

FIRST BASEMEN IN BIG DEMAND

Major League Team Managers
Scour Country For Material.

NEW ONES BEING TRIED OUT.

Six American League Clubs Are Experimenting With Youngsters at Training Camps—Boston and Pittsburgh in National Weak.

A glance at the makeup of the sixteen clubs in the two major league organizations will disclose the fact that few teams have the initial bag covered as the requirements of the position demand.

The conditions are worse in the American league than in the National, for, with the exception of the Athletics and New York, the teams in the junior organization are weak at first, and the managers are having considerable trouble finding men to fill the positions.

The National league is considerably stronger in first basemen than the American league, Pittsburgh and Boston being the only teams that are really weak at the initial sack. The Phillies have a veteran in "Kitty" Bransfield, who is slated to play first again this year, although Manager Doolin has two other men who are candidates for Bransfield's place.

Chicago is pretty well supplied, with Frank Chance and Jimmy Archer. McGraw is satisfied with how Merkle played last year and will play him there this year. McGraw has a promising recruit in Gowdy, but says he will try to make a catcher out of the youngster. Cincinnati has probably the best first baseman in the National league in Hoblitzel when ability and youth are considered, and Kometch of St. Louis and Daubert of Brooklyn look to have their jobs safe. Pittsburgh will have to do some more experimenting this year, and Fred Tenney will try to prove that he can "come back" with Boston.

Aside from the Athletics and New York, the American league is very weak at first base, and every manager except Connie Mack and Hal Chase has been scouring the country for new material. Hughey Jennings hopes to secure a successor to Tom Jones in the bunch of recruits he has signed. Ness and Gaynor will be tried out, and if neither man proves satisfactory George Moriarty may be found on the initial bag.

Hughey Duffy is going to give Jiggs Donohue another chance and has Tex Jones, a youngster, as a promising candidate. Hohnhorst is the most likely candidate for George Stovall's place on the Cleveland team, but has yet to prove that he has the makings of a major league first sacker. Patsy Donovan has selected no successor to Jake Stahl and is experimenting with a bunch of players. There are three or four candidates for Engle's place on the Washington team. The St. Louis Browns are worse off than any of the other clubs. Bobby Wallace, recently appointed manager, has been trying to make trades to build up his team, but has not yet landed a man to cover first.

The New Yorks are well fixed with Hal Chase, although many figure that managerial duties will affect his playing. Still, he outclasses them all. The veteran Harry Davis will again hold bag No. 1 for the Athletics the coming season. Manager Mack says Harry is good for many more years, and unless some accident happens to him he will hold his position.

FOREIGN ATHLETES COMING.

Australian Team May Compete in This Country Next Fall.

There is every possibility that some Australian athletes may pay a flying visit here next fall. A team of athletes, swimmers and other performers, is going to England for the empire celebration, and the plan is that they will return home this way. There will be men for all the distances up to a mile as well as hurdlers and jumpers. Among the probable members figured on is Guy Haskins, who attended the University of Pennsylvania and won the intercollegiate in record time. He is now living at Christchurch, New Zealand, and, though he was said to have forsaken the path, he never gave up a little practice now and again and, it is claimed, can move as fast as ever.

BASEBALL CHIRPS

Is Jimmy Callahan being groomed to manage the Chicago White Sox to succeed Hugh Duffy?

Lajoie, Stone and Cobb are the only players who have ever made 200 hits in one season. Lajoie's 227 in 1910 is high water mark.

Wuffi, the newest of the Detroit recruits, is a Swiss. Hard lines. Remarks about Swiss cheese will fairly dent the skies any time the kid makes an error.

A printer, a newspaper man and an umpire run organized baseball. Garry Herrmann, printer; Ban Johnson, sporting editor, and Tom Lynch, umpire, is the combination.

The Cubs will wear dark blue uniforms next summer. Any significance in that color? Maybe the Reds and Giants will make Chance's colts feel blue before the season is half over.

DEATH VALLEY SCOTTY IS WINNER ON HAIRPIN TRAIL

A WAGER of \$4,500 to the effect that a hairpin could be picked up on every block along the trail from the Waldorf to the Knickerbocker hotel was made and won in New York recently by Walter Scott, whom the world knows as "Scotty of Death valley," who has uncovered another fortune. Weldy Young, who ran the first mail into the Klondike, accomplishing a 4,600 mile journey with a sled and dog team, took the losing end of the wager. It was the direct result of the deadly dullness of existence in New York city.

The bet was made in the Waldorf-Astoria, where Scotty and Weldy were assembled with a few friends.

"This camp is getting so dead they're playing baseball in the street," said Weldy Young. "The only ground I

hairpin on every block from here to the Knickerbocker, and the snow isn't going to bother me either."

"Does that go at \$500 per block?" asked Weldy.

"Right!" came the answer.

