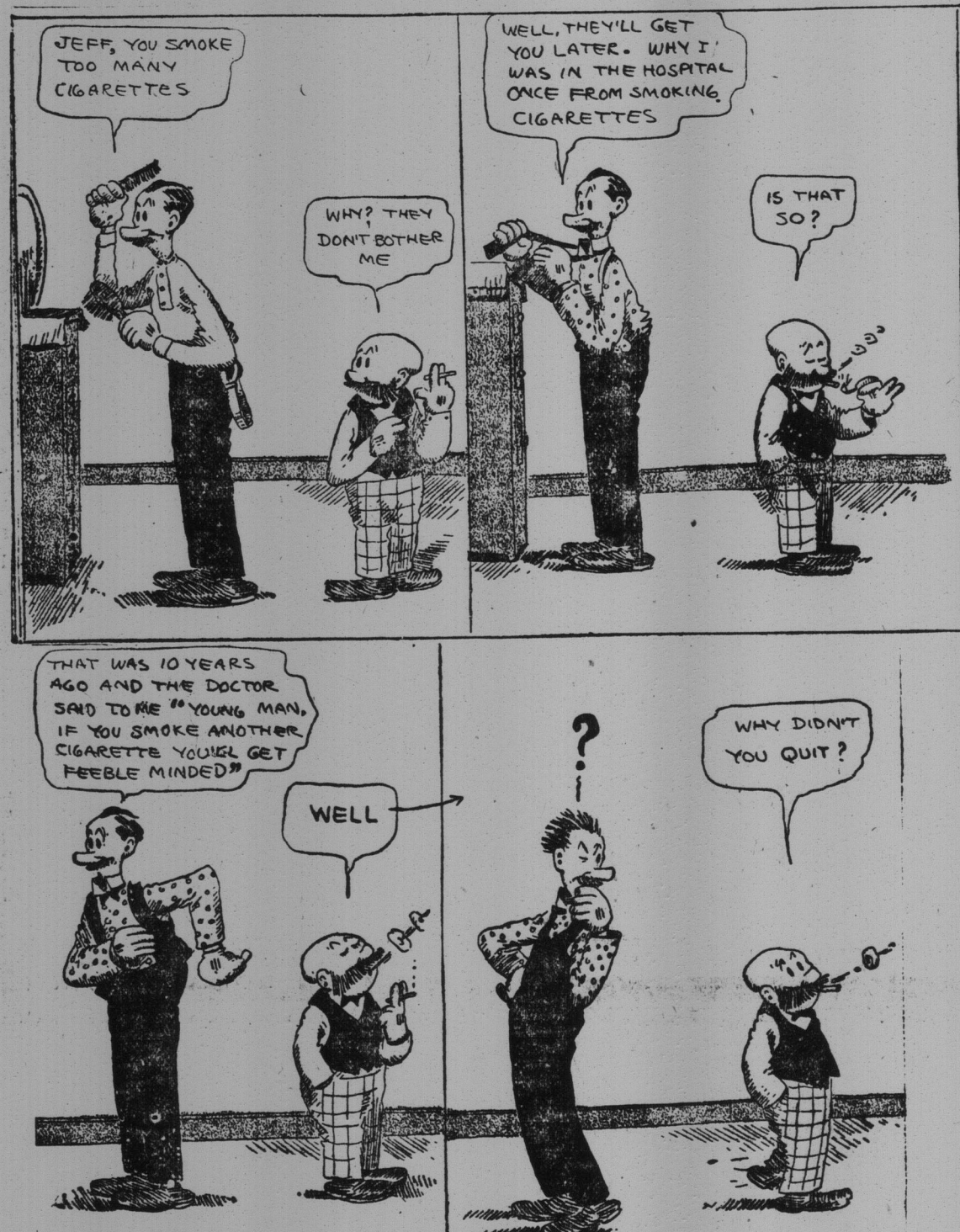


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Mutt and Jeff--Perhaps Jeff Was Right at That . . . By "Bud" Fisher

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Coombs Is Robinson's Right Hand Man In Pennant Race

Jack's Baseball Knowledge Has Helped Make Brooklyn Club a Winner; Pays Tribute To Connie Mack

With the end of the season less than a month away and the Brooklyn and Philadelphia clubs fighting neck and neck down the stretch it is to the level-headed veterans of the team that Uncle Wilbert Robinson looks to carry the Robins under the wire. Of these there is none more dependable than Jack Coombs. With the experience of ten years in the major leagues as a foundation, Coombs has built up a wonderful knowledge of baseball, which makes him invaluable as a lieutenant to Robinson, and he is in no small measure responsible for the success of the Brooklyn team.

