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Travelling Along the Base Line.

Another example of how valuable baseball talent is overlooked until accident gives them their chance to display their wares, is shown in the case of Cliff Lee, who is now thumping the pill all over the pastures for those low down Phillies.

For a couple of years Lee was sliding around the bench for the Pittsburghs, and while doing so wore out two or three uniforms, but he never got a chance to play regularly for the Pirates. The bench became overcrowded last summer and the Pirates asked for waivers for Clifford to make room for some other "bushers" who would never get a chance, and the Phillies claimed him.

He finished the season polishing up the Philadelphia bench with the bosom of his trousers, and this spring he started at the same job. Then something happened to Le-beurreau, and they stuck Lee in the outfield. It wasn't long before they had to put wire screens over the club-house windows at Phil's park to keep Cliff from smashing the windows with his long wallop, and any time a blow was needed to grab a ball game, it was usually Lee who contributed the required punch. One of his feats in the early stages of his activities was to establish himself as the only living human being who has ever hit a fair ball over the left field at the Phillies' park in a regular ball game.

Then the Phils got Mokar from the Pirates and about the same time Leslie suffered an injury, so they moved Lee to first base. By this time he was beginning to get used to scenery looking at it from the playing field in, instead of from the players' bench out, and his hits grew vehement and more prolific.

In one series against Cincinnati, Lee thumped out five home runs, getting his fourth and fifth in the final game, his total number of hits for the four games being nine—nine blows, five of which were home runs in four games, isn't at all bad. But in the very next game, the opening game against the Cubs, Lee thumped another one out of the lot, and then followed this in the next game, with his seventh home run in six consecutive games.

The joke of this is that in the first game, after Leslie was hurt, Wrightstone was put on first base. The next game-Rixley was out there pitching against the Phils, and as Epps hurled with his off-paw and Wrightstone is a left-handed hitter, Wrightstone had to sit on the bench and give Lee a chance to first base. All Mr. Lee did that afternoon, was to slam Mr. Rixley for two home runs and a single, so they just naturally had to let him stick in the ball game.

Following in the footsteps of Bob Russell, another "reformed" big-league pitcher, is headed back towards the big leagues in a new role. Out in Salt Lake City, Paul Strand, once a pitcher with the Boston Braves, but now first basing for the Salt Lake Bees, is tearing the quivering hide off Coast League pitching. His latest average show him to be thumping the cigs for .408. He has been at bat 453 times, has made 187 hits, thirty-three of them being doubles, ten tripples and eighteen home runs.

In one series of seven games with Sacramento, he assaulted the pitchers for nineteen loud and lusty blows, of which five were doubles and three home runs.

The New York Giants have acquired another twirler. He has been playing with San Antonio in the Tex as League. He is twenty-four years old, is in his second professional season and he answers to the name of Johnson—but this one is a Frank, not a Walter.

LITTLE BITS.

In addition to a series of five games with pickup team the Baltimore Orioles will play three-game series with New Haven, winners of the Eastern League race, according to announcement from New Haven.

To fill the vacancy caused by the release on September 1st of Umpire Bill McGowan, Oscar Hett, of Toronto, was taken on by President Toole and immediately put to work. Hett has had no previous professional experience, but has handled Canadian semi-pro games well.

One International League critic, talking about possible graduates to the majors, rates Frank Gilhooly as the best outfielder in the league and

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suggests that he will be in demand. Major league fans will naturally ask if Gilhooly has improved as much as that or if the International outfield brigade is so low in grade.

Following the close of the International season a tune-up series will be played to get the Baltimore Orioles ready to meet the St. Paul Saints, between the Orioles and a team selected from other International clubs. Phil Zelman of the Jersey City team has been named to manage the pickups and will select the players for his team.

Eusebio Gonzalez, Cuban infielder of the Toronto Leafs, may be out for the season through a broken hand. Jewell Richardson, young collegian, who had been sent to London of the Mint League for development, has been recalled to Bill Gonzalez' place. Johnny Jones, who had originally held down the short field job, is also on the shelf through injuries.

