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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

Just now pennants are being won with pens.

Mexico seems to be full of professional revolutionists.

China's revolution begins to resemble its historic predecessors.

A wire screen may yet have to be erected along the Mexican border.

We fear the worst for the roses that diapor themselves at Medicine Hat.

Suggestion to baseball scribes: Why not predict a pennant winning team?

Getting a kiss printed on a card is about as satisfactory as getting one by wire.

The hens and the baseball players are all optimistic at this season of the year.

Wireless messages are now radiograms. But they will continue to cost just as much.

The only way to live in security along the Mexican border is to live in a cyclone cellar.

New York is to have a new 20-story building, but will still be far away from heaven.

Uneasy lies the head that is trying to figure some way to pay for friend wife's Easter hat.

Printing kisses on cards may be all right, but it seems like a waste of the country's natural resources.

A woman fashion dictator tells us that men ought to wear corsets. Evidently trying to reform men.

In the glad springtime no team finishes last. In the fall season it is found that some team must do so.

Luther Burbank says that cactus is bound to become popular as food. Many a man has become stuck on it.

This man will be in fashion this year, according to the tailors, but fat men with fat bankrolls will be passable.

Sixty per cent. of the world's diamond output is absorbed in this country. And this is true of other luxuries.

Hookworm victims in the south are being cured for \$1.37 a head, but it costs more than that to cure the fishing fever.

If the weather man keeps up his betting streak it will be safe to take off one's heavier in time to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The deposed emperor of China gets \$2,000,000 a year, thereby rendering it unnecessary for him to become an applicant in a laundry.

Inhabitants of Mars, we are told, have huge heads and spindly legs. They do not differ materially from a good many earth beings.

A St. Louis scientist found nearly 5,000,000 bacteria in a supposedly fresh egg. An egg, it seems, is innocent until it is proven guilty.

New York has "a dead line" that crooks must not cross, and every other town will soon need one in order to keep up with the procession.

Butter is made directly from grass, says a scientist. Some that we are getting these days tastes as though it were made directly from excrement.

Horse flesh, according to a French scientist, is the proper diet for tubercular patients, but we suspect that he is merely indulging in a little horse play.

A New York woman died after a vaccination treatment, but what the woman wanted to know is whether the treatment really benefited her complexion.

That Americans keep their flats too warm is the complaint of another visiting Briton, who thus accuses the hearty hospitality of the landlords and landladies.

WOMAN'S CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

An amusing farce-comedy was presented Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Woman's Club, by the Chicago Conservatory Stock Company, under the direction of Gilbert Shorter, for the benefit of the public schools.

"The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" was given by this company of youthful actors with zest and appreciation from start to finish. It portrayed a series of amusing situations, and a happy culmination which held the interest of the large audience and sent everyone home happy.

The Major and Julia were excellent throughout; the Major's servant made a hit as the clown, and Angelina, the heroine, around whom the plot was built and the action centered, was charming and spirited. The lieutenant had a difficult role and he portrayed it with considerable skill.

The music master, the spinster, the lawyer and detective were well drawn. The Downers Grove orchestra won praise for its good work, and added greatly to the evening's pleasure.

The liberal patronage which was so generously accorded enabled the club to pay off the balance of their indebtedness for the \$125 set of encyclopaedia which it presented the public schools last year.

One of the most charming afternoons in the history of the Woman's Club was held on Wednesday of last week in the club rooms. Mrs. Geo. Knox called the meeting to order and introduced the talent in her customary pleasant manner.

After Miss Zollinger had delighted the audience with a chorus by the high school girls, Mrs. A. E. Walker of Hinsdale, president of the eleventh district, gave a very interesting talk on the benefit of federation.

We then listened to a chorus by the young men. A rare gift is theirs and fortunate they on whom it is bestowed.

Mrs. Holversheid, president of the Hinsdale Woman's Club, spoke of the work her club had been doing the past year. We then listened to a very pleasing reading by Miss Elinore Cook who kindly responded to an encore. Delegates were present from Batavia, St. Charles, Hinsdale, Western Springs, Brookfield and Chicago. Most of them addressed the club, this being Reciprocity day.

The young men sang another song and it seemed as though the audience would not let them stop.

The only interruption in the festivities was an agreeable one, when refreshments were served by Mrs. Kelly, chairman of the social committee.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A Prize Recipe for Raisin Bread. Raisin bread, made after a renowned prize recipe, is the "staff of life de luxe" in California, and in fact all along the Pacific slope.

