

Is it necessary to remove the glove before shaking hands? Are there certain occasions when this is or is not necessary?—"WAITING."

If a man should be working and have on heavy soiled gloves he should remove them before shaking hands, otherwise it is not necessary.

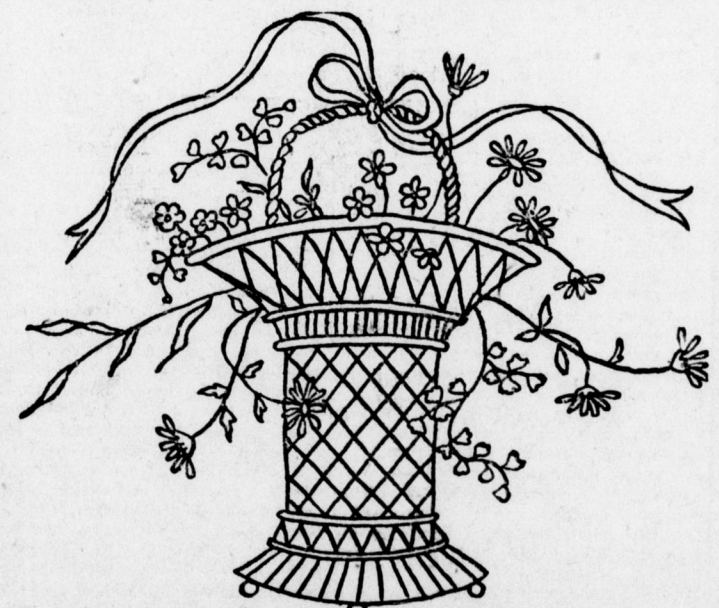
MADAME MERRI.

Breeze Baskets.

The bedroom that is redolent of the old-fashioned scent of lavender suggests refreshment and peace. It is not enough to line the wardrobe shelves with lavender sachets, though to do so is a step in the right direction.

Very pretty are the hanging "breeze" baskets which every breath of air from the outside encourages to send forth a delicious scent. The baskets are hung upon ribbon and slung upon the locking glass or upon the handle of an escritoire, out of sight maybe, but not out of mind.

Pretty Decoration for the Handkerchief or Glove Case



A white silk glove or handkerchief case may be charmingly decorated with this little basket, worked in colors. The daisies are worked solid in white with yellow centers; the forget-me-nots in blue with yellow centers, and the leaves and ferns in green. The stems are done in the outline stitch in green. The basket is also worked in the outline stitch in a light shade of brown, and the ribbon is done in the solid satin stitch in pink, blue, lavender or green. Use filo floss for the embroidery.

The KITCHEN CABINET



It's a great thing, O my brethren, for a fellow just to lay his hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort of way! —Riley.

TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

During the warm weather desserts are more fitting that appeal to the eye and are so light that they do not tax the digestion. Most people, especially those of the masculine gender, feel that they have had no dinner if they are deprived of a dessert. It behooves the cook to see that a dessert appropriate to the meal is served.

Company Apples.—Pare and core eight apples. Arrange in a baking dish, fill the cavities with apple jelly and chopped raisins. Cook until tender, basting with sugar water and lemon juice. Ten minutes before removing from the oven decorate with quarters of almonds blanched.

Snow Puffs.—Cream a half cup of butter, add a cup of sugar, two and a half cups of flour, a half teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a half cup of sweet milk. Beat well and fold in four stiffly beaten whites. Steam forty-five minutes in buttered cups. Serve with strawberry sauce.

Italian Cream.—Soak two table-spoonfuls of gelatine in a fourth of a cup of cold water, scald two cups of milk, cool and add the yolks of three eggs well beaten, a pinch of salt and a fourth of a cup of sugar; cook until thick, add the gelatine, chill, and as the mixture thickens the whites of three eggs well beaten. Mold and serve. Any flavoring may be used, coffee, canton ginger, chocolate or fruit juices.

Bavarian Cream.—Soak two table-spoonfuls of granulated gelatine in a third of a cup of cold water, dissolve in a fourth of a cup of hot cream; add a half cup of sugar and the whip from a pint of cream when the mixture begins to thicken. Do not stir, but cut and fold in the cream. Flavor with vanilla and mold.

Chocolate Junket.—Melt an ounce of chocolate (a square), add three table-spoonfuls of boiling water. Crush a junket tablet and dissolve in a table-spoonful of cold water. Warm a quart of milk until just luke warm, add a fourth of a cup of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla and the melted chocolate and junket, and pour into serving cups.



If YOU have a friend and you love him well, let my advice on your friendship glimmer. Print all his faults in nonpareil. But publish his virtues in his long primer. —Robt. Burdette.

MEMORY JOGS.

Plain walls are best for a small room and a good background for pictures.

Dates stuffed with left-over icing flavored with lemon juice, are a most acceptable sweetmeat. Good for the lunch box.

If you have a faded paper, with no red or runny colors, a coat of calcimine over it will make a fresh wall decoration.

Plain white cheesecloth with a strip of some color to harmonize with the room makes most dainty curtains for a bedroom.

Left-overs cannot be carelessly seasoned and be at all palatable. They need more careful seasoning than do the fresh dishes.

If you have an unsightly fence or building, cover it with the wild cucumber vine. It will grow in sun or shade, and is a graceful vine, adding beauty to any place.

Don't throw away a little left-over boiled frosting, as it can be kept soft if set in hot water. A few nuts and raisins chopped added to it and drop on wafers, bake to a light brown, and you have a nice little cake to serve with a cup of tea.

Did you ever notice that we usually do the things we want very much to do? We are bound to find time for them. Are you house-cleaning and the violets in bloom? Just keep in mind that dirt we always have with us, but violets come but once a year.

Keep an eye out for the delicious mushroom, learn a few and have a dainty dish served at least once a week. Early in May the bonny little caps appear with their frills of pink and lavender, and they last until the freezing frosts of the autumn.

Nellie Maxwell.

Their Fate.

"What became of the two clerks you had here named Gunn and Ball?"

"A similar and appropriate fate overtook them both."

"What was it?"

"Gunn was fired and Ball was bounced."

The Ruling Passion.

Did you ever know a man so prosperous he wasn't figuring how he could make a little money off a side line?—Atchison Globe.

Soon.

Money talks, but the world soon gets a poor opinion of the man who lets his money do all the talking.