

## CATCHERS MAKE OR BREAK PITCHERS



Clarence D. ("Lefty") Russell.

"A catcher can make a pitcher look good or bad, especially if the pitcher is a young fellow," said Connie Mack, wader of the world's champion Athletics, the other afternoon. "The first time I saw 'Lefty' Russell he didn't look very good to me during the early part of the game. Russell had a young ratcher back of the plate and the battery didn't appear to work very well together. Russell had lots of steam, air control, and he caught my eye because, although he is a southpaw, he used a 'spitter.' I looked for him to show a good curve, but he apparently didn't have it.

"After several innings I strolled down to the front row of the grand stand, back of the plate, where I could get a closer view. In the next inning Manager Dunn of Baltimore sent in

Egan to catch Russell. Right here I want to say that Egan, who was on my staff at one time, has developed into quite a backstop. As soon as Egan went behind the bat there was a wonderful change in 'Lefty.' Right away Russell began to use his curve, and I made up my mind then and there that I had to have that 'southpaw' with a 'spitter.'

And Connie got him at the expense of some \$12,000. But how much would Cornelius, etc., have paid for Russell had not Egan been sent in to catch?

**Test Power Behind Bat.**  
To test the power exerted in batting a baseball a New Yorker has invented a machine which lifts a weight along a scale when a ball at the end of a revolving arm is struck.

## BRANSFIELD STILL IN GAME

Big First Sacker of Philadelphia National League Team Begins His Fourteenth Season.

This is the fourteenth season since "Kitty" Bransfield broke into the major leagues. According to the Phillies' first baseman, he first became a big leaguer in 1898, the same year that Frank Chance, Jimmy Sheppard and "Kid" Elberfeld broke into the big baseball swim. Unlike Sheppard and Chance, though, this will not be "Kitty's" fourteenth consecutive season in the majors, for, after being given a trial as a youngster, he was farmed out for a season. The indications are that Bransfield will last as long as any of the other trio. "Kitty"



"Kitty" Bransfield.

is playing this spring in the form that he exhibited two years ago. Last year was a bad one for Bransfield. He got an abcess on his tonsils in the spring which troubled him for weeks, and later he was laid up for nearly a month.

**Smith Gets Bowling Medal.**  
Jimmy Smith, the Buffalo bowler, who won the all-round medal at the recent American bowling congress tournament by knocking down the highest number of pins in single, two and five-men matches, has received the medal, which is in the shape of a watch fob, a golden eagle with a large diamond set in its breast, holding in its talons an American shield enameled in red, white and blue, with the inscription, "A. B. C., all-events champion, 1911."

## NAMES OF TABOOED PLAYERS

National Baseball Commission Announces Men Ineligible in Both Major Leagues.

Ineligible players of both major leagues were announced by the national baseball commission the other day. The list is supposed to be given out in January and July each year, this announcement being the January list. It contains 21 names tabooed for failure to report except where otherwise stated:

**National league:** Boston—Barney Joy, drafted from San Francisco in 1907. Brooklyn—Elmer Stricklett, joined California outlaws; Thomas P. Sheehan, joined California outlaws. Cincinnati—John H. Doscher, violation of contract; F. C. Ferguson. New York—H. E. McCormick, not under contract; M. J. Donlin, not under contract; M. C. Pyle, joined California outlaws. Philadelphia—Player Bergammas, recovering from pneumonia and excused by the club for remainder of the season. Pittsburgh—L. T. Nelson, drafted from Brandon in 1908. St. Louis—Charles Enright.

**American league:** Chicago—Fleider A. Jones, Earl Hughes. Boston—F. Anderson. St. Louis—Olsen. New York—Louis Brockett, F. Glade. H. Hildebrand, Branch Rickey, R. Zeller and J. Chesbro.

## GOOD PITCHER IS VALUABLE

President Somers of Cleveland Team Says 75 Per Cent. of Strength of Team is in Twirler.

President C. W. Somers of the Naps is long on baseball dope. Probably no man holding a similar position to his in the American league keeps closer watch on the dope and on players than Somers.

Recently he and Addie Joss were discussing the pitchers of today and the trouble getting them.