Hotels, restaurants and dining cars have made it a staple article of diet on bills of fare, much to the delight of the Eastern tourist. The toothsome morsel has won thousands of friends among Easterners who visit the coast, and they are spreading the demand for it all through the country.

As Tuesday, April 30, has been set aside as California Raisin Day, raisin bread will be in great demand. Thousands of bakers through the country have promised to offer raisin bread to their patrons, and millions of mouths will water at the prospect. The official prize recipe chosen from hundreds submitted to the committee runs as follows:

Prize Raisin Bread.—Soak one yeast cake in one and one-half cups of potato water; mix in enough flour to make a stiff batter; beat five minutes. Let stand over night. In the morning, scald two cups of sweet milk, into which put one rounded tablespoon cottolene, one tablespoon salt, three tablespoons sugar. When milk is lukewarm, mix with the yeast; add enough flour to make a stiff batter; beat about ten minutes; let rise. When sufficiently raised, add two cups seeded or seedless raisins; mix; add more flour and knead until dough is smooth; let rise. Make into loaves and bake one hour. When baked, wet top of loaves with sugar and hot water to prevent the crust becoming hard.

Two more California favorites in the raisin bread line are these:

Whole Wheat Raisin Bread.—Two cups whole wheat flour, one cup white flour, two tablespoons sugar, one teaspoon salt, one tablespoon lard, two cups milk, one cup California seeded or seedless raisins, one-half yeast cake in one-half cup lukewarm water. Melt lard in milk; when lukewarm mix with other ingredients into stiff dough. Let rise till morning. Make into two loaves. Let rise and bake in slow oven.

Raisin Loaf With Nuts.—Four cups flour, four teaspoons baking powder, one teaspoon salt, three-fourths cup sugar, one cup California seeded or seedless raisins, one-half cup chopped English walnuts; stir well together, and add one beaten egg with one and one-half cups sweet milk. Put in pan, let stand twenty minutes, and bake in a slow oven.

First Coal Oil Well. Coal oil was first used as a medicine for medicinal purposes. Colonel Edwin L. Drake in 1859 drilled the first well for oil near Titusville, Pa. It was the beginning of the great American oil industry.

CUBA'S GREAT HURLER

Claimed Mendez Ranks Above All American Stars.

All Players Admit Pitcher Has More Than Any Other Living Twirler and is One of Wonders of Baseball World.

"American baseball fans can talk all they want about their Benders, Mathewsons, Walshes and Browns, but down in our country we have a pitcher that none of the best batters in the country can touch. This is the famous black tornado, Mendez. Talk about speed. Why, when he cuts loose at his hardest clip the ball bounces out of the catcher's mitt. No one has been found who can hold him when he really extends himself. He has shown his skill in the past when he has faced the best batters on the Cub and Detroit teams when those teams were champions, and when the Athletics went there last year. Mendez has more curves than any pitcher in America, and if some inventive genius could produce a whitening process whereby we could get the fellow into the big leagues he could win a pennant for either fall-end team in either league."

The above is the way "Pepe" Conte, the Cuban baseball scribe, lauds the pitching prowess of the black pitching terror of the island.

Conte is backed up in his statement by members of the champion teams who have been going on winter tours to the island. All the players say that this black Cuban is one of the wonders of baseball, and has more than any other living pitcher of the present day.

