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..For ten years Pop Clark has tried vainly to win the United League pennant with his New York Blues. Most of the baseball writers predict another failure but Terry Burke of the Star thinks they have a chance and through Tony Murallo, who has a restaurant in the Broadway district and is associated with bookmakers and gamblers, he bets $1. on them at 200 to 1. The opening game is a pitchers' battle. Whitpur, the Philadelphia star twirler, is jealous of Larry Doyle, the Blues' rookie shortstop, because of Pop Clark's pretty daughter Frances. He tries to intimidate Larry with a bean ball and when he throws a second one at Larry's head Doyle knocks him down with a right to the chin. Larry is put out of the game. Later Whitper hits a home run with a man on base but as Whitper is nearing the home plate, he drops dead, shot through the heart. The Blues win and it is generally believed that Whitper was killed to allow them to win. Detective Kelly suspects Larry because he will not account for his time after leaving the diamond.

Rawlins called one of his men and gave instructions to see that Kelly's orders were carried out.

"If it had anything to do with bats and balls, wouldn' all the other men be affected too?" Terry asked.

Kelly considered a moment. "There is something to what you say, young fellow, at that; but I can't take any chances."

"It could be something to do with bats, though I don't see how or why," Rawlins said. "Dirkin had a favorite bat and rarely used any other. Right after he was pulled out of the game, Doyle wandered all the way over to our dugout and sort of looked around.

"I thought that wasn't allowed," Kelly said.

"It isn't. He was sort of absent-minded and went back when one of my men guyed him. I don't know what he wanted over there unless it was to do a little snooping," Rawlings suggested.

"It might be just that very thing;" Kelly grabbed at the idea. "I'd like to have that particular bat brought up here."

"I'll go down myself," Rawlins offered.

"Just a minute," Kelly said. "I'll send a man with you."

"I don't need a guard," Rawlins protested.

"No reflections, Rawlins, Kelly hastened to say, "but murder, you know, is a peculiar thing. While you and your team have everything to lose by Dirkin's death, yet there could easily be other reasons. We have to protect ourselves."

Rawlins went out accompanied by a policeman and was gone for so long a time that they all become uneasy.

"Dirkin's favorite bat is not down there anywhere," Rawlins finally reported.

"And we look out on the diamond, too," the policeman went on.

"It must be there!" Kelly was insistent.

"But it isn't. It's gone."

"Where is you bat boy?" Kelly demanded of Rawlins.

"Our regular boy was sick today."

"Who was handling the bats, then?" Kelly asked.

"A new boy. Our bat boy sent us a note saying he was sick and sent a friend to take his place," Rawlins explained.

"Who was the body today?"

"I don't know. I have Pietro's note in my pocket somewhere. I'd forgotten all about it." Rawlins dug into his pocket until he produced a half-sheet of cheap paper on which was scrawled the message he had mentioned.

"And this new boy—wasn't he down there when you were looking for the bat?"

Rawlins shook his head. "We went over to the dugout and hunted for both the boy and the bat. None of the men remember seeing the kid after Dirk' went to bat."

"That's bad."

"I'll see if we can locate the boy through Pietro," Rawlins suggested and began searching in his pockets for a notebook.

"Is that the funny little hunchback you've always had ' And then as he waited for Rawlins, "Where is Pietro?"

"That's what I am looking for," Rawlins said impatiently. "He has an uncle over on Jerome avenue and I was supposed to go over there tonight and have a real Italian supper. I had the address somewhere. Yes, Here it is." He handed it to Kelly.

Kelly called information and asked if there was a telephone under that name at that address. He waited for few seconds.

"Hello," he said. "I want to talk to Pietro. "What? No, no. I want to talk to Pietro. Where is he?"

There was a long wait during which time Kelly made impatient faces into the transfitter. "No, no," Kelly said. "I'm at the ball park and Pietro is not here. I thought he was sick." Another wait and then Kelly hung up in disgust.

"That was the kid's uncle. He says Pietro is not sick; that he is over here."

But he wasn't here. It was a strange boy who came with this note," Rawlins insisted.

"It's getting worse and worse," Kelly complained. "Now, what does this do boy business men?" He thought for moment and then turned to Terry. "Go back in your notes and read that section just after Doyle was taken out of the game."

Terry read: "Doyle, looking sour, was pulled from the game and ambled around wandering over toward the Butchers' dugout, stopping at the cooler and then over to the bat rack before he finally settled down to watch the game."

"I want Doyle in here," Kelly said to the man on guard in the hall. "And get me another man at once."

There was a second policeman at the door immediately.

"Go over to this address," Kelly ordered. "It's a fruit and vegetable store. Pietro, the Chicago bat boy, is staying there and is supposed to have sent this note. Take it along. See if it's the kid's handwriting and report back here as soon as you can. I want you to find Pietro. If you can't locate the boy, see if his uncle knows anything about the substitute Pietro sent."