"No one can tell me that good pitching isn't 75 per cent. of the strength of a ball club," asserted Somers. "Addie, we hadn't really developed a pitcher until last fall since you and Earl Moore joined the club."

"I think the crop of pitchers at the time you developed was the greatest for any one period before or since."

"Yes," asserted Addie, "I think that



Addie Joss.

the old Interstate league, during my last year there, had the greatest bunch of pitchers that any minor league ever possessed. That year George Mullins also went to Detroit, while there were several others who are still in the game.

"You remember Gene Wright, who came with Moore and I to the Cleveland club in 1901. To this day I can't understand why Gene didn't develop into one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever seen. That fellow had everything that Walter Johnson has, and even more. He possessed a curve which no batter, I don't care how great, could successfully solve.

"I think with a proper break in luck, and if Wright's arm had not gone back on him, he would have occupied a place today alongside of Johnson, Mathewson, Walsh and the others."

**Clean Baseball.**  
The popular American game of baseball has been threatened by an encroachment of the gamblers. Although gambling is not allowed on the baseball fields, there has been a movement in some of the larger cities to establish baseball poolrooms, and the owners and managers of the movement, says the Nashville Banner, is all-important to keep this game free from gambling, and nothing should be left undone to protect the game from an evil that, if allowed its course, would do incalculable damage to the sport. Organized poolrooms for betting on baseball games would raise the suspicion that ball players are tampered with, and when the public suspects corruption in the game it will lose interest and withhold its patronage.

**Hub Hart Joins Mud Hens.**  
Hub Hart, the former White Sox catcher, who had been holding out from the Toledo club because of a base salary question, joined the Mud Hens squad the other day. With Hart in the fold Toledo now has as strong a catching staff as any in the association.

## ARMY OFFICERS TO LEARN SCIENCE OF FLYING



MCCURDY IN HIS BIPLANE

ACCORDING to Brig. Gen. James Allen, chief of the signal corps, the United States army is to take up aviation in earnest, and a number of young officers will be taught how to fly. Twenty or thirty aeroplanes of American make will be purchased for this purpose. Aviator McCurdy has been giving the army men some most convincing demonstrations of late, and their enthusiasm has been aroused as never before. The signal corps' aerodrome at College Park, near Washington, will be open soon.

## BABY'S REAL VALUE

Professors of Economy Differ in Their Opinions.

Prof. Thomas Nixon Carter, Head of Economics at Harvard, Discovers That \$20 is Fair Estimate on Average Person.

Cambridge, Mass.—The California state board of health recently fixed the value of a baby at \$4,000, a sum considered far too low by Prof. Edwin R. A. Seligman of Columbia university, who declares that a baby less than a year old represents an economic value of at least \$100,000. Now comes Prof. Thomas Nixon Carter, who is at the head of the chair of economics at Harvard, who using a hypothetical case discovers that \$20 is a fair value for the average person, and that "it would be a losing investment to buy a baby at that price."

"How much is a baby worth?" asks Professor Carter.

"Of course, the first thing to be decided in the discussion of this kind," he says, "is what is meant by the value of a baby. To its own parents after they have got used to it a baby is an exceedingly precious thing, but their estimate is not necessarily the same as that of their neighbors, or that of society in general. For example, a certain man is reported to have said that he regarded each of his children as worth \$100,000,000, but that he would not give 5 cents for another one. Therefore, we must exclude from consideration the value of existing babies to their parents.

"One way of finding the real economic value of a man is to find out how much the community would lose if he were to die or to emigrate. The community would lose the value of his labor, but it would save what he consumed. In case he was consuming more than he was producing by his own individual labor the community would gain by his death. In other words, such a man is worth less than nothing.

"This brings out the fatal defect in a great deal of the reasoning regarding the economic value of the man, viz.: The failure to take account of the cost of keeping him. The man

## PORK AND BEANS ARE BEST

Sir Hudson Maxim Praises American Dish and Offers to Teach Women How to Cook Them.

London.—The food controversy in London has elicited from Sir Hudson Maxim a glowing letter in praise of what he calls the American national dish—pork and beans. Sir Hudson closes his tribute to the "best dish in the world" by offering to give cooking lessons at his laboratory to English housewives who do not know how to prepare this nutritious food. His letter states:

"No food in existence is so beneficial to man as pork and beans. It has been proven scientifically that pork and beans excel cod liver oil as a stimulating food in cases of consumption."

