

MATTY'S BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP

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THE GIANTS' STAR PITCHER



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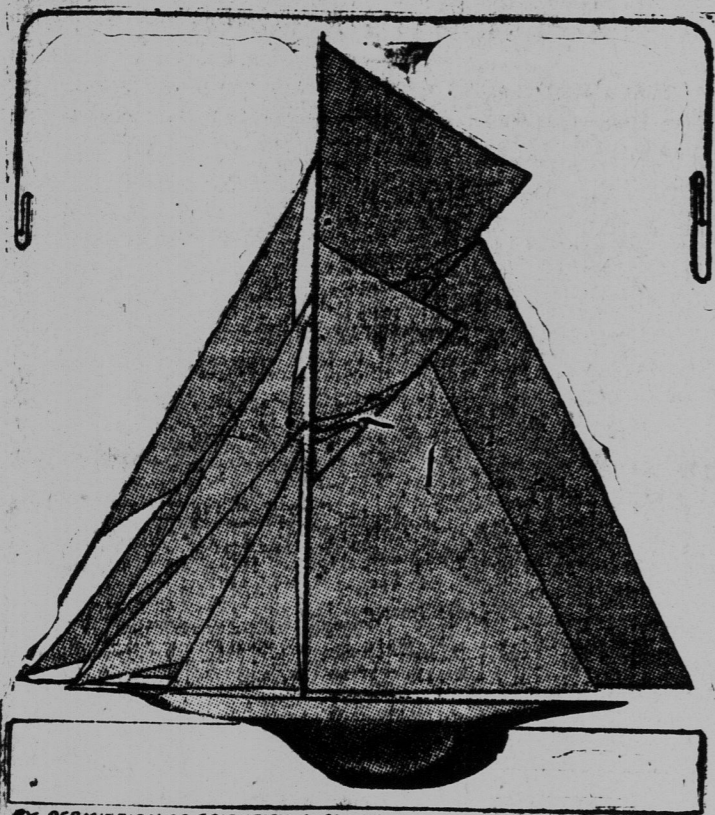
There are certain participants in the world's series each year that are not noticed favorably, particularly by spectators who pay two or three dollars apiece to do their "speculating." These are the umpires. It is regarded as an honor among the profession in which the men are required to wear blue suits to be selected to wield the indicator in the derby event.

Believe me, these umpires who get into the big series are more or less prima donnas in the business the following year, and they think that most of the spectators go out to the grounds to have a look at them. I guess that the number of fans interested in the umpires is limited to their wives, and the bachelors are in a tough fix.

They tell a story about "Bill" Klem during the post-series between the Giants and the Yankees in 1910. Ford and I pitched the first game, and Ford is supposed to have a very eccentric spitter with a peculiar break. One of the American League umpires thought to tip off Klem before the first game on Ford's delivery, as "Bill" was to work behind the plate.

"I want to tell you that this Ford will bear watching," said the American League umpire. "If you have never worked behind him, you are liable to miss a lot of strikes because of the funny 'break' on his spitter." "Well, is that so?" replied Klem. "Well, I guess we have just as good spitter pitchers in the National League as in the American, and he will have to travel some if he is going to fool me with the 'break' on his spitter."

THE CONTEST FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP



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The Scientific American's comparison of a 75 and a 90-foot racing sloop. The larger yacht is "Reliance" the last cup defender; the smaller a typical 75-footer. This illustration is reproduced from the Scientific American, by permission of that magazine.

New York, Oct. 23.—Great Britain and the United States will clash again in naval conflict next year—when Sir Thomas Lipton comes across the Atlantic with Shamrock IV to win the America's cup, which he has failed to do upon three occasions.

The 1914 contest will be between common sense, modern racing yachts of approximately 75 feet water-line length. That is they will measure not more than 75 feet at the surface, in racing trim.

In the past the racers were limited to 90 feet water-line length. The designer could build his craft as wide as he wished, as deep as he desired and pile as much canvas upon the hull as he saw fit.