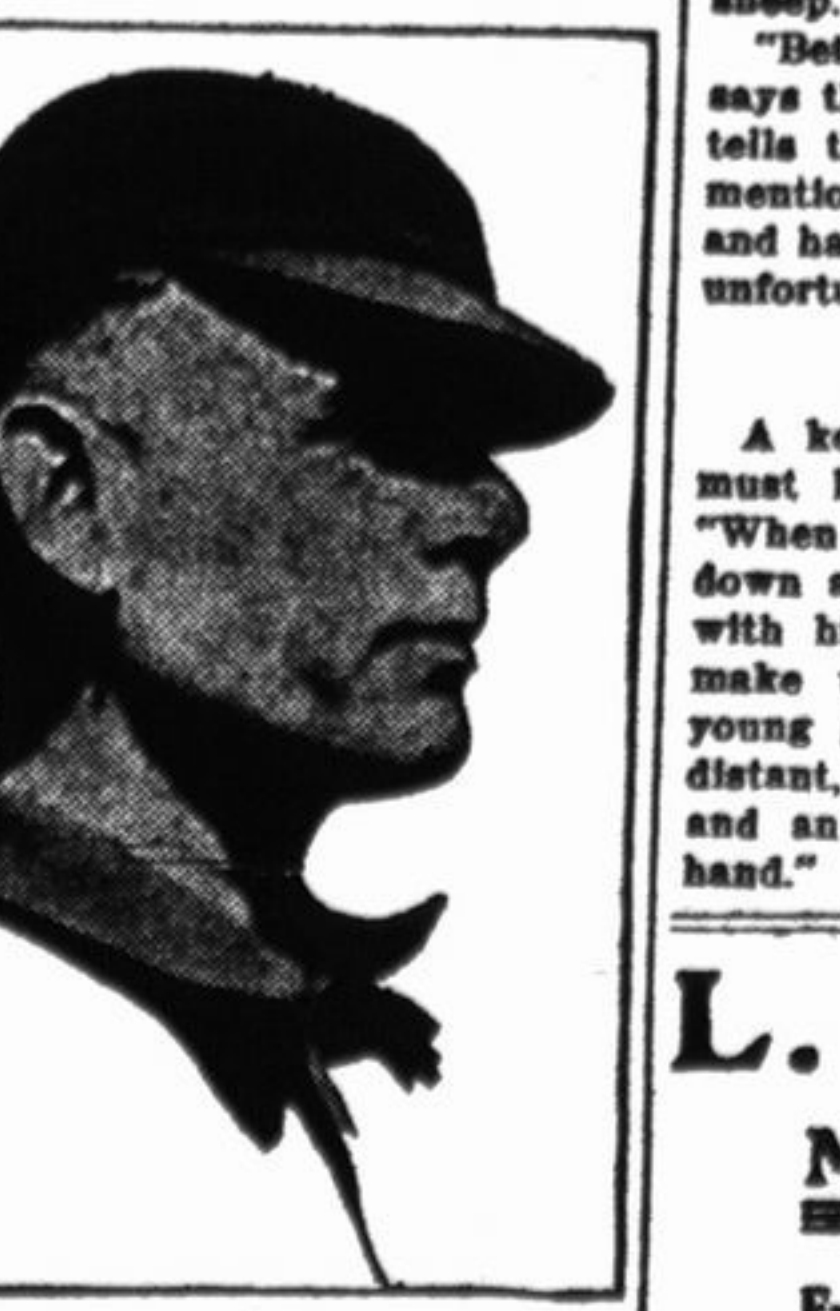
The Cuban newspaper man is well versed in the ethics of baseball, and, although of Spanish parentage, was educated and played baseball in the states. Since the Spanish war he has been engaged in newspaper work in Cuba and has taken up the baseball end for the La Fransa, a daily publication, which issues baseball extras just like the progressive American papers.

"The Cubs, Tigers and Athletics have all made pilgrimages to Havana, and each time they have come home after being beaten by our team," continued Conte in discussing the merits of Cuban ball players. "Mendez has made players like Cobb, Schulte and other stars look as if they were tied to the post. Talk about speed, Mendez has to pitch most of the time without curves because we haven't a catcher who can hold him. To make things better, Mendez can bat like a Cobb. He has won his own games on various occasions with smashes over the fences for home runs. He weighs about 154 pounds and is a little fellow."

Griffith Cunningham as a Fox. Newly Appointed Manager of Washington Team Worked One of Smoothest Tricks on Evans.

Clark Griffith worked the smoothest trick ever put over on him, Billy Evans says. Griff not only caught Billy napping, but pulled the wool over his eyes as well. This is the story, as related by Fearless Bill:

"Griffith was manager of the Yankees the second year I umpired, and in a game in Chicago he priggated



Clark Griffith.

Against Ed Walsh's half balk motion toward first base, which made it impossible for Yankee base runners to tell when Walsh would pitch and when he would throw to first.

"A couple of Yankees had been caught off first, and Griffith came to me and said: 'Walsh makes a full balk every time he pitches with a man on first. My players are intelligent base runners and wouldn't be showed up as they are if Walsh's delivery wasn't illegal.' 'All right,' I promised Griff, 'the next one of your players is showed up I will call a balk on Walsh.' 'Neil Ball got on in the next inning, took a lead and was caught off first by 15 feet. I told him to go to second. Walsh kicked, and then a great light broke upon me.

"Griffith had told Ball to take an unusually long lead and get caught, relying on my promise to call a balk if that very thing happened. 'I asked Griffith while the Nap-Orlando series was on if he remembered the play. He did. 'Did you tell Ball to get caught on second?' I asked. 'Oh, he called and said, 'Thank you very much.'"

