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DO YOU BOWL OR ARE YOU BEHIND?

Balls and Pins Have Taken Conservative Kingston by Storm.

Fathers and sons, sisters and brothers, husbands and wives—they all bowl nowadays. The great indoor game has taken Kingston by storm. "I made 163 the first time I rolled;" "Gee, there was a little dame up there the other night who rolled them like a veteran;" "Who won the 'Turk' yesterday?" All these are common things to hear on Kingston street cars. Every person talks bowling and nearly all have had a try at it. It has certainly come to stay.

Since the College Inn Bowling Academy started a short time ago its alleys have been on the hum all the time. The girls meet in their beautifully appointed lounge room and go out on the alleys and roll with the best of them. They like the game immensely.

The men—well, they have gone crazy over it and it is so adaptable to every age, so well mixed with skill, chance and muscular exercise, that it is a general favorite which will remain one.

The Frontenac Bowling and Recreation Alleys will shortly be opened with eleven alleys and both places will prove popular meeting places.

If you never bowled, try it. If you used to bowl years ago, get back in the game. It will do you good. If you are a lawn bowler, you'll find the alleys just as fascinating. But what's the use telling them this—they are all bowling anyway.

JOHNNY JONES FAILS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Johnny Jones, former Toronto shortstop, who cost the Brooklyn Club \$50,000 and Pitcher "Rube" Yarrison a year ago, has been returned to the Portland Club of the Pacific Coast League. The Superbs are getting another player from the same outfit for a trial next season. He is an outfielder named Cox, who will get a chance in right field.

Jones was one of the most highly-touted ball players ever to come from the coast, but he failed to live up to advance notices in any department of play.

HOCKEY

JOCK HARTY ARENA, KINGSTON CITY LEAGUE, FRIDAY, DEC. 26th 8 p.m. sharp.

Irishmen vs. Circle-Six R.C.A. vs. Granite

ADMISSION 25c.

CITY LEAGUE

Some team must go down in the City League race mighty soon. Irishmen, Live Wires and Circle-Six continue to hold their positions at the top and one or two of them must give way soon.

Friday evening will likely send one team down a little when Irishmen and Circle-Six meet in the opening tilt of the City League double-header at eight o'clock sharp. They are both lively and carry good players. They have shown class in their games to date and are keen to stay at the top. "Pete" Devlin will be figuring against his former Irish team-mates in this fixture.

In the second game Granite and R.C.A. will do the tussling. Granite have had bad luck so far with illness and injuries to players but it is a long season and they hope to come up towards the front later on. R.C.A. will field a better team than in the last match and should improve their showing greatly.

STAGGERING BLOW.

To Queen's Hockey Seniors is illness of Reynolds.

With their hopes high for the coming senior intercollegiate series, the Queen's hockey squad have received a hard jolt in the sudden illness and operation of Roy Reynolds and the City League, has for the time being lost a good refereeing prospect. In the game he handled on Monday evening Roy showed marked ability as an arbiter and controlled the teams beautifully. He was in good spirits and was in conversation with a Whig man just before the match.

Reynolds earned his place in rugby history as a great middle wing with Queen's seniors and as a hockey player has starred on the defence for Queen's in junior, intermediate and senior. He is a graduate in Science, take a post-graduate course for a higher degree.

WIFE BEATS BILLIARDIST; CUE IS EFFECTIVE WEAPON.

Edward Ralph Greenleaf, professional pocket billiard champion, was granted a divorce from his wife, Beatrice Greenleaf, on the ground of cruel and barbarous treatment. Testimony given before the master, who recommended the divorce to the Common Pleas Court was to the effect that the wife had committed numerous assaults on her husband, some times striking him with her fist and at other times using a billiard cue, with the result that his arms were bruised so as to seriously interfere with his following his profession with his best skill in several matches.

RUTH GETS PRESENT IN URBAN SHOCKER

Should Boost Average With That Worry Taken Away.

By BILLY EVANS.

It's going to be a merry Christmas for Babe Ruth and even happier New Year.

The trading of Pitcher Shocker by the St. Louis Browns to the New York Yankees is in the nature of a gift for the Babe.

