

## WANTS JESSUP TO MANAGE HIS TEAM

President Dugan at Marion is hard after a Central League franchise.

### JESSUP ON THE FENCE

WOULD LIKE TO GET RICHMOND IN THE CENTRAL IF CIRCUIT IS CHANGED—HAS TWO OTHER GOOD OFFERS.

W. A. Dugan, who was president of the Marion, Ind., baseball association last year, is anxious to break into the Central league and in case a franchise is open he will try to get it. He has asked Clarence Jessup of this city, to captain his team, in case Marion gets in the Central League. Jessup has as yet not consented to accept the offer, as he hopes to land Richmond a franchise in the same league in case the managers at their annual meeting this month, decide to change the circuit.

Jessup thinks that some of the towns will be dropped and a circuit of towns in easy distance of each other will form the new league. He says that he has been approached by at least twenty-five business men who are willing to take stock in a baseball association and want him to promote it.

Baseball will employ Jessup's time for the coming summer, no matter whether it be in Richmond, Marion, or elsewhere. As the popular little catcher puts it, "money talks." Jessup now has offers from the minor league teams at Sioux City and Shreveport, and is promised a try out with a team of big calibre. "It's too good to be true," Jessup says, "and I don't want to announce anything about it till later."

### NEW BASE BALL LEAGUE

Meeting to be Held at Marion to Discuss the Formation of a Minor Organization.

There will be a meeting held in Cincinnati on January 13 for the purpose of organizing a base ball league consisting of the following towns: Hamilton, O., Connerville, Rushville, Greensburg, and Shelbyville. From the sectional standpoint a league embracing the above towns should develop into a snug and permanent organization. The article of baseball presented to the patrons should compare very favorably with the best class of minor league baseball as, in addition to the home talent, no doubt these amateurs in Cincinnati and Indianapolis will be sought for by the enterprising managers.

### Twenty-Three Accessions.

A reception was held last evening in the East Main Street Friends' Church for the new members of the church. There were twenty accessions to the church yesterday. This is regarded as quite a large number.

Mr. Lawrence Hadley, formerly boy's governor at Earlham, who has been attending Ann Arbor, is at present visiting friends at the college.

#### Her Fond Imagination



"You say you fear death?"  
"Yes."  
"Why?"  
"I know that I shall just blush in my grave to think of the obituary notices that my wife will give me."

#### Might Not Suit.

It does not occur to the doctors who are settling the marriage and divorce question by the simple plan of state regulation of marriage that young people marry for love and not to demonstrate some theory.

The plan may look good on paper, but if the doctor picked out a swell blonde for the young man who wanted a red headed one there would be trouble, and plenty of it, in getting them to start the experiment. It would be the same kind of complication if they picked out the wrong one for the girl.

One thing that helps make marriage a success is the freedom of choice. Young people marry now against the advice and judgment of their elders and then spend the rest of their lives in trying to prove that they were right and that therefore the old folks were mistaken.

#### The Ruling Passion.

"Why do so many women get divorces?"

"They see so many unattached men make down to look like real bargains."

#### The Sole Necessity.

"Do you like to work?"

"No."  
"Then why do you do so?"

"To keep from being worked."

#### Knew One.

"I myself really like a modest person."

"How you would appreciate my wife's husband!"

#### CASTORIA.

Bears the  
Signature  
of  
Charles H. Fletcher.

## HAVE RESUMED PRACTICE

### BETTER HOURS ARRANGED

Earlham Basket Ball Team Hard at Work in Preparation for the First Contest, Which Takes Place With Rose Poly.

Basket Ball practice has resumed at Earlham, and although the men seemed somewhat out of form on account of the holiday interruption, they are fast coming back into condition.

Coach Wilson has arranged for the men on the first and second teams to practice early in the afternoon. This gives him more time to devote to the Varsity squad and also gives the "scrubs" more time to practice after the regular gym work.

The first game will be held in Richmond on January 18 with Rose Polytechnic.

#### POOR JOHN!

He is a "Poor Sinner" Because He Wanted to Get to Sleep.

"John."

"Yes, dear."

"Did you lock the basement door?"

"Yes."

"Are you sure the gas is turned off in the kitchen range?"

"Uh huh."

"I don't believe you looked at the dining room windows."

"Yes, I did. Now keep quiet. I want to go to sleep."

"It seems to me I smell gas. I'm afraid you didn't open the damper in the furnace pipe."

"The furnace is all right. I fixed it the last thing."

"Well, I have a queer feeling that something is the matter. Are you sure the front door is bolted?"

"Yes, yes, yes! Confound it, give me a chance to go to sleep! I need rest!"

"John."

"Oomph."

"John, are you asleep?"

"Oomph."

"John, wake up and answer me. You forgot to lock the library window. The girl was dusting today and had it open."

"Oomph."

"John, stop that pretending and get up. I can't go to sleep tonight unless you go and lock that window."

"Oh, Lord, why can't you let a fellow alone? I fixed all the windows. All of them—every window in the house—kitchen, dining room, library—all of 'em! All of 'em, can you understand that? The doors are all bolted. The furnace is as it should be. The gas is turned off in the kitchen. Now let me alone, will you?"

"John."

"Oomph."

"John, wake up and listen to what I say."

"Great heavens, are you talking yet or not?"

"Worthington, did you water your plant?"