During the last thirty years eight races have been sailed for the cup, and now, waiting 11 years Lipton is returning for another try. The races to date were as follows: the challengers being named first: Genesta—Puritan, 1850; Galatea—Mayflower, 1866; Thistle—Valentia, 1887; Valkyrie II—Vigilant, 1898; Valkyrie III—Defender, 1899; Shamrock I—Columbia, 1899; Shamrock II—Columbia, 1901; Shamrock III—Reliance, 1908.

During thirty years the water-line and sail-area rule gradually produced an extreme type of yacht, with great beam and length on deck, extreme draught, carrying an enormous spread of sail, necessitating a large crew.

The effort to carry the largest possible sail spread showed in hull and masthead. Reliance, on a water-line length of 80 feet 8 inches, measured on deck, 145 feet, 27 feet beam and 20 feet draught. A cross section of the hull resembled a shallow champagne glass with a flat floor and hard bilges carried well into bow and stern sections. The result was that Reliance immersed fully 105 feet when heeling at 20 degrees, giving her a tremendous advantage in windward work.

The use of special steel and Tobin-bronze enabled the designer to reduce the hull weight and proportionately increase the lead at the bottom of the keel.

Some Exceptionally Good Umpiring

The umpiring in the last three world's series in which I have taken part has been exceptionally good. I think the best work was done in the games with the Boston Red Sox when I did not have a single complaint against any of the indicator workers. I had been told before the series that "Silk" O'Loughlin was bad on the balls and strikes, and I went to the pitcher's box with him behind the bat with some misgivings, but he worked fine and did not miss a single one for me.

The only pitch that looked doubtful was in the seventh inning of the final game which the Red Sox won and which settled the series. Hendrickson, the pinch hitter, was at the bat, and he struck at the first one. O'Loughlin called the second pitch a strike, although it looked off the plate to me, and I thought he had missed one on the batter. This put the kid into the hole, and I was sure I had him. He took two that I tried to get him to bite at and then reached out and slapped a curve on the outside over third base for a hit.

The umpiring in the recent series was good. A few of the boys said Egan missed some the day he worked behind the bat in Philadelphia, but, as I was not in that game, I could not tell. It was his first world's series, and he might have been a little nervous. Also, he may have had an off day, the same as ball players get them. Anyway, the umpiring had nothing in particular to do with the ultimate outcome of the series.

A Town That Hates a Loser

For the first time in its history, residents of Cincinnati have had a chance to look at a team wearing the uniform of one of the contenders in the world's series without buying a ticket to New York, Philadelphia, Chicago or Pittsburgh. The Giants and White Sox played their first game of the world's tour in Garry Herrmann's city on the Rhine last week, and the voters there showed that they would appreciate a world's series by turning out in profitable numbers. If the teams on the world's tour get as much patronage all along the route as they received there, it is going to be a money maker.

Cincinnati would be a great town for a world's series. A little argument between Cleveland and Cincinnati for the championship of the world would draw everybody in Cincinnati, I believe. But

they do hate a loser out there. "Joe" Tinker confided in me that he expected to surprise a lot of people with the Reds next year. There are several managers predicting surprises for next season now.

One Umpire's Pet Freak Decision

Speaking of umpires, as we were at the beginning of this story, there was a group of them knotted around a hotel table in New York after the world's series, and they were talking about "freak" plays. That funny one on Merkle in the last series, when Klem gave him a base on balls, but Egan said he struck at the last one and was declared out, brought up the discussion.

"That reminds me of a funny one that happened in Rochester once," said "Top" Kelly, an International League umpire. "The score board boy got to the grounds late and got an inning behind in his count. As a result, the players thought the ninth inning was the eighth. They had been watching the score board. The Baltimore team had been ahead at the end of the eighth, which was the real ninth except for the delinquent score board boy. Rochester tied it in what was really the tenth, but the ninth, according to the misjudged score board. The battle went twelve innings before the official scorer noticed it and tipped me off."

"Baltimore won in the ninth," he slipped me between halves of an inning. The score board boy had it marked up for the eighth." "I turned to the stand and announced: 'Baltimore won 3 to 2 in the ninth.' Then I ran for it. The fans were all worked up, thinking they were seeing an extra inning game with the home team making an uphill fight. Three innings more had been played. Of course, they all called me a robber. That was my pet 'freak' decision."

