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**Caylor Writes About the Champion Boston Baseball Club.**

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Interesting Gossip About the Greatest Aggregation of Ball Players in the World. Teams That Have Captured the Coveted Pennant in Years Gone By.

For the third time in succession the Boston team has won the League pennant. For the sixth time, too, out of the 16 years of the National League's existence the Boston club has captured the championship. These six victories occurred in 1877, 1878, 1883, 1891, 1892 and 1893.



Stetson, Nichols, and others.

**THE BOSTON CLUB'S PITCHERS.**

1892 and 1893. The Chicagoans are an equal winner with the Bostonians, having claimed the pennant in 1890—the first year of the League—1891, 1892, 1893 and 1895. It has been seven years since Uncle Adolphus has tasted the sweets of final victory, though on several occasions the cup was held to his lips, but dashed to earth just as he reached the intoxicating nectar. Seven years was the period allotted to Jacob to serve for Reuben. Anson knows therefore how hard it was for Jacob to wait all that time for his bride. But let us hope that "Anson" will not have to serve yet another seven years for his reward, as Jacob did.

But to return to my first subject. Out of the 13 champions of the National League Boston and Chicago have claimed 13 in equal division. The other six have been won by the New York, Providence, Detroit and Brooklyn teams. New York made successive "wins" in 1885 and 1890. The Brooklyn took the flag in 1890, Detroit in 1887 and Providence in 1890 and 1894. The present Boston team has practically been playing its second season with almost unbroken ranks. Quinn is the missing member of last year's team. Otherwise the composition of this season's champion team is what it was last year, with Merritt and Gairright added to the battery department. A brief sketch of the members of the team will not be uninteresting in this connection.

Nichols has been the club's star pitcher. He won the nickname of "Kid" while in the Western league, where his youth, coupled with his great success, earned him that title. When Selse came to Boston to manage the team, he brought Nichols along, and the latter has been the Boston's winning pitcher ever since. He is strictly temperate, takes good care of his physical powers and always has his club's interest deeply at heart.

Stetson also went to Boston from the West. He is one of Conley's pupils and made his first great reputation as a member of the St. Louis Browns. He is a young man of fine physique and shared with Rinsie the honor until this season of being one of the swiftest pitchers in the country. He has not been so effective this season, but was one of the four players who recently appeared on the ground at Cincinnati in a state of intoxication. There is no doubt that Stetson's indulgence in liquor has lessened his effectiveness this season.

Staley, the third of Boston's last season's trio of pitchers, has been almost a complete failure this year. His work in 1892 was excellent, and when the Bostonians secured his release from the Pittsburgh he had made a reputation second to no other pitcher in the League. Staley, too, has let his reputation slip with his work lately and is not entitled to any of the credit his team may have won by capturing the League pennant.

Gairright, the fourth pitcher of the club, is one of the mysteries of the season of 1893. Last year he was a "flop," being engaged and released on an average of once a month. He started in the present season about the same way, and when at last the Bostonians gave him a trial, while Stetson and Nichols were almost useless, the other clubs realized that the champions were in—

—to discontinue strife. But here the unexpected happened. Gairright turned up in winning form. He pitched in nine successive victories and shared Boston's enthusiasm with Nichols.

Of the catchers Charles Bennett is the oldest and most widely known. Years ago when he was in his prime and a member of the Detroit club he stood at the head of the catchers of the land. But Bennett belongs to the passing stars. His work for the Bostonians this season has not been good, and it is problematical whether he will be a member of next year's team. Bennett is one of the veterans who has outlasted most of his contemporaries by reason of the excellent care he always took of himself. He is the only catcher still playing of 16 who at one time for the National League.

A Boston pitcher for 1894. He, too, is a man who avoids all forms of dissipation, which largely accounts for his long service to the diamond.

Newly is young and made his reputation during the early part of the season. The Louisville had him on their team last year, but didn't think enough of his playing to sign him in the spring. The Bostonians gave him a chance, and he rushed to the front in the first month as one of the most successful ones in the League. He led the Bostonians in batting and excelled in his field work. Unfortunately he was injured in one of the midseason games and laid up for some weeks. Since his recovery he has not done so well.

Tricker is considered one of the best first basemen living and also the mildest coacher. He never lacks for interest in his club's success, and his recent drunken escapade at Cincinnati while in uniform is deeply regretted by all who like earnest ball playing. Tricker will surely be punished by the League at its annual meeting next month.

