

# INSIDE PLAYS PUZZLE FANS

### Average Enthusiast Knows Little of Secret Workings of Team.

## MANAGER DIRECTS OFFENSE.

#### Defensively the Team, if it Works Harmoniously, Decides Its Strategies on the Spur of the Moment—Catcher the Pivot.

If the average fan could realize how little he really knows of baseball he might be less prone to criticism. There is nothing more refreshing to a student of the game than to sit through some pleasant afternoon in a hotbed of fans in stand or bleachers and hear the quips handed out on the play as these spectators see it.

Of course the fan pays his good money to nourish the sport. Then who has a better right than he to air his views?

While the layman doubtless is aware of the fact that baseball of today embraces far more than is shown on the surface, few, very few, realize the intricate complications of "inside" baseball. Far too often are such epithets as "bonehead," "lob," "ivory skull" and the like applied to the wrong party. The game is progressing with the times. The team manager of today is the one supreme power on whose judgment almost solely depends success or disappointment.

The captaincy of a major league baseball club of today is but a hollow honor. Indeed, there is virtually no such office except in case of a strictly bench manager, such as Connie Mack or Pat Donovan. In the latter case a field captain is essential only so far as handling the umpires.

Offensively the manager directs play. Defensively the team, if it works harmoniously, decides its strategies on the spur of the moment—that is, so far as accepting chances is concerned. The fielders concerned always try, but the one who is absolutely sure of the play calls for the chance and is invariably allowed to stand or fall on his own judgment.

Naturally the position of the catcher gives him best command of all the situations that arise. He faces his other teammates and can keep strict tab on the bases. If a base runner strays too far from his station the catcher flashes the intelligence to both pitcher and infielder concerned. The fielder is ready for the throw when the pitcher wheels quickly to let the ball go, and if the base runner is not equally alert he is caught napping.

The catcher signals the pitcher the nature of every ball he is to serve the batter. Sometimes the pitcher will not agree with his battery mate on the point. Then the backstop signals for different kinds of balls until he hits upon one the pitcher thinks will do the trick—that is, of course, if he has faith in the twirler's judgment.

But not alone the catcher profits by the sign language of the battery. The hawk-eyed infielders and outfielders must be familiar with every sort of ball delivered. Both infielders and outfielders have to play differently on a fast straight one to what they could on a curve. That is why one may often notice the gardeners shift their positions frequently while the same man is at bat. The center fielder can see the signal, and he tips off his fellow gardeners. The second baseman and shortstop flash the third and first baseman if these are unable to see for themselves.

Of course the catcher has to be guarded in his work. He must have several sets of signals at his command with which every one is familiar; otherwise a brainy opponent on second would get on to those signs and in turn tip off the various offerings to the man at bat. A catcher cannot use the same sign twice before a rival. Then, too, he must guard against the batsman peering back to catch his code. That is why the backstop stoops in calling for balls. He covers the hands, which are used entirely for battery signals, with his glove.

## NEW BALL AIDS BATTING.

#### Less Cork and More Rubber Cause of Big Scores and Extra Base Hits.

The numerous big scores and extraordinary amount of extra base hits in the major leagues thus far this season have been the topics of comment among those baseball followers who keep an eye on the statistics of the



pastime. Never before in the history of the game have so many extra base swats been in evidence as this season. And there is good and sufficient cause. There's a bigger chunk of rubber in the ball furnished the major leagues this year, and consequently there is more resilience. The magnates changed the inner workings of the globe to increase batting, and the change has wrought wonders. Home runs are plentiful, and there is twice the amount of distance hitting there was last year.

## CONNIE MACK'S VIEWS ON PRESENT SITUATION.

Manager Connie Mack's view of the present situation is interesting. "If a weak ball club were out in front by some lucky spurt," he announced, "there would be little to worry about. But Detroit is a different proposition. Jennings has a club this season hard to beat under any turn, and with a long jump ahead of the field the job is simply that much harder."

## IS EVERS' CAREER ENDED?

#### Cubs' Brilliant Second Baseman May Never Play Ball Again.

Johanny Evers is out of baseball for all time, according to the news current in innermost baseball circles. The best second baseman since the days of McPhee and the keystone of the marvelous infield of the Cubs has



Photo by American Press Association.  
JOHANNY EVERS, CUBS' STAR SECOND BASEMAN.

suffered personal losses and physical distress that have unfitted him for the game.

Those who should know declare that the player noted on the field for his gameness has given up the fight in the face of specters of disaster. Until recently he kept his worries secret. Revelations of them to some of his comrades were soon followed by his retirement because of illness, and the Cubs who have played with Evers do not expect him ever to be one of their mainstays again.

The same fear is entertained by the Cub leaders, though they may not admit it. With Evers gone it is recognized that the Cubs will not be really formidable as pennant factors. The retirement of this one player changes the whole aspect of the National race, for Zimmerman, good as he is, is not an Evers, and with the passing of Evers the central figure of both the attack and defense of the club is lost.

