ZIMMERMAN'S FAD IS COLLECTING TIES.

The leading hitter of the National league and the batting sensation of the majors, Heinie Zimmerman, is an odd fellow off the field. His biggest hobby is neckties. He carries at least 100 ties on every trip the Cubs take, and keeps adding to the collection. Zim changes three times a day. Every time he sees some one wearing a necktie he likes he finds out where he can get one like it.

Zim does not carry many clothes outside of neckties. He never has a collar laundered. He wears a collar once, throws it away and buys more—generally of a different pattern. He has worn every style of collar on the market.

Outside of baseball Zim likes to play "Rum," a new game among ball players, and pinochle.

Zim is hitting better this season than he ever hit because he is a regular. In other years he was switched around from one position to another because he could play any old position and sat on the bench when the regulars could play.

BAD YEAR FOR SOUTHPAWS.

Majority of Left Hand Pitchers Unsuccessful—Marquard an Exception.

Although Rube Marquard leads the National league pitchers, Eddie Plank heads the American league and Harry Krause was the best American association flinger before leaving Toledo for Cleveland, the majority of the left handers are not having what could be called a very successful season. The three mentioned stand out as exceptions, and possibly there are a few others—Nap Rucker and Vean Gregg, for instance—who are going well.

But winning southpaws are few and far between this year. Even Vean Gregg has been going none too well, having lost nearly as many games already as he did during the entire season of 1911. But two other American league left handers, in addition to Plank and Gregg, have succeeded in winning half their games. They are Ray Collins of Boston and Pennock of the Athletics.

Mogridge of the Chicago White Sox and Hamilton of the St. Louis Browns have lost more than they have won. Jim Vaughn of Washington has won but few games, while Willie Mitchell of the Cleveland Naps has won but two out of the first eight pitched. "Lefty" George of the Naps lost five straight.

BOSTON WANTS HOBLITZELL.

Manager Kling Has Offered Pitcher "Hub" Perdue For Cincinnati Star.

The Boston club is negotiating with Cincinnati for the services of Dick Hoblitzell. "Hobby," it is said, is anxious to get away from the Reds. Recently Manager Hank O'Day gave the first baseman a call on some play, and "Hobby" retorted by calling Hank a "fathead."

This term of endearment is barred by National league managers, and especially by O'Day. "Hub" Purdue was suspended by the Boston club for applying the opprobrious epithet to Johnny Kling, and now Kling is willing to exchange Perdue for Hoblitzell. In case the deal goes through Marsans, the Cuban, will play first.

MAHER SECOND ON LIST.

Clever American Jockey Rides Many Winners in England.

Danny Maher, the American rider, stands second on the list of winning jockeys on the flat in England this year. Maher is second in the total number of winning mounts, also in percentage.

The leader is P. L. Wootton, the Australian jockey, who has been riding in England for several years with great success. He has won 45 races out of 155 mounts, while Maher has piloted 37 winners in 147 races. J. H. Martin, another American rider, has been successful 13 times with a total of 101 mounts.

BRAVES SLOW ON BASES.

Boston National Players Hit Well, but Cannot Get Around Sacks.

If there is one evidence stronger than another of the difference between speed in a ball team and the lack of it notice the players of the New York and Boston National League clubs. The Bostons can hit well and not infrequently they can worry the best of pitchers, but it takes many and strong blows to get them around the bases. They are compelled to play the sacrifice game because so few of their players can take an extra base on a hit which is difficult for the opposing fielders.

Plank Still Shows Old Skill.

Eddie Plank, the star lefthand pitcher of the world's champion Athletic nine of the American Baseball league, is showing all his old time skill. He has been with the Athletics for twelve years, joining them after leaving Gettysburg (Pa.) college, and never pitched for any other team than the champions.

Bowling Booming in Toledo.

Bowling is booming in Toledo, O., since the announcement that the 1913 American congress would be held there, starting Feb. 22.

Olympic Records Show American Athletes Are Getting Better In Every Meet

By TOMMY CLARK.

