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### CLIFF SPRING: IDEAL OF LACROSSE PLAYERS

Cleanest and Fastest of Western Stars—His Wonderful Games Against Shamrocks

Clifford Spring, famous home player of the world's champion New Westminster Club, has been prominent in athletics since 1908, when the Royals came East and defeated the Shamrocks at Montreal for the Minto Cup. Spring was then only 18 years of age, and came as a spare man, but he received his chance in the first game and made such a good showing that he became a regular. His wonderful speed and stickhandling made him a target for Howard, Kavanagh, McIlwaine and other Shamrock defence men, but Spring was rugged enough to take all the punishment due him, and it was largely through his magnificent work that New Westminster captured the cup. None of the Shamrocks could hold him down. Spring divided the individual honors in that series with the veteran Alex. Turnbull.

#### Battered But Game

In 1909 when Regina gathered an all-star team and went to the Coast in quest of the Minto Cup, "Cliff" Spring was at his best. Regina assigned Billy West to hold him down, but Spring ran wild on West and Jack Shea, who had gone from Ottawa for the series, was moved out. Shea and Spring had a great old battle, with honors about even. Spring's remarkable fielding soon shot that department of the Regina team to pieces, however, and he tallied the goals that put Westminster ahead after Warwick, Westminister and others had been forced to retire. Spring was also badly cut in the memorable game between Regina and Westminster, but doctors sewed up two cuts in his head and the fair-haired home felder was able to finish out the match. In the second match Westminster smothered the Regina team. Spring himself scoring enough goals to retain the cup. The Regina-Westminster series attracted the largest crowds in the history of lacrosse at the Coast, and Cliff Spring was then the idol of the West-ern crowds. Cliff played in the Shamrock-Westminster series without gloves or cap, and it was not until his hands had been battered to pieces that he consented to don the gauntlets, which he claimed interfered with his stickhandling. Spring was perhaps the cleanest member of the Royals. He took all his punishment without a murmur, and sympathized with Warwick and other Regina men, who had been put out of commission by the Westminster defence men.

#### Model Athlete

Spring figured on the Westminster team steadily afterwards, except in 1914, when he came East and played for the Torontos in the Big Four. In 1915 he played for the Royals and was again a star. Spring, in fact, figured on championship teams in the West ever since 1908, except in 1912, when Vancouver imported "Newsy" Lalonde, Billy Fitzgerald and the pick of the East. Con Jones paid Lalonde and Fitzgerald \$5,000 each that year and the New Westminster players again worked on the co-operative basis. Spring's jump to the Torontos in 1914 is said to have displeased officials of the Westminster club. Spring is married and brought his wife and baby East with him in 1916 to join the Ottawas. He is a model athlete in many ways as he neither smokes nor drinks, and was one of the cleanest men that ever figured on the Minto Cup team. Cliff is said to have received \$3,000 from R. J. Fleming when he played with the Torontos. The late Emmanuel Tasse was a great admirer of Spring, to whom he frequently referred as his "ideal of a lacrosse player."

### GOLF'S HARDEST SHOT

A golfing group was discussing the hardest shot in the game—whether it was a high pitch to a fast green, a brassie shot from a close lie, a full iron across wind—or what. There is no need for any debate on this subject, for the answer is as simple as 2 plus 2. The hardest shot in golf is a shot from the water, where the ball is totally or partially under the surface. Few golfers are willing to tempt this destiny, preferring to take their water on the side. Once they hear the fatal splash the mind is already made up to lift and lose a stroke. Yet there are braver souls who are willing to take the risk. These water shots are remembered above all others. A match played some years ago between Willie Anderson and Walter J. Travis at Englewood produced one shot that Anderson played. Coming to the fourth hole, Willie, then open champion, was two down and packing on peevishness at every stroke. The fourth hole at Englewood borders on a narrow stream that starts 50 yards from the green. Anderson put his second shot into the brook, while Walter J. was at the green's edge. The professional's ball was floating on the top of the water, but wading in up above his knees, he splashed the ball upon the green within four feet of the cup, thereby regaining his waning confidence.

#### Cleveland's "Amateurs"

Joe Birmingham, former pilot of Cleveland, thinks there is not a better ball town in America than Cleveland. Their amateur games draw between 20,000 and 25,000, which shows the interest. A few years ago the salary list of the so-called "amateurs" in Cleveland was around \$1,200. In 1915 the salary of the champion team reached the \$6,000 mark. These "amateurs" have been bringing in big league clubs for games on Sundays.

