

BILLY EVANS SOLVES BASEBALL PROBLEMS

(Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.)

Frank Chance figured in an unusual play that came up in the American league. St. Louis and New York were playing a series in St. Louis. In the game in question, St. Louis held a fairly good lead until the seventh or eighth inning, when Chance decided to employ some pinch hitting. It was this which caused the confusion and the protest that followed.

Chance decided to go in and hit for the pitcher, who was the first man up in the inning. He started a rally, and before the Browns could realize it, the New Yorkers, who had not appeared to have a chance, were evened up. Chance, after batting for the pitcher, took up the coaching at third base. With three or four runs across the plate and a couple of men on the bases, one of the New York players yelled from the bench, "You're up again, manager." Chance hastened from the coaching lines to the bench, got his bat and sent a single through short, scoring two runs and later crossing the plate himself.

Now, when Chance took his second turn at the bat, Derrick, who was playing short and hitting eighth, should have been the batter. He was asleep at the switch and never did bat in this inning, in which New York made seven runs and went into the lead. Not until discovered. Then, just as the first St. Louis player stepped into the batter's box, one of the scribes in the press box managed to apprise the St. Louis team of the mistake.

A big protest followed before the game was continued. With the score 8 to 3 against them, St. Louis made three runs before the close of the game, bringing the score up to 8 to 6, the final result. Thus it turned out that had not Chance batted out of order the game would have been won by the Browns 6 to 5. Why do you suppose this was not the final score?

Answer to Problem.

The umpire in charge refused to consider the protest of the Browns, and the game was later protested, but the protest was not allowed. The rule on this point says that the batsman is not out for such a mistake unless the fact that he has batted out of order is discovered before a ball has been delivered to the succeeding batsman. In the St. Louis game a couple of men batted after Chance, and some eight or ten balls were pitched before the error was discovered. So, the game went into the records as 8 to 6 in favor of New York. The rules on batting out of order are a trifle confusing. One rule says that the umpire must take no action unless the mistake is found out before a ball has been pitched to the succeeding batter. Rule 57 says that, with two exceptions, which are cited, the umpire shall declare the batsman out without waiting for an appeal in all cases where the player is put out in accordance with the rules. Neither of these exceptions deal with the play under discussion.

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DIAMOND NOTES

Rube Marquard, according to reports, is traveling at a great clip this spring.

Three reasons why a ball player likes to go South—Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Ty Cobb's weakness has at last been discovered. He has a great admiration for Napoleon.

Mal Eason has been released as a National league umpire, but Stallings and Johnny Evers are still left.

A ball player's bean is enough to make fans groan—sometimes it's empty and sometimes it's solid bone.

There's always a something to be thankful for. What if you were a Mexican umpire in the Texas league?

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Americans, believes he has uncovered a star in George Hale, a recruit catcher.

George Kelly's high-class pitching for the Giants has made the veterans of the McGraw squad sit up and take a second look.

After announcing his retirement from the game Pitcher George Davis changed his mind and joined his team, the Boston Braves.

Manager Norman Elberfeld of the Chattanooga team has stirred a merry storm by referring to Texas league teams as "buskers."

Fred Clarke's old pirate machine has just about gone to the discard, but Honus Wagner is able to play the role of Ivy on the ruins.

Branch Rickey is quoted as saying that Scrappy Moore, the St. Louis Browns' collegian third baseman, is a "second Kid Elberfeld."

Babe Myers, who will manage the Richmond team in the Central league, announced that he will get surplus players from the Toledo club.

Terrible hitting has made "Baby Doll" Jacobson, a recruit outfielder with the St. Louis Americans, a man much to be feared by pitchers.

Speaking of strikes, we never thought over any—except the third one called on the opposing club's pinch hitter when the bases were filled.

Clark Griffith is authority for the statement that Walter Johnson never uses the spitball, although the big fellow has a good delivery of that sort.



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YARN OF GEORGE STALLINGS

Baseball Career of Manager of Boston Braves Nearly Ended by Clark Griffith of Washington.