THE fifth revival of the Olympic games at Stockholm is now a matter of history. For the fifth time in succession athletes representing a country whose existence was undreamed of by the ancient Greek athletes at the time when they were holding the original Olympiad showed their superiority over all other nationalities of the world in feats of speed, stamina and brawn.

The records made at the 1912 Olympic games show that America's athletes are getting better in every meet.

Photos by American Press Association.

SOME AMERICAN ATHLETES WHO HELPED MAKE OLYMPIC HISTORY.

Previous to the Stockholm games many of the best records were made at the London Olympics.

Take the 100 meter dash. At London this was won by Walker of South Africa in 10 4-5 seconds. Craig won for us at Stockholm in the same time, but in one of the preliminary heats Lippincott ran in 10 3-5 seconds, an Olympic record. We took all three places in the 100 meters.

Craig won the 200 meters, too, in 21 7-10 seconds. At London this event went to Kerr of Canada in 22 2-5 seconds.

The 400 meter run went to Reidpath of America in 48 1-5 seconds. In the semifinals Meredith won in 48 seconds, new Olympic and world's record. At London Halswell of England won the 400 meter event in 50 seconds.

Here alone are three events that we lost at London and won at Stockholm, breaking previous Olympic records.

Sheppard won the 800 meters at London in 1:59 1-5 with a clear lead. At Stockholm Meredith won the event for America with a new world's record of 1:51 9-10. Not only that, but Sheppard and Davenport, second and third, were so close to Meredith that they broke the former record.

Sheppard won the 1,500 meters at London in 4:09 2-5. Jackson of England won at Stockholm in 3:56 4-5, a new world's record. This is marvelous running, but we can find consolation in the fact that he won by less than a yard from Kiviat and Tabor, whose time broke the previous record.

Our distance runners, although better than those we have developed previously, were outclassed by the wonderful Finn, Kolehmainen, the greatest wonder in his specialty ever developed in the modern athletic world, and by Bouin, the great French champion. In the Marathon the South African runners distanced our best, although little Strobino ran a race that compares well with the winning race run by Johnny Hayes at London.

In the standing jumps the Adams boys, Platt and Ben, cleared 11 feet and 10 feet 11 inches respectively, and 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 3 inches. Ray Ewry could not go to the games, but we have developed winners to take his place—better than all others but the champion himself. Platt Adams won the high jump and was second to the Greek, Tsiclitiras, in the broad. Ewry won both events at London.

In the high jump Richards, the American winner, bettered Porter's (America) London performance by three-quarters of an inch. In the pole vault Babcock (America) broke the former Olympic record by clearing 12 feet 11½ inches. Gilbert and Cook (America) tied in London at 12 feet 2 inches. Wright and Nelson (America) beat the old mark for second and third.

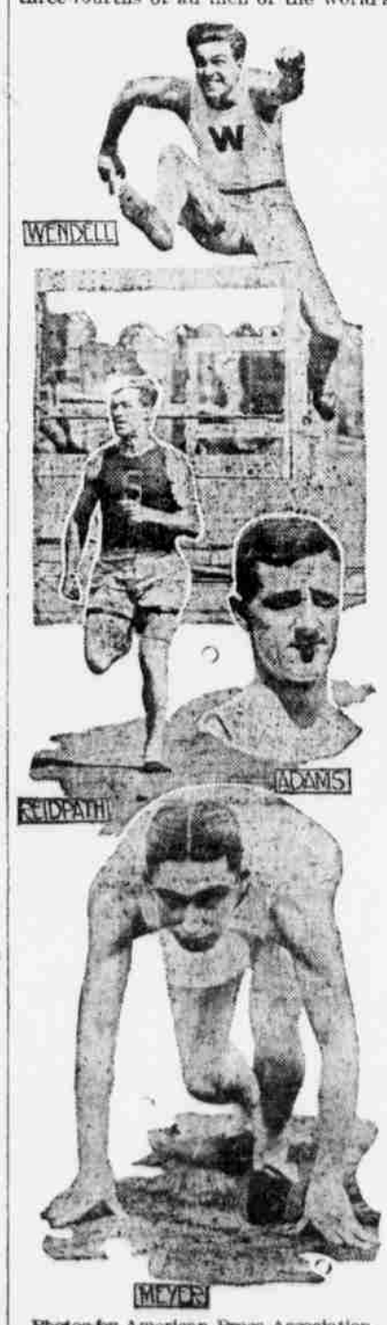
The javelin we never figured in. Lemming, the old Swedish champion, won again with a new record of 198 feet 4 inches, a distance never approached in this country. We never made a good showing in the walking races either.

