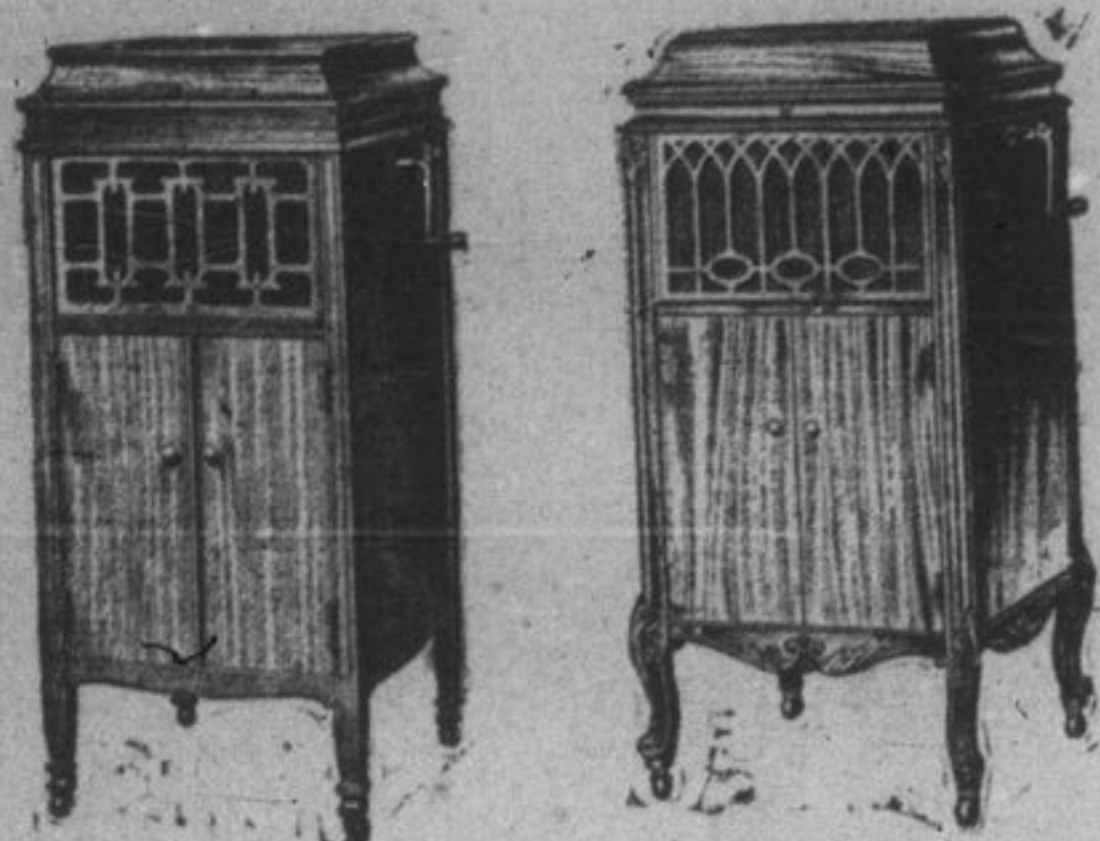


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In The World Of Sport

Hockey Notes

The Petch Juniors have much promising material, and expect to make a good showing. They are grouped with Belleville, and a double schedule will be played.

Gordon Meeking, the former T. R. and A. A. and Victoria centre man, and later with the Ottawa pros., has been caught in the first M.S.A. draft. He is living in Barrie now.

"Jack" Dance, of Collingwood, and "Curly" Chase, of Midland, are two well-known players who are in the first draft.

Farlow, the Woodstock player, who has returned from overseas, has signed a certificate with the Crescents. He has been showing good form in practice, and will be a hard man to keep off the team.

Schnarr, the chunky Kitchener forward, is doing nice work in the practices with Toronto senior teams. He was out with the Crescents recently. The chances are that he will finally sign with St. Patrick's.

The following players have signed certificates with the Crescents: Smith, McCaffery, Hodgins, Hill, Farlow and Wilkinson.

"Doc" Merrick, the clever defence man of last season's Riversides, is expected in the city any day now. Merrick is expected to play alongside Glen Smith on the Crescent defence.

