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Baseball Briefs

Joe Boehling, Cleveland pitcher, has bought his ticket for home. He has decided that he can't whip his arm into shape. He'll get his unconditional release. Boehling was once slated to come to Toronto, but refused.

Eddie Burns has been released by the Phillies, leaving Jack Adams and Forrest Cady as the catchers. Burns got too portly to be of much worth to the club.

Art Devlin has begun work with his baseball squad at Fordham College, and is making good as a coach according to all accounts.

Hod Eller, a Cincinnati Red pitcher, refuses to sign, despite two increases offered him. He declares it will cost the club more if it wants to carry the load for the season.

Garry Herrmann says that he has offered a salary to outfielder Eddie Roush that equals the pay of any other outfielder in the National League. Roush, however, is standing pat with a demand for salary which Herrman and other baseball

insiders have pronounced extremely unfair.

Big Ed. Konetchy, who has been succeeded by Walter Holke as the Braves' first baseman, says he will retire rather than spend what is left of his career in the minors.

Marty O'Toole has been traded by Omaha to the San Antonio club of the Texas League. It was only a few years ago that O'Toole was the most talked-of pitcher in baseball.

Famous Rugby Star

Capt. Hugh Gall, the famous Varsity star half-back arrived at Halifax on the Minnekabka. In the days of his prowess on the gridiron in the never-to-be-forgotten Intercollegiate battles he was the idol of thousands in Toronto. Before enlisting with the engineers he was secretary of the Ontario Rugby Football Association.

Made New Track Mark

Jole Ray, of the Illinois Athletic Club, running against Joe Stout, of the University of Chicago, in a matched one thousand yards race at the fourteenth indoor meet of the Kansas City Athletic Club, won the race in two minutes fifteen seconds, establishing what is said to be a new record for the twelve lap track

Comparison of the Teams

In the National league the Chicago Cubs, Brooklyn and Giants appear to outclass the other teams in first-class pitching material. But in the American league every team has one or more star pitchers, the pitching strength of the Johnson circuit, as a whole, excelling that of the older league. As a matter of record the American league has possessed more and better pitchers in the last ten years than the National league—a point clearly illustrated in some of the more recent world's series.

The Red Sox trimmed the Cubs in the world's series last October chiefly through the efforts of Pitchers Mays, Bush and Ruth. The Cubs used their left-handers, Vaughn and Tyler, alternately, but the Boston strategists proved too much for them. It was great pitching by Urban Shaver, ably assisted by Cicotte, that enabled the White Sox to take the measure of the Cubs in the world's series of 1917. With the exception of the Boston Braves' memorable victory in 1914, when Pitchers James Tyler and Rudolph beat the Athletics four straight the world's title has been won each year since 1909 by American league teams largely as a result of superiority in the box.

Ottawa For International

With a view to ascertaining just what are Ottawa's chances of securing a franchise in the International Baseball League, the president of the Ottawa Baseball Association, which won the Canadian League championship four times in succession, has written David Fultz of New York, president of the International Baseball League.

Sufficient backing has been guaranteed, and in the event of the international being reasonable it is probable that the Ottawa owners will make an immediate effort to secure representation. An officer of the club will go to New York in a day or two to talk things over with Mr. Fultz. This is the first move authorized by the Ottawa club owners towards restoring the Capital to the baseball map.

Jennings and McGraw

When John McGraw, manager of the Giants, broke into fast company, August 28th, 1911, as a member of the Baltimore club of what was then the American Association, only five of the present big league managers were in evidence.

Hughie Jennings was among them. The Tiger boss was playing short for Louisville. At that time, "Kid" Gleason was pitching for the Phillies. Connie Mack was catching for the Pirates and Wilbert Robinson was catching for the club McGraw joined.

George Stallings was dividing his time between the outfield and the catching job for San Jose.