"\* \* \* ! ? \* \* \*"

"Oh heavenly Father, have mercy on poor sinner and give me peace."

"Shut up!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Rule Won't Work.

"You can't get something for nothing."

"Can't, hey?"

"No; you can't."

"Just try giving your wife nothing to pay day and see if you do not catch something."

"The Right Material.

"Nearly everything he touched turned to gold."

"How did he work it?"

"He was careful not to touch anything but greenbacks."

"Fine Tempered."

"That fellow is mighty sharp."

"He doesn't look it."

"Nevertheless he cuts everybody who is not gold plated."

"Cut Something."

"He expected to cut quite a swath in Paris."

"Did he?"

"Only cut his eyeteeth."

"PERT PARAGRAPHS."

When a man begins to get chesty over his position the foundation begins to totter.

Duty would be much more palatable if it did not insist so strongly that it was duty.

"It would kill mother for me to marry you," said the tearful bride.

"Very well," shouted the would-be benedict, "I'll go back to Indiana, but it will be the last time I'll ever marry you."

The license was returned.

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"I'm sorry."

"The head of the house would like to believe in Santa Claus, but cold commercialism won't let him."

Although a hobo may be a gentleman, don't keep throwing it up to him.

A gentle answer conserves energy and saves time.

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Relatives can't help being relatives so it's foolish to try to please them.

## CHINA IS FACING AN AWFUL FAMINE

Statement to Palladium from Red Cross Tells of Terrible Suffering.

### HUNDREDS ALREADY DYING

THERE IS NO HOPE OF RELIEF BEFORE THE RIPENING OF THE NEW CROPS NEXT JUNE—HELP SOLICITED.

The following statement in regard to the terrible conditions in China, has been received by the Palladium from the National Red Cross office, in Washington:

"Reports from Shanghai lately received by the Red Cross tell of the terrible devastation along the Grand Canal caused by the heavy summer rains. In July much of the country was already under water from knee deep to waist deep, and in some places the people had to wade through water up to their necks. West of the canal, that was formerly a fertile plain covered with good crops and prosperous hamlets is now a vast lake extending 60 li at the narrowest point and stretching 100 li out toward the southwest. Here and there are groups of cottages which rise above the sheet of water, and can only be reached by boats. The people are in an absolute state of destitution, not only their crops, but also the reeds which constitute their fuel, being destroyed by the floods.

"In a district about 200 miles in length and 100 miles in width on each side of the Grand canal, a total area of 40,000 square miles, the crops have been almost totally destroyed, and in the country beyond only partial crops have been saved. It is certain that one-half or two-thirds of the population of 10,000,000 or 15,000,000 of the affected region will be on the verge of starvation during the winter and tens of thousands must perish unless help is given.

"Thousands of houses have also been destroyed, and men, women and children have left their homes to beg elsewhere. Some throw their children into the water and then commit suicide; others are selling their children for almost nothing. Farmers are forced to sell their work animals to buy food, and have no wheat to plant next year's crop. Hundreds are already dying from famine and fever in their desolate and foodless homes.

There is no hope of relief before the ripening of the new crops next June, and the conditions of these millions in the flooded country will be indescribably awful during the winter. The need is so urgent that the response for aid should be generous and prompt to mitigate the sufferings of these starving multitudes.

"The American National Red Cross is receiving contributions to help relieve this great famine. Checks should be made out to Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer, and addressed to him at the Red Cross office, 500 Fifth avenue, New York City.

"WM. CHAUNCEY LANGDON,  
Secretary Executive Committee."

### LONG COURTSHIP ENDED

Union City Man Gives Up After Third Postponement of Proposed Nuptials.

Marion, O., Jan. 6.—After six years of ardent courtships, during which time his marriage to Miss Mabelle Topliff, aged 21, of LaRue, has twice been postponed, Correll Bell, aged 24, cashier of the Big Four at Union City, Ind., returned to his home convinced that the third time charm is a humbug.

Bell, who is a son of School Superintendent R. M. Bell of LaRue, arrived here Thursday. He procured a rig and drove to the home of his sweetheart. There he found the entire family in tears. The minister had come and gone.

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Original.

Patience—Has he got any original ideas?

Patrice—Oh, yes! He thinks he's a great man—Yankee Statesman.

Charity is a sort of homage that the superstitious pay to fortune.

Use artificial gas for light and heat.

## A LARGE LAKE STEAMER

THE "CITY OF CLEVELAND"

Boat Is Over Square Long and Nearly a Hundred Feet in Breadth—Telephone Elevator and Electric Lights Part of Equipment.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—The Detroit and Cleveland navigation company's new \$1,000,000 passenger steamer, which will be the largest and most completely equipped side wheeled passenger steamer in the world, was launched yesterday. Her name will be "City of Cleveland."

The dimensions of the steamer are: Length, 444 feet, breadth, 96 1/2 feet and depth, 22 feet, and when completed she will have seven decks. Her hull will be equipped with all of the latest devices for water ballast compartments for trimming the big steamer. Her interior finish will be of the finest kind, and in addition to the latest devices for lighting and a telephone system throughout the steamer, which will be connected with shore lines when the steamer is docked. She will be provided with an electric passenger elevator running from the lobby to the upper deck and giving access to all of the passenger decks.

**PERT PARAGRAPHS.**