We lost the discus, Taipale, the Finn, making a new Olympic record of 148 feet 1½ inches. But two Americans, Byrd and Duncan, bettered 138 feet 8 inches, which beat Martin Sheridan's record. So we have improved in that event, although we didn't win it.

McGrath won the hammer at Stockholm with 180 feet 5 inches, while at London Flanagan won it with a little over 170.

McDonald and Rose were first and second in the shot, both putting over fifty feet. At London Rose won with 46 feet 7½ inches. Another improvement.

Gutterson's (America) running broad jump of 24 feet 11 inches came within three-fourths of an inch of the world's



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ATHLETES WHO ADDED MANY WINNING POINTS TO THE AMERICAN TEAM.

record and broke the Olympic mark. At London Irons (America) won with 24 feet 6½ inches.

The 110 meter hurdles were won by Kelly (America) at Stockholm in 15 1-10 seconds. Smithson (America) won at London, establishing the remarkable world's record of 15 seconds flat. This is the one event apparently in which we showed no improvement.

They had no pentathlon and decathlon at London, but Jim Thorpe's remarkable performances in winning these five and ten event all around contests at Stockholm show that America leads in all around strength as well as in the more specialized contests.

WOODROW WILSON ONCE A CRACK BALL PLAYER.

"Woodrow Wilson was a fine baseball player, but too darned wrapped up in reading to come out for practice," said Governor Glenn of North Carolina, talking about the Democratic presidential candidate.

"Governor Wilson and I were college mates," said Glenn. "We studied and played together for two years at Davidson college, North Carolina. Afterward Wilson went to Princeton and I went back to the plow.

"Wilson was too confounded lazy to make a star ball player. When the team would be called off for practice we'd have to go to his room and drag him away from a book.

"But when Wilson wanted to play he was a star. He played left field, and, while he had an awkward way of running, he covered a lot of ground and was the best pinch hitter on the team."

BURNS TO FIGHT AGAIN.

Ex-Heavyweight Champion Will Meet Bill Rickard Aug. 8.

Ever since the first announcement was made that Jack Johnson would retire next fall, Tommy Burns, the ex-heavyweight champion, has been training quietly but hard with the intention of again claiming the title when it is laid down by the negro. Tommy never dissipates and has always taken good care of himself. Despite the fact that he has not had a real ring bout for over a year, he weighs only 193 pounds and can put the gloves on and go six fast rounds with any one.

On Aug. 8, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Burns will met Bill Rickard, a white hope from Vancouver, B. C., in a fifteen round bout. Rickard is believed to be a "comer," and he has lots of backing from the coast city. A side bet of $1,000 has already been posted, and it is in real, not stage money. Burns is to get a guarantee of $5,000, win, lose or draw.

Tommy looks upon this bout as something in the nature of a tryout. "I have never been out of the ring, as far as that goes," declares Burns, "so I am not trying to 'come back.' I have not had any tough bouts lately, however, and it won't hurt me a bit to tackle this fellow Rickard first."

PROMISING MATERIAL SCARCE.

Baseball Scouts Say There Are Few Bright Prospects For Next Season.

Big league scouts engaged in beating the far sticks report that there is little promising baseball material in sight, although this seems to be the usual cry at this time of year. They also say that the minor league owners want too much for what few prospects there are. The amount reputed to have been paid for Marty O'Toole and various other players last season has inflated the ideas of the small owners, and they decline to talk anything but young fortunes at this season of the year.

For instance, Kansas City of the American association has a shortstop modestly priced at $15,000. He is "Red" Corriden, who was once in the big show with St. Louis. In 137 games with Kansas City last season Corriden hit .247 and stole 17 bases. They say he has improved since then. He must have if he is valued at $15,000.