If every pitcher continually harassed Ruth from the start of the season to the close it was Urban Shocker.

The Babe ought to bat at least 20 points better with Shocker no longer a menace. Of course the Babe got his base hits off Shocker, every now and then a home run but the odds were always against him.

Shocker is one of the few American League pitchers who delighted in pitching to Ruth. Nothing peeved him more than to be ordered to pass the Bambino.

Shocker is just the type of pitcher that bothers Ruth most. He is smart. In addition, no major league pitcher mixes up his assortment better. His change of pace is perfect.

Duffy Lewis, former big league star, who will manage the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League next season, can appreciate a joke.

During the recent meeting of the majors in New York I had a long chat with Lewis. I mentioned the fact that Billy Byron, a mighty good umpire, was to be back in the Coast League next season.

"That reminds me of a funny experience I had with Bill, the first time I met him on the coast after leaving the majors. Bill's judgment on balls and strikes had met with my approval.

He picked up our club, Salt Lake, after a stormy session in Frisco. I thought it would be wise to keep in his good graces.

The first time I stepped to the plate, I remarked: "Well, Billy, you're having a great season. You haven't missed one on me yet."

The next ball pitched was six inches over my head. Imagine my surprise when I heard Bill yell, "Strike."

Turning my head slightly, I said, "Strike. Whatdaya mean?"

"You're the first guy in this league that ever said I hadn't missed at least a dozen on him and I don't intend to play any favorites," explained Byron.

Bill Byron is one of the game's

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Merry Christmas to everybody, with special regards to all other sporting scribes.

It is mighty easy to see, say the Toronto papers, why George McManara and the Soo executive were so keen on shooting the pro. hockey buyers away from "Flat" Walsh to Joe Ironstone. "Flat" is on an equal with an of them.

Last year, with Charlie Stewart in the nets for Hamilton and "Flat" Walsh in the same place for the Soo, a Toronto man said between periods of the game: "Not much doing in hockey in Kingston for a long time, eh?" There wasn't very much doing in Kingston, but Kingston was sure doing a lot elsewhere.

The Big Four refuses to extend their interference rule. One is almost tempted to say that the men at the head of it are either behind the times in football strategy or more arm-chair enthusiasts. The Intercollegiate Union has demonstrated unambiguously the benefits to be derived from the three-yard interference all across the field.

The Interprovincial men also adopted a resolution against the wearing of mud cleats. What terrible rot. Can a single instance be quoted where mud cleats did any damage, or where they did not make the game much more interesting and much better football?

Well, the intercollegiate should worry. So long as the other unions remain in the rut, just that much longer will the college teams be the class of the country as they have been for three years now without a doubt.

Another City League double-header on Friday night, and a good one. Be sure to recover from Christmas in time to enjoy it.

most colorful characters.

One year he and I worked a city series in Chicago. In the dressing room before one of the games, I saw that the first joint of one of his fingers was missing.

I mentioned the fact, telling Bill it was the first time I had noticed it during the many years I had known him.

"Funny about that finger," replied Byron. "I was in the National League several years before John McGraw observed it."

"It was during a row with the Giants and I happened to be doing a little pointing, when McGraw, seeing the finger, sarcastically remarked: 'No doubt you lost that joint picking somebody's pocket.' For a moment Byron was silent. I was just about to inquire what he had to say when to took up the yarn with:

"Wrong again, John. I wore that finger down pointing you toward the exit signs."

The fans out on the Pacific coast missed Byron during his retirement from the game. They will welcome him back even though they do not always agree with him.

THE NUT CRACKER

By Joe Williams

The Cleveland rabbit who doesn't want his son to be a box fighter because it isn't a business, evidently never heard of Tex Rickard.

Well, it certainly was fine how the baseball magnates rolled up their sleeves and went right to the bottom of the Dolan-O'Connell scandal. It certainly was!

Headline read, "Everybody Mum on Eve of Baseball Meet." . . . Slight typographical error. . . It should have read everybody dumb.

The thing that surprised us about the joint meeting at Chicago was the absence of chiropractors.

England is going to send a team of amateur boxers over to this country, presumably headed by Joe Beckett and Bombardier Wells.