Bobby Lewis was brought from Canada by the Bostonians. He is a peculiar fiddler. His rebellion made such havoc among the club's men. He turned out a winning card from the very start and won a host of friends by reason of his modest demeanor and steady habits and good ball playing. Last year he played in the outfield, but when Quinn was released Lewis was placed at second base. Though the position was new to him and is one of the hardest to play on the diamond, he has filled it most creditably.

Herman Long is a Chicagoan and began his career in the West. He, too, is one of the stars who sprang up during the Brotherhood revolt. He is a peculiar fiddler. One day he will make the most marvelous stops, and the next his work may be miserable. But Long is what is known as a winner, and his occasional dumps are more than offset by good play at other times.

In Nash the Bostonians have the peerless third baseman of the country. No one disputes the title with him. He may not have had his equal when Denny and Sutton were at their best, but in these modern days he stands alone in excellence. Billy is a Virginia and possesses those gentlemanly, chivalrous characteristics which have so long distinguished the men of the Old Dominion.

Hugh Duffy ranks as one of the very best out and out batsmen in the country. Nearly all the leading heavy hitters of the past have been large men, like Anson, Kelly, Dalrymple, Brantner, Jones, White, Ewing and O'Rourke—men who have in their turn stood at the head of lists. But

Duffy and Hamilton of Philadelphia have been exceptions to the rule. Both are small in stature, though stockily built, and rate among the leaders of the League batsmen. Duffy is also an excellent fielder and brilliant base runner.

McCarthy, like Duffy, is a little man, but a good "sticker." He is also known as a "tricky player." In this last respect he and Duffy work like a team. They are together in the batting order and all one another more in making runs than any other two ball players in the country. Duffy and McCarthy have done more than any other couple on the Boston team to keep the championship in that city, and for this reason they are always spoken of in one connection as if they were Siamese twins.

Clifford Carroll is another veteran of the team. In that respect on the diamond he outranks all but Bennett and most respectfully is referred to as Grandfather Carroll. He made his best record while a member of the Providence team some years ago. Last year he played in St. Louis, and the year before he was a member of Anson's team, but he has done better work for the Bostonians this season than he did for either of the other two clubs.

Carroll's great weakness has also been his fondness for liquor. He has also pulled him down from his former well earned reputation as a player. But this year by carefully refraining from even an occasional indulgence he has returned to his old time "form" and given Boston good service.

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**NEWS OF THE CHESS WORLD.**

**Jasnogrodzky and Lee—The Lasker-Steinitz Championship Match.**

Every month brings a new chess expert from abroad to America. The latest arrivals are F. J. Lee and N. Jasnogrodzky. Lee came to attend the international tournament of the Columbian chess congress and was much disappointed to find it declared off. Lee has been prominent in the British chess world for nearly a dozen years. In the international masters' tour-

naments at Bradford in 1888 and at Manchester two years later he won games from Blackburne, Bird, Burn, Captain Mackenzie, Taubenhaus, Theodor and other well known masters of the game. Lee's most brilliant performances have, however, been in the handicap tournaments at Simpson's classic chess divan in the Strand, London.

Jasnogrodzky is a Polish expert. He is now 80 years old, but has only been playing chess about eight years. He has a wonderful memory, and his forte is blindfold and simultaneous play. At Brighton, England, he once played 20 games simultaneously, of which 5 were conducted blindfolded. He won 20 games out of the board, won 8 blindfold games, lost 2 and drew 1.

Now that William Steinitz has formally accepted Emanuel Lasker's challenge, a great struggle between these chess giants may be expected. The match will be 10 games up for at least \$3,000. The contest will probably begin next February. As a commentary upon the money that may be made by the leading exponents of great sports it is interesting to note that while Lasker and Steinitz, the monarchs of the chess world, will battle for \$3,000, Corbett and Mitchell, the kings of the prize ring, will contest for \$50,000. Bravin thus commands 20 times as much cash as brains.

**A VETERAN'S VERDICT.**  
The War is Over. A Well-known Soldier, Correspondent and Journalist Makes a Disclosure.

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**BUT NO ONE WANTED THE COFFIN.**

A Tor of Ice, a Lawn Mower and a Billy-goat That Did Not Go Begging—Amateur Zimmerman Wins \$12,000, and Professional Wheeler Gets Only \$3,000.