Everybody had a drink, and the two prospectors, after a new kind of claim, began the journey to the Knickerbocker. Weldy was about to demand the first \$500 when the first pin was found at the corner of Thirty-fourth street and Sixth avenue. And Weldy instead dug deep and peeled five \$100 bills off a voluminous roll.

For some reason unaccounted for the next pin was late in appearing, but appear it did, and with it another view of Weldy's bank roll. The following block was as productive, though more rapidly so. After that pins were produced from the sidewalk with as-



WALT SCOTT, FAMOUS MINER AND SPENDER, WHO HAS WON ANOTHER FREAKISH WAGER.

have seen that I could stake was in Central park, and the town marshal warned me off.

"If you can't prospect what is there left? You meet a man around here about once every two weeks. The rest of the male population couldn't pack a suit case on their backs for half a mile without dying the death of a Cousin Jack."

"I am sick of slouching around. I am going to pull my stakes and beat it for the thick bush. Every time I pay this recorder in the bar I feel as if I had sworn in a bum discovery. You can't make a bet on a wheel without rubbing up against a lot of fancy vest chequers, and the drinks are too thin to put life into a marmalade."

"I am with you on the drinks, homie, but Tex Rickard told me once that you could find a betting proposition wherever you wanted it, and that goes here," replied Scotty calmly.

"I am a desert rat, but I'll prospect with you and bet that I can dig up a

ALFALFA ROOTS A DELICACY.

Substitute For Early Asparagus Found by Woman Farmer.

Alfalfa roots, white and tender, will take the place of early asparagus if Louise F. Weinland, an irrigation rancher in the Spokane valley, Washington, is successful with her plans for marketing the newest table vegetable in the western country. The discovery that alfalfa root is as nourishing to man as it is to live stock was made by Miss Weinland several months ago, but the proper method of preparing it was not ascertained until recently, when the young woman, after poring for hours in a huge tome on cookery, decided to try recipes for cooking asparagus.

The first dish was sampled by a neighbor's hired man, who, ignorant of what he was eating, called for a second dish. Other neighbors ate of the root and pronounced it satisfying to the palate as well as highly nourishing. They say the flavor is similar to asparagus.

Kentucky Family's Longevity Record.

There is a family in Hopkins county, Ky., that probably holds the record for longevity. The head of the family, James Madison, was 102 years of age on Jan. 20. His wife will be ninety-two this spring. Mrs. Little Satterfield, a sister of Mr. Madison, is in her one hundred and fourth year, and Mr. Madison's mother died many years ago at the advanced age of 106.

tonishing profusion until the block between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets was reached. At this time a good many people were following the betters and gazing in wide eyed astonishment at the wad of yellow backs which Weldy held out every time that Scotty picked a woman's hairpin from the pavement.

Scotty searched the barren sidewalk assiduously. He had about reached the end of it and into his money pocket when a woman brushed against him. Startled out of his preoccupation, he turned at the same time that a hairpin fell with a very light, almost inaudible tinkle to the pavement. Weldy again let the hungry see real money.

The next block was almost littered with hairpins. The last pin was found in front of the hotel that marked the end of the journey.

Weldy Young was out \$4,500, and Lucky Scotty, as the mining men call him, was the possessor of an extra \$4,500 and of a collection of hairpins.

BEATITUDES FOR CHURCHMEN

Congregational Pastor's Hints For Persons Habitually Late.

The Rev. Herbert Macy, pastor of the Congregational church in Newington, Conn., has given a hint to the members of his congregation who are in the habit of coming late to services in the following "Beatitudes For Church Goers," which he has had printed in the church calendar:

Blessed are those who rise early Sunday morning, for they get to church on time.

Blessed are those who get to church on time, for they arrive in the spirit of worship.

Blessed are those who are never late, for they cause the minister and choir to love them.

Blessed are those who must be late who do not enter during the Scripture lesson or prayer.

Blessed are those who come even at the eleventh hour, but church begins at quarter before 11.

Geometry Via Football.

The make geometry popular Professor J. E. Slaughter of the University of Chicago is preparing a textbook in which theorems are applied to football.

Peru May Tax Rubber Exports.

The government of Peru proposes a 10 per cent duty on crude rubber exports. The country is short of revenue.

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Points For Mothers

Lessons In "Noblesse Oblige."

Among the hardest lessons younger people have to learn is the one that teaches "noblesse oblige," or, to put it in a phrase, nobility of mind and strength of character bring obligations toward others.

A child wants to do what it likes to do. It does not think it is in the least necessary to consider what anybody else likes or dislikes. Politeness demands and politeness means the treating of everybody just as one would wish to be treated under similar circumstances.

So here is the Golden Rule, truly and without disguise. Unfortunately it is not followed largely in this selfish world, but if young people were taught oftener that they owe a certain duty to themselves whereby they are most certainly fulfilling their duty to others it would be pleasant to pass along the paths of social life.

