

LOSS OF CATCHER WORKS HARDSHIP

Famous Pitchers Prefer to Work With Certain Backstops.

CY YOUNG MISSES LOU CRIGER

Without Old Side Partner Veteran Twirler Has Lost Much of His Effectiveness—Smith, Marquard, Plank, Howell, Mathewson Others.

By TOMMY CLARK.

Many baseball critics contend the loss of star catchers often spoils the effectiveness of crack pitchers. A glance back into history reveals some very interesting dope on this point.

Take, for instance, Cy Young, the veteran pitcher of the Cleveland team. He will admit to you that much of his effectiveness was due to the work of Lou Criger behind the bat. Old Cy was never much at holding the base runner on, but with that wonderful throwing arm that Criger possessed, Cy had no need to worry in that direction. With other men catching it was different. With Criger back in his old form and handling Cy's slants the battery would still be famous.

In 1906 Pitcher Frank Smith, now of the Boston team, but then a member of the Chicago White Sox, was one of the stars of the American league. Whenever Smith pitched for Chicago McFarland did the catching. The pair was well high invincible. Lack of condition proved McFarland's undoing. His passing from the club put a big dent in Smith's effectiveness. While Billy Sullivan is one of the best catchers in the game, he was never able to make Smith show his true form.

When Harry Howell was right he was one of the best spitball twirlers in the country. Harry was always paired with "Hack" Spencer. The battery was very effective. When Spencer was traded to Boston and later sent to the minors Howell lost his one best bet. No other catcher seemed to handle him as well as Spencer, and he immediately went on the toboggan and passed out of the majors.

With Bemis doing the receiving, Heine Berger of Cleveland looked like a sure enough star. Illness put Bemis out of the running, and no other backstop seemed to know how to work Berger, and his pitching fell off badly.

Four years ago the battery of Livingston and Marquard was the most feared in the American association. The Indianapolis team won many a victory through the individual work of these two men. Livingston is now with the Athletics and doing well, but Rube Marquard has yet to show form. It looks as if Marquard lost his cunning when Livingston was taken away from him. The New York catchers don't seem to understand the eccentric southpaw.

No backstop will ever be able to get the work out of Ed Plank, the Athletics' southpaw, that the late Doc Powers did. Plank, a most difficult man to handle because of his crossfire, was like picking cherries for Powers. Since Powers' death many catchers have handled the slants of the veteran, but he does not seem to be as effective as of old.

When Connie Mack split the battery of Waddell and Shreck he broke up the most unusual pair that ever drew salary in the big leagues. Waddell was never the same nor as effective after he lost his old receiver. It was the starting of the Rube on the down grade.

With Roger Bresnahan behind the bat, Mathewson was almost invincible. Matty always preferred Bowerman, but with the latter doing the receiving he was not nearly as effective as when the fiery Roger was the windpaddist. The work of the pair in the world's series in 1905 will never be forgotten. When the club parted with the services of Bresnahan the club lost a big asset. With Roger on the team now the club would win the 1911 pennant. Matty is still good, but there is no catcher on the Giants' payroll that can handle him like Bresnahan.

These are but a few of baseball's peculiar combinations that may have been badly shattered because of some act that causes the breaking up of the famed teams.

CUB PLAYERS BOOST BARRY.

Say Athletics' Shortstop Was Real Star of World's Series Last Fall.

Jack Coombs, Chief Bender and Eddie Collins were the three members of the Philadelphia team most lauded for the American triumph over the Chicago Cubs last fall. These three great players were generally regarded as the three best reasons to advance for the ease with which the Athletics won over the National league champions. The Chicago players, however, give more credit to Shortstop Jack Barry than any other member of the club. They say Barry broke up more plays than all the other Mack men put together. Manager Chance is strong in his statement that Barry was really the big star in the series.

Rusie Back In Game. Amos Rusie is back on earth. He has found an angel in a millionaire lumberman at Charleston, Miss., who is willing to back a ball club there for him. Rusie will try to pitch or play first.