Jack first earned fame as a hurler while pitching for Colby College in 1905, and in 1906 Connie Mack sought him for the team which he was engaged in the task of whipping into shape and which won its first pennant in 1914. Coombs has taken its place in baseball history as one of the greatest diamond combinations of all time.

"Having graduated from Colby in 1905," says Jack, "I passed an entrance examination for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where I planned to study chemistry, when Connie offered me a contract calling for \$2,400 for the season of 1906. It occurred to me that I could use the money to pay my way through the institute, and I accepted the offer. It was my intention to play ball for a year or two and then quit to devote my time to analyzing oils, in which I was very much interested at the time, but once I took up professional ball I found it so fascinating that I have been in it ever since."

Became A Star.
Coombs rapidly developed into a star under the guidance of the shrewd Mack and helped to pitch the Athletics to two pennants and two world's championship ships. In the big series of 1911 while pitching against the Giants on the Polo Grounds Coombs suffered an injury to his spine, and in 1913, when he contracted typhoid fever the germs settled in his spine, and his condition became so dangerous that for seventeen weeks he lay on his back strapped to a board.

"There were days then that I thought I should never be able to pitch again," said Coombs recently, "and in that time I went from 180 pounds down to 126. I was first stricken with typhoid in the spring of 1913 in Montgomery, and it

was not until October that I was able to get about. I was allowed to leave the hospital to go home for Christmas, and recovered fully in the spring of 1914. That year I acted as a scout for the Athletics, and drew my unconditional release from the club in October."

"In 1915 Wilbert Robinson wanted me to join the Robins and I agreed to do so, signing a conditional contract to the effect that I would pitch for Brooklyn if I felt able to do so, and the club was satisfied with the form I displayed down south. The day before the season opened both Bobbie and Mr. Ebbets announced that they were satisfied with my condition, and said that because of the assistance I had given Robbin on the training trip I had already earned my salary for the season."

"Do you find any difference in the standard of playing in the American and National leagues?" he was asked.

"None at all," was the response, as far as I have been able to observe the playing in both leagues is the same in all departments of the game."

Whitted Best in League.
"In your opinion, who is the best player in the National League?"

Coombs did not hesitate an instant. "In my opinion, all things considered, George Whitted of the Phillies is the man. For all around work, and the ability to play about every position on a team, combined with his knowledge of batting, I do not think Whitted has an equal."

"Rogers Hornsby appears to be a great player, too," he continued, "but I have not had an opportunity to see him very often. I have seen him handle himself equally well at every position in the infield, but I do not know whether or not he can play the outfield."

"What player do you find it hardest to pitch to?"

"That's a rather tough question to answer," he said, with a smile. "Then, after a moment's deliberation, he went on: 'I should say George Burns is the man. He gives me a lot of trouble, principally because he is a smart batter and seldom hits at a bad ball. He is always dangerous and keeps me busy trying to outguess him. Whitted and Red Smith of the Braves, also give me a lot of trouble."

"I haven't the speed and the stamina of 1913 in Montgomery, and if I had a few years ago," continued Coombs.



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by Jack, "and I am forced to rely on my ability to outguess the opposing batters. For this reason I have made a careful study of them, but I am frequently fooled in this way. Pfeffer, for instance, may be pitching for us, and sitting on the bench studying the batters, I will see that a certain player is unable to hit Jeff's curve ball. The next time I pitch against that team, when that man comes up, I'll say to myself: 'Here's the fellow who couldn't hit that curve.' The batter may be fooled by Pfeffer's curve and be able to hit it, and he may be able to hit Jeff's fast ball and unable to hit mine. When Chief Bender and I were on the Athletics there were a number of batters in the league who crossed me that way."

"What do you consider the hardest ball to hit?" was the next question.

"A good fast ball," was the reply. "You hear a lot about marvellous curves used by pitchers, but I'd rather depend on a fast ball than all the freak batters in the world."

The conversation turned to Connie Mack and the team he was building up in Philadelphia.

Mack's System Good.

"Those who are laughing at Connie will have the laugh turned on them in a year or two," said Jack. "Mack is a great manager who follows a system of his own, despite anything other people say. His system is to get these youngsters out of the schools and colleges and teach them the kind of baseball he wants them to play. When they come to him they are so green that they know little or nothing of baseball as it is played in the leagues, and, consequently, Mack doesn't have the job of separating them from a lot of wrong ideas."

"A manager may get together a team of high class players of recognized ability, purchased for large sums from other major league clubs, but before he can do anything with them he has to teach them his methods. Mack develops his own players and though it takes time to do it, he gets better results in the long run. For the results of his system look at the players he has developed in Eddie Collins, Frank Baker, Joe Bush, Stuffy McInnis and Duke Odling."

