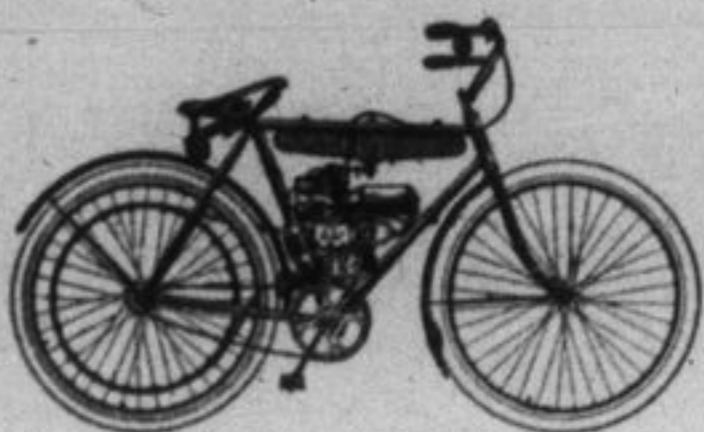


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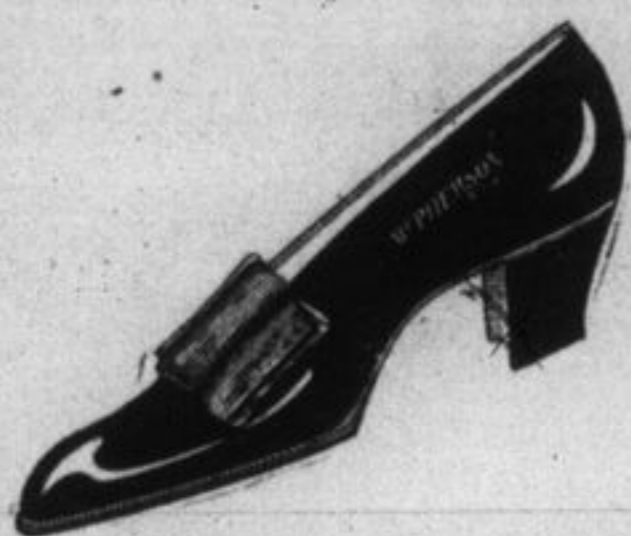
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ARE WORKED MUCH TOO HARD, OLD TIMERS SAY

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Old-time ball players frequently refer to the fact that the player of the present is not worked as hard as was the case in the earlier days of the game, and usually select the pitcher as the illustration of their contention. They cite the records of Charley Falbourne, Joe McGinnity, Amos Rusie and other famous "iron men" in baseball, and defy the present pitching corps of the big leagues to produce their equals.

Radbourne, with his eighteen victories out of twenty games pitched in less than a month during 1884; McGinnity, with his long list of double-headers, and Rusie, with his terrific speed, ready all examples of the hard working pitcher of two decades ago, but there are "iron men" still in the game today, although it may be that there is not so much demanded of them as was expected of the twirlers of fifteen years ago.

There are several pitchers of the present season who have hurled fully 25 per cent. of the total number of innings played by their clubs to date, who are still going strong and are the chief support of their managers whenever a crisis arises. In the American League Walter Johnson of the Washington Club, has pitched more than 200 innings with an earned run average against him of but 2.06 runs per game, and a winning average of .609. Harry Coveleski of Detroit and his brother Stanley of Cleveland, are not far behind Johnson.

In the National League Grover Alexander, of the Philadelphia Club, leads the league in the number of innings pitched with Mamaux, of Pittsburgh, a close second, and Vaughn, of Chicago, third. Alexander has worked 177 innings, during which time he has had but thirty-two earned runs scored off his twirling, giving him an average of 1.63 runs per game. On the basis of games won and lost his average is .714. Mamaux, who has figured in a few less innings, has a slightly better average computed on either system.

Among the leading ten pitchers in each major league, on the basis of the greatest number of innings pitched, Pfeffer of Brooklyn leads the National group, while the Coveleski brothers lead the American twirlers under the games won and lost.

Mamaux, of Pittsburgh, and Harry Coveleski, are the premier pitchers on the earned-run basis.

GIBSON A VETERAN.

Pittsburg Pirates Catcher Was Born in London, Ont.

One of the oldest backstops now regularly engaged in practising his profession in the major circuits, and the patriarch with the club, is George Gibson, of the Pirates, who is one of the few Canadians in the big leagues. Although Calahan has permitted the old timer to do quite a lot of bench warming this year, while Wilson and Schmidt earned their salaries, Gibson is still a considerable distance from being a has-been. Gibson celebrated his thirty-sixth birthday the other day. He was born in London, Ont. He has been with the Pirates since 1906, when Pittsburg bought him from Montreal. He was then playing his second season with the Royals, and had previously spent a year with the Bisons. He developed rather slowly, but by 1907 he was the regular backstop of Clarkes' crew, and in 1909, when the Buccaneers won the championship, he was recognized as one of the greatest of the men behind the bat. Later he began to fall off in his work, but in 1914 he came back strong, and last year he caught 120 games. Gibson has been a major leaguer three years longer than Chief Meyers, and four years longer than Jimmy Archer, of Toronto, both of whom are looked upon as antiques by the fans.

Couldn't Fool Old "Tip"

Rip Van Winkle blew back to New York after a twenty-year session in the bay and took his accustomed seat at the Polo Grounds. The peanuts had aged but little and the grass on Henry Fabian's lawn was ironed just as carefully as it was before Hendrick Hudson had slipped something into his teacup.