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE CASE

Just a Few Things Elderly Man Overlooked in His Indictment of Lazy Housewives.

Said the elderly man in the street car: "One thing that runs up the cost of living is the laziness of the average woman. She's too lazy to carry bundles home from the stores. Everything she buys, from a spool of thread up, she asks to have delivered, and the cost of the delivering adds 10 per cent to the cost of every article. Now, my wife is different from the common run. Every week day in the year she goes to the market with a big basket, does her own buying and carries the stuff home herself. That's more than your wife does, I'll bet."

Said the younger man: "Does your wife do her own housework?"

"No, we keep a girl."

"Has your wife got a houseful of children to care for?"

"No, we only have a tomcat."

"Does your wife have to go to market in an overcrowded street car?"

"No, she has her limousine."

"My wife doesn't own a limousine, she has a houseful of children to care for, and she does her own work. Under the circumstances I don't see that my wife isn't just as much of a woman as yours, even if she doesn't get down town very often."

"You needn't get cross about it," retorted the elderly man.

"I'm not cross," said the younger man. "Only I don't like to hear women libeled."

Old Customs in Synagogues. When the annual reading of the Book of Esther takes place in the synagogues as a prelude to the festival of Purim the children shake their rattles (Haman "kloppers") vigorously every time the name of Haman, who was councillor of King Ahasuerus, monarch of ancient Persia, appears in the book. This quaint custom has been observed from time immemorial.—London Evening Standard.

KEEP OLD CUSTOM AT ETON

Distribution of Small Coins to the Scholars Was First Begun 400 Years Ago.

Eton has celebrated "threepenny day" when a new threepenny piece is presented to each of the pupils. The custom was founded nearly 400 years ago by Roger Lupton, who was provost of the college from 1502 to 1535. Lupton arranged with the fellows for an annual distribution of money on the anniversary of his death. The provost received 2s 8d, the fellows, headmaster and Lupton's chaplain, 1s 4d, the other chaplains and usher, 8d, and the scholars and choristers, 1d each.

The scholars still get this penny in the threepenny pieces distributed to them on February 27, the other twopence being from the gift of Provost Bost. Lupton's predecessor as provost. There was a tradition at Eton which has been disproved, but which subsists to the present day, that half a sheep is what the collegier is really entitled to, and that the college evade their obligation by giving the value of half a sheep in the middle of the last century a boy named Charles Henry Bramwell, on being tendered his threepence by Bethell, one of the fellows, said: "No, thank you, sir; I want my half sheep."

"Bethell flew into an awful rage," says the late Montagu Williams, who tells the story, "and exclaimed: 'I'll mention this matter to Dr. Hawtreay and have you flogged,' and flogged the unfortunate youth was."

By Natural Reasoning. A keen student of human nature must have written the following: "When you see a young man sailing down a street shortly after midnight with his collar crumpled, you can make up your mind that there's a young girl crawling upstairs not far distant, with her shoes under her arm and an extinguished lamp in her hand."

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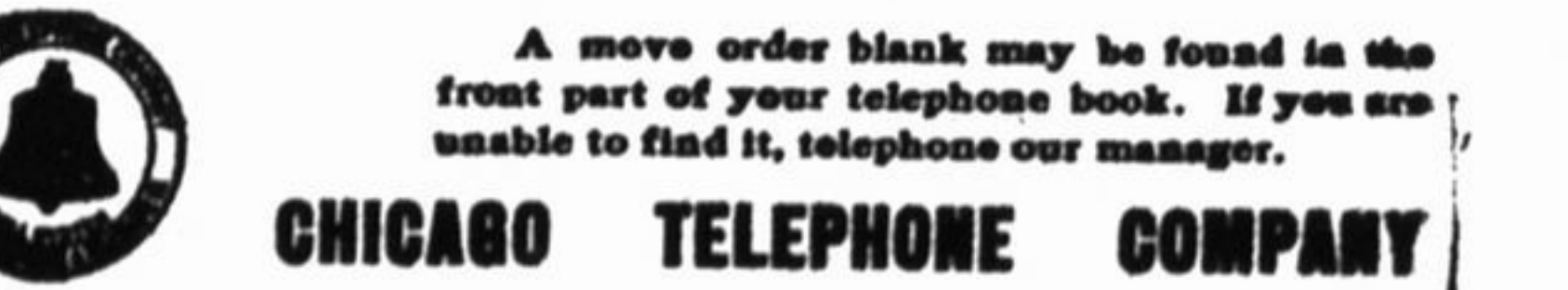
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