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New Records in England. A new British record for throwing the shot was recently made at the Cashel sports by J. O'Grady, who recorded 38 feet, beating his previous record of 37 ft. 6 1/2 inches. The world's record for the event is held by John Flanagan, who, in 1905, at New York, put the weight 39 ft. 1/2 inch.

Miss May Spencer, of the Carston Swimming Club, at the Livingstone

Streets Baths, Birkenhead, has succeeded in lowering the 200 yards ladies' breast-stroke world's and A. S. A. record of 4 mins. 11 2-5 secs., made by Miss Lucy Morton at Manchester in 1916.

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# In the World of Sport

## GOLF FANS DROP THE FREAK SCHEMES

Game Needs No Innovations and Seldom do Inventions Meet With Favor.

With 1,000,000 golfers in the United States, little wonder that the inventive mind occasionally offers suggestions which threaten to send the ancient game and its traditions a-glimmering.

Inventions rarely received encouragement for "golf" is "golf," and for that reason the innovator seldom make more than a monetary flash era fading away to utter and lasting oblivion.

For instance, one is at a loss to know why anyone could suggest the substitution of yellow for white paint on a golf ball. It has been claimed that under certain conditions, white is hard on the eyes; that on a very bright day a more neutral color would be serviceable. Yet golfers have played for a good many years, and the sun has shone as brightly in the past as it does at present. It would be hard to get a better contrast than the white ball on the green turf.

So far as the trade goes, there have been comparatively few recommendations to change the color of the ball, though recently a man who is a frequenter to the Lido links left an order with a prominent sporting goods house calling for a dozen of one of the latest makes of rubber cores to be painted red. Is reason was that when his shots went wandering among the glistening white shells, the caddy had trouble in locating the sphere. Consequently, he figured it out that a red object would be much easier to distinguish.

Occasionally some one comes along with a new idea in the form of a club, but these innovations rarely prove practicable. Not long since a man had a new-fangled putter, with a head of abnormal size, and a mirror attachment on the shaft. He thought he had something that was likely to revolutionize the short game, but received no encouragement from the manufacturer to whom he showed the club.

After all, the same old saying, "It's the man behind the club," continues to apply.

## MINTO CUP GAMES UNLIKELY

Maitlands or St. Catharines Not Ready to Meet Ottawa.

Though the Ottawa Lacrosse Club was particularly anxious to have the Minto Cup play-off completed this season it now looks as though the Eastern lacrosse championship will not be decided until next spring. On account of the play-off of the tie between St. Catharines and Maitlands of Toronto in the C.L.A. Ottawa, in order to meet the C.L.A. winners would have to wait until October 12th and 19th. President Booth said that Ottawa were willing to wait, but predicted that the chances of having the play-off of the Minto Cup as the Patriotic Football League has already applied for dates at Lansdowne Park for the series again this year. The Ottawa Lacrosse Club has already applied for dates at Lansdowne Park for the series against McGill University and another team.

"It is regrettable that the qualifying series for the Minto Cup could not have been arranged before," said Mr. Booth. "I doubt if we will have our present team for next season. We are prepared to wait until October 30th if necessary, but the play-off will depend on weather conditions and the question of getting grounds."

## Hockey Stars in Toronto.

Toronto Star: While the N.H.A. moguls are in session on Saturday, some provision should be made to get into action this winter, the many star players located here with the Royal Air Forces. As a matter of fact the air men could put a pretty fair team in the pro. organization themselves, and all they require would be a leader. Among the players of well-known ability enlisted with the Flying men are Frank Nighbor, the crack centre player; Fowler, the Seattle goalkeeper of the P. C. H. A.; Frank Foyston, last year with Seattle; Oris Cleghorn, the former Wanderer player; Jack Adams, who is the property of the Toronto Arena Hockey Club, but who is also attached to a local unit, while Frank Heffernan and Billy Borland, both good amateur players, would likely fall in line with a team representing the Air Forces. In any event, the fans would like to see these boys in the game, and owing to the scarcity of competent material, they should be provided for.

"Flasher" Got Slashed. It is not considered good form in England to cheat even the handbook men by betting on a race after the winner is known. On the contrary,

the authorities set down on such attempts or practices that they are dangerous to the personal liberty of the smart bettor. At West London police court on the second day of this month, Alfred Perison, according to the Times, was sentenced to nine months in prison for defrauding a firm of Glasgow commission agents, or starting price men, by telegraphing bets on races after he had ascertained the names of the winners by telephone.

For pitching nine innings against the Hartford, Conn., club Sunday, 15th September, Babe Ruth received more money than he got out of the world's series with the Cubs. For working that one game Ruth was given \$1,300, while in the six world's series games his share was less than \$1,100.

Red Murray, long right fielder of the Giants, and one of the greatest throwing outfielders in the history of the game, has reported at the Great Lakes Training Station for active duty.



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## WHY NOT GO TO SECOND WHEN CAUGHT OFF FIRST?

Chance of Base Runner Being Caught Less Than One in Hundred.

Fred Tenney, greater of first basemen in his time, can not see why base runners, when a catcher tries to pinch them off first with a snap throw, do not immediately light out for second base, like Charley Hollocher, of the Cubs, did in the second world series game in Boston. That contest was the first title game Tenney ever had seen. The play on Hollocher turned the complexion of the tussle and brought from Tenney the information that there isn't a chance in 100 for a first baseman to get the ball to second in time to stop the runner, if the runner goes ahead.

"Players used to pull that play a lot," says Tenney. "Why, one of the men who pulled it on me was Jim McGuire, who was able, I guess, to navigate the circuit in some 40 or 50 seconds. I got a perfect throw from the catcher to nip Jim; the bag made a stab for him and I t the dirt, like McInnis did when he groped around for Hollocher. McGuire was on second by the time it dawned on me he wasn't on first."

"It is hard for a first baseman to stop this play, as he has to reverse himself just as a base runner does who is set to go one way and then has to go the other. It is not only hard, it is almost impossible. Strikes me that the players ought to go on instead of back offener."

Fred now is living in Winthrop, Mass. He's a grandparent at the age of 46. Since managing the Newark Internationals in 1916, Tenney hasn't had any baseball connection, nor has he desired any. He's a success in the business Johnny Evers was a flivver in—boots and shoes.

## Hockey in London, Ont.

The London Advertiser says: Unless it is found impossible to secure rink accommodation, London is certain to be represented in the O. H. A. coming season. Practically the same team as last year's will be on deck again, the only absentees being Lightfoot and Lancaster. With an extra year's growth the locals should be able to offer strenuous competition to any team they come up against—that is, in the event of sufficient practice being obtained to whip the boys into shape.

The great drawback to last year's aggregation was the failure of the boys to play together. This was accounted for owing to the poor practice facilities and the difficulty in securing rink accommodation. The Jubilee and Westminster rinks are the only available sheets on which the boys might learn their combination play and team-work. Several factors lay in the way of daily workouts, however, one being the curriers and the other the skating public. The Jubilee Rink will be utilized by the East End curriers during the winter, and unless arrangements are made by which the juniors are able to practice on the ice between the hours of eight and ten o'clock a repetition of the dissatisfaction of last year will be the order. The Westminster sheet is used for pleasure skating every night and practices on it are therefore out of the question.

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