

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

FINDS OF 1910 BASEBALL YEAR

Newcomers Who Have Made Themselves Solid With Fans.

COLE AND FORD GREATEST

Clever Young Pitchers of Chicago and New York Teams Are Best of Lot Developed This Season—Campbell of Pittsburg and Lewis of Boston.

If as many good youngsters are unearthed next season as there have been this major league magnates will have little cause to complain. In all fifty-seven candidates were brought into the best circuits. A great many more were hauled in, of course, but after the wedding the net total depreciated materially.

Last year may have been exceptional in the number of men produced by the minor leagues. Fifty-seven tolerable ball players, with a star here and there, is an abnormal harvest for any one season. Yet it was not enough to fill the hiatus made by the departure of veterans.

Many Twirlers Make Good. The choicest recruits to enter in last year's influx for 1910 duty were pitchers. The Cubs secured Cole of Bay City, Southern Michigan league club, a



RUSSELL FORD, GREATEST AMERICAN LEAGUE FIND OF 1910 SEASON.

young man who kept Chance's outfit going when all the veterans were having a hard time of it.

Russell Ford is the sensation of the American league this season. Many critics say he will be the best in the junior organization next year.

Cleveland was lucky in procuring good pitching talent. There are Harkness, Keestner, Finwell and Mitchell.

In Stroud and Pernell Detroit has a pair of very passable shooters. There have been no pyrotechnics connected with their performances, but Jennings appears to be hanging on to them, and Hurhey has a reputation of knowing baseball and its actors. Evans hasn't been given much of a chance by Manager Lake of the Boston Doves, but his record shows he is pretty fair.

Larry Gardner, second baseman of the Boston Red Sox, is one of the best infielders to break in this year. He is a finished fielder, shows finesse in putting the ball on the runner and can hit and run bases. Gardner's namesake, Earl, with the Yankees, is another very fair second sacker.

Of the third basemen, Bert Daniels, another of Stallins' selections, seems to be the star. Pittsburg obtained a stable youngster in McKetchie, third baseman with Wheeling last year. The Central leaguer isn't fracturing the fences or anything of the sort, but he makes an occasional hit when it counts and he can field like Wagner.

Sharpe, traded by Dreyfuss to Boston, is the premier first sacker. Jake Daubert, who evaded both the Naps and Giants, finally landing with Brooklyn, is a close second. Flynn of the Pirates is following at Daubert's heels. Newnam, the Texas boy with the St. Louis Browns, gives promise.

Lewis and Campbell Are Good. Duffy Lewis of the Red Sox and Campbell of Pittsburg are the two best outfielders developed. These two will probably be wonders next year. Great things are also expected of Jack Dalton, the Des Moines gardener, with Brooklyn. Jack Graney of the Naps has proved himself a Class A man.

Roach of the Yankees is undoubtedly a better short fielder than Russell Blackburne of the White Sox. In fact, Blackburne has been pretty much of a fizzle, but Comiskey has hopes that the former Providence wonder may yet earn his purchase price.

As usual, catchers have been mighty scarce this year. The only one worth speaking about is big Ed Sweeney of the Highlanders. My, how this boy

can hit and throw and pick up bunts! He's not far from being the best in the league behind the bat.

All in all, Duffy Lewis and Russell Ford are the stars of the American youngsters, while the bright lights of the newcomers in the National league are Cole and Campbell.

PITCHER PFIESTER WILL SPRING NEW CURVE ON PHILADELPHIA.

The "secret is out." Manager Chance of the Cubs will use Southpaw Pfister in the world's series. The left hander has developed a "fadeaway" ball which deceives a right hand batsman.

The new ball breaks out to the right hand batter as much as does the curve ball of a right hand pitcher. To add to its deceptiveness, it is whirling rapidly as it breaks. Then, too, it is a slow ball, although started the same as a fast one. Jack has been working over the new ball for two months. At first he said he could not control it, but kept at it until now he has it perfect.

WHO WILL SUCCEED DANIELS?

Hard to Find Successor to Great Swimmer, Who Has Retired.

Now that Charles M. Daniels, the world's famous swimmer, has decided to retire the question arises, Who will be the man to take his place in this country? New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Boston and other cities all have local champions, but none who can compare with the Mercury foot wonder. Bud Goodwin is being heralded by New Yorkers as Daniels' successor, but Goodwin never has done anything wonderful as yet. Furthermore, age no doubt will play havoc with Goodwin's aspirations, as he now is close to thirty. Heber, McGillivray and Huszagh of Chicago, Frizelle of St. Louis and Sloan of Pittsburg are all of championship caliber, but whether any one of these can attain Daniels' high position in world-wide aquatics remains to be seen.

Just why this swimming marvel should abandon the water game, in



CHARLES M. DANIELS, WHO HAS QUIT COMPETITION.

which he reigned supreme, is a puzzle to many, but it is believed that matrimonial cares are more or less responsible. The man who carried the American colors to victory in many hard fought races with the world's best watermen has amassed a wonderful lot of prizes during his career.