BAD MEN OF THE MOUNTAINS

Why They Are Disappearing From Eastern Kentucky

Men of the type of "Gen." May are disappearing from the Kentucky mountains. Varying influences are responsible for their disappearance. In the first place the mountain country is developing in more ways than one and the "old home ain't what it used to be." Railroads have come into isolated localities and schools and churches have increased in number and usefulness. Industries follow railroads, and the people of the mountains are getting busy. The children are going to school, and their parents are devoting themselves to gainful occupations. Time does not hang as it once did. He has less leisure to devote to the pursuit of his personal enemies.

Immigration also is having its effect. The mountain counties are growing in population, and the new blood that is being infused is not of a kind to be stirred to the boiling point by neighborhood feuds and grudges. Many of the bad men, too, have left the country for the country's good, realizing that the feud business has come into disfavor and that it is more essential to have good reasons for shooting a neighbor than to have an alibi prepared in advance of the event. Last, but not least, the mill of justice is working in the mountains and the law abiding element is beginning to assert itself.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

INDIGESTION OVERCOME

Overcome by Simple Remedy

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Quaint Korean Character

A quaint character is the Korean postman. You come across these gentry in the mornings, delivering the letters. They appear to recognize the dignity of their office and fulfill their duties in a very quiet and grave manner. In wet weather the postman dons his "rain clothes" to protect him from the heavy showers.

Over his white kaftan he wears a light mackintosh, provided by a thoughtful government, while his head is covered with a waterproof hat, made of oil paper. He is further fortified against the wet by an umbrella.

Like most Koreans, the postman could not possibly work without his pipe, and as he strolls from house to house he is invariably smoking. The letters are carried in a leather satchel strapped to his back. This individual may be taken as a typical example of the physical characteristics of these interesting people. They are tall—over a head higher than the Japanese—well built and fair complexioned.—Wide World Magazine.



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Thinks Morris Has Improved Much

FROM T. S. ANDREWS



Jim Flynn, whom Gunboat defeated, gave the big man from Oklahoma a

awful beating in the east. In the fight with Smith, Morris had a big advantage in weight, scaling 237 1/2 pounds to 183 for the navy man. They started out at a business clip and Gunboat staggered Carl with some right hand smashes to the jaw. Carl kept hitting in the short range and Smith was repeatedly warned. In the second Morris cut loose like a Kansas cyclone and rushed the Gunner to the ropes. Both did some heavy work at short range and Smith also hit in the clinches when he found Morris keeping it up. It was Morris' round by a good margin. In the third round Smith opened up with a rush and sent a series of right and left jolts to Carl's jaw, which made him wince. Despite Smith's heavy work, Morris kept coming back and show a much better knowledge of the game. He hit cleaner, but did not seem to have the knack of using his right hand with effect. The Gunner had all the best of the third. The fourth was a

hammer and for a time Gunboat Carl staggering. It was then that he hit Smith low twice, while working the body in close, but they were intentional to my way of thinking. ever. Referee Joh warned Morris, though Smith offered no complaint the fifth Gunboat led to the jaw his left and Morris retaliated with to the face. They clinched and Carl go a right to the body, which said Referee Joh disqualified the Oklah Giant, stating that it was a foul l The fight was a good one while it lasted and they will no doubt meet again Morris could hit the way Smith do would be a world beater. He has no developed the ability to hit from shoulder and until he does he will ly be a champion. At that he has proved greatly and there is no r why he can not improve still more become another John Freeman.

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Greater than Panama's Bridge of Water

The Panama Canal is the logical outcome of the trend of modern commerce—it is monumental evidence of the present-day need for shortening distance—for lessening time and for reducing cost of distribution between maker and consumer.

In point of distance, the Panama will bring the Pacific nearer to the Atlantic by 1,000 miles. In point of time, the sea voyage between Halifax and Vancouver will be shortened by 24 days. In point of cost, the canal will very materially lessen the expense of carrying freight between these places. But there is a stronger factor than even the Panama in shortening distance, lessening cost and saving time between manufacturer and user.

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