Doyle, dressed for the street, came in and was clearly surprised.

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(Trade circles said the division of the exports between the various types of grain, not given in the official figures, was approximately: 7,695,000 bushels of wheat, 9,158,000 of corn, 1,113,000 of oats and 1,098,000 of barley).

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Home Hints

By LAURA KNIGHT

Hearts and Flowers

St. Valentine's Day is one day in the year when the whole world dares to be sentimental. Most of the time we are business-like and though the sentiment may be there, it isn't shown. But this day is set aside for sending and receiving love tokens, lacey cards with foolishly sweet rhymes, and flowers and candy for lucky sweethearts from their best beaux. So don't let your best beau down on this day whether he be fiance, husband or son. Make this a special occasion by putting your love token on the table in the form of something good to eat and thus take the shortest and surest route to a man's heart.

Lady Baltimore Cake is something really special and seems to convey all the dignity and charm of long-ago times when the ladies in full skirts and ringlets which we see pictured on Valentine cards of today, actually lived.

LADY BALTIMORE CAKE

3 cups sifted flour.
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup butter or other shortening
1½ cups sugar
1 cup milk
½ teaspoon lemon extract
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add lemon extract. Fold in egg whites quickly and thoroughly. Bake in two greased 9-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375 Deg. F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Spread filling between layers and frosting on top and sides of cake.

LADY BALTIMORE FILLING AND FROSTING

1½ cups sugar
½ teaspoon light corn syrup
2-3 cup boiling water
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Combine sugar, corn syrup and water. Bring to a boil, stirring only until sugar is dissolved. Boil rapidly, without stirring, until a small amount of syrup forms a soft ball in cold water, or spins a long thread when dropped from tip of spoon (240 Deg. F.). Pour syrup in fine stream over egg whites, beating constantly. Add flavoring. Continue beating with rotary egg beater 10 to 15 minutes, or until frosting is cool and of consistency to spread. Use wooden spoon when too stiff for beater. (Frosting may be tinted delicately pink with vegetable coloring if desired). For the filling, take 6 chopped figs, ½ cup chopped raisins and ½ cup chopped pecan or walnut meats, add enough of the frosting to make a filling that will spread easily. Spread between layers of cake. Spread frosting on top and sides of cake and decorate with pecan or walnut halves.

As St. Valentine's Day falls on Sunday this year, many parties will be planned for Saturday night. If you are expecting a gay young crowd to your home, here are some suggestions that will add to their fun and add to your reputation as a hostess.

Keep the refreshments in harmony with the decorations. Lacey paper doilies can be used to place the food on, as well as to decorate the table. For a dessert, try quick-setting jelly. Strawberry or cherry are ideal for flavor as well as color. Just dissolve the quick-setting jelly powder in warm water and pour into heart shaped moulds or let cool in shallow pan and then cut into heart shapes. Top these ruby-red jelly hearts with whipped cream and you have a simple, time-saving delicious dessert.

Small heart-shaped cakes frosted in white and outlined with little red cinnamon candies, small cup cakes topped with long-shredded canned coconut tinted pink and heart-shaped cookies are just a few of the many dainty foods which you can serve.

SUGAR COOKIES

3 2-3 cups sifted cake flour
2½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2-3 cups butter or other shortening.
1½ cups sugar
2 eggs, unbeaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 teaspoons milk.

Sift flour once, measure, add the baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, creaming well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add vanilla. Then add flour, alternately with milk. Chill. Roll 1-8-inch thick, cut with floured heart-shaped cookie cutter; sprinkle wtih red colored sugar. Bake on greased baking sheet in hot oven (400 Deg. F.), 9 minutes, or until done. Makes 10 dozen cookies.

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Q. How can I avoid black spots appearing on boiled potatoes?

A. Merely by adding a teaspoon of vinegar to the water while the potatoes are boiling.

Q. What are a few simple rules one can follow to promote the health of a child?

A. Plenty of outdoor exercise, an abundance of fresh vegetables, as such good milk as the child will drink (a quart a day is not too much), a thorough brushing of the teeth night and morning, fresh air in the bedroom.

Q. How can I clean white linen shades?

A. Use equal parts of flour and borax. The shade should be laid out flat and the dry mixture rubbed on with a clean cloth.

Q. How can I give different flavor to whipped cream?

A. Try flavoring the whipped cream with strained honey instead of sugar, and see what a delightful flavor it imparts.

Q. How long will garlic, onions, tobacco, etc., scent the breath?

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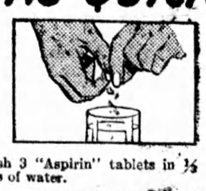

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