Coaching Giant Pitchers

From the training camp of the New York Giants at Gainsville it is learned that Manager "Mooney" Gibson, of the Leafs, has been engaged to coach McGraw's young pitchers. Thus "Mooney" will be killing three birds with one stone. He will be earning some extra "kale" for himself, will be helping McGraw, and will be ready to pick up any of the cast-off material when McGraw starts to use the axe on his squad.

Bush For Detroit Club

Differences between Shortstop Owen Bush and the Detroit American League Club have been adjusted. Bush signing a contract for 1919 after a short conference with President Navin. The signed contract of Pitcher George Dauss also has been received, making the club roster complete.

Ted Meredith for Sweden

Ted Meredith, the U.S. runner, is connected with an importing and exporting business concern of Philadelphia, and will make his fourth trip to Sweden this year, taking part in track meets in Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Will Wait Until October

A tour of Scandinavia by American boxers planned for next month has been postponed until October, according to Frederick W. Rubien, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

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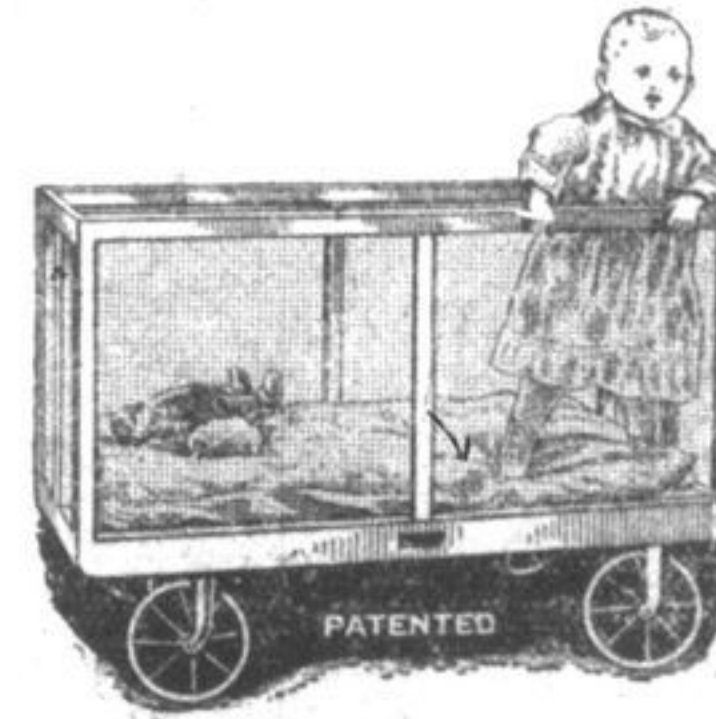
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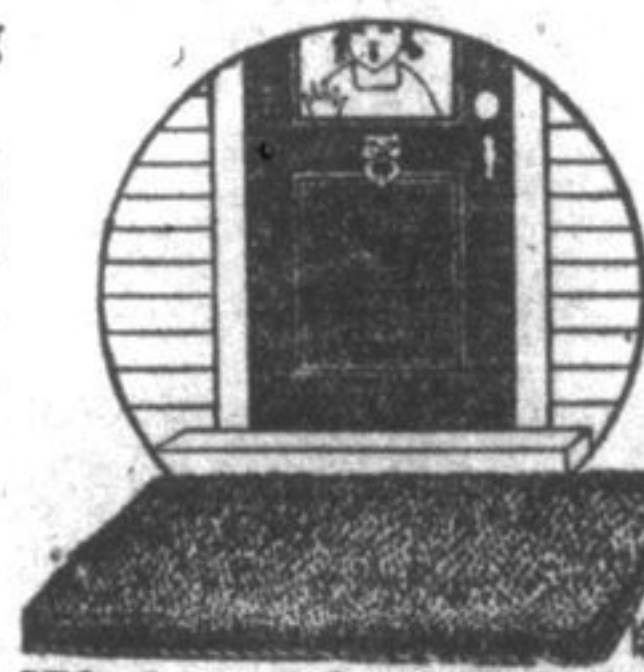


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