

INDIANS ACCLAIMED BEST FOOTBALL TEAM



Thorpe, Star Athlete of United States.

After the great work of the Indian eleven in their game with West Point, there are many army football experts who are ready to acclaim them the best all-around team of the year. Others doubt whether they would be able to stand up against either Princeton, Harvard or Yale. Certainly no team has shown a more spirited attack, but the end men's line is weak,

and a combination of backs like Harvard's might be able to drive through it with a comfortable score. Thorpe, Aracasa and Guyon of the Carlisle team are regarded as stars of All-American magnitude, and the West Point coaches are a unit in declaring that Thorpe has probably never had a superior in the history of the sport.

DON'T LIKE AMERICA'S GAME

Bystander, English Publication, Comments on Baseball—No Use for Imported Article.

President Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox may be able to introduce professional baseball in Australia, but chances are he would have trouble convincing the sporting authorities of Great Britain, of which Australia is a province, that America's greatest pastime is a legitimate sport. The Bystander, a London newspaper, takes this rap at America's leading pastime:

"The best thing that can be said from an English standpoint of baseball is that it is a more sane game than American football, which is not saying very much. Like American football, baseball is a game the beauties of which can only be appreciated by an American born and bred. With the Americans it is something more than a game. It is an obsession more widespread and compelling even than the cult of professional football over here.

"It is their national game, their own invention, although, after all, it is nothing but an elaboration of the good old game of rounders, and they are so convinced of its superexcellence that they have tried to educate us up to its transcendental joys—so far without much success. There is a London baseball league, but no one ever seems to learn whether the alleged baseball boom in Wales will come to anything.

"To the university and public school man baseball has never appealed, and I doubt very much whether it ever will. There is too much rare show about it for his tastes. No, the truth is that in England we have already as many games as we can do with, and many better games than baseball, for which we have good cause to be thankful. And as long as our home products satisfy us we have no use for the imported article."

NOTES of SPORTIDOM

Picking favorites in football games is purely a local pastime. Janvrin, Engle and Cady may be tried at first next spring for the Red Sox.

Hans Lobert has joined Hans Wagner in the list of poultry-raising ball players.

Billy Sullivan has declined an offer to manage the Elmira (N. Y.) State league team.

Jimmy Burke is mentioned as a possibility to manage the Grand Rapids team next season.

Bill Carrigan, the veteran Red Sox catcher, has been mentioned as the best possibility to manage the Highlanders.

"We will have a great outfielder next season," says Jimmy Callahan. "No; Ping Bodie won't be in the outer garden."

Manager Griffith believes that "Rip" Williams, the Washington catcher, will be a valuable man the coming campaign.

BEST AT POCKET BILLIARDS

Champion Alfred De Oro Successfully Defends Title in Game With Sherman of Washington.

Alfred De Oro the other day successfully defended his title as world's champion at pocket billiards. Frank Sherman of Washington, who challenged the Cuban, was outclassed in the last block of the 600-point match.

De Oro made some wonderful combination shots and scored a high run of twenty-nine, which equals the mark set by Sherman when he took the lead in the first block. Sherman's best was 25, his score being 321 to



Champion Alfred De Oro.

De Oro's 200, making the challenger's total score 466 when De Oro reached the 600-point goal.

It was the thirteenth time De Oro has been called on to defend the championship.

Besides holding his title, De Oro has been four times king of the three-cushion billiard players. It is his intention to go after this title again. He is the only expert that ever held both titles for any length of time.

Former champions have declared it impossible to play championship pool and three-cushion billiards simultaneously, but De Oro has a different idea about it. He has been playing pool and billiards for twenty-five years.

**Pitches a No-Hit Game.**  
Hubert Leonard, who pitched this year for Denver in the Western league, and who has been sold to the Boston Americans, celebrated his arrival in his home town the other day by pitching a no-hit, no-run game against Lemoore, champions of the San Joaquin Valley. Leonard pitched for Fresno, and only one of the Lemoore players reached second base. The game was called at the end of the ninth inning because of darkness, the score being nothing to nothing.

**College Sport Costly.**  
Twelve of the fifteen athletic teams of Columbia university were carried on at a loss during the last season. The crew deficit amounted to over \$5,000. The track team lost \$1,520 and the swimming and water polo lost \$536. Soccer lost \$322 and hockey \$495. The varsity and freshmen baseball teams and the varsity rifle teams also came out on the credit side of the ledger.

IN ANOTHER KEY



From Green to Green.  
Redd—It's a funny thing about wood.  
Greene—What's so funny?  
"Why, when it is green they put it through a long process to overcome the greenness."  
"Certainly."  
"And then they sometimes go and paint it green again."

**Budding Genius.**  
"Henry, the baby shouldn't have been given that hard rubber ball. He has just thrown it at his sister and made her cry."  
"I saw it happen. Wonderful, wasn't it?"  
"What was wonderful?"  
"Why, the little cub throw it with a curve."

