

BOSTONS HAVE FIND IN A CUBAN CATCHER



Stallings Coaching Gonzalez.

The illustration shows Manager Stallings of the Boston "Braves" coaching Gonzalez, the Cuban catcher, at their training camp at Athens, Ga. Stallings believes he has a find in the young Cuban ball player.

WHY PITCHERS CANNOT SLUG

Veteran Jim McGuire Says It's Because Heavy Hitters Dodge the Position of Twirler.

"He must be a pitcher; he can't hit the ball." How often one hears that conclusion by the fans and it raises the question: Why are pitchers almost always poor hitters?

Jim McGuire, Tiger scout, says that one of the reasons is that when baseball men find out that they can't be good hitters they develop themselves into pitchers. And vice versa, when they find that they can't be pitchers, they make a stab at developing themselves into hitters and become outfielders.

Veach, for instance, the new Tiger outfielder and slugger from Indianapolis, tried two years ago to be a pitcher. He found, however, that he was going to be so valuable as a hitter that he decided to give up the hurling stunt, at which he could be only mediocre, and give his attention to the development of his hitting.

The result has been that he has hit himself into the big league with excellent prospects of staying there.

Veach certainly has an arm that is great, all right. He has shown it in his pegs. Of course, after using it as he has for throwing from the outfield, he has tossed away his chances of becoming a pitcher again.

Cashion, the big 220-pound pitcher with the Nationals, is a man whom Clark Griffith tried to make into an outfielder. Cashion started in to hit as if he meant to be among those in the .300 class, but he failed to make good and Griffith returned him to the regular pitching staff.

J. MILLER IS GOOD ON FIRST

Strengthened Pirates in Weak Spot and Fans Look for Another Pennant in Smoky City.

When Jack Miller finally signed his contract the Pittsburgh fans were made happy. This means that the position of first base on the Pirate team will be well looked after this year. Miller was a hold-out for some time, but the differences between the New Jersey lad and Manager Fred Clarke were adjusted in a manner that pleased all concerned. First base has been a weak spot on the Pirate line-up for a number of years



Jack Miller.

and has knocked the team out of more than one pennant, in the estimation of Smoky City critics.

Jack Miller was shifted from second to first last season in the hope of plugging up the weakness and the move was a capital one. Miller made good from the start.

The Pirates are looking for a pennant this year and it is conceded by good baseball judges that they will have a fine chance of landing the flag. Many experts pick them as the strongest team in the National League.

CELERY AS DUCK FOOD

Winter Buds and Root Stocks Are Relished Best.

Plant Is Wholly Submerged With Long, Flexible, Ribbon-Like Leaves of Light Translucent Green—Flowers Are Peculiar.

(By W. L. M'ATEE.)

The names wild celery and canvas-back duck have been closely associated in the annals of American sport. To a certain extent this association is justified, since the canvas back obtains about one-fourth of its food from this plant—a greater proportion than any other duck. However, the assertion that the flavor of the canvasback is superior to that of any other duck and that it depends on a diet of wild celery is not proved, to say the least.

The scaps or bluebills and the red-head also are very fond of wild celery, and are fully as capable of getting the delicious buds as the canvas-back. Several other ducks get more or less of this food, the writer finding that even the scoters on a northern lake in fall lived almost exclusively on it for a time. All parts of the plant are eaten by ducks but the tender winter buds and root stocks are relished best. Wild celery buds can usu-



Wild Celery.

ally be obtained by the diving ducks, such as the bluebills, redheads, canvas-back and scoters. The non-diving species, as the mallard, black duck, baldpate and the geese get an occasional bud, but more often they feed upon the leaves.

Wild celery is a wholly submerged plant with long, flexible, ribbon-like leaves of light translucent green and of practically the same width (anywhere from one-fourth to three-fourths of an inch, from root to tip). This plant may be distinguished from the eelgrass, which lives in brackish or salt water, by the fact that its leaves grow in bundles from the root stock, while those of eelgrass arise singly and alternate on opposite sides of the stem.