It was formally announced last week that the pitching staff of the St. Louis Cardinals had been strengthened for the final rush by the recall of Lester Sell from Syracuse, the Cards' Class AA farm. Sell had a brief look-in with the Cardinals in the spring, and Manager Branch Rickey then announced that Lester was destined to star, but he drifted back to Syracuse soon after.

Ben Fleschifter, of Newark, stopped the eight-game winning streak of the Rochester Chiefs last week when he allowed them three hits. Fleschifter has been pitching winning ball for the tatters and has won 11 games to nine lost for a percentage of .550, 250 points higher than his team's figures. Fleschifter made the 1921 training trip with the Baltimore Orioles and was sent to the Virginia league, where he was soon released. He was a free agent when signed by the Bears in the spring.

It is feared that Merwin Jacobson of the Baltimore Orioles will be out of the game for the rest of the season

as a result of being hit in the head by a pitched ball on August 19th, thrown by Lester Sell, of Syracuse. This is the second time this year that the Oriole centrefelder has been laid low by a pitched ball. On Decoration Day he was knocked unconscious when hit by a ball thrown by Myrl Brown of Reading. He was able to resume play a few days later. Both pitchers have since gone up, Sell to the St. Louis Cardinals and Brown to Pittsburgh.

Fred Merkle, who has been acting as manager of the Rochester team, appears to be a bit touchy in his old age. He had a fan ejected from a box seat in a recent game because this

fan suggested that Merkle let the bat boy run for him. A Rochester critic pans Merkle and the club officials pretty severely for their action and notes that another fan who threw a pop bottle at an umpire the same day was not molested. When the time comes that the fan can't cheap his feelings at a ball game, so long as he's not abusive—well, then there won't be any ball games.

What Are His Chances. Since Dempsey became champion of the world more than two years ago he has boxed, fought or punched just fifty-three minutes in actual competition. Through a depressing scarcity of opposing talent he has

pled his profession for less than an hour inside the ropes. What is still more important to the young man coming on to borrow his crown at some future date, he hasn't lifted his hand in art or anger for more than fourteen months. To say that he will be as good as he ever was after all this off-time depreciation is giving him credit for superqualities that no other athlete has known. For his lay-off has come at the peak of his physical greatness when the human frame is at its best—between twenty-six and twenty-eight.

Yacht Club Officers. At the annual meeting of the Cape Vincent, N.Y., Yacht Club, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Commodore, J. W. Cornaire; vice commodore, S. D. Lansing; rear commodore, L. L. Peo; fleet captain, Charles Armstrong; treasurer, D. V. Beeber; secretary, F. W. Sacket; directors, S. W. Gordon, A. W. Scobell, J. R. Kilborn; house committee, C. T. Sacket, A. C. Gardner, J. S. Lowe.

Played Her Last Game. Susanne Lenglen has played her last singles tennis in tournament matches, she told friends upon her return to Paris from La Touquet, where she experienced a recurrence of the heart trouble to which she has been subject recently. Susanne's decision, unless she changes her mind meantime, means that she will not defend her world's title at Wimbledon in 1923.

What He Expects. The Hamilton Spectator says: George Awroy leaves for Queen's on Monday to take charge of the football squad there. George is not making any rash promises of winning a championship this season, but he fully expects to be there or thereabouts when the honors are being decided.

Both the Giants and Yankees have slumped more than once this season, but both outfits were able to come back strong in every instance.

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Asking High Figures. "If the Calgary Tigers had to pay out salaries demanded by the amateurs in Ontario, pro. hockey here would go out of existence in two years' time," said Lloyd Turner, business manager of the Calgary Club of the Western Canada League, upon his return from a 'two months' scouting trip in the east. Turner confirms the report that he was fortunate in signing Bill Speck of Haliburton, Roy McKay, of London, and Al Fisher, of Sault Ste. Marie. The record run at English billiards is 2196, made by George Gray in 1911. Dempsey was knocked out by Jim Fivan in one round in 1917.

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