Robins' Pennant Chances.

"And the Robins chances for the pennant?"

"Are excellent," he stated firmly. "We suffered a severe blow in the recent series with the Phillies, but the team has developed a commendable recuperative power this year and they have come back strong after a number of setbacks. Once we get back to Ebbets' Field I believe the Phillies or anybody else will find it extremely difficult to overtake us. Everybody is working hard for Robbin and I am sure we will win."

Coombs, like most other ball players, finds enjoyment and diversion in hunting and at the close of the season he will take a number of the Robins on a hunting trip through the Maine woods. Lew McCarty of the Giants, a fast friend of Jack, will also be in the party.

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Subscription Lists will close on or before 23rd September, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, September 12th, 1916.

SEPTEMBER EXCURSIONS TO THE CANADIAN METROPOLIS

Montreal, Alt. 463, population 700,000, the commercial metropolis of Canada and sixth largest city in North America. Beautifully situated on an island in the St. Lawrence river, about 700 miles from the estuary of that mighty artery through which pulsates the life of the Canadian commercial life. The city is built on the site of the ancient Indian village of Hochelaga, first visited by Jacques Cartier in 1492. Over 200 years ago the early French navigators established a trading post four miles from the city. It was the last section of French Canada to pass into the possession of Great Britain in 1760. At the head of ocean navigation, with command of one of the three water routes by which the products of the west can reach Europe, Montreal has seven miles of fine wharves of masonry, vast warehouses and grain elevators, and the largest floating dry dock in the world. Big transatlantic steamers call here regularly from ports in Europe during the season of navigation and the harbor has won its place amongst the most important of the world, both as regards the sufficiency of the equipment and the extent of the business done. Numerous railway lines make Montreal a centre for a vast and constantly growing traffic.

Montreal is a city of great enterprises, where mighty results are achieved, with a record for stability equal to that of any of the great cities of America, and is advancing year by year to a still greater future. Besides its commercial greatness, the city has the additional charm of historic attractions, and there are many places of interest which link the present with an eventful past. With imposing public buildings, universities, educational institutions, magnificent churches, the business blocks, substantial manufacturing establishments, splendid hotels and handsome residences, the city possesses all that is calculated to make a city attractive. Evidences of prosperity and wealth are everywhere.

From "Notes by the Way," an interesting and instructive booklet issued by the Canadian Government Railways.

Passengers taking advantage of the low fares—single fare for the round trip plus one dollar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21st, 22nd and 23rd, good for return October 9th, should procure copy of the booklet from the principal ticket agents or by writing the General Passenger Agent at Montreal, N.B.

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WEEK-END CABLES TELL OF FURTHER ALLIED ADVANCES

The British advance on the western front since Friday along a front of six miles, is estimated at from one to two miles in depth. The total of prisoners taken in two days' fighting is more than 4,000.

The French also have made important gains to the south of the River Somme. Russian troops have resumed their gains in movement on the Galician town of Halicz, southeast of Lemberg on the Dniester.

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Belgian forces have captured Tabora, the principal German fortress in German East Africa.

British seaplanes have made a series of attacks upon the enemies' railway communication in Palestine, destroying stations, line and rolling stock at various places.

RECENT WEDDINGS
Vaughan-Taylor.

A wedding of much interest was solemnized at the summer home of Z. G. Allwood, Brookville, on Saturday evening when D. A. Vaughan, of St. John,

was married to Miss Frances L. Taylor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. J. MacPherson, of the Central United Baptist church, St. John.

The house was prettily decorated, in honor of the occasion, with sweet peas and asters. The bride, who was given away by William Allwood, wore a traveling suit of purple broadcloth with hat to match and carried a shower bouquet of roses and sweet peas.

The wedding was solemnized in the presence of immediate friends of the contracting parties and, after the ceremony, all sat down to a dainty luncheon. The presents were both numerous and useful including a quantity of linen and a purse of gold from the lady friends of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan left on the night train for Halifax and on

their return will reside in St. John where the groom is engaged in the manufacturing of boxes.

Going Some.

The "dreary Glasgow Sunday" is far from being a mere figure of speech. A fat, jovial-looking American, leaving his hotel one fine Sunday morning for a stroll, came upon a George square policeman, who eyed him and said: "Ye had better take-care, sir, what ye're doing."

"What am I doing?" inquired the tourist, and added, with a merry wink: "Why, I'm not even walking."

"No," replied the Glaswegian, in solemn and reproving tones, "but ye're lookin' maist as happy as if it was Monday."

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