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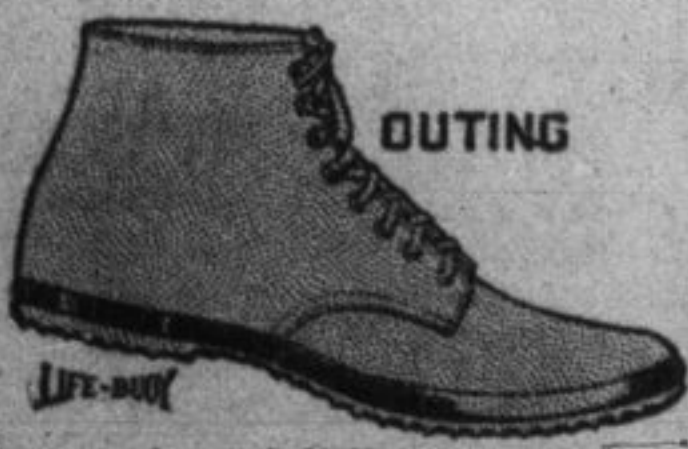
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OLD-TIME FAVORITES

ARE BUNCHED IN THE AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Speaker Leads and Cobb and Joe Jackson Are Tied for Second Place According to Late Figures.

This Speaker leads the American League batters and Ty Cobb has climbed into a tie with Joe Jackson for the second place, according to averages printed here today and including records of games played Wednesday. The old trio of south-erners, who have been fighting for leading honors for years, are bunched at the top again, for Speaker is leading with .369 and Jackson and Cobb are neck and neck at .327. Detroit leads in team batting with .255. The 300 hitters of the American League, counting only those who have played in half or more of their clubs' games, are: Speaker, Cleveland, .369; Jackson, Chicago, .327; Cobb, Detroit, .327; Burrows, Detroit, .321; Strunk, Philadelphia, .313; E. Johnson, St. Louis, .311; Hellman, Detroit, .311; Nunamaker, New York, .309; Milan, Washington, .304; Hohlitzel, Boston, .302; Smith, Cleveland, .300.

Veterans are setting the pace for batters in the National League. Daubert maintains his lead and Schulte hangs on to second place. The Nationals' 300 hitters are: Daubert, Brooklyn, .355; Schulte, Chicago, .339; Robertson, New York, .336; Zimmerman, Chicago, .335; Doyle, New York, .327; Chase, Cincinnati, .321; Gonzalez, St. Louis, .320; Hinchman, Pittsburgh, .319; Meyers, Philadelphia, .311; Wheat, Brooklyn, .310; Cravath, Philadelphia, .302; Burns, Philadelphia, .300.

WILLARD TO APPEAR ON ENGLISH STAGE?

Fight Between World's Heavyweight Champion and London Pugilist.

The news that Jess Willard is going to England will create a flutter in the heavyweight divocetes. The world's champion has been signed up for a four round, ten round, ten round fight with "Jack" Morris, the well-known London impressario, at a salary of \$2,250 per week. At the conclusion of his contract the big cowboy will be at liberty, and it is more than probable that some enterprising promoter will take the opportunity to persuade him to enter the ring against England's best provided always that big Jess does not require the earth and the fullness thereof. You see, he pocketed such a huge sum for his ten rounds "no decision" bout with Frank Moran that even the bluckiest spectator might well hesitate to approach the big fellow. The biggest offer English promoters could make would look infinitesimally small against the sum he then received.

MATHEWSON QUILTS GOLF

As He Says It Interferes With His Pitching

No more golf for me while I'm in baseball. I believe it interferes with my pitching. "McGraw's got the best team he's had since he's been manager of the Giants. "We can make about five runs a game and win. With any sort of pitching we'll win in that hitting." These statements from the lips of Christy Mathewson, the Giants' pitcher, "Matty" still has "stuff," according to other Giants, not according to Matty, who does not talk much about his own equipment. He isn't giving up golf, a game which he loves, for any other reason than a hunch that the swing of a golf club has a tendency to hurt his left shoulder, the one which pained him so much late last season.

John C. Chapman Dies

Old-time baseball fans will learn with regret of the death in New York on Saturday of John C. Chapman, who managed the Toronto Club in the latter part of the season of 1895 when that city was in the Eastern League. In the early part of the same season Chapman had managed the Rochester Club. In 1887 and for some years afterwards he managed the Buffalo Club of the International League, and one of the most popular men connected with that organization.

One-Armed Ball Player

Quebec Chronicle: Young Lariviere, one of the officials of the Tipperary Baseball Club, though unfortunate to lose an arm through a street car accident some years ago, plays ball almost as well as some boys with their full complement of propellers. He is dead-sure on fly balls, and though he cannot throw a great distance, yet he has good speed, and flings the ball accurately.