Daniels is the champion swimmer of the world at 100, 150 and 220 yards, Olympic champion of St. Louis, Athens and London and American champion at all distances from forty yards to one mile.

Would Change Baseball Rules.

On the Pacific coast a movement has been started to amend the baseball rules so as to make it more expensive for a pitcher to hit a batsman. It is proposed to give the batsman two bases instead of one. There is another reform in the air, and that is discarding the spit ball, which it is argued is one of the chief reasons that hitting is fast becoming a lost art in every league throughout the country.

Manager McGraw will give Jack Johnson a trial next spring. This Johnson, like the negro champion, is a Texan, a member of the Dallas club. He is an outfielder. Pitcher Munsell of the same team has also been purchased by New York.

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND

Eddie Collins Talks About the Art of Base Running.

SPEED DOESN'T ALWAYS COUNT

Philadelphia Americans' Second Sacker Says the Head Plays as Important a Part as the Feet—Thinks Star Base Runners Are Born, Not Made.

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Good base running consists in reaching the base safely; bad base running consists in being caught. At least that is the verdict of the crowd, and even an expert has a hard time to tell whether the base running is good or bad. Some of the worst breaks made on bases win games, and some of the best result in defeat. The expert can tell a good base runner by the way he gets the start, the ground he gains while the pitcher is delivering the ball, the way he slides to the objective base and the judgment he uses when stealing.

Base running brings out most forcibly what is in a player. It is here where brains count most. Hitting ability is a natural gift. It is something that may be improved, but cannot be acquired. Base running is like hitting. Base runners are born, not made. In all strategies of attack as well as defense speed is a fine equipment. It is not an essential. Few ten second men have blossomed into big league material in the base running department. Most of them lack brains. Few use their speed to advantage. More important than speed is the ability to get quickly into motion. The man who always depends upon a coacher to tell him what to do will never succeed. A player must always have the situation in mind. He must be ready to take advantage of every little slip of an opponent.

Making the most of opportunities is another knack of base running. The record of stolen bases in a player's average is not always a criterion of his ability. There is no better illustration afforded than in stretching a hit.

On a hit to the outfield a runner should always make the turn to second. He should run toward the next bag as far as possible without running the risk of being trapped by a quick, accurate throw. One should also use variations to this play. It is not a bad idea once in awhile to turn quickly as if to get back to first. This will often take the fielder off his guard. He may throw the ball leisurely, making it easy to beat the throw to the cushion, or a bluff to take second may make him throw wildly. It is also good policy to worry the pitcher and catcher by leading off as far as possible and bluffing. You not only help yourself, but if the batter works in conjunction with you it might lead to the pitcher's losing control.

Another highly important essential in negotiating bases is the slide. The principle is easy, although methods vary as much as the players. Always slide opposite to the direction in which the fielder will take the throw. A high throw naturally goes in back of the front of the bag. A low throw brings the baseman in. In this case the best way is to circle him from behind. No two men have the same methods of sliding. Some try for the bag feet first. There is less personal risk, though when the ground is insecure a twisted ankle is the result. The slide varies with the baseman, and experience alone can improve this. Some like throws to one side, while others may excel just the opposite way.

There are players in the big leagues today who never improve in base running. Many have the requisite speed, but poor managers have done more to handicap base running than good managers have improved it.

Cavil to Coach Illinois Swimmers.

In securing Dick Cavil of Australia as swimming instructor for the coming season the Illinois Athletic club of Chicago has brought to this country one of the most famous natators in the world. Cavil holds every professional swimming record from forty yards up to one mile. He is the inventor of the crawl stroke and has a standing challenge to meet any swimmer in the world. The new Illinois Athletic club instructor comes from a family of natators, his three brothers, Tums, Sid and Percy, holding many swimming records.

One of the home runs made by Schulte against the Giants in the recent Chicago-New York series is declared by McGraw to be the longest fly ever saw. The ball never has been found, and the supposition is that it went off the earth.

Of the Boston champions of 1903 and 1904 not one is now a member of that team, and few are still in the American league.

Short Sermons FOR A Sunday Half-Hour

Theme: PAUL'S TEARS. BY REV. ADOLPHE MONOD.

Text—I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.—Acts 20:31.

I address myself to those of you, my dear hearers, who charge us with exaggeration, and to whom the faith we preach appears too strange in its maxims, too exclusive in its assertions, and too severe in its threatenings. Let me put to you one question which I beseech you to answer impartially. You honor Paul, equally with myself, as the faithful guardian of divine revelation; now did he understand the Gospel as you do, or as I do?

And to answer this question, I confine myself to this simple feature. Paul cannot see his Gospel rejected without shedding tears of bitterness. That suffices me. What must be the value of Gospel truth in the judgment of this man, who urges you with tears to receive it?