The Woodstock Juniors are a strong looking outfit, and the Classic City youngsters are expected to go a long way in the race for the honors this season.

Ernie Collett, the Riverside goalier of last season, has been tendered a contract by Manager Querie, of the Toronto pros. Collett is undecided.

With "Joe" Sullivan in goal, Frank Sullivan at left wing and Glenn Sullivan as coach, the Sullivan family is well represented on the University of Toronto Junior team.

THE CURLING GAME

As Wonder-Worker For Worn Nerves Says Lawyer.

No more striking testimony to the benefits of exercise in a competitive game and in particular to the advantages of one of Canada's great winter pastimes could be offered than the following from one of the most respected members of the Toronto Bar:

"I am a barrister and solicitor at law. Began an extensive practice on the first day of October, 1854, and am still at it—in the same building where I started. Have same corporation for clients, and they still seem to want my services. After the first twelve or fourteen years of hard work I was 'down and out.'

"This was before I played curling or golf. My doctor ordered me to 'flake' for the winter. Instead of going, I reduced my work, renewed my boyhood acquaintance with skating and learned at forty-five the game of curling, and afterwards the game of golf (two of the finest health-giving games for men of sedentary habits which were ever devised). To-day at seventy-eight I skipped a rink and played a good game. If I say so, who should not?"

"I shall, however, speak about curling, for I find that my brother golfers know little about it. Most of my fellow-golfers in the fall of the year take refuge in their hot offices, sitting near hot radiators and letting their lives get dormant. About March they want to go South to recover from bilious headaches. They then realize the truth of the pun that 'whether life is worth living depends on the liver.' Now, curling would have kept them in good health and saved them money, for nothing runs away with money so quickly as bad health.

"When men talk to me about it being a cold game I tell them that on the contrary it is a hot game. Let a man play two and a half hours putting up from 24 to 32 stones weighing from 40 to 50 pounds each, with the intervening sweeping, and he will find himself 'hot enough—he won't want any 'liver pills.'

George Chip, who speaks from personal experience, gives it as his opinion that Harry Greb, the Pittsburg scrapper, is as great a middleweight fighter as they make 'em nowadays. Leslie Mann, of the Chicago Cubs, is in charge of the athletic training of the soldiers in Camp Logan, near Houston, Tex.

JESS WILLARD QUILTS; CIRCUS A FAILURE

Heavyweight Champion Failed to Make Sawdust Ring Pay.



Jess Willard has a very good reason for declaring that his circus is for sale, and that never again will he tread the sawdust rings. Jess has not told anybody just why he is through, but everybody guessed he was not a Barnum or a Buffalo Bill, and therefore, could not get away with it.

Jack Curley, who used to draw down a piece of Jess' money after he became the heavyweight champion of the world, provides a very good excuse for Jess' withdrawal from the summer show business. It is not expected that the champion is going to cooperate Jack because the two jays don't get along any more, and besides Jess is the sole caretaker of his wallet.

Any way Jack says that Willard lost nothing short of \$100,000 since he parted company with the hero of Havana, to say nothing of \$52,000 the big fellow forked over for the proprietorship of the tent amusement. That's reason enough, isn't it?

"He has nothing to worry about, however, and does not have to fight until he wants to," concluded the well-known promoter. "He must have anywhere from a quarter of a million to \$300,000 left and that ought to take care of him. As for fighting, he is not the giant many believe, if he weighs fifteen or twenty pounds more than he did in Havana it's all he does weigh. He could get down all right to a good weight for fighting purposes."

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

With a Single Pitched Ball in a Baseball Game.

The value of a single pitched ball was never better illustrated than in the following two incidents. In a game against Detroit, same years ago Ed. Walsh, then in his prime, was called to the mound with three men on bases and Sam Crawford at the bat.

The spit ball king delivered one of his fanciest "divers," but the redoubtable Sam caught the ball fairly on the nose of his bat and drove it over the fence for one of the longest home runs ever made at Detroit.