In swinging around the circle during the wheeling season an amateur bicyclist who rides for glory and the goods and chattels that may happen to go with it strikes some prizes that are fearfully and wonderfully made. It is not as all strange for a heavy crack rider while on tour to be dazed one day by a prize list studded with diamonds, and to be overcome with emotion next day at the news that the list is populated by live pigs or billygoats.

W. E. Murphy, the veteran amateur and hero of many a hard fought race, was recently led to talk about some of the odd prizes he had seen contested for. "The first time I ever heard of a town lot being offered as a prize was in 1891 at Peoria, Ill.," he said. "Zimmerman, Windle, Berlo, Charley Price and I were all after it in a mile handicap, and Price won the race and a deed for the lot, which was a val-

uable one in Chicago. The Park Avenue wheelman of Philadelphia has probably offered more strange prizes than any other club. A lawn mower, a laundry bill for a year and a ton of ice are sample prizes contested for at their meets.

"The strangest thing they ever sprung on a bicyclist, however, was their offer of a coffin and a burial plot to the winner of one race. Not a rider at the meet possessed nerve enough to have anything to do with such a grave undertaking. There were no entries for the coffin, and no funeral procession raced for it and the burial lot.

"At St. Louis last May the boys planned a little surprise in the prize line for George K. Burnett of Chicago. It was announced that the prize in one race was to be selected, but every man entered except Barrett knew what the victor would get. So when Barrett swung into the stretch and began his sprint every man pretended to be pushing pedals for all he was worth, but Barrett's mind was fixed on his prize upon. At Cleveland recently a live pig was one of the trophies captured by a victorious rider. He crossed the tape a proud winner. The unknown prize had long whickers and greeted him with a deep 'n-a-ah!' It was a billygoat.

At Rome, N. Y., in May, 1891, some novel prizes were given to participants in a parade. Among them was a dozen photographs for the handsomest man in line, a washbasin and wringer for the newest married man, and a set of false teeth for the man who needed them most."

A full list of the odd prizes that have been won by wheelmen would make a volume of very amusing reading. According to a French paper, the following prizes were recently given in a race for amateurs: First, a cycling suit, second, a book on horticulture, third, 10 rolls of wall paper, fourth, 100 packages of cigarette paper. At Cleveland recently a live pig was one of the trophies captured by a victorious rider. The prizes that seem to be particularly popular with amateur wheelmen are 8000 pianos, \$250 diamonds and 150 bicycles, or such a mere trifles as a team of fast trotting horses, a diamond watch, horses, etc., won by Amateur Zimmerman, who, in the eyes of the League of American Wheelmen, rides for glory pure and sim-

ple. Arthur A. Zimmerman, the king of all amateurs and winner of the unprecedented number of 100 races this season, has taken into camp at least \$12,000 worth of prizes since he was elected champion.

It is interesting to compare his winnings with those of Harry Wheeler, the king of the Cash Prize League, Professional Wheeler, who is riding a wheel for cash principally and glory secondarily, has only netted about one-fourth the amount represented by the pianos, diamonds, watches, horses, etc., won by Amateur Zimmerman, who, in the eyes of the League of American Wheelmen, rides for glory pure and sim-

**SOME QUEER LIVE TROPHIES.**  
Wheeler has only won about \$3,000 to Zimmerman's \$12,000, despite the fact that there were no Sangors, Windles, Tylers and Johnsons in the Cash Prize league to prevent him from winning a rich first prize now and then.

At the World's fair, most alone Zimmerman secured prizes valued at \$1,000, while H. C. Tyler captured a collection of trophies valued at \$600. During his career Zimmerman has won at least six horses and enough pianos to stock a music store. Not long ago he had seven of these harmonious instruments in his possession. At Milwaukee, the home of Sangor, his most formidable rival, Zimmerman added two diamonds, each worth \$250, to his collection of precious stones in a single day. For the first time America has had a professional circuit this season, but despite the fact that liberal cash prizes have been given the half dozen leading professional wheelmen have not won anywhere near the amount of money represented in the prizes captured by the same number of amateur riders.

**General Black's Narrow Escape.**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Congressman Black, of Illinois (ex-commissioner of pensions), had a narrow escape from death while riding down F street in a closed carriage. The horse ran away, and the driver lost his nerve and jumped from the box, leaving General Black inside the carriage. The frightened animal dashed down the crowded street, colliding with a street car, and taking off

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