One of the fanning bees incidental to the recent big-league meetings in New York developed a story about how Manager Griffith nearly ended George Stallings' baseball career in Boston. According to the New York Globe, the pilot of the Braves tells it this way:

"That fellow Clark Griffith came within an ace of costing me my job in Boston. It was on the day that we dedicated the new Braves' field, two years ago. Griffith was asked to come over and attend the opening ceremony.

"There were 45,000 or more people in the park. Someone conceived the



Manager George Stallings.

brilliant idea of having Griffith pitch the first ball across the plate, while I stood in the catcher's position to receive it.

"I fell for the idea. I went out in my street clothes, with a catcher's mitt on. Griffith strolled to the box in uniform. I expected him to lob one over. To my astonishment and consternation, he cut loose with a fast curve!

"I hadn't caught a ball in a dozen years. If I had kept it a bit lower, I never would have caught this one. I just did reach it, and clung to it for dear life. If I'd missed it, with 45,000 fans looking on, I would have been kicked out of Boston.

"It seems the whole thing was a plant. My players got Griffith to warm up for five minutes under the grandstand, just to throw that one ball and make a sucker of me."

WALSH WAS PEULIAR

Forced Out of Baseball by Excessive Massaging.

Big Wh'te Sox Hurler Was Called Upon to Work Often and Never Shirked, but He Did Insist on Having Arm Rubbed.

"I see where Ed Walsh is not on the White Sox reserve list. Excessive massage put him out of baseball two years ahead of the time he should have been through."

Thus spoke a well-informed man who has followed the destinies of the South side ball club for many years. Walsh was a peculiar hurler. He was called upon to work often. He never shirked, but he did insist on having his arm rubbed. Every day the trainer had to apply the soothing lotion and the muscle kneading. Walsh insisted on it. He was rubbed before the game and after the game, and sometimes in between. Massage was his hobby, and he took it in the liberal portions that a man generally demands when the things he wants cost nothing.

Fellow players remonstrated, but he knew. Wasn't he the greatest pitcher



Ed Walsh.

of his time? He was. Didn't he dust the hostilities off the plate with great regularity and more effect than the others? He did.

So he had his arm rubbed morning, noon and night, so to speak.

"Rubbing," says King Brady of the Cubs, "is only artificial exercise. A muscle becomes sore from overwork or from a sprain. The trainer rubs the sore spot to stimulate the circulation of blood, which, of course, removes the soreness. The same effect could be obtained by proper exercise, but one resorts to massage to correct the one local fault. Exercise would put a strain on other muscles which already are in shape.

"If a player, such as a pitcher, has had his arm treated to excess he has submitted to just that much more artificial exercise, which in the long run saps his strength."

"In handling sprinters and ball players I have come to the conclusion that there is in each man just so much energy to be expended. When that energy is exhausted you are done. The spirit may be willing and the member may feel all right, but the zip is gone. Long rest in some classes may restore the expended vitality, but such cases are rare."

Arte Hofman was a fine example. He tried a "comeback" with the Cubs last summer, but looked bad. Yet he was in prime physical condition.

SCHEDULE WILL HELP YANKS

Donovan's Team Will Not Be Away From Polo Ground After September 12—Should Be at Top.

The 1917 schedule of the American league, differing in arrangement from any schedule of previous years, furnishes many interesting features for Bill Donovan's Yankees. Accepting the theory that a team with a large number of home games in the closing month has an advantage over other clubs it can be said that the Yankees have nothing to complain about. They will not be away from the Polo grounds after September 12, writes William J. Slocum in New York Evening Sun.

If Donovan's team can stick with the leaders until mid June or early July, as it did a year ago, there is no reason why the Yankees should not be in the fight right down to the end of the season. It will not be so easy, however, for the club to get a good start, as the early weeks of the campaign furnish an assignment for the Yanks that is as difficult as the closing weeks are easy.

REDUCE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

President Morris of Texas League Catches Drift of Argument Put Up by Al Tearney.

President Walter Morris of the Texas league seems to have caught the drift of the argument put up by President Al Tearney of the Three-I. Reports from Fort Worth are that Morris at the next meeting of the minor leagues will propose a rule cutting down the number of players that each club may reserve to a mere nucleus of a ball team. Morris also wants to restore the rule that contracts must be sent out by February 1.