#### Cobb and Keeler

A Detroit sport writer, in an effort to compare the records of Tyrus Cobb and Willie Keeler compiled their records for their performances for ten years. He found Cobb's batting average for that period was .369 and Keeler's was .372. There was no foul ball rule when Keeler was at his best.

### WHEN PRUNING TREES

Prevent tearing the bark off the trunk in removing large limbs by first making an "undercut."

Make the cuts on a slant. Some trees, like the elm, sycamore, linden and willow will stand the process of heading back more than others, and the poplar is a tree that must be cut back every few years to keep its crown from becoming too tall and unsafe.

When shortening a branch, leave a few twigs at the end to draw the sap to the freshly cut wound and thus enable the growing layer under the bark to heal it over.

In trimming small branches or shoots, the cut must be made just above a bud.

When several branches come out from the trunk in a whorl, they should not all be cut away at the same time lest the tree be girdled. This arrangement of branches occurs most frequently in the coniferous trees.

### COST OF LOG FIRES

Expenses to Lumberman From Carelessness Are Listed

The elements of damage done by fires in the logging woods are, first and foremost, lost time; then, the cash loss by destruction or reduction in the value or efficiency of equipment such as donkeys, loaders, logging line, chutes, railroads, trestles, or camps; last, the value of the product is lowered when logs are damaged.

Take the element of lost time. A fire is usually handled by the railroad section crew. It is not unusual for a five-man crew to work a day on an ordinary fire, leaving one man to watch it for 48 hours afterward. This means \$21 in lost time. A larger fire may require a donkey, a camp crew, or the whole camp crew. It is not at all unusual for a part of all of the mill crew to turn out in an emergency. A fire which requires the whole logging crew of an ordinary double band mill will cost the operator, in lost time, about \$400 per 10-hour shift. These figures refer to direct labor charges only and do not take into account lost operating time of expensive equipment or the supervisory and overhead charges which are going on while the plant is turning out no product.

If it is expensive to fight fires, why not let them burn? This would be good business if it were not for the fact that it would very probably be still more expensive in damage to equipment. A fire practically never ruins a donkey engine beyond repair, but \$500 or \$600 damage is a frequent occurrence. Burning the sled out from under a machine, for instance, would mean a loss of about \$400, and it will mean no logs for several days. Logging cable is easily damaged, and the loss of the lines on one machine—say, 1,300 feet of yarding line and 3,000 feet of back line—costs \$375. Repairing a line burned in two may be put down at \$5 per splice.

### HORSES CHEW TREES

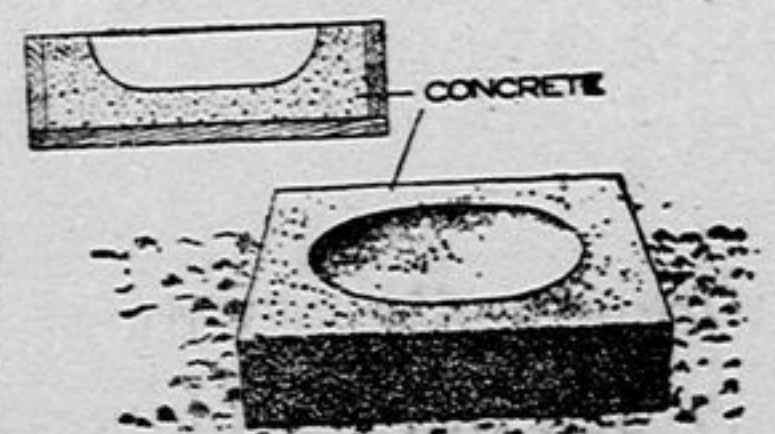
Careless City Drivers Discouraged by Heavy Fines

"A teamster was arraigned in police court this morning, charged with wilfully damaging a city shade tree on Dalhousie Street by backing his wagon against it. Magistrate Askwith, deciding that an example should be made of the offender, sentenced him to pay a fine of \$5 and \$2 costs, with the alternative of serving one week in jail." The foregoing report from the "Ottawa Free Press" demonstrates that an interest is being taken in city shade trees. In every city trees have been damaged by drivers being horses to them and allowing them to bite the bark. Electric wire men also cause much destruction of shade trees. Interference with the stringing of wires is the only excuse for lopping off large branches, thus disfiguring, and, in many instances, killing, the trees. City authorities are responsible also for the loss of many beautiful shade trees. They construct sidewalks regardless of whether a valuable shade tree is crowded at the roots by concrete. The trees are thus stunted in their growth and are deformed. Several more progressive cities of Canada have appointed tree experts to care for municipal shade trees. Appreciation of their value as a civic attraction is becoming more general.