Baseball in England

Canadians and Americans serving in the British army last week opened the Canadian-American season of the baseball leagues of eight teams. Many resident Americans patronized the games last summer, and it is expected there will be greater attendance this year. Baseball has become more popular with Britons through these army matches than ever before.

Thorpe Sues for Libel

Jim Thorpe, champion athlete, is plaintiff in a damage suit in which he asks \$10,000 of a Jersey City newspaper for alleged libel. He claims the paper printed a libelous story under the head "Badly hurt in saloon row with Jim Thorpe, Indian right fielder, and Catcher Reynolds, the Jerseys." Thorpe was a member of the Jersey City club in 1915.

BASEBALL BRIEFS.

Fred Toney, the big Red pitcher, says the lameness in his shoulder that troubled him early in the season has disappeared and he expects to be big aid to the aspiring Reds. Mollwitz, returning to the game for Cincinnati, when Chase was switched to the outfield, has played so much better ball around the first sack that he is likely to stick on the job. Chase does a lot of spectacular stuff, but Mollwitz gets them just as well with nail the flash, according to Cincinnati critics.

Fritz Malsel's broken collarbone is mending rapidly and he likely will be back in the line-up when the Yankees return from the Western jaunt. Hans Lobert, whose injured leg has kept him out of the game, is working out at the Polo Ground with the Giants every day and expects soon to be back in the line-up. Oscar Vitt is playing the best game of his career at third base for the Detroit Tigers. His hitting, too, has helped considerably to keep the Jennings clan on top in the league batting standing.

"Wally" Schang will not be able to catch a game for the Athletics for a couple of weeks, because he put a hand in front of one of Walter Johnson's fast ones in Washington the other day. Schang has been out of the game more than he has been in it this year. The first game between the Leafs and Bisons Saturday was the shortest of the season, it only taking one hour and twenty-five minutes. The Leafs have released Outfielder Zimmerman to the Hartford Club. A major league club tried to purchase shortstop "Lena" Blackburne from the Leafs on Saturday.

Manager Jack Dunn, of the Baltimore team, has released Catcher Schaufle and Pitcher Thormahlen to the Chambersburg Club of the Blue Ridge League, under an optional agreement. He has given Pitcher Knowlton outright release.

M. F. Doherty has resigned as umpire in the Eastern League, and James E. Ready, of Philadelphia, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Pitcher Wacker, who quit Dartmouth College to join the Giants, and who was released by the New York Club to Albany, and will be in the State League, has been given his unconditional release by Manager Wiltse, of the Albany Club.

Tommy Stevenson, who played shortstop for Rochester last year, was seriously injured ten days ago while playing for the Lincoln Club, of the Western League, and will be out of the game for the greater part of the season. Stevenson, in sliding into second base, fractured the right thigh-bone.

Manager McGraw, of the Giants, has placed Waite Hoyt, his sixteen-year-old pitcher, with the Hartford Club to Albany, and will be in the State League, of the Pennsylvania State League, of which Arthur Devlin was manager, but this league has disbanded.

BROCKVILLE REGATTA

The Carroll Team Won in the Last Fifty Yards

The Brockville Rowing Club pulled off a very successful spring regatta for four, eight crews competing. The finals narrowed down to the crews stroked by Dr. Carroll and Adios Steacy, which provided a nip-and-tuck struggle from the moment the gun was fired until the Carroll quartet crossed the line winners by a scant half-length. The contestants made it a ding-dong affair all the way, first one leading and then the other. The Carroll men won because they had more steam in the final spurt of the last fifty yards. Carroll stroked the winning crew of 1913, while Steacy had the same honor in the regattas of 1914-15.

Royals After More Pitchers

The Toronto Leafs have only three regular working pitchers, and apparently no effort is being made to strengthen the staff. In Montreal it is different. The News says: "The Montrealers have been playing good ball to date, but they are badly in need of a couple of reliable hurlers. Goodbread, Cwell, Fullerton, and Cadore has been working as well as can be expected when it is considered that they are enabled to enjoy only a short rest between games. In fact, if the Royals could secure a couple of fair hurlers to help the present staff out, they evidently could win as their infield and outfield compares very favorably with any team in the league."

McGraw Again in Trouble

John J. McGraw's public announcement that he expects Manager Herzog of the Cincinnati Reds, and Hal Chase, Herzog's star batter, to have a run-in before the season is over, may lead to him being called on the carpet by President Tener, of the National league, and told to stop writing for publication. McGraw's opinion that Chase and Herzog will not get along together was expressed in a story appearing under McGraw's name in a New York newspaper of June 6.