The "First Lady of Chicago" And Her Charming Daughter



FOR the next four years Mrs. Carter Harrison will be the "first lady of Chicago," for during that time her husband will be the mayor. Her distinguished husband has thus equaled his father's official record so far as number of terms goes, but he will materially exceed in the matter of time. The elder Carter H. Harrison was elected five times, but each term was for but two years, and he was assassinated about six months after his last inauguration. Carter H. Harrison, Jr., has already served four full terms of two years, and as the length of the term has been increased to four years, when he leaves the mayor's office this time Mr. Harrison will have been Chicago's chief executive for twelve years. Mrs. Harrison has had much to do with her husband's political success, for she is deservedly popular in Chicago and has taken a prominent part in the city's social affairs. Though a devoted mother, she has found time to do considerable literary work, and two of her books have been favorably noticed by critics. The picture above is the most recent portrait of Mrs. Harrison and her daughter.

TONY PREFERS MINORS.

Cubs' Crack Young Pitcher Not Stuck With Place in Major League.

Big league money, glory and that sort of thing hold no fascination for Fred Toney, the sensational young twirler of the Chicago Nationals. Give him his choice and the giant Tennessean will tell you frankly as a father would speak to his son that he'd "heap rather" cast his fortunes with a club in the minors.

One day during the training trip of the club Toney was asked how he liked being with a big league team, and he replied: "I'd be just as well



FRED TONEY, CUBS' CRACK YOUNG PITCHER.

pleased, perhaps a whole lot better, if I could play with some club in the Southern league. In the first place, I didn't want to play with the big leagues. The day that Scout Huff came to Mobile I purposely lobbed the ball over, using an underhand delivery. I know how to shoot the overhand stuff, too, although I never could get the results I now attain, for the simple reason I always strained my elbow putting on the 'hook' that Mordcaai Brown taught me." Toney's teammates say he is going to be a sensation in the big circuit this season. All during the spring practice games he displayed great form in the box. Baseball men who have seen Toney cut loose a world of steam, the like of which alone should carry him through many hard fought battles, are unanimous in branding the boy a second Walter Johnson.

CHANCE EXPLAINS INSIDE BASEBALL.

"Inside baseball," says Frank Chance, manager of the Cubs, "is doing the right thing at the right time. This is the real inside of a much mooted question. Most of the drivels about inside ball is pure bunk."

MURPHY HAS NEW PLAN.

Chicago Cubs' Chief Will Reform System of Training New Players.

President Charley Murphy of the Chicago Nationals has some criticism to make of the spring training methods, for he thinks they could be improved upon, and intends to start out on the reforming lay himself within a season or two.

"I never realized until a short time ago that managers of big league baseball clubs haven't enough time or opportunity under present arrangements to look over their new players and decide whether they will be good material or otherwise," says Murphy.

"Hereafter recruits will be sent away at least a month sooner than the regulars, so that the club may form some idea of what to do with them. It takes at least a month to see enough of a player to pass judgment on him. The time is coming when all the major league clubs will take this view of it, and when they do it will prove a big help to baseball. Recruits will be given a better chance to make good, and more players will be brought out each season."

Professional Runners Going Abroad.

Alfred Shrybb, Hans Holmer and Lungstrom are among the professional runners who will compete in England this summer. Shrybb will depart the latter part of April and may be accompanied by Agoose, the Canadian Indian long distance runner, who should prove a big attraction over there.

DIAMOND PRATTLE

Slow footed ball players are disappearing from major league diamonds. More and more managers are searching for the speed boys.

Connie Mack's son Earl will be Scranton's first catcher this year. The manager of the world's champions says his boy will make good.

The word "Yannigan" was given second teams by Arthur Irwin in 1888. He heard it used by a pitcher named England, who didn't know what it meant, but used it as a byword.

Baseball is the biggest contradiction in the world of sport. Managers are searching for pitchers who can fool the batters and stickers who can slam any twirler safely. How can you give these inconsistencies?

A star pitcher fifteen years ago and out of the American league seven years ago, yet Jimmy Callahan is a successful "come back." Is he a flash in the pan or will he keep up his good work during the season?

A Change of Opinion. "I suppose, old fellow, your wife still thinks she married a treasure?" remarked a bachelor to a married friend. "No," said the benedict; "I have a distinct impression that she regards me as a treasury!"

TY COBB IS WEARY.

Detroit's Great Star Says He Is Tired of Hero Worship.

Ty Cobb is tired of hero worship. This may seem unbelievable, but we have Ty's own statement to back it up. At a banquet in Monroe, La., this spring, where the Tigers trained, the Detroit star was called upon to make a speech and said, among other things: "It is very embarrassing to me to be singled out as the one bright star on the Detroit team. These gentlemen (pointing to his teammates) are just as much entitled to praise as I am. It takes a number of players to make a team. The Detroit team has several great stars, and I would like to see them have their share of praise. This hero worship makes me tired."