Yes, tell me the meaning of those tears of Paul, if he had only to proclaim to the world a probable faith, such as you might do in his place; tell me their meaning if he announced anything less than the truth itself, alone true, alone necessary, alone saving, outside of which there is only sin, error and perdition! Let others discuss the critical meaning of the word Eternal, let them find out that it is sometimes employed to signify a finite duration; let them ransack the writings and discourses of Paul for this purpose; we have no need of all this, it is enough to see him weeping at our feet.

Yes, tell me the meaning of those tears of Paul, supposing him merely to possess that sensibility of disposition of which you boast, if he does not see before him the dark shadow of some fearful punishment reserved for those who reject, or turn away from the truth; if he does not see awaiting them a misery most fearful and inconceivable, described in his own terms as, "A certain fearful looking for of judgment and of fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

You perhaps congratulate yourselves on being able to explain the tears of Paul, because his Gospel is yours. Congratulate yourselves! Ah! have we not more reason to smite upon our breasts? If we can explain the tears of the apostle, then are we only the more miserable because we are not able to shed them. Tell me how it is that you and I, who have so many tears for physical maladies, tears for family disappointments, tears for public calamities, find their source dried up when we contemplate the loss of souls, and of the glory of God.

Church of the living God! when thou shalt arise in the midst of this erring generation, with the tears of Paul in thine eyes, thy voice, and thy heart; when thou shalt "Take the infirmities" of this great multitude which surround thee, then shalt thou see whether thou art unheeded. But these tears, when shall they be thine?

It is a day of colossal movements, fraught with tremendous consequences. It is a wondrous time in which to live and work. I want to see the love to God and man which we profess expressed in a flaming and united effort to make the churches do something big and splendid for this generation. The church cannot afford to yield to any other agency, the leadership of the forces which are working for the solidarity of the race. The church must not close its ears to the voice of God which is speaking so insistently today. The church must follow the gleam of God's increasing revelation or be superseded.

Spiritual freedom has been given to us as it has not been given to any other generation of the human race, but it has been given to us not to follow along the lines of least resistance. It has been rather given to us as a pledge of individual trust in God's children that they will live justly. Do not think that we are going to get salvation any cheaper than our forefathers did. There is no joy in life that is easy of access, nothing that does not take a personal struggle every day. You and I are not really living in the world, we are not progressing in the world unless day by day we desire the higher life and surrender the lower; unless we travel by the straight and narrow road.

Health.

Health is the result of the nice adjustment of all the bodily functions; peace of mind results, also, not from any one dominant conviction, but from the smooth working together of all the convictions.—Rev. Frank Crane, Unitarian, Worcester.

Challenging Evil.

We must challenge evil and believe that the evils of men are, like the sands in the upper glass, falling down, and that one day the glass will be clean.—Rev. George A. Gordon, Congregationalist, Boston.

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance.

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.—Phillips Brooks.

He Got Badly Left. Experiences of a correspondent of a Nuremberg paper go to show that the German adulteration laws are drastic. He says: "A French friend sent me four bottles of burgundy. After paying the duty I was informed that all wine coming from abroad has to be analyzed. As my consignment included two kinds of wine a double analysis was necessary, and for this I paid a fee of \$9.24. As the end of a week I received first a certificate attesting that my wine was pure and, second, the case in which the bottles were sent. I was also informed that two bottles had been required to form the basis of each analysis and that consequently there was no wine left. I am naturally grateful to the state for the precautions taken to guard my health, but I cannot help thinking I am entitled to the empty bottles. Surely these were not also analyzed."

O. Henry's Reading. The late O. Henry, whose flippant and slangy stories gave him a great reputation as a humorist, was, in private life a serious student.

A visitor to the library of Mr. Porter's New York residence was amazed at the ponderous histories and biographies on every side.

"But don't you read," said the visitor, "Ellis Parker Butler and writers of that sort?"

"Well, no," said Mr. Porter. He laughed and added whimsically: "I make fancy cakes and sell them, but I only eat bread and meat."

Three Curious Bells.

There is a curious legend connected with the bells of Messingham church. It is said that a long, long time ago a traveler was passing through Messingham when he noticed three men sitting on a stile in the churchyard and saying, "Come to church, Thompson; come to church, Brown," and so on. Being very much surprised, he asked what it meant and was told that, having no bells, they called folks to church in this way. The traveler remarked that it was a pity so fine a church should be without bells and at the same time asked the men if they could make three for the church, promising to pay for them himself. They undertook to do this, they were respectively a tinker, a carpenter and a shoemaker. When next the traveler passed that way he found the three men ringing three bells which said, "Ting, tong, pluff," being made respectively of tin, wood and leather!—London Tit-Bits.

A Real Sport.

Penns. Maiden—I won't marry any one but an aeronaut. Black is so becoming to me.—Simplicissimus.

On a Surly Porter.

What a surly bell's gates are not kept by O'Flinn—The surly old dog would let nobody in.—Humor of Ireland.

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