RURAL EDUCATION A NATIONAL PROBLEM

By JAMES Y. JOINER.

(State Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina.)

Rural education bulks big in public thought and public discussion today. It is a problem of national as well as of state and local importance, of urban as well as of rural interest. Quantitatively it is 58.4 per cent of the problem in all distinctly agricultural states; and at least 80 per cent of the problem in the states known as the "Southern states." It is of vital interest to the city as well as to the country, because the country is vitally related to the well-being of the city.

According to the evidence of past history and of present observation, the city is largely dependent upon the renewal of its population from the countryside for leadership in all lines of business, commercial and professional, for civic righteousness, for spiritual guidance, and for the preservation and the perpetuation of the best in its civilization. Truly has Emerson said that if the cities were not re-enforced from the fields, they would have rotted, exploded and disappeared long ago. A reliable authority states that five-sixths of the ministers and six-sevenths of the college professors of this country were born and reared in the country; 26 of the 27 presidents of the United States were country-born; three-fourths of the men in authority in our city churches and about the same percentage of the influential men of affairs, merchants, manufacturers, bankers, lawyers, were born and reared in the rural regions. From such evidence the supreme importance of this problem of rural education is apparent.

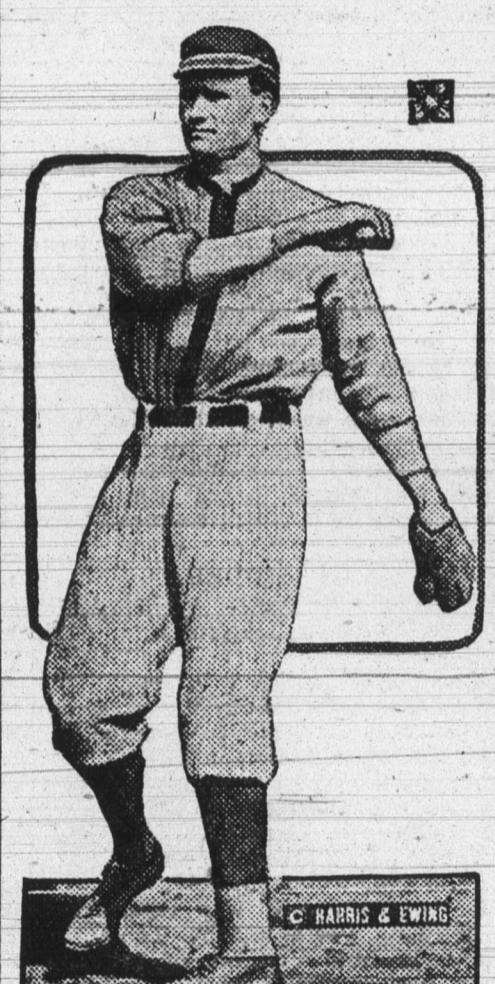
Let the agencies for rural education cost what they may, they are cheap at any price. They will not come in one generation, for all the greatest things in civilization are of longest growth. This generation may be well content to sow in faith the seeds, assured that from them shall grow some day a finer flower and fruit than ever were before produced.

MIKE SHEA GIVEN CREDIT FOR DISCOVERING JOHNSON

Question as to Who Really Brought Great Pitcher From the "Bushes" is Finally Settled.

It has been definitely settled who really discovered Walter Johnson. It was Mike Shea, who played in the old California league, in which Manager Griffith of the Nationals, and Joe Cantillon, pilot of the Minneapolis American association team, played in their younger days. Shea was a member of the San Francisco club, and Griffith and Cantillon were once with Sacramento.

This fact about Johnson was developed in a fanning bee between the famous pitcher and Cantillon, who was manager of the Washington club when



Walter Johnson.

Walter was brought from the West to play for the team in the nation's capital.