## FLAG RAISING ON FRIDAY.

#### Athletics Mock Superstition by Selecting "Hoodoo Day" For Occasion.

Just to snicker a giggle at the "jinks" and to whack old general superstition on the jaw the world's champion Athletics have selected the hoodoo day of Friday to swing the world's banner to the breezes.

June 27, in the month of blushing brides and frenzied florists, is the date set for the auspicious occasion, with the Cleveland Naps doing the honoring along with the men of McGillivuddy.

## Sheppard Will Leave Ump Alone.

Jimmy Sheppard, the pugnacious outfielder of the Chicago Cubs, says he has cut out umpire baiting for good. "There's nothing in it," says Jimmy. "It loses you more than it gets for you."

## DIAMOND SIZZLERS

Herzog is playing the best short field for the Boston Nationals of any man that has essayed the position in several years.

The Chicago Americans appear to have picked in "Ping" Bodie, the highly touted California slugger, a right handed batter of the Ed Delehanty type.

Outfielder Tris Speaker of the Boston Americans plays ball like a back lot boy—that is, he enjoys every minute of it, unlike many professionals who play as if it were work.

Collegian Eddie Collins is coming back to Ty Cobb's speed as a base runner. The rivals of last year's American league base running contest are running neck and neck for bag pilfering honors.

Manager Doolin of the fast going Phillies is exploding the theory that a player can't catch good ball and be successful as a manager. Charley is catching and hitting better than at any time in his career and showing fine judgment in managing as well.

# BATTING PAIRS PITCHERS FEAR

### Powerful Combinations That Break Up Many Games.

## DETROIT HAS DANGEROUS DUO

#### Cobb and Crawford Have Driven Home Many Runs, and So Have Baker and Collins—Pittsburg and Chicago Have Two Good Tandems.

By TOMMY CLARK.  
Ever notice that nearly every strong major league team has a powerful batting pair—that is, two great cleanup hitters who follow each other in the lineup? Very often it is these pairs that make the success of a team.

For instance, the Cobb-Crawford combination is the most dreaded in the fast set. Pitchers fear the innings that each of these two batters have a chance at the bat. Cobb and Crawford drive home more runs than any other pair in the country. For that matter, Delehanty and Moriarty, who follow the great Detroit stars, form a pretty tough duo themselves.

The Philadelphia Americans have a mighty pair in Collins and Baker, and a pitcher is mighty glad when he avoids himself of them. Pittsburg has two great combinations in Byrne, Leach, Clarke and Wagner. Brooklyn has two dandies in Daubert and Wheat. The St. Louis stars are Ellis and Konetchy. Philadelphia's tandem is Lobert and Magee.

Cleveland has a great pair in Jackson and Lajoie, and so has Boston in



Photos by American Press Association.  
DETROIT AND PITTSBURG'S POWERFUL BATTING TANDEMS.

Lewis and Speaker. Neither the Washington nor St. Louis American league team has any great swatters following each other in the lineup. The New York Americans' best are Wolter and Chase. The Chicago Nationals have two powerful combinations in Sheppard, Schute, Hofman and Chase, while Hobbittzell and Mitchell are a rugged tandem for Cincinnati. Doyle and Snodgrass are the heaviest guns for the New York Giants.

With any of these men at bat and men on bases it is ten to one that the pitcher will do his utmost to pass 'em up.

## CHANCE IS DISSATISFIED.

#### Manager Now Trying Hard to Fill Up Holes In Cub Machine.

Frank Chance is dissatisfied with the Cubs and is now getting rid of a number of the veterans. The peevish leader recognizes the fact that his once great team has gone back and that unless he is successful in his efforts to plug up the numerous holes he will not have a chance to be a factor in the present race. It appears to be the old story over again of a team of veterans starting down grade and nothing being able to stop them. Pittsburg is another team which is made up largely of old players, but Fred Clarke seems to have the knack of getting his veterans in shape every spring, and the Pirates are in evidence in the present race.

#### Cobb Forces Way Into Print.

Tyrus Cobb simply forces his name into the sporting pages by some sensational feat in batting, fielding or base running almost daily.

## KEELER HAD NOVEL HIT AND RUN SIGN.

"Talk about hit and run signs," says George Moriarty, the Detroit third baseman. "Willie Keeler had one that was sure a peach. When Willie was with the New York team he took advantage of the two initials 'N.' and 'Y.' You know, often after you give the sign you call it off. Well, when Willie wanted to hand out the sign he would rub one hand across the 'Y.' meaning 'Yes,' and when he wanted to call it off he would rub his hand across the 'N.' meaning 'No.'"

## The Attic Burglar.

The Humorous Burglar (on his way out, to little Binks as he enters a room in the basement of his house)—"Uilo, old sport! You comin' fer me? Little Biggs (less heroic than when he started)—"Oh—er—no—I beg your pardon. My mistake! I thought you were in the attic.—Sketch.