**Find Washington's Sword.**  
Albany, N. Y.—George Washington's sword has been recovered from the ruins of the New York state library. The weapon is little damaged. It was at first believed that the sword had been demolished by the heat and flames.

## PLAN TO ISOLATE SNORERS

Men in Different Organizations Who Make Unearthly Noises in Sleep Are to Be Grouped.

Chicago.—Chicago will have a unique organization of fire fighters if suggestions made by Fire Marshal Charles F. Seyferlich are carried out by the head of the department. The proposal is nothing less than that all of the confirmed snorers of the fire department be gathered together as members of the same company and quartered in the same firehouse. A man to qualify must prove his ability to snore and snore loudly.

What there is about the work of a fire fighter that fosters and encourages the snoring habit would be hard to say, but the fact remains that among firemen are often found men who can always shake the putty out of the windows when they once start snoring. Possibly their bronchial tubes and lungs are affected by the large quantities of smoke they inhale.

The members of a fire company all sleep in one large room and when-

It is in the minor acts of our daily life that our character is revealed.—Lee.

**Your Druggist Will Tell You**  
Murine Eye Remedy Relieves Sore Eyes, Strengthens Weak Eyes, Doesn't Smart, Soothes Eye Pain. Try It in Baby's Eyes for Sore Eyelids and Granulation.

The truth is that the love of dress is, next after drink and gambling, one of the curses of our country.—Mrs. Humphrey.

**For HEADACHE—MIGRAINE—CAPSULES**  
Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous Troubles, Capsules will relieve you. It's liquid-pleasant to take—acts immediately. Try it. 10c, 25c, and 50c at drug stores.

**Not Alarming.**  
"Arry—I 'dard you've got a job, Bill, is it a fac?"  
"Bill—Yus, it's true; but there ain't no cause for anxiety; it's only temporary!"—London Opinion.

**TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM**  
The old standard GUY'S TASTELESS BILLS. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing the capsule and from it a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out the malarial and the iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 15 years. Price 50 cents.

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How unconscious we all are of our own faults and fallings! As we see others, so others see ours. It is our own faults we have to correct first before we tell others where to get off.

**Important to Mothers**  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. C. Little* In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

**A Backhanded One.**  
He—The great trouble with Gabbleigh is he talks too much.  
She—That's strange. When he's been with me he's scarcely said a word.

He—Oh, he's too much of a gentleman to interrupt.

**Care of the Child.**  
It is announced that Los Angeles county government will in future expend as much money upon societies for the care of children as it does now upon societies that look after the welfare of animals.

This is well. Perhaps, in course of time, we may come to regard children as of equal importance with horses and dogs.

**Iris Landmark Gone.**  
The famous temple of liberty, one of Ulster's best-known landmarks, was burned to the ground the other morning. Erected at Toomebridge, on the County Londonderry side of the River Bann, by the late Rev. John Carey, some 60 years ago, it had a romantic history. Its founder was a remarkable man, possessed of considerable wealth. He was a descendant of a Cromwellian family, and had been arrested and tried for murder, but was unanimsously acquitted by the jury, whereupon he erected the building in question.—London Mail.

**Youthful Criminals.**  
One of the most distressing cases he has ever had to deal with faced a Liverpool (England) magistrate recently, and one cannot wonder at his exclamation, "What can I do with these babies?" as he gazed upon five tiny prisoners in the dock. The youngest was only seven years old, and the oldest eleven, yet the quintet for two months have carried out thefts and other depredations with such skill and cunning that for two months the police and detectives have been trying in vain to find out who were the thieves. No fewer than 40 charges were brought against the children. The seven-year-old child was the ringleader, and quite an adept at thieving and planning thefts.

## A ROUGH WAY.



Pete—I hear dat Sam's wife done cracked him over de haid wid a rollin' pin an' frowed all de kindin' wood at him.

Joe—Well, I specks she were celebratin' dere woodin' weddin'.

## DAME NATURE HINTS

When the Food is Not Satisfied.