Shocker and His Spit-ball

Winnipeg Telegram: When Umpire Arundel, one of the Northern League arbitrators, was here recently he made the statement that Urban Shocker, former Ottawa pitcher, possessed the greatest spit-ball he ever stood behind. This statement has a whole lot of truth to it, judging by the International League records, which show that Shocker is the leading twirler of the circuit, with four wins and no losses to his credit. Before the former Canadian Leaguer was released to Toronto by the Yankees, the Leafs were hopeless tail-enders; now they are doing better, with prospects of making a great fight for the pennant.

Within the Law

"Then I must not call a policeman an ass?" said the motorist who had been fined. "Certainly not," said the magistrate. "Would you object if I called an ass a policeman?" queried the defendant. "Why should I," was the rejoinder. "If it gives you any satisfaction?" "Good-day, policeman," remarked the motorist to the officer as he left the court.

DECAY OF LACROSSE

THE REASON WHY BASEBALL HAS SUPPLANTED IT

What The Quebec Chronicle Says—Baseball is King, Lacrosse is Pretty Nearly Killed.

The Quebec Chronicle says: Once upon a time they played lacrosse in Quebec, and big crowds went to see the games. Baseball was only a secondary consideration. But the baseball lovers were in earnest; they cared not for the coin; they played their league games anywhere at any time, and whether anyone watched them or not, it mattered little. Sometimes they played before a lacrosse match, got no receipts whatever, and generally were shoved off the field before they finished their nine innings.

But times changed, Sunday games on the Q. A. A. were tabooed because admission was charged, and the lacrosse players couldn't see their way clear to play when no money found its way into the coffers. The baseball league stepped in, and said: "We'll play ball, and charge no admission." The games were played on the Q. A. A., and large crowds watched them. The clubs took up a collection to defray expenses. The fans began to learn the fine points of the game, and even when the Q. A. A. was dismantled, the crowd followed the ball teams on their various fields. Now baseball is king; lacrosse is pretty nearly killed. Just why the two games should not be flourishing here is difficult to understand. But stable organization on the part of baseball men, good officials and discipline has had a lot to do with the success of the American game in Quebec.

THORPE MAY BECOME A FOOTBALL COACH.

The Services of the Famous Indian Are Already in Demand.

If Jim Thorpe fails to make good with the Milwaukee ball club this season, it is certain that the famous Indian will quit the game. His services as a football coach are in demand, and he has a good-sized farm in Oklahoma, which he paid for with money received from the New York Club. Probably Thorpe would have been disposed of by the Giants long ago, but he held an unbreakable three-year contract and could not be cut off the pay-roll. The New York Club will pay perhaps two-thirds of Thorpe's salary this season. It is an understood fact that he has been drawing \$6,000 a year, but this is the third and last season that contract holds good.

FORSAKES THE MAT

Humid Kalla Pasha Has Taken Regular Job in Chicago

Humid Kalla Pasha, the Americanized Turk and rough-house wrestler, has taken a regular job in Chicago. He is tired of depending on matwork for earning a living. "The final blow came the other day," he said. "My overcoat was shiny and I needed a suit of clothes badly. So I stood looking in a window on State street, where they had a number of swell togs displayed. "As I stood I became conscious somebody was behind me. Turning suddenly, I found a man who was actually combing his hair and using the back of my overcoat as a glass. Can you beat it? After that I decided to get busy, so I landed a job and now have three square meals a day."

Humid Kalla Pasha is the wrestler who went into an elevator in a hotel in Iowa one day, changed the elevator man out, slammed the door shut, spread out his rug on the floor and went to sleep.

When chased out he complained because the room was so small and demanded a larger one from the manager.

Moriarty's Son Hit

George Moriarty, the old timer released to Memphis by the White Sox, is the author of the once popular song hit, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." George has also put over several other popular songs which have added considerably to his income. Moriarty ended his big league career in his native city, being a native of Chicago. He began playing ball with Springfield, Ill., and after a couple of seasons with Toledo was grabbed by the New York Yankees. He landed with the Tigers in 1909, and was the regular thirdbaseman of the Jennings outfit until last year, when he began to slow up, and was used in only thirty games.

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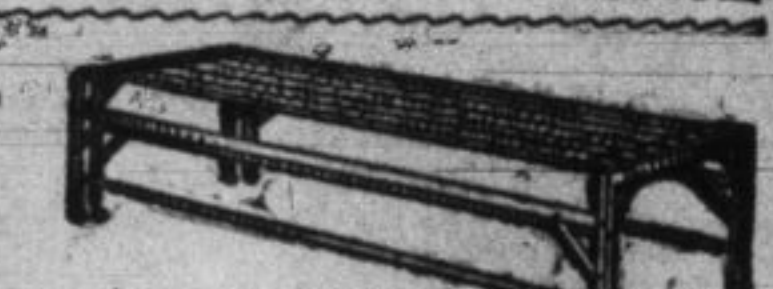
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