At that rate an Arthur Shafer, who has hit .287 in 37 games and stolen 15 bases should be worth at least $30,000, while a Jack Barry would run up into six figures.

RECRUIT A GUILELESS YOUTH.

New Cincinnati Pitcher Fears to Talk to a Policeman.

Charles Thompson, the new pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, is a guileless youth, who looks anything but a ball player. Thompson when he first joined the Cincinnati club wandered about for several hours before he reached the hotel.

When Hank O'Day wanted to know why he didn't ask a policeman, Thompson explained that, where he came from, nobody ever spoke to a policeman unless he wanted to surrender himself for some misdemeanor, and he, Thompson, had not been misdemeaning any.

MERKLE BEST FIRST SACKER?

Manager McGraw Says Giant Star Is Class of the Country.

McGraw of the New York Giants says Merkle is the best first baseman in baseball, and he means it. The only one who can measure skill with him is McInnis, says Mac. Merkle is a better first baseman than McGann ever was.

He covers ground like a shortstop, is a first class batter and base runner and a fine first sack guardian on thrown balls.

Harness Racing on Coast.

The Pacific coast fair and racing circuit of harness horses will be started on its way at Vancouver in August and will close at Phoenix in November. In all $225,000 in purses will be distributed in prizes.

20,000 Registered Amateur Athletes.

The United States has nearly 20,000 athletes registered in the Amateur Athletic union.

England's King Boxing Patron.

King George of England has become a patron of boxing.

He Stuttered Too.

Three strangers were in the Pullman smoker when one of them turned to another and asked:

"H-how f-f-f-far is it t-t-to P-P-P-ittsburgh?"

The man addressed made no reply, but got up and left the car. The stutterer then turned to the third man, who gave him the information.

A few moments afterward the third man met the one who had left the car and said:

"See here! Why did you go out without answering when that man asked you a civil question?"

"D-d-do you think I w-w-wanted to g-g-g-get m-my head knocked off?" was the answer.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Pedigrees.

First Blooded Dog—Your master has a very long pedigree, I'm told.

Second Ditto—No longer than mine.

First Dog—They say he's inordinately proud of his family tree.

Second Dog—It doesn't show the variety of bark mine does. And, besides, I'm away ahead of him in another respect.

"Eh, how's that?"

"No ancestor of mine was ever hanged."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Song and a Joke.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to the ground, I knew not where,
For nowadays not very long
Is the life of any old kind of song.

I breathed a joke into the air,
It fell to the ground, I knew not where,
But a hundred times since then, it's true,
I've read it and heard it sprung as new.
—Kansas City Star.

Fervent Pleading.

They sat in the hotel corridor.

"Gimme just one," he pleaded.

She shook her head.

Presently he emerged into the lobby.

"That fellow was pleading pretty hard for a kiss," remarked a lounger who had overheard the conversation. "Is that an engaged couple?"

"That couple," said another lounger. "They're married. It was a dollar he was pleading for; not a kiss."—Kansas City Journal.

BIDS WANTED.

Bids for building and repairing the following bridges will be received by the County Commissioners at their office until 2 p. m. August 6, 1912. Plans can be seen and specifications had at the Commissioners' office for building stone arch bridge in Preston township; building abutments and putting on bridge and concrete deck over Butternut Creek in Sterling township; repairing abutments, placing new iron work and putting on concrete deck on the Hawley bridge; and building concrete bridge at Keens in Canaan township. The Commissioners will also receive other plans and bids for Keens Bridge in Canaan township.

The party to whom contract is awarded for any of these bridges must furnish a sufficient bond to guarantee satisfactory performance. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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6 03	9 12	.....	6 51	2 31	9 17	.....Quigley.....	7 39	1 09	5 24	.....	10 59	8 00
6 11	9 18	.....	6 57	2 37	9 23	.....Parview.....	7 33	1 03	5 18	.....	10 53	7 54
6 17	9 24	.....	7 03	2 43	9 29	..... Canaan	7 25	12 56	5 11	.....	10 45	7 47
6 23	9 29	.....	7 09	2 49	9 34	.... Lake Lodore	7 19	12 51	5 06	.....	10 39	7 41
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