The flowers of wild celery are peculiar. The staminate flowers attached at the base of the plants shed pollen, which floats on the surface of the water and fertilizes the pistillate flower. The latter is attached to a long slender, round stem, which contracts into a spiral, drawing the flower under the water after fertilization. The seed pod into which the pollenized flower develops is straight or curved, a little slender than a common lead pencil and from 3 to 6 inches long. It contains embedded in a clear jelly, small dark seeds, in number about 50 to the inch. No such pod is borne by any other fresh water plant.

GUINEAS ARE HARD TO RAISE

Young Birds Must Be Watched Carefully Until Past Tender Age—Of Very Wild Nature.

Guinea hens are among the hardest of all birds to breed, chiefly because the young guinea is so extremely tender. They are also of a very wild nature, and when one of them is lost from the hen it may be counted as lost. It is advisable to keep the young guineas shut up for a few days after they are hatched and feed them on bread crumbs, coarse corn meal and occasionally a hard-boiled egg, ground fine and mixed with the bread crumbs.

After they leave the hen, if the days are warm and bright, they are allowed to hunt bugs and worms and require little feeding. After they are feathered they need little care, as they are able to shift for themselves until the winter cuts off their supply of food.

In winter they must have a shelter and be fed the same as other poultry, but must be kept shut in when there is snow on the ground, as they will fly into the tops of trees or on roofs of buildings, and refuse to come down.

Latest Idea in Anchors.

An anchor for lifeboats has been invented that is hollow and filled with oil, which will still the waves after it has been thrown overboard.

Died While Decorating Grave. A painfully sad occurrence took place recently in the Belfast City cemetery, when an aged man named Charles Kildea, who was engaged in decorating a grave, suddenly became ill, fell to the ground, and expired in a few moments.

Two Points of View.

Young men think old men fools, and old men know young men to be so.—F. Metcalf.

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FIVE MEN ON B. & O. INJURED AT HOBLITZELL

While attempting to make a quick stop of a handcar on which they were riding down the grade at Hoblitzell, on the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio, railroad Tuesday morning, the car was derailed and five of the section gang, Damico Datolona, Peter Marlucci, Alphonso Marlucco Nicola Delgross and Digeno Delisico were injured. One of them is thought to be internally injured.

Eczema spreads rapidly; itching almost drives you mad. For quick relief, Doan's Ointment is well recommended. 50c cents at all stores.

For Good Roads.

The date of the big State good roads convention that is to be held in Harrisburg in the interest of the proposed amendment to the constitution to permit the Commonwealth to issue bonds for highway building, has been changed from September 17 to 18. This is because the 17th is the day after the primary elections, and it would have been inconvenient for many men interested in good roads to get to Harrisburg so soon after the voting of the 16th.

One of the most important features of the big gathering will be the organization of county committees to take charge of the subsequent campaign for the bond amendment in their various counties. The effort will be to constitute these county committees so as to represent the many elements of citizenship that are favorable to the construction of highways on a systematic plan. Doctors, lawyers, preachers, merchants, mechanics, men of all walks of life, will be enrolled and given an opportunity in their home communities to lend a hand in this popular movement to put the great State of Pennsylvania in a position to finance its most important public improvement practically and economically.

While the idea of the big convention was conceived in the minds of officers of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation and the active work of preparing for it has been in charge of Mr. Joseph H. Weeks, Chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Federation, and while it is expected that large numbers of automobilists will come to Harrisburg to participate in the meet, there is every indication that it will not be in any sense distinctively an automobile convention, but will be representative of the best thought of the people who have come to regard good roads as essential to the development of a great State.

The convention will include delegations from organized labor, who recognize the extent to which better roads will contribute to cheaper living and the general welfare of the working classes, while many of the big industrial corporations also will be represented because of the appreciation of their management of the fact that improved highways mean business prosperity.

Chairman Weeks is not yet ready to announce the list of speakers, but assurance is given that it will include some of the best known men in the State, as well as several good roads authorities of national repute. The convention will be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol, which will probably be far too small to hold the crowds. Governor Tener will welcome the good roads enthusiasts to Harrisburg.

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