**Justified.**  
"Look here, Snip," said Slowpay indignantly to his tailor, "you haven't put any pockets in these trousers."  
"No, Mr. Slowpay," said the tailor, with a sigh; "I judged from your account here that you never had anything to put in them."—Harper's Weekly.

**Making His Fortune.**  
Parvenue—I'll buy these three pictures for \$5 each.  
Artist—But it's so little.  
Parvenue—I'll hang them in my drawing room, tell everybody I paid \$200 each for them and your fortune is made.—Lustige Blaetter.

**A Change Needed.**  
Physician—What is your profession, sir?  
Patient (pompously)—I'm a gentleman, sir.  
Physician—Then you'll have to try something else; it doesn't agree with you.—Tit-Bits.

NOT NEGOTIABLE.



Cook—Do you ever look back on the days of your boyhood, the dear faces in the home, the moon shining on the river, the hills, the valleys, the—  
Hook (interrupting)—No; it doesn't pay!  
Cook—Doesn't pay what?  
Hook—Dividends.

**Quoth the Pessimist.**  
What ages of preaching,  
What oceans of ink,  
Are shed without teaching  
The people to think!

**Reason Enough.**  
Joy Rider (talking on the telephone)—Is there anything to prevent you from getting a car around here promptly?  
Garage—Yes, sir—your last bill.—Satire.

**Very Likely He Didn't.**  
"Come, Tommie!" called the parent; "get up! The birds are all singing this morning."  
"Well, let 'em do the singing, pop," came the reply. "I don't feel like doing any of it this morning!"

**Generous?**  
Bacon—How did that box of cigars I gave you effect you?  
Egbert—Made me generous.  
"How so?"  
"I gave all of them away but the first one I smoked."

**Sweet Innocent.**  
Alice—Why are you taking up hot air?  
Kitty—Because my fiance is interested in a plant of some kind and I want to be able to converse intelligently with him about his business.

**Without an Argument.**  
"Do you have any trouble getting your daughter to practice music?"  
"Not at all. I simply say that it is time to wash the dishes, and she goes right to the piano."

MORE THAN PLEASED



Reggy—Weally, I detest slang.  
Peggy—Oh! joy!  
Reggy—There it goes again. If you say "Oh! joy!" again I shall go straight home. I weally shall.  
Peggy—Oh! joy! Oh! joy! Oh! joy!

FORCE OF HABIT



First Reporter—Why did they discharge the horse editor?  
Second Reporter—When he reported the last automobile race he spoke of the chauffeur who came in ahead as winning his spurs.

UNAVOIDABLE DELAY



The Lawyer—You can prove an alibi on this charge, can't you?  
The Crook—Yes; but we'll have to wait a week or two. The fellows I'm goin' to prove it by ain't out o' jail yet.

NO RACE SUICIDE THERE



Gen. E. Russ—I'd ask your family to dine with us, but I'm afraid it would be asking too much.  
Benedict—Well, rather; there's 16 of us.

CHANGES EVERY DAY



First Publisher—Hear you've published an authentic history of South America.  
Second Publisher—Well, it was authentic last night at 8 o'clock.

IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS BY W. M. A. RADFORD.

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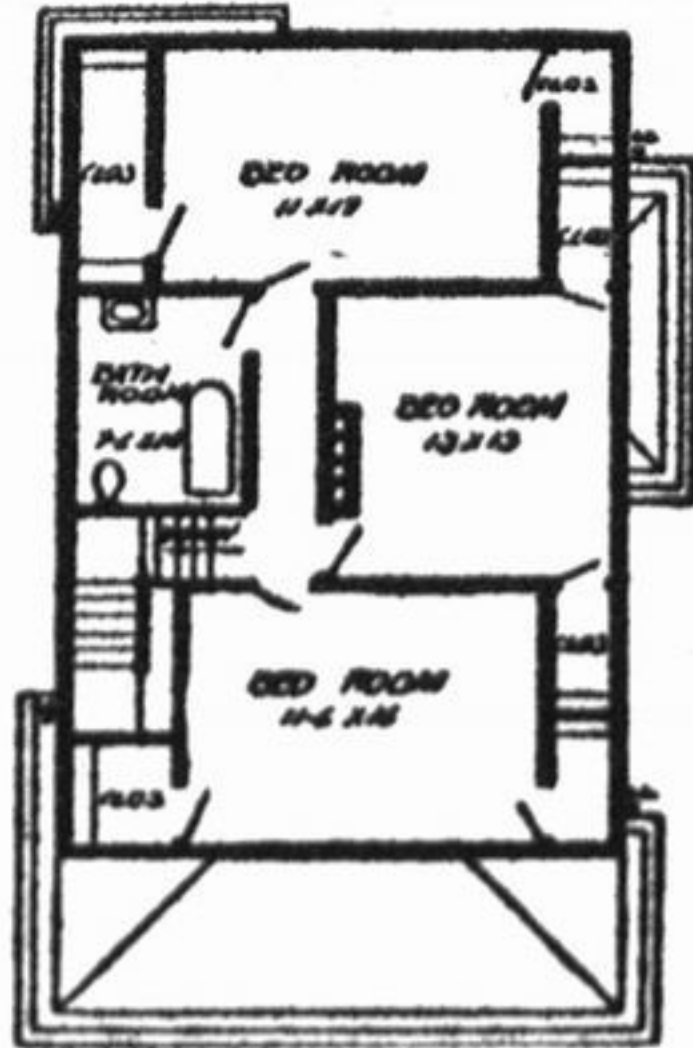
This is one of the best low-cost houses ever built. It is medium in size as well as in cost—a sort of compromise between the large house, large rooms, and high ceilings of twenty or thirty years ago and the little, narrow, contracted, close-companion affairs that are being built in order to save expense because of the high price of all building materials. The size on the ground is 26 1/2 feet in width by 44 1/2 feet long, which is six or eight feet longer than most new city houses that are built on this general plan.