"Same old thing," said Rip Van Winkle tranquilly. "Not a thing changed since I blew the burg. Suddenly he glanced at a figure on the coaching lines and his jaw fell. "Say, that looks like Matty in a Cincinnati uniform," he said. "It is," said a younger fan. "Good night," said Rip Van Winkle. "I'm still asleep and dreaming."

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SHOCKER WAS CLOSE TO WORLD'S RECORD.

He Pitched Fifty-four Innings Without Allowing a Run.

While he set a new record for the International League on Wednesday, in the matter of consecutive shut-outs, Shocker did not closely approach the world's record. Shocker had pitched four nine-inning shut-outs and one eleven-inning shut-out in succession before starting against the Royals, thereby going 54 rounds without allowing a run.

The world's record is 59 innings and is held by "Kaiser" Wilhelm, who has frequently appeared at the Island Stadium in the uniform of the Rochester team. Wilhelm made his record with the Birmingham team of the Southern League, which is of the same classification as the International, in 1907. He was secured by the Philadelphia Nationals, going thence to Brooklyn and afterward to Rochester.

Walter Johnson holds the American League record of 56 innings made from April 10 to May 15 in 1913. He pitched six straight shut-outs, one going eleven innings. Johnson shut-out New York on three successive occasions.

LALONDE STILL LEADING.

Has Reached Quarter-Century Mark Among N. L. U. Scorers.

The two tallies that Newy Lalonde netted for the Nationals against the Shamrocks at Mile End last Saturday were enough to enable him to retain his lead among the goal-getters of the N. L. U., for he is just two goals ahead of Tommy Gordan, of the Ottawas, who netted four goals against the Colts at the Factory Town. There were fewer changes in the standing time previous to this season.

Cornwall goes to Montreal Saturday to meet the Nationals at the Montneuve grounds, and a victory for the Frenchmen may mean a tie again for first place, as the Shamrocks will have their work cut out for them to down the Ottawas in the Capital. Nationals will be without three of their best players on Saturday, and unless they can persuade some of their former members to don uniforms, will present the weakest lineup of the season.

250 GIRLS ENTER

The Tennis Class at the California University.

There is an enrollment of more than 250 in the women's summer session tennis class at the University of California, according to Instructor Lilly Kingcade, who is in charge of that department.

It is Miss Kingcade's opinion that tennis is particularly good exercise for women as it develops the larger muscles of the body.

Miss Kingcade is instructor in physical education at the Girls' Collegiate school in Los Angeles, and has been in charge of women's tennis at California for four summer sessions.

Veterans to Race.

Two veteran rowers, "Jim" Rice, coach of the Columbus University crews, and James H. Riley, a former professional oarsman, were matched yesterday for a three-mile sculling race on Saratoga Lake, N.Y., next Saturday. Riley is now more than 70 years old, but is still in training. Rice, who is 46 years old, will give Riley a handicap of a minute.

To Box in Boston.

Ever Hammer, of Chicago, and Johnny O'Leary, Canadian light-weight champion, were matched yesterday to box twelve rounds to a decision in Boston on August 1. They agreed to weigh 135 pounds.



CHRISTIE MATHEWSON IN CINCINNATI UNIFORM.
The famous New York twirler, who, after sixteen years' pitching with the Giants, has undertaken the managership of the Cincinnati club.

DISSATISFIED WITH SHOWING OF RIDERS.

Roscoe Goose, Middle Western Jockey, Secured for Saratoga Meeting.

August Belmont, chairman of the New York Jockey Club, has been so dissatisfied with the riding of some of his boys this year that he instructed Sam Hildreth, his trainer, to get the best boy he could find for the Saratoga meeting, and arrangements were completed yesterday for Roscoe Goose, who ranks as the best jockey in the Middle West.

It is not an easy thing to get a capable boy at this time of the year, as all the leading riders here are under contract, and Mr. Belmont was fortunate in getting the call on Goose from the Bakers, to whom he is under contract, as the boy is a finished rider.

Goose has not ridden much in the East, but those who have followed his work in the West, insist that he is quick at the post, a thoroughly good judge of pace and a strong finisher, and that he will measure up well with the boys riding here.

CUBAN PREPARATIONS.

Work is Progressing on New Plant at Havana.

Following the close of the meeting at Mount Royal on Saturday afternoon, Manager Charles T. Henshall went away over the week-end, and will return this afternoon to complete arrangements for the holding of the second meeting, which is scheduled to be held in the autumn. Manager Henshall will leave shortly for New York, where he is to meet his partners in his Cuban proposition. He reports that the work on the new plant at Havana is progressing more rapidly than was thought, and that the plant will be open on Thanksgiving Day, the end of November. The plant will include a vaudeville house, an athletic field, a baseball diamond, and will be surrounded by a race track a mile and three-eighths of a mile in length. All athletic events held in Havana next winter will be under the control of the management of the new plant and on the afternoon in which baseball games or athletic events are held the racing will be conducted at night. The track will be brilliantly lighted by electricity, which will give as good a view of the races as during an afternoon. The Cubans are most enthusiastic over the building of the plant, and several of those interested will be in New York to meet Manager Henshall.

HALF-MILE HORSES.

Are to be Barred at the Ottawa Meeting.

"We do not care to cater to the horses that frequent the half mile tracks," stated Secretary Ross, of the Ottawa Commaught Park Jockey Club. "Our conditions for the fall meeting are consequently very stiff and regulated for high class thoroughbreds only. Our book of conditions is on the press now and including the daily steeplechase, average four events daily of a distance of one mile and over." On the opening day there will be four races over a mile, as well as the steeplechase.

While the club has no stakes at the coming meeting, there are several purses of \$800 and not one purse is less than \$500.

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