We can't beat it, but we can tie it. In a game at Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1910, a relief twirler was hustled to the mound, with two men on bases and none out. He pitched but a single ball, but a triple play resulted, retiring the side. He thus received credit for an entire inning, but actually delivered but a solitary ball.

Leading Horses of 1917.

One world's record was established in thoroughbred racing this year, and two horses share in the distinction. H. P. Whitney's Borrow ran the mile and a furlong of the Brooklyn Handicap in 1:49 2-5, with 117 pounds up, when he beat his stable companion, Regret, a head. A few days later A. K. Macomber's Boots, with 127 pounds up, equalled the mark in winning the Brookdale Handicap.

Thanks to the good 2-year-old Sun Briar, Willis Sharpe Kilmer headed the list of winning owners with a total of \$63,902.

The leading horses in the various divisions follow: Sun Briar 2-year-old colts; Rosie O'Grady 2-year-old fillies; Omar Khayyam 2-year-old colts; Sun Bonnet 3-year-old fillies; Old Rosebud Older horses; St. Charles them.

Sporting Notes

Emilio Palmero, the young Cuban pitcher who was released by the Giants in 1916, and who was once with the Leafs, is now with Little Rock, with which club he had a fairly successful season.

Russell Gardner, a brother of Gov. Gardner, of Missouri, is a prospective purchaser of the St. Louis Browns, it is reported.

Rogers Hornsby, the Cardinal star, made more errors than any other player in the league this year. Chuck Ward of the Pirates was next with fifty.

The Milwaukee Club of the American Association have secured Catcher William Gray and Pitcher Rankin Johnson from the Fort Worth Club of the Texas League.

Alexander Vaughan and Douglas cannot win ninety games for the Cubs next year unless they have a real ball club behind them.

President Dunn, of the Clevelanders, has the right idea. "We have lost players in the army draft, but we are going right ahead with plans for next year," says this popular magnate.

Catcher Blackburn, who was with the Leafs part of last summer, has been secured by Manager John Gangel of Kansas City, from the Chicago Cubs.

Battling Levinsky, who has won two of his three bouts with Bill Brennan, has challenged Brennan to another battle for any charity Bill may name.

Jim Scott—Death Valley Jim—who pitched for the White Sox for several years, now is a captain in the National army.

Charles Reisky, 44 years old, one of the best known bowlers in the country, was found dead last week in his apartments at Rochester, N.Y.

It is reported from Philadelphia that Fred Luderus is slated for release and that George Whitted will be the first baseman of the Phillies next season.

The contracts of Jake Daubert and Jack Coombs, with the Brooklyn club, will expire in October, 1918. Daubert signed a five-year contract in 1914 at an annual salary of \$9,000.

BASEBALL IN WAR-TIME.

Comforts of Travelling Not the Same For Players Next Season.

Officials of the two major league baseball clubs of Chicago discuss the probable effect Government control of the railroads would have on spring traveling trips and the regular schedule of games during the season.

While radical changes are looked for by the baseball men in handling the teams on the presents railroads, it was said that the new order of things would not seriously disarrange plans of the Chicago Nationals to condition in Pasadena, Calif., or curtail the training trip of the White Sox in Texas.

Big Player At Cobourg.

Because it is called the Cobourg Heavy Battery does not mean that all the members are big fellows. They have, however, a few who live up to the name. One of the latest to join is Victor C. ("Babe") Sheppard. "Shep" weighs 231 pounds. He is well known in Toronto athletic circles. As a baseball player he for the St. Francis team in the Western City League last season. It is as a Rugby player, however, that he is better known. Most of his activity at the fall pastime has been with the Capitals. Last fall he played for the Capitals in the O.R.F.U. intermediate series. "Big Bill" Stacey, another of the Capital huskies, is also in the Heavy Battery. Stacey weighs 219 pounds.

Peterboro's Application.

Secretary W. W. Hewitt of the O. H. A. has received an application from Peterboro, where there is a probability that a military team will be formed desirous of being grouped in the intermediate section. The officers are anxious to be placed in the same group of Oshawa, Whitby, Belleville and the Cobourg Heavy Battery. Owing to the delay in receiving the application to the teams affected, and if they are willing to admit the Peterboro team a place will be made for them.

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