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Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

The people of the United States claim—perhaps rightly—to lead the world in most lines of human endeavor. Some of those claims we might be inclined to challenge just a trifle. But when it comes to slopping over into sickly sentimentality, we freely admit they are tops This somewhat acid thought comes to mind on reading a front-page story to the effect that the race horse MAN O' WAR is to be embalmed, then buried in a silken-lined oak coffin—and that the city of Lexington, Kentucky had gone into mourning over his passing.

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Now MAN O' WAR was undoubtedly quite a race-horse — although by no means the unbeatable ball-of-fire some of his adulators would have you believe. We saw him run a couple of times; and while we make no claim to be a real judge of horseflesh, we had an idea that some of his superiority was due to the fact that he didn't have so very much to beat. To us he calls to mind the ancient saying "In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."

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However, he caught the public fancy; and his owners were smart enough to retire him at the peak of his fame. Whenever some sports cobbler found himself down Lexington way, and short of something to write about, he would turn out a piece about "Big Red"—and so the horse became something of a legend during his lifetime. Still, stuff like "Man O' War did more for this community than any other creature, human or animal." Silk-lined coffin! Black-ribboned floral wreaths in shop windows. Twenty gallons of embalming fluid! Maybe we're a bit too squeamish but, somehow or other, it all gives us a sickish feeling.

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There are many who hail the abandonment of price controls as a triumph for the system of free enterprise—and personally we believe that there is just as great danger in too much governmental control as there is in too little. Still, if there were only one solitary occasion when dropping of controls was followed by a drop in prices, instead of an immediate increase, it would be a rather pleasant change, and a boost for "free competition" as well.

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By no means for the first time, Conn Smythe has proved himself to be just about the most far-seeing operative in hockey. Everybody else connected with the game recognized the sorry plight of the Chicago Black Hawks—but the Maple Leaf boss was the only one, apparently, who foresaw how the Hawks weakness might eventually prove bad for the entire league, and did something about it. For in a small group like the N.H.L. one bad team could be as dangerous as one rotten apple in a barrel of good ones.

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But with hockey business as good as it is, and folks fairly falling over themselves to get tickets, everybody else just sat still and let the Black Hawks steadily become more painful to watch. But now Smythe has provided them with what looks like the makings of an entirely new team—and before too long this move should prove of real value, not only to Chicago, but to the box offices of all other five teams.

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We wouldn't advise you to feel too sorry for Smythe either. While he has done his good deed toward the Hawks, we don't figure he has done too badly for his Maple Leafs either. In getting Max Bentley he has made the Toronto team just about a cinch to repeat last year's triumph—for if Bentley could be one of the league's outstanding performers in his Chicago surroundings, he should rise to real heights with the sort of support his new teammates can give him.

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It will be interesting, too, to watch the future career of Rookie Cy Thomas, tossed in with Bentley as part of the five for two swap. For it is just within the bounds that he might turn out to be worth more than all five Leafs involved. We're not saying he will—but it could be. We have said some harsh things about Conn Smythe in the past—and probably will be in the future. But when it comes to evaluating the future possibilities of a hockey player, we rate him as tops—and would hate to try and swap with him, even if he gave us the first three picks.

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Riding on a bus the other morning we happened to sit next a High School teacher of our acquaintance. Thinking to cheer him up a little, we read him a few lines appearing in that day's paper. "Next to the Church, the teaching profession is the highest calling in the land. On our teachers, to a great extent, depends the whole life and nature of Canada." After informing him that these were the words of the Premier of Ontario, we asked him if such nice things didn't make him feel proud. "They'd make me feel a lot better," he replied, somewhat bitterly, "if my grocer or coal-dealer would accept them in place of cash!"

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Probably you've heard this one before, but if you have, you're not going to stop us anyway. It's about the Sunday School teacher who was talking about different sorts of thirsts. "Some people thirst after righteousness," he said, "others thirst after learning, wealth, fame or excitement. Now, just what do you boys thirst after?" From the back row piped up a small voice—"Right after salted peanuts."

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The transference of bees is not new in the United States. From California, bees are moved thousands of miles each year, following the various honey crops. The first is the orange honey in the south, ending up with the clover flow in the north.

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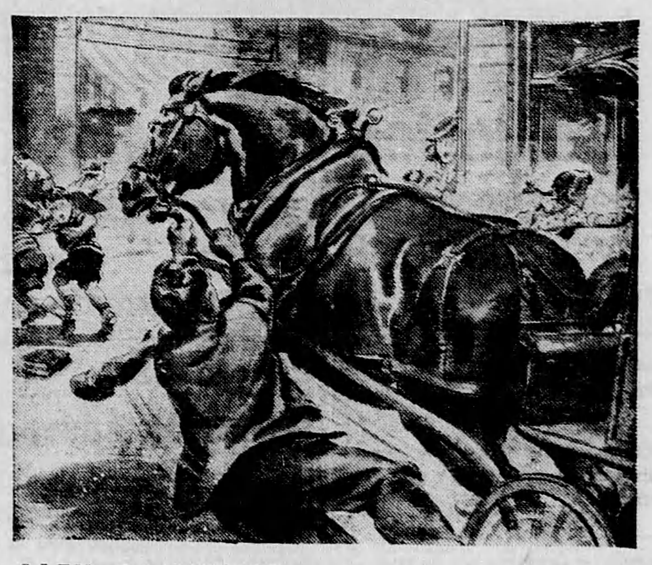

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