Duty to oneself means always proper duty to those one comes in contact with. It is due to the growing boy and girl to teach them that by their actions toward host and hostess by just so much is credit reflected upon themselves and also upon their parents. Social duties are not always pleasant. Sometimes they mean meeting those whom we heartily dislike under the roof of a mutual friend. Then comes the test of breeding, of recognizing the obligations imposed by those laws of society we call etiquette, and by these the boy and girl are judged. If self is allowed to step too prominently to the front it means lack of politeness that tends to place a hostess in an embarrassing position.

Was it not the "iron man," the great Bismarck, who said, "If you must declare war, do it politely?" Noblesse oblige.

Entertains The Little Ones.

Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, original in many things, is never more so than when getting up entertainments for children. Just give her a chance to bend her keen wits on amusement for the little ones and her inventive faculty is on edge immediately. One of her newest forms of juvenile diversion is the "royal taper tea." Her youthful guests sit at tables. A beautiful big cake is carried in and placed in the table's center. The cake is lighted with tiny tapers, one for each child in the company. The cake may be baked in the form of a star and should contain a coin and a ring. All the tapers are stuck securely in the icing that edges the cake. Mrs. Mackay cuts the cake and gives each child a slice. The guest whose slice contains the coin, if a boy, should be acclaimed king, and she who gets the ring is queen. Following an old custom, the king is lifted on the shoulders of four boys up to the ceiling, where he makes a sign to keep away the mischievous spirits. Now the fun of the affair begins. The king and queen mount a dais, and all the other children have to pay homage to them—bow, courtesy and pay pretty compliments. Each subject in turn has to entertain his monarchs in some way—must dance, sing, jump, hop on one foot or do some other stunt.

Children's Parties.

Children's parties are as difficult to carry off successfully as the more formal functions of the grownup world. So any new idea is apt to be welcomed by the despairing hostess that will add to the entertainment and enjoyment of the youngsters.

An attractive affair that was recently given a youngster was a doll party. The little guests were girls, and the basis of the fun was a doll hunt, carried out after the manner of a cobweb game.

Gayly colored ribbons made a cobweb which was arranged in the center of the room. A card with the name of the doll that was to reward the searcher was fastened to the end of each ribbon.

And after half an hour of bewildering winding and unwinding each little girl came upon a pretty little doll. After the cobweb discovered the dolls it led away once more into the dining room, and here was found the most entrancing thing, a miniature clothesline, with a frock for each doll upon it and labeled with the doll's name so that no mistake could be made.

The same sort of party could be carried out for boys, where animals should be substituted for dolls. Think of the delight of winding yourself out into a dark corner where a grewsome bear will greet you or stumbling suddenly upon a magnificent lion behind the piano!

The Good Hostess.

Entertaining comes quite naturally to the woman who as a child has learned how to entertain her friends at home. Let her begin as early as possible, and let her have from the very first the feeling that she is responsible for the comfort and pleasure of her little guests. The good child hostess will be the good woman hostess by and by.

Temperature In The Sickroom.

The temperature in the child's sick room should never be below 60 degrees nor above 65. Hang the thermometer behind the child's bed and out of the

A Freak.
The elevator was waiting for passengers on the ground floor of the sky scraper when an excited woman flustered over to the man running it.
"Does this car go up?" she inquired, breathless.
"No, madam," said the elevator man, unperturbed. "This is a cross-town car."
—New York Times.

The One Place.
"That Mrs. Gossip seems to be at home wherever she may be."
"Well, I saw her in a place yesterday where she seemed decidedly restless and uneasy."
"You don't say? Where was that?"
"At home."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Awkwardly Expressed.
Gushing Lady: I hear you've been away for your health, professor. Musical Lion: Yes, I've been at Marienbad taking the baths. Gushing Lady: Really! That must have been a change for you!—London Opinion.

What's The Answer?
The inevitable kid and his question: "Papa, who furnishes the meat for the train, the cow catcher or the train butcher?"—Santa Fe Employees' Magazine.

Pretty Bad.
"Was the play bad?"
"Well, I should say. Why, even the lights went out at the close of the second act!"

Ruby Glass.
Genuine ruby glass is very expensive because it is prepared with gold. It owes its color to the presence throughout its mass of particles of gold too small to be seen with the microscope. Only the ultra-microscope, which renders visible objects perceptible by means of their diffusion of light, is able to show the existence of these minute particles. With the ordinary microscope the glass appears as a uniform transparent mass, but the ultra-microscope shows that it is filled with points of light resembling stars on a black background. These points indicate the presence of the particles of gold to which the color of the glass is due.—Harper's Weekly.

Lisbon's Craze For Motors.
The traveler notes that the ancient and modern modes of life are strongly intermingled in Lisbon. Recently the richer inhabitants have developed a passion for owning motor cars. The number of cars seen about the streets is a cause of wonderment, especially when one considers that Lisbon is not well adapted to motoring, with its twisted and steep streets. Nevertheless the Portuguese of the upper class must have his car, though its purchase may have deprived the owner of all his other luxuries, and it is even rumored that he sometimes goes without his dinner that his hungry car may have its fill of gasoline.—Christian Herald.

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