Mr. Firpo has gone to Europe to take a rest. . . . It won't be half as satisfying as it will to us.

A Japanese wrestler announces the discovery of a new hold. . . . Maybe this is what Rockefeller, Jr., meant when he said science has gone ahead of religion.

After threatening for three months to sell Shocker to the Yankees, the Browns finally went through with the deal. . . . Thereby proving anew the uncertainty of baseball.

Add famous sayings of famous men: "You can count me out."—F. Fulton.

One nice thing about these annual reviews of sports which take up approximately 18 columns of valuable white space, is that there is no law compelling you to read them.

We might as well break right down and confess we are a failure as a sports writer. . . . For the life of us we can't recollect who won the canoe-titling championship last August.

The double umpire system, is to be introduced in billiards. . . . Next they'll be encouraging the practice of throwing pop bottles.

O'Rourke at Second. Ty Cobb, to set aside all rumors as to who will play second base for the Tigers the coming season, says Frank O'Rourke will, positively start. O'Rourke is a great fielder but weak at the bat.

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For the Bowlers
at
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HINTS FOR THE MOTORIST

Albert L. Clough

Oiling Spring Leaves

Leave It Until More Important Things Have All Been Done

PRACTICALLY EVERY INSTRUCTION BOOK calls for the occasional lubrication of spring leaves, although there are those that state it is unnecessary. We are inclined to this latter view, after about twenty-five years with cars whose springs never received this attention. Of course, no one can reasonably dispute the use of springs the leaves of which have rusted together into a single mass, but there is no danger of such an occurrence, unless a car has been left idle and exposed to dampness for a very long time. That spring that breaks on account of lack of lubrication is very doubtful and that frequent greasing is a panacea for squeaking is more than doubtful. Letting the leaves alone, to wear smooth where they bear one upon another, is not bad treatment and full advantage is then obtained of interleaf friction, to prevent exaggerated spring movement. It may at least be recommended that not much time and labor be expended on greasing spring leaves and it is very questionable whether jacking up the body, spreading the leaves and inserting leaves between them is worth the effort it entails. If one feels that the leaves may wear themselves out by rubbing together he can ally this fear by clearing both edges of the leaves and brushing them over with engine oil, which will work in between them by capillary action. However, don't be surprised if grit also works in and there is squeaking for a time.

GASOLINE ECONOMY SHOULD BE HIGHER

W. E. K. writes: My six car has been driven about 6,000 miles, and I am getting about 14 miles per gallon of gasoline. If this is not as good fuel economy as this car should give, how can it be improved?

Answer: You ought to be getting nearer 18 miles per gallon except on very short trips with long stops. The engine of this car is dependent, as to fuel economy, upon a correct heat-setting of the carburetor and full directions for adjusting the linkage operating the throttle and the carburetor best adjustment are to be found in its instruction book. Unless you have this and all other adjustments of the carburetor correct and the exhaust gas supply flows through its passages normally, gasoline consumption will be unnecessarily high. After but 4,000 miles of service, the valves and piston-rings should still be capable of insuring good compression, but you better investigate and see that the cylinders do not leak gas excessively. Also try to keep the water warm by using some form of radiator shield a part of the time.

SHORT LIVED HEADLIGHT BULBS

F. J. E. asks: Why do the headlight bulbs of my car burn out so often? The last time I replaced them they burned for two weeks only. The generator gives current, but the battery seems to be run down, as it won't turn the starter motor.

Answer: The indications are that the charging circuit is open or practically so and the generator voltage therefore builds up way beyond the value that the bulbs will stand. This view is strengthened by the fact that your battery is dead—presumably from failure of charging current to pass through it. First see that the cable connections to the battery make perfectly clean, tight contacts and that the cable connection to "ground" on the car frame is clean and tight. Then make sure that all other connections in the charging circuit are tight and also that there is liquid in each battery cell up to the required height. If this does not prevent the bulbs from over burning when the engine is running have your battery tested and have your wiring inspected at an electrical service station.



Questions of general interest to the motorist will be answered by Mr. Clough in this column, space permitting. If an immediate answer is desired, enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.