There are fashions in houses the same as in other things. Some of the fashions are all right, but some are nothing but silly fads. One of these late fashions is the dining-room extension, which is built something after the fashion of a bay window, but is very much wider and has square corners. Sometimes these extensions have windows in the ends, but in such cases they have the appearance of being overdone. Such an addition to a dining room is intended to let in an abundance of light, as well as to add to the appearance of the room, and is one of the most commendable new building features.

In some of these extensions the windows are placed high up; but there is an advantage in the deep window, especially if you want to use the space for a window seat. When the windows come low down, a wide seat may be built just a little below the window stools, which, if carefully upholstered, makes a very pleasant lounging place both in winter and in summer. These extensions must be very carefully built and thoroughly papered, and the paper must be very carefully put on so as not to leave any cracks for the wind to blow through. Where you have so much glass surface, the radiation of heat goes on very rapidly. For comfort in using such a window seat a little careful

room so elaborately furnished that no one feels comfortable in it. It is in just such houses that the more ordinary dining room comes in for a great deal of solid family enjoyment, and this is one reason why a good, comfortable window seat in this dining room projection would be appreciated. The fireplace, being opposite the big window, makes a combination that for convenience and luxurious comfort is hard to beat.

One great advantage in this house is the large central chimney. A chimney like this is worth a great deal in a dwelling. There are four flues—



Second Floor Plan.

one for the furnace; one for the kitchen range, and one for each grate; and these grate flues are ventilators of the very best possible type. They are at work night and day, carrying out the foul air that is so objectionable. Ventilation will receive more attention as the scientific treatment of tuberculosis and pneumonia becomes better understood. These diseases are caused or aggravated by lack of fresh air; and they are cured, if cured at all, only when the patients are able to breathe abundantly air that comes directly from outdoors. Sometimes severe cases have been cured by leaving the window in the sleeping room open day and night. When people get to understand the value of fresh



systematic attention when building is especially valuable.

You would hunt a long time before finding another such a dining room in a low-cost house. The room is 12 by 13 1/2 feet, but is larger than the size indicates, because of the large china closet and the extra large pantry, where a great many things that are commonly kept in the dining room will find more convenient places. In fact, it is not absolutely necessary to have a sideboard in this dining room.



First Floor Plan.

Of course, a sideboard looks well in any dining room; and, if you want it, there is room between the two doors or on the side against the kitchen.

The use of a dining room in a house like this depends very much on how the living room is furnished. Living rooms are used for general purposes more than ever before; so much so that the word "parlor" has almost gone out of use in some sections of the country. But there are women yet who want a parlor or a living

air we shall have better ventilated houses. In the meantime, if we can smuggle in a couple of extra flues like this, we may be able to save some lives without anybody knowing it.

The front hall is no larger than necessary. It is shut off from outdoors by a vestibule with double doors, so that it may be kept warm. Each bedroom has two clothes closets—something that is unusual, but an improvement that will be appreciated.

Another splendid feature is the size of the bathroom. For a hundred years people have been learning to pay more attention to bathrooms. There was a time when Americans actually felt ashamed of having a bathroom in the house. It was generally a little affair just big enough to get into; and it was placed in the most inconvenient part of the house, and, if it had a window at all, it was a little nine-inch affair set up almost out of reach. However, as people become better educated, they are appreciating more and more the advantages of a bathroom for health and comfort. One important consideration in arranging a bathroom is to have it over or near the kitchen, so that the same pipes that supply water to the tub and washstand will supply the kitchen sink; and the same rule works in regard to the waste-pipes. It not only effects saving in first cost, but it is better for several other reasons. The shorter the pipes are, the better they will work; and the more condensed the space, the more easily they are kept from freezing in the winter time.

The kitchen is large enough, and is both light and airy because of the windows on the side and the door in the end. This door opens into a very comfortable back porch that was easily be screened from view and wind-toss.

It is estimated that this house can be built where conditions are not favorable for about \$10,000. Better, pleasing, and more economical than any other house of its class.