Olympics Center at Famed Wembley Stadium—Here is Wembley Stadium near London, being readied as the main center of the seven where Olympic contests are scheduled this summer. King George will open the 17-event contests at Wembley before a possible capacity 120,000 spectators. A seven-lane running track is being completed.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Baseball Spring training camps are famous for the "fanning bees" which take place in the evenings, when gangs of players and newspaper men sit around on the verandah of some Southern hotel, recalling incients of the past. One name which almost always crops up is that of Hans Lobert, former Phillie manager and now connected with the New York Giants as a coach. The Dutchman, as he's generally called, had a peculiar sense of humor and many tales are told of screwy things he's pulled.

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Once he was walking along a street in a certain Florida city and happened to notice a colored boy mowing a lawn. "That doesn't look like much of a job;" said Lobert, "how would you like to earn yourself five dollars a day, for the easiest sort of work?" The lad was keenly interested, and asked just what sort of work it was.

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Wearing a deadpan expression Lobert told him that he was owner of a circus, and wanted help in catching wild alligators. "There's nothing to it," he went on. "We go out in a swamp until we find a small island. Then we chain you to a tree while the rest of us go and hide. The scent of human flesh attracts the alligators, of course; and when they climb out of the mud, we catch them with nets.

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The boy, though still interested, was just a trifle dubious and inquired if Lobert had ever done this 'gator-catching stuff before. "Certainly I have——in fact we tried it just the day before yesterday." "And what happened to the boy you chain to dat tree?" was the next question. "Oh, him?" answered the Dutchman. "Now that was just a trifle unfortunate. You see, right when he was ready to grab a great big one, the man with the net happened to slip!"

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And those who were present, listening to the discussion, always say it's a great pity nobody happened to have a stop-watch handy. For they're certain that, as he disappeared in the distance, that colored kid broke all world's records for speed afoot.

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One of the great mysteries of the present hockey season, to a lot of the "experts", is just what has been making the New York Rangers click. Outside of O'Connor and two or three of the others, Frankie Boucher's boys don't appear to be in the same class with teams like the Maple Leafs, the Red Wings, or even the Boston Bruins; and while some of their intricate passing plays are very pretty to watch, they somehow always look as if a good hustling outfit should break them up without too much trouble.

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Yet there they are, in for a helping of the playoff gravy—and don't be too much surprised if they should happen to take The Cup. It's hard to call them to beat teams such as the others mentioned, but stranger things have happened. Of course, by the time this appears, they may already be on their way to elimination. Still, we have sort of hunch this might be their year—although we wouldn't advise you to wager too heavily that we're right.

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If you're a horse-player—which we hope and trust is not the case—you probably know all about Form Charts, those closely-printed, small-type affairs which the students pore over with such earnestness in their efforts to dig up a winner. But only a very small percentage of the devotees have any idea of how those Charts are made, and how much speed and skill goes into their manufacture. We personally get about as big a kick from watching and listening to an expert Chart maker and his "call taker" in action as from anything else connected with the sport of kings.

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Often there will be a dozen or more starters in a race; and in the brief space of time it takes to run it, the names of each of that dozen —in addition to his position and the distance he is ahead of the next in line—must be called no less than six times. There's a call at the start—at the quarter—the half and the three-quarters. Then comes the "stretch call"—a sixteenth of a mile from the wire, then the one at the finish.

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With the horses constantly shifting positions—and racing colors often practically indistinguishable from one another—it takes not only knowledge but lightning-like speed; and it is a marvel to us that so few mistakes occur. It's highly-paid work, and deserves to be. Yet, strangely enough, of all the Chart Makers we have had the pleasure of knowing, we never met one who could beat the races consistently—in fact, at the end of the day, they were generally just as broke as you or I, who select them by stabbing a program with a pin.

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And here's a real "oldie" which, until the other day, we hadn't heard in many years. It's about the country girl, who during a railway journey, had to change trains at Toronto. Before leaving home she had been warned against the big city slickers. So when a young chap at the Toronto depot—noticing that she looked bewildered—asked her if he could help in any way, she was properly discreet, finally telling him that she was going to catch the next train for Montreal.

"That Montreal train leaves in just two minutes," he answered. "You've just time to make it. Come on, I'll carry your bag." By putting on speed, he just managed to get the young lady aboard as the train was pulling out. Standing on the rear platform she waited till the train was making good headway before delivering the crusher. "I've heard all about your kind, taking advantage of girls" she cried. "But here's one that fooled you. YOU SEE, I'M REALLY GOING TO CHICAGO!"

The Green Thumb

By Gordon L. Smith

Plan Layout of Your Garden

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General Picture

For the average layout around the home, it is advisable to use a combination of vines, shrubbery, trees, perennial flowers and annuals. At the back against the house, vines and tall shrubbery, the latter planted in clumps, make the best background. In front of this, groups of smaller shrubs and larger perennial flowers can be planted with the room between, especially when the shrubbery is still small, filled in with clumps of annuals. Along the front tiny edging plants are used, then will come a piece of green lawn. Use clumps rather than straight rows and a wavy edge along the front of the bed is preferred to straight edges. In the foreground, of course, will be the lawn, the shrubbery acting as the main frame for the general picture.

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