Cliff Blankenship, catcher for the Washington club in the Cantillon regime, generally credited as the pitcher's discoverer, never saw Johnson's pitch until the big twirler worked for the Nationals, known as the Senators when Cantillon was at the helm. It is true that Blankenship took a trip to Idaho to sign Johnson, as an emissary sent by Cantillon. The latter had been tipped off to the rookie pitcher by Shea, who had seen Walter work in many games.

As Cantillon explained it, Blankenship was selected to make the trip West because he was on the hospital list with injured fingers and without prospect of being able to go behind the bat for some time.

Wise and Otherwise.

What can't be cured should be insured.

Mistaking flattery for friendship is a very human error.

Once a hero always a hero—especially to the hero himself.

Silent watches of the night are those people forget to wind.

A dead lion is better than a live dog—for rug-making purposes.

People usually have the blues after skimming the milk of human kindness.

Many a woman's new store teeth are responsible for the smile that won't come off.

An impudent man is one who always butts in and begins to talk about himself when you are talking about your self.

When a girl sits down to dinner and tackles a juicy steak smothered in onions, it's a sign she isn't worrying over love affairs.

For weeks the delegates did little but indulge in a succession of festivities. The Austrian people were ruined, yet the Austrian emperor spent vast sums in the entertainment of his guests. Ludwig von Beethoven presented several new compositions during this period, and assisted in the great mass which solemnized the anniversary of the execution of Louis XVI. Prince Metternich presided at the councils, but Talleyrand was the leading spirit of the congress called to remodel the map of Europe.

"It resembled a market of mankind," said Duruy. "The commission charged with dividing up the human herd among the kings was greatly troubled by the exigencies of Prussia, which demanded 3,400,000 additional subjects as an indemnity. The congress even discussed the quality of the human merchandise and gravely recognized the fact that a former Frenchman of

YOUR MAJESTY.

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS.

The only difference between a King and anybody else is that he Rules. It doesn't matter how many he rules, if he rules at all, he's King.

If you are not a King, it's because you don't Rule—yourself! That is a wise saying that "He who rules his own spirit is greater than he who takes a city." Don't you see? We hear a lot about "the Majesty of the Law." There isn't anything or anyone so Majestic as the man who knows HE is King. YOUR Majesty! Do you grasp the meaning?

All right—Your Majesty. Enter your work with zest and zeal. Prove your personal Leadership. And if you are going to be a King at all, be a BIG one—Your Majesty!

No man knows his Limitations—few of us have ever accomplished a fifth of what we are capable of. Kings alone have reached the Summit. And No Man is a REAL King who has not pushed back his Mental Horizon to its uttermost limits—Your Majesty.

Slices. It has a fine mild flavor, is finer grained than cottage cheese and needs no addition of cream or butter to make it palatable. If desired it may be warmed slightly and mixed with one-fourth its weight in butter, making a sandwich cheese.

Buttermilk Cream.

Buttermilk cream is prepared as the cheese is, except that it is not heated higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Stir it constantly while it is heating and strain through a cheesecloth, allowing the whey to drip until the curd is about the consistency of cream. The curd may then be spread upon bread or eaten with cream and sugar. It makes a delicious salad dressing which is a good substitute for sour cream dressing. It may also be used in combination with boiled dressing, using it to add richness instead of whipped cream.

Nellie Maxwell

Rubber Sponge for Tires.

It is proposed to manufacture puncture-proof automobile tires from rubber sponge, and experiments with this end in view are being carried forward. Rubber sponge has some remarkable properties which make it a promising material. It contains great quantities of air, but the air is in the form of very minute bubbles, each bubble enclosed in a thin sac of rubber. Rubber sponge is made by the addition of certain chemicals which give off large quantities of gas, which is imprisoned by the soft rubber during the vulcanizing process. It distributes the shocks of the road much as an air-filled tire does by virtue of the imprisoned gas in its structure, and has the added virtue that a puncture will only affect the air sacs actually ruptured.

Alix-la-Chapelle or Cologne was worth more than a pole. All the nations gained considerable acquisitions of territory save England, which asked for nothing on the continent, but gained the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon and other colonies.

DOULTRY NOTES

If the hens do not want to sit, buy an incubator, for early chicks mean greater profits.

Little chicks must have clean, well-ventilated places to