Wrestler Olsen to Retire.

Charley Olsen, the Indianapolis wrestler, will retire from the mat game at the end of the present season and will devote himself entirely to his business interests.

McAuliffe to Re-enter Ring.

Jack McAuliffe, the old lightweight champion, is the latest "comeback kid." As big as the side of a house, he talks about re-entering the ring.

Town May Furnish Free Water.

The Lockport (N. Y.) board of trade is discussing the matter of giving free and unlimited water to manufacturers, business men, residences and, in fact, to every user of that necessary commodity within its corporate limits. It will do so with the idea of inducing new industries to locate there.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1911, 2 P. M. All the defendant's right, title, and interest in the following described property—viz:

All that certain lot or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon, situate in Berlin township, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a heap of stones the common corner of lots 23, 22, 34 and 35 in the allotment of the Indian Orchard tract; thence by lots Nos. 21 and 22 in said allotment, south sixty-seven degrees west one hundred and eighty-seven rods to a stones corner in the middle of the Smith Hill road; thence northward along said road by land of Joseph Harzog twenty-seven and three-quarters rods to a corner; thence by land now or formerly of C. N. Root north sixty-seven degrees east to a post and stones corner; thence by said lot No. 34 south twenty-three degrees east twenty-six and one-tenth rods to the place of beginning; containing thirty acres be the same more or less.

The other lot or parcel beginning in the center of the public road leading from the Honesdale and Delaware Plank Road to Berlin Center at the Northeast corner of the land of Anton Knehr; thence north sixty-seven degrees east by the above described lot one hundred and fifty-seven and one-half rods to a stones corner; thence south twenty-three degrees East nineteen and two-tenths rods to a stake and stones corner; thence by lands now or formerly of C. N. Root south sixty-seven degrees west one hundred and sixty-six rods to the center of the said public road; thence along the center of the same the several courses twenty-four rods to the place of beginning; containing twenty acres, be the same more or less.

Being the same land which Fred Hafner et ux by deed dated March 15, 1887, and recorded in Wayne County Deed Book No. 64 at page 67, granted and conveyed to Jacob Hafner and the said Jacob Hafner et ux granted and conveyed to Desmond Keesler by deed dated December 2, 1908, and recorded in Wayne County Deed Book No. 99 at page 169.

On the above described premises there is one house and two barns. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Jacob Hafner and Desmond Keesler, Terre Tenant, No. 83, October Term, 1908. Judgment \$20. Searle & Salmon, Attorneys.

ALSO

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Berlin township, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of a lot conveyed to Edward Manley by Chapman N. Root and Hannah, his wife, at a stake and stones corner on the west side of Holbert's Brook; thence by lands of the said Chapman N. Root, north sixty-seven degrees, east by the Standard Meridian of Wayne county two hundred and thirty-five and one-half rods to a stake corner; thence north twenty-three degrees, west to a post in Huck Pond; thence by land of Edward Manley by the said Meridian south sixty-seven degrees, west two hundred and twenty-two and one-half rods to the western side of the Holbert Brook; thence down and along said Brook the several windings and courses thereof, the general courses being south, three degrees east thirty-seven and one-half rods to the place of beginning; containing fifty acres, be the same more or less.

Being the same land that E. C. Mumford et ux conveyed to George Stegner by deed dated June 17, 1907, and recorded in Wayne County Deed Book No. 97, at page 333.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of George Stegner at the suit of E. C. Mumford to Minor Brown's use. No. 6 June Term, 1907. Judgment \$446. Searle & Salmon, Attorneys.

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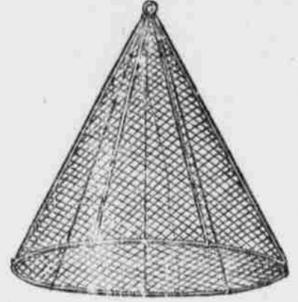
M. LEE BRAMAN, Sheriff. Honesdale, Pa., April 21, 1911.

WIRE SAFETY BARREL FOR SPRING BONFIRE.

Danger of Flames Spreading While Burning Leaves Is Avoided.

Nine out of ten fires in the early spring and fall are caused from the spreading of open bonfires. A new arrangement is to construct a wire cone-like barrel, fill it with debris, or whatever else you want to burn, and set fire to the contents.

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