## Still More About Mary.

Mary had a little lamb  
With fleas upon its thatch,  
And every place that Mary went  
The people had to scratch.  
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

It followed Mame to Florida,  
Where it was warm and calm,  
And that is why so many there  
Possess the itching palm.  
—Yonkers Statesman.

#### REGISTER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the accountants herein named have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register of Wills of Wayne County, Pa., and that the same will be presented at the Orphans' Court of said county for confirmation, at the Court House in Honesdale, on the third Monday of June next—viz:

First and final account of C. M. Betz, trustee and acting executor of the estate of Nathan Jacobs, Honesdale.

First and final account of Charles H. Truesdale, administrator of the estate of Adelaide A. Truesdale, South Canaan township.

First and final account of M. J. Hanlan, administrator of the estate of Lewis Hansmann, Texas.

First and final account of Joseph Wiehle, Sr., executor of the estate of Ezekiel Wiehle, Hawley.

First and final account of Emma H. Hoyle and Ezra Clemo, executors of the estate of Elizabeth Clemo, Waymart.

First and final account of Alexander Correll, executor of the estate of William Correll, Lake.

First and final account of George A. Clearwater, administrator Cum Testamento Annexo De Bonis Non, of the estate of Leonard G. Clearwater, Salem.

First and final account of Homer G. Ames, administrator of the estate of William C. Ames, Hawley.

First and final account of H. A. Williams, administrator of the estate of Sylvester Woodmansee, Preston.

First and final account of Nicholas Hensing and J. F. Raehl, administrators of the estate of Jacob Raehl, South Canaan.

First and final account of Horace Grimstone, administrator of the estate of Amos Grimstone, Dyberry township.

First and final account of Edward Deltzer, administrator of the estate of John Hempfling, Texas.

E. W. GAMMELL, Register.  
Register's Office, Honesdale, May 24, 1911.

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RESOURCES.	
Reserve fund.....	\$
Cash, specie and notes, \$13,469 38	
Due from approved re-serve agents.....	\$46,077 42—53,536 87
Nickels, cents and fractional currency.....	315 24
Checks and other cash items.....	3,211 06
Time loans with collateral.....	85,949 06
Loans on call with collateral.....	22,831 00
Loans on call upon two or more names.....	34,872 00
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages.....	14,466 00
Investment securities owned exclusively of reserve funds, viz:	
Stocks, bonds, etc.....	\$50,077 91
Mortgages and judgments of record.....	50,271 00—100,348 91
Office Building and Lot.....	18,889 55
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,891 41
	\$364,619 17
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 75,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	10,000 00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	7,118 49
Deposits, subject to check.....	\$97,207 93
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	100 00
Deposits, special.....	214,012 75—272,500 08
	\$364,619 17

State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss: I, C. A. Emery, Cashier of the above named company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
C. A. EMERY, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May 1911.  
RENA S. EDGERT, N. P.  
Correct attest:  
M. E. SIMONS, } Directors,  
JOHN E. KRANTZ, }  
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Total admitted assets.....	\$ 278,513,963.55
Total Insurance in force.....	1,089,229,738.00
Total number policy-holders.....	425,481.00
New Insurance Reported and paid for in 1910.....	113,789,033.00
Increase in Insurance in force over 1909.....	67,240,613.00
Total Income for 1910.....	\$ 979,892.23
Total payment to policy-holders.....	\$2,899,899.00
Ratio of expense and taxes to income.....	12.78 per cent.

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A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
8:30	10:00	4:30	Albany	2:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
10:00	10:00	6:05	Binghamton	2:40	8:45	9:00		
10:00	2:15	12:30	Philadelphia	12:40	7:14			7:38
8:15	7:25	4:40	Wilkes-Barre	9:35	2:35	7:25	2:25	8:35
8:05	8:20	2:18	Seranton	8:50	2:15	0:30	1:25	9:12
P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6:40	9:05	6:20	Carbondale	8:05	1:30	5:40	12:17	8:29
6:50	9:15	6:30	Lincoln Avenue	7:54	1:25	5:30	12:07	8:17
6:54	9:18	6:34	White	7:50	1:21	5:24	12:03	8:13
6:11	9:30	6:52	Farview	7:33	1:03	5:08	11:44	7:54
6:17	9:42	6:58	Canaan	7:25	1:06	5:01	11:37	7:47
6:28	9:48	7:04	Lake Lodore	7:17	1:01	5:00	11:31	7:41
6:32	9:51	7:07	Waymart	7:12	1:00	4:54	11:28	7:38
6:35	9:54	7:10	Keene	7:12	1:00	4:48	11:23	7:32
6:38	9:58	7:13	Steens	7:09	1:00	4:45	11:20	7:30
6:39	10:00	7:15	Prompton	7:08	1:00	4:41	11:16	7:26
6:43	10:06	7:24	Fortenia	7:01	1:02	4:37	11:12	7:22
6:46	10:11	7:27	Seelyville	6:56	1:00	4:34	11:08	7:19
6:46	10:11	7:27	Honesdale	6:50	1:00	4:30	11:05	7:15

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