### FOWL MEN, PLEASE NOTE

Concrete Water Basin is Good For Poultry

A concrete worker was asked by a farmer to build a concrete basin for watering the poultry. Having no forms at hand, the mechanic used an ordinary washbasin and a wood box



as shown in the illustration. The basin was greased before it was placed in the concrete. The completed concrete basin was buried with its upper surface level with the ground.—Popular Mechanics.

#### Scraps For Fowl

For a small flock (six hens and a cock), and where there will be more or less table scraps, it is best to feed the scraps (bread, potatoes, meat, etc.), in the morning, and in the evening give a grain ration of a mixture of equal parts of corn and wheat. Where there is not a good supply of table scraps, substitute a morning mash of whole oats soaked for about an hour in hot water, and then after being drained, mix with sufficient bran to absorb the moisture. To this mixture add about 15 per cent. of meat scraps.

### GARDEN ADVICE FOR THE PACIFIC COAST

Others Will Do Well Also to Heed These Hints—Fall and Spring Planting

Advice for gardening and flower-raising in the Pacific country is given by A. E. Skinner of Huntingdon, B.C., as follows: How often we hear the expression used that there is no money in a flower garden, but who has not been at some time or other impressed with their observations, and noticed how dreary and desolate is the mansion, with grounds uncared for, and uncultivated, and then in contrast noted the beauty and enchantment of even a humble cottage, covered with beautiful vines, and surrounded with lovely flowers and well kept grounds. It is hard to give any specific plan in laying out one's grounds to the best advantage as they vary so much in size and contour. Where one has a fairly good stand of grass, beds can be cut in any shape the fancy may dictate, and borders can be dug around the house, or along the path leading to the house, enriching it with well rotted stable manure, if deficient in fertility, pulverizing the ground thoroughly.

#### Hiding the Unsightly

As soon as all danger of frost is over, sow such annuals as stocks, asters, phlox, drummond, marigolds, godetia, niggonette, cosmos, candy-tuft, etc., all of which will give a good display of flowers throughout the summer and until frost. A good many of these seeds may be sown in pots or boxes, and planted out as the weather becomes warm, and all danger of frost is over. Unsightly fence and outbuildings may be covered, and made a thing of beauty during the summer months by sowing such climbers as scarlet runner beans (which are not only ornamental but edible), nasturtium, major, or climbing; sweet peas, tropeaeolum canariensis, and convolvulus major, all of which are easily grown from seed sown in spring. Plants of rudbeckia golden glow, may be utilized to advantage to hide some unsightly corner, it being very easily grown, and attains a height of 6 to 8 feet and blossoms very freely from seed, plants can be readily obtained from florists who invariably carry a stock of all suitable bedding plants.

#### Start Roses Early

If you care to go to the expense of roses, or shrubs, these can be obtained at reasonable prices at the various nurseries, and I would advise planting same in the early spring as soon as the ground can be worked, the earlier the better, while they are still in a dormant condition. If you desire to grow flowers from roots or cuttings, such as dahlias, gladioli, lilies, or Montbretias, these can be planted to advantage in the spring. Other bulbs such as hyacinths, tulips, narcissus, should be planted in the fall, any time before the frost sets in. In case of a severe winter, a good protection is afforded these by a covering of coarse stable manure, which can be removed in the spring.

### PREPARING FOR LAWN

Spring planting makes the new grass to become well established before frosts arrive, but fall planting has this advantage that any weeds coming up will be killed before they can seed. Of the two plans spring seeding is the most recommended. Before putting the seed on the ground it answers to thoroughly well prepare the soil. All weeds, roots, stones and rubbish must be removed. It is an excellent plan to put the surface soil through the sieve, so as to get a dressing of an inch deep or so, of perfectly clean soil all over. If the soil is a very poor one, some well rotted manure must be mixed in with the sifted soil or at any rate kept near the surface. After the soil has been carefully levelled with the rake it should be rolled, or carefully trodden or beaten down. It must then be raked over gently again. This raking must be very carefully done so that the surface is left absolutely level and free from even a single small stone. For this purpose employ the back of the rake when the soil is fairly dry.

#### Where Forestry is Easy

"Of the forests of Ally, there remain but a few mutilated trunks. It is a field of desolation, levelled by shells." This was written of a French forest following a deluge of German artillery. It might as easily have been written of thousands of square miles in all parts of Canada following the deluge of annual forest fires. Nothing could save the magnificent French forests but an eastward re-adjustment of the trenches. No such grim necessity, however, faces the Canadian Provincial and Federal Governments in the relatively simple task of keeping our ready-made wealth of timber free from needless conflagrations. No army need fight for it; no life need be sacrificed. All that is required is commonsense organization.

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