When Nature gives her signal that something is wrong it is generally with the food; the old Dame is always faithful and one should act at once.

"To put off the change is to risk that which may be irreparable. An Arizona man says: "For years I could not safely eat any breakfast. I tried all kinds of breakfast foods, but they were all soft, starchy messes, which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which added to the headaches at the time. Toast and coffee were no better, for I found the toast very constipating.

"A friend persuaded me to quit coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice.

"The change they have worked in me is wonderful. I now have no more of the distressing sensations in my stomach after eating, and I never have any headaches. I have gained 12 pounds in weight and feel better in every way. Grape-Nuts make a delicious as well as a nutritious dish, and I find that Postum is easily digested and never produces dyspepsia symptoms."

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## KEY TO EGYPTIAN HISTORIES

Inscriptions Which Heretofore Have Defied Savants Near Deciphering by Recent Find.

Cairo.—An important discovery has been made by Professor Sayce, who is engaged in digging on the site of Meroe, in the Sudan. Many ancient inscriptions in the Sudan are written in the hieroglyphics of Egypt. But many others are in a language that has, up to now, successfully resisted all attempts at identification. This mysterious writing is known as the Meroitic. Its pictorial characters are similar to the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and is styled a "demotic alphabetic writing." Dr. H. Brugsch and Dr. H. Schafer have tried to decipher it in vain, but Professor Sayce writes that he has just obtained some Egyptian translations of Meroitic words. Thus, owing to this discovery, the unknown Meroitic script may be read by Egyptian hieroglyphists for the first time, just as the key to the latter was obtained from the demotic and Greek translations on the Rosetta stone.

Professor Sayce has also discovered the names of some new kings. Some of them call themselves kings of Egypt, and as they belong to the obscure period of the twenty-seventh dynasty, the inscriptions are expected to throw some light on Egyptian history.

## LONG TUNNEL THROUGH ALPS

Last Obstruction Pierced After Five and One-Half Years' Work and Outlay of \$20,000,000.

Berne, Switzerland.—The final obstruction to the Loetschberg tunnel, through the Bernese Alps, was pierced by the laborers the other day, after five and a half years' work and the expenditure of \$20,000,000. The tunnel, which is the third longest in Europe, measures about nine miles.

With the completion of the bore, which was planned to give the Simplon line a direct connection with the railways which traverse Switzerland from north to south, there will be a direct through route from Milan to Berne and thence to Calais and Bontagne.

## Might Advertise.

"I am learning to speak Esperanto, but it is slow work learning from a textbook."

"Why don't you hire some native to converse with you? They say that's the best way to learn a language."

## RUNS OVER SUNKEN FOREST

Long Planned Water Way in North Carolina Reveals Prehistoric Relics—Cost \$425,000.

Raleigh, N. C.—The long projected canal from Pamlico sound to Beaufort inlet, North Carolina, to connect the waters of Norfolk harbor with the Cape Fear river, at Wilmington, has been completed, at a cost of \$425,000. The money was provided by the rivers and harbors bill approved by congress March 2, 1907.

The north end of the canal is fresh water from the Neuse river; the lower end is salt water, and is in about four miles of Beaufort inlet. The canal will be of the greatest use to all small craft and coasters, and yachts going south will use it this season to special advantage. It cuts off all the cape except Cape Fear, and shortens the distance more than eighty miles, as compared with the old and uncertain route.

In excavating four miles of the canal through solid earth two sunken for-

rests were found, one below the other. The work of clearing the right of way, through a dense forest of immense trees, some cypresses being ten feet in diameter, began October 1, 1908.

The total length of cutting is 95,527 feet, of which 23,177 feet in Adams creek is 250 feet wide, with side slopes of three on one; 5,258 feet is 125 feet wide, with side slopes of three on one; 34,018 feet is ninety feet. The next 12,514 feet is 125 feet wide, with side slopes of three on one, and the remaining 20,560 feet, is 250 feet wide, with side slopes of three on one.

The total length of cutting is 95,527 feet, solid earth, at an average elevation of eight feet above mean low water. The remainder was in the old channels of Adams creek and Core creek and Newport river, which were widened and deepened to conform to the adopted prism.

To find cubic inches